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Foreword



1 Foreword

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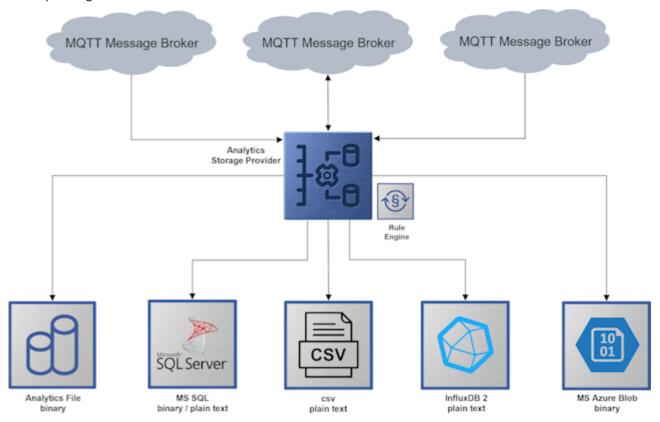
With the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider, Beckhoff offers a way to continuously store high-resolution data in a binary format or in plain text. The decisive factor is that the user does not have to worry about data storage. The storage provider takes care of this automatically. The configuration is done with a few clicks in engineering. Complex SQL commands are not necessary. Classic databases can be used, but also binary blob stores.

Components

- TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider service: A Windows service that manages the communication.
- TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider PLC Library: A TwinCAT 3 PLC library with functions for controlling the storage provider from a PLC application.
- TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider Client: A console application with functions for controlling the Storage Provider via the command line.
- TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider Configurator: An engineering application for configuring the various data sinks and data sources.
- TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider Manager: An engineering application for managing the recorded data and controlling the Storage Provider.

Principle of operation

The Analytics Storage Provider receives and sends data via MQTT communication protocol. For this purpose, it is connected to a native MQTT message broker in the network and on the other side to the corresponding data sink.



Supported databases/storage

- TwinCAT Analytics Binary File [▶ 48]
- Microsoft SQL (binary format / plain text [▶ 49])
- <u>CSV file</u> [▶ <u>51]</u>
- InfluxDB [▶ 52]



• Microsoft Azure Blob [▶ 53]



3 Installation

3.1 System requirements

The requirements of the Service and the PLC library of the Analytics Storage Provider can be found in the following tables. It is also possible to install both on one system as well.

Technical data Service	TF3520 TwinCAT 3 Analytics Storage Provider	
Target System	Windows 10, TwinCAT/BSD	
.NET Framework	.Net 4.5.1 or higher	
Min. TwinCAT version	3.1.4022.25	
Min. TwinCAT level	TC1000 TwinCAT 3 ADS	

Technical data Library	TF3520 TwinCAT 3 Analytics Storage Provider
Target System	Windows 10, TwinCAT/BSD
Min. TwinCAT version	3.1.4022.29
Min. TwinCAT level	TC1200 TwinCAT 3 PLC

3.2 Installation

Setup installation (TwinCAT 3.1 Build 4024)

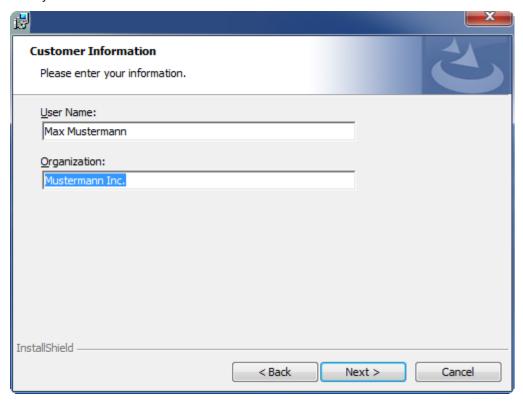
The following section describes how to install the TwinCAT 3 function for Windows-based operating systems.

- ✓ The TwinCAT 3 function setup file was downloaded from the Beckhoff website.
- 1. Run the setup file as administrator. To do this, select the **Run As Admin** command in the context menu of the file.
 - ⇒ The installation dialog opens.
- 2. Accept the end user licensing agreement and click Next.

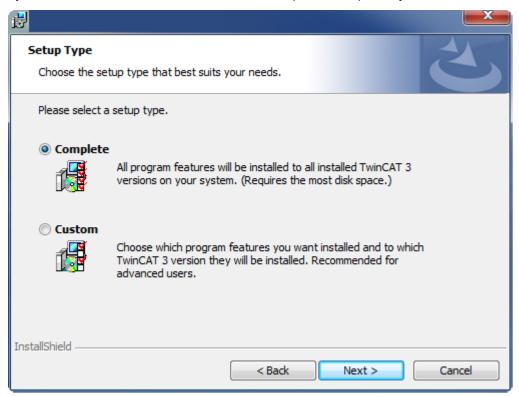




3. Enter your user data.

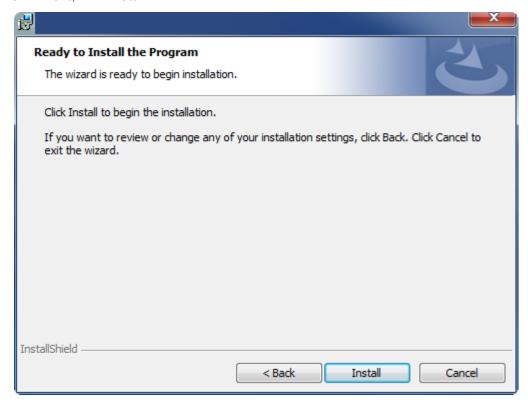


4. If you want to install the full version of the TwinCAT 3 function, select **Complete** as the installation type. If you want to install the TwinCAT 3 function components separately, select **Custom**.

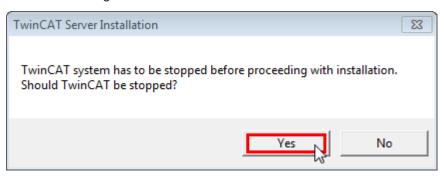




5. Click **Next**, then **Install** to start the installation.

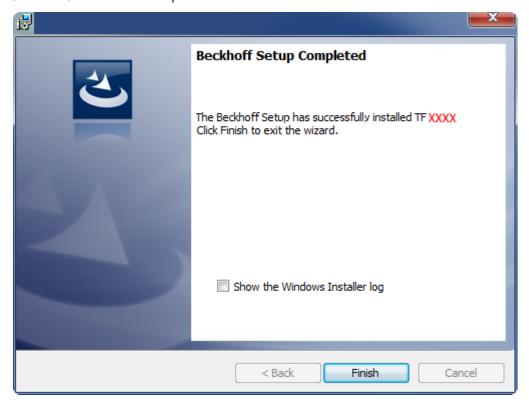


- ⇒ A dialog box informs you that the TwinCAT system must be stopped to proceed with the installation.
- 6. Confirm the dialog with Yes.





7. Click **Finish** to exit the setup.



⇒ The TwinCAT 3 function has been installed successfully.

3.3 Installation under TwinCAT4026

TwinCAT Package Manager

If you are using TwinCAT 3.1 Build 4026 (and higher) on the Microsoft Windows operating system, you can install this function via the TwinCAT Package Manager, see <u>Installation documentation</u>.

Normally you install the function via the corresponding workload; however, you can also install the packages contained in the workload individually. This documentation briefly describes the installation process via the workload.

Command line program TcPkg

You can use the TcPkg Command Line Interface (CLI) to display the available workloads on the system:

```
tcpkg list TF3520
```

You can use the following command to install the Workload of the TF3520 TC3 Analytics Storage Provider function.

```
tcpkg install TF3520.AnalyticsStorageProvider.XAE tcpkg install TF3520.AnalyticsStorageProvider.XAR
```

TwinCAT Package Manager UI

You can use the **U**ser Interface (UI) to display all available workloads and install them if required. To do this, follow the corresponding instructions in the interface.

3.4 Licensing

The TwinCAT 3 function can be activated as a full version or as a 7-day test version. Both license types can be activated via the TwinCAT 3 development environment (XAE).



Licensing the full version of a TwinCAT 3 Function

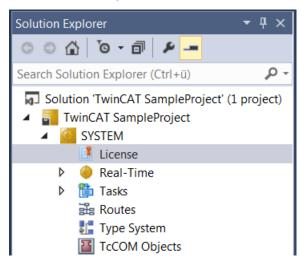
A description of the procedure to license a full version can be found in the Beckhoff Information System in the documentation "TwinCAT 3 Licensing".

Licensing the 7-day test version of a TwinCAT 3 Function

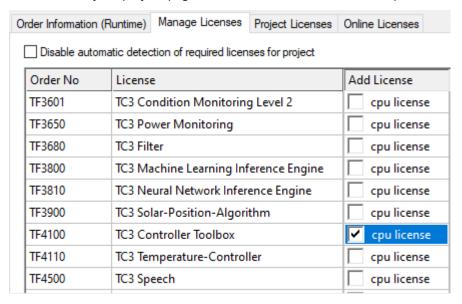


A 7-day test version cannot be enabled for a TwinCAT 3 license dongle.

- 1. Start the TwinCAT 3 development environment (XAE).
- 2. Open an existing TwinCAT 3 project or create a new project.
- 3. If you want to activate the license for a remote device, set the desired target system. To do this, select the target system from the **Choose Target System** drop-down list in the toolbar.
 - ⇒ The licensing settings always refer to the selected target system. When the project is activated on the target system, the corresponding TwinCAT 3 licenses are automatically copied to this system.
- 4. In the **Solution Explorer**, double-click **License** in the **SYSTEM** subtree.



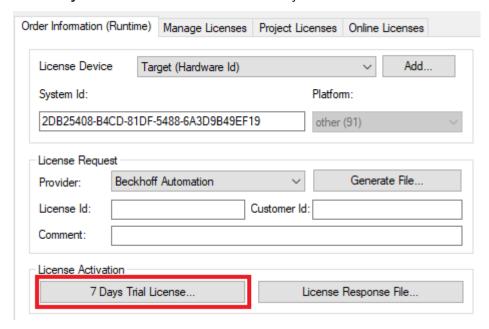
- ⇒ The TwinCAT 3 license manager opens.
- 5. Open the **Manage Licenses** tab. In the **Add License** column, check the check box for the license you want to add to your project (e.g. "TF4100 TC3 Controller Toolbox").



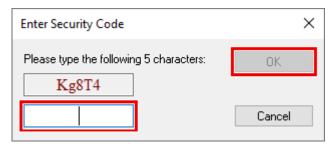
- 6. Open the Order Information (Runtime) tab.
 - ⇒ In the tabular overview of licenses, the previously selected license is displayed with the status "missing".



7. Click **7-Day Trial License...** to activate the 7-day trial license.



⇒ A dialog box opens, prompting you to enter the security code displayed in the dialog.



- 8. Enter the code exactly as it is displayed and confirm the entry.
- 9. Confirm the subsequent dialog, which indicates the successful activation.
 - ⇒ In the tabular overview of licenses, the license status now indicates the expiry date of the license.
- 10. Restart the TwinCAT system.
- ⇒ The 7-day trial version is enabled.

3.5 Installing the TwinCAT/BSD

The TwinCAT 3 Analytics Storage Provider Server is available as a package for TwinCAT/BSD in the package repository. Under the package name "TF3520 Analytics Storage Provider" it can be installed via the following command:

doas pkg install TF3520-Analytics-Storage-Provider

Further information about the <u>Package Server</u> can be found in the Embedded PC section of the TwinCAT/BSD manual.

After a system restart or restart of TwinCAT, the TwinCAT 3 Analytics Storage Provider Server is also started and can be configured by a client via MQTT.



MQTT port enabling

To use the Analytics Storage Provider and <u>Console Configurator/Client [99]</u> under TwinCAT/BSD, the corresponding MQTT port must be enabled for communication. For more info see: <u>Port enabling under TwinCAT/BSD</u>

After installation, the Client.dll for the console is located under the path /usr/local/etc/TwinCAT/Functions/ TF3520-Analytics-Storage-Provider/Client.



The Analytics Storage Provider service can be started by the following command if the license is activated:

doas service TcAnalyticsStorageProvider start



4 Analytics Workflow - First Steps

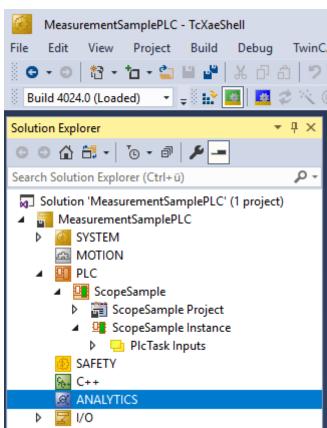
This step by step documentation presents the complete TwinCAT Analytics workflow. From the data acquisition over the communication and historizing up to the evaluation and analysis of the data and to the presentation of the data in web-based dashboard.

4.1 Recording data from the machine

On the machine side is the Analytics Logger the recorder of process data from the machine image, PLC, NC and so on. The Logger is working in the real-time context of TwinCAT.

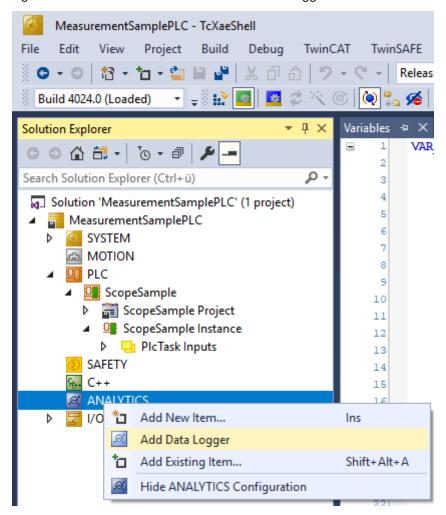
The TwinCAT Analytics Logger is installed with TwinCAT XAE and XAR. The Logger can act as MQTT Client to communicate the recorded data to a native MQTT Message Broker or store the data in the same data format in a local binary file. By the usage as MQTT Client the Logger is able to bypass short disconnects to the Message Broker with a ring buffer functionality. You can configure a ring buffer as well for the local binary file storage.

 To configure the Analytics Logger you have to navigate in your existing TwinCAT Project to the Analytics tree node

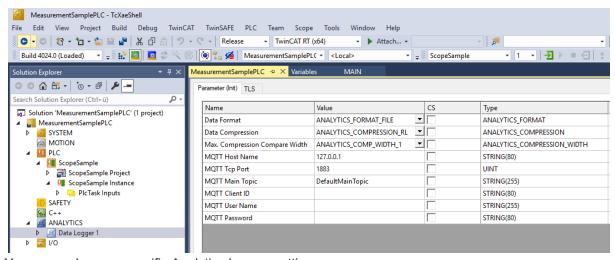




· Right click on this node and click on "Add Data Logger" to add one new instance to your configuration



· For configuring the base settings, please double click on the new tree item

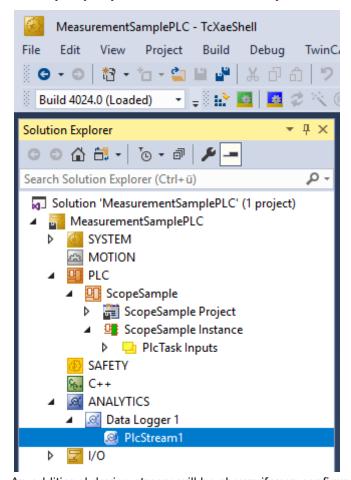


You can make your specific Analytics Logger settings

- -Data Format: Binary file or MQTT stream
- -FILE format: Analytics Logger stores the data in local binary files and all other settings are not necessary anymore. The files will be stored in C:\TwinCAT\3.1\Boot\Analytics.
- -BINARY: Data will be sent to the configured MQTT Message Broker. You can have multiple Logger in one TwinCAT project to communicate data to different MQTT Message Broker.
 - -Data Compression: on (default) or off



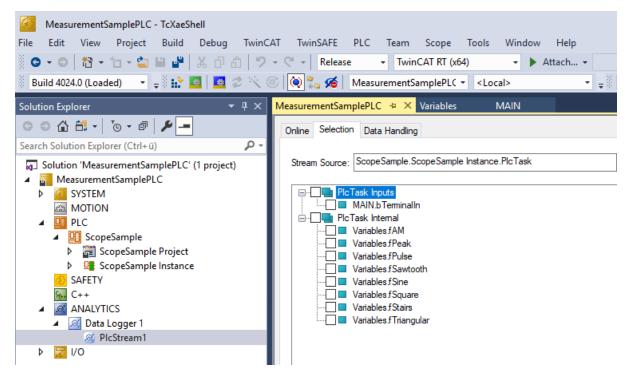
- -Max Compression: mode of the compression
- -MQTT host name
- -MQTT Tcp port
- -MQTT main topic for own hierarchical levels to keep the identification easy
- -MQTT Client ID should be unique in the network
- -MQTT username
- -MQTT password to make authentication at the message broker
- -At the TLS (Transport Layer Security) tab, security settings can be configured. TLS is a secure communication channel between client and server. By the usage of certificates, the TCP port 8883 is exclusively reserved for MQTT over TLS. Analytics Logger is supporting the modes CA Certificates, CA Certificates & Client Certificate and Preshared Key (PSK) mode.
 - If variables in your PLC application are marked in the declaration with the attribute {attribute 'TcAnalytics'} they will be shown automatically as a stream below the Data Logger tree node.



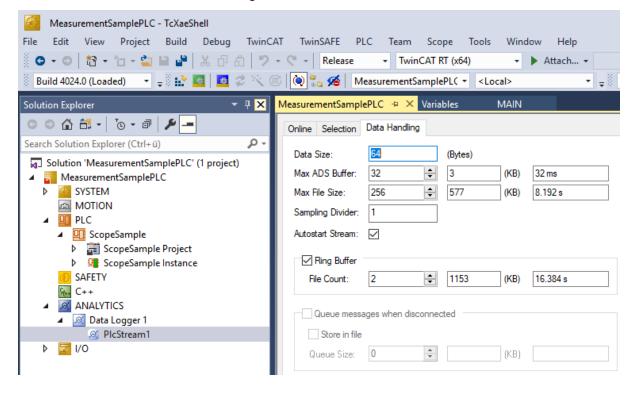
An additional device stream will be shown if your configuration provides an EtherCAT Process Image.



In the stream a Selection tab is available to choose the variables that should be recorded



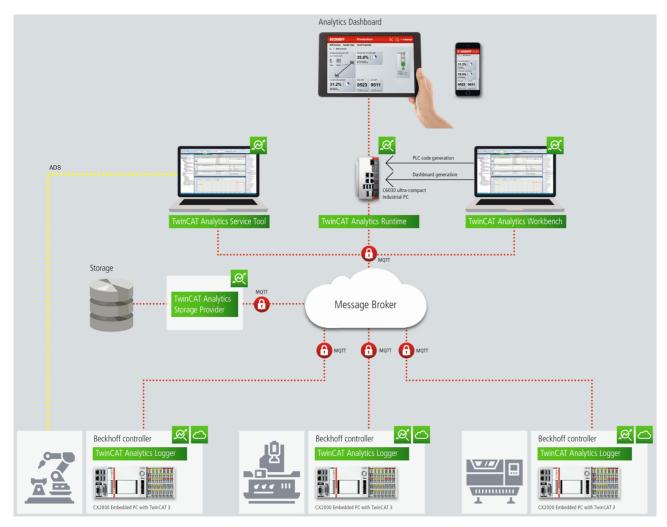
 Finally it is possible to change the package size for the frames or to configure the ring buffer for disconnects and file in the Data Handling tab.



