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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Overview

### **SIMATIC NET OPC server communication functions for OPC UA**

OPC Server provides standardized access to the SIMATIC NET industrial communication networks.

SIMATIC NET OPC Server supports the interfacing of applications with any automation components networked over PROFIBUS or Industrial Ethernet. SIMATIC NET OPC Server offers the following communication functions for OPC UA:

- S7 communication
  - S7 OPC UA Server
  - S7OPT OPC UA Server
- Open communication services (SEND/RECEIVE)
  - SR OPC UA Server
- PROFIBUS DP
  - DP OPC UA Server

### **S7 communication services**

The S7 communication of the SIMATIC NET OPC Server for OPC UA supports the following services, among others:

- OPC Alarms & Events
  - Transfer of process alarms and events
- Historical data on OPC UA
  - Reading of historical data from S7 tags stored in a database for up to 360 hours.

This application example shows how to use the above services.

The following components are used in this application example:

- SIMATIC NET OPC Server for OPC UA: S7OPT OPC UA Server
- OPC client: UA Expert
- S7-1500 CPUs

## 1.2 OPC Alarms & Events

OPC Alarms & Events is a specification for the transmission of process alarms and events. It is designed to be very flexible and can, therefore, be applied to a wide variety of event sources. The spectrum ranges from simple events to complex events and even events with an acknowledgement obligation.

The OPC specification defines the possible state transitions for conditional events in a state diagram.

The OPC Alarms & Events Servers have the following functions:

- Detection of events
- Determining the state of an event
- Acknowledging an event (acknowledgement)
- Monitoring the confirmation

New events can also be reported without confirmation.

The standardized OPC Alarms & Events interface allows to use these requirements.

### 1.2.1 Events

Events are special states in the process that must be reported to a receiver.

#### Event message

Event messages provide the parameters defined by the OPC specification and, if applicable, accompanying values defined by the manufacturer.

There are the following types of event messages:

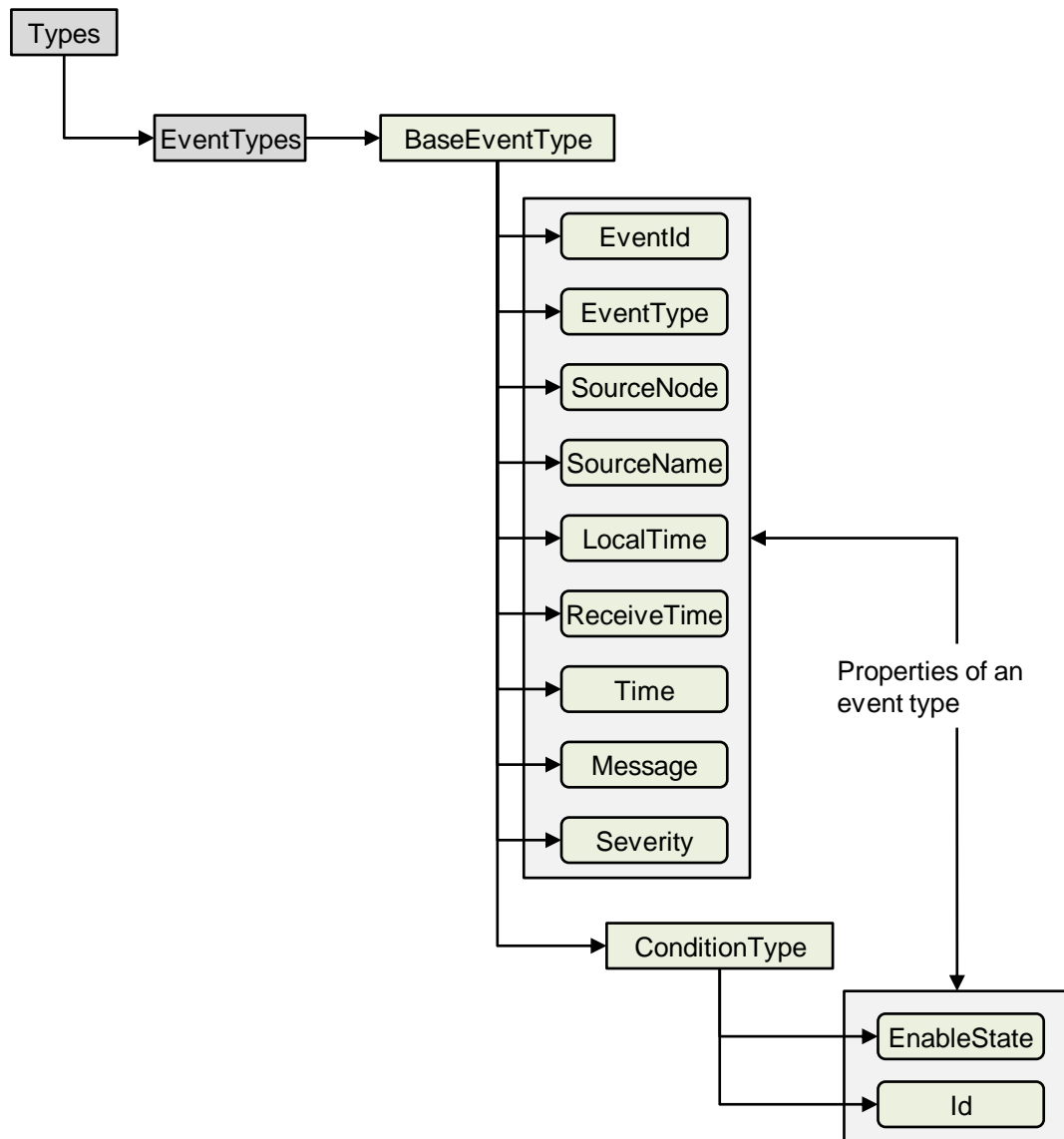
- simple event messages
- complex condition-based event messages with or without acknowledgement by the OPC Client

### Properties of an event

All information of an event is stored in its properties. The properties of an event are defined by the event type.

- Each event type defines which properties it offers.
- Each event type has its own properties or inherited properties. This results in an extensive event type hierarchy.

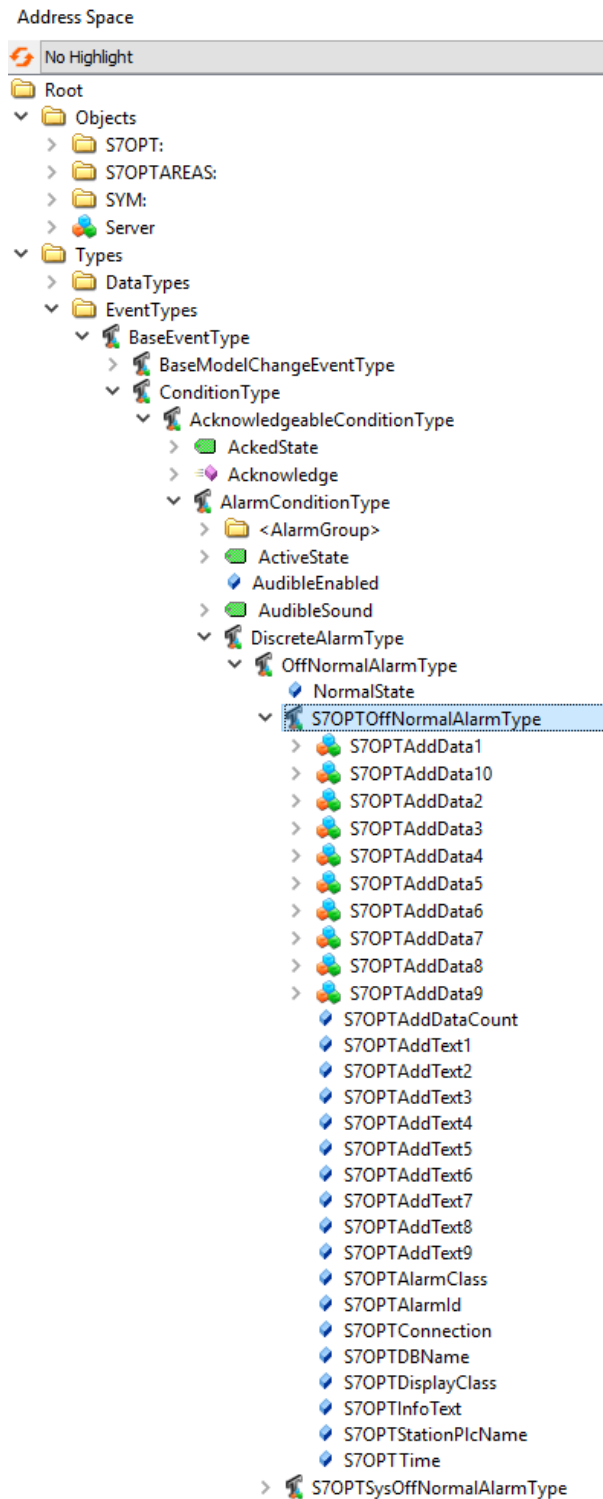
Figure 1-1



The event type hierarchy of the OPC Alarms & Events Server can be determined with an OPC client, e. g. UA Expert from Unified Automation.

The following figure shows an overview of the OPC UA event and alarm types of the SIMATIC NET S7OPT OPC UA Server in UA Expert.

Figure 1-2



### 1.2.2 Principle of operation

#### OPC Alarms & Events class model

The class model of OPC Alarms & Events allows the adaptation of the OPC client to the requirements of an automation solution. OPC Alarms & Events distinguishes between three classes:

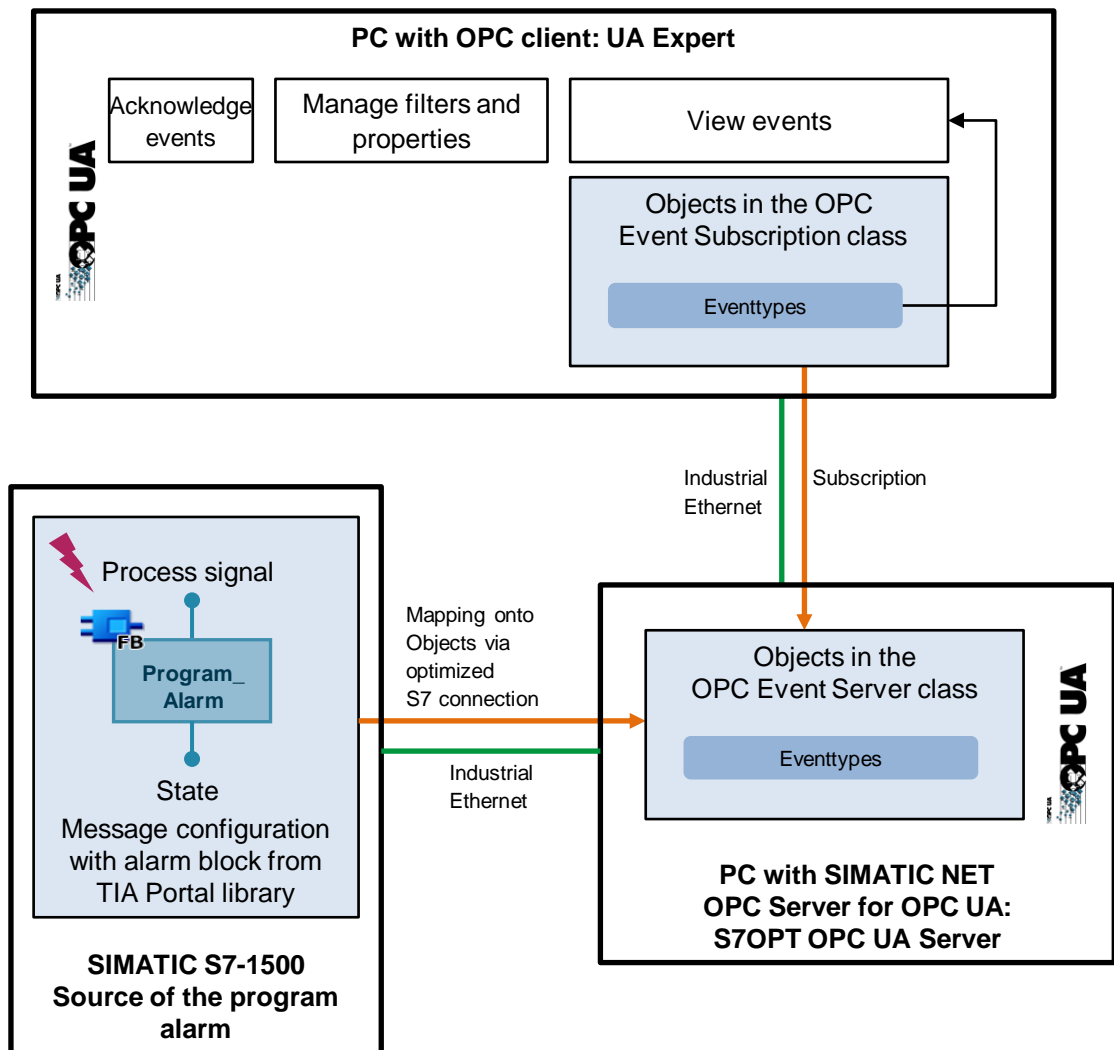
- OPC Event Server
- OPC Event Subscription
- OPC Event Area Browser

**Note**

Objects in the OPC Event Area Browser class are optional and are not supported by the SIMATIC NET OPC Alarms & Events Server.

The following figure shows what the classes of OPC Alarms & Events do in order to report program alarms of an S7-1500 CPU to the S7OPT OPC UA server and display them in the OPC client.

Figure 1-3





In this example, the alarm block "Program\_Alarm" is called in the user program of the S7-1500 CPU in order to trigger the following program alarms:

- Program alarm with required acknowledgement and 2 associated values
- Program alarm for information purposes only

The program alarms are transferred to the S7OPT OPC UA Server via an optimized S7 connection. In the S7OPT OPC UA server, the program alarms are mapped to objects of the OPC Event Server class and displayed in the OPC client.

The OPC client registers with the S7OPT OPC UA server for receipt of messages and creates one or more objects of the OPC Event Subscription class. An object of the OPC Event Subscription class is a subscription to several events.

Objects of the OPC Event Subscription classes manage the necessary filters and properties on a client-specific basis. Thanks to filtering, the OPC client can define which events are received.

Event messages requiring acknowledgement can be acknowledged in the OPC client.

### Filtering

The OPC client can filter for events with certain properties and for the values of those properties.

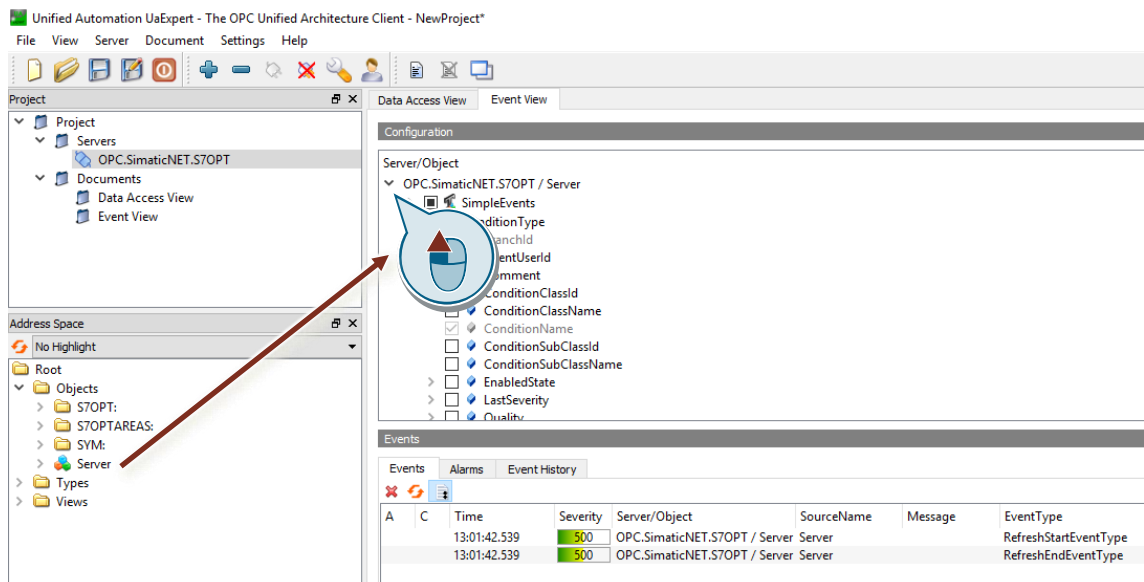
The OPC client can define which events it wants to receive by using the following filter criteria:

- Event type
- Category
- Priority
- Event source

An event is only forwarded to the OPC client if it matches the filter values in all filter criteria.

### Display events in UA Expert

Figure 1-4



In this example, UA Expert is used as the OPC Client.

In UA Expert, the events reported by the S7OPT OPC UA server appear in the "Event View". In the "Event View" it is possible to acknowledge event messages requiring acknowledgement.

The "Event View" consists of 3 sections:

1. Configuration

To display events, drag & drop the object, e. g. server object, whose EventNotifier attribute is set to "SubscribeToEvents", into the Configuration section.

When you expand the server object tree, you can define the properties of the event messages to be displayed in the "Details" section, such as associated values and additional informational texts.

2. Events

The Events section has 3 tabs:

- Events

When an event message is triggered, the event is displayed in the "Events" tab. Select the event to display more properties of the event in the Details section.

- Alarms

In the "Alarms" tab, you have the option of acknowledging event messages.

- Event History

The event history is displayed in the "Event History" tab.

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3. Details

The "Details" section displays the properties of the event messages, such as associated values and additional informational texts.

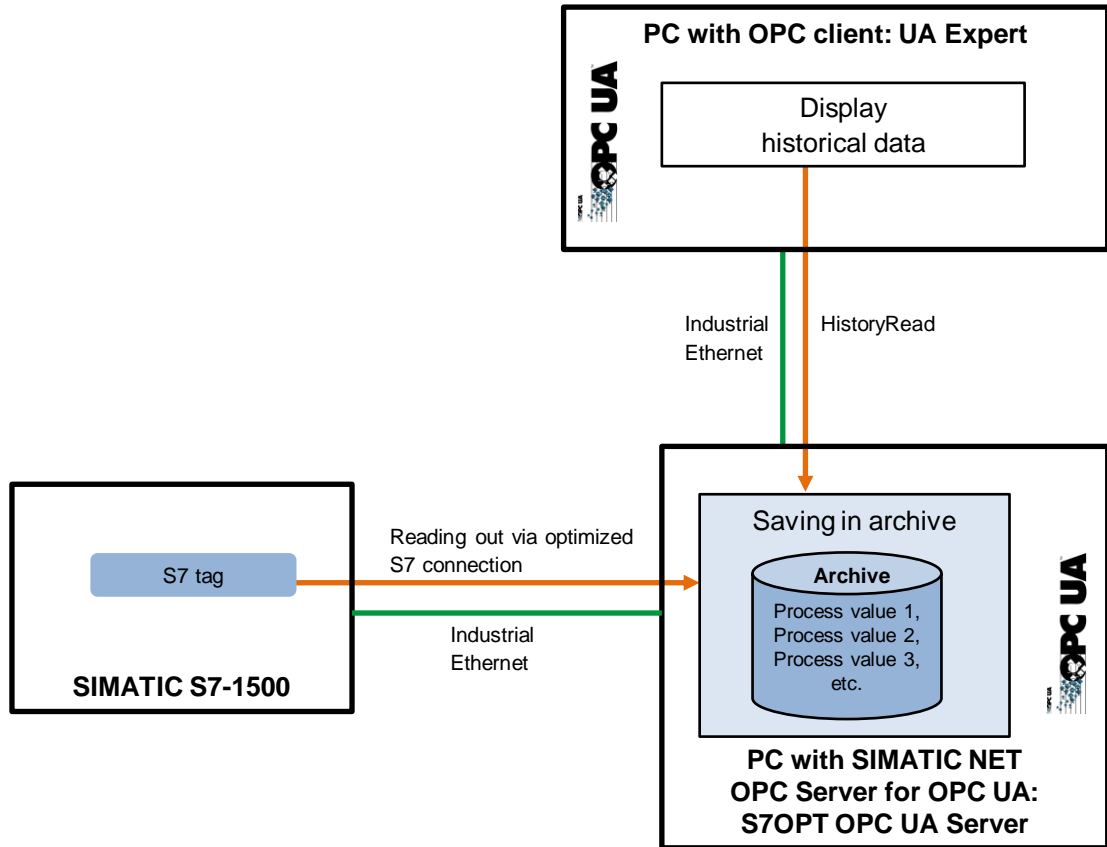
### 1.3 Historical data on OPC UA

OPC UA HA (Historical Data Access) enables access to historical data from S7 tags archived in a database for up to 360 hours.

#### Principle of operation

The following figure shows how to use the S7OPT OPC UA Server to get historical data for one or more objects in the OPC client.

Figure 1-5

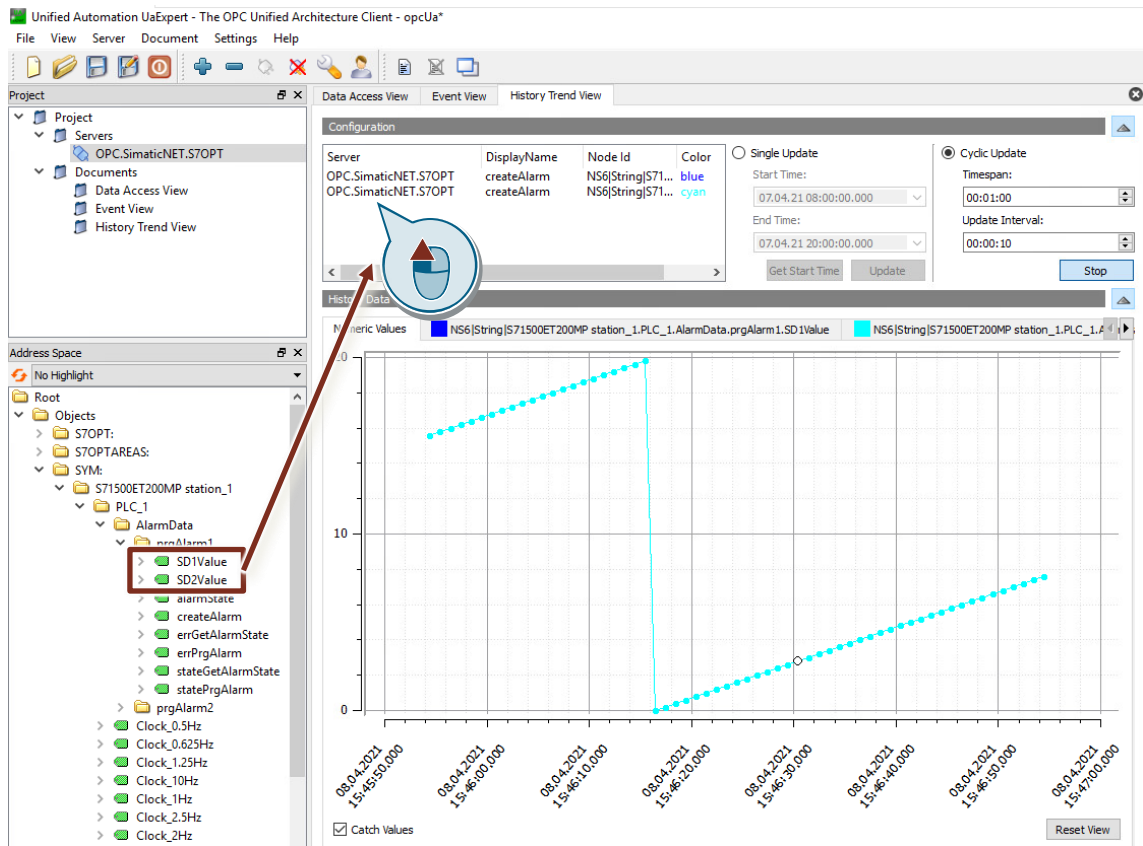


The S7OPT OPC UA server reads S7 tags from an S7-1500 CPU via an optimized S7 connection. The S7 tags are saved in the archive by the S7OPT OPC UA server. The timestamp and the quality characteristic of the S7 tags are stored together with the process value.

OPC clients, such as UA Expert from Unified Automation, use the "HistoryRead" function to access the process values of the archived S7 tags.

## Display historical data in UA Expert

Figure 1-6



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In this example, UA Expert is used as the OPC Client.

UA Expert has the "History Trend View" for getting historical data on one or more S7 tags.

Drag & drop one or more S7 tags containing historical data from the "Address Space" window into the "Configuration" section of the "History Trend View".

UA Expert has read access to the S7 tags stored in the archive of the S7OPT OPC UA server to graphically display the process values in the "History Trend View".

## 1.4 Components used

This application example was created with the following hardware and software components:

Table 1-1

| Component           | Quantity | Item number   | Note   |
|---------------------|----------|---|--|
| CPU 1513-1 PN       | 1        | 6ES7513-1AL01-0AB0  | Alternatively, you may use any S7-1500 CPU and ET 200 CPU (ET 200SP and ET 200pro).  |
| SIMATIC NET DVD V16 | 1        | 6GK1704-1LW16-0AA0  | In the Sales and Delivery Release you will find the item numbers for the SIMATIC NET products (see article <a href="#">109775589</a> ).  |
| TIA Portal V16      | 1        | Package:<br>6ES7822-1AA06-0YA5<br>Download:<br>6ES7822-1AE06-0YA5 | –  |
| UA Expert           | 1        | –   | OPC Client from Unified Automation <a href="https://www.unified-automation.com/products/development-tools/uaexpert.html">https://www.unified-automation.com/products/development-tools/uaexpert.html</a> |

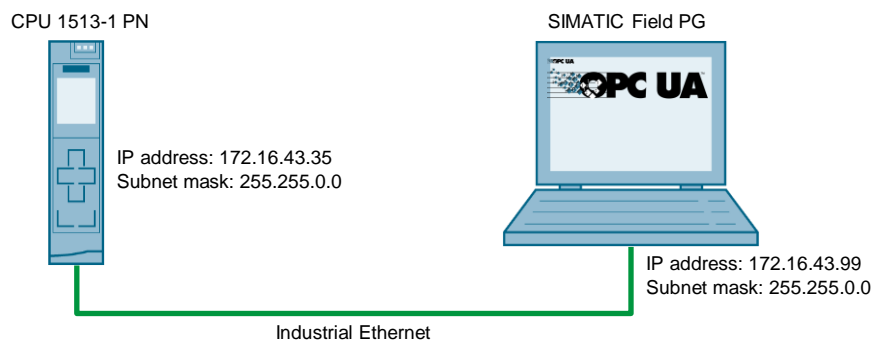
You can obtain the listed components from the [Siemens Industry Mall](#).

## 2 Engineering

### 2.1 Hardware setup

The following figure shows the structure of the application example.

Figure 2-1



The SIMATIC NET OPC server for OPC UA and the OPC client are installed on the SIMATIC field PG that will be used as a PC station.

- SIMATIC NET OPC server for OPC UA: S7 OPT OPC UA Server
- OPC client: UA Expert

**Note** You will need an OPC client that supports OPC Alarms & Events and historical data about OPC UA.

**Note** With this application you get a ready configured TIA Portal project.

**Note** The project is protected. The login is:

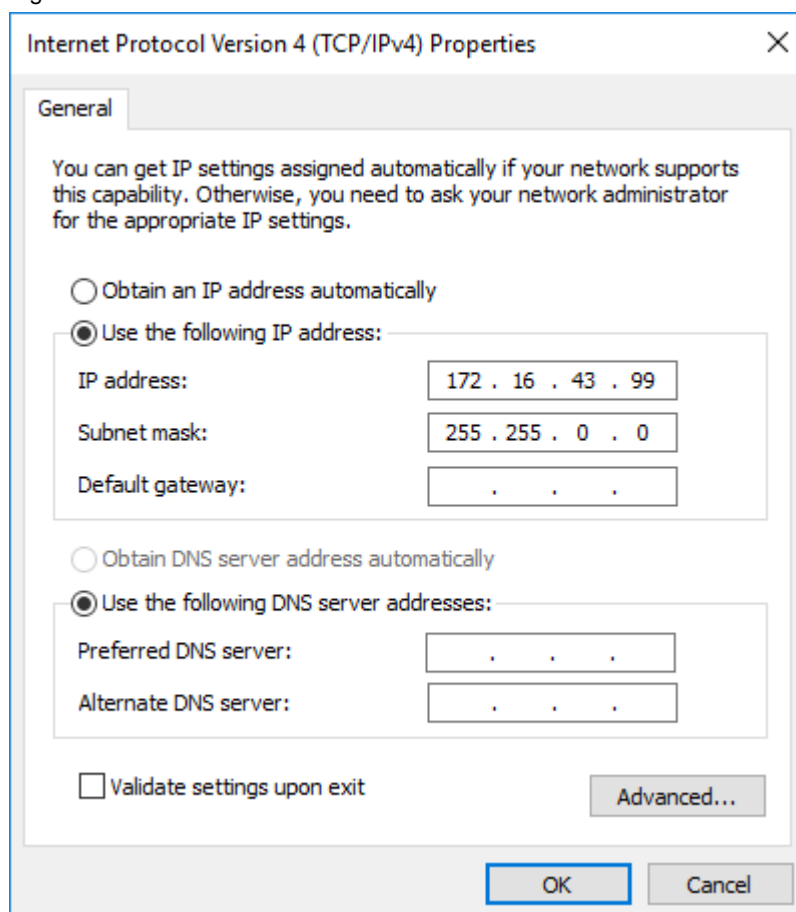
- User: admin
- Password: Siemens.1

## 2.2 Setting IP addresses and subnet mask

### 2.2.1 Setting IP address and subnet mask for the PC station

In Windows, go to the Properties for the network adapter via which the PC station is connected to the S7 CPU, then set the IP address and subnet mask for the PC station.

Figure 2-2



1. In the "Control Panel", open the "Network and Sharing Center" under "Network and Internet".
2. Select the function "Change adapter settings".
3. Right-click on the corresponding network adapter and select the "Properties" context menu. The Properties dialog for network adapter opens.
4. Select the "Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)" element and click the "Properties" button. The Properties dialog box for the "Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)" element will open.
5. Set the IP address and subnet mask of the PC station and apply the settings with "OK", e. g.:
  - IP address: 172.16.43.99
  - Subnet mask: 255.255.0.0

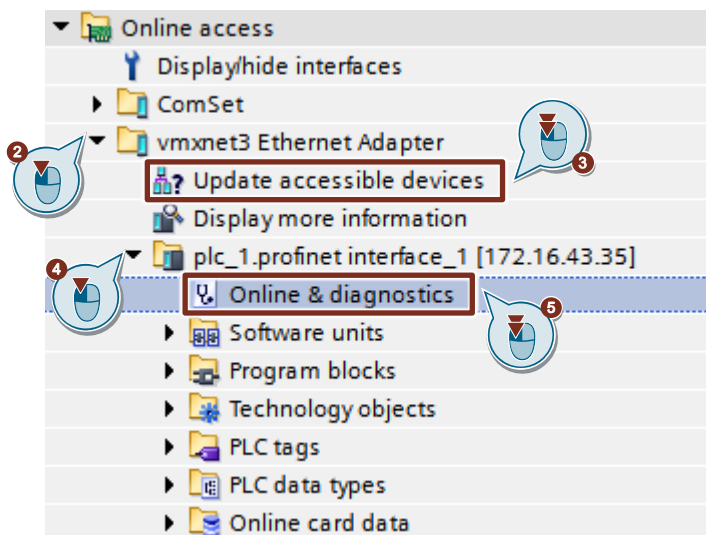
**Note**

You will configure the fixed IP address and subnet mask later during hardware configuration for TIA Portal.

## 2.2.2 Setting the IP Address of the S7 CPU

### Open the "Online & diagnostics" dialog

Figure 2-3

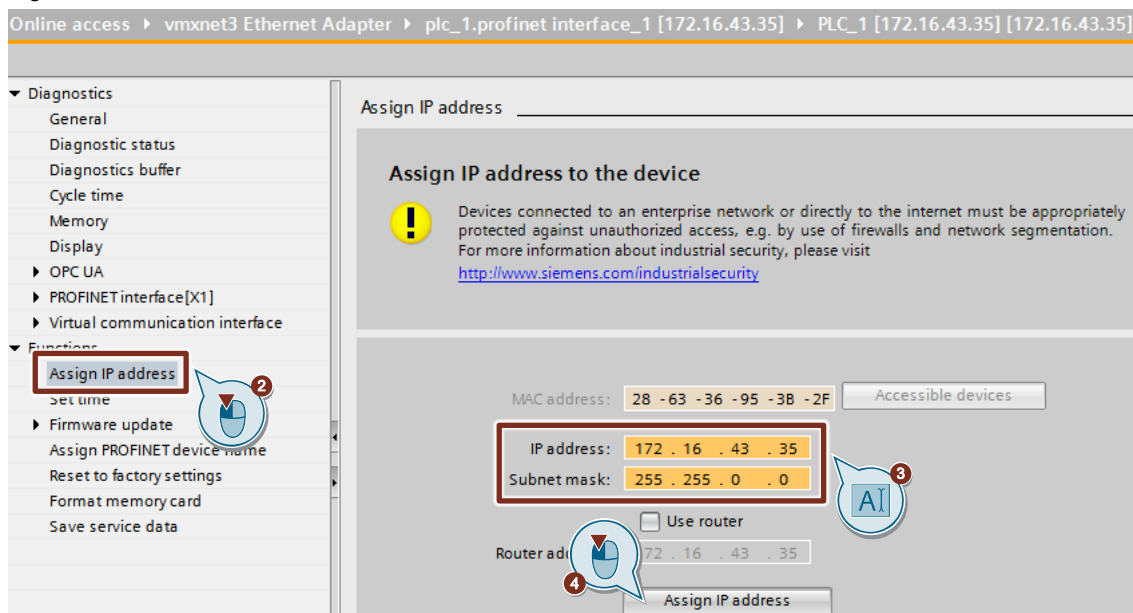


1. Open TIA Portal.
2. In the project tree under "Online access", click the arrow to the left of the network adapter that is connected to your S7 CPU.
3. Double-click the "Update accessible devices" command.  
All devices available to the network adapter will be shown.
4. Click the arrow to the left of the S7 CPU to which you wish to assign the IP address and subnet mask.
5. Double-click the command "Online & diagnostics".  
The "Online & diagnostics" dialog will open.



## Assign IP address and subnet mask

Figure 2-4



1. Switch the S7 CPU to "STOP" mode.
2. Under "Functions", click "Assign IP address".
3. Set the IP address and subnet mask of the S7 CPU, e. g.:
  - IP address: 172.16.43.35
  - Subnet mask: 255.255.0.0
4. Click "Assign IP address" to set the parameters.

**Note**

You will enter the IP address and subnet mask later during configuration.

If you have an S7-1500 CPU, you can also set the IP address and subnet mask on the display.

## 2.3 "Communication settings"

Open the program "Communication Settings" via the Windows Start Menu "Siemens Automation > Communication Settings".