4.2 Communication

Currently, the Analytics workflow is fully mappable via MQTT. The engineering tools can also access the data of the machines via ADS and carry out analyzes.



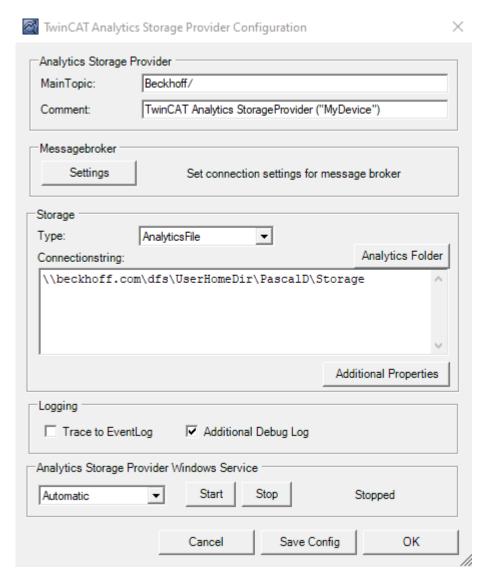


If you choose for the IoT communication protocol MQTT you have to setup a native MQTT Message Broker somewhere in the network (VM in a cloud system is also possible). This Message Broker provides a decoupling of the different applications in the Analytics Workflow.

4.3 Historicize data

After the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider has been installed, the service running in the background can be configured. You will find the TwinCAT Analytics.StorageProvider.Configurator application in the folder *C:* \TwinCAT\Functions\TF3520-Analytics-StorageProvider\Tools.





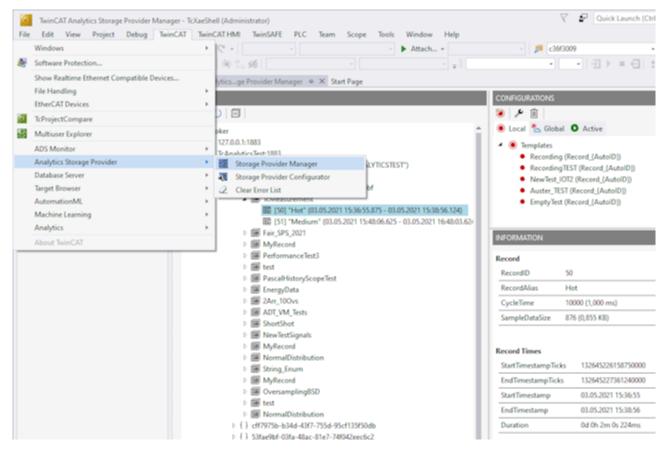
The main part of the topic can be defined in the configuration as well as the comment, which is used for identification if more than one Storage Provider is registered with the message broker.

You can make the message broker settings and decide on a storage type:

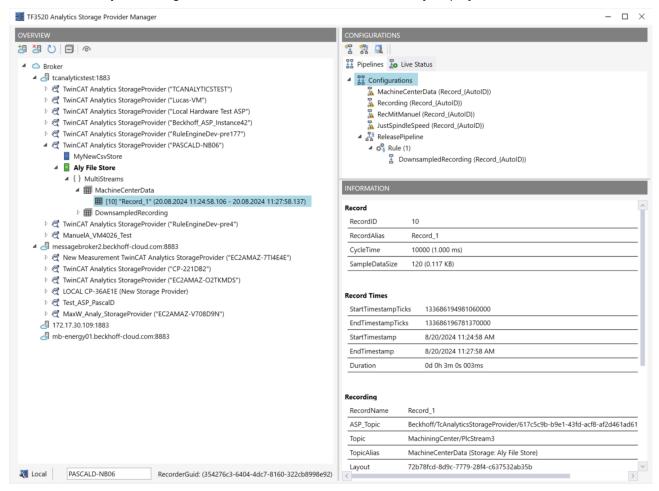
- Analytics File (binary file)
- · CSV file
- Microsoft SQL (binary / plain text)
- · InlfuxDB (plain text)
- Microsoft Azure Blob (Azure Cloud required)

At last you can save the configuration and start the service. The next step is to configure the specific recording. For this you should select the **Storage Provider Manager** in your development environment.





With the Storage Provider Recorder recording definitions can be created, started and managed. In addition, it is possible to manage the data memories of individual Analytics Storage Providers. All important properties of the found Analytics Storage Providers and historized data are clearly displayed.





Toolbar Manager window ("OVERVIEW")



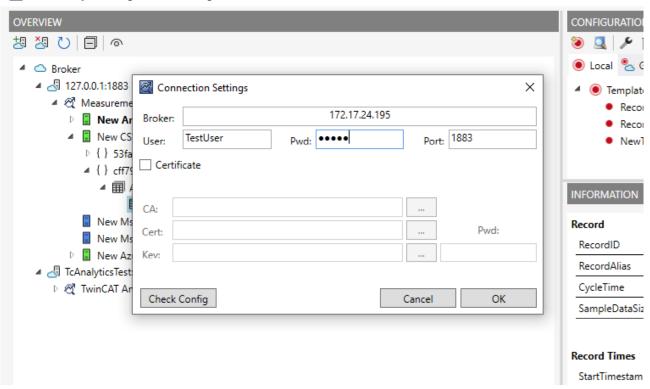
1	Add new broker
2	Remove selected broker
3	Refresh display
4	Collapse all nodes
5	View switch between dark/light mode

Function Manager window ("OVERVIEW")

First assign a **RecorderAlias**. This helps to group the started recordings and to find its self started ones again.

After that, one or more brokers can be set up. This is done via the already known input mask for MQTT connection properties.

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Once a connection to the broker could be established, all Analytics Storage Providers connected to it will be listed.

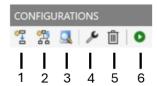
"Storage" status





Toolbar Manager window ("CONFIGURATIONS")

Storage is in the error state



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1	Create a new pipeline
2	Create a new pipeline with Rule Engine
3	Open Target Browser for connecting simple pipelines
4	Edit a selected pipeline
5	Delete a selected pipeline
6	Start a selected pipeline

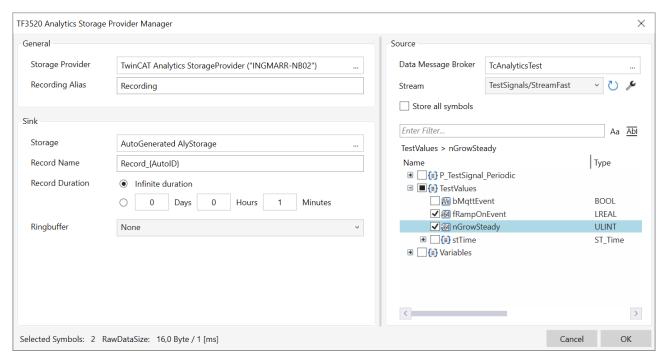
Function Manager window ("CONFIGURATIONS")

The window is divided into two tabs. Pipelines and Live Status. Under Pipelines you will find the configurations of your pipelines. You can define new pipelines from here. Edit existing. Delete or start.



To create a new simple pipeline, click the "Create new pipeline" button. The following dialog opens.





You can now drag and drop the symbols you want to record from the Target Browser into the dialog. You also assign a Recording Alias and a Record Name.

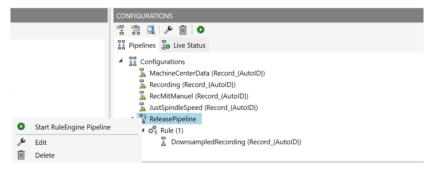
Various placeholders are available for the Record Name:



You can also configure recording names and a duration (otherwise the recording will run endlessly until it is stopped manually). A ring buffer can be set according to storage space or time.

The entries are confirmed with **OK** and a new local recording definition is created.

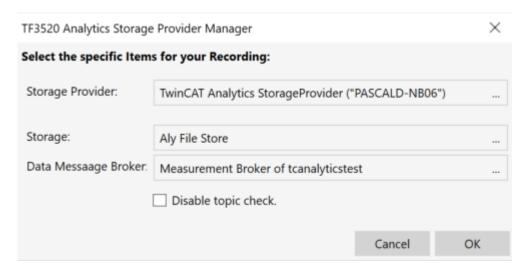
It is now possible to start this definition directly via the toolbar or the context menu.



However, it is also possible to make the definition globally accessible. This can be done via the context menu with the entry **Publish Recording**.

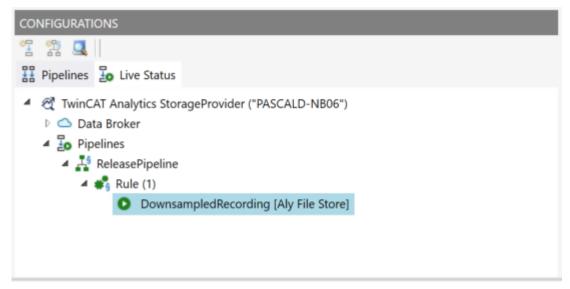
The following dialog then opens:





Here you can now select the desired Analytics Storage Provider via which the definition is to be published. In addition, the definition is assigned a Storage and a Data Broker of the selected Analytics Storage Provider. After the selection, the recording definition is confirmed with **OK** and published to the selected Analytics Storage Provider. This means that it can be found by any Storage Provider Manager that is connected to the MQTT Broker.

After starting a pipeline, the view automatically jumps to the second tab, the Live Status.

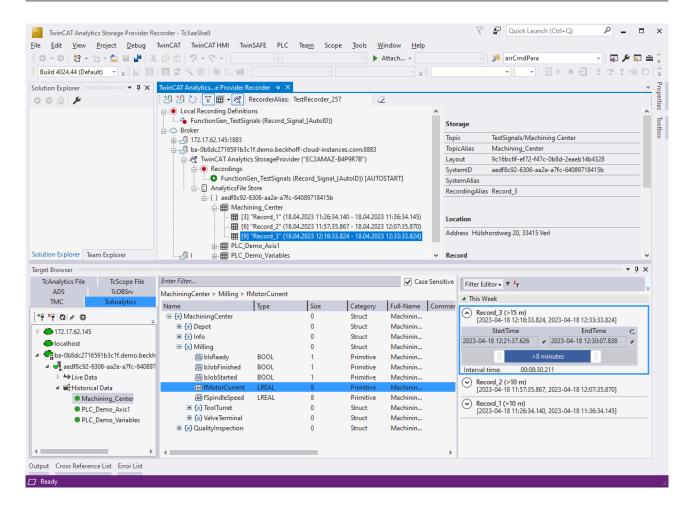


All active recordings from all users are listed here. The recordings can be ended in this tab and it is also possible to jump to the resulting record.

Use historized data

After and also during recording, you can select the historical data as input for your analysis in Target Browser. In the Target Browser, you will find a new control on the right side for the historical data. There you can select the timespan for your data.





4.4 Importing/converting Analytics Files

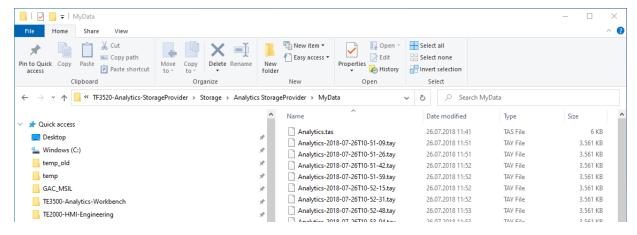


In the following it is assumed that you have installed TwinCAT under "C:/TwinCAT". Otherwise, you must adjust the specified paths accordingly.

You can import recordings from the Analytics Logger stored in Analytics File Format (*Analytics.tas, Analytics-Chate>.tay*) into the Storage Provider. In general, you can convert data saved by the Storage Provider as an Analytics File into other formats. Analytics File is always the source format.

To do this, perform the following steps:

Save the folder with the Analytics Files in your Storage Provider location
By default, here: C:\TwinCAT\Functions\TF3520-Analytics-StorageProvider\Storage\Analytics
StorageProvider (create the folders manually if they do not exist)

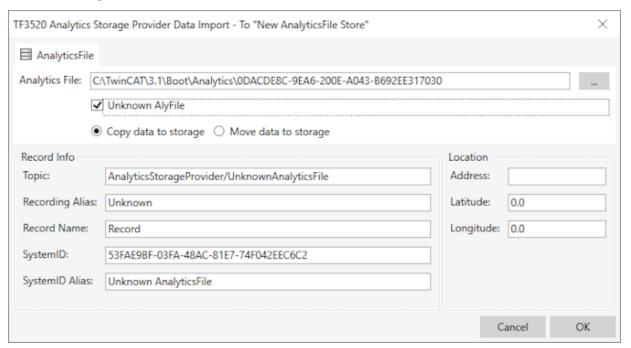




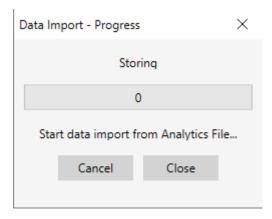
- 2. Open *TwinCAT*. *Analytics*. *StorageProvider*. *Configurator*. exe. The program can be found under the path *C*:\TwinCAT\Functions\TF3520-Analytics-StorageProvider\Tools
- 3. Select the Storage into which the Analytics File is to be imported and press the **DataImport** button.



4. Then select the path to the Analytics File in the DataImport dialog and enter all other known parameters for this recording.



5. Press **OK** and the data import begins.



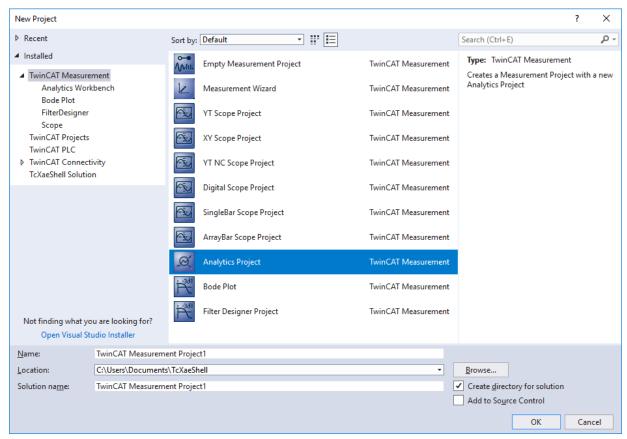
Now you can see your imported data in the <u>TwinCAT Target Browser [▶ 95]</u>.



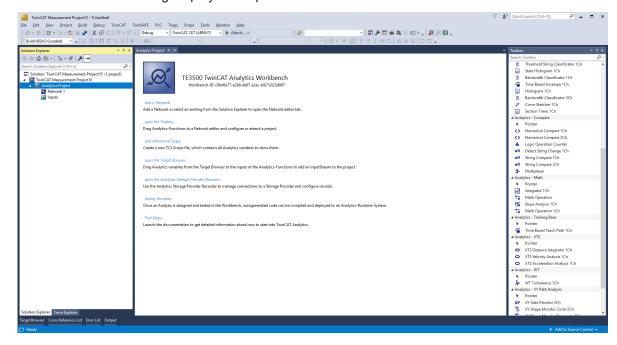
⇒ You may have to wait a short time or restart your Storage Provider.

4.5 Analyse data

- ✓ Open your TwinCAT Engineering environment to start the data analysis.
- 1. Open Visual Studio® > File > New > Project...
- 2. Select the **Analytics project template** from **TwinCAT Measurement**.

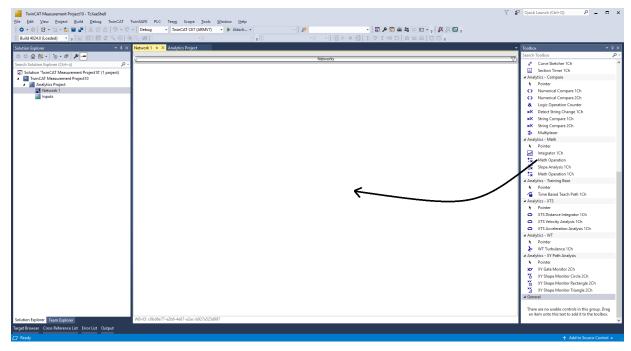


⇒ The new project is displayed in the Solution Explorer. After clicking the **Analytics Project** tree node element a start window opens where you can select your first action. From here you can add a network, open the **Toolbox**, open the **Target Browser** or open the **Analytics Storage Provider Recorder**. In the following steps you will perform all these actions.



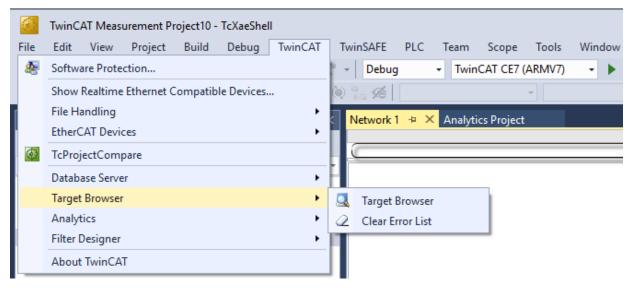


3. It makes sense to open the **Toolbox** of Visual Studio® first. There you will find all the algorithms supported by TwinCAT Analytics. Algorithms need to be grouped and organized into networks. Right-click **Analytics Project** to add a new network, or add a network using the start page. The first network is always generated by default.



- 4. When you click on the network, an editor opens. Now you can drag and drop the desired algorithm into the editor interface.
- 5. After selecting the algorithm, you need to connect input variables to the modules (algorithm). To do this, open the **Target Browser**.

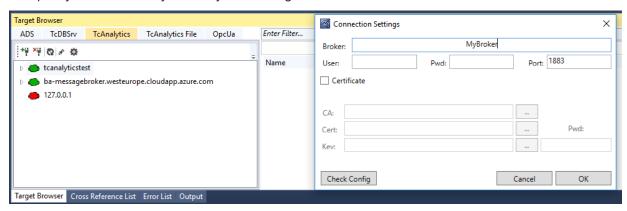
TwinCAT > Target Browser > Target Browser



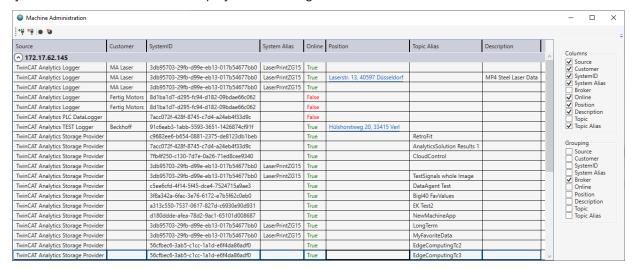
6. Now select the **TcAnalytics** or **TcAnalyticsFile** tab in the Target Browser. Continue with the tab **TcAnalytics** (MQTT).



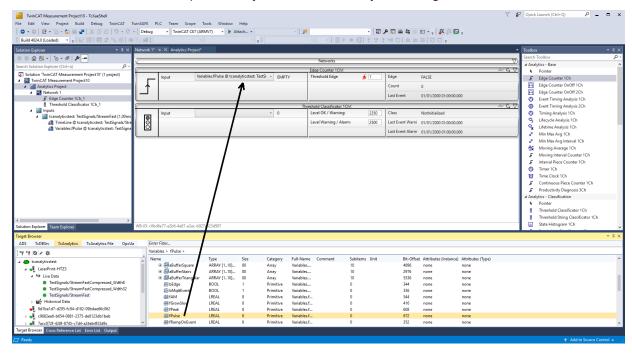
7. Click the icon highlighted in green in the toolbar of this Analytics extension. A window opens in which you can specify the connectivity data of your message broker.