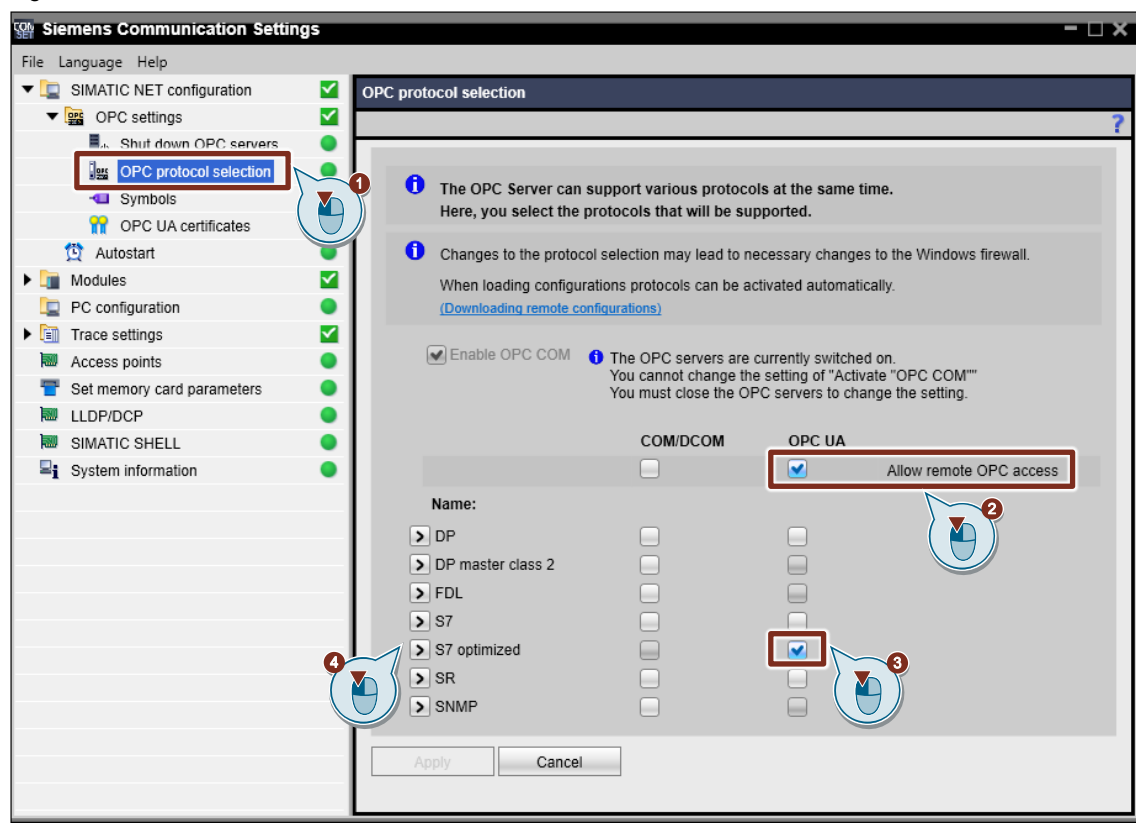
The "Communication Settings" program provides a number of ways to configure and diagnose PC hardware components, PC user programs and the SIMATIC NET OPC server.

### Enable protocols for the OPC server

The SIMATIC NET OPC server supports various protocols for the controller level. All protocols are activated in the initial configuration.

You can disable protocols that you don't want to use.

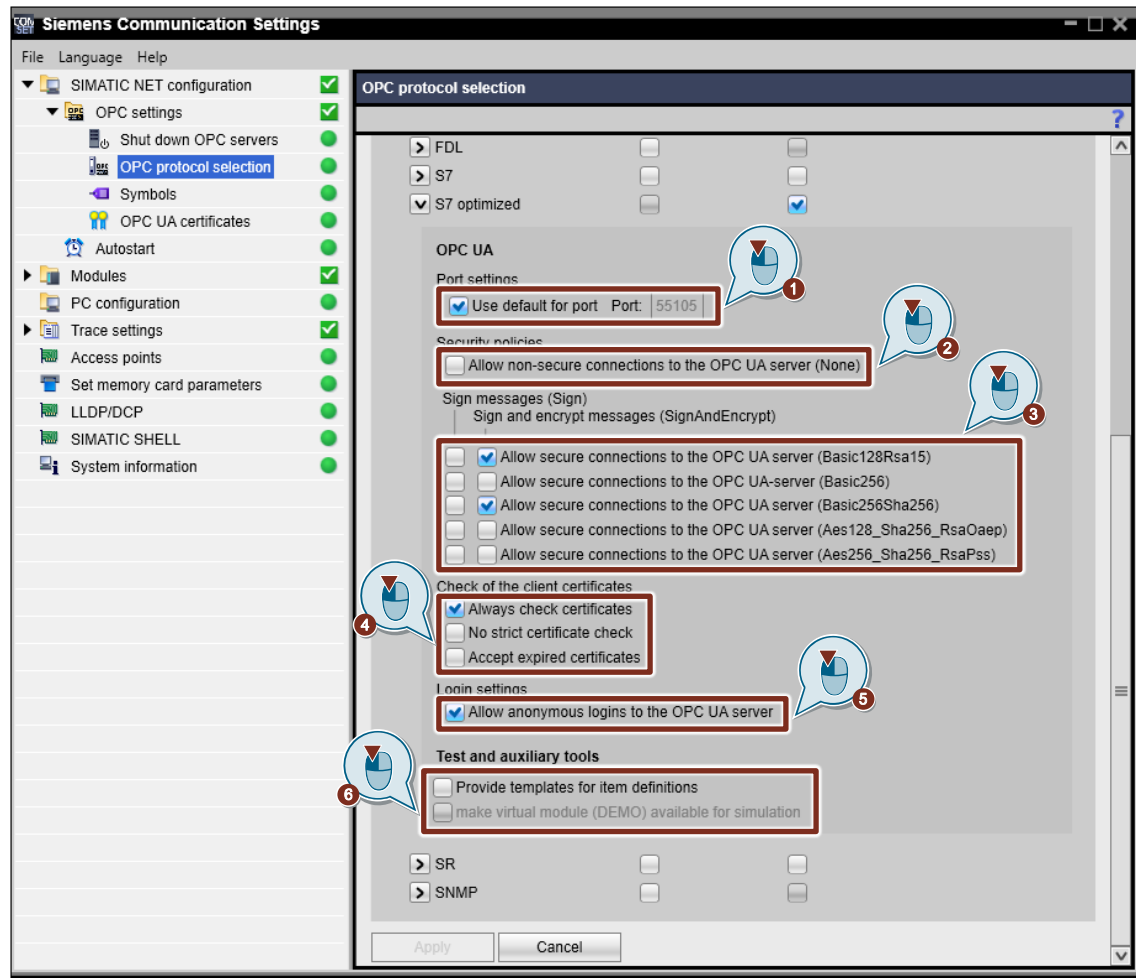
Figure 2-5



1. In the navigation area, navigate to "SIMATIC NET configuration > OPC Settings > OPC protocol selection".
2. Enable the function "Allow remote OPC access" for OPC UA.
3. Enable the following protocol for OPC UA:
  - "S7 optimized": SIMATIC S7 communication with S7-1200 (V4 onward) and S7-1500 via Industrial Ethernet (access to optimized data blocks)
4. Click on the arrow symbol next to the protocol "S7 optimized" to access the extended parameter list for the protocol.

## Set parameters for the protocols

Figure 2-6



## 1. Port settings:

- If the checkbox is selected, the default setting is used for the specified port.
- If the checkbox is not selected, you can edit the input field for the port.

## 2. Security policies:

- If the checkbox is selected, unsecured connections (none) to the OPC server are allowed.
- If the checkbox is not selected, no unsecured connections (none) to the OPC server will be allowed.

## 3. Define which connections to the OPC server will be allowed and determine whether the messages will be signed (Sign) or signed and encrypted (SignAndEncrypted):

- Secured connections based on the security policy "Basic128Rsa15"
- Secured connections based on the security policy "Basic256"
- Secured connections based on the security policy "Basic256Sha256"
- Secured connections based on the security policy "Aes128\_Sha256\_RsaOaep"
- Secured connections based on the security policy "Aes256\_Sha256\_RsaPss"

### 4. Check of the client certificates

- Always check certificates  
Enabled: The certificates will always be checked.  
Disabled: The certificates will not be checked.
- No strict certificate verification  
Enabled: Certain certificate checks will be ignored, e. g. CertificateRevocationUnknown, CertificateIssuerRevocationUnknown, NonceLengthCheck, TokenPolicyIdCheck.  
Disabled: The certificates will be fully checked.
- Accept expired certificates  
Enabled: The certificates will be accepted even if the time stamp of the certificate is invalid, i. e. the certificates are not yet valid or have already expired.  
Disabled: The certificates are only accepted if the timestamp is valid.

### 5. Login settings

- If the checkbox is selected, the SIMATIC NET OPC server allows anonymous login of OPC UA clients.
- If the checkbox is not selected, anonymous logins are not allowed. User authentication with Windows login and password is then required.

#### Note

The SIMATIC NET OPC server uses the Windows user management for user authentication. In the OPC client, log in to the SIMATIC NET OPC server with your Windows username and password.

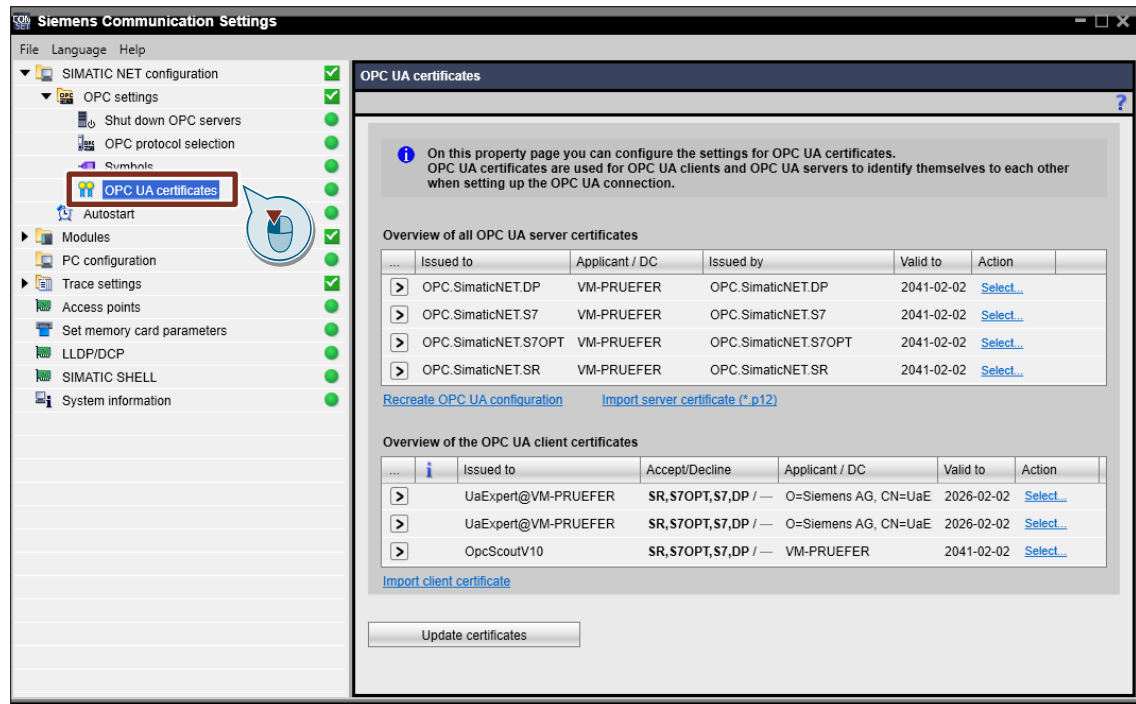
### 6. Test and auxiliary tools

- Provide templates for item definitions:  
If the checkbox is selected, the OPC server creates Templates for item definitions in its namespace, which can be used to easily define a new Item.
- make virtual module (Demo) available for simulation:  
The SIMATIC NET OPC server gives you the ability to use the OPC interface for tests, presentations, and development work without a communication module. For this purpose, the OPC server provides a virtual module or "DEMO" connection, depending on the protocol (CP simulation). This option enables activation of the simulation function depending on the protocol.

### 7. Click "Apply" to enable the settings you have made.

**"OPC UA certificates"**

Figure 2-7



1. In the navigation area, navigate to "SIMATIC NET configuration > OPC settings > OPC UA certificates".  
The certificates of the local OPC UA server and the certificates the OPC clients used to identify themselves to the server are displayed and managed here.
2. You can import other OPC client certificates, such as the certificate for the OPC client "UA Expert".
3. Accept the imported OPC client certificates.

## 2.4 Overview of the engineering steps

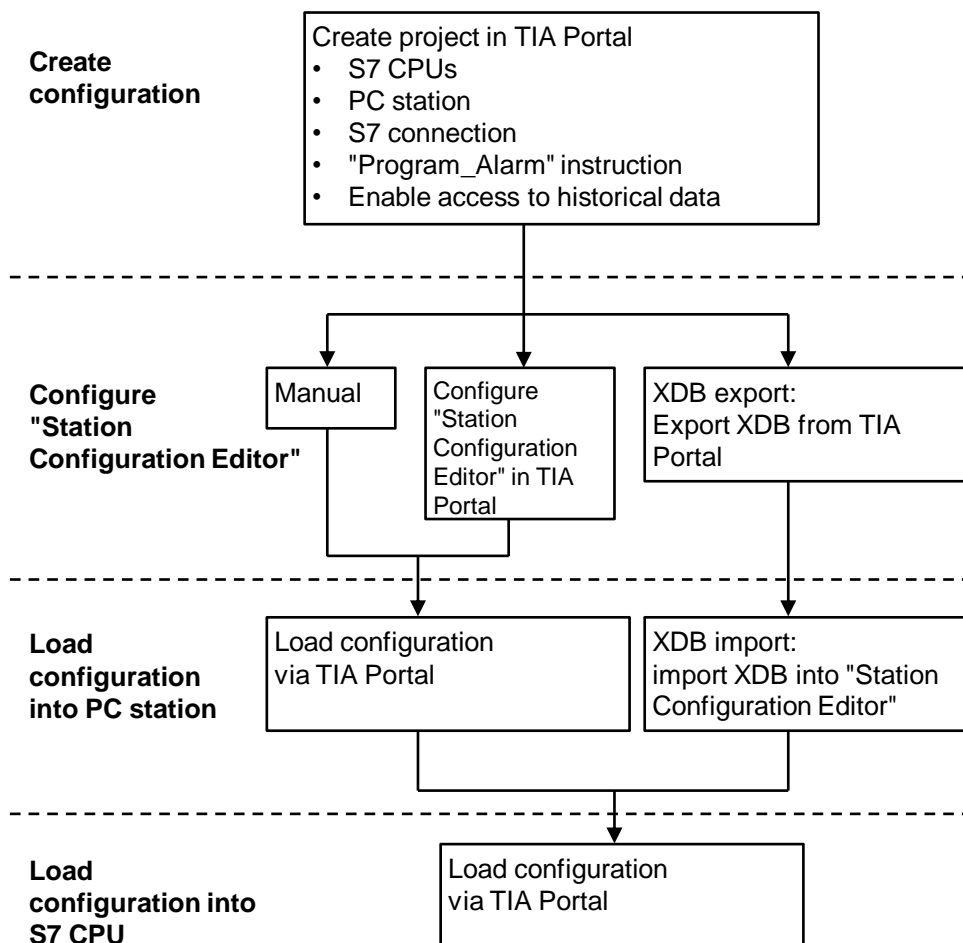
The following figure shows an overview of the steps performed during the engineering stage.

- Create configuration (see chapter [2.5](#))
- Configure the "Station Configuration Editor" (see chapter [2.6](#))
- Load the configuration into the PC station (see chapter [2.7.1](#))
- Load the configuration into the S7 CPU (see chapter [2.7.1](#))

When configuring the "Station Configuration Editor" and when loading the configuration into the PC station, there are multiple ways of performing the engineering step. Performing either one of the options for the engineering step is sufficient.

This application example describes all possibilities for the engineering steps.

Figure 2-8



## 2.5 Creating the configuration

### 2.5.1 Create S7 CPU in TIA Portal

**Note**

With this application you get a ready configured TIA Portal project.

The project is protected. The login is:

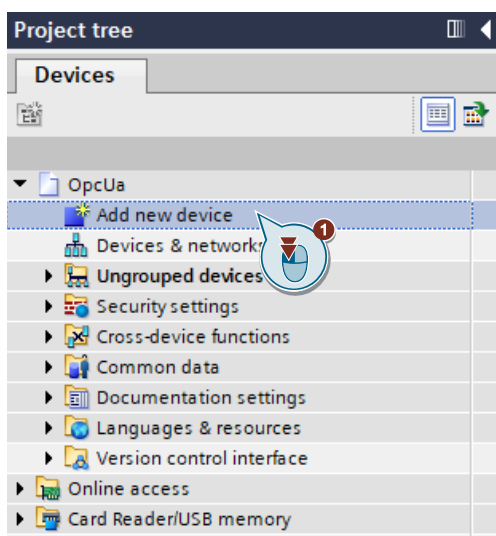
- User: admin
- Password: Siemens.1

#### Requirements

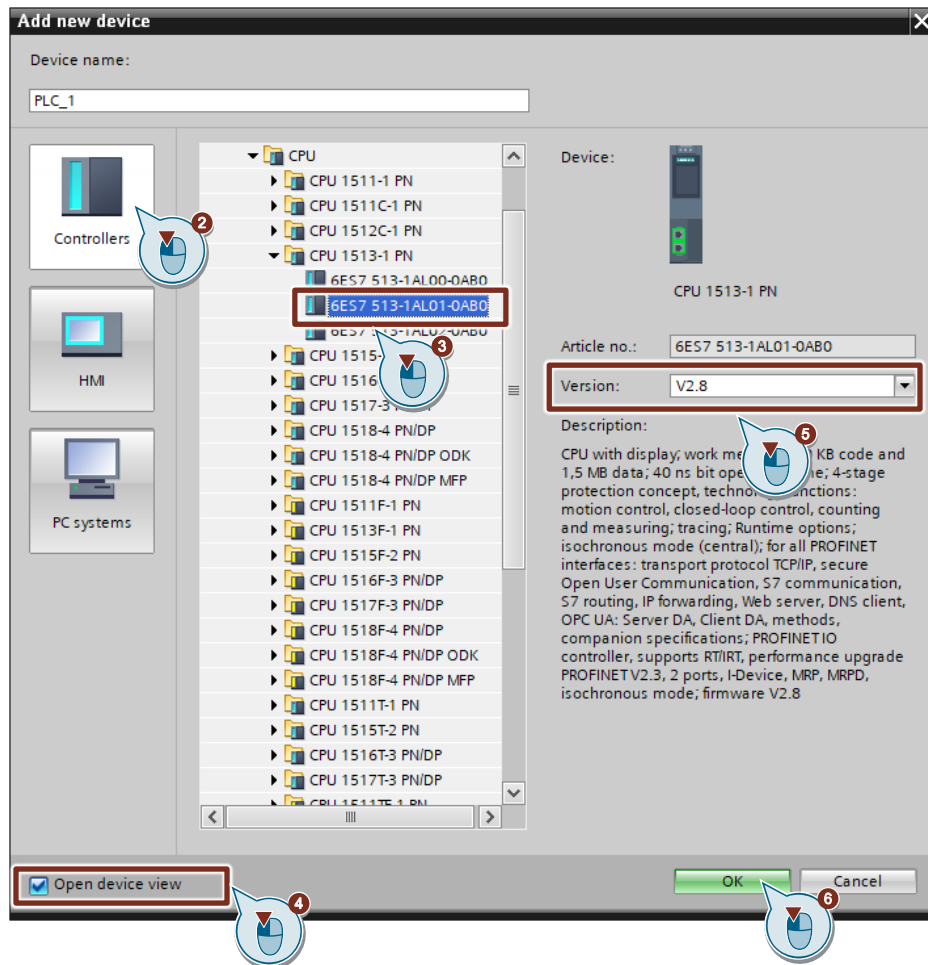
- TIA Portal is open.
- A new project is created, or an existing project is opened.

#### Insert device

1. Double-click the command "Add new device" in the project tree.



The dialog box "Add new device" opens.



2. Click the "Controllers" button.
3. Select the S7 CPU according to your hardware setup, e. g. CPU 1513-1 PN.
4. Enable the option "Open device view".
5. Under "Version", select the firmware version of the S7 CPU.
6. Click the "OK" button.

The selected S7 CPU will be added.

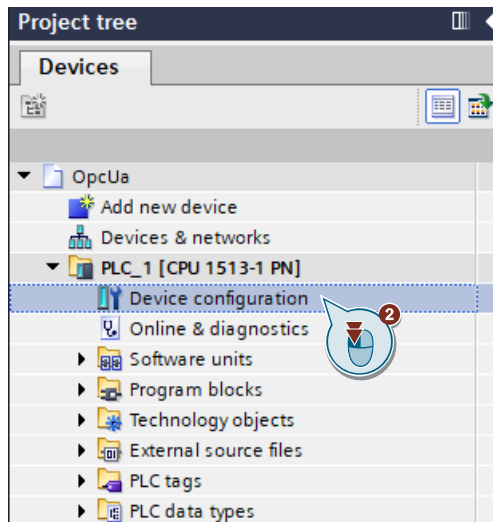
**Note**

If you enabled the option "Open device view", the "Device view" for the S7 CPU will open automatically in the hardware and network editor.



### Open the device view

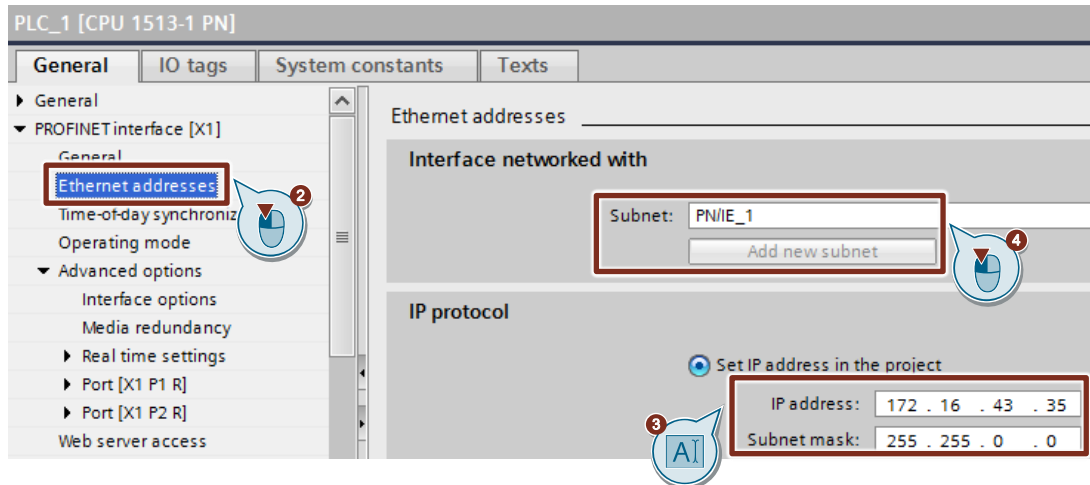
1. In the project tree, open the device folder of the S7 CPU.
2. Double-click the "Device configuration" command.



The "Device view" of the S7 CPU opens in the hardware and network editor.

### Set address parameters

1. Select the S7 CPU in the device view.  
The properties of the S7 CPU are displayed in the Inspector window.

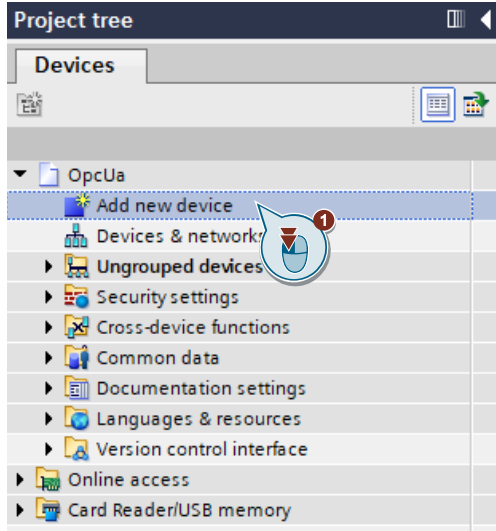


2. In the "General" tab, navigate to "PROFINET interface [X1] > Ethernet addresses".
3. Enter the following address parameters:
  - IP address: 172.16.43.35
  - Subnet mask: 255.255.0.0
4. Click on the "Add new subnet" button to create a new subnet or select an existing subnet.

## 2.5.2 Create PC station in TIA Portal

### Adding a PC station

1. Double-click the command "Add new device" in the project tree.



The dialog box "Add new device" opens.



2. Click the "PC systems" button.
3. Select the user application "OPC server".
4. Enable the option "Open device view".
5. Set the version of the "OPC server" user application, e. g. "SWV16...".
6. Click the "OK" button.

A PC station with the user application "OPC server" will be added.

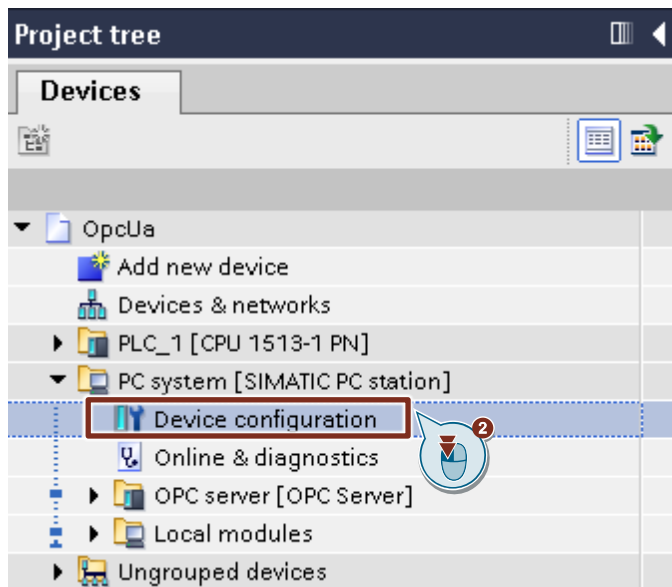
**Note**

If you enabled the option "Open device view", the "Device view" for the PC station will open automatically in the hardware and network editor.

### Open the device view

1. In the project tree, open the device folder of the PC station.
2. Double-click the "Device configuration" command.

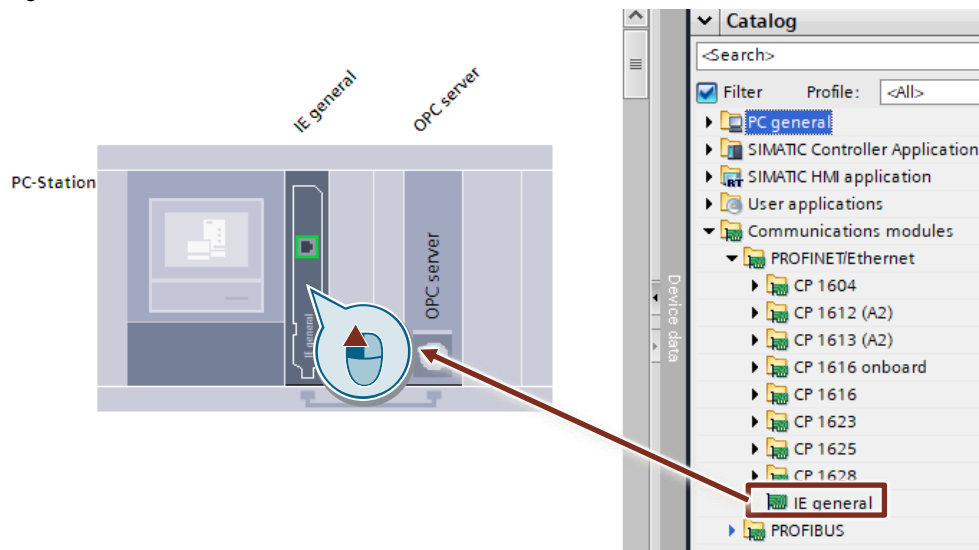
The "Device view" of the PC station opens in the hardware and network editor.



### Configure PC station in the "Device view"

The "OPC server" user application has been automatically added to the slot.

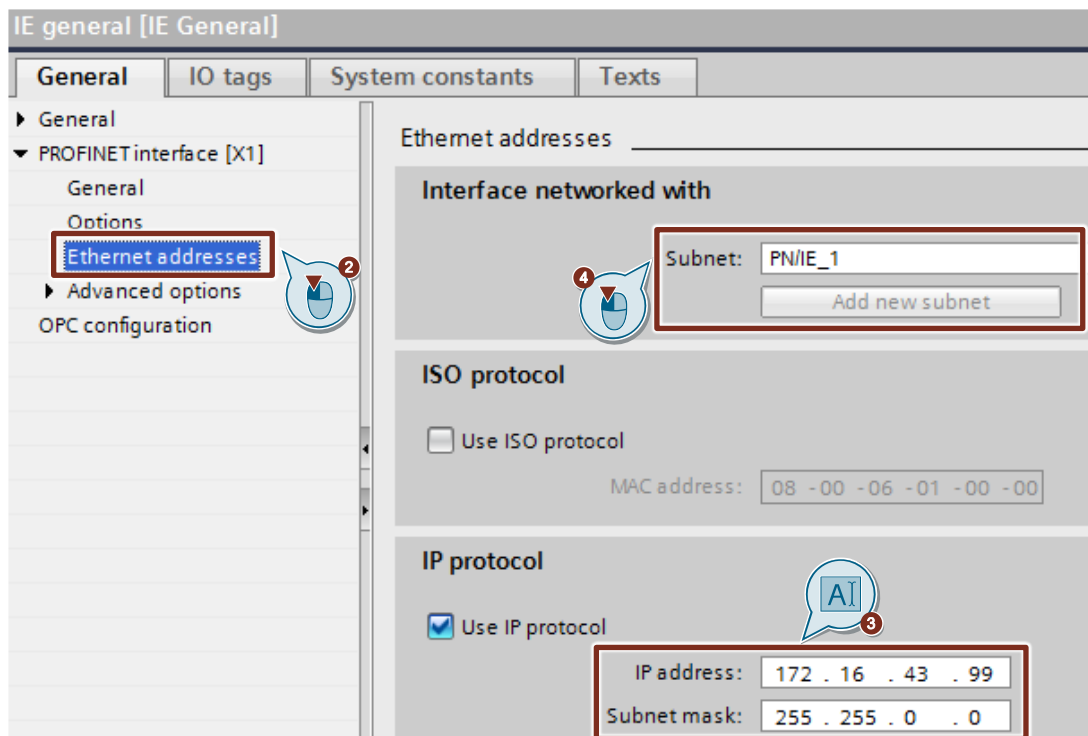
Figure 2-9



1. Insert a communications module, e. g. "IE general", into slot 2 of the PC station by dragging and dropping.

## Set address parameters

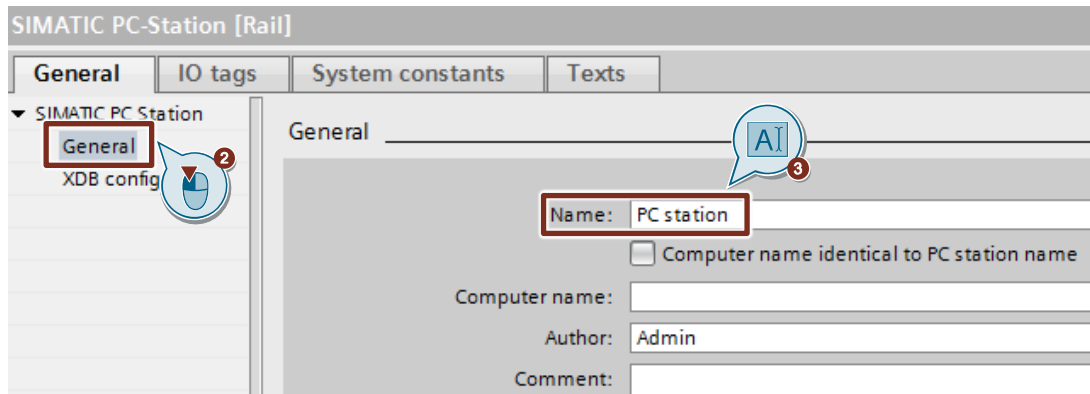
- In the device view, select the communications module "IE general".  
The properties of the communications module are displayed in the Inspector window.



- In the "General" tab, navigate to "PROFINET interface [X1] > Ethernet addresses".
- Enter the following address parameters:
  - IP address: 172.16.99
  - Subnet mask: 255.255.0.0
- Click on the "Add new subnet" button to create a new subnet or select an existing subnet.

### Set the name of the PC station

1. Select the PC station in the device view.  
The properties of the PC Station are displayed in the Inspector window.



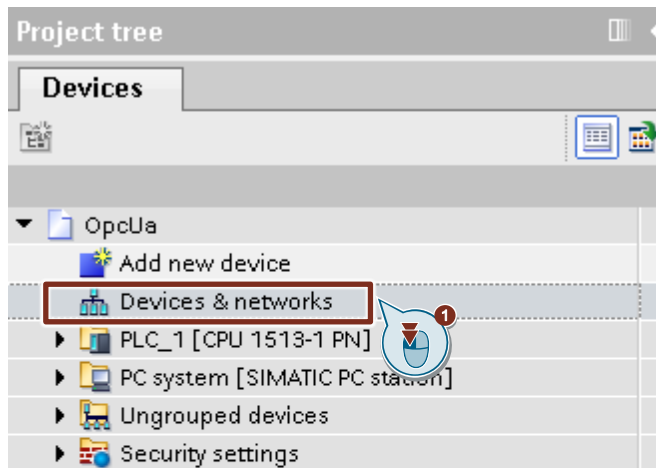
2. In the "General" tab, navigate to "General".
3. Enter the name of the PC station, e. g. "PC station".

### 2.5.3 Configuring a connection

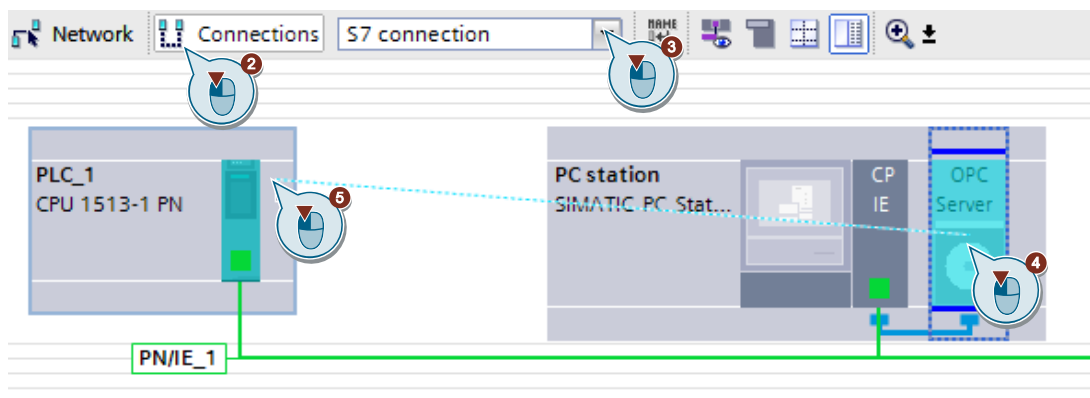
#### S7 CPU and PC station are created in the same project

##### Add S7 connection

1. Double-click "Devices & networks" in the project tree.



The graphical area of the "Network view" opens in the hardware and network editor.

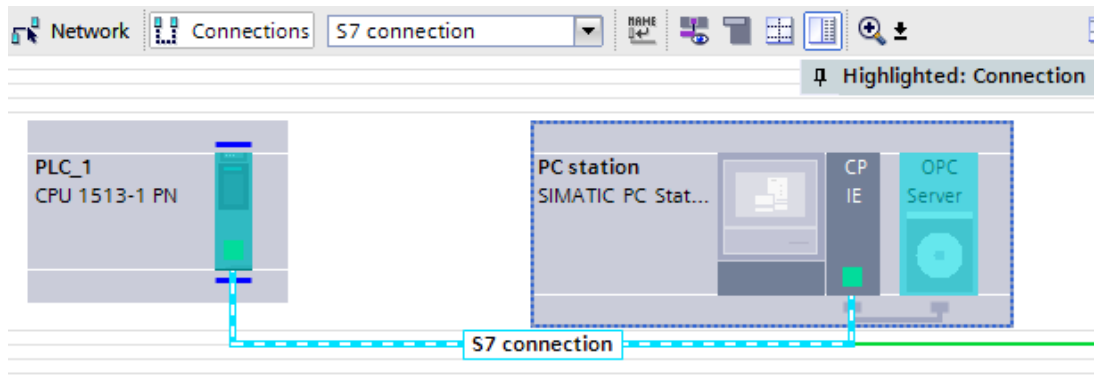


2. In the function bar, click "Connections" to enable the connection mode.
3. Select the connection type "S7 connection" in the nearby dropdown menu. All devices that are relevant to an S7 connection are highlighted in color in the "Network view".
4. Click and drag the mouse from the OPC server to the S7 CPU.
5. Release the mouse button on the target device to create the S7 connection between the OPC server and the S7 CPU.