- 8. Select your MQTT Analytics client (TwinCAT Analytics Logger, TwinCAT IoT Data Agent or Beckhoff EK9160). There is a unique ID for each control. This ID is displayed in the Target Browser.
- 9. Clicking on the **gear icon**, you will get to the Machine Administration page. Here you can assign a system alias name that will be displayed in the Target Browser instead of the ID.

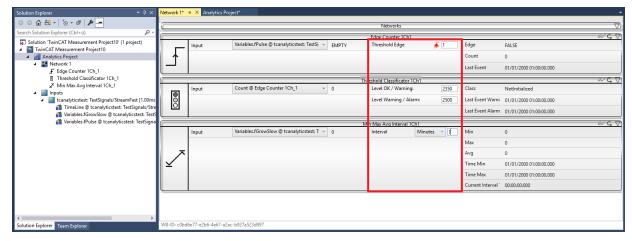


10. In the next step, you can choose between live data and historical data for each MQTT Analytics client. In this case, the historical data is provided by the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider.

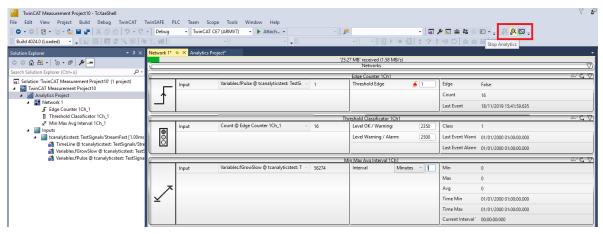




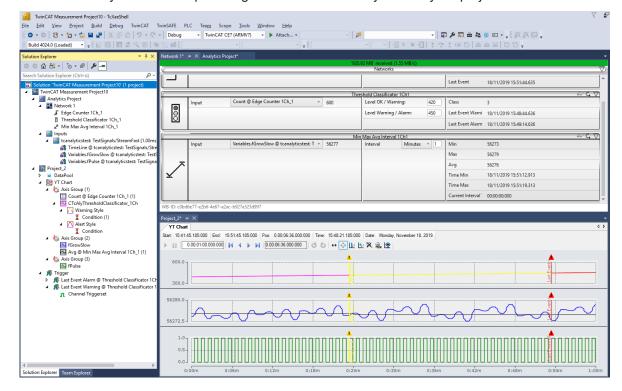
11. You can drag and drop the variables into the inputs of the specific algorithm. In most algorithms, conditions such as thresholds, time intervals, logical operators etc. can be specified. These settings are made in the middle of each module.



⇒ Finally, your first Analytics Project is complete. To start the analysis, click **Start Analytics**. To stop the analysis, click **Stop Analytics**.



⇒ Before starting the analysis or during runtime, you can click the **Add Reference Scope** button. This will automatically create a Scope configuration that matches your Analytics project.



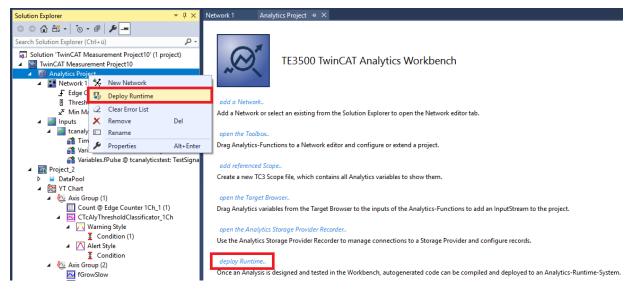


⇒ The analysis results can be displayed in the Scope View graphs using drag-and-drop. For example, a
mean value can be displayed as a new channel in the view. Timestamps as markers on the X-axes show
significant values.

4.6 24h Analytics application

The last major step in the TwinCAT Analytics workflow is the continuous 24-hour machine analysis. It runs in parallel with the machine applications in the field. To make this very easy, the TwinCAT Analytics Workbench can automatically generate PLC code and an HTML5-based dashboard of your Analytics configuration. Both can be downloaded into a TwinCAT Analytics Runtime (TC3 PLC and HMI Server) and provide the same analysis results as the configurator tool in the engineering environment.

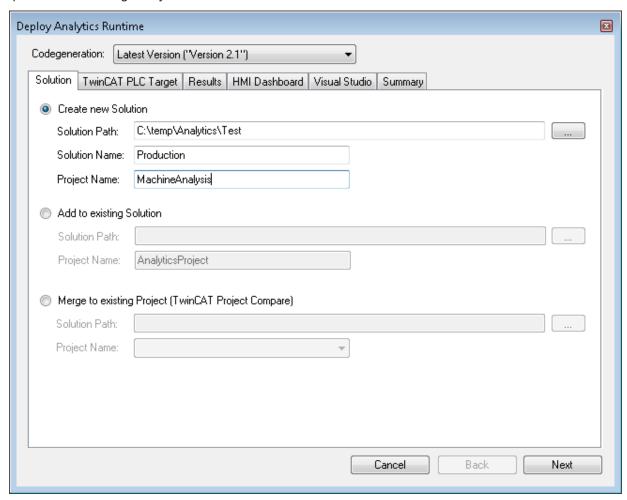
✓ First, save your configuration and open the Analytics Deploy Runtime Wizard. This can be done from the context menu in the Analytics Project tree item or from the start page.



When the wizard is open, you can click through some tabs. The first one is called Solution. Here you can
decide how your Analytics project should be used in the PLC code: As...
completely new solution.

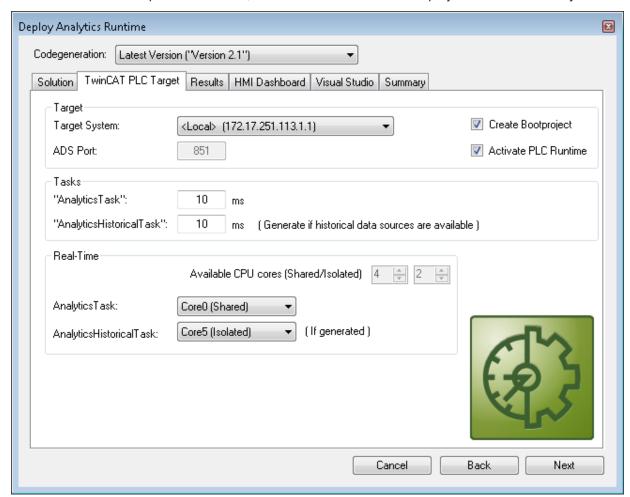


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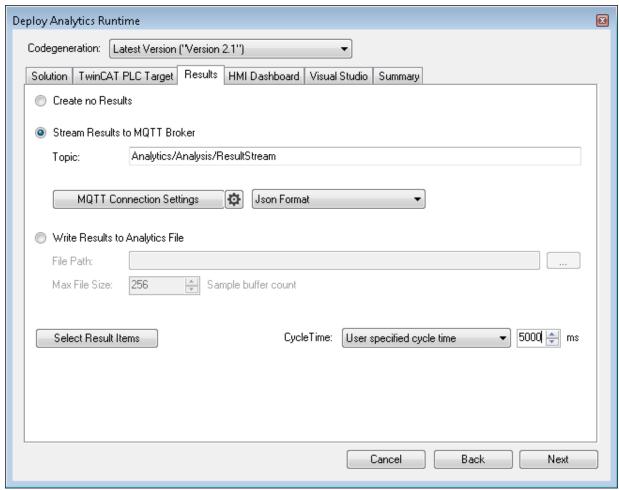


2. In the **TwinCAT PLC Target** tab you can select the ADS target system that runs the TwinCAT Analytics Runtime (TF3550). The created project is immediately executable. For this purpose you can set the Activate PLC Runtime option. In addition, it can be selected that a boot project is created directly.

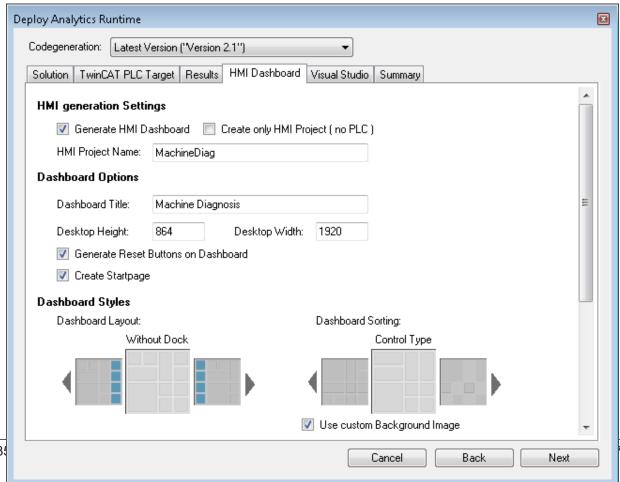


3. Especially for virtual machines, it is important to run the project on isolated cores, which is also an option in this tab. The next tab **Results** is needed only if you have selected the **Stream Results** option in the algorithm properties. If you want to send results, you can decide here in which way (locally in a file/through MQTT) and which format (binary/JSON) this should be done. This is also generated automatically and executed immediately after activation.





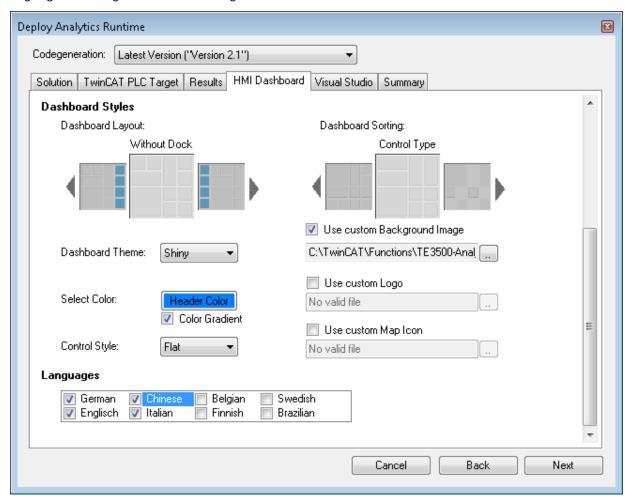
Downsampling of the results is possible by specifying a cycle time. The next tab is for the **HMI Dashboard**. A prerequisite for the automatic generation of the dashboard is the selection of HMI Controls for the corresponding algorithms whose results are to be displayed in the dashboard.



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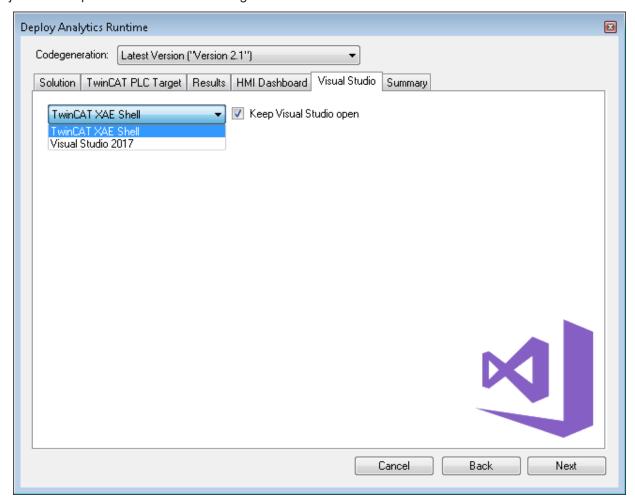


4. You can choose different options for your Analytics Dashboard, such as a start page with a map, layouts, sorting algorithms, custom colors and logos. If you select multiple languages for the Analytics Controls, a language switching menu will also be generated.



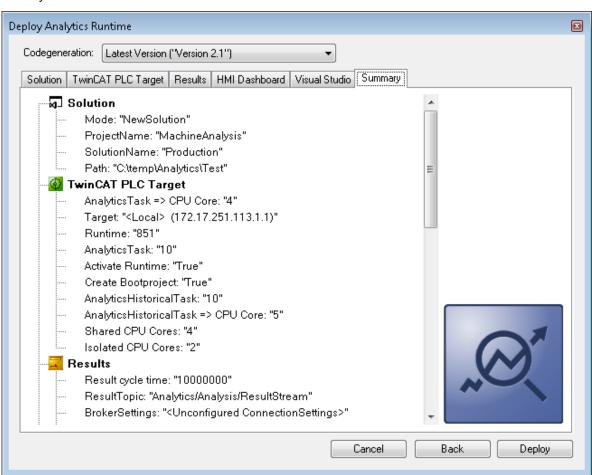


5. Select one of the installed versions of Visual Studio® and, whether the instance should start visibly or just be set up and activated in the background.



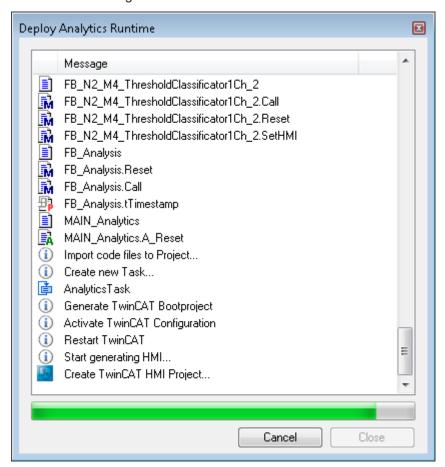


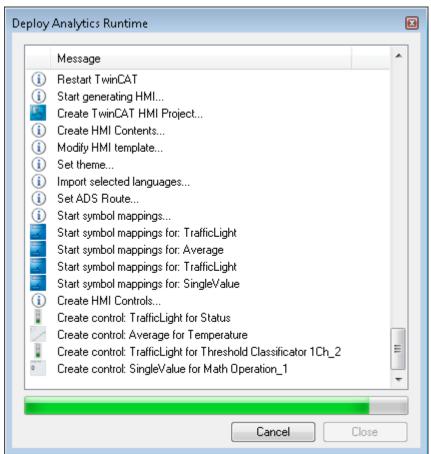
⇒ At last you can find an overview.





6. Now you can click the **Deploy** button to start the generation process. The PLC project and the HMI dashboard are now generated.

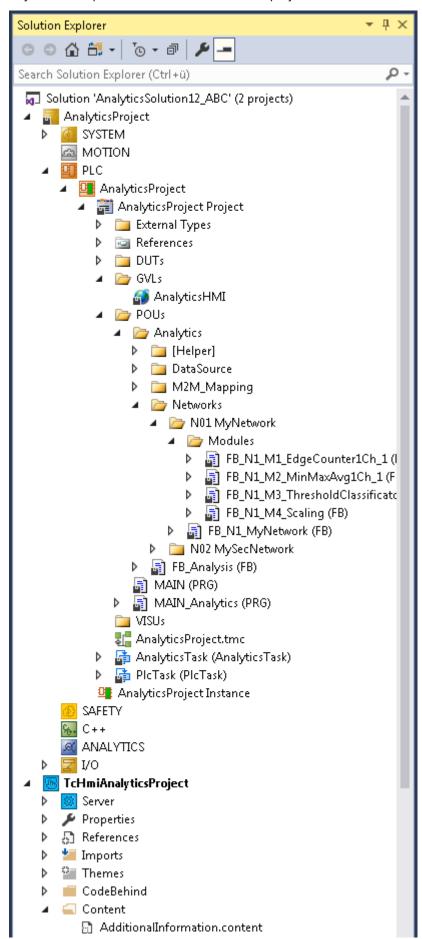




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⇒ After the "Deploy Runtime succeeded" message, you will find a new Visual Studio®/XAE shell instance on your desktop. The new Solution and both projects are created.





5 Technical introduction

The basic idea of the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider (ASP) is to have a gateway that largely frees the user from configuring a data sink, i.e. a storage or a database. The user does not need to set up his own table structure in a database. He only has to configure which of the supported data sinks he wants to use for storing his data.

Service Management

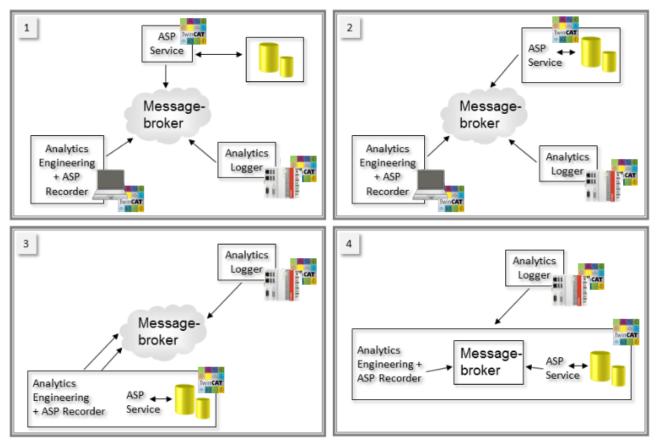
The Analytics Storage Provider service can run anywhere on the network. It is implemented as a Windows service. The service can run on hardware devices, such as industrial PCs or embedded PCs in the local network, and also on virtual machines in the same network, or in a cloud system, for example.

Data Management

The Storage Provider works with the binary format of TwinCAT Analytics. This allows it to receive and store streams from an MQTT message broker and to create and send new streams itself. The user only needs the recorder, which is integrated with the TwinCAT Analytics Workbench or the service tool in his own engineering system. The variables themselves are displayed in the TwinCAT Target Browser. For the Analytics binary format, they are divided into live and historical data. Live data can be used as input to the Analytics Storage Provider. Historical data are the values from the database/storage provided by the Storage Provider.

Topologies

The many degrees of freedom offered by IoT technologies enable different topologies. The following picture shows the most important constellations.



- 1. Each SW package runs on its own HW device or virtual machine.
- 2. The Analytics Storage Provider Windows service runs on the same device as the database/storage.
- 3. Analytics Engineering, Analytics Storage Provider, and database or storage are on the same device. Only the Message Broker and Analytics Logger (data source) run on other devices.



4. In this topology view, only the Analytics Logger runs on its own PC. This may be the case in a machine application. All other tools in the Analytics tool chain reside on one device, including the MQTT message broker.

Topologies with additional ASP clients

Currently, two additional clients are available from the Analytics Storage Provider perspective. A command line based client that allows execution from almost any application. And a PLC library that can also be used to influence the actions of the storage provider.

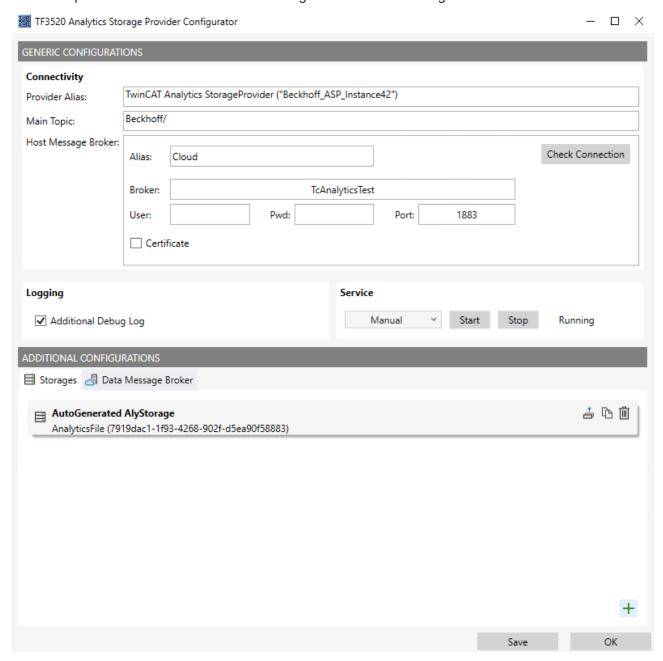


6 Configuration

The configuration of the Analytics Storage Provider is divided into two main parts. First, you need to configure the service with its stores. This is done in the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider Configurator. You must also configure the recordings and pipelines yourself. In other words, which variables should be stored in which stores under which conditions. To do this, go to the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider Manager. In this chapter you will also find the supported databases and storages.

6.1 Configurator

You can configure the service with its message brokers and stores in the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider Configurator. A distinction is made between a Host Message Broker and various Data Message Brokers. A Host Message Broker can also be a Data Message Broker at the same time. The Host Message Broker is special because this is where the Storage Provider's service registers.



6.1.1 Generic Configurations

General settings for the Storage Provider service can be made in the Generic Configurations.



GENERIC CONFIGURATIONS

Provider Alias:

Each Analytics Storage Provider Service has its own GUID for identification. You can enter a provider alias in the general configuration area so that this can be replaced by a meaningful name.

Main Topic:

Basically, you do not have to worry about the topic. However, you can enter the so-called Main Topic here. It describes the first part of the overall topic. Beckhoff-specific additions are then added. This results in a very simple plug-and-play system with TwinCAT Analytics.

Host Message Broker:

The so-called Host Message Broker can be configured here. The Storage Provider Service logs on to this message broker itself and makes its data available. This broker can also be a so-called Data Message Broker, which is used to receive data to the Storage Provider Service. There can only be one Host Broker in the system, but several Data Brokers.

Logging:

Check various logging options.

Service:

Displays the status and default settings for starting the Windows service.

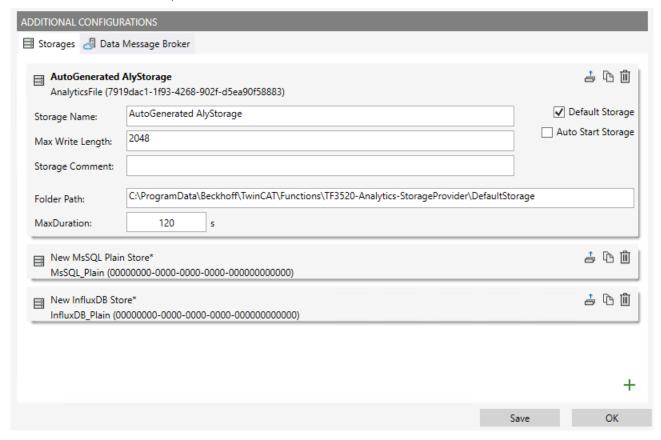
6.1.2 Additional Configurations

The Stores and Data Message Broker of the Storage Provider Services are set under Additional Configurations.

ADDITIONAL CONFIGURATIONS

Storages

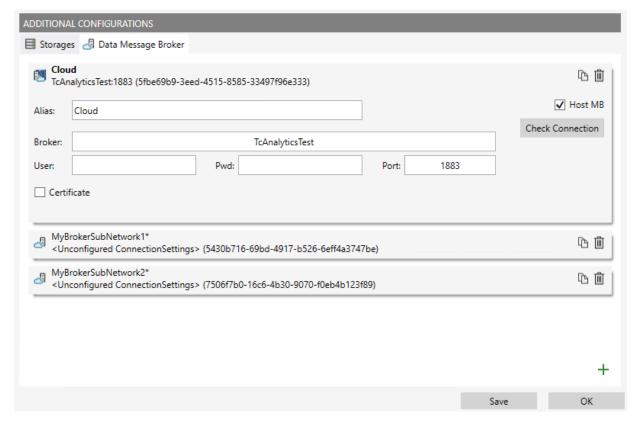
The stores that are available to the Analytics Storage Provider Service can be created in the Storages tab. These can be of various types, such as Microsoft SQL® or csv files. New stores can be added in binary or plain text format using the plus sign in the bottom right-hand corner. The configuration of the individual stores is described in this <u>sub-chapter</u> [▶ 47].



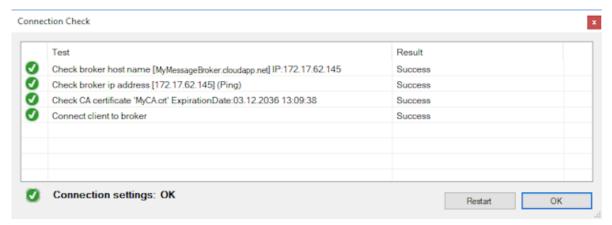


Data Message Broker

1. In the Data Message Broker tab, you can create the message brokers that can provide input data for the Storage Provider in addition to the Host Message Broker.



- 2. The settings can be checked using the Check Connection button.
 - ⇒ The result is displayed in the following window:



If you click on **Save**, the settings are saved in the directory *C:\TwinCAT\Functions\TF3520-Analytics-StorageProvider\Configurations*.

6.1.2.1 Databases/Stores

The following overview shows which database connections are supported by which platform.



Database	Windows		TwinCAT/BSD	
	Local	Remote	Local	Remote
Analytics File	X	X	X	X
CSV	X	X	X	X
MS SQL	X	Х	-	X
PostgreSQL	X	X	-	X
InfluxDB 2	X	X	-	X
AzureBlob	-	X	-	X

6.1.2.1.1 TwinCAT Analytics Binary File

TwinCAT Analytics Binary File is a TwinCAT-specific Storage. Therefore no external software is necessary. You can use this type of storage directly after installing the Analytics Storage Provider. This is the same file that the TwinCAT Analytics Logger provides in its "offline" configuration without MQTT Message Broker.



Storage Name:

Assign a descriptive name that describes the purpose of the storage well. It will reappear in various places during configuration in the Manager.

Max Write Length:

The amount of data that is written to the .tay file in one call is specified here.

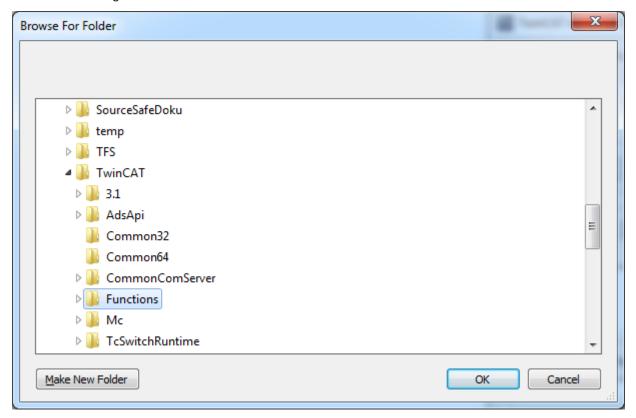
Storage Comment:

You can enter additional information about the storage here.



File Path:

For the configuration, you must select your preferred folder on the local device on which the Storage Provider is running.



The folder used is displayed in the Connection String window for confirmation.

The folder architecture that is created after the pipeline is started is currently divided into five hierarchical levels:

- 1. System ID (this is a GUID of the system sending the data) can be replaced by the alias name in the Analytics Logger settings or in local engineering by the Machine Administration Page.
- 2. Recording name can be set using the configurator.
- 3. Record name can be set by the configurator and automatically influenced with auto IDs, date, cycle time and other placeholders at runtime.
- 4. Internal ID cannot be changed.
- 5. Layout GUID cannot be changed and corresponds to the data storage of the Analytics Logger.

Max Duration:

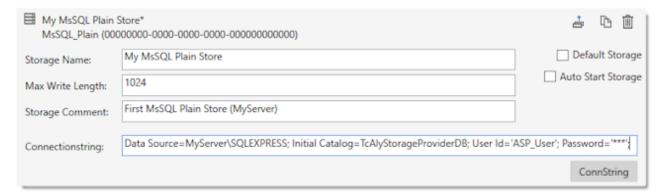
This value specifies in seconds how much data is written to a .tay file. After time X, the data is written to a new .tay file. Ring buffers that are configured in the Manager only affect complete .tay files of a current recording.

6.1.2.1.2 Microsoft SQL (binary / plain text)

With Microsoft SQL Server, you have another On-Premises solution for storing the Analytics binary data.



Enter the Connection String for your MS SQL server here.



Storage Name:

Assign a descriptive name that describes the purpose of the storage well. It will reappear in various places during configuration in the Manager.

Max Write Length:

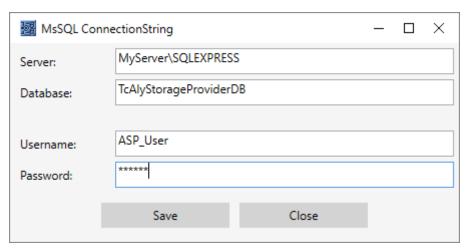
The amount of data that is saved in a tbl_Data record is specified here.

Storage Comment:

You can enter additional information about the storage here.

Connection String:

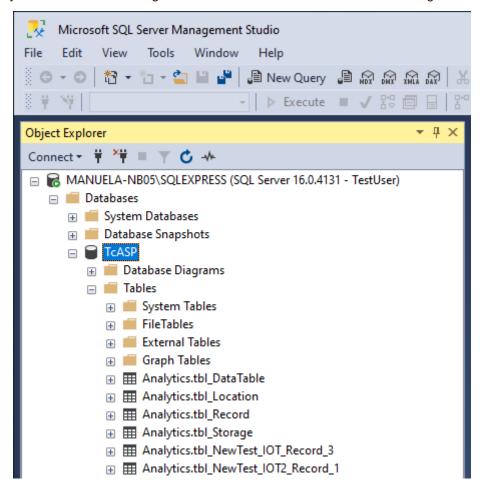
Click on the **ConnString** button to open the input mask. Make the configuration settings there, including for remote databases that are accessible via network connections.



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After starting the storage, communication with the database begins. At this point, the Storage Provider itself creates the four required tables. Each recording configuration is saved in a separate table. As an example, you can see the following screenshot from Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio.



The ring buffer functionality for the Microsoft SQL® database can also be set in the Manager.

6.1.2.1.3 CSV file



Storage Name:

Assign a descriptive name that describes the purpose of the storage well. It will reappear in various places during configuration in the Manager.

Max Write Length:

The amount of data that is written to the .csv file in one call is specified here.

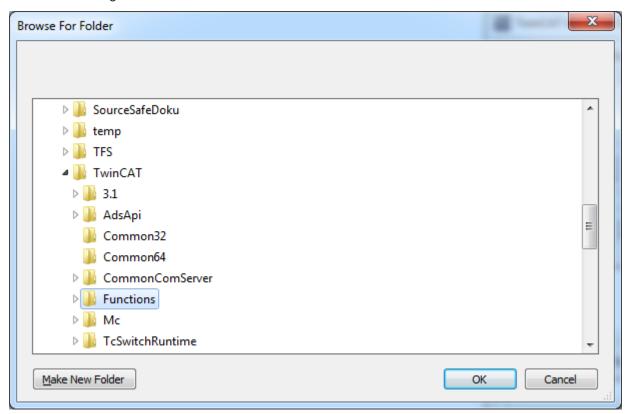
Storage Comment:

You can enter additional information about the storage here.



File Path:

For the configuration, you must select your preferred folder on the local device on which the Storage Provider is running.



The folder used is displayed in the Connection String window for confirmation.

Max Duration:

It is also possible to define the timespan to be saved in a CSV file. The decimal places of floating point numbers can also be limited.

Decimalplaces:

The number of decimal places can be set here. The value "-1" stands for unspecified, the value "2" stands for two decimal places, for example.

6.1.2.1.4 InfluxDB 2

With the support of InfluxDB, you have another on-premises solution for storing Analytics binary data.



Storage Name:

Assign a descriptive name that describes the purpose of the storage well. It will reappear in various places during configuration in the Manager.



Max Write Length:

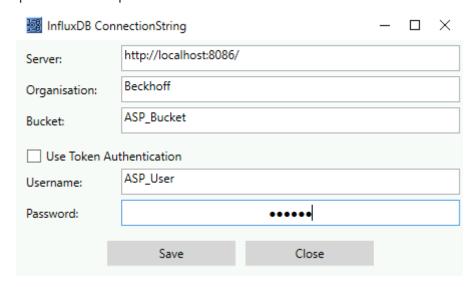
The amount of data that is written to the Influx in one call is specified here.

Storage Comment:

You can enter additional information about the storage here.

Connection String:

Click on the **ConnString** button to open the input mask. You can make the configuration settings there, including for remote databases that are accessible via network connections. The server should always be specified with the port number.



After starting the storage, communication with the database begins.

6.1.2.1.5 Microsoft Azure Blob

To use Microsoft Azure Blob Storage, you need a Microsoft Azure Cloud account. There you get also your individual Connection String for the configuration of the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider.



Storage Name:

Assign a descriptive name that describes the purpose of the storage well. It will reappear in various places during configuration in the Manager.

Max Write Length:

The amount of data that is written to the blob store in one call is specified here.

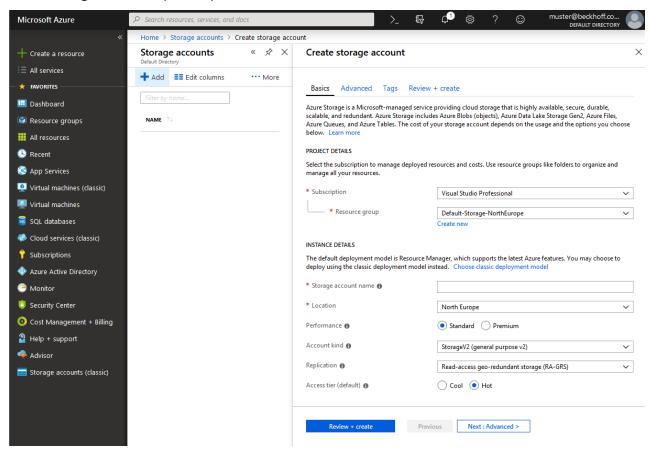
Storage Comment:

You can enter additional information about the storage here.

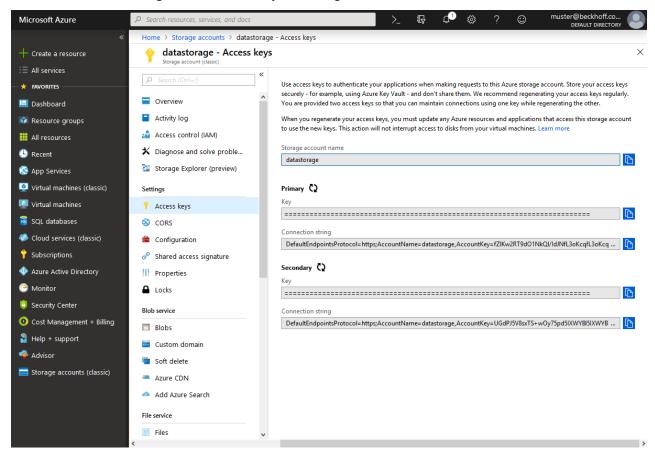
Copy the Connection String into the description field. The storage must be created in Azure itself.



Select Storage accounts (classic).



After creating the Storage, you will find the secondary Connection String under **Access keys**. This string must be used in the configuration of the Analytics Storage Provider.





6.1.3 Importing/converting Analytics Files

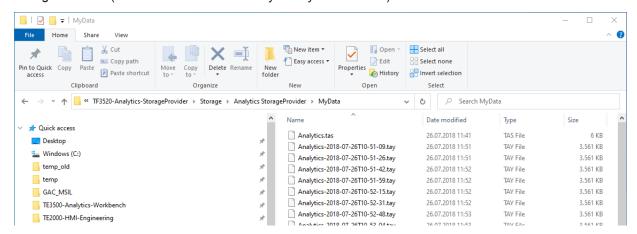


In the following it is assumed that you have installed TwinCAT under "C:/TwinCAT". Otherwise, you must adjust the specified paths accordingly.

You can import recordings from the Analytics Logger stored in Analytics File Format (*Analytics.tas*, *Analytics-Cate>.tay*) into the Storage Provider. In general, you can convert data saved by the Storage Provider as an Analytics File into other formats. Analytics File is always the source format.

To do this, perform the following steps:

1. Save the folder with the Analytics Files in your Storage Provider location
By default, here: C:\TwinCAT\Functions\TF3520-Analytics-StorageProvider\Storage\Analytics
StorageProvider (create the folders manually if they do not exist)



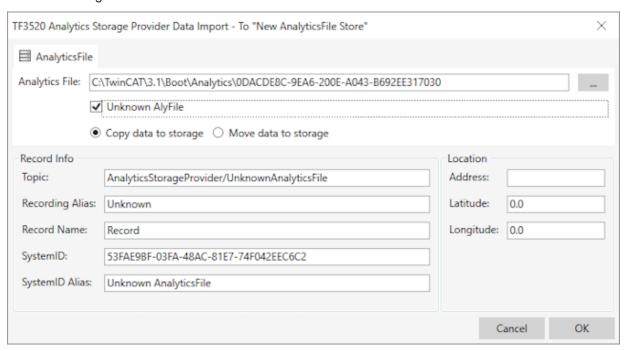
- 2. Open TwinCAT.Analytics.StorageProvider.Configurator.exe. The program can be found under the path C:\TwinCAT\Functions\TF3520-Analytics-StorageProvider\Tools
- 3. Select the Storage into which the Analytics File is to be imported and press the DataImport button.



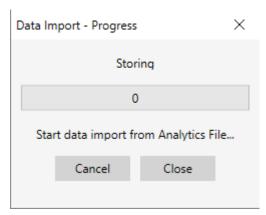
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4. Then select the path to the Analytics File in the DataImport dialog and enter all other known parameters for this recording.



5. Press **OK** and the data import begins.

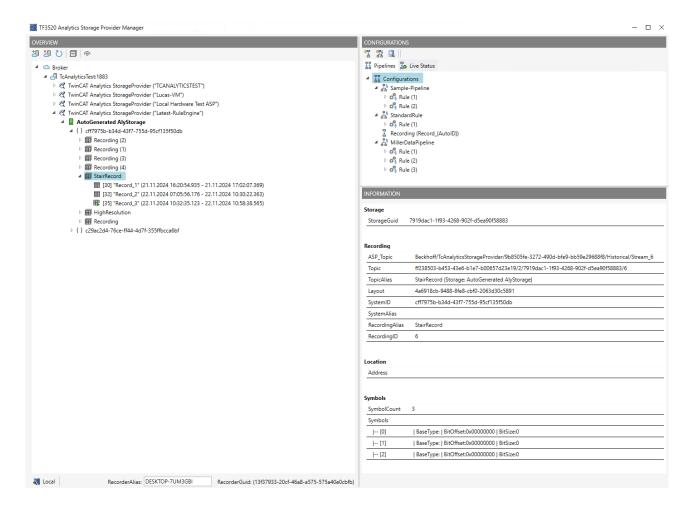


- ⇒ Now you can see your imported data in the <u>TwinCAT Target Browser [▶ 95]</u>.
- ⇒ You may have to wait a short time or restart your Storage Provider.

6.2 Manager

You can define your data pipelines in the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider Manager. A pipeline is defined in such a way that you can select the data sources (Data Message Broker) and the symbols available there. Optionally pre-process the data using rules and ultimately store the data in one or more stores. The stores must have been created in the <u>Configurator [• 45]</u> for this.