Result:

A specified S7 connection is created and is configured on both sides.

- The connection path is highlighted.



- The S7 connection is entered in the connection table.

| Local connection n... | Local end point         | Local ID (hex) | Partner ID (hex) | Partner               | Connection type |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| S7 connection         | OPC server [OPC Server] | S7 connection  |                  | PLC_1 [CPU 1513-1 PN] | S7 connection   |

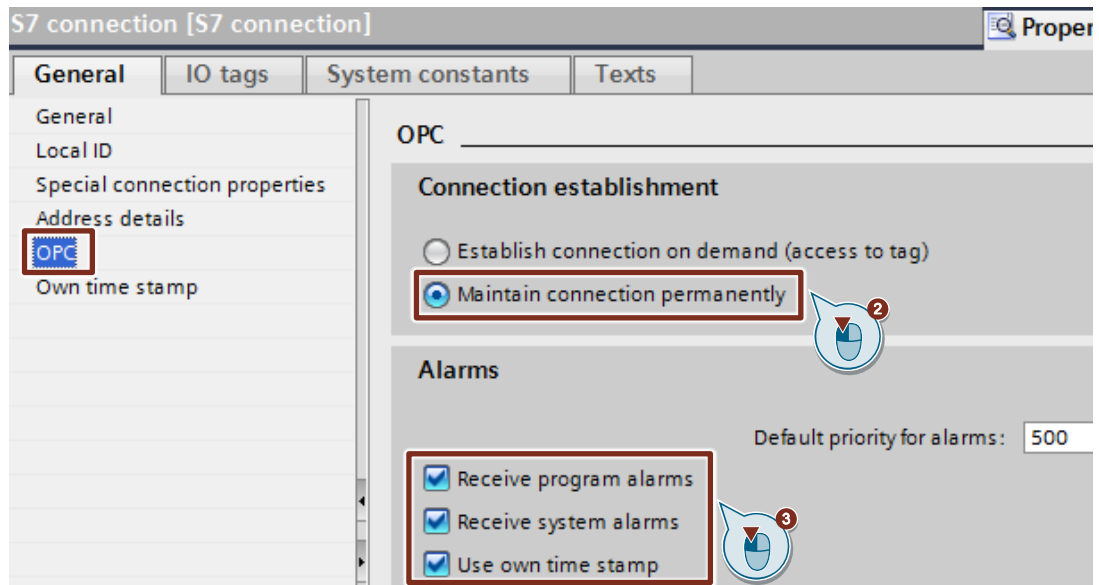
- The OPC server actively establishes the S7 connection. The S7 CPU is a passive participant as the connection is established.

The screenshot shows the 'S7 connection [S7 connection]' dialog box. The 'Properties' tab is active, and the 'Special connection properties' section is expanded to show 'Local end point' settings. The 'One-way' and 'Active connection establishment' checkboxes are checked. A note states: 'The active connection establishment cannot be deactivated if the Partner TSAP in the address details has the value 3.' The 'Send operating mode messages' checkbox is unchecked.



**Set connection parameters**

1. Select the S7 connection in the connection table.  
The properties of the S7 connection are displayed in the Inspector window.

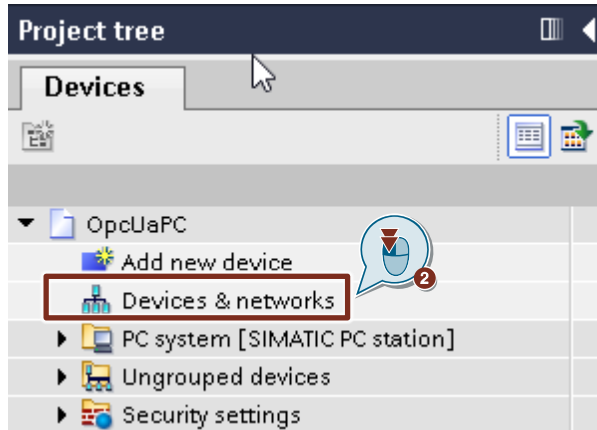


2. In the "General" tab under "OPC", enable the function "Maintain connection permanently".
3. Enable the following functions for alarms:
  - "Receive program alarms"
  - "Receive system alarms"
  - "Use own time stamp"

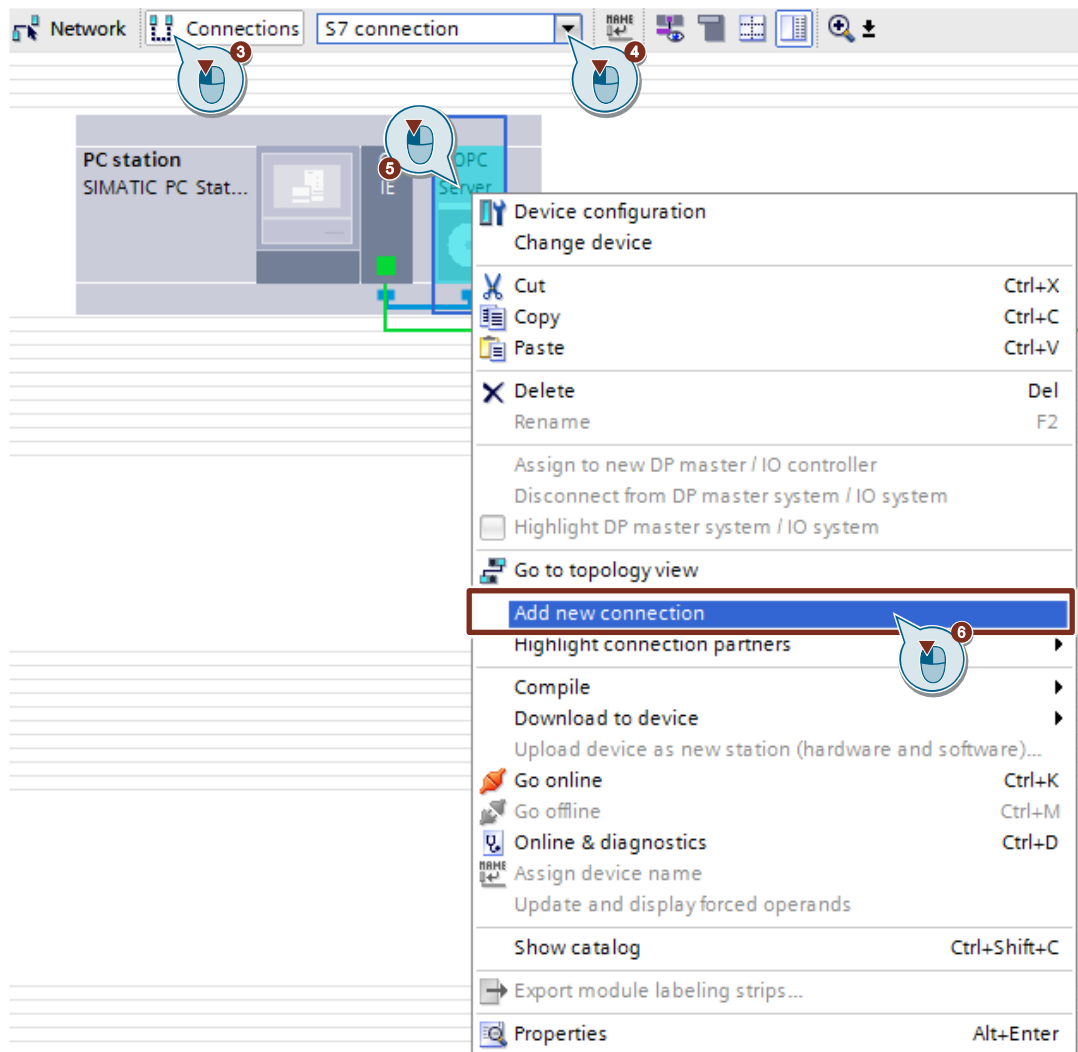
### S7 CPU and PC station are created in different projects

#### Add an unspecified S7 connection

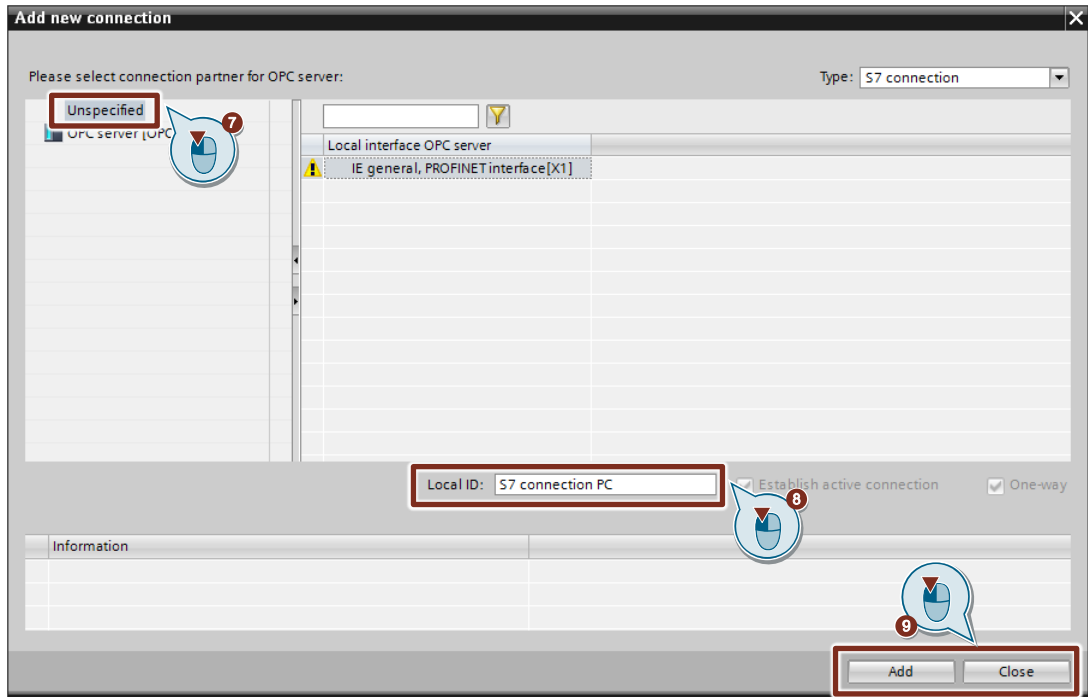
1. Open the project tree in the PC station's project.
2. Double-click "Devices & networks".



The graphical area of the "Network view" opens in the hardware and network editor.



3. In the function bar, click "Connections" to enable the connection mode.
4. Select the connection type "S7 connection" in the nearby dropdown menu.  
The OPC server that is relevant for an S7 connection will be highlighted in color in the "Network view".
5. Right click on the OPC server.  
The context menu opens.
6. Select "Add new connection".  
The "Add new connection" dialog will open.

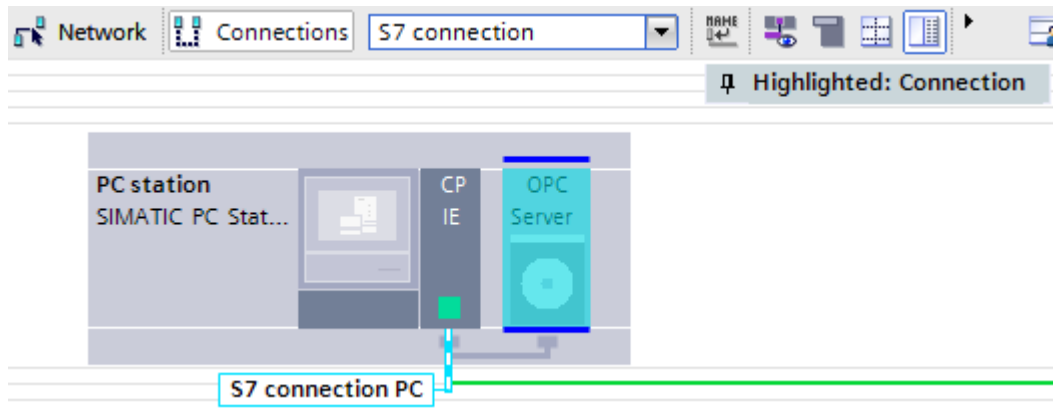


7. Specify the following connection parameters: "Unspecified".
8. Enter the local ID, e. g. "S7 connection PC".  
The local ID is visible in the OPC client if the OPC client has established the connection to the SIMATIC NET S7OPT OPC UA server.
9. Click "Add" to add the unspecified S7 connection; click the "Close" button to close the dialog.

Result:

An unspecified S7 connection is created.

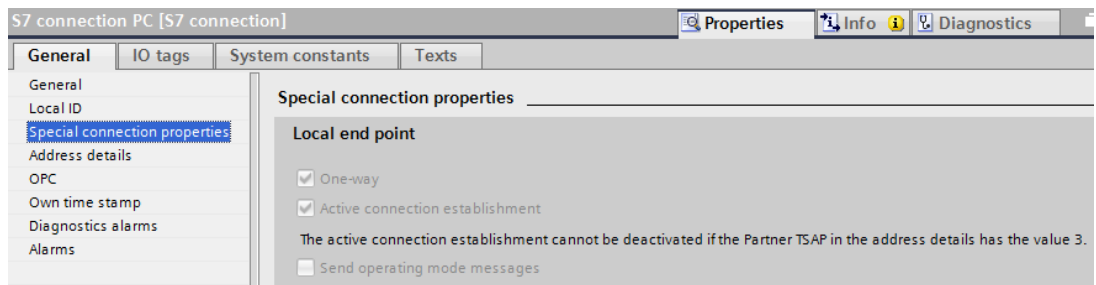
- The connection path is highlighted.



- The S7 connection is entered in the connection table.

| Local connection name | Local end point             | Local ID (hex)   | Partner ID (hex) | Partner     | Connection type |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| S7 connection PC      | OPC OPC server [OPC Server] | S7 connection PC |                  | Unspecified | S7 connection   |

- The OPC server actively establishes the S7 connection.

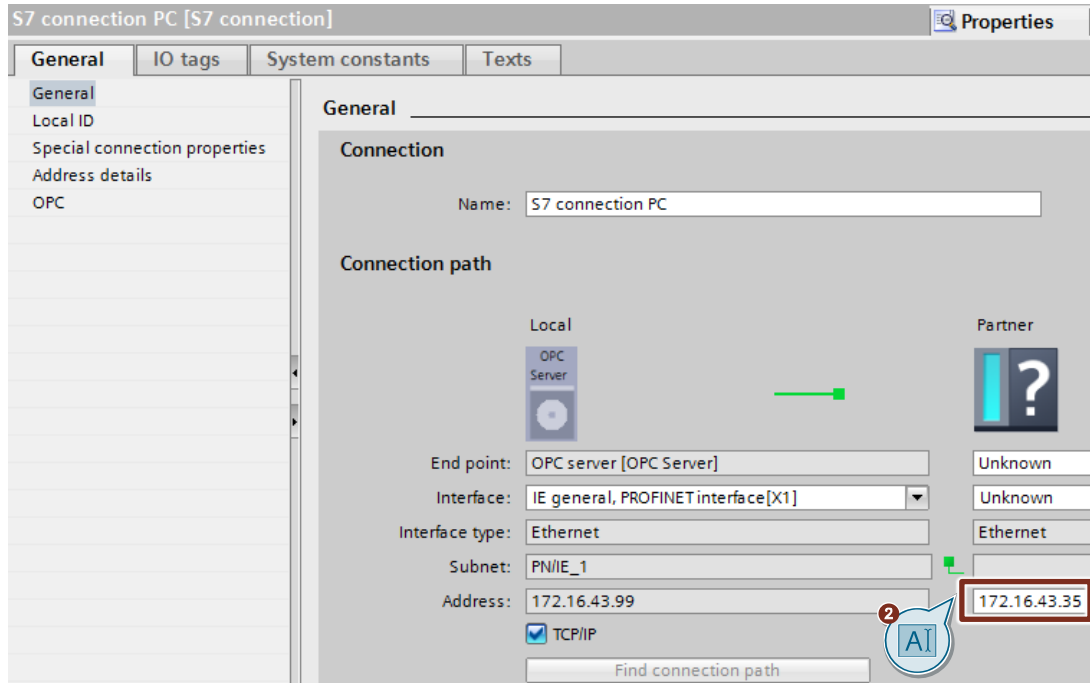


**Note**

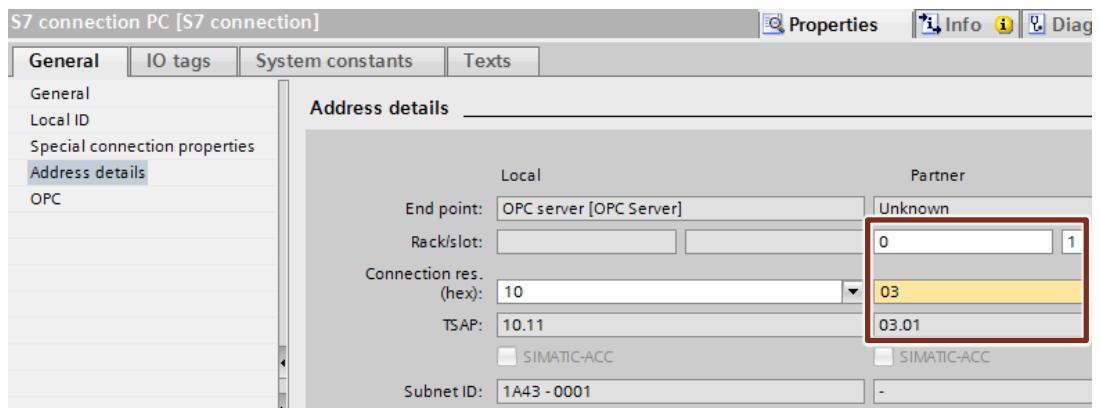
If the connection parameters are not yet fully set up, the S7 connection will be shown with errors in the connection table.

### Set connection parameters

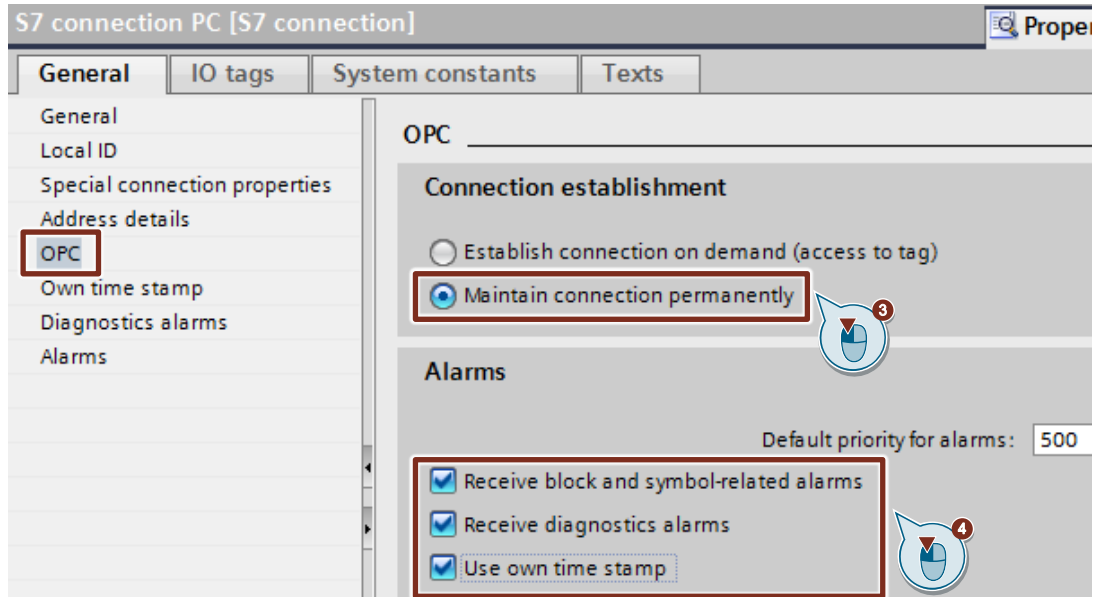
1. Select the S7 connection in the connection table.  
The properties of the S7 connection are displayed in the Inspector window.
2. Enter the IP address of the communication partner in the "General" tab under "General", e. g. 172.16.43.35 (IP address of the S7-1500 CPU).



3. In the "General" tab under "Address details", enter the partner TSAP. The partner TSAP is composed as follows: 03. <slot of the CPU>, e. g. S7-1500 at port 1: 03.01



4. In the "General" tab under "OPC", enable the function "Maintain connection permanently".
5. Enable the following functions for alarms:
  - "Receive block and symbol-related alarms"
  - "Receive diagnostics alarms"
  - "Use own time stamp"



### 2.5.4 User program of the S7-1500 CPU

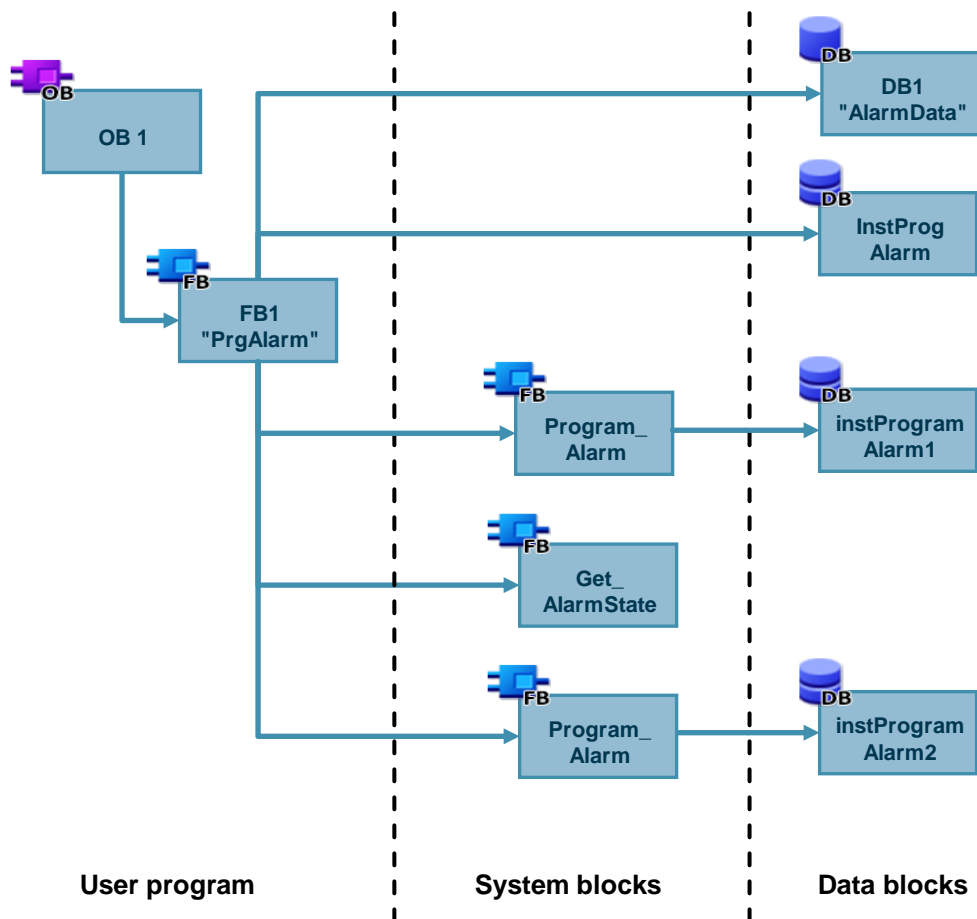
To generate a program alarm, it is necessary to call the "Program\_Alarm" instruction in the user program of the S7-1500 CPU. The "Get\_AlarmState" instruction is used to output the alarm state of a program alarm. There are 3 options:

- Incoming
- Outgoing
- Acknowledged

The following figure shows an overview of the user program in the S7-1500 CPU that is required to generate 2 program alarms:

- Program alarm with required acknowledgement and 2 associated values
- Program alarm for information purposes only

Figure 2-10

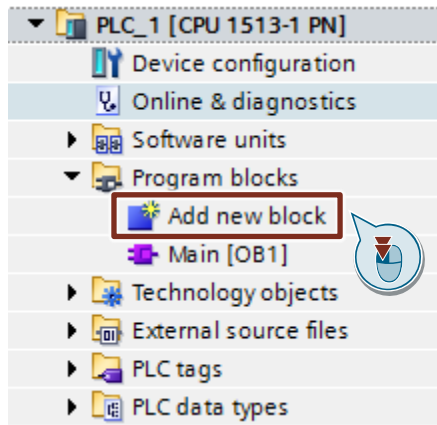




### FB "PrgAlarm" for calling the alarm blocks

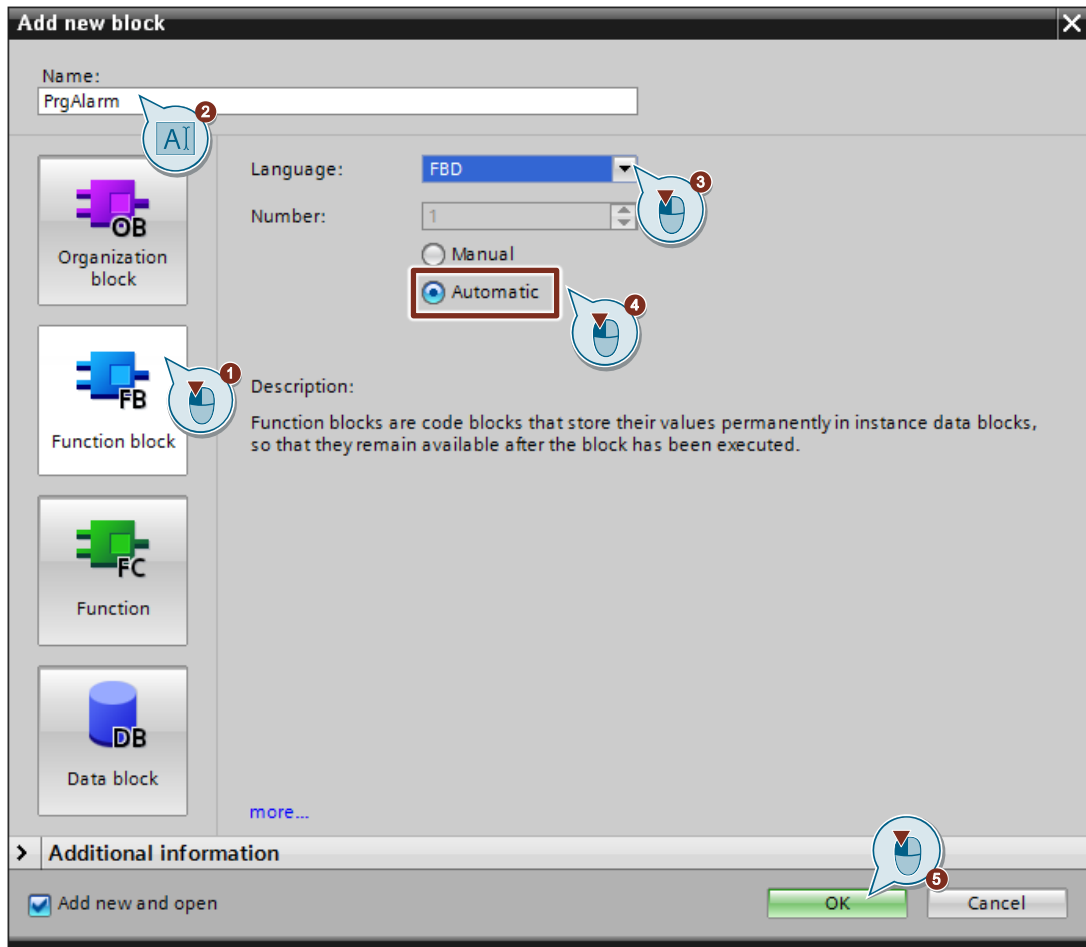
Insert a function block (FB) to call the "Program\_Alarm" and "Get\_AlarmState" instructions.

1. In the project tree, navigate to the device folder of the S7-1500 CPU.
2. Open the "Program blocks" folder.
3. Double-click the "Add new block" command.



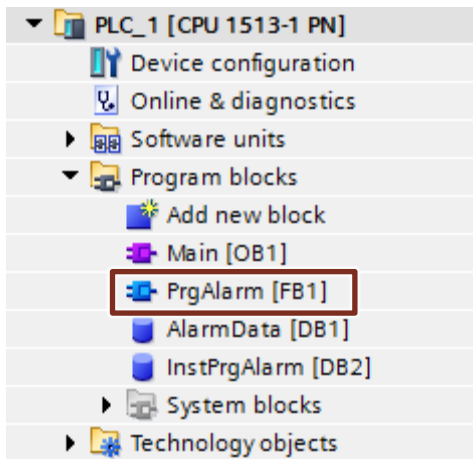
The dialog "Add new block" opens.

4. Make the following settings:



- Click on the "Function block" button.
- Enter the name of the FB, e. g. "PrgAlarm".
- Select the programming language, e. g. "FBD".
- Select the "Automatic" radio button for automatic number assignment. The number of the FB will be assigned by TIA Portal.
- Click "OK" to confirm the settings.

The inserted FB "PrgAlarm" is displayed in the project tree.



### Create PLC data type "typePrgAlarmVar"

Create a PLC data type, e. g. "typePrgAlarmVar", to define the parameters of the FB "PrgAlarm" and populate it with tags.

The following table shows the structure of the PLC data type "typePrgAlarmVar".

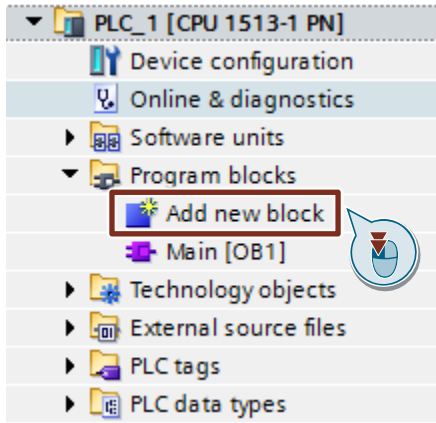
Table 2-1

| Tag              | Data type | Description   |
|------------------|-----------|---|
| createAlarm      | Bool      | The signal to be monitored. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive signal edge: An incoming program alarm is generated</li> <li>Negative signal edge: An outgoing program alarm is generated</li> </ul>  |
| SD1Value         | String    | Associated value 1, for example a character string<br>Up to 10 associated values can be assigned to a program alarm.  |
| SD2Value         | Real      | Associated value 2, for example a floating-point number<br>Up to 10 associated values can be assigned to a program alarm.   |
| errPrgAlarm      | Bool      | Status parameter to detect an error in the processing of the "Program_Alarm" instruction.   |
| stateProgAlarm   | Word      | Status parameter to store the error information of the instruction "Program_Alarm" in case of an error.   |
| alarmState       | Byte      | Status of the message as a bit field: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bit 0: S <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>S=1: incoming</li> <li>S=0: outgoing</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bit 1: AC (Status of the message) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AC=1: Incoming alarm was acknowledged</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bit 2: AG (Status of the message) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AG=1: Outgoing alarm was acknowledged</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bit 3: OC (overflow) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OC=1: Overflow for incoming messages</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bit 4: OG (overflow) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OG=1: Overflow for outgoing messages</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bit 5: Reserved</li> <li>Bit 6: Reserved</li> <li>Bit 7: V (status message information) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>V=0: Message information invalid</li> <li>V=1: Message information valid</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| errGetAlarmState | Bool      | Status parameter to detect an error when processing the "Get_AlarmState" instruction.   |
| stateGetAlarm    | Word      | Status parameter to store the error information of the instruction "Get_AlarmState" in case of an error.  |

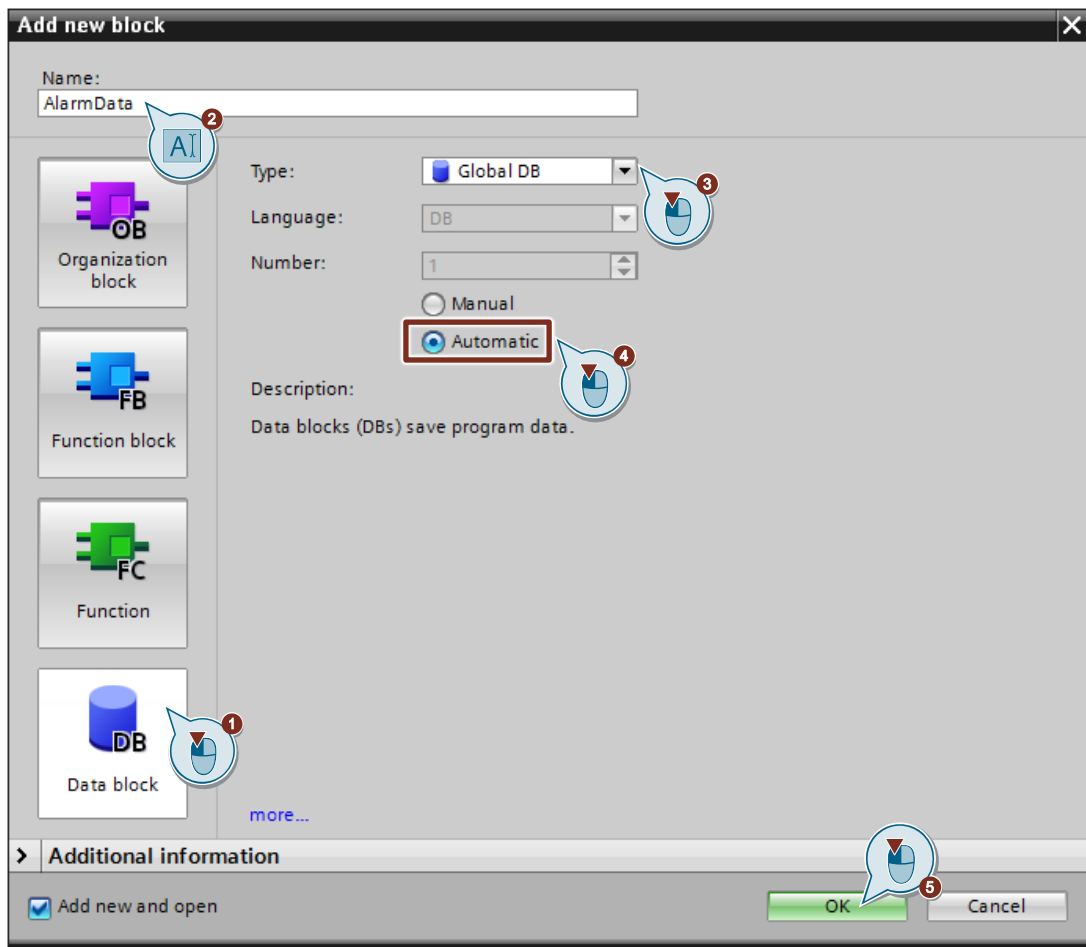
### Create tags for the parameters of FB "PrgAlarm"

Insert a data block (DB) and create tags to parameterize the FB "PrgAlarm".

1. In the project tree, navigate to the device folder of the S7-1500 CPU.
2. Open the "Program blocks" folder.
3. Double-click the "Add new block" command.  
The dialog "Add new block" opens.



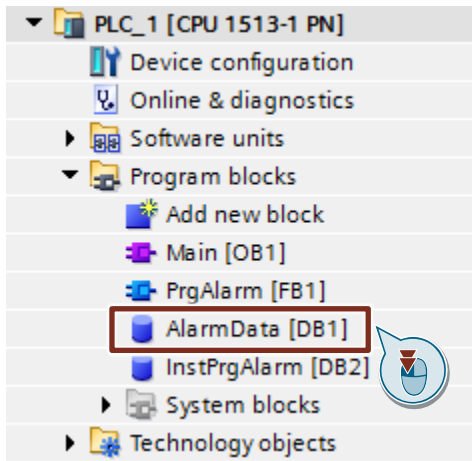
## 4. Make the following settings.



- Click the "Data block" button.
- Enter the name of the DB, e. g. "AlarmData".
- Select the "Global DB" type.
- Select the "Automatic" radio button for automatic number assignment. The number of the global DB will be assigned by TIA Portal.
- Click "OK" to confirm the settings.

The inserted DB "AlarmData" is displayed in the project tree.

- Double-click on the DB "AlarmData" in the project tree. The data block opens.



- Double-click "<Add new>" to create tags.

| AlarmData |                    |                   |                                    |                          |                                     |                                     |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|           | Name               | Data type         | Start value                        | Retain                   | Accessible from HMI/OPC UA/Web API  | Writable from HMI/OPC UA/Web API    |
| 1         | Static             |                   |                                    |                          |                                     |                                     |
| 2         | prgAlarm1          | *typePrgAlarmVar* |                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3         | createAlarm        | Bool              | false                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4         | SD1Value           | String            | 'Associated String-Value alarm 1.' | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5         | SD2Value           | Real              | 5.1                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6         | errPrgAlarm        | Bool              | false                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7         | statePrgAlarm      | Word              | 16#0                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 8         | alarmState         | Byte              | 16#0                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 9         | errGetAlarmState   | Bool              | false                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 10        | stateGetAlarmState | Word              | 16#0                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 11        | prgAlarm2          | *typePrgAlarmVar* |                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 12        | createAlarm        | Bool              | false                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 13        | SD1Value           | String            | 'Associated String-Value alarm 2.' | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 14        | SD2Value           | Real              | 6.2                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 15        | errPrgAlarm        | Bool              | false                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 16        | statePrgAlarm      | Word              | 16#0                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 17        | alarmState         | Byte              | 16#0                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 18        | errGetAlarmState   | Bool              | false                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 19        | stateGetAlarmState | Word              | 16#0                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 20        | <Add new>          |                   |                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

- Create the following tags to assign the parameters of the FB "PrgAlarm". The PLC data type "typePrgAlarmVar" is used as data type.

| Tag       | PLC data type   | Description  |
|-----------|-----------------|--|
| prgAlarm1 | typePrgAlarmVar | Tags for the parameterization of the program alarm with acknowledgement required and 2 associated values |
| prgAlarm2 | typePrgAlarmVar | Tags for parameterization of the program alarm, for information purposes only, without associated values |

8. Enable the following options for the tags that you created:

- "Accessible from HMI/OPC UA/Web API"
- "Writable from HMI/OPC UA/Web API"

| AlarmData |                    |                   |                                    |                          |                                     |                                     |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|           | Name               | Data type         | Start value                        | Retain                   | Accessible from HMI/OPC UA/Web API  | Writable from HMI/OPC UA/Web API    |
| 1         | Static             |                   |                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2         | prgAlarm1          | *typePrgAlarmVar* |                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3         | createAlarm        | Bool              | false                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4         | SD1Value           | String            | 'Associated String-Value alarm 1,' | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5         | SD2Value           | Real              | 5.1                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6         | errPrgAlarm        | Bool              | false                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7         | statePrgAlarm      | Word              | 16#0                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 8         | alarmState         | Byte              | 16#0                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 9         | errGetAlarmState   | Bool              | false                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 10        | stateGetAlarmState | Word              | 16#0                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 11        | prgAlarm2          | *typePrgAlarmVar* |                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 12        | createAlarm        | Bool              | false                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 13        | SD1Value           | String            | 'Associated String-Value alarm 2'  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 14        | SD2Value           | Real              | 6.2                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 15        | errPrgAlarm        | Bool              | false                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 16        | statePrgAlarm      | Word              | 16#0                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 17        | alarmState         | Byte              | 16#0                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 18        | errGetAlarmState   | Bool              | false                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 19        | stateGetAlarmState | Word              | 16#0                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 20        | <Add new>          |                   |                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

9. In the project tree, right-click the DB "AlarmData".

The context menu opens.

10. Select "Properties".

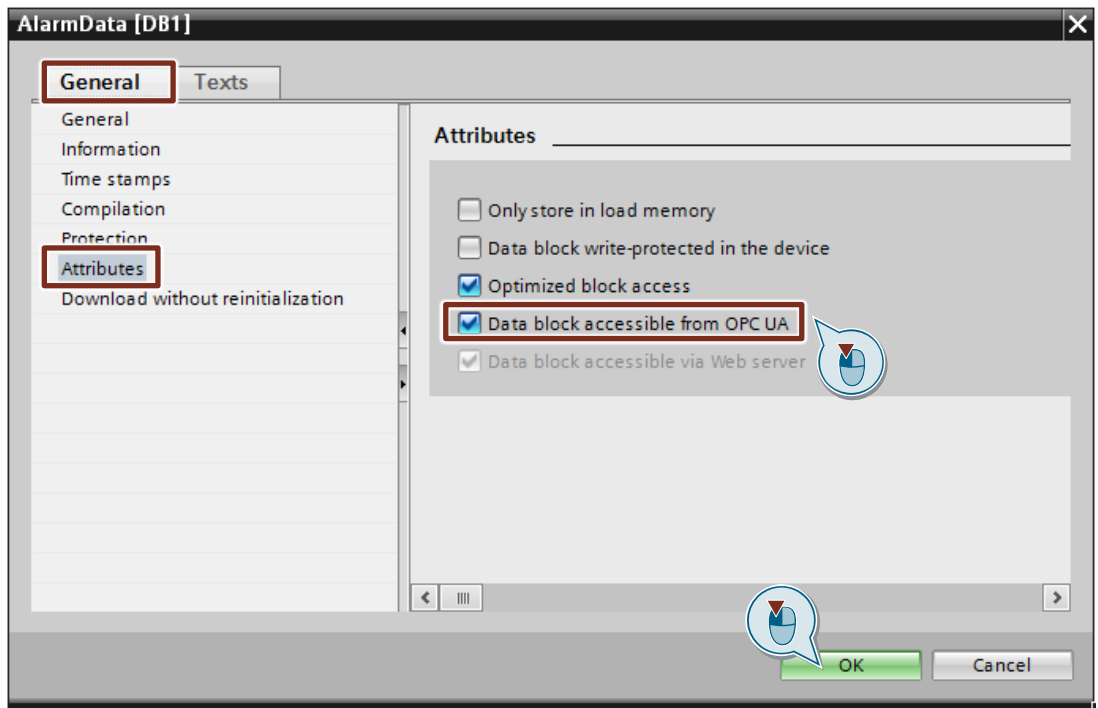
The Properties dialog box for the DB "AlarmData" will open.

The screenshot shows the SIMATIC Manager interface. The project tree on the left is expanded to 'PLC\_1 [CPU 1513-1 PN]' and 'Program blocks'. Under 'Program blocks', 'AlarmData [DB1]' is selected. A context menu is open over 'AlarmData [DB1]', listing various actions such as 'Open', 'Cut', 'Copy', 'Paste', 'Delete', 'Rename', 'Compile', 'Download to device', 'Go online', 'Go offline', 'Snapshot of the actual values', 'Quick compare', 'Search in project', 'Generate source from blocks', 'Cross-references', 'Cross-reference information', 'Call structure', 'Assignment list', 'Switch programming language', 'Know-how protection', 'Print...', 'Print preview...', and 'Properties...'. The 'Properties...' option at the bottom of the menu is highlighted with a red rectangular box. A callout bubble points to the 'Properties...' option.

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11. In the "General" tab under "Attributes", enable the function "Data block accessible from OPC UA".



### Call the instructions "Program\_Alarm" and "Get\_AlarmState"

Two program alarms are generated in FB "PrgAlarm":

- Program alarm with required acknowledgement and two associated values
- Program alarm for information purposes only, without associated values

Create two "InOut" parameters of the data type "typePrgAlarmVar" in the interface of the FB "PrgAlarm".

- alarm1
- alarm2

| PrgAlarm |              |                   |
|----------|--------------|-------------------|
|          | Name         | Data type         |
| 1        | Input        |                   |
| 2        | <Hinzufügen> |                   |
| 3        | Output       |                   |
| 4        | <Hinzufügen> |                   |
| 5        | InOut        |                   |
| 6        | alarm1       | "typePrgAlarmVar" |
| 7        | alarm2       | "typePrgAlarmVar" |

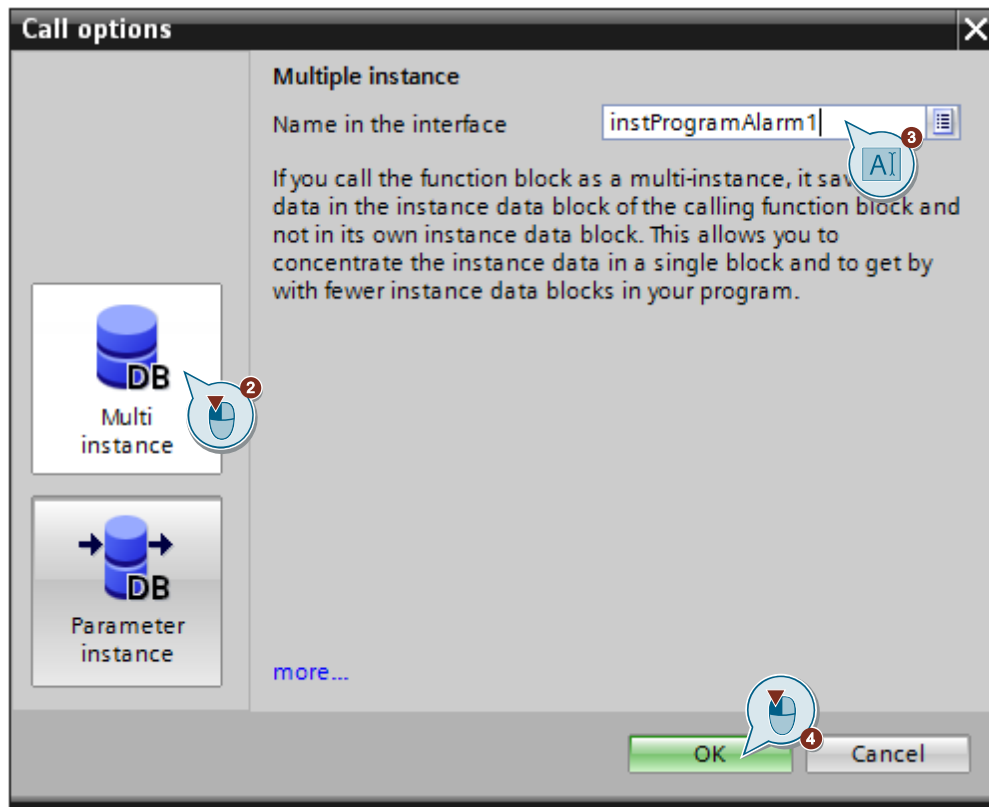
### Generate program alarm with required acknowledgement and two associated values

1. Call the "ProgramAlarm" instruction in the FB "PrgAlarm".  
The "Call options" dialog opens automatically to create the instance DB of the "Program\_Alarm" instruction.

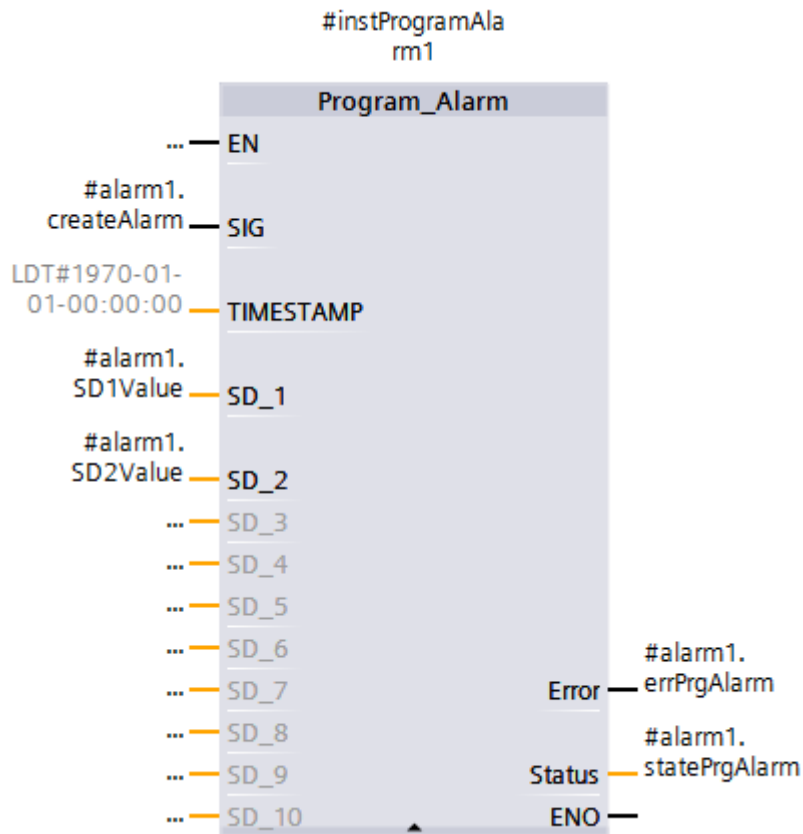
#### Note

You will find the "ProgramAlarm" instruction in the "Instructions" task card in the "Extended instructions" palette under "Alarming".

2. Click the "Multi instance" button.
3. Enter the name of the multi-instance, e. g. "instProgramAlarm1".
4. Click "OK" to confirm the settings.



5. Interconnect the parameters of the instance "#instProgramAlarm1" with the tags of the "InOut" parameter "alarm1".
- SIG: #alarm1.createAlarm (triggers an alarm on a positive edge)
  - SD\_1: #alarm1.SD1Value (alarm accompanying value 1)
  - SD\_2: #alarm1.SD2Value (alarm accompanying value 2)
  - Error: #alarm1.errPrgAlarm
  - Status: #alarm1.statePrgAlarm

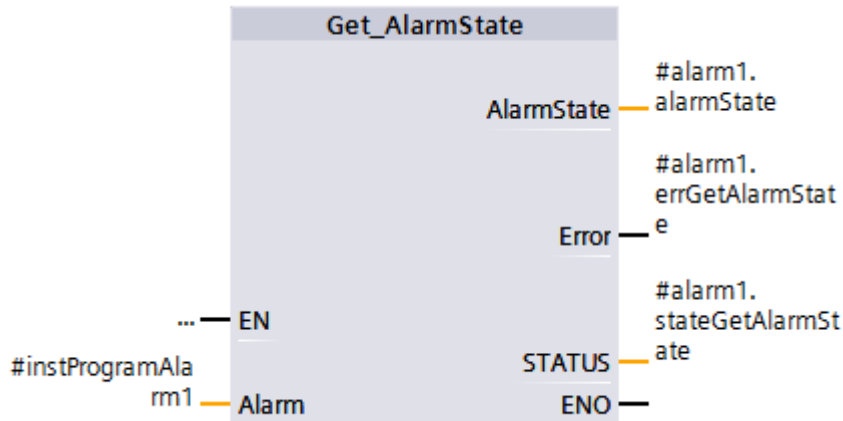


- To output the alarm state of the program alarm, call the "Get\_AlarmState" instruction.

**Note**

You will find the "Get\_AlarmState" instruction in the "Instructions" task card in the "Extended instructions" palette under "Alarming".

- At the "Alarm" input parameter, specify the instance DB "#instProgramAlarm1" of the triggering program alarm.
- Connect the output parameters of the "Get\_AlarmState" instruction with the tags of the "InOut" parameter "alarm1".
  - AlarmState: #alarm1.alarmState
  - Error: #alarm1.errGetAlarmState
  - State: #alarm1.stateGetAlarmState

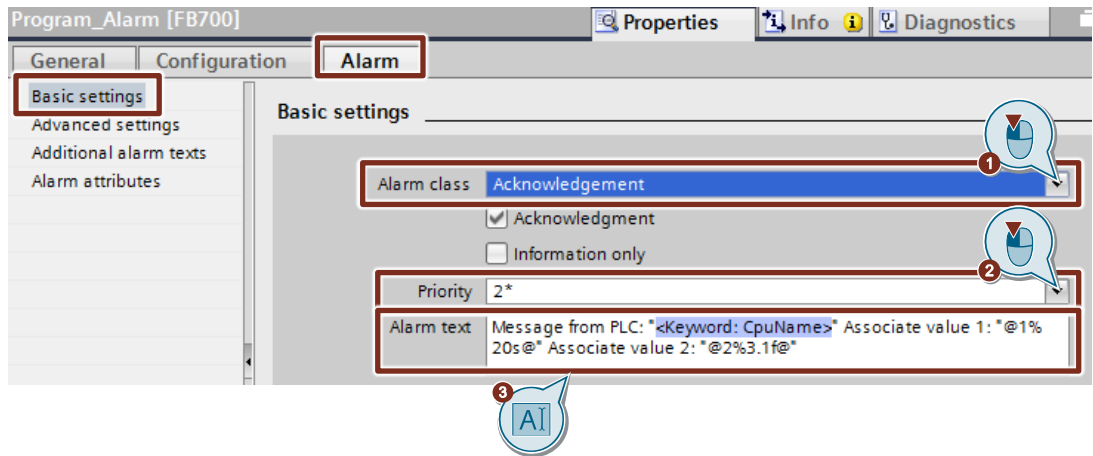


9. Select the instruction "Program\_Alarm".  
The properties of the program alarm are displayed in the Inspector window.
10. Configure the following settings in the "Alarm" tab under "Basic settings":
  - "Alarm class": "Acknowledgement", i. e. this program alarm requires an acknowledgement.

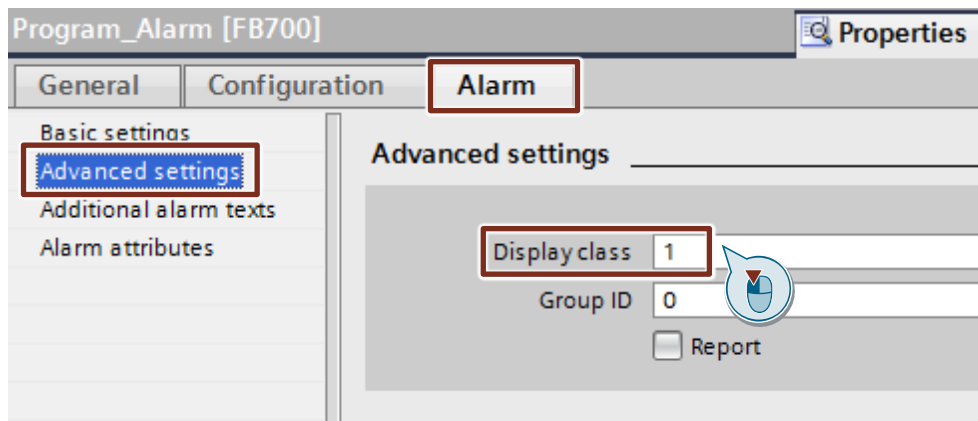
**Note**

The "Acknowledgement" function will be activated automatically.

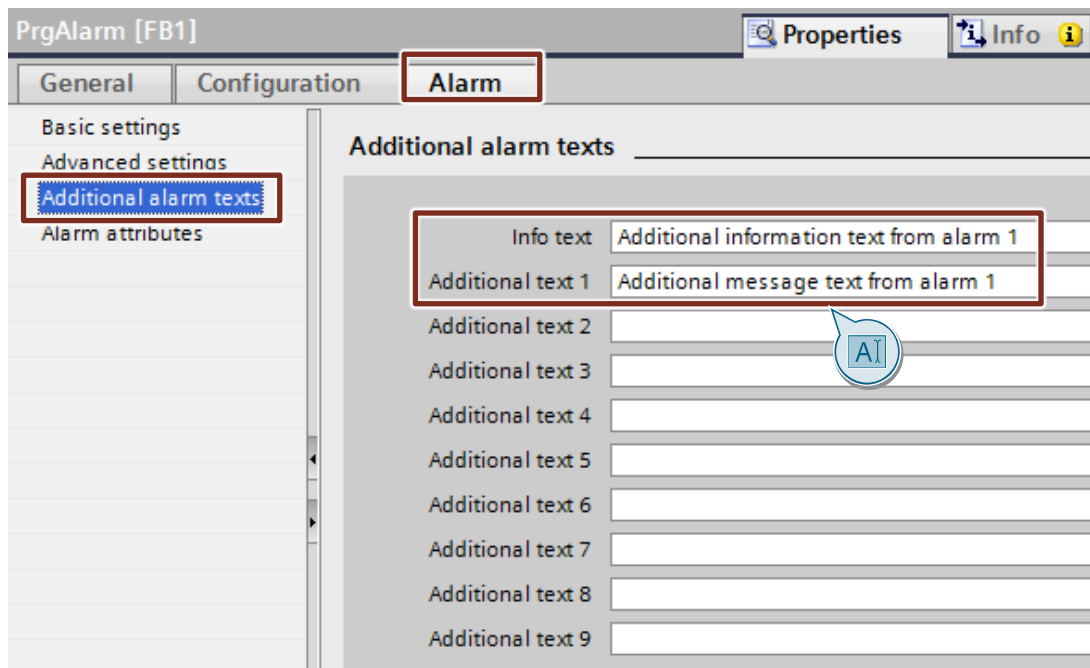
- "Priority": 2
- "Alarm text"



11. Set the "Display class", e. g. 1, in the "Alarm" tab under "Advanced settings".



12. Enter any informational text and additional texts for the program alarm in the "Alarm" tab under "Additional alarm texts".



**Note**

To insert a dynamic tag in the message text, right-click in the "Message text" field. Select "Insert keyword..." and specify the appropriate keyword. In this example, the name of the PLC that triggers the program alarm is displayed.

It is also possible to enter dynamic keywords in the additional message texts.

You can include the associated values in the alarm text in the following format:

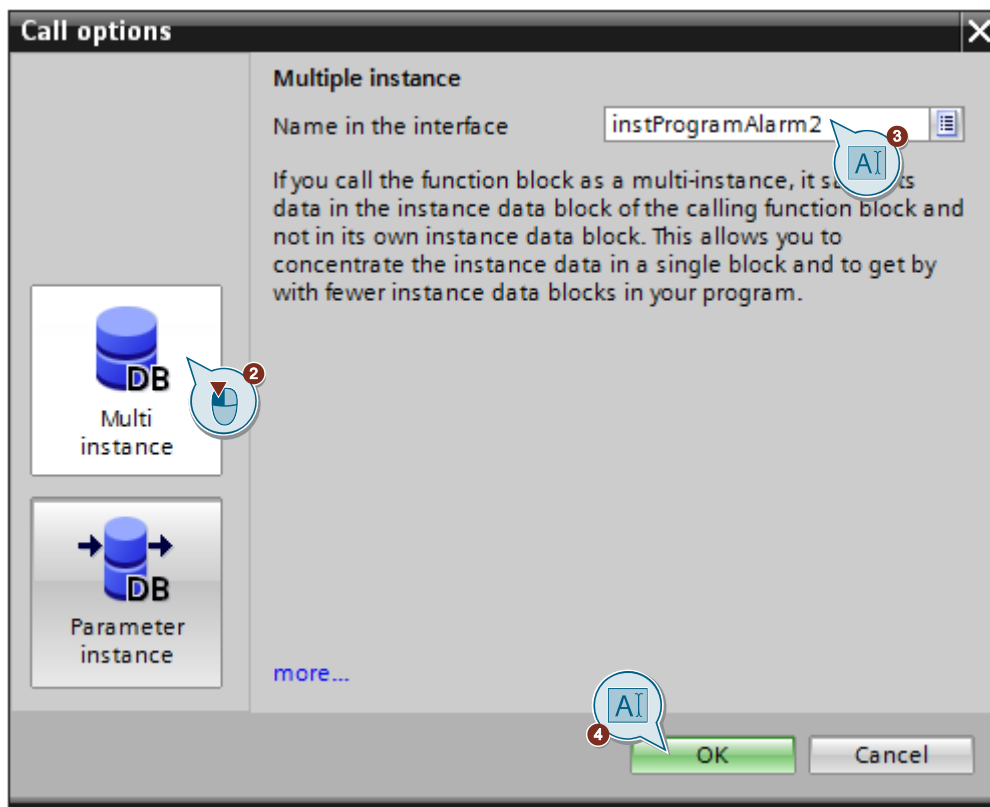
@<Associated value number>%<Format specification>@

Example:

- "@1%3.1f@" for the formatting of the associated value SD\_1 (real number with 3 digits and 1 decimal place) in the alarm text.
- "@2%20s@" for the formatting of the associated value SD\_2 (string tag) in the alarm text.

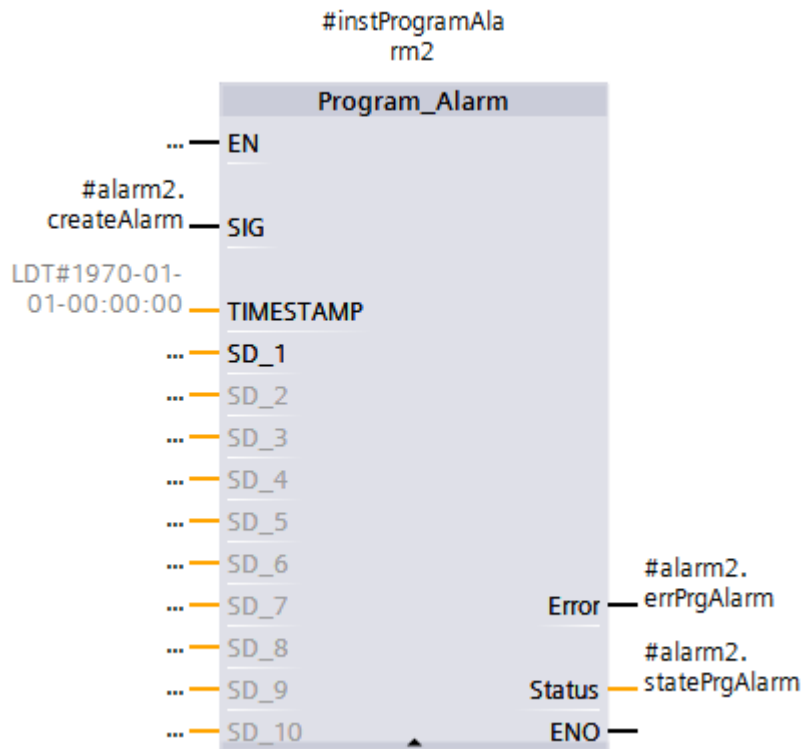
**Generate a program alarm for informational purposes only, without any accompanying values**

1. Call the "ProgramAlarm" instruction in the FB "PrgAlarm".  
The "Call options" dialog opens automatically to create the instance DB of the "Program\_Alarm" instruction.



2. Click the "Multi instance" button.
3. Enter the name of the multi-instance, e. g. "instProgramAlarm2".
4. Click "OK" to confirm the settings.

5. Interconnect the parameters of the instance "#instProgramAlarm2" with the tags of the "InOut" parameter "alarm2".
  - SIG: #alarm2.createAlarm (triggers an alarm on a positive edge)
  - Error: #alarm2.errPrgAlarm
  - Status: #alarm2.statePrgAlarm



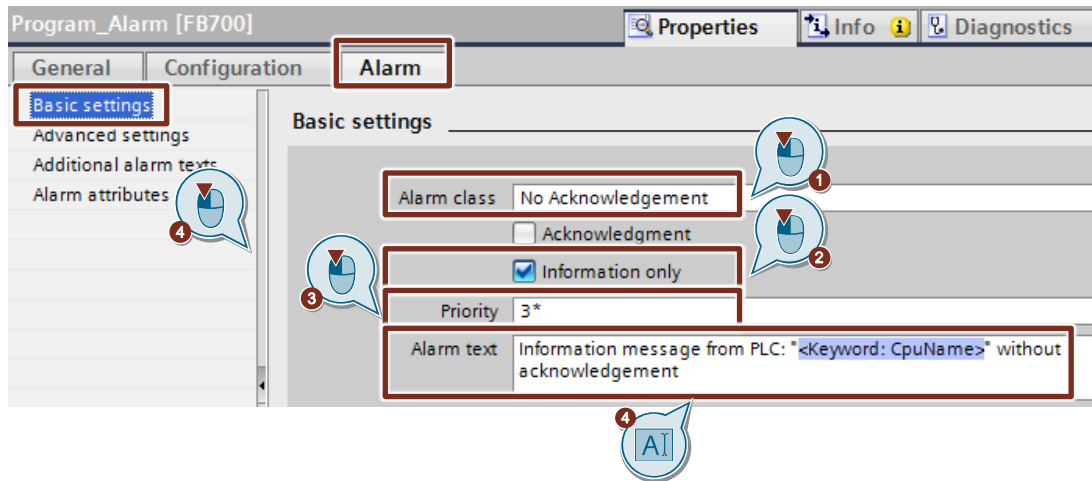
6. Select the instruction "Program\_Alarm".  
The properties of the program alarm are displayed in the Inspector window.
7. Configure the following settings in the "Alarm" tab under "Basic settings":
  - "Alarm class": "No Acknowledgement", i. e. this program alarm does not require an acknowledgement

**Note**

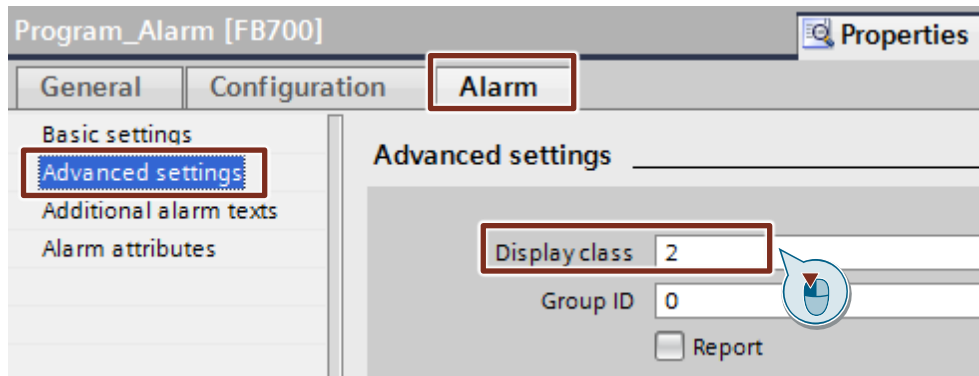
The "Acknowledgment" function is automatically disabled.

- Enable the function "Information only".
- "Priority": 3
- "Alarm text":

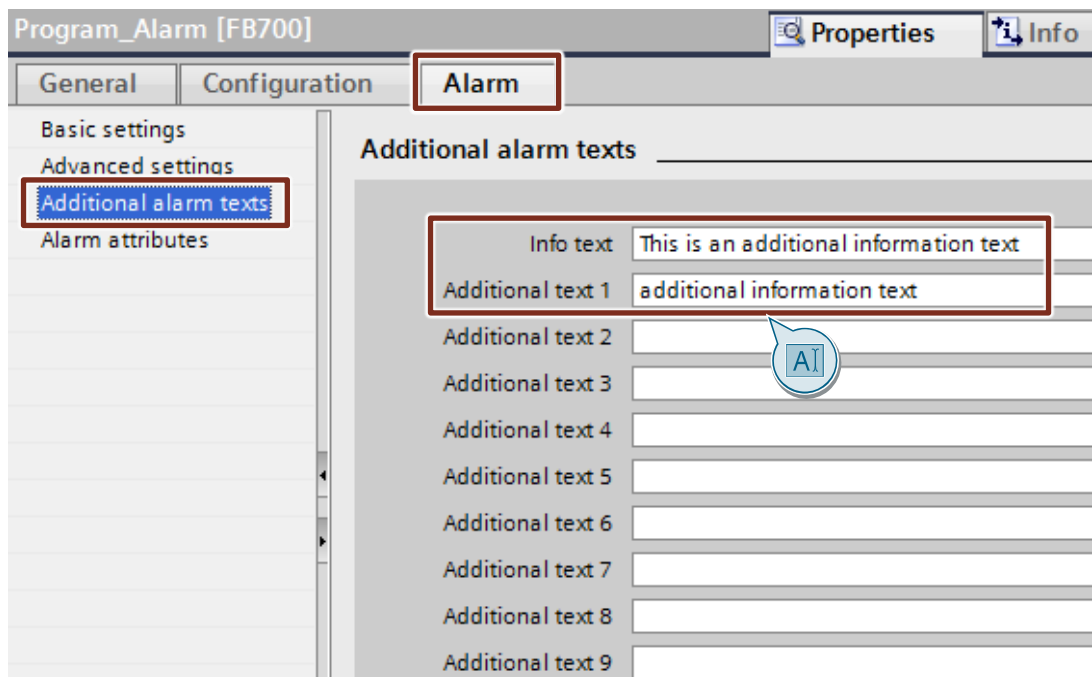




8. In the "Alarm" tab under "Advanced settings", set the display class, e. g. 2.



9. Enter any informational text and additional texts for the program alarm in the "Alarm" tab under "Additional alarm texts".



**Note**

For program alarms that are only used for information purposes, it is not necessary to output the message state with the "Get\_AlarmState" instruction.

If a program alarm is generated without accompanying values, it is not necessary to assign the input parameters "SD\_1" to "SD\_2".

To insert a dynamic tag in the message text, right-click in the "Message text" field. Select "Insert keyword..." and specify the appropriate keyword. In this example, the name of the PLC that triggers the program alarm is displayed.

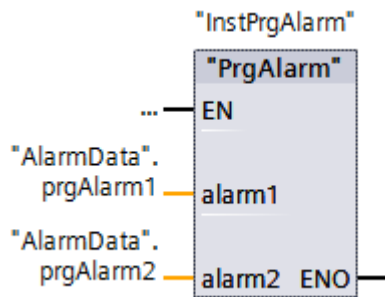
It is also possible to enter dynamic keywords in the additional message texts.

**Parameterization of FB "PrgAlarm"**

Call the FB "PrgAlarm" in the user program of the S7-1500 CPU, for example in OB 1.

The following figure shows the call of the FB "PrgAlarm" in OB 1.

Figure 2-11



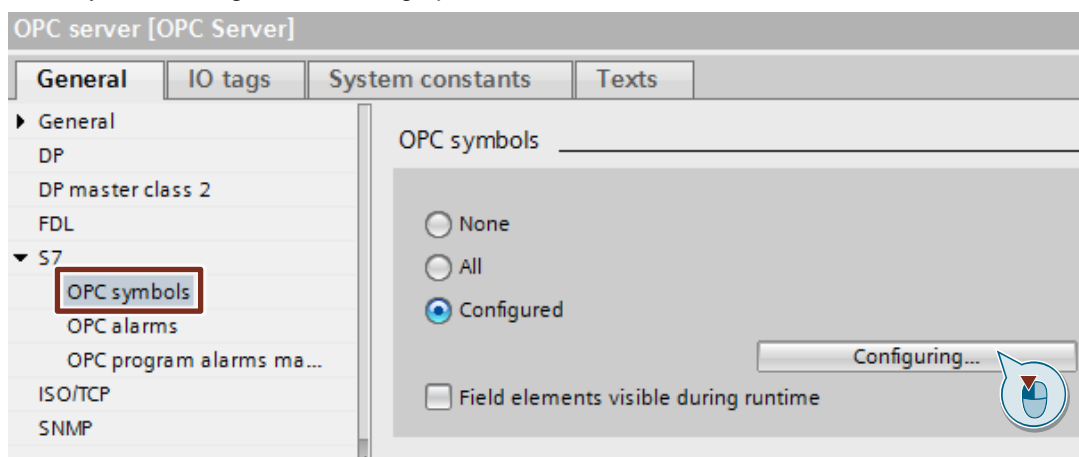
The following table shows the parameters of the FB "PrgAlarm".