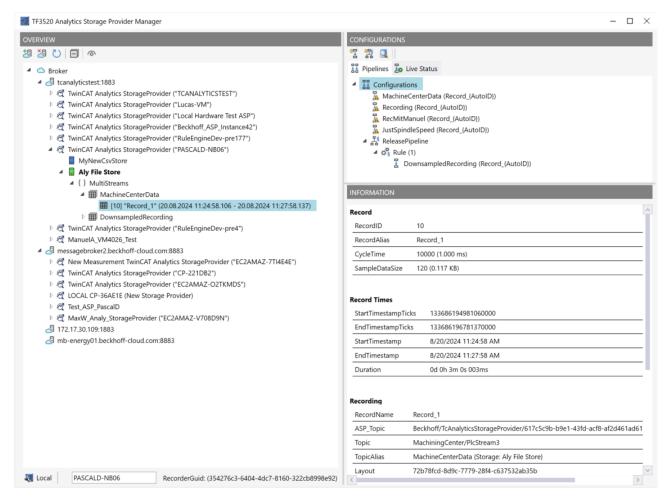
6.2.1 Manager ("Recorder")

The Analytics Storage Provider Recorder is part of the Analytics Engineering setups. Therefore, you can find the recorder in the installation of the TwinCAT Analytics Workbench and the TwinCAT Analytics Service Tool.

With the Storage Provider Recorder recording definitions can be created, started and managed. In addition, it is possible to manage the data memories of individual Analytics Storage Providers. All important properties of the found Analytics Storage Providers and historized data are clearly displayed.

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Toolbar Manager window ("OVERVIEW")



1	Add new broker
2	Remove selected broker
3	Refresh display
4	Collapse all nodes
5	View switch between dark/light mode

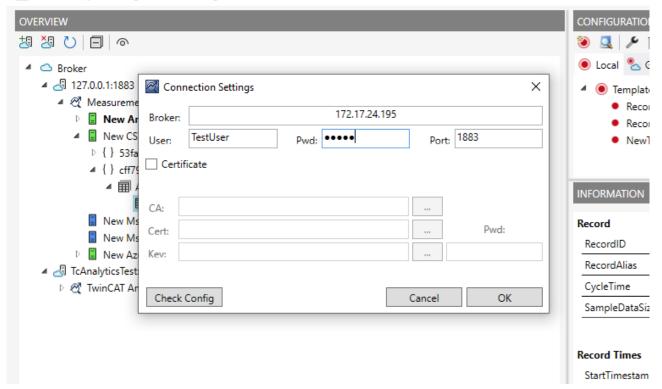
Function Manager window ("OVERVIEW")

First assign a **RecorderAlias**. This helps to group the started recordings and to find its self started ones again.

After that, one or more brokers can be set up. This is done via the already known input mask for MQTT connection properties.

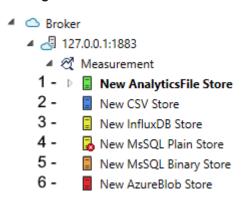


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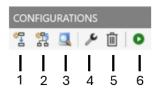
Once a connection to the broker could be established, all Analytics Storage Providers connected to it will be listed.

"Storage" status



1	Storage Online
2	Storage Offline
3	Storage starts
4	Storage starts with error. Still trying to start it
5	Storage is shut down
6	Storage is in the error state

Toolbar Manager window ("CONFIGURATIONS")



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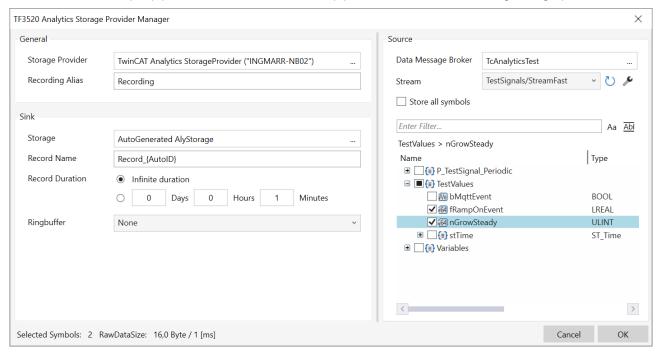
1	Create a new pipeline	
2	Create a new pipeline with Rule Engine	
3	Open Target Browser for connecting simple pipelines	
4	Edit a selected pipeline	
5	Delete a selected pipeline	
6	Start a selected pipeline	

Function Manager window ("CONFIGURATIONS")

The window is divided into two tabs. Pipelines and Live Status. Under Pipelines you will find the configurations of your pipelines. You can define new pipelines from here. Edit existing. Delete or start.



To create a new simple pipeline, click the "Create new pipeline" button. The following dialog opens.



You can now drag and drop the symbols you want to record from the Target Browser into the dialog. You also assign a Recording Alias and a Record Name.

Various placeholders are available for the Record Name:



"{AutoID}"	
"{Topic}"	
"{SystemID}"	
"{Layout}"	
"{CycleTime}"	
"{SystemID}" "{Layout}" "{CycleTime}" "{SampleSize}"	
"{RecordStart}"	

You can also configure recording names and a duration (otherwise the recording will run endlessly until it is stopped manually). A ring buffer can be set according to storage space or time.

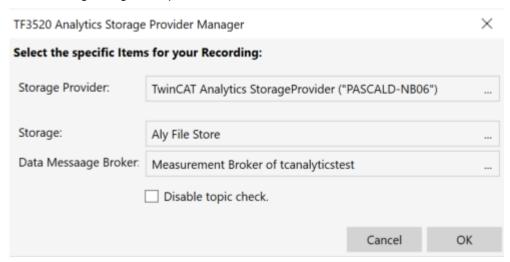
The entries are confirmed with **OK** and a new local recording definition is created.

It is now possible to start this definition directly via the toolbar or the context menu.



However, it is also possible to make the definition globally accessible. This can be done via the context menu with the entry **Publish Recording**.

The following dialog then opens:

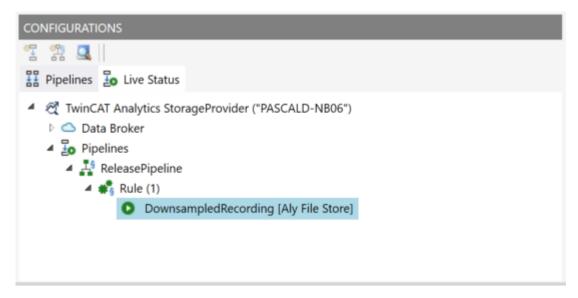


Here you can now select the desired Analytics Storage Provider via which the definition is to be published. In addition, the definition is assigned a Storage and a Data Broker of the selected Analytics Storage Provider. After the selection, the recording definition is confirmed with **OK** and published to the selected Analytics Storage Provider. This means that it can be found by any Storage Provider Manager that is connected to the MQTT Broker.

After starting a pipeline, the view automatically jumps to the second tab, the Live Status.

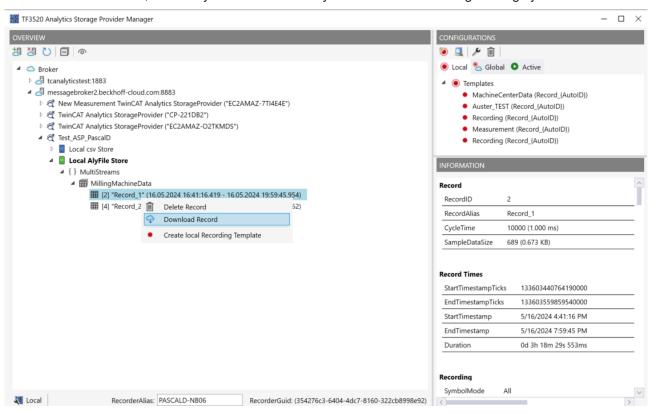
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All active recordings from all users are listed here. The recordings can be ended in this tab and it is also possible to jump to the resulting record.

Furthermore, a download function is available in the Manager to download data to your local engineering. Select the corresponding record and start the download via the context menu. Regardless of the store in which the data is stored, it is always saved as an Analytics File on the local engineering system.



In combination with the <u>data import function [> 55]</u> in the Storage Configurator, the Analytics File also serves as a practical exchange format. Both functions can be used to move data from a CSV file to an InfluxDB2, for example, or from a Microsoft SQL® to a CSV file, etc.

6.2.2 Data handling with Rule Engine

Rule Engine pipelines can be used to automatically map a wide variety of storage scenarios. Data can be collected from multiple MQTT data sources, processed and stored in Recordings. In addition, data from recordings can be read and processed on an event or timer-controlled basis, as well as manually triggered. Possible processing operations include aggregating, filtering and sampling the data sources.

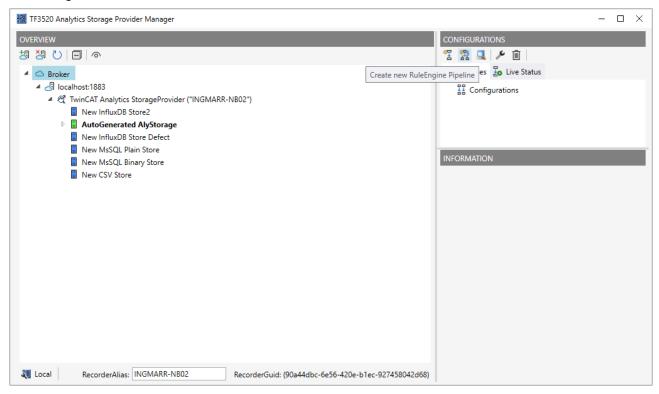




The RuleEngine pipeline function is available from Storage Provider version 3.15. onwards.

6.2.2.1 Configuration

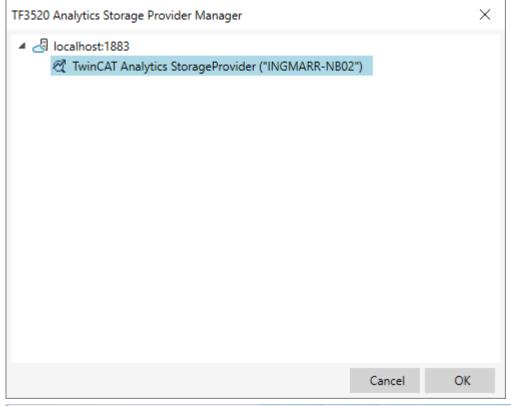
A RuleEngine pipeline is configured graphically in the RuleEngine Pipeline Editor. This can be opened via the Manager.



First, the desired Storage Provider must be selected. A RuleEngine pipeline is developed specifically for a Storage Provider. This cannot be changed subsequently. In the RuleEngine Pipeline Editor, the name of the selected Storage Provider is displayed at the top right.

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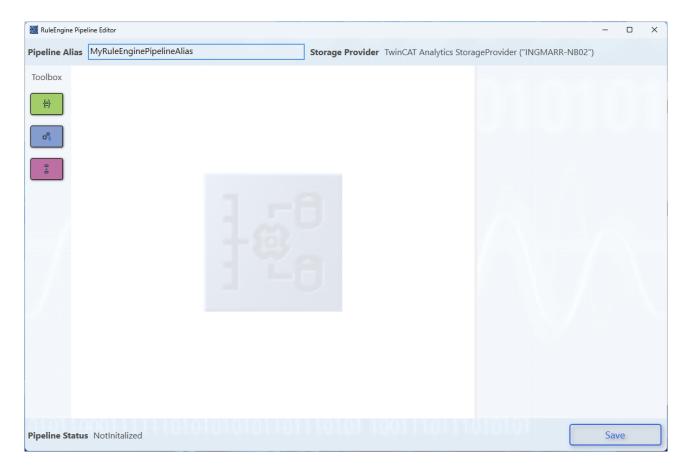






An alias can be assigned for a RuleEngine pipeline. The alias is freely selectable and can be edited via the text field at the top left of the RuleEngine Pipeline Editor.





6.2.2.1.1 Adding elements

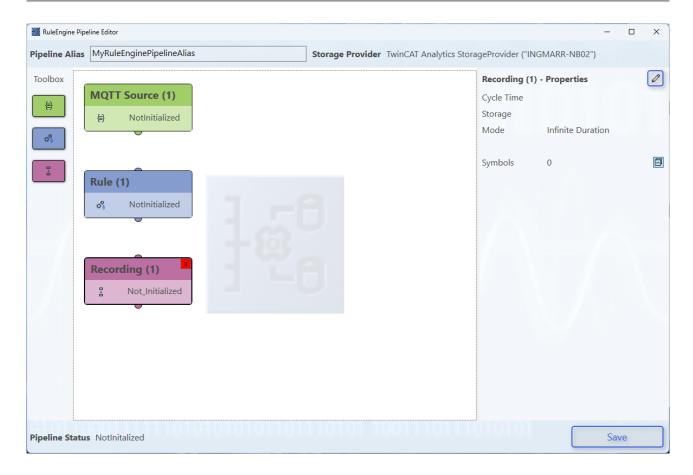
Various elements can be dragged from the toolbox (left) in the RuleEngine Pipeline Editor into the configuration area (center). The following elements can be used:

MQTT-Source: Corresponds to a data source (e.g. TwinCAT Analytics Logger or TwinCAT IoT Data Agent).

Rule: Pre-processing steps can be defined with a rule.

Recording: Describes a data recording (previously known recording).

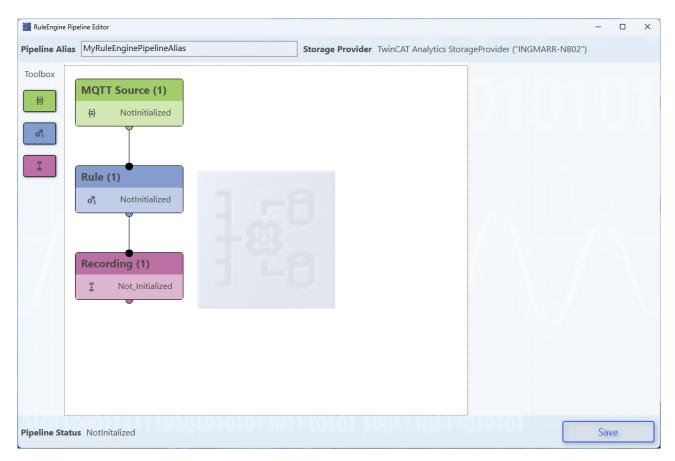




6.2.2.1.2 Linking elements

The added elements can be linked to each other via connections. A connection can be created via the output of an element. The mouse can be used to drag the connection to another element and thus create a link in the data flow. If you release the connector in the free area, a subsequent element is automatically created or a selection of available element types is offered.



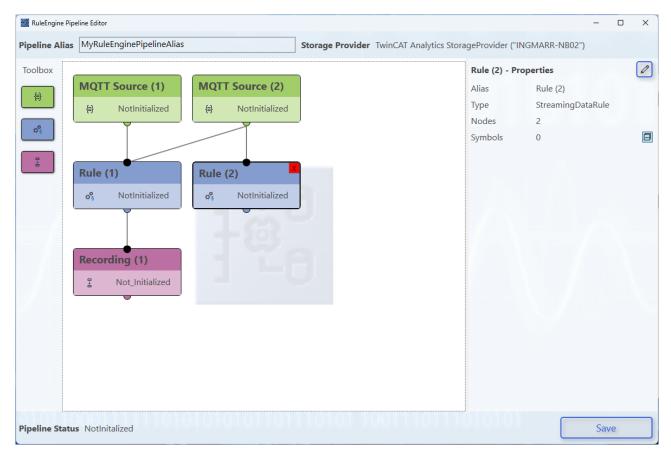


The following connections are possible:

MQTT-Source - Rule:

An MQTT-Source can be used in several rules. In addition, several MQTT-Sources can be used in a rule, provided they run with similar system times. If this is not the case, the editor recognizes this and issues a corresponding warning.

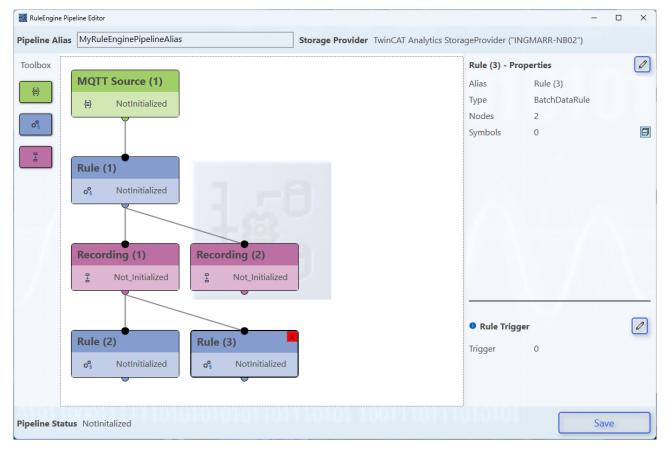




Rule - Recording:

Any number of recordings for saving data can be defined for a rule. However, only data from one rule can flow into a recording. For a recording, any number of rules can be created for further processing of the saved data. Here too, a rule can only accept data from a recording. No subsequent rules can currently be created for recordings with a ring buffer. It is also not possible to combine data from an MQTT-Source and a recording as data sources for a rule.





MQTT-Source - Recording:

This connection is not possible. A rule must always be inserted as an intermediate connection.

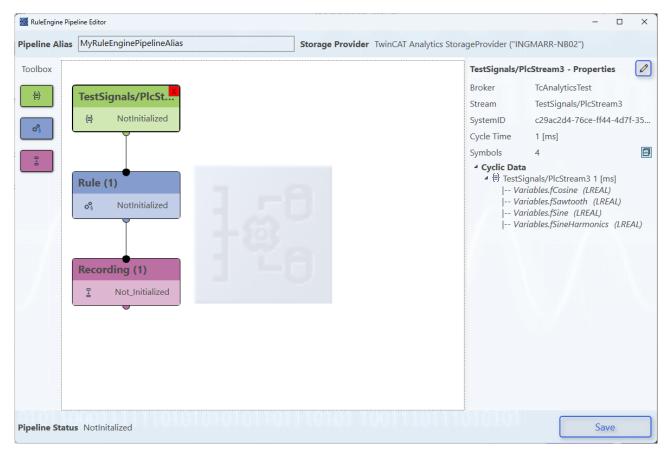
6.2.2.1.3 Viewing properties of the elements

The properties of the selected element can be viewed via the Properties window on the right-hand side of the RuleEngine Pipeline Editor. The properties vary depending on the type.

MQTT source

- Broker: Message broker of the data source.
- Stream: Topic of the data source
- SystemID: System ID of the data source
- · Cycle time: Cycle time of the data source
- Symbols: Number and names of the symbols selected at the data source.

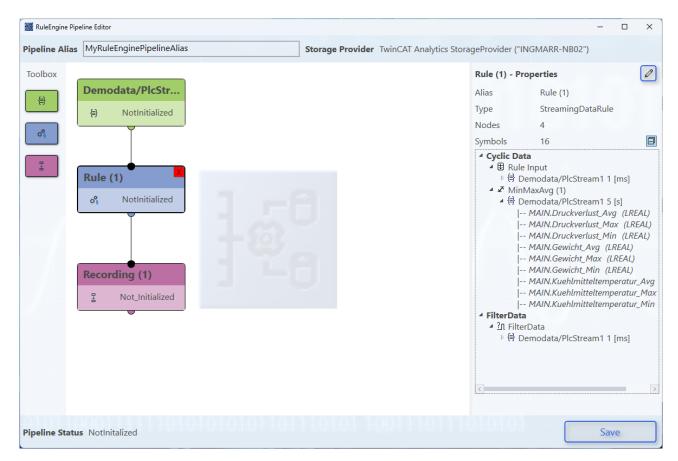




Rule

- · Alias: Alias name of the rule
- Type: Type of rule. There are currently StreamingDataRules and BatchDataRules.
 StreamingDataRules refer to streamed data and run continuously to process the streamed data.
 BatchDataRules refer to data that has already been saved. These do not run continuously, but are started via triggers. They process a certain amount of stored data and then shut down again.
- Nodes: Number of nodes in a rule.
- Symbols: Number and names of the symbols that are output from the rule.
- RuleTrigger (only for BatchDataRules): Number of configured triggers.