Table 2-2

| Parameter | Declaration | Data type       | Description  |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|--|
| alarm1    | InOut       | typePrgAlarmVar | Detailed information about the data type "typePrgAlarmVar" can be found in <a href="#">Table 2-1</a> . |
| alarm2    | InOut       | typePrgAlarmVar | Detailed information about the data type "typePrgAlarmVar" can be found in <a href="#">Table 2-1</a> . |

### 2.5.5 Declaring S7 symbols to the OPC server

1. Open the "Device view" of the PC station.
2. Select the OPC server.  
The properties of the OPC server are displayed in the Inspector window.
3. In the "General" tab, navigate to "S7 > OPC symbols".
4. To access configured symbolic S7 tags in the OPC server, enable the option "Configured" and click the "Configuring" button.  
The "Symbol Configuration" dialog opens.



5. Select the S7 tags to make the following settings:
  - Visibility:  
You can enable or disable visibility for the selected S7 tags.  
If the selected S7 tags need to be visible in the OPC server, it is necessary to enable the "Visible" option. This is necessary so that the OPC client can access the S7 tags.

**Note** The "Visible" option is enabled by default.

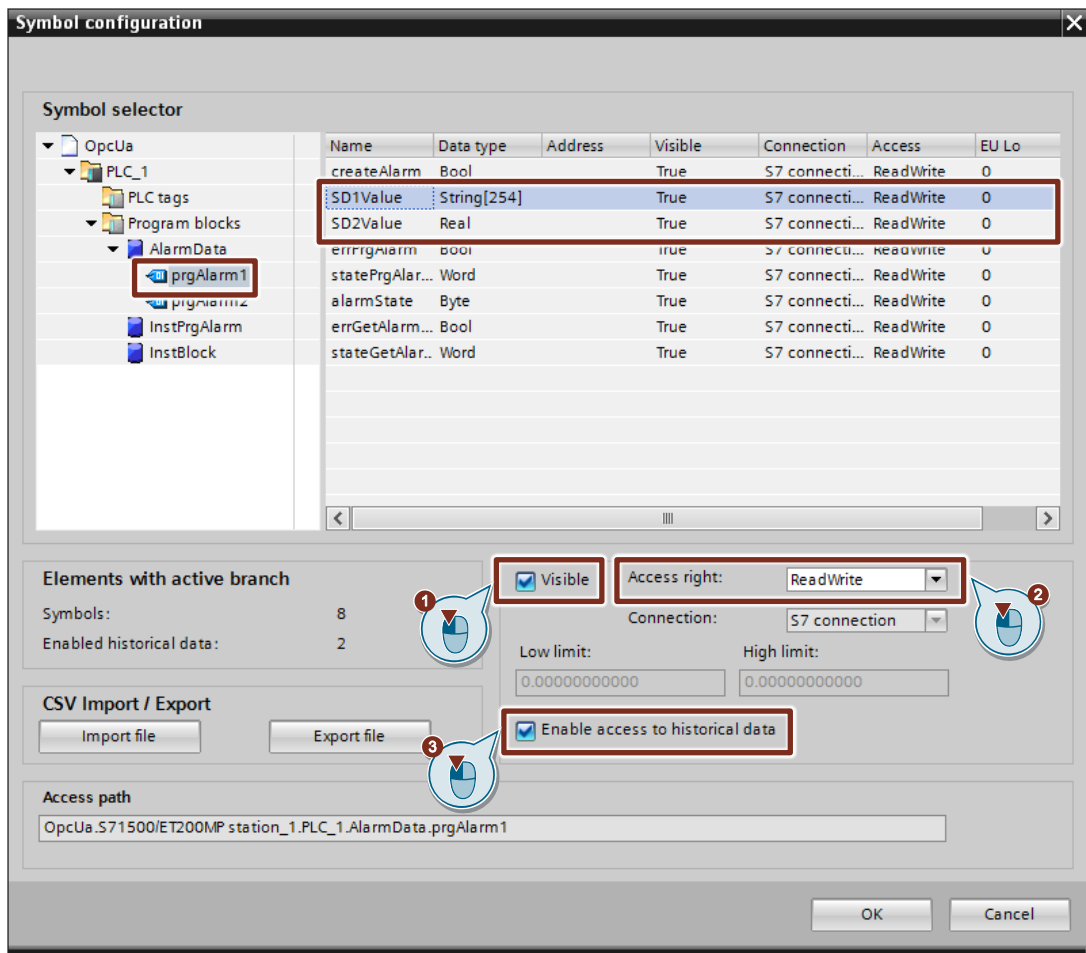
- Access permissions:  
Set the access permission that the OPC server has to the selected S7 tags.

**Note** The "ReadWrite" access permission is pre-set by default, i. e. the OPC server has read and write access to the S7 tags.

- Access to historical data:  
You can enable or disable access to historical data for the selected S7 tags.  
In this example, the "Enable access to historical data" function is enabled for the associated values of the program alarm with required acknowledgement.

**Note**

The function "Enable access to historical data" is disabled by default.



6. Click "OK" to apply the settings.

## 2.6 Configuring the "Station Configuration Editor"

This chapter demonstrates how to configure the "Station Configuration Editor".

You have the following options for configuring the "Station Configuration Editor":

- Manual configuration (see chapter [2.6.1](#))
- Configure in TIA Portal (see chapter [2.6.2](#))
- XDB export: Export XDB from TIA Portal (see chapter [2.6.3](#))

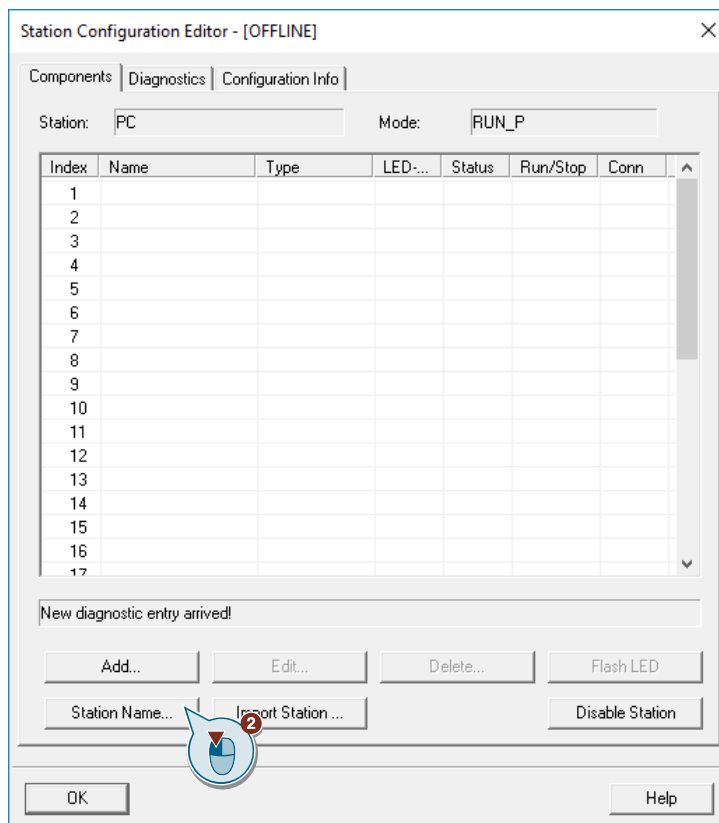
### 2.6.1 Manual configuration

#### Note

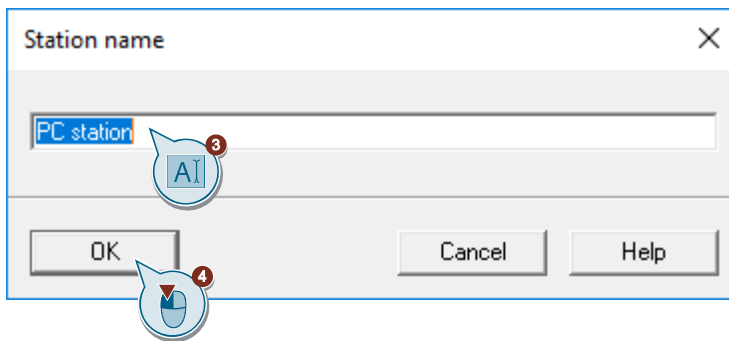
Insert the components in the same order as in the component image that you created in TIA Portal in the PC station "Device view". If the configuration differs, the configuration data that you download from TIA Portal to the PC station will not be adopted correctly.

When configuring for the first time it is necessary to enter the station name.

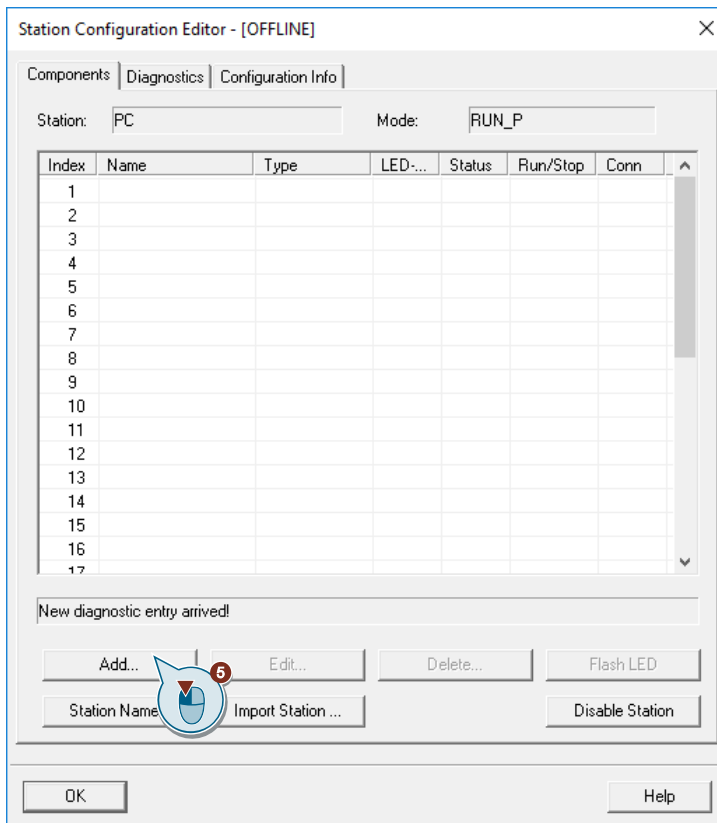
1. Double-click the corresponding icon on your desktop to start the "Station Configuration Editor".
2. Click the "Station Name" button.  
The "Station name" dialog will open.



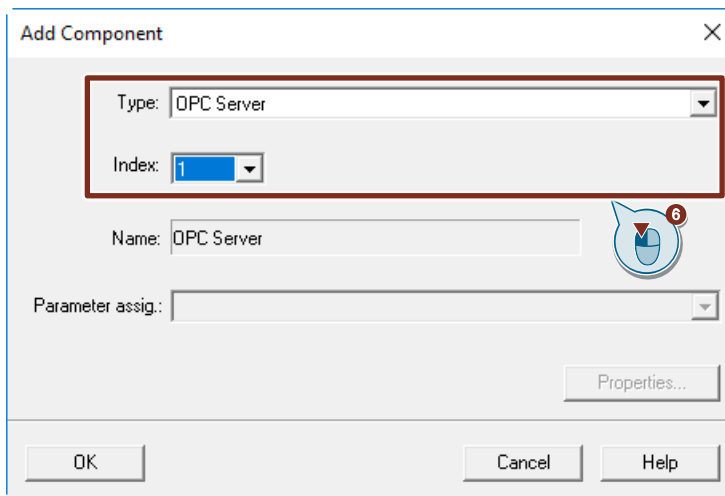
3. Enter the station name, e. g. "PC station".  
It is imperative that the name in the "Station Configuration Editor" matches the name that you assigned when configuring the PC station with TIA Portal.
4. Click "OK" to confirm the settings.



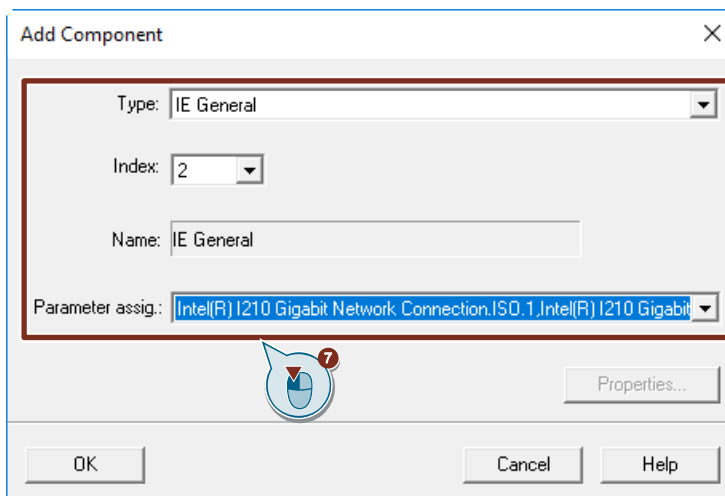
5. Click the "Add" button.  
The "Add Component" dialog box opens.



6. Configure the following settings to add the "OPC server" user application.
  - "Type": "OPC Server"
  - "Index": 1



7. Make the following settings to add the "IE General" component.
  - "Type": "IE General"
  - "Index": 2
  - "Parameter assign.":  
Select the network adapter via which the PC station is connected to communicates with the S7 CPU.

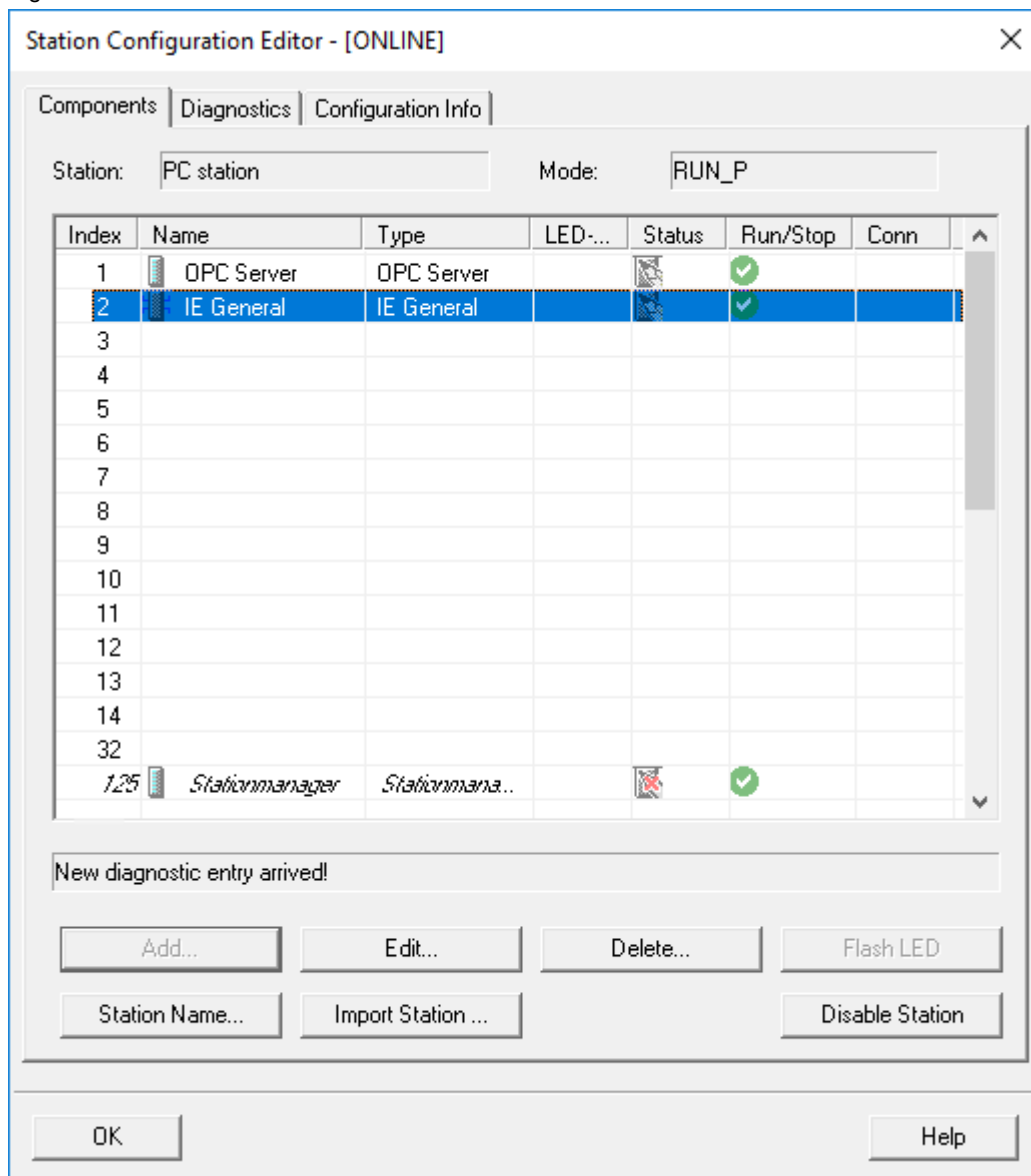


**Result**

The added components and the station name will be displayed in the "Station Configuration Editor":

- Station: "PC station"
- Index 1: "OPC server"
- Index 2: "IE General"
- Index 125: "Stationmanager"  
"Stationmanager" will be automatically added at this index by the system.

Figure 2-12





The following status icons for the components show that the configuration data are not yet loaded:

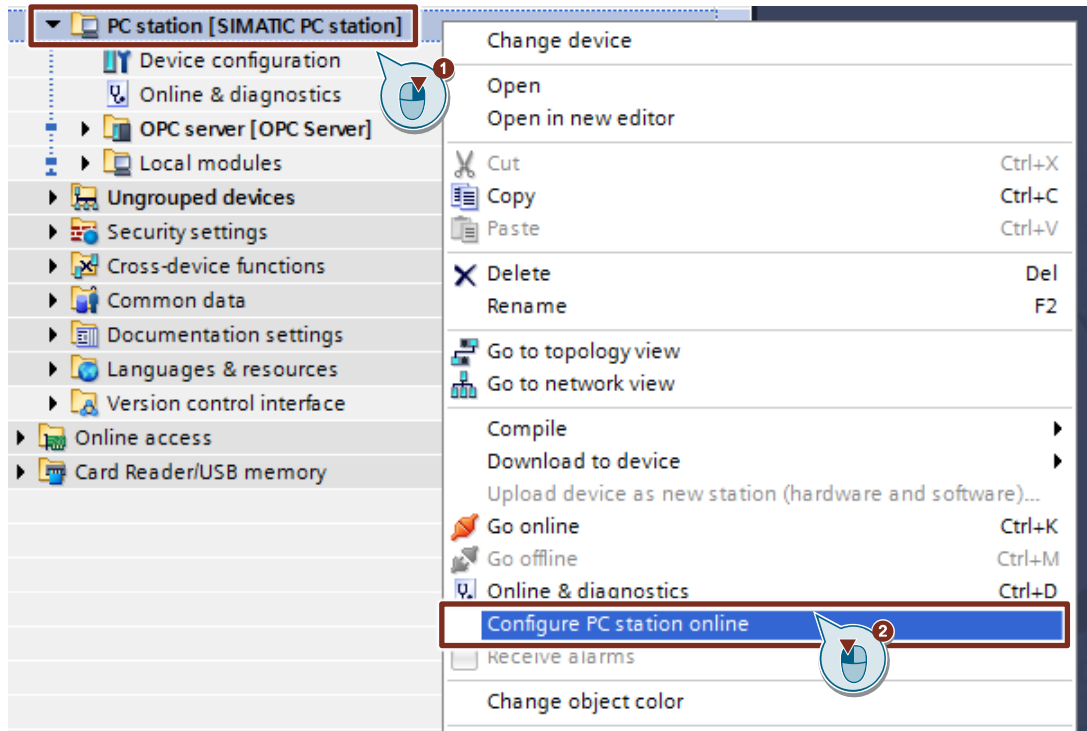
Table 2-3

| Status icon | Meaning  |
|-------------|--|
|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The component is present in the current configuration of the PC station.</li> <li>The component has a configuration that is derived from a default parameter set. The default parameter set allows a component to be accessible via network without further configuration immediately after its installation. Make sure that the default parameter set you use has parameters that match the other network parameter settings.</li> </ul> |
|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The component exists in the current configuration of the PC station, but it was not created in the project engineering. Depending on the intended application, you still might have to configure the component in TIA Portal and load the configuration.</li> </ul>   |

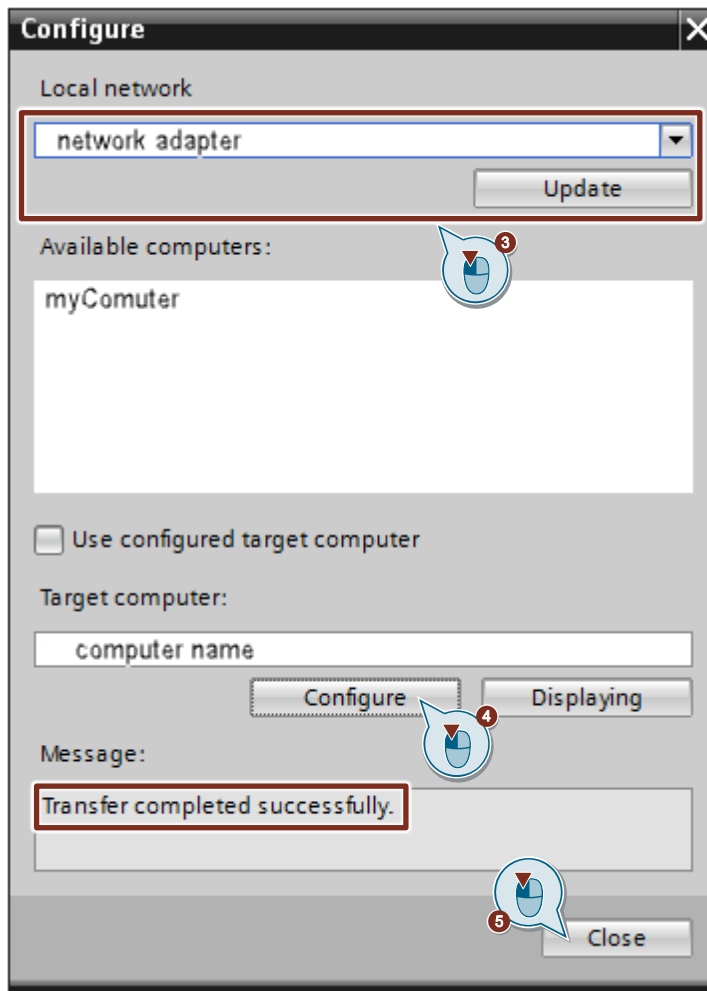
After you have manually configured the "Station Configuration Editor", load the configuration into the PC station (see chapter [2.7.1](#))

### 2.6.2 Configure in TIA Portal

1. Right-click on the device folder of the PC station. The context menu opens.
2. Select "Configure PC station online". The "Configure" dialog will open.



3. Select the network adapter via which the PC station communicates with the S7 CPU, then click "Update".
4. Click "Configure" to transfer the configuration of the PC station to the Station Configuration Editor.  
The message "Transfer completed successfully" will appear once the transfer has completed successfully.
5. Click "Close" to finish the dialog.

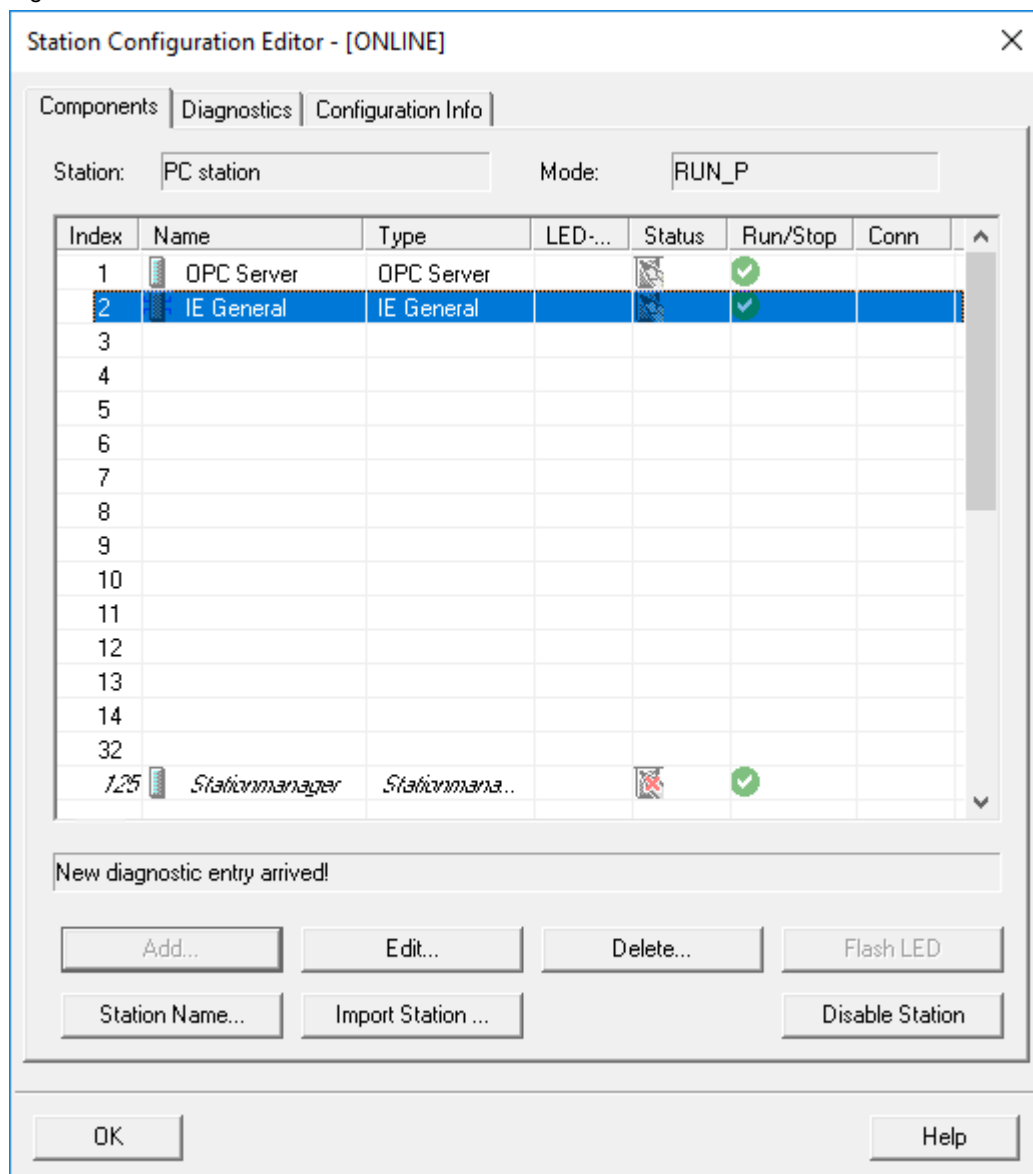


## Result



In the "Station Configuration Editor", the components and the station name are created according to the configuration in TIA Portal:

- Station: "PC station"
- Index 1: "OPC server"
- Index 2: "IE General"
- Index 125: "Stationmanager"  
"Stationmanager" will be automatically added at this index by the system.

Figure 2-13



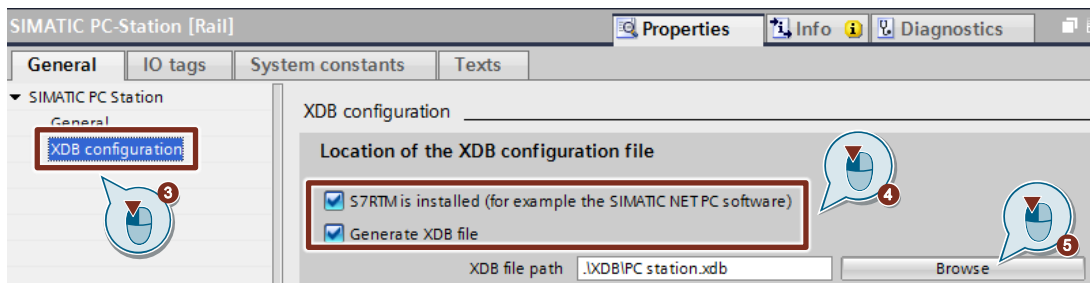
The following status symbols for components show that the configuration is not yet loaded:  
Table 2-4

| Status icon   | Meaning  |
|---|--|
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The component is present in the current configuration of the PC station.</li> <li>The component has a configuration that is derived from a default parameter set. The default parameter set allows a component to be accessible via network without further configuration immediately after its installation. Make sure that the default parameter set you use has parameters that match the other network parameter settings.</li> </ul> |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The component exists in the current configuration of the PC station, but it was not created in the project engineering. Depending on the intended application, you still might have to configure the component in TIA Portal and load the configuration.</li> </ul>   |

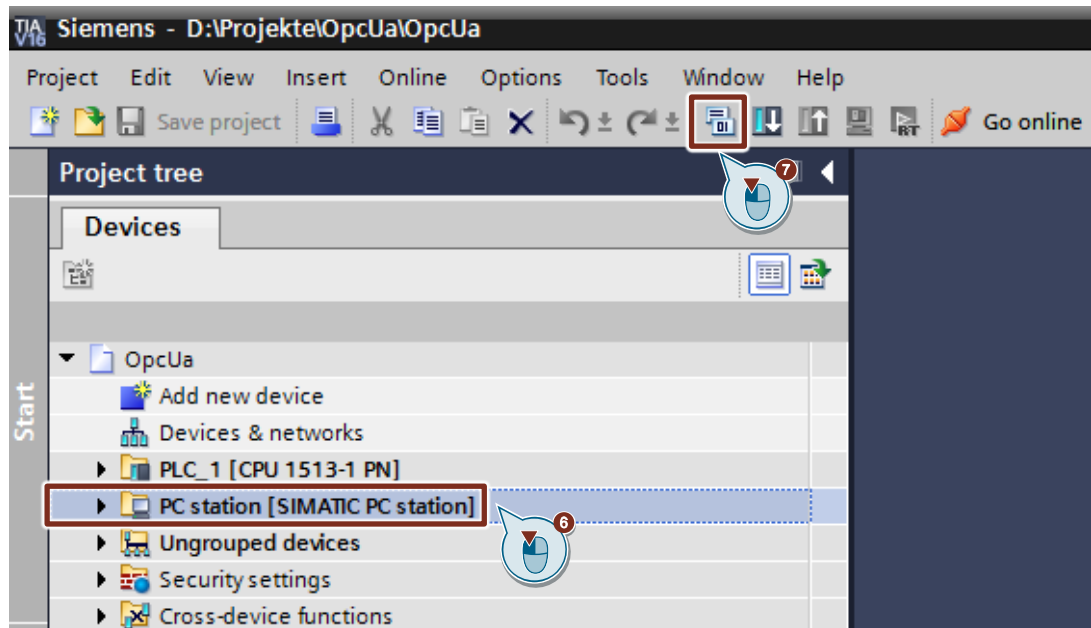
After you have configured the "Station Configuration Editor" in TIA Portal, load the configuration into the PC station (see chapter [2.7.1](#)).

### 2.6.3 XDB export: Exporting XDB from TIA Portal

1. Open the "Device view" of the PC station.
2. Select the PC station.  
The Inspector window displays the properties of the PC station.
3. In the "General" tab, navigate to "XDB configuration".
4. Enable the following functions:
  - "S7RTM is installed (for example SIMATIC NET PC software)"
  - "Generate XDB file"
5. Click on the "Browse" button to set the path where the XDB file will be stored.



6. Select the PC station in the project tree.
7. Click on the "Compile" button in the function bar.



## Result

The XDB configuration file will be generated and saved in the directory that you set when configuring the PC station.

Once the XDB configuration file has been exported, it is necessary to import it into the "Station Configuration Editor" (see chapter [2.7.2.2](#)).

## 2.7 Loading the configuration

This chapter demonstrates how to load the configuration into the PC station and the S7 CPU.

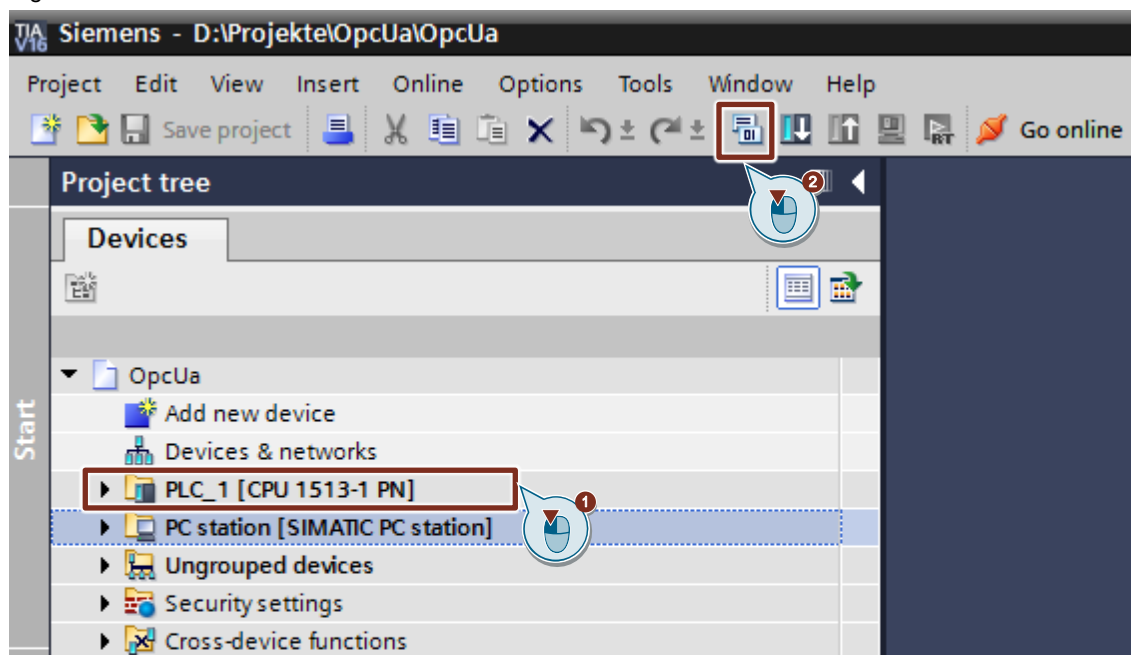
### 2.7.1 Load configuration into S7 CPU

#### Requirements

- Engineering PC and S7 CPU are in the same subnet.
- You set the same IP address and subnet mask for the S7 CPU as you did in the hardware configuration (see chapter [2.2.2](#)).

#### Compile

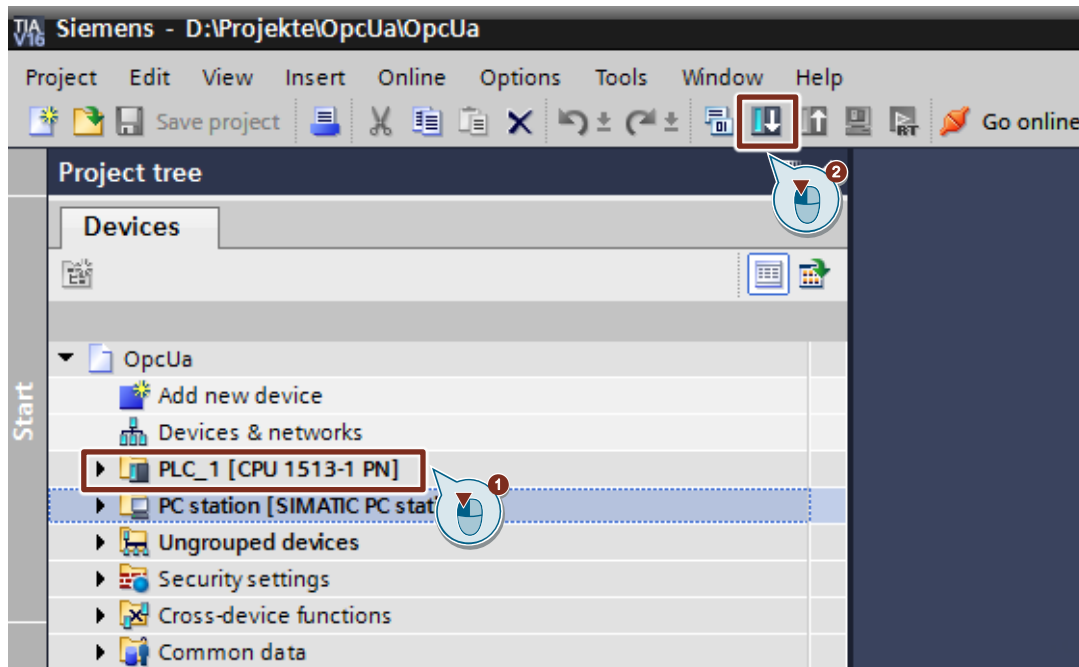
Figure 2-14



1. Select the S7 CPU in the project tree.
2. Click on the "Compile" button in the function bar.

## Downloading

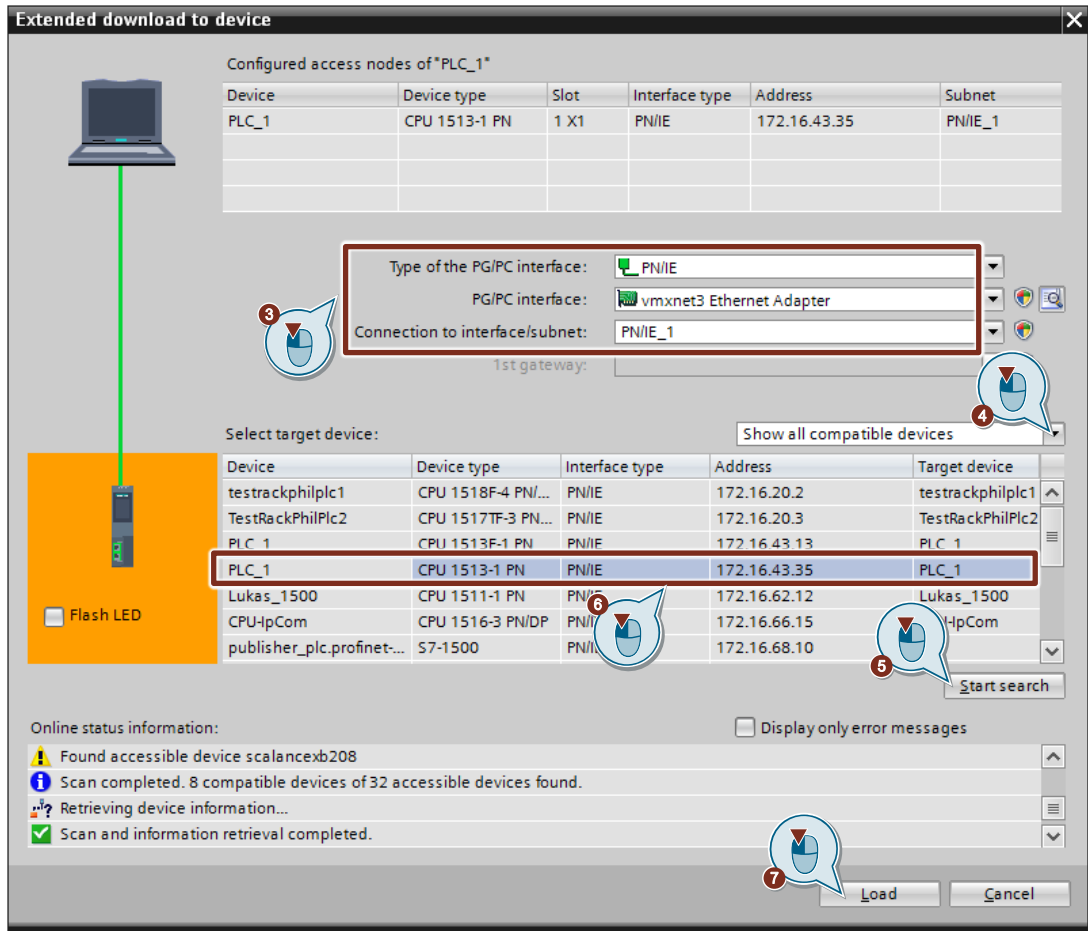
1. Select the S7 CPU in the project tree.
2. Click on the "Download to device" button in the function bar.  
The "Extended download to device" or "Load preview" dialog opens automatically.



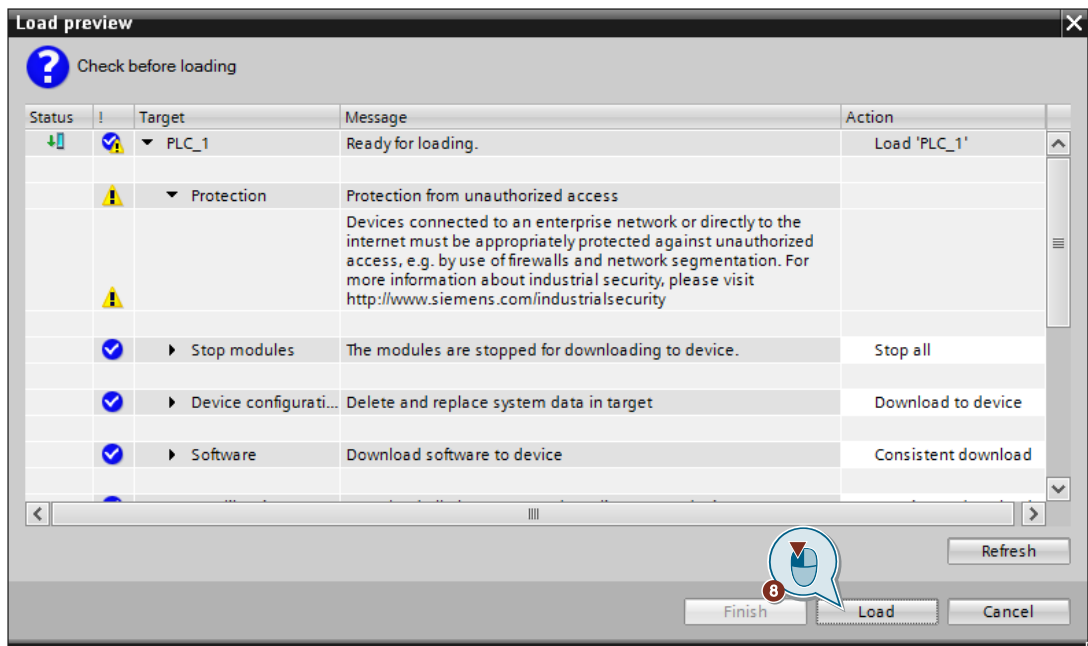
### Note

The "Extended download to device" dialog is only opened automatically if the access path from the PG/PC to the S7 CPU must be reset.

3. In the "Extended download to device" dialog, make the following settings to access the S7 CPU via TCP/IP:
  - "Type of the PG/PC interface": PN/IE
  - "PG/PC interface": PG/PC network adapter
  - "Connection to interface/subnet": Subnet of the S7 CPU, e. g. PN/IE\_1
4. Select the "Show all compatible devices" option.
5. Click the "Start search" button.
6. Select the S7 CPU as the target device.
7. Click "Load".  
The "Load preview" dialog window opens.

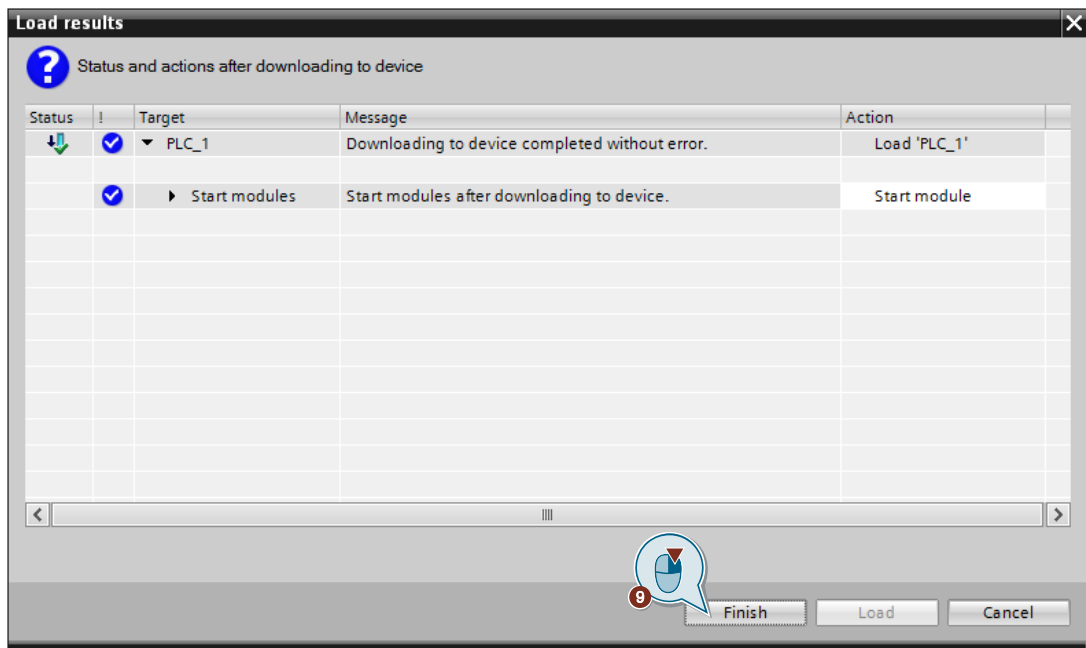


- Click the "Load" button to start the load process. The "Load results" dialog opens.





9. Click the "Finish" button.



## Result

The download sequence is complete.

## 2.7.2 Load configuration into PC station

For production operation, in addition to the component configuration, you need to configure the communication links and, if necessary, the symbols of tags.

You have the following options for loading the configuration into the PC station:

- Loading via TIA Portal in online mode (see chapter [2.7.2.1](#))
- XDB import: Import XDB in the "Station Configuration Editor" (see [2.7.2.2](#))

### 2.7.2.1 Loading via TIA Portal in online mode

Online operation enables direct loading of the configuration into the network-connected PC station, or into the local PC station if that PC station is also used as an engineering PC.

#### Note

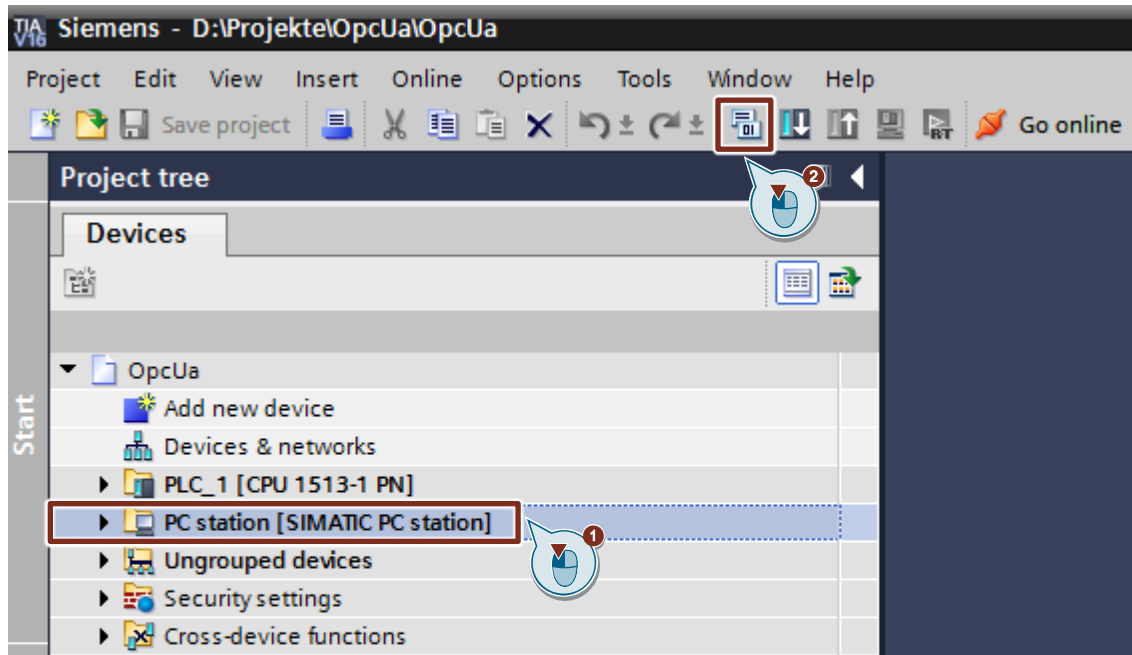
Loading via the TIA Portal in online mode only leads to successful installation of the communication services on your PC station if the component arrangement in the configuration is identical to the arrangement in the configuration data on the PC station.

## Requirements

- Engineering PC and PC station are in the same subnet
- You set the same IP address and subnet mask for the PC station network adapter as you did in the hardware configuration (see chapter [2.2.1](#)).

## Compile

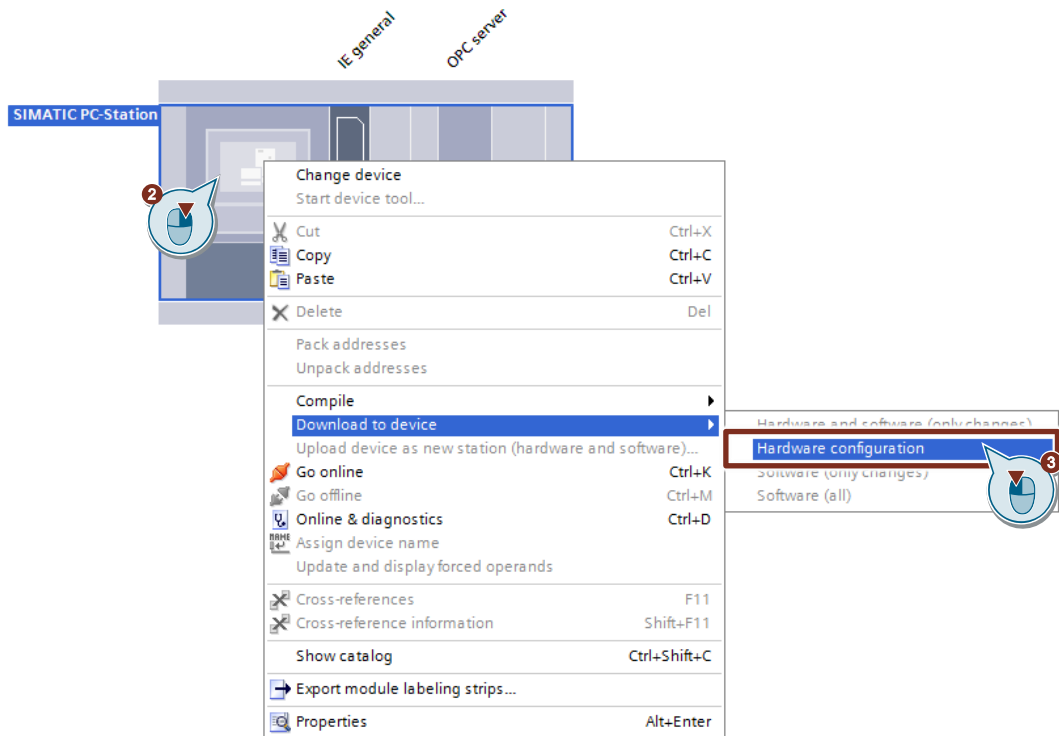
Figure 2-15



1. Select the PC station in the project tree.
2. Click on the "Compile" button in the function bar.

## Downloading

1. Open the "Device view" of the PC station.

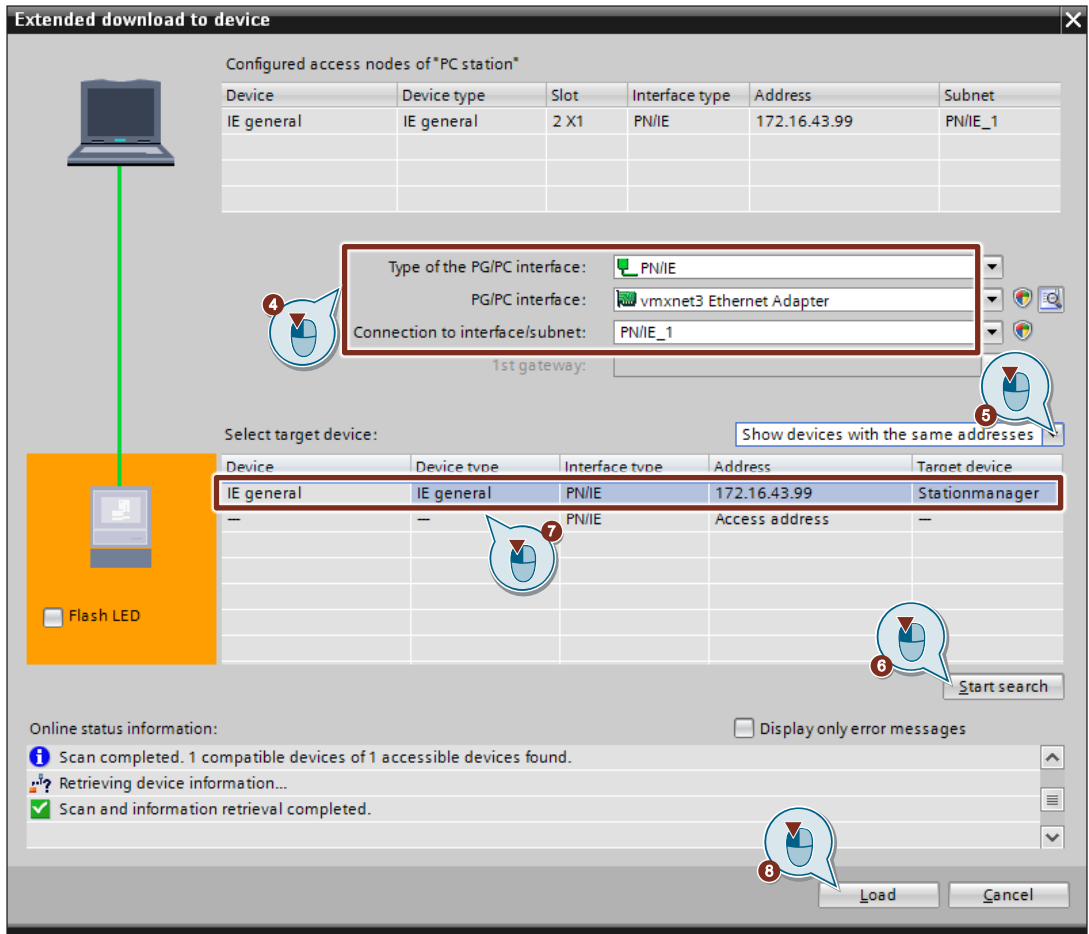


2. Right-click the PC station.  
The context menu opens.
3. Select the "Download to device > Hardware configuration" command.  
The "Extended download to device" or "Load preview" dialog will open.

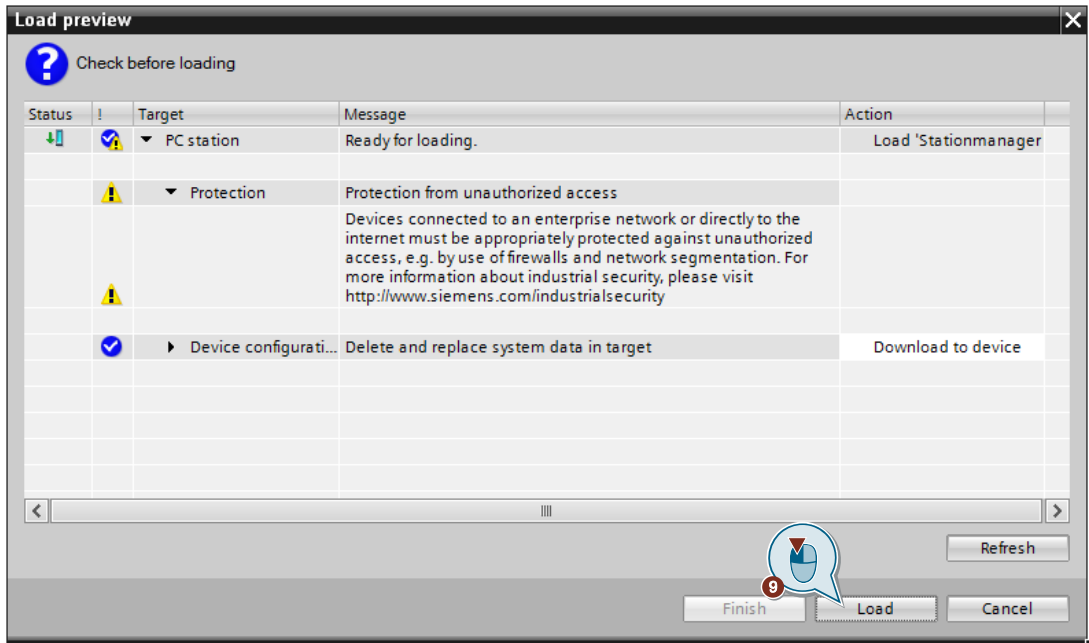
### Note

The "Extended download to device" dialog only opens if the access path to the PC station must be reset.

4. In the "Extended download to device" dialog, make the following settings:
  - "Type of the PG/PC interface": PN/IE
  - "PG/PC interface": Network adapter of the PC station
  - "Connection to interface/subnet": Subnet of the PC station, e. g. PN/IE\_1
5. Select the option "Show devices with the same addresses".
6. Click the "Start search" button.
7. Select the Station Manager as target device.
8. Click "Load".  
The "Load preview" dialog window opens.



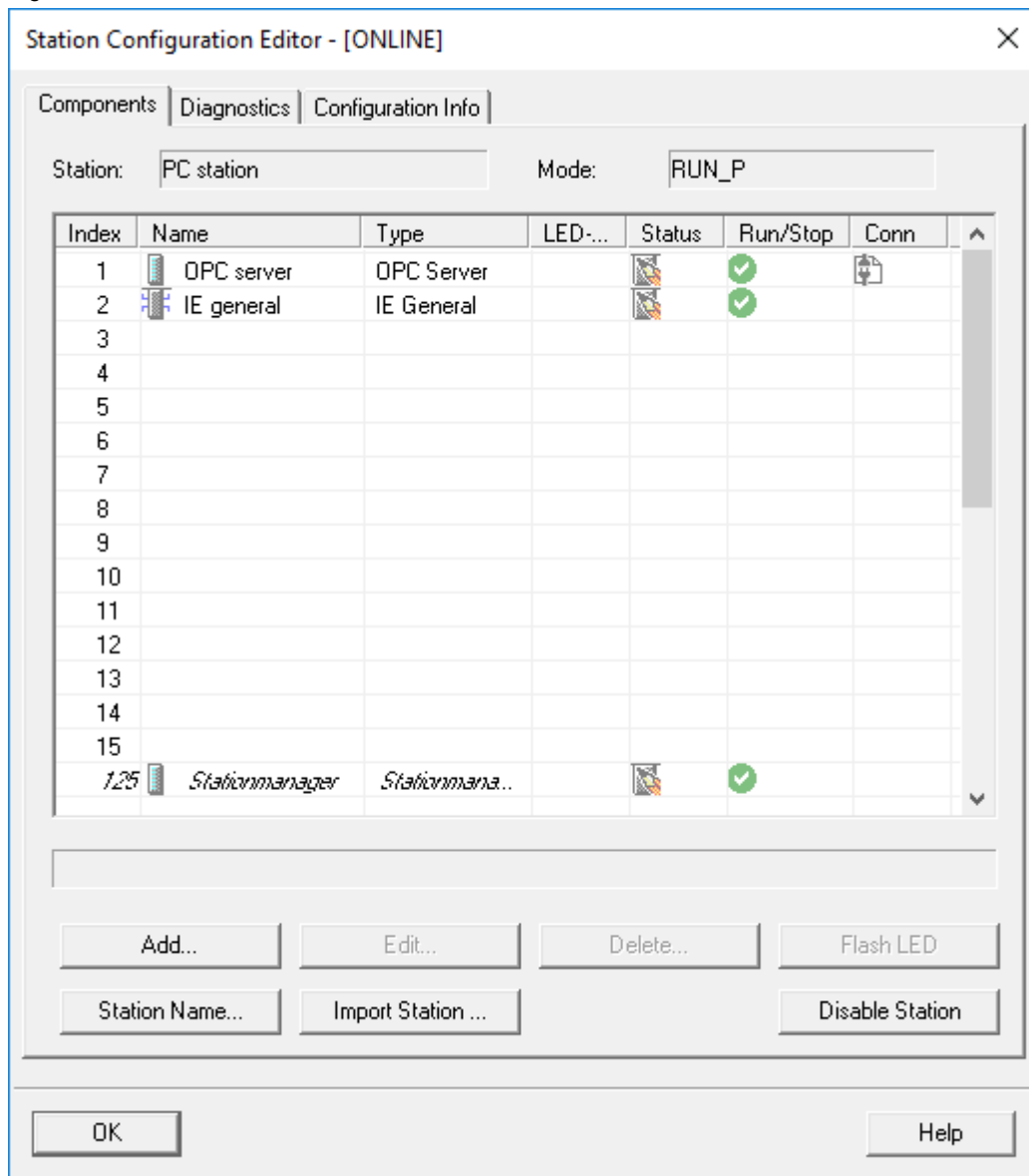
9. Click the "Load" button to start the load process.




**Result**


The configuration of the PC station was loaded successfully.


Figure 2-16



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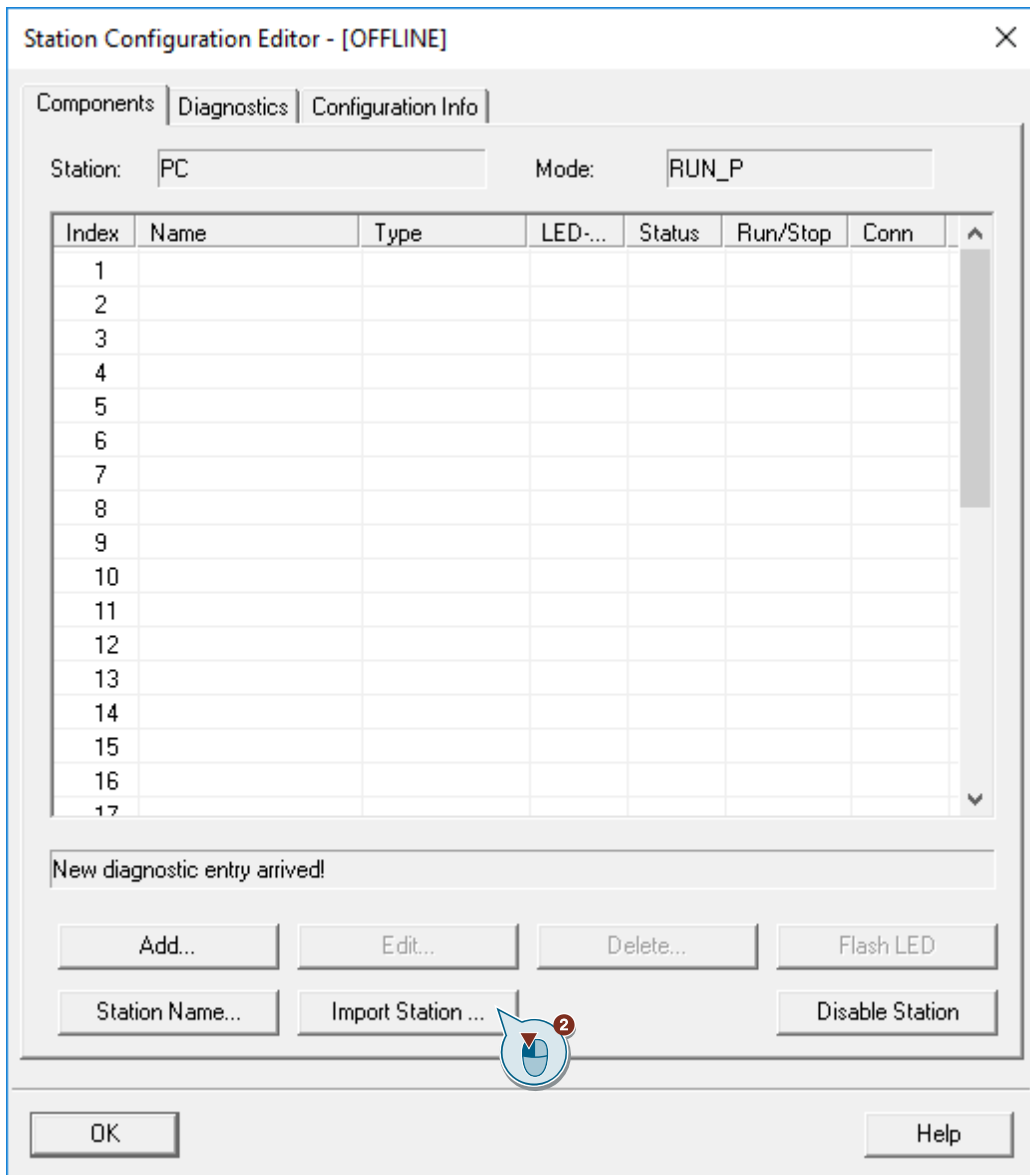
- The components are in "RUN" mode. This is shown with the  icon in the "Run/Stop" column.
- The following status icon for the component shows that the configuration data have been loaded successfully.

| Status icon   | Meaning  |
|---|--|
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The component is present and configured in the current configuration of the PC station.</li> <li>• The component is ready for operation!</li> </ul> |

- The configured S7 connection is loaded. This is shown with the  icon in the "Conn" column.

### 2.7.2.2 XDB import: Import XDB in the "Station Configuration Editor"

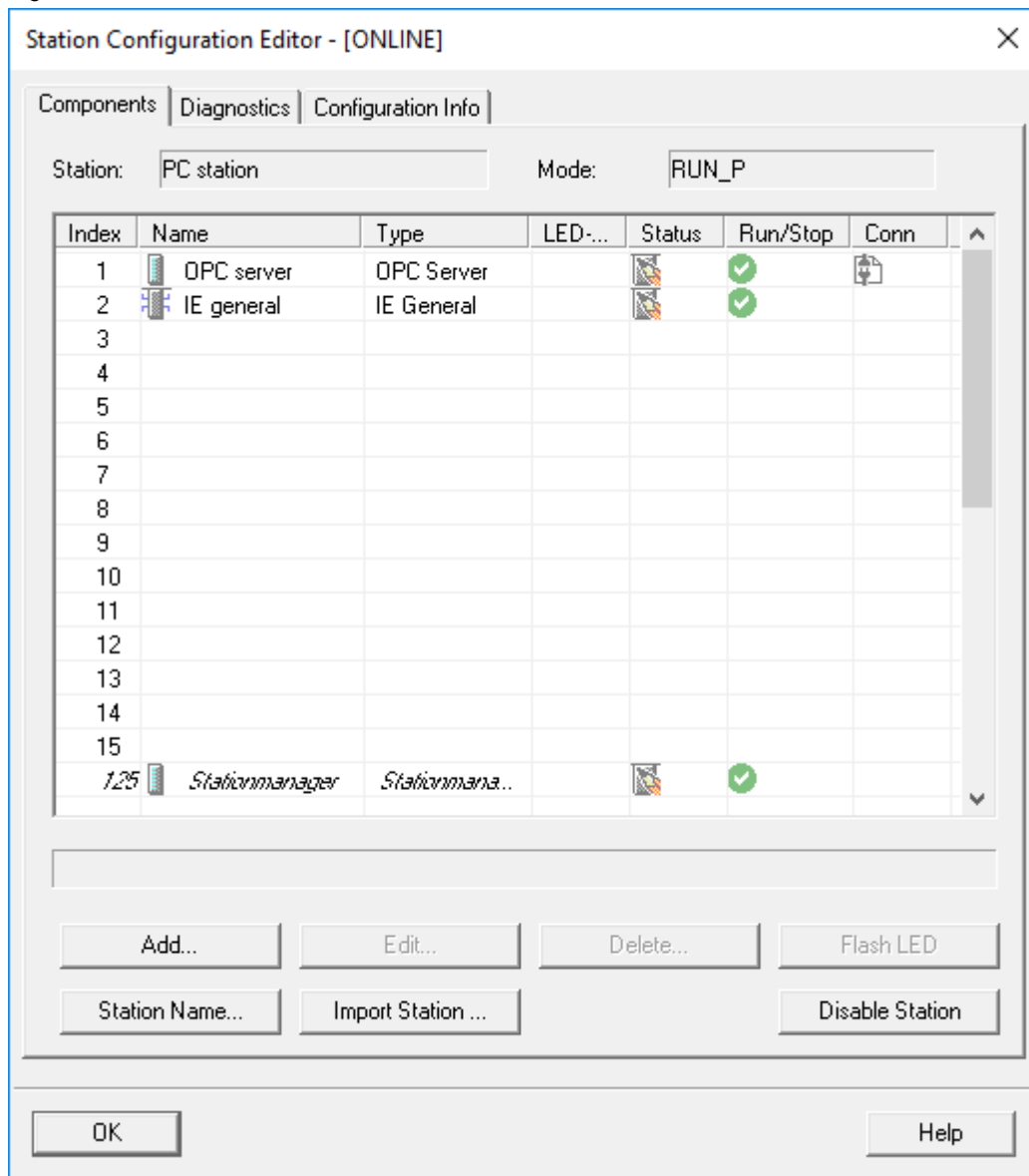
1. Open the "Station Configuration Editor".
2. Click on the "Import Station" button to load the configuration into the PC station.



## Result

The configuration of the PC station was loaded successfully.

Figure 2-17



- The station has the same name as in the component image that you generated in TIA Portal in the "Device view" for the PC station.
- The components are in "RUN" mode. This is shown with the in the "Run/Stop" column.
- The following status icon for the component shows that the configuration data have been loaded successfully.

| Status icon | Meaning  |
|-------------|--|
|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The component is present and configured in the current configuration of the PC station.</li> <li>• The component is ready for operation!</li> </ul> |

- The configured S7 connection is loaded. This is shown with the in the "Conn" column.