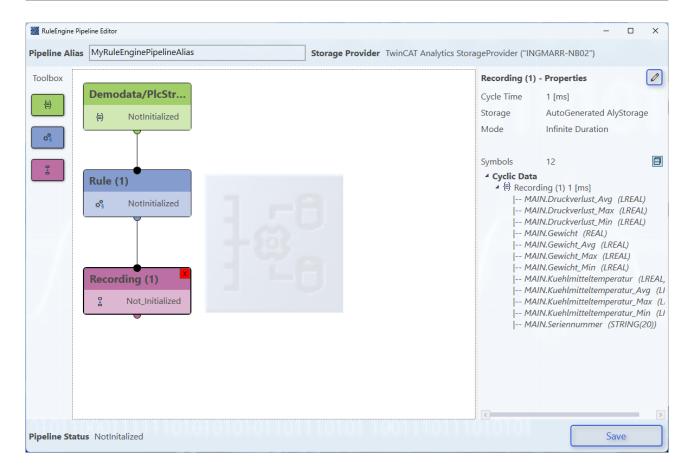




Recording

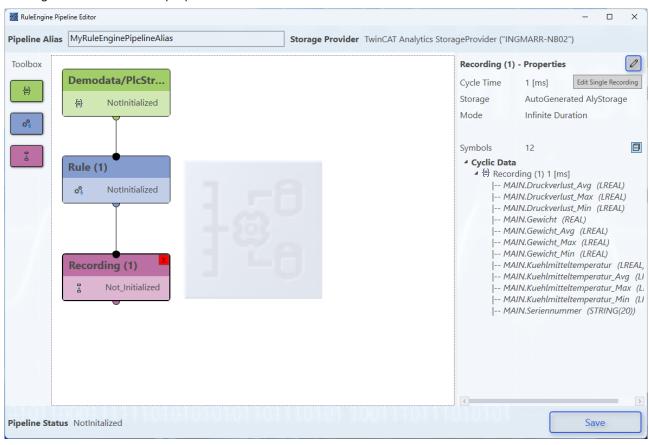
- · CycleTime: Cycle time of the data recording
- · Storage: Name of the data memory
- Mode: Recording mode (Infinite duration or ring buffer)
- Symbols: Number and names of the selected symbols





6.2.2.1.4 Editing elements

Editing takes place in a separate window. This can be opened by double-clicking on the element or by clicking the Edit icon in the properties.

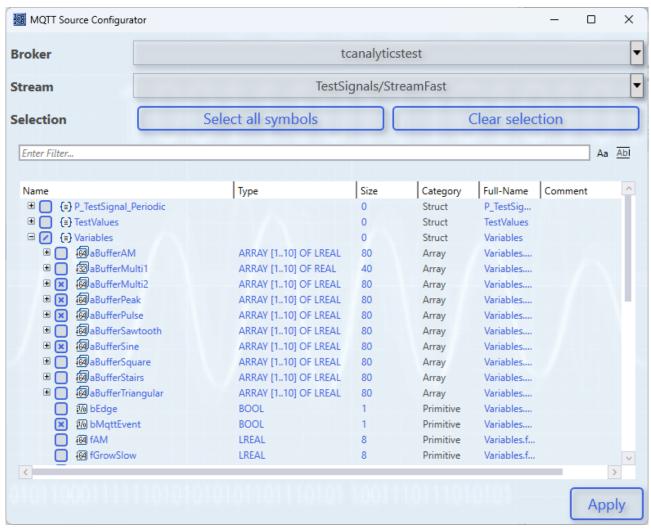




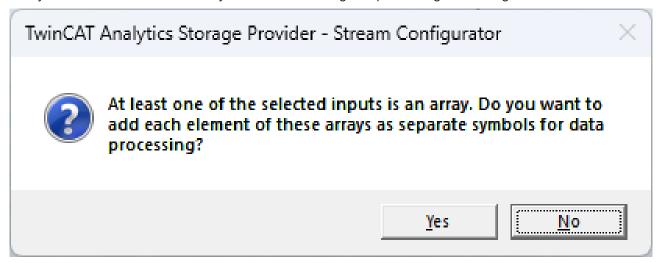
6.2.2.1.4.1 Editing MQTT-Sources

An MQTT-Source is edited in the MQTT Source Configurator. First, a message broker must be selected at Broker. All Data Brokers of the Storage Provider used for the RuleEngine pipeline that have also been added in the Manager can be selected. An MQTT-Stream (Stream) can then be selected based on its topic.

As soon as a stream has been added, the available symbols for the stream are displayed. Individual symbols can be selected using the checkboxes. All displayed symbols can be selected or deselected using the **Select all symbols** and **Clear selection** buttons.



If the selected symbols include arrays or structures, a user dialog will prompt you to confirm whether the subsymbols should be added as separate symbols when the configuration is saved. If these are added, the subsymbols can be used individually in rules or recordings for processing and saving.





6.2.2.1.4.2 Editing rules

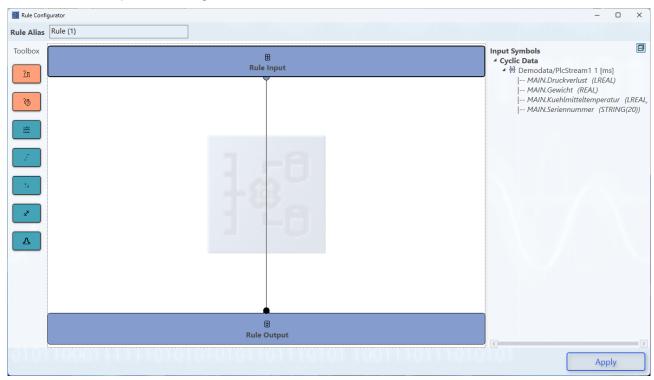
A rule is edited in the Rule Configurator. An alias name can be assigned to a rule at the top left. A rule consists of the following elements:

Rule Input:

Corresponds to the start point within a rule. All symbols added to the rule are displayed here. For BatchDataRules, the time range for which the data is loaded when the rule is triggered can be selected here.

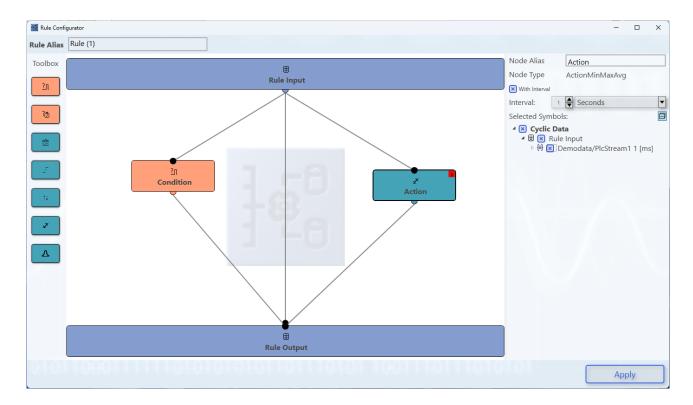
Rule Output:

Corresponds to the output of the rule. All symbols of the blocks that are connected to the rule output can be selected for subsequent recordings.



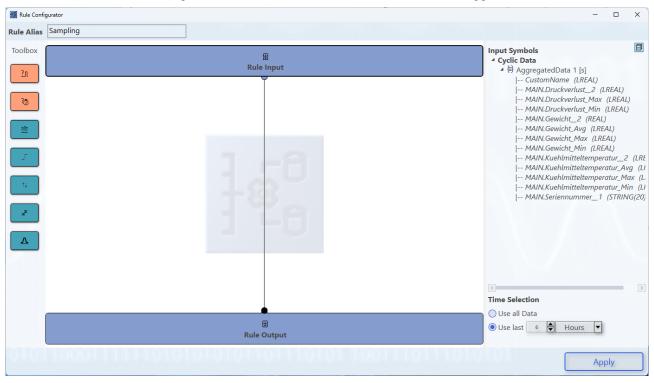
Additional blocks can be added for processing via the toolbox (left). A distinction is made between Condition blocks and Action blocks. Condition blocks serve as filters and enable incoming data to be filtered on a time basis or data basis. Action blocks offer the option of aggregating data (e.g. calculating min/max/avg or other operations). All blocks can be linked to each other with connections.





6.2.2.1.4.2.1 Input

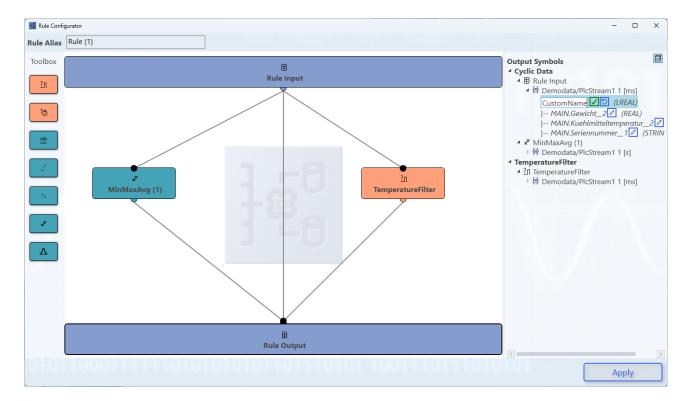
Corresponds to the start point within a rule. All symbols added to the rule are displayed here. For BatchDataRules, the time range for which the data is loaded when the rule is triggered can be selected here.



6.2.2.1.4.2.2 Output

Corresponds to the output of the rule. All symbols of the blocks that are connected to the rule output can be selected for subsequent recordings. Variables can be renamed at the output node. To do this, you can click on the Edit icon behind the corresponding variable.





6.2.2.1.4.2.3 Conditions

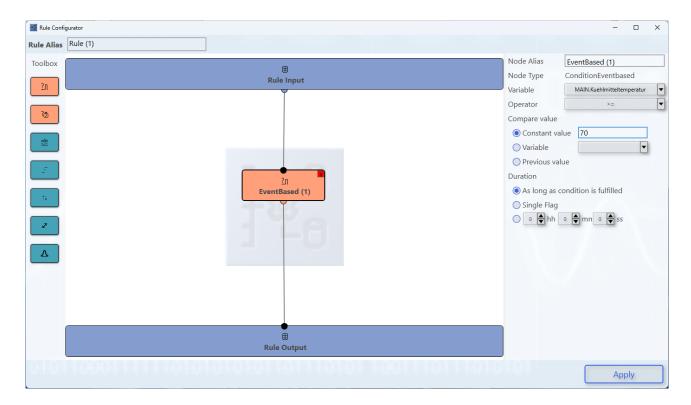
Condition blocks serve as filters and enable incoming data to be filtered on a time basis or data basis.

6.2.2.1.4.2.3.1 Eventbased

The EventBased-Condition can be used to filter for data within the data where a specific event must have occurred. The following configurations can be made:

- Variable: Selection of the variables to which the condition must apply.
- Operator: Selection of the operator for the condition
- Compare value: Selection of the comparison value
 - · Constant value: Comparison with a constant value
 - · Variable: Comparison with another variable
 - Previous value: Comparison with the previous value of the selected variable.
- **Duration**: Selection of how long the data should be forwarded once the condition is fulfilled.
 - As long as condition is fulfilled: The data is forwarded as long as the condition is fulfilled.
 - · Single Flag: The data is forwarded once when the condition is fulfilled, i.e. as with a rising edge.
 - Alternatively, the data can also be forwarded for a specific time, which can be configured manually.



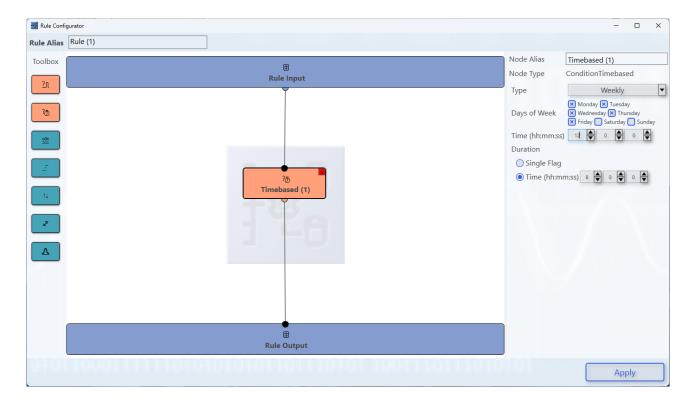


6.2.2.1.4.2.3.2 Timebased

The Timebased-Condition can be used to filter within the data on a time basis. The time on which this is based is the respective timestamp of the data. The following configurations can be made:

- Type: Selection of the type of Timebased Condition. Three types are available
 - · Interval: The condition is fulfilled as soon as the interval is reached.
 - Weekly: The condition is fulfilled on certain days of the week at a certain time.
 - · Monthly: The condition is fulfilled in certain months on a certain day at a certain time.
- · Duration: Selection of how long the data should be forwarded once the condition is fulfilled.
 - Single Flag: The data is forwarded once when the condition is fulfilled, i.e. as with a rising edge.
 - **Time**: Alternatively, the data can also be forwarded for a specific time, which can be configured manually.





6.2.2.1.4.2.4 Actions

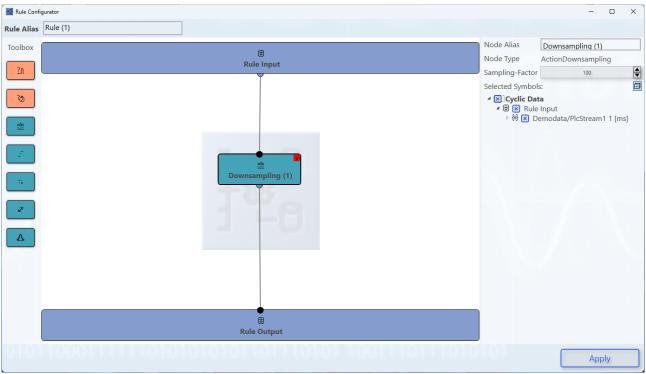
Action blocks offer the option of aggregating data (e.g. calculating min/max/avg or other operations).

6.2.2.1.4.2.4.1 Downsampling

Configuration of a downsampling of individual variables. The sampling factor indicates the sampling rate. In the Selected Symbols area, you can select the variables to which downsampling is to be applied. If you want to sample all the data in a rule, you can configure this in the corresponding recording.

The following symbols are provided for each selected symbol:

_Sampled: Sampled symbol



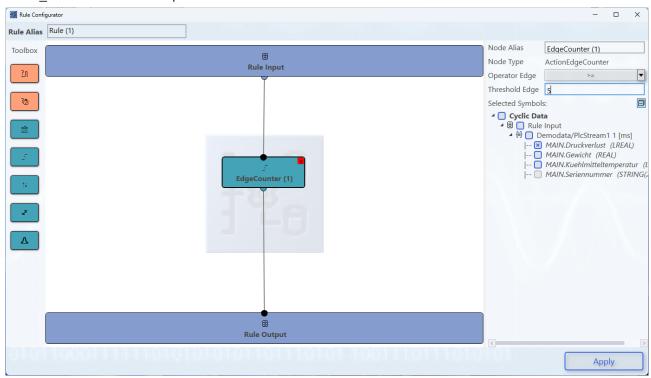


6.2.2.1.4.2.4.2 EdgeCounter

Determines the edges within the data. The Operator Edge and the threshold value to be compared must be configured for this. In the Selected Symbols area, you can select the variables to which the Edge Counter is to be applied.

The following symbols are provided for each selected symbol:

- · _Count: Number of edges counted
- · _Edge: Boolean whether an edge is detected
- LastEvent: Timestamp of the last event



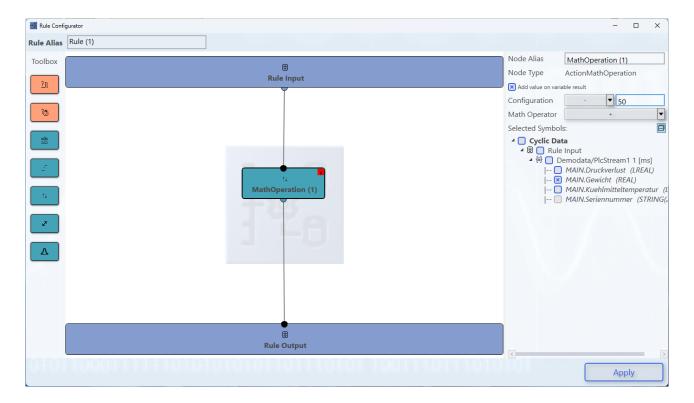
6.2.2.1.4.2.4.3 MathOperation

Symbols can be calculated with each other using the MathOperation block. The symbols to be calculated with each other can be selected under **Selected Symbols**. The operator can be selected under **MathOperator**. If the result is to be calculated with an additional constant value, activate the **Add value on variable result** checkbox. In the **Configuration** area, you can configure the operator and the constant value with which the result of the symbols is to be calculated.

The following symbol is provided:

Result: Result of the calculation



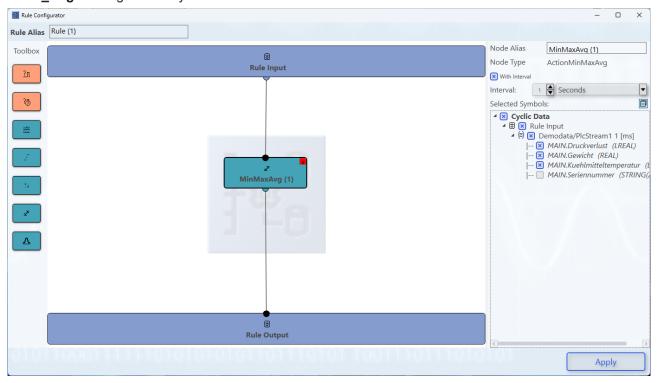


6.2.2.1.4.2.4.4 Min/Max/Avg

Calculation of the minimum/maximum and average value for selected symbols. In the **Selected Symbols** area, you can select the variables for which the values are to be calculated. If you activate the **With Interval** checkbox, you can configure an interval for which the values are to be calculated.

The following symbols are provided for each selected symbol:

- _Min: Minimum of the symbol
- _Max: Maximum of the symbol
- Avg: Average of the symbol



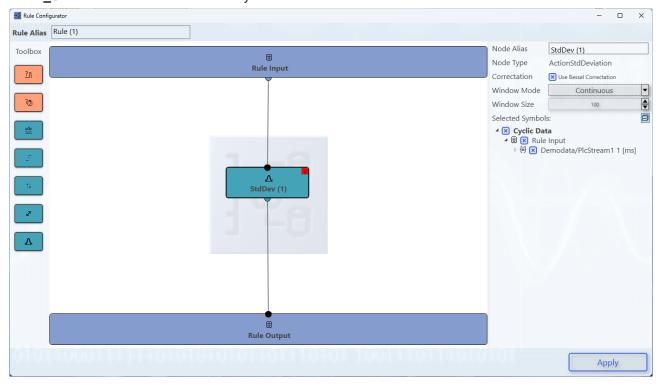


6.2.2.1.4.2.4.5 StandardDeviation

Calculation of the standard deviation for selected symbols. In the **Selected Symbols** area, you can select the variables for which the values are to be calculated. The calculation of the standard deviation can be configured according to the block.