## 2.8 Operation

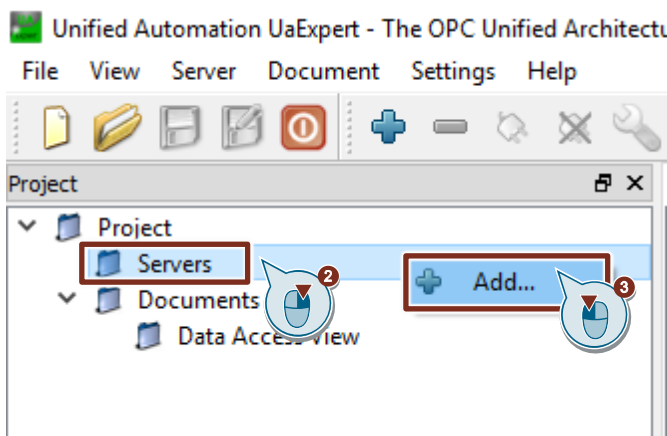
You need an OPC client to access the following objects of the S7OPT OPC UA Server:

- OPC UA event and alarm types
- Process values of archived S7 tags.

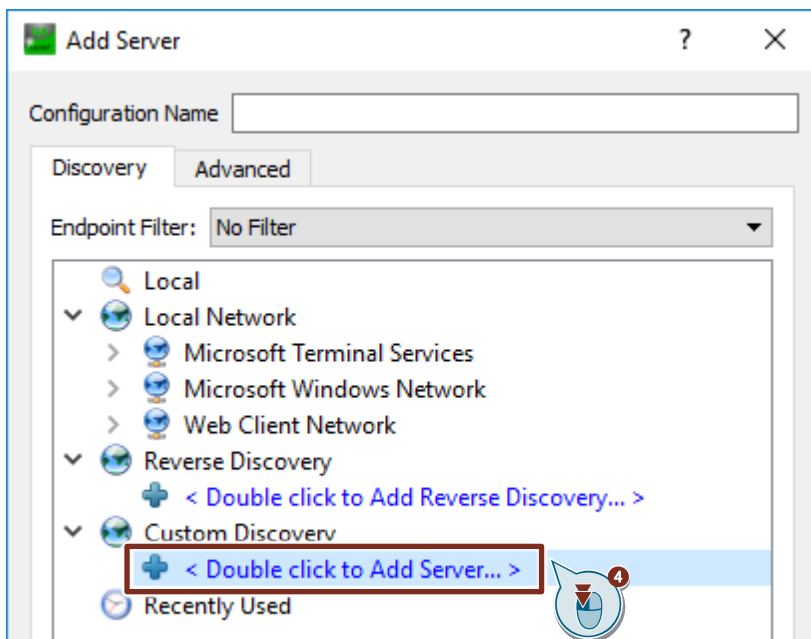
In this example we will use UA Expert as an OPC client.

### Establish a connection from UA Expert to S7OPT OPC UA Server

1. Start UA Expert via the Windows start menu "Unified Automation > UaExpert".
2. In the "Project" window under "Project", right-click "Servers".  
The context menu opens.
3. Click "Add".  
The "Add Server" dialog opens.



4. Under "Custom Discovery", double-click on "<Double click to Add Server>".  
The "Enter URL" dialog opens.



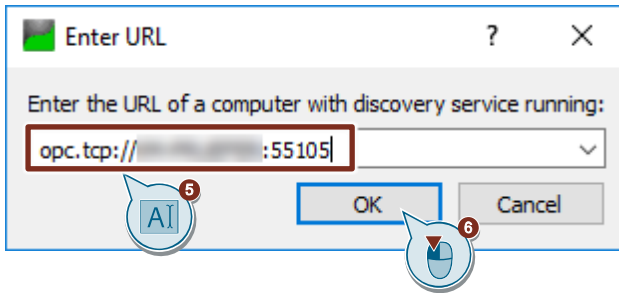


5. Enter the URL of the S7OPT OPC UA server.  
URL: opc.tcp://<PC name>:55105

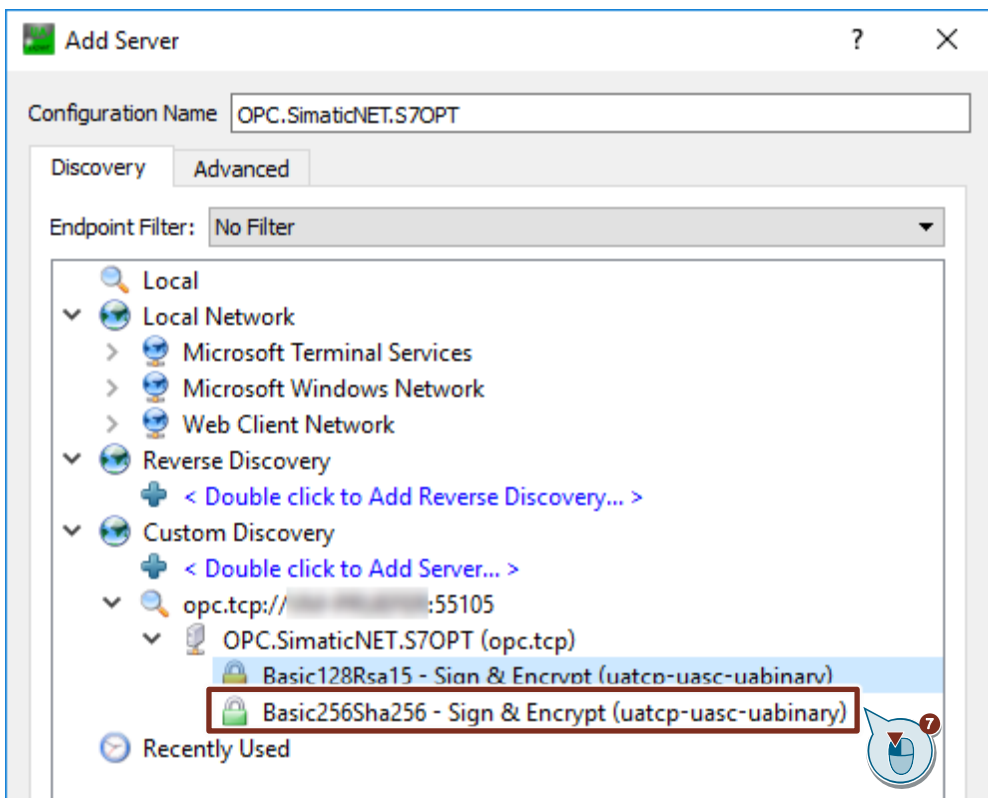
**Note**

Port 55105 is preset in the "Communication settings". The port can be changed.

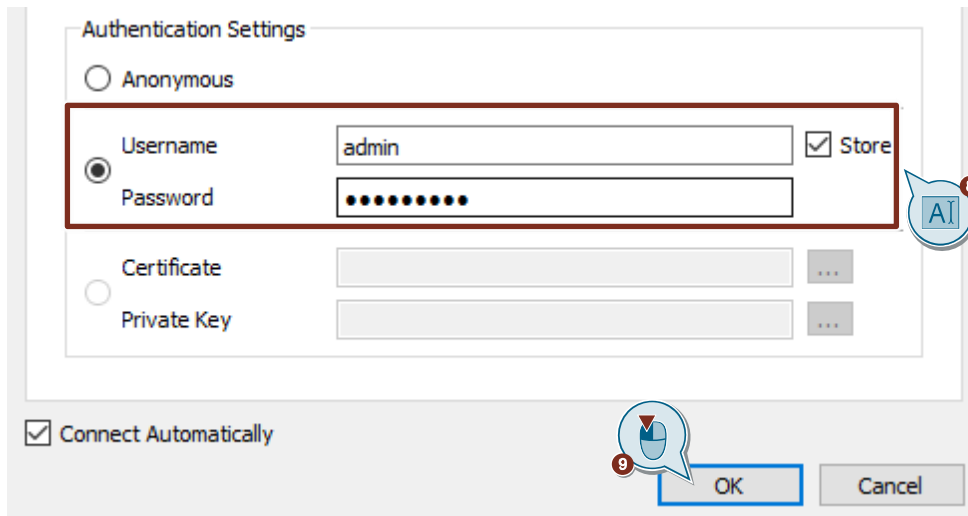
6. Click the "OK" button to apply the setting.



7. Under "Custom Discovery > [URL of the S7OPT OPC UA server] > OPC.SimaticNET.S7 (opc.tcp)", click one of the visible S7 connections.

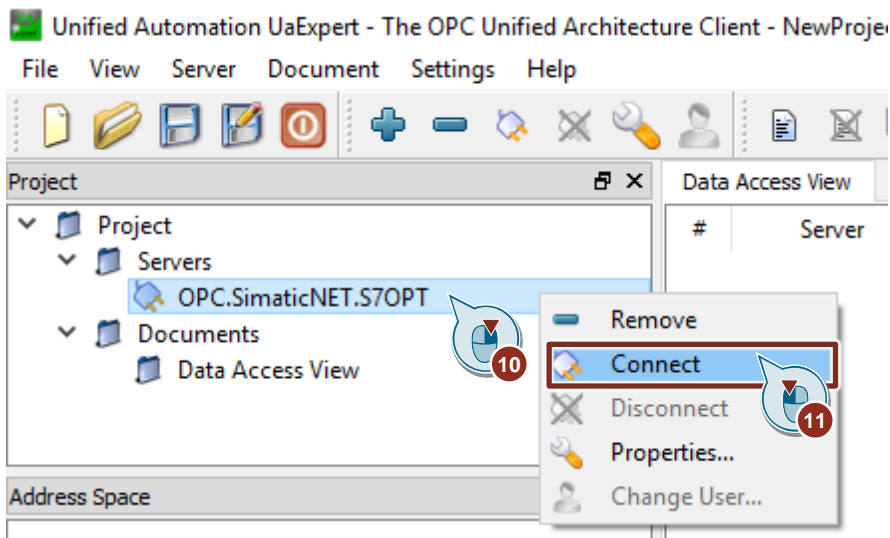


8. A user authentication with Windows login and password will be needed to establish the S7 connection.
9. Click "OK" to apply the settings.



**Note** It is possible to log in anonymously if you enabled the option "Allow anonymous logins to the OPC UA server" in the "Communication Settings".

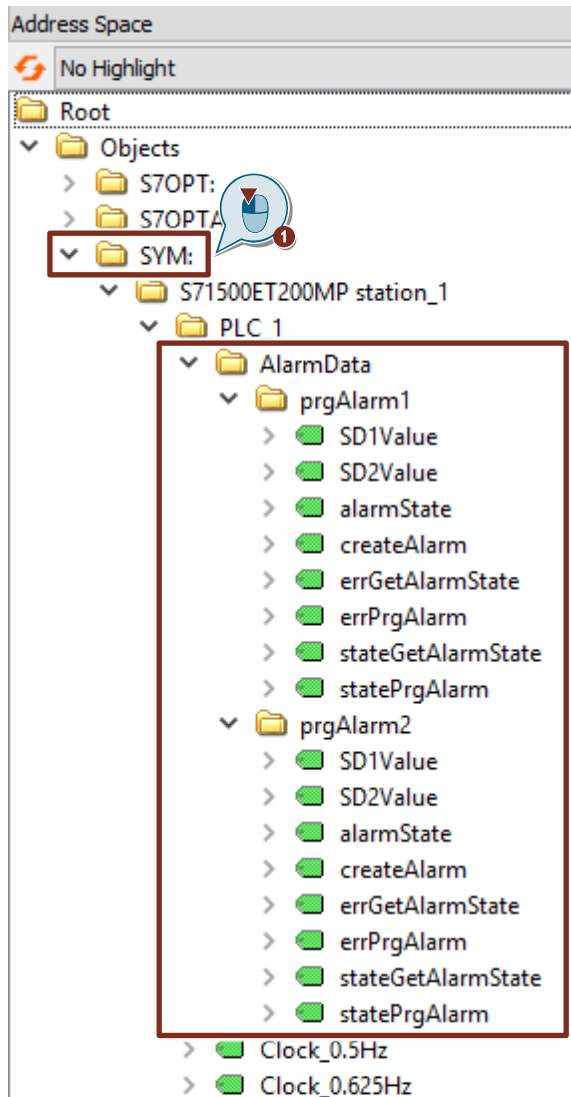
10. In the "Project" window under "Project > Servers", right-click the entry "OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT". The context menu opens.
11. Click "Connect" in order to establish the connection to the SIMATIC NET S7OPT OPC UA server.



**Note** If only secured connections are allowed, it is necessary to accept the certificate of the OPC client "UA Expert" in the "Communication settings" (see [Figure 2-7](#)).

**Access the S7 tags in the S7 CPU via symbol names**

1. In the "Address Space" window, navigate to "Root > Objects > SYM".  
A symbol table with the existing S7 tags will be displayed.



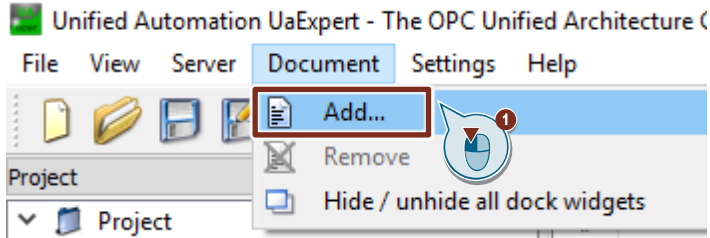
2. Drag and drop to add the following S7 tags from the object "prgAlarm1" to the "Data Access View" of UA Expert.
  - SD1Value
  - SD2Value
  - alarmState
  - createAlarm
3. Drag and drop to add the S7 tag "createAlarm" from the object "prgAlarm2" to the "Data Access View" of UA Expert.

| # | Server               | Node Id          | Display Name | Value                          | Datatype | ce Timest  | ver Timesta  | Statuscode |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | createAlarm  | false                          | Boolean  | 12:33:0... | 12:33:05.722 | Good       |
| 2 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD1Value     | Associated String-Value alarm1 | String   | 12:19:2... | 12:19:24.164 | Good       |
| 3 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD2Value     | 5.1                            | Float    | 12:19:2... | 12:19:27.976 | Good       |
| 4 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | alarmState   | 134                            | Byte     | 12:33:0... | 12:33:05.722 | Good       |
| 5 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | createAlarm  | false                          | Boolean  | 12:37:5... | 12:37:56.524 | Good       |

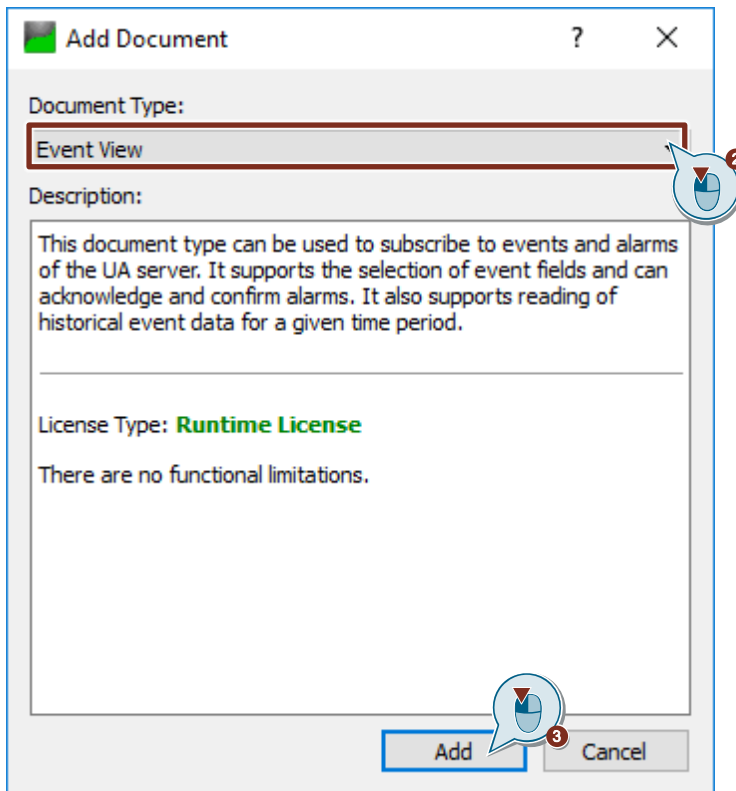
### Set up the "Event View"

The "Event View" is used to display the events reported by the S7OPT OPC UA server. Event messages requiring acknowledgement can be acknowledged in the "Event View".

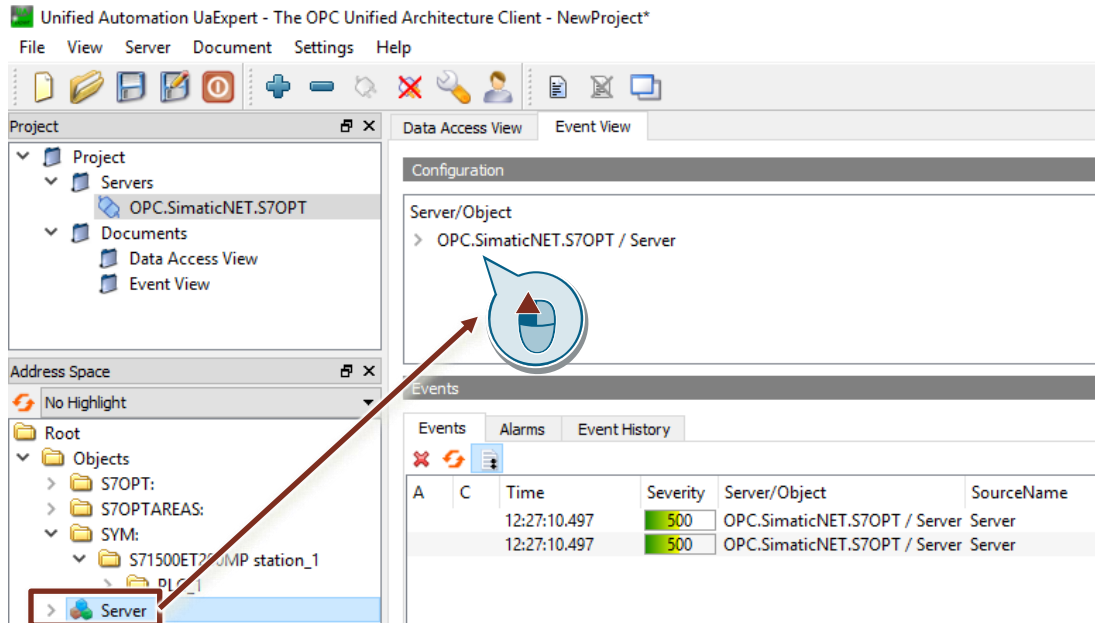
1. Click on "Add" in the "Document" menu.  
The "Add Document" dialog opens.



2. Select the document type "Event View".
3. Click the "Add" button.  
The "Event View" will be added to UA Expert.



4. Drag & drop the server from the "Address Space" window into the "Configuration" area of the "Event View".  
The server responds with two initialization events.

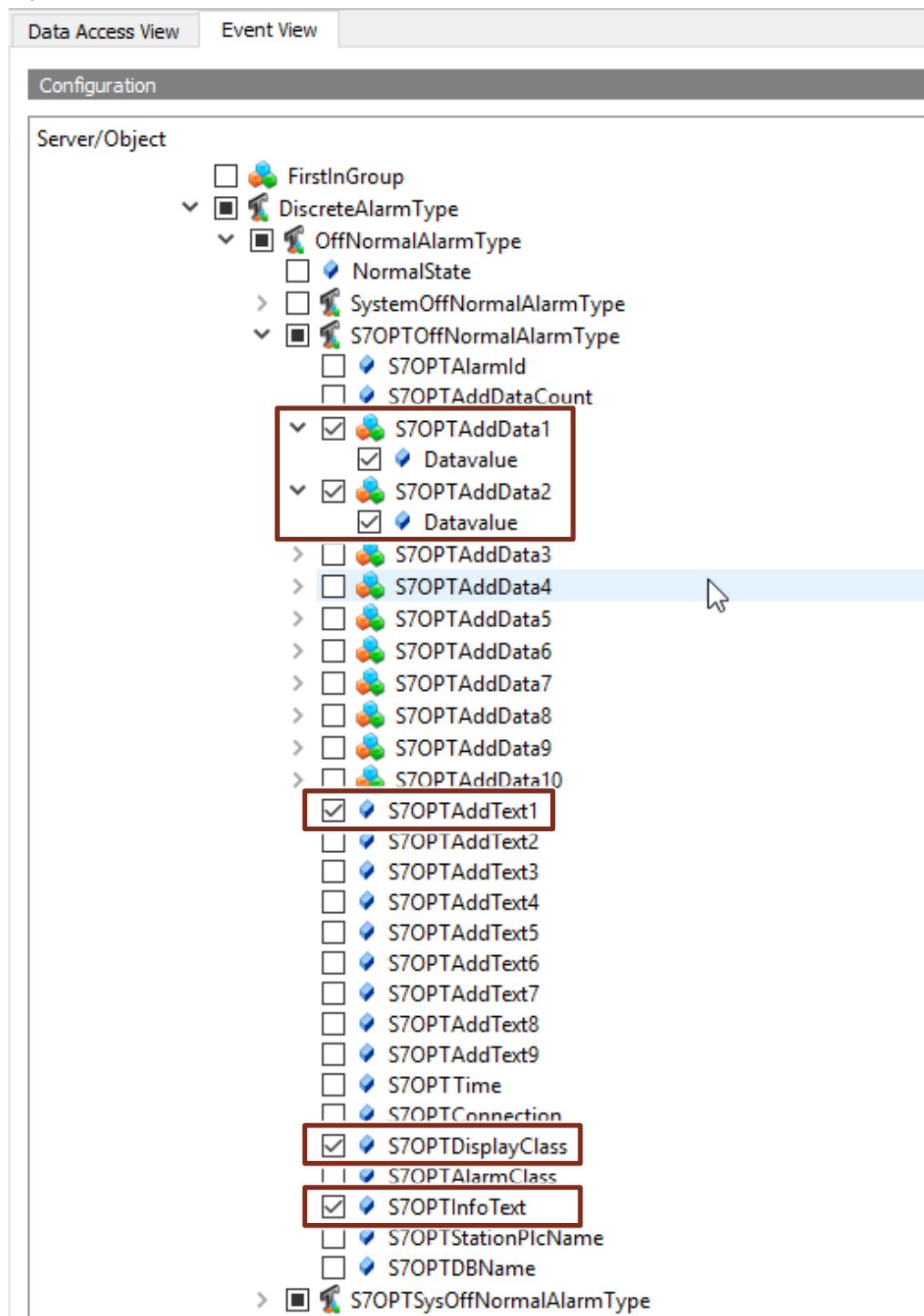


### Display attributes of the program alarm via the S7OPT event type "S7OPTOffNormalAlarmType"

To display the configured attributes of the program alarm via the S7OPT event type "S7OPTOffNormalAlarmType", make the following settings:

1. In the "Configuration" section of the "Event View", navigate to the node "Condition Type > AcknowledgeableConditionType > AlarmConditionType > DiscreteAlarmType > OffNormalAlarmType > S7OPTOffNormalAlarmType".
2. Select the following attributes:
  - "S7OPTAddData1 > Datavalue" (associated value SD\_1)
  - "S7OPTAddData2 > Datavalue" (associated value SD\_2)
  - "S7OPTAddText1" (additional text 1)
  - "S7OPTDisplayClass" (display class of the alarm)
  - "S7OPTInfoText" (additional info text)

Figure 2-18



**Result**

When a program alarm is triggered, the selected attributes will be displayed in the "Details" section.

Figure 2-19

| Details                     |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Name                        | Value  |
| ConditionId                 | NodeId   |
| NamespaceIndex              | 3  |
| IdentifierType              | String   |
| Identifier                  | S7 connection.alarm53  |
| 2:S7OPTAddData1/2:Datavalue | Associated String-Value alarm1   |
| 2:S7OPTAddData2/2:Datavalue | 5.1  |
| 2:S7OPTAddText1             | "en", "Additional message text from alarm 1"   |
| 2:S7OPTDisplayClass         | 1  |
| 2:S7OPTInfoText             | "en", "Additional information text from alarm 1"   |
| AckedState/Id               | False  |
| ActiveState                 | "en", "Active"   |
| ActiveState/Id              | True   |
| BranchId                    | NodeId   |
| NamespaceIndex              | 0  |
| IdentifierType              | Numeric  |
| Identifier                  | 0  |
| ConditionName               | instProgramAlarm1  |
| EventId                     | len=16, 0x2f5f82f4f91f7e40aac16b97de7c130c   |
| Event Type                  | NodeId   |
| NamespaceIndex              | 2  |
| IdentifierType              | Numeric  |
| Identifier                  | 43   |
| Message                     | "en", "Message from PLC: "PLC_1" Associate value 1: "Associated String-Value alarm1" Associate value 2: "5.1"" |
| Retain                      | True   |
| Severity                    | 125  |
| SourceName                  | S71500/ET200MP station_1\PLC_1\InstPrgAlarm  |
| Time                        | 15:02:01.537   |

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**Enable a program alarm with required acknowledgement in the PLC**

1. Open the "Data Access View".
2. In the "Value" column, double-click on the tag "createAlarm" of the object "prgAlarm1".

| Data Access View |                      |                  |              |                                |          |            |              |    |            |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|----|------------|
| #                | Server               | Node Id          | Display Name | Value                          | Datatype | ce Times   | er Times     | ta | Statuscode |
| 1                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | createAlarm  | false                          | Boolean  | 12:19:2... | 12:19:20.664 |    | Good       |
| 2                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD1Value     | Associated String-Value alarm1 | String   | 12:19:2... | 12:19:24.164 |    | Good       |
| 3                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD2Value     | 5.1                            | Float    | 12:19:2... | 12:19:27.976 |    | Good       |
| 4                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | alarmState   | 134                            | Byte     | 12:19:3... | 12:19:31.757 |    | Good       |

3. Set the tag "createAlarm" of the "prgAlarm1" object to the value "true".

| Data Access View |                      |              |              |                                     |          |           |           |  |            |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--|------------|
| #                | Server               | Node Id      | Display Name | Value                               | Datatype | e Times   | r Times   |  | Statuscode |
| 1                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | createAlarm  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Boolean  | 11:20:... | 11:20:... |  | Good       |
| 2                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | SD1Value     | Ass...                              | String   | 12:33:... | 12:33:... |  | Good       |
| 3                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | SD2Value     | 6.6                                 | Float    | 12:33:... | 12:33:... |  | Good       |
| 4                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | alarmState   | 134                                 | Byte     | 11:20:... | 11:20:... |  | Good       |

**Result**

- The value of the "createAlarm" tag of the object "prgAlarm1" changes to "true".
- The value of the "alarmState" tag of the object "prgAlarm1" changes from "134" to "133".
- The values "Good" appear in the "Statuscode" column.

| # | Server               | Node Id          | Display Name | Value                          | Datatype | ce Timest  | ver Timesta  | Statuscode |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | createAlarm  | true                           | Boolean  | 12:23:5... | 12:23:52.153 | Good       |
| 2 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD1Value     | Associated String-Value alarm1 | String   | 12:19:2... | 12:19:24.164 | Good       |
| 3 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD2Value     | 5.1                            | Float    | 12:19:2... | 12:19:27.976 | Good       |
| 4 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | alarmState   | 133                            | Byte     | 12:23:5... | 12:23:52.153 | Good       |

- With a rising edge in the tag "createAlarm", a program alarm is activated in the PLC and sent to the S7OPT OPC UA server.

**Receive program alarm with required acknowledgement in the "Event View"**

1. Open the "Event View".  
The program alarm (with required acknowledgement) of S7OPT event type "S7OPTOffNormalAlarmType" with the status "Active" and "acknowledgement required (alarmState = 133)" will appear in the "Events" and "Alarms" tabs.

| A | C | Time   | Severity | Server/Object                 | SourceName       | Message  | EventType               | Active |
|---|---|--------|----------|-------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------------------|--------|
|   |   | 12:... | 800      | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT / Server | Server           |  | RefreshStartEventType   |        |
|   |   | 12:... | 800      | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT / Server | Server           |  | RefreshEndEventType     |        |
| ▲ |   | 12:... | 125      | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT / Server | S71500/ET200M... | Message from PLC: "PLC_1" Associate value 1: "Associated String-Value alarm1" Associate value 2: "5.1" | S7OPTOffNormalAlarmType | Active |

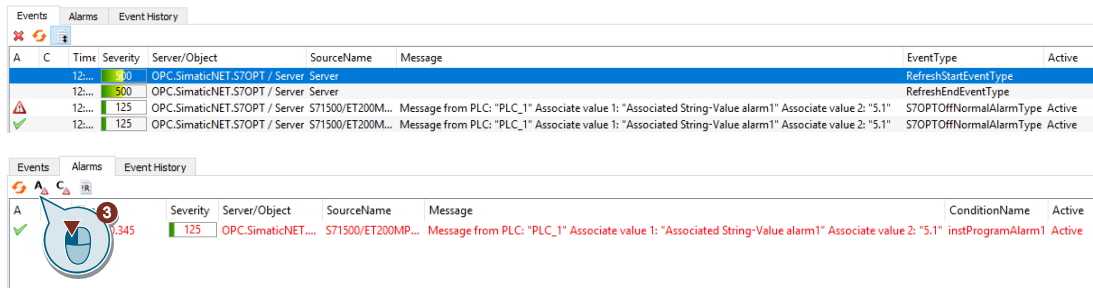
| A | C | Time         | Severity | Server/Object     | SourceName        | Message  | ConditionName     | Active |
|---|---|--------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|--------|
| ▲ |   | 12:27:12.787 | 125      | OPC.SimaticNET... | S71500/ET200MP... | Message from PLC: "PLC_1" Associate value 1: "Associated String-Value alarm1" Associate value 2: "5.1" | instProgramAlarm1 | Active |

2. Select the program alarm with required acknowledgement S7OPT event type "S7OPTOffNormalAlarmType" in the "Events" or "Alarms" tab.  
The configured attributes of the program alarm appear in the "Details" section.

| Name                        | Value  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| ConditionId                 | NodeId   |
| NamespaceIndex              | 3  |
| IdentifierType              | String   |
| Identifier                  | S7 connection.alarm53  |
| 2:S7OPTAddData1/2:Datavalue | Associated String-Value alarm1   |
| 2:S7OPTAddData2/2:Datavalue | 5.1  |
| 2:S7OPTAddText1             | "en", "Additional message text from alarm 1"   |
| 2:S7OPTDisplayClass         | 1  |
| 2:S7OPTInfoText             | "en", "Additional information text from alarm 1"   |
| AckedState/Id               | False  |
| ActiveState                 | "en", "Active"   |
| ActiveState/Id              | True   |
| BranchId                    | NodeId   |
| NamespaceIndex              | 0  |
| IdentifierType              | Numeric  |
| Identifier                  | 0  |
| ConditionName               | instProgramAlarm1  |
| EventId                     | len=16, 0x2f5f82f4f91f7e40aac16b97de7c130c   |
| EventType                   | NodeId   |
| NamespaceIndex              | 2  |
| IdentifierType              | Numeric  |
| Identifier                  | 43   |
| Message                     | "en", "Message from PLC: "PLC_1" Associate value 1: "Associated String-Value alarm1" Associate value 2: "5.1"" |
| Retain                      | True   |
| Severity                    | 125  |
| SourceName                  | S71500/ET200MP station_1\PLC_1\InstPrgAlarm  |
| Time                        | 15:02:01.537   |



- In the "Alarms" tab, click the "Acknowledge All" icon. In the tabs "Events" and "Alarms", the program alarm with required acknowledgement and of S7OPT event type "S7OPTOffNormalAlarmType" will appear with the state "Active" and "acknowledged (alarmState = 135)".



- Open the "Data Access View" and check whether the "alarmState" tag of the object "prgAlarm1" has the value "135".

| # | Server               | Node Id          | Display Name | Value                          | Datatype | ce Timest  | ver Timesta  | Statuscode |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[String]S7... | createAlarm  | true                           | Boolean  | 12:28:0... | 12:28:09.344 | Good       |
| 2 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[String]S7... | SD1Value     | Associated String-Value alarm1 | String   | 12:19:2... | 12:19:24.164 | Good       |
| 3 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[String]S7... | SD2Value     | 5.1                            | Float    | 12:19:2... | 12:19:27.976 | Good       |
| 4 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[String]S7... | alarmState   | 135                            | Byte     | 12:31:0... | 12:31:06.934 | Good       |

- In the "Value" column, double-click on the tag "createAlarm" of the object "prgAlarm1".

| # | Server               | Node Id          | Display Name | Value                          | Datatype | ce Timest  | ver Timesta  | Statuscode |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[String]S7... | createAlarm  | true                           | Boolean  | 12:28:0... | 12:28:09.344 | Good       |
| 2 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[String]S7... | SD1Value     | Associated String-Value alarm1 | String   | 12:19:2... | 12:19:24.164 | Good       |
| 3 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[String]S7... | SD2Value     | 5.1                            | Float    | 12:19:2... | 12:19:27.976 | Good       |
| 4 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[String]S7... | alarmState   | 135                            | Byte     | 12:31:0... | 12:31:06.934 | Good       |

- Reset the tag "createAlarm" of the "prgAlarm1" object to the value "false".

| # | Server               | Node Id      | Display Name | Value  | Datatype | ce Times  | r Times   | Statuscode |
|---|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[Strin... | createAlarm  | false  | Boolean  | 10:34:... | 10:34:... | Good       |
| 2 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[Strin... | SD1Value     | Ass... | String   | 11:20:... | 11:20:... | Good       |
| 3 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[Strin... | SD2Value     | 4.2    | Float    | 11:20:... | 11:20:... | Good       |
| 4 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[Strin... | alarmState   | 135    | Byte     | 11:19:... | 11:19:... | Good       |

**Result**

- In the "Data Access View", the value of the tag "createAlarm" of the object "prgAlarm1" changes to "false".
- In the "Data Access View", the value of the tag "alarmState" of the object "prgAlarm1" changes from "135" to "134".

| # | Server               | Node Id          | Display Name | Value                          | Datatype | ce Timest  | ver Timesta  | Statuscode |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[String]S7... | createAlarm  | false                          | Boolean  | 12:19:2... | 12:19:20.664 | Good       |
| 2 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[String]S7... | SD1Value     | Associated String-Value alarm1 | String   | 12:19:2... | 12:19:24.164 | Good       |
| 3 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[String]S7... | SD2Value     | 5.1                            | Float    | 12:19:2... | 12:19:27.976 | Good       |
| 4 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6[String]S7... | alarmState   | 134                            | Byte     | 12:19:3... | 12:19:31.757 | Good       |

- UA Expert has received a new alarm state change for this object. In the "Event View", the alarm has changed to the state "Inactive" and "acknowledged (alarmState = 134)".

| A | C | Time   | Severity | Server/Object                                  | SourceName                | Message  | EventType               | Active   |
|---|---|--------|----------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------|
|   |   | 12:... | 900      | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT / Server Server           |                           |  | RefreshStartEventType   |          |
|   |   | 12:... | 900      | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT / Server Server           |                           |  | RefreshEndEventType     |          |
|   |   | 12:... | 125      | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT / Server S71500/ET200M... | Message from PLC: "PLC_1" | Associate value 1: "Associated String-Value alarm1" Associate value 2: "5.1" | S7OPTOffNormalAlarmType | Active   |
|   |   | 12:... | 125      | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT / Server S71500/ET200M... | Message from PLC: "PLC_1" | Associate value 1: "Associated String-Value alarm1" Associate value 2: "5.1" | S7OPTOffNormalAlarmType | Active   |
|   |   | 12:... | 125      | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT / Server S71500/ET200M... | Message from PLC: "PLC_1" | Associate value 1: "Associated String-Value alarm1" Associate value 2: "5.1" | S7OPTOffNormalAlarmType | Inactive |

### Enable information-only program alarm in the PLC

1. Open the "Data Access View".
2. In the "Value" column, double-click on the "createAlarm" tag of the object "prgAlarm2".

| # | Server               | Node Id          | Display Name | Value                          | Datatype | ce Timest  | ver Timesta  | Statuscode |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | createAlarm  | false                          | Boolean  | 12:33:0... | 12:33:05.722 | Good       |
| 2 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD1Value     | Associated String-Value alarm1 | String   | 12:19:2... | 12:19:24.164 | Good       |
| 3 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD2Value     | 5.1                            | Float    | 12:19:2... | 12:19:27.976 | Good       |
| 4 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | alarmState   | ...                            | Byte     | 12:33:0... | 12:33:05.722 | Good       |
| 5 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | createAlarm  | false                          | Boolean  | 12:37:5... | 12:37:56.524 | Good       |



3. In the Data Access View, set the tag "createAlarm" of the object "prgAlarm2" to the value "true".

| # | Server               | Node Id      | Display Name | Value                                 | Datatype | ce Times  | r Times   | Statuscode |
|---|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | createAlarm  | false                                 | Boolean  | 11:20:... | 11:20:... | Good       |
| 2 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | SD1Value     | Associated String-Value alarm1, +1... | String   | 12:02:... | 12:02:... | Good       |
| 3 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | SD2Value     | 15.4                                  | Float    | 12:02:... | 12:02:... | Good       |
| 4 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | alarmState   | 134                                   | Byte     | 11:20:... | 11:20:... | Good       |
| 5 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | createAlarm  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Boolean  | 10:34:... | 10:34:... | Good       |



### Result

- The value of the "createAlarm" tag of the object "prgAlarm2" changes to "true".
- The values "Good" appear in the "Statuscode" column.

| # | Server               | Node Id          | Display Name | Value                          | Datatype | ce Timest  | ver Timesta  | Statuscode |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | createAlarm  | false                          | Boolean  | 15:20:4... | 15:20:46.331 | Good       |
| 2 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD1Value     | Associated String-Value alarm1 | String   | 12:19:2... | 12:19:24.164 | Good       |
| 3 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD2Value     | 5.1                            | Float    | 12:19:2... | 12:19:27.976 | Good       |
| 4 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | alarmState   | 134                            | Byte     | 15:20:4... | 15:20:46.331 | Good       |
| 5 | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | createAlarm  | true                           | Boolean  | 15:33:1... | 15:33:12.607 | Good       |

- With a rising edge of the tag "createAlarm" a program alarm is activated in the PLC and sent to the S7OPT OPC UA server.