The following symbols are provided for each selected symbol:

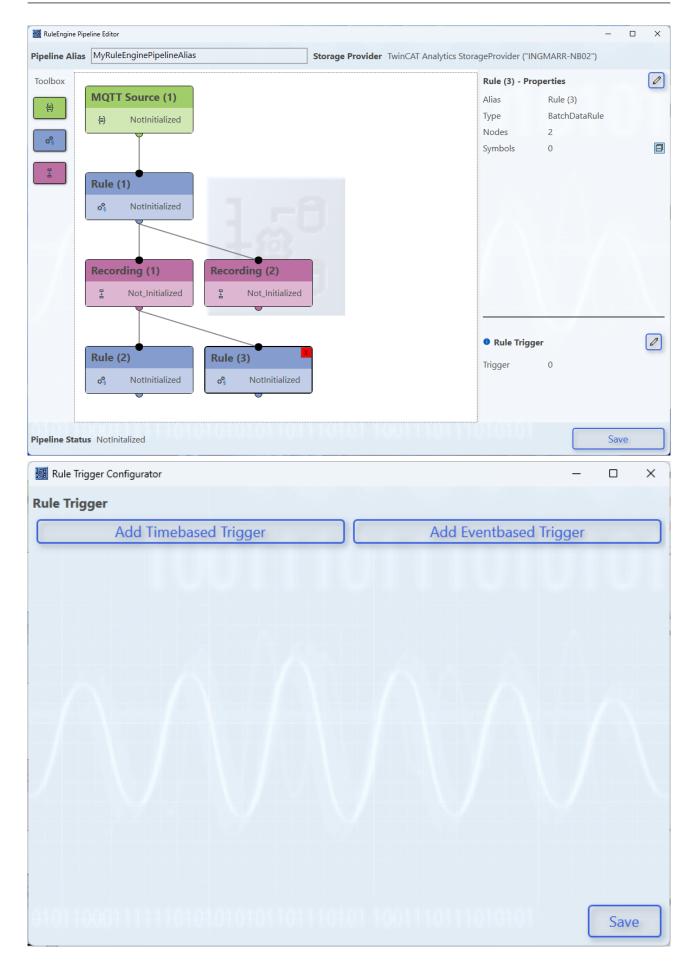
· _STD: Standard deviation of the symbol



6.2.2.1.4.2.5 Trigger

Triggers can be configured for a BatchDataRule (based on data from a recording). These triggers allow the rule to start time-based or event-based. A rule can also be triggered manually at any time. The triggers are configured in the Rule Trigger Configurator. This can be opened via the property window of the rule. The time-based and event-based triggers can be configured in the Rule Trigger Configurator. Currently, only time-based or event-based triggers can be used for a rule.

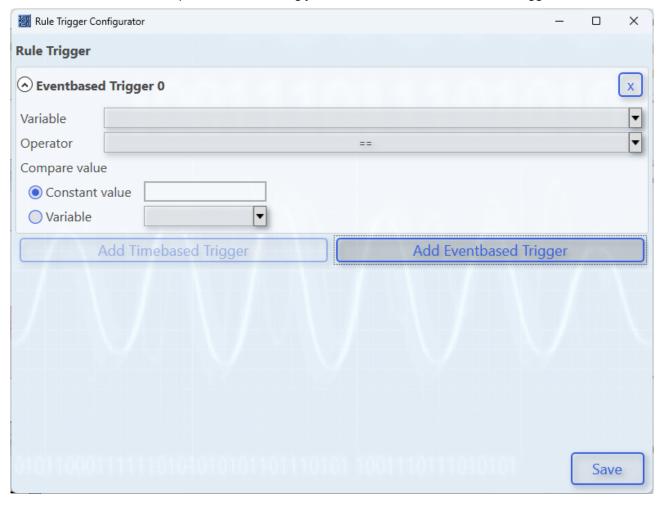






6.2.2.1.4.2.5.1 Eventbased

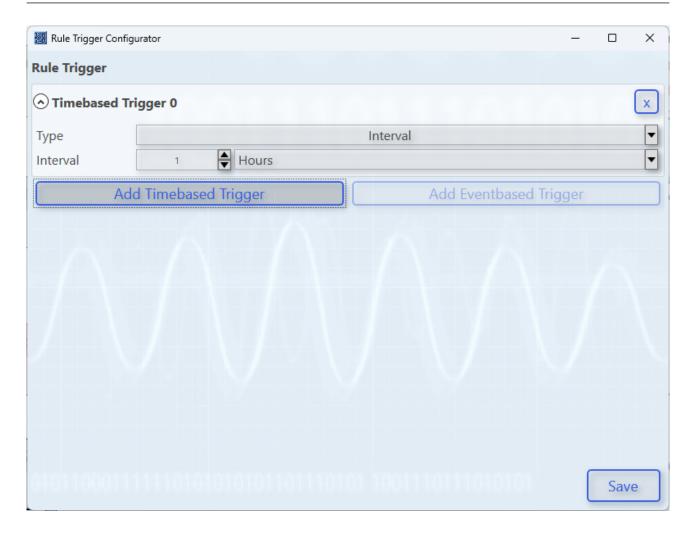
The configuration of an event-based trigger corresponds to an <u>Eventbased-Condition [> 76]</u> within the rule. The underlying data is the data that is currently being written to the recording that serves as the data source for the rule. It is not possible or necessary to configure the duration. If the trigger condition is fulfilled, the rule runs until the data has been processed accordingly and is then disabled until the next trigger.



6.2.2.1.4.2.5.2 Timebased

The configuration of a time-based trigger corresponds to a <u>Timebased-Condition [> 77]</u> within the rule. The underlying time is the system time of the device on which the Storage Provider is running. It is not possible or necessary to configure the duration. If the trigger condition is fulfilled, the rule runs until the data has been processed accordingly and is then disabled until the next trigger.



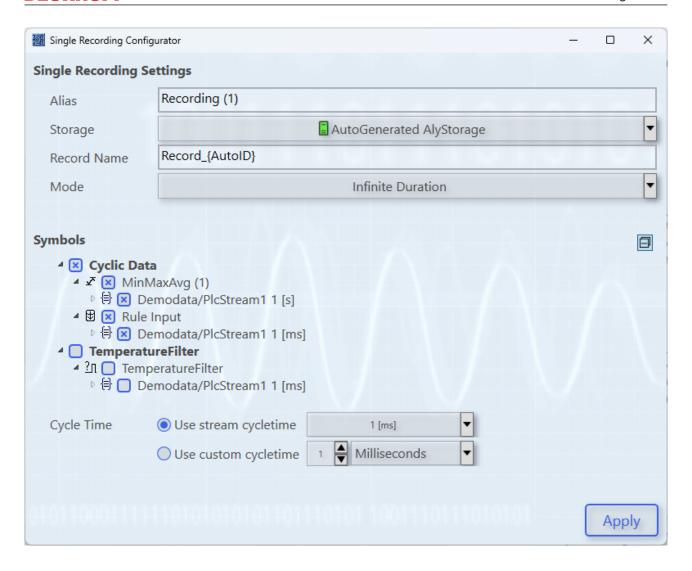


6.2.2.1.4.3 Editing recordings

Recordings are edited in the Single Recording Configurator. The following settings are available here:

- · Alias: Recording alias
- Storage: Data sink for recording (configured in the Storage Provider Configurator)
- · Record Name: Name of the record
- · Mode: Mode of the record
 - Infinite Duration: The record runs as long as the RuleEngine pipeline is running and data is available for the record.
 - **Timebased Ringbugger**: The record runs as long as the RuleEngine pipeline is running and data is available for the record. The data is stored in a time-limited ring buffer.
 - Databased Ringbugger: The record runs as long as the RuleEngine pipeline is running and data is available for the record. The data is stored in a ring buffer with a limited storage capacity.
- **Symbols**: Selection of symbols to be saved with the recording. You can choose between cyclic data or data filtered by conditions.
- **CycleTime**: Selection of the cycle time for recording. This selection can only be made if you want to save cyclic (unfiltered) data. You have the option of configuring a cycle time based on the variables or your own cycle time for recording. Note that data will be lost if the cycle time is greater than the minimum cycle time of the data. In this case, a message appears.

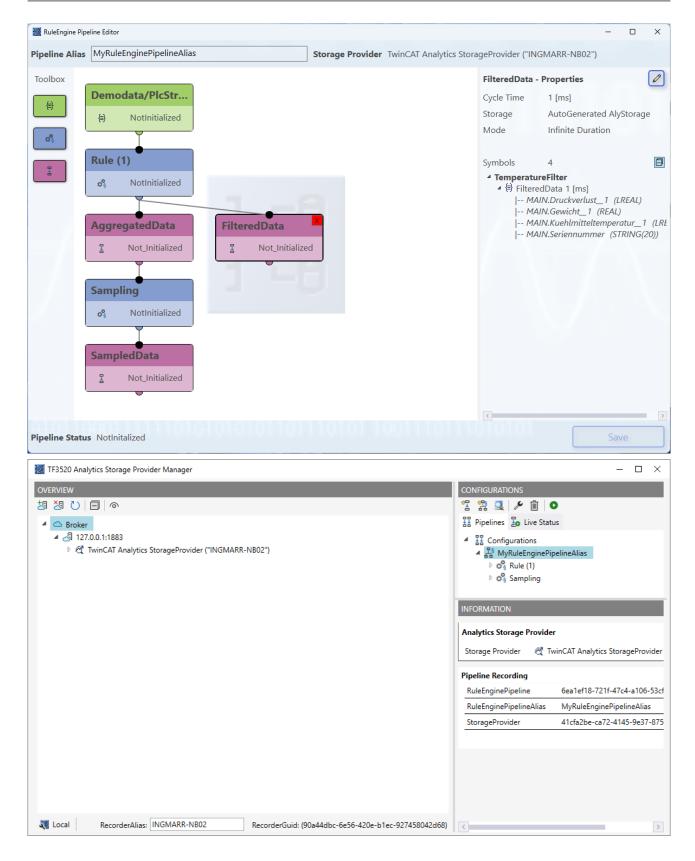




6.2.2.1.5 Saving a RuleEngine pipeline

A configured RuleEngine pipeline can be saved using the **Save** button (bottom right) in the RuleEngine Pipeline Editor. Saving is only possible if the configuration is error-free. Any errors are displayed via a message and the incorrectly configured blocks are highlighted graphically.

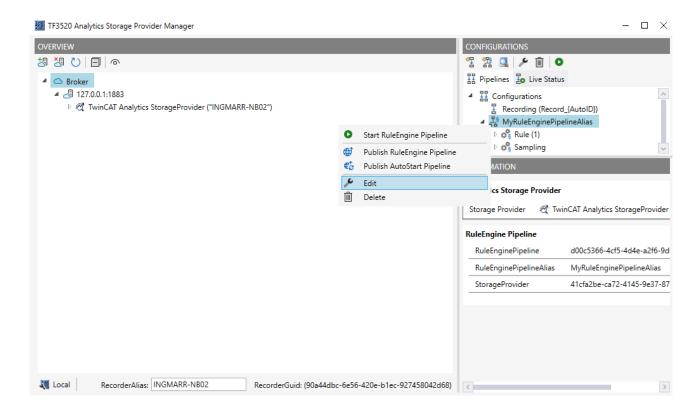




6.2.2.1.6 Subsequent editing of a RuleEngine pipeline

A RuleEngine pipeline that has been created can be edited and modified by right-clicking **Edit** in the context menu. Please note that existing data can no longer be used in the pipeline if the recordings contained in the pipeline are adjusted.

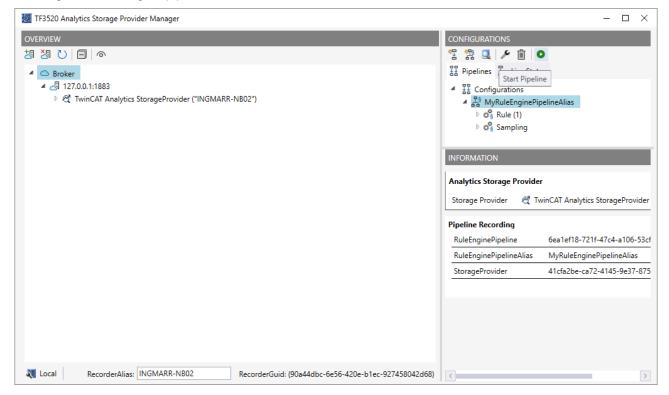




6.2.2.2 Application

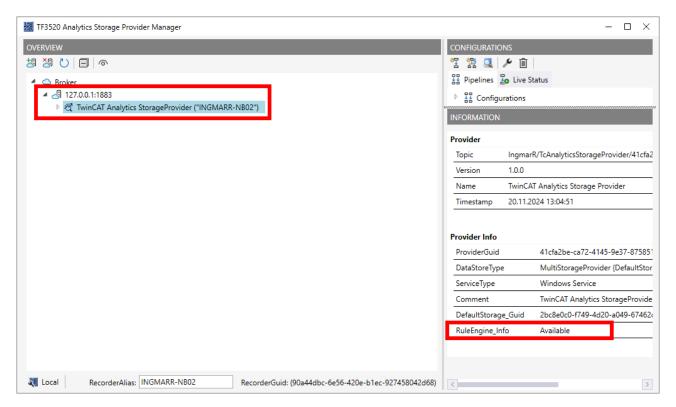
6.2.2.2.1 Starting/stopping a RuleEngine pipeline

A configured RuleEngine pipeline can be started via the **Start** icon.

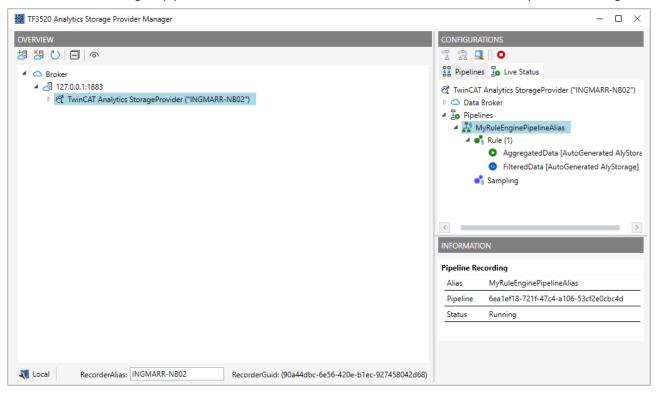


A start is only possible if the Storage Provider is running and the RuleEngine in the Storage Provider is running without errors. The status of the RuleEngine can be read via the information of the respective Storage Provider.





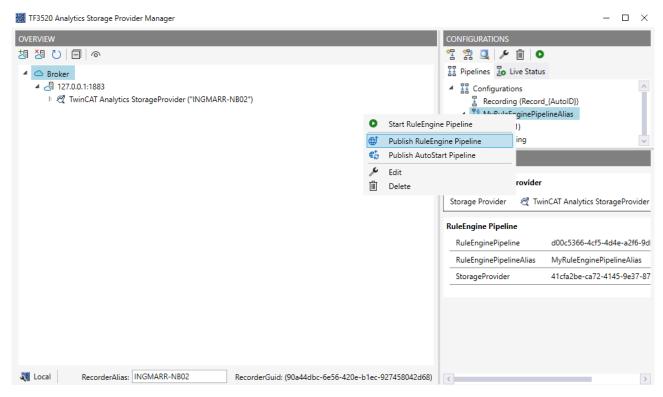
You can view RuleEngine pipelines that have been started in the Live Status tab and stop them there again.



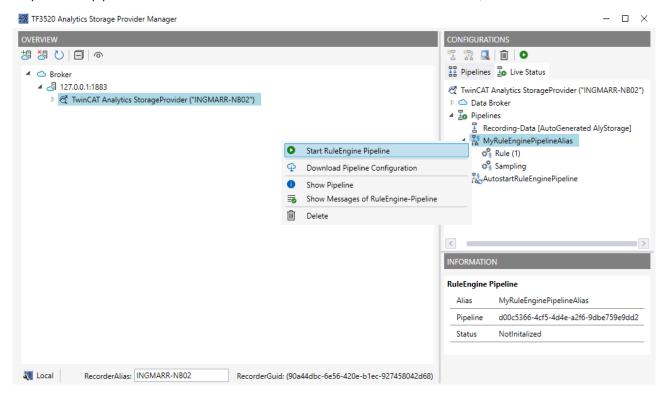
6.2.2.2.2 Publishing RuleEngine pipelines

Locally configured RuleEngine pipelines can be published to the stored Storage Provider. This means that the RuleEngine pipeline is also stored at the Storage Provider and is globally available. Other users can download, edit or start it. To publish, right-click on the locally configured pipeline in the **Publish RuleEngine Pipeline** context menu. In addition, RuleEngine pipelines can be published in Autostart mode. This means that the pipelines are started automatically after the Storage Provider Service is started.





All published pipelines can be viewed under Live Status. These can be started, deleted or downloaded.



6.2.2.2.3 RuleEngine pipeline states

A RuleEngine pipeline can have the following states:



早 §	NotInitalized: The started RuleEngine pipeline was received by the Storage Provider but not processed.
∄ §	Initalizing: The RuleEngine pipeline is initialized. The corresponding rules are created.
I.	IsStarting: The RuleEngine pipeline is starting. Included rules are started.
<u>I</u> ŝ	Running: The RuleEngine pipeline is running. All rules are at least in the Pending state and there is no error.
I.§	IsStopping: The RuleEngine pipeline is stopping, all rules are stopping.
I.	Stopped: The RuleEngine pipeline is stopped, all rules are stopped.
Į.	Error: There is an error in at least one rule.

6.2.2.2.4 Rule states

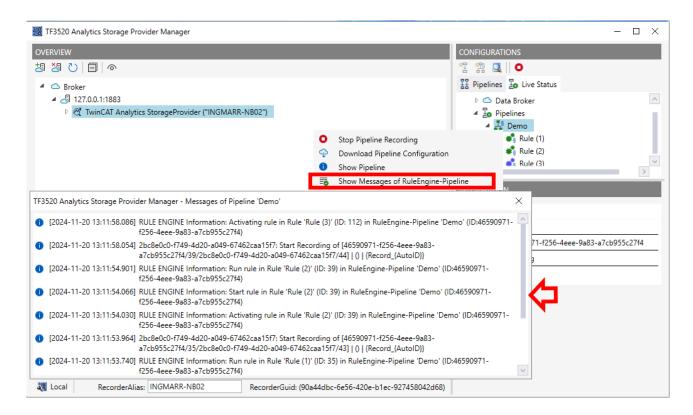
You can also view the state of the rules from the RuleEngine pipeline in the Live Status. A rule has the following states:

¢°§	NotInitialized: The configuration of the rule has been read, but the rule has not yet been processed.	
o s	Initializing: The rule is initializing. The necessary sources are generated in the RuleEngine.	
o's	Deactivated: The rule is ready for activation. It is not currently running.	
Ø.	Activating: The rule will be activated. Any triggers will be started.	
€ §	Pending: The rule is activated. Any triggers have been started. The rule can now be triggered manually. StreamingDataRules go directly from the Pending state to the Starting state.	
₩ §	Starting: The rule is starting. The corresponding processing modules are generated and a connection to the data sources is established.	
**§	Running: The rule runs and processes data.	
# §	Stopping: The rule is stopping. Stopping is called when the RuleEngine pipeline will be stopped. BatchDataRules also stop when all data has been processed. The rule then switches to the Pending state.	
₩ §	Deactivating: The rule will be deactivated. It is no longer possible to start up using a trigger.	
o o	Invalid: The rule is in an invalid state and must be restarted.	
₩ §	Error: The rule is in an error state. This can happen, for example, if a data source (Analytics Logger) is not available. In this case, the rule restarts automatically as soon as the data source is available again. For all other errors, the rule must be restarted manually. This can be done via the Storage Provider Manager or the API or PLC library.	