**Receive information-only program alarm in the "Event View"**

1. Open the "Event View".  
In the "Events" tab, the information-only program alarm will be shown by the S7OPT event type "S7OPTInfoReportEventType".

| Events |   |        |          |                               |                  |   |                          |        |  |
|--------|---|--------|----------|-------------------------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|--------|--|
| A      | C | Time   | Severity | Server/Object                 | SourceName       | Message   | Event Type               | Active |  |
|        |   | 12:... | 500      | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT / Server | Server           |   | RefreshStartEventType    |        |  |
|        |   | 12:... | 500      | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT / Server | Server           |   | RefreshEndEventType      |        |  |
|        |   | 12:... | 188      | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT / Server | S71500/ET200M... | Information message from PLC: "PLC_1" without acknowledgement | S7OPTInfoReportEventType |        |  |

2. Open the "Data Access View".
3. In the "Value" column, double-click on the "createAlarm" tag of the object "prgAlarm2".

| Data Access View |                      |                  |              |                                |          |            |              |    |            |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|----|------------|
| #                | Server               | Node Id          | Display Name | Value                          | Datatype | ce Time    | er Time      | ta | Statuscode |
| 1                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | createAlarm  | false                          | Boolean  | 15:20:4... | 15:20:46.331 |    | Good       |
| 2                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD1Value     | Associated String-Value alarm1 | String   | 12:19:2... | 12:19:24.164 |    | Good       |
| 3                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD2Value     | 5.1                            | Float    | 12:19:2... | 12:19:27.976 |    | Good       |
| 4                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | alarmState   | 134                            | Byte     | 15:20:4... | 15:20:46.331 |    | Good       |
| 5                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | createAlarm  | true                           | Boolean  | 15:33:1... | 15:33:12.607 |    | Good       |



4. Reset the tag "createAlarm" of the object "prgAlarm2" to the value "false".

| Data Access View |                      |              |              |                                       |          |           |           |    |            |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----|------------|
| #                | Server               | Node Id      | Display Name | Value                                 | Datatype | ce Time   | er Time   | ta | Statuscode |
| 1                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | createAlarm  | false                                 | Boolean  | 12:42:... | 12:42:... |    | Good       |
| 2                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | SD1Value     | Associated String-Value alarm1, +1... | String   | 12:42:... | 12:42:... |    | Good       |
| 3                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | SD2Value     | 16.4                                  | Float    | 12:42:... | 12:42:... |    | Good       |
| 4                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | alarmState   | 134                                   | Byte     | 12:42:... | 12:42:... |    | Good       |
| 5                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 Strin... | createAlarm  | <input type="checkbox"/>              | Boolean  | 12:42:... | 12:42:... |    | Good       |



**Result**

- In the "Data Access View", the value of the tag "createAlarm" of the object "prgAlarm2" changes to "false".

| Data Access View |                      |                  |              |                                |          |            |              |    |            |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|----|------------|
| #                | Server               | Node Id          | Display Name | Value                          | Datatype | ce Time    | er Time      | ta | Statuscode |
| 1                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | createAlarm  | false                          | Boolean  | 12:33:0... | 12:33:05.722 |    | Good       |
| 2                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD1Value     | Associated String-Value alarm1 | String   | 12:19:2... | 12:19:24.164 |    | Good       |
| 3                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | SD2Value     | 5.1                            | Float    | 12:19:2... | 12:19:27.976 |    | Good       |
| 4                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | alarmState   | 134                            | Byte     | 12:33:0... | 12:33:05.722 |    | Good       |
| 5                | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT | NS6 String S7... | createAlarm  | false                          | Boolean  | 12:37:5... | 12:37:56.524 |    | Good       |

- No more program alarm will be generated for the S7OPT event type "S7OPTInfoReportEventType".

## Set up the "History Trend View"

The "History Trend View" is used to graphically display the process values of the S7 tags archived by the S7OPT OPC UA server.

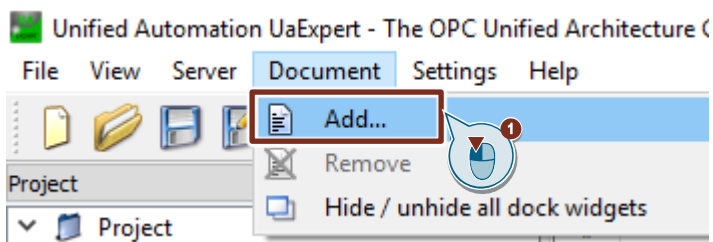
In this example, the following S7 tags are stored in the archive:

- "SD1Value" from the data structure "prgAlarm1" (associated value 1)
- "SD2Value" from the data structure "prgAlarm1" (associated value 2)

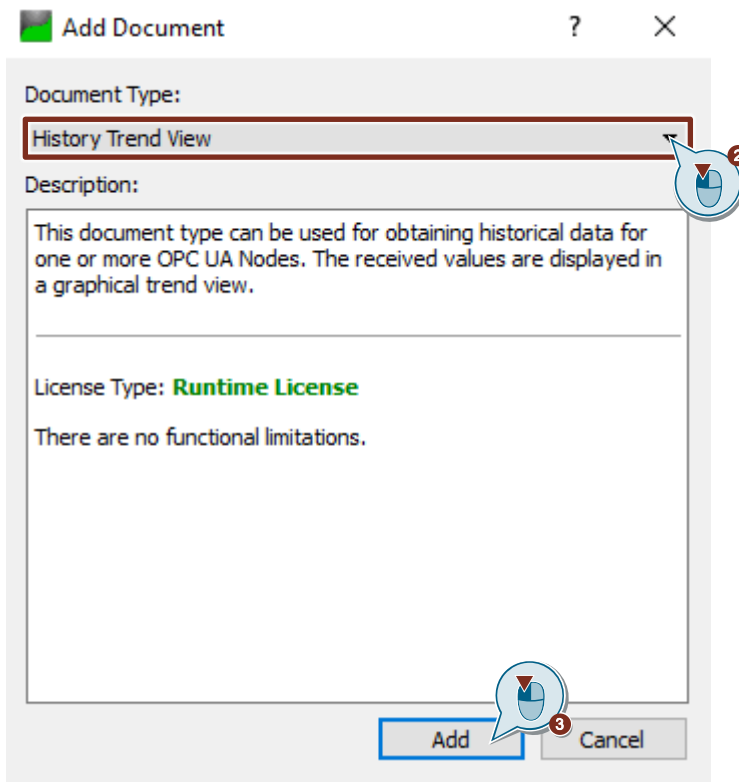
The timestamp and the quality characteristic of the S7 tags are stored together with the process value.

With the "History Trend View", it is possible to have read access to the values of the S7 tags stored in the archive.

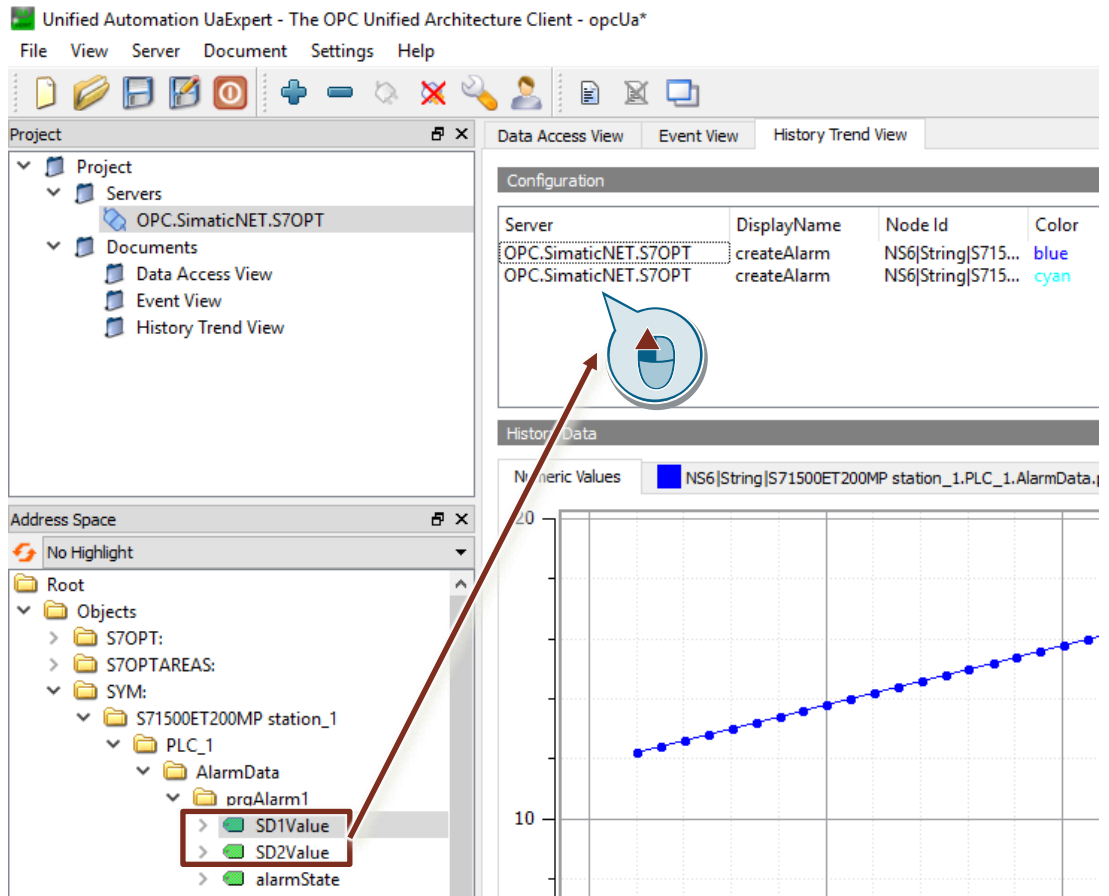
1. Click on "Add" in the "Document" menu.  
The "Add Document" dialog opens.



2. Select the document type "History Trend View".
3. Click the "Add" button.  
The "History Trend View" will be added in UA Expert.



4. Drag and drop to add the following S7 tags of the object "prgAlarm1" from the "Address Space" window to the "Configuration" section of the "History Trend View".
  - SD1Value
  - SD2Value



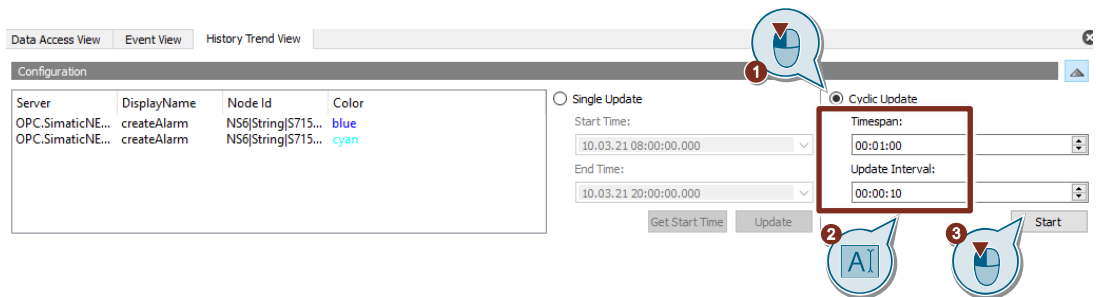
## Display process values of archived S7 tags in the "History Trend View"

The following options are available for read access to the S7 tags stored in the archive:

- **Single Update:**  
The displayed range is defined by the time of start and end.
- **Cyclic Update:**  
The time range to be displayed is specified directly as the duration and the data is retrieved at an adjustable interval.

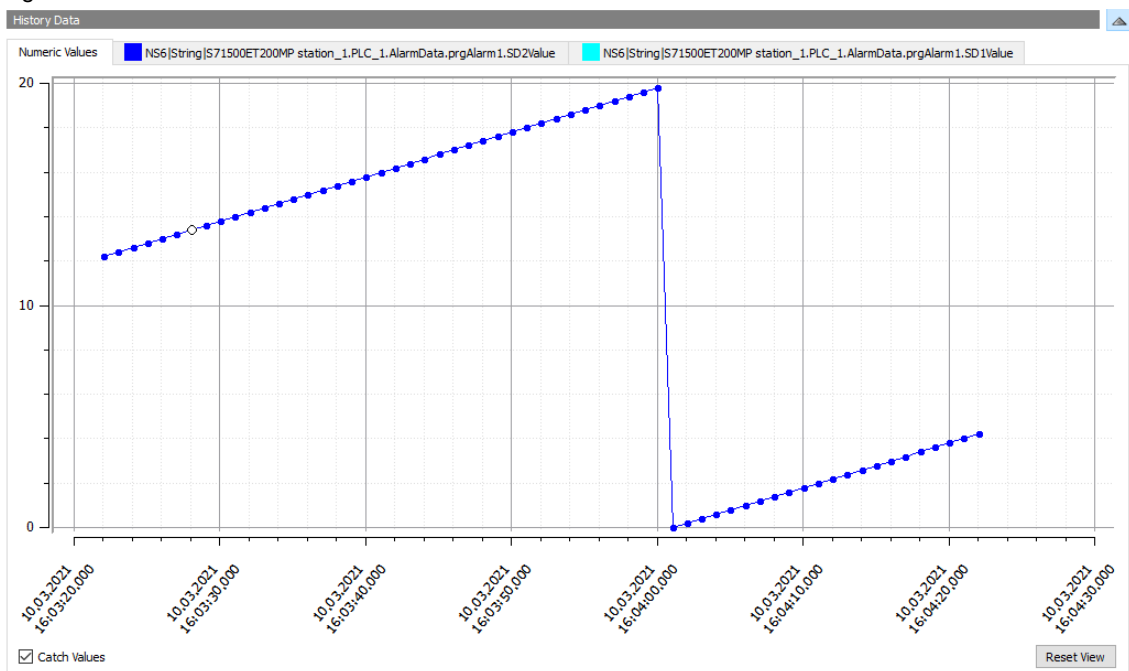
### Cyclic Update

1. Enable the "Cyclic Update" function.
2. Enter the time span and update interval, for example:
  - "Timespan": 1 min  
The values that have been stored within 1 minute up to the current time are displayed.
  - "Update Interval": 10s  
The display of the values is updated every 10s.
3. Click the "Start" button to start the cyclic update.



The values of the S7 tag "SD2Value" of the data type "Real" are displayed graphically in the "History Data" section of the "Numeric Values" tab.

Figure 2-20

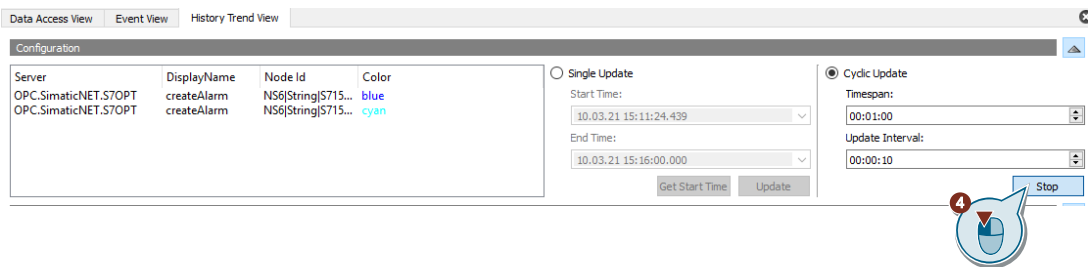


The values of the S7 tag "SD1Value" of the data type "String" are displayed in tabular form in the "History data" section.

Figure 2-21

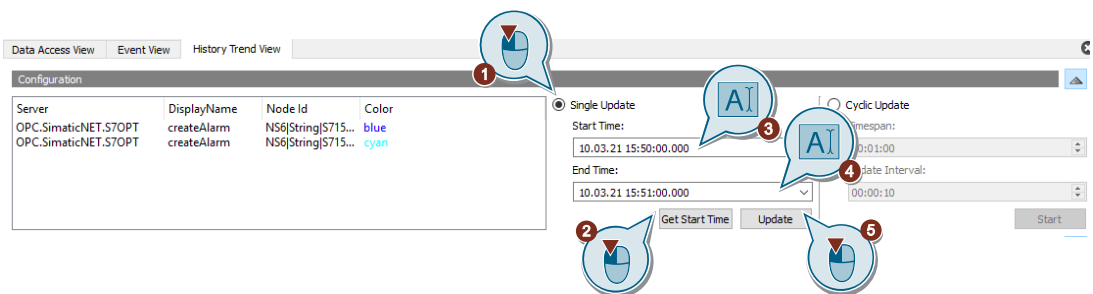
| Source Timestamp        | Server Timestamp        | Value                                 | Status            |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2021-03-10 15:51:00.045 | 2021-03-10 15:51:00.045 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +3.8  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:59.045 | 2021-03-10 15:50:59.045 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +3.6  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:58.045 | 2021-03-10 15:50:58.045 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +3.4  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:57.045 | 2021-03-10 15:50:57.045 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +3.2  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:56.061 | 2021-03-10 15:50:56.061 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +3.0  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:55.045 | 2021-03-10 15:50:55.045 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +2.8  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:54.045 | 2021-03-10 15:50:54.045 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +2.6  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:53.050 | 2021-03-10 15:50:53.050 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +2.4  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:52.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:52.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +2.2  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:51.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:51.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +2.0  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:49.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:49.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +1.8  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:48.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:48.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +1.6  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:47.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:47.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +1.4  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:46.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:46.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +1.2  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:45.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:45.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +1.0  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:44.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:44.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +0.8  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:43.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:43.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +0.6  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:42.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:42.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +0.4  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:41.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:41.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +0.2  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:40.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:40.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +20.0 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:39.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:39.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +19.8 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:38.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:38.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +19.6 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:37.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:37.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +19.4 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:36.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:36.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +19.2 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:35.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:35.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +19.0 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:34.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:34.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +18.8 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:33.041 | 2021-03-10 15:50:33.041 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +18.6 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:33.041 | 2021-03-10 15:50:33.041 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +18.4 | Good (0x00000000) |

4. Click the "Stop" button to stop the cyclic update.



### Single Update

1. Enable the "Single Update" function.
2. Click the "Get Start Time" button.  
The possible start time will be found and entered in the "Start Time" field.
3. Optional: Adjust the start time in the "Start Time" field.
4. Enter the end time in the "End Time" field.
5. Click the "Update" button.



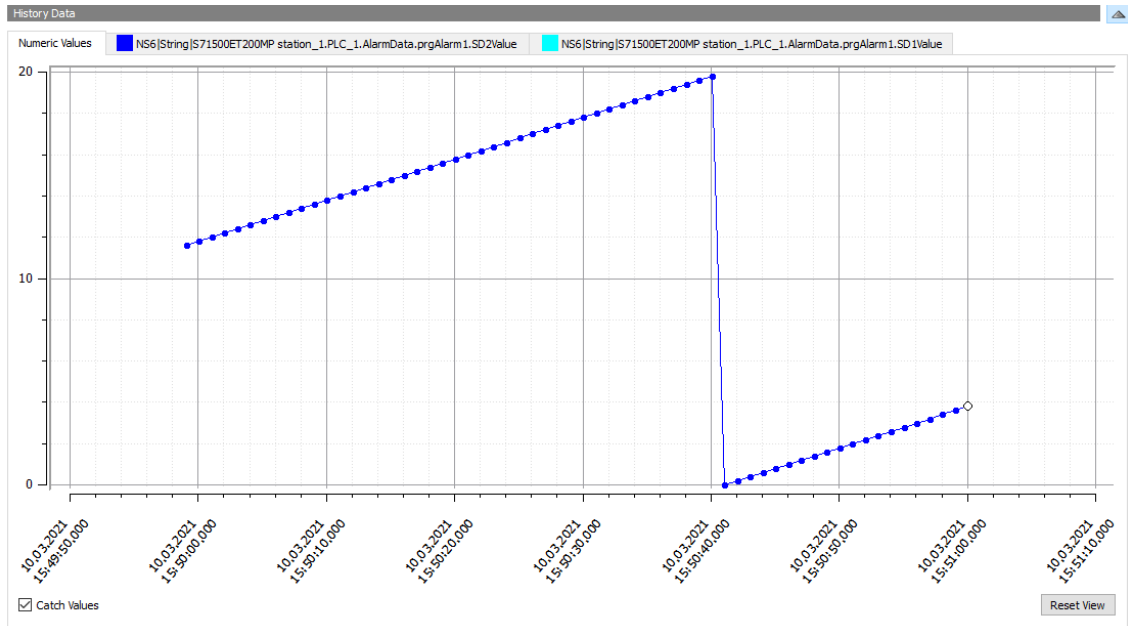




The values stored in the specified period are displayed.

The values of the S7 tag "SD2Value" of the data type "Real" are displayed graphically in the "History Data" section of the "Numeric Values" tab.

Figure 2-22



The values of the S7 tag "SD1Value" of the data type "String" are displayed in tabular form in the "History data" section.

Figure 2-23

| Source Timestamp        | Server Timestamp        | Value                                 | Status            |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2021-03-10 15:51:00.045 | 2021-03-10 15:51:00.045 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +3.8  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:59.045 | 2021-03-10 15:50:59.045 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +3.6  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:58.045 | 2021-03-10 15:50:58.045 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +3.4  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:57.045 | 2021-03-10 15:50:57.045 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +3.2  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:56.061 | 2021-03-10 15:50:56.061 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +3.0  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:55.045 | 2021-03-10 15:50:55.045 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +2.8  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:54.045 | 2021-03-10 15:50:54.045 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +2.6  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:53.050 | 2021-03-10 15:50:53.050 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +2.4  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:52.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:52.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +2.2  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:51.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:51.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +2.0  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:50.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:50.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +1.8  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:49.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:49.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +1.6  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:48.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:48.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +1.4  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:47.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:47.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +1.2  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:46.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:46.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +1.0  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:45.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:45.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +0.8  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:44.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:44.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +0.6  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:43.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:43.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +0.4  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:42.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:42.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +0.2  | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:41.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:41.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +20.0 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:40.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:40.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +19.8 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:39.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:39.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +19.6 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:38.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:38.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +19.4 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:37.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:37.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +19.2 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:36.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:36.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +19.0 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:35.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:35.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +18.8 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:34.056 | 2021-03-10 15:50:34.056 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +18.6 | Good (0x00000000) |
| 2021-03-10 15:50:33.041 | 2021-03-10 15:50:33.041 | Associated String-Value alarm1, +18.4 | Good (0x00000000) |

## 3 Useful information

### 3.1 S7OPT event types

#### 3.1.1 Overview

The SIMATIC NET S7OPT OPC UA server supports the following OPC UA event and alarm types:

- Statepath alarm  
Alarms for the S7 connection status
- Consistency alarm  
Alarm for an inconsistent alarm configuration
- Program alarms  
At a signal change, the "Program\_Alarm" alarm block will generate a program alarm with or without required acknowledgement and with up to ten associated values.
- System messages  
System messages are triggered independently by the PLC and cannot be configured or changed by the user.

The following system messages are available:

- System diagnostics alarms:  
The scope of the system diagnostics is derived from the relevant hardware configurations. Conditions such as device failure, block error, peripheral access error, channel error, parameterization error, external auxiliary power failure, and hardware configuration changes (such as unplugging and plugging in of modules) are reported.
- Overload messages:  
Special system diagnostic messages for resource bottlenecks
- Security messages:  
Reporting of access violations in case of, e. g. incorrect password entry

**Note**

The S7OPT OPC UA server only supports program alarms to the S7-1500.

### 3.1.2 Statepath alarm

This S7OPT event type maps the inverse state of an S7 connection ("Inactive" if S7 connection is established ("UP"); and "Active" if S7 connection is not established ("DOWN" or "RECOVERY")).

The status is only determined on the PC side and can, therefore, be reported even if there is no physical connection to the PLC.

In the "Active" state, no further program alarms can be received.

#### Display name

"S7OPTStatepathAlarmType"

### 3.1.3 Consistency alarm

This S7OPT event type has no acknowledgement requirement. It indicates inconsistent alarm configuration between a PLC and the PC station. Such inconsistent program alarms are not reported to the OPC client. In this case, the condition instance "consistency" is set to "Active" once for this PLC. It is recommended to update the alarm configuration first on the PLC and then on the PC station.

#### Display name

"S7OPTConsistencyAlarmType"

### 3.1.4 Program alarms

#### Display name

- "S7OPTOffNormalAlarmType":  
This S7OPT event type displays the configured program alarms with or without required acknowledgement and with up to ten associated values. The program alarms of this type have a state or condition. These can assume the status "incoming" or "outgoing".
- "S7OPTInfoReportEventType":  
This S7OPT event type displays the configured information-only program alarms with up to ten associated values. To do this, the checkbox in the "Information only" column in the TIA Portal alarms editor must be enabled.

### 3.1.5 System messages

#### Display name

- "S7OPTSysOffNormalAlarmType"  
This S7OPT event type displays the system messages with or without acknowledgement obligation with an associated value. The contents of this associated value are the 20 bytes of diagnostic data. The system messages of this type have a state or condition. These can assume the status "incoming" or "outgoing". To accomplish this, the checkbox in the "Acknowledgement" column for the module's alarm settings in TIA Portal must be enabled.
- "S7OPTSysInfoReportEventType"  
This S7OPT event type displays the system messages, which are for information purposes only, with an associated value. The contents of this associated value are the 20 bytes of diagnostic data.

### Receive system messages in the OPC client

System messages are automatically displayed in UA Expert in the Event View when they are incoming or outgoing. No user program is required in the S7 CPU.

Figure 3-1

| A | C | Time         | Severity | Server/Object                                  | SourceName    | Message   | EventType                   | Active |
|---|---|--------------|----------|--|---------------|---|-----------------------------|--------|
| ✓ |   | 10:23:46.219 | 1        | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT / Server S71500/ET200M... | PLC_1 / PLC_1 | CPU status message: CPU not in RUN Current CPU operating mode: STOP   | S7OPTSysOffNormalAlarmType  | Active |
|   |   | 10:23:46.230 | 1        | OPC.SimaticNET.S7OPT / Server S71500/ET200M... | PLC_1 / PLC_1 | CPU info: Communication initiated request: STOP<br>Pending startup inhibit(s):<br>- No startup inhibit set<br>CPU changes from RUN to STOP mode | S7OPTSysInfoReportEventType |        |

## 3.2 Access to historical data of S7 Tags

### Historical data

Historical data services enable storage and read access to the S7 tags of automation devices stored in an archive. The timestamp and the quality characteristic of the S7 tags are stored together with the process value.

### Enable historical data

Archiving can only be activated for symbolic data tags via the "Symbol Editor" of the SIMATIC PC station in TIA Portal.

### Options for OPC UA clients to access historical data

OPC UA clients, such as UA Expert from Unified Automation, can access the process values of archived S7 tags using the "HistoryRead" function. The archive consists of a maximum of 360 files. Each file stores the data of the symbols configured for the archive. Each file covers a period of 1 hour. Beginning at system startup, the maximum number of 360 files is reached after a little more than two weeks. When new archive files are created, the oldest files are successively deleted in the order in which they were first created.

### Maximum storage of S7 tags

A maximum of 1000 S7 tags can be archived by the S7OPT OPC UA server.

## Data types

The following table shows an overview of the data types that the S7OPT OPC UA server can archive.

Table 3-1

| Type identifier | S7 data type | OPC UA data type | Description  |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|--|
| b               | BYTE         | Byte             | 8 Bit (bit string)   |
|                 | USINT        | Byte             | 8 Bit (unsigned)   |
| c               | CHAR         | SByte            | 8 Bit (character)  |
|                 | SINT         | SByte            | 8 Bit (signed)   |
| wc              | WCHAR        | UInt16           | 16 Bit (character, UTF-8)  |
| w               | WORD         | UInt16           | 16 Bit (bit string)  |
|                 | UINT         | UInt16           | 16 Bit (unsigned)  |
| dw              | DWORD        | UInt32           | 32 Bit (Bitstring)   |
|                 | UDINT        | UInt32           | 32 Bit (unsigned)  |
| lw              | LWORD        | UInt64           | 64 Bit (Bitstring)<br>only available for S7-1500   |
|                 | ULINT        | UInt64           | 64 Bit (unsigned)<br>only available for S7-1500  |
| l               | INT          | Int16            | 16 Bit (signed)  |
| di              | DINT         | Int32            | 32 Bit (signed)  |
| li              | LINT         | Int64            | 64 Bit (signed)<br>only available for S7-1500  |
| R               | REAL         | Float            | Floating point (4 bytes) IEEE 754  |
| lr              | LREAL        | Double           | Floating point (8 bytes) IEEE 754  |
| dt              | DATE_TIME    | DateTime         | Date and time<br>Value range as of 01.01.1990;<br>only available for S7-1500   |
| ldt             | LDT          | DateTime         | Date and time accurate to nanoseconds,<br>Value range as of 01.01.1990;<br>only available for S7-1500<br>The OPC UA server rounds the time by<br>representing it as DateTime. This limits<br>the resolution to 100 nanoseconds.  |
| dtl             | DTL          | DateTime         | Date and time accurate to nanoseconds,<br>Value range 01.01.1970–31.12.2553;<br>only available for S7-1500<br>The OPC UA server rounds the time by<br>representing it as DateTime. This limits<br>the resolution to 100 nanoseconds.<br>The individual components of the S7<br>data type "DTL" are not archived. |
| date            | DATE         | DateTime         | Date and time (8 bytes) (where the time<br>is always 00:00:00); value range starting<br>at 01.01.1990.<br>Image of the CPU data type "DATE"<br>(unsigned, 16 bit).   |
| t               | TIME         | Int32            | Signed time value in milliseconds  |
| lt              | LTIME        | Int64            | Signed time value in nanoseconds;<br>only available for S7-1500  |
| tod             | TOD          | UInt32           | Time of day, 0–86399999 ms from<br>midnight  |

| Type identifier    | S7 data type | OPC UA data type | Description   |
|--------------------|--------------|------------------|---|
| ltod               | LTOD         | UInt64           | Time of day, 0–8639999999999 ns from midnight;<br>only available for S7-1500  |
| s5tbcd             | S5TIME       | UInt16           | Mapping of the CPU data type "S5TIME" to UInt 16 (unsigned, 16 bit) with restricted value range, 0...9990000 ms;<br>only available for S7-1500  |
| x <bit address>    | BOOL         | Boolean          | Bit (bool)<br>In addition to the byte offset in the range, the <bit address> must also be specified in the respective byte.<br>Value range 0–7  |
| s <string length>  | STRING       | String (UTF-8)   | The <string length reserved for the STRING> must be specified.<br>Value range 1–254<br>When writing, it is also possible to write shorter STRING, whereby the transmitted data length is always the reserved string length in bytes plus 2 bytes. The bytes that are not required are filled with the value 0.<br>The reading and writing of STRING and STRING arrays is internally mapped to the reading and writing of byte arrays. The STRING must be initialized on the S7 with valid values.               |
| ws <string length> | WSTRING      | String (UTF-8)   | The <string length> reserved for the WSTRING must be specified in WCHAR.<br>Value range 1–16382.<br>When writing, shorter WSTRING can also be written, although the transmitted data length is always the reserved <string length> in WCHAR plus 4 bytes. The bytes that are not required are filled with the value 0.<br>The reading and writing of WSTRING and WSTRING arrays is internally mapped to the reading and writing of byte arrays.<br>The WSTRING must be initialized on the S7 with valid values. |

Furthermore, arrays of these elementary S7OPT data types are also supported for archiving. Each array or data tag counts as an archivable S7 tag. The configured number of archived S7 tags can be determined in the TIA Portal "Symbol Editor" at the time of configuration.

User-specific data types (UDT), structures, timers, and counters cannot be archived by the S7OPT OPC UA server.

**Note**

The configured S7 connections, which are necessary for monitoring archived S7 tags, are established after the PC and the S7OPT OPC UA server start up. This ensures seamless archiving of process values from the S7 tags.

## 4 Appendix

### 4.1 Service and support

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#### Service offer

Our range of services includes the following:

- Plant data services
- Spare parts services
- Repair services
- On-site and maintenance services
- Retrofitting and modernization services
- Service programs and contracts

You can find detailed information on our range of services in the service catalog web page:

[support.industry.siemens.com/cs/sc](https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/sc)

#### Industry Online Support app

You will receive optimum support wherever you are with the "Siemens Industry Online Support" app. The app is available for iOS and Android:

[support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/sc/2067](https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/sc/2067)

## 4.2 Industry Mall



The Siemens Industry Mall is the platform on which the entire Siemens Industry product portfolio is accessible. From the selection of products to the order and the delivery tracking, the Industry Mall enables the complete purchasing processing – directly and independently of time and location:

[mall.industry.siemens.com](http://mall.industry.siemens.com)

## 4.3 Links and literature

Table 4-1

| No. | Subject   |
|-----|---|
| \1\ | Siemens Industry Online Support<br><a href="https://support.industry.siemens.com">https://support.industry.siemens.com</a>  |
| \2\ | Link to the article page of the application example<br><a href="https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/67295801">https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/67295801</a>                                  |
| \3\ | SIMATIC NET: PC software Industrial Communication with PG/PC Volume 2 - Interfaces<br><a href="https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/77378184">https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/77378184</a>   |
| \4\ | SIMATIC NET: PC Software Industrial Communication with PG/PC Volume 1 – Fundamentals<br><a href="https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/77376110">https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/77376110</a> |
| \5\ | SIMATIC NET: PC software Commissioning PC Stations - Manual and Quick Start<br><a href="https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/77377601">https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/77377601</a>          |

## 4.4 Change documentation

Table 4-2

| Version | Date    | Change        |
|---------|---------|---------------|
| V1.0    | 07/2021 | First version |
|         |         |               |