6.2.2.2.5 Messages from RuleEngine pipelines

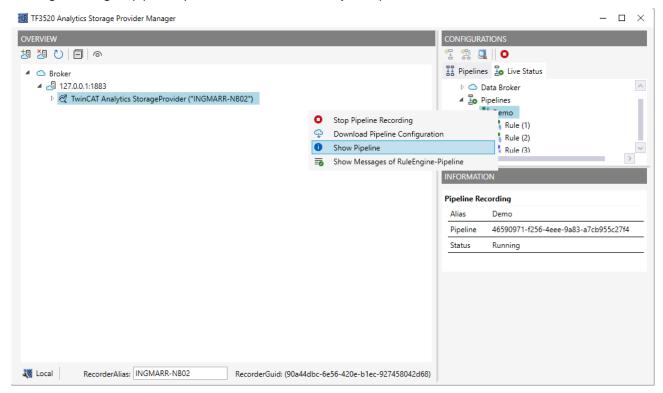
The messages from RuleEngine pipelines provide more detailed information about errors and status information. The messages can be viewed via the context menu of a running RuleEngine pipeline. To do this, click on **Show Messages of RuleEngine-Pipeline**. A window with all available messages opens. If there are no messages in the window, these messages are no longer available. More accurate information can be found in the log from the Storage Provider, if this is activated.





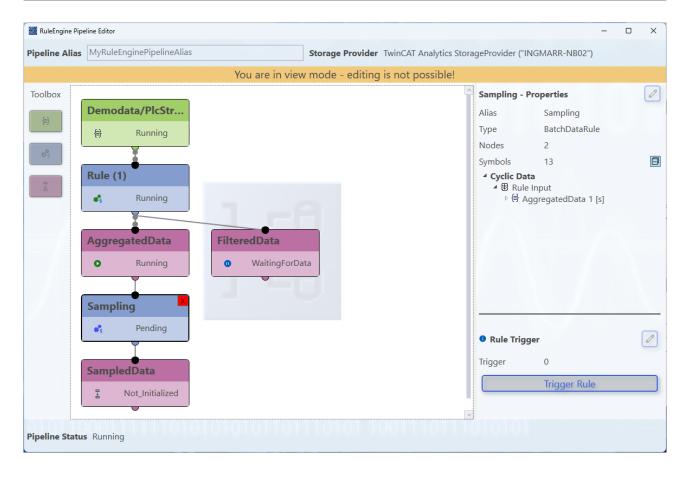
6.2.2.2.6 Triggering and restarting rules

Rules can be triggered or restarted via the RuleEngine Pipeline Editor. The editor must be opened via a running RuleEngine pipeline (**context menu > Show Pipeline**).



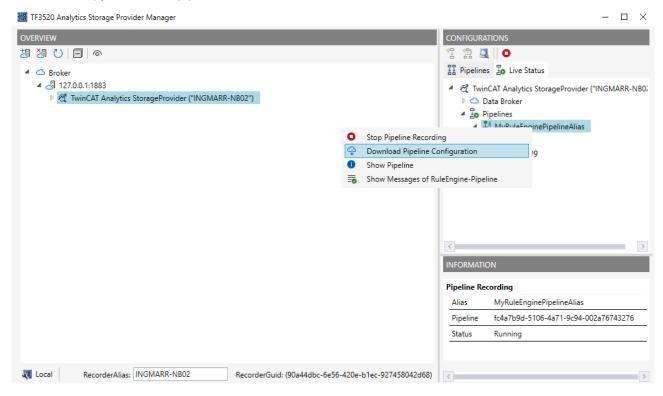
The RuleEngine Pipeline Editor opens in view mode. Processing is not possible there. In view mode, the status of the individual elements can be viewed and the corresponding rule can be triggered or restarted. Triggering is only possible when the rule is in the Pending state. A restart can only be performed if the rule is in an error state or has not been initialized.



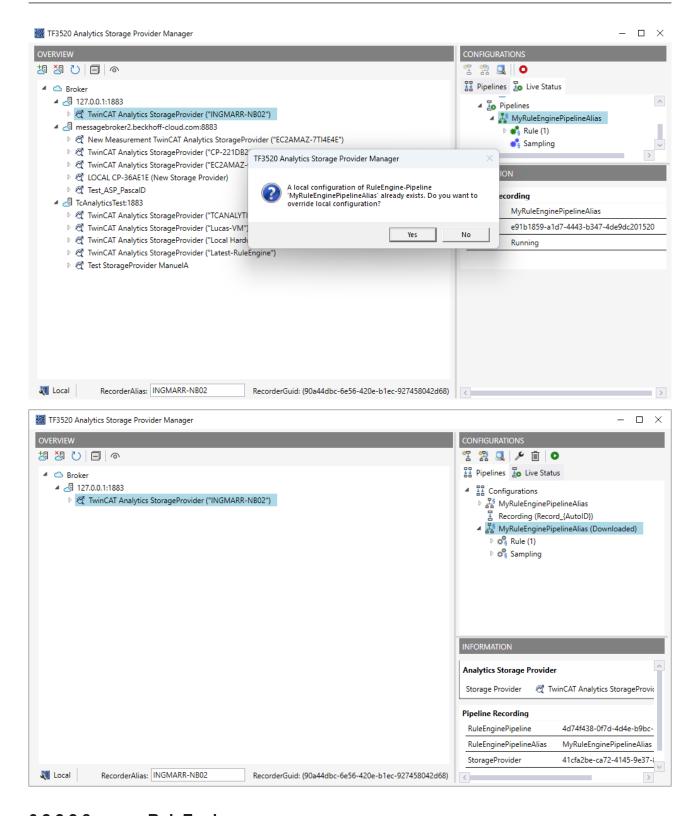


6.2.2.2.7 Download RuleEngine pipelines

A copy of a running RuleEngine pipeline can be downloaded to the local manager by **right-clicking > Download**. If a RuleEngine pipeline with the same pipeline ID already exists, you can choose to overwrite it or create a copy with a new pipeline ID.



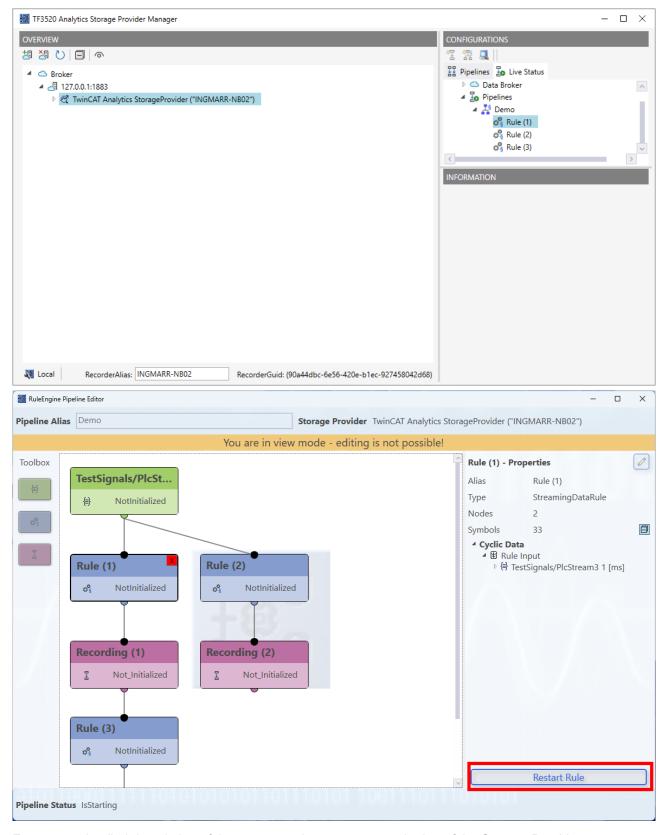




6.2.2.2.8 RuleEngine error case

If an error occurs within the RuleEngine that it cannot resolve on its own, the RuleEngine is restarted. All existing RuleEngine pipelines are shut down for this purpose. After the RuleEngine is restarted, the RuleEngine pipelines are created again. However, the rules contained therein are not automatically restarted. This must be done manually [> 91] using the RuleEngine Pipeline Editor.



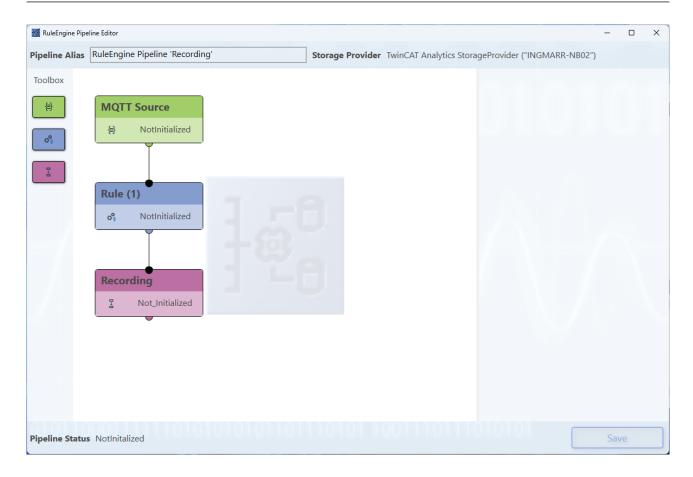


For a more detailed description of the error, see the messages or the log of the Storage Provider.

6.2.2.3 Converting old recordings

An existing pipeline (previous recording) can be converted into a RuleEngine by right-clicking **Convert to RuleEngine-Pipeline**. The new configuration opens in the RuleEngine Pipeline Editor and can be edited there.





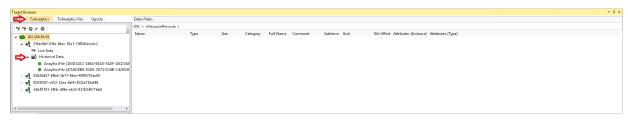
6.3 Working with Historical Data

Historical Data can be analysed with the Analytics Workbench or the Analytics Service Tool. To see your recorded data, you need the TwinCAT Target Browser.

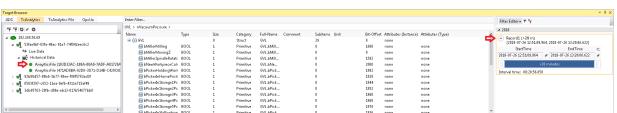
Selection of data from the TwinCAT Target Browser

The historical data can be pulled directly from the Target Browser to an input of an analysis algorithm.

 First, you need to click **TcAnalytics** in the left corner of Target Browser. There you can see your configured broker, which lists live and historical data from your various devices. This should look like the following figure.

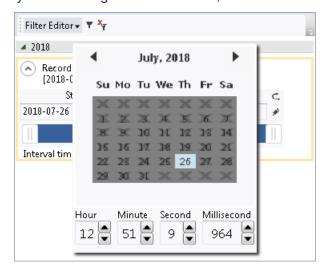


2. Go to the historical stream you created and select the recording to be analyzed. All your records are listed in the **Record** window on the right. The last recording is selected by default.

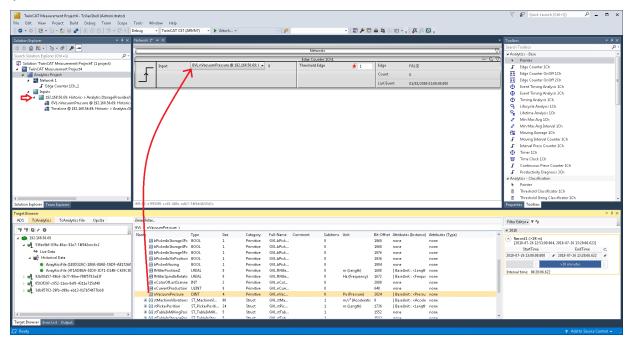




3. When you record live, the time range of the recording is updated every few seconds. The entire time range of a recording is used by default. You can also edit the start and end time to analyze your desired data area. This can be done with a slider, text fields or in a graphical calendar view. If you click on the symbol to the right of the text fields, the calendar view will be displayed.



4. After these steps, you can drag and drop a symbol to an input of an algorithm just as you do with the symbols of the live data.

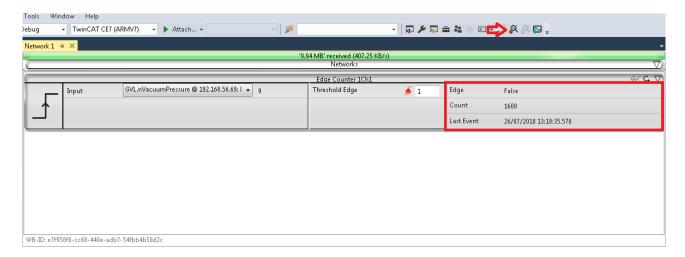


⇒ A new input source for your historical stream is then generated and can be displayed in the Solution Explorer of your Visual Studio®. First, the dragged symbol and a timestamp of the current device time are listed under this stream. Also new drawn symbols of this stream are listed there.

Analyse your historical data in the Analytics Configurator

To analyse your historical data press on the Start Analytics button. In contrast to analysing live data, a green progress bar appears. The speed of your analysis depends on your record length, the amount and size of your symbols as well as on your broadband speed to the broker. The analysis stops automatically when the progress bar ends. The results will remain visible.





Analysis of your historical data in your Analytics Runtime

You can provide the configuration with your historical data to an Analytics Runtime (PLC). In addition to the historical data, the live data is also analyzed. This allows you to switch between them and not lose live data by streaming historical data. The reason for this is that they are separated into two different tasks. The start of the analysis of historical data must be triggered.



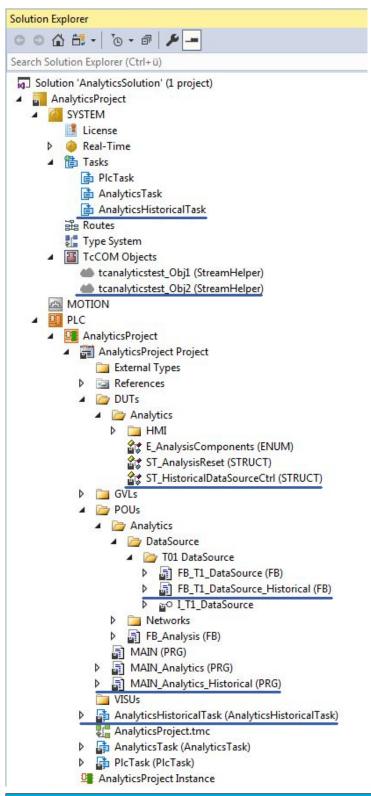
Computing time for historical data



Unlike the Analytics Configurator, the analysis of historical data in the PLC takes a similar amount of time as the original recording of the data. Depending on the packet size and the set sampling rate, the processing of the data can be shortened compared to the recording. However, cycle overruns due to excessively large packets must be taken into account.

Main differences of the folder structure in the created PLC project:





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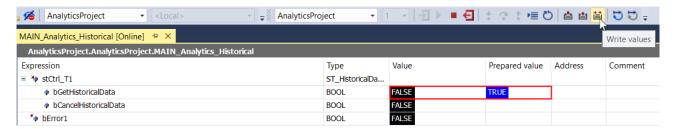
Implementation of the logic in your TwinCAT HMI

The preparation and writing of values in your PLC are for testing purposes. It is recommended to implement this and other logic in the PLC code with interactions from your TwinCAT HMI application if required.

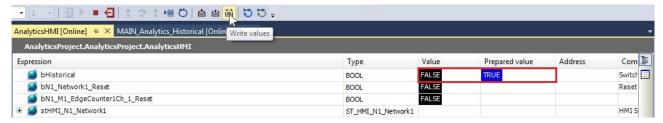
You can start historical data analysis by triggering **bGetHistoricalData** in **stCtrl_T1**. The cancellation takes place by triggering **bCancelHistoricalData**.

This can be done in the MAIN_Analytics_Historical file as shown in the following figure:





To switch between live and historical data results for your HMI dashboard, you can set the **bHistorical** symbol in the **AnalyticsHMI** GVL. With this option, you do not need any additional controls to display historical data (of course, you can also use your own controls for historical data). The analysis of the live data is not interrupted by calling up some historical data. After viewing the historical data, you can switch back to the current live results. This change only affects the variables in your GVL.



6.4 Console Configurator/Client

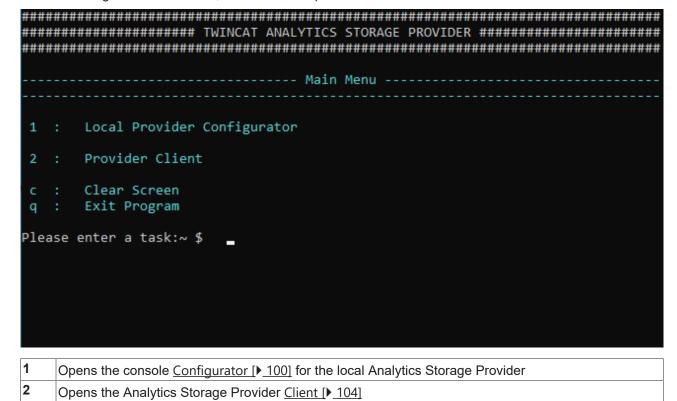
Clears the console configurator/client history

Closes the console configurator/client

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In addition to the <u>graphical configurator</u> and the <u>recorder</u>, the Analytics Storage Provider can also be operated via a console. This means that configuration and access to a Storage Provider can also be performed under TwinCAT/BSD in addition to Windows. In addition, the console application can be used to generate <u>Batch files for control</u> [107] of the Analytics Storage Provider.

After launching the console client, there are four options to choose from:



By entering one of the identifiers and confirming with the **[Enter]** key, the corresponding function is executed.

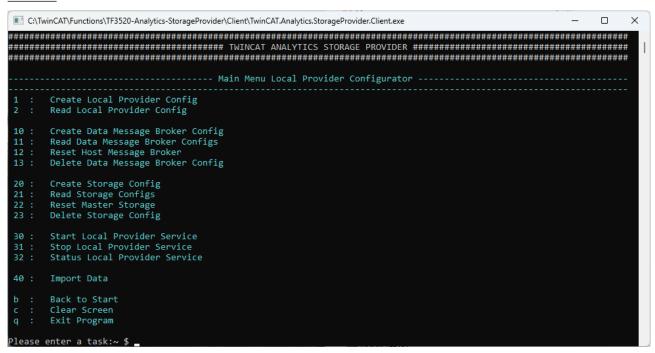


6.4.1 Configurator

In this menu, the local Analytics Storage Provider can be configured. The following additional inputs are available for this purpose:

1	Starts a dialog for configuring the local Analytics Storage Provider.
2	Outputs the configuration of the local Analytics Storage Provider.
10	Starts a dialog for configuring a Data Message Broker.
11	Returns all Data Message Broker configurations.
12	Resetting the Master Message Broker (commands can only be received via this broker).
13	Deletes a Data Message Broker.
20	Starts a dialog for configuring a Storage.
21	Returns all Storage configurations.
22	Resetting the Master Storage (default Storage).
23	Deleting a Storage configuration.
30	Starts the Analytics Storage Provider with the local configuration.
31	Stops the local Analytics Storage Provider.
32	Outputs the status of the Analytics Storage Provider.
40	Importing binary Analytics files into an existing Storage.
b	Switches back to the main menu.

The configuration parameters are the same as in the graphical <u>configurator of the Analytics Storage</u> Provider.



By pressing the **[ESC]** key, the dialog can be aborted at any time and you can return to the configuration menu.

Use

This section describes step by step how you can configure and start the local Storage Provider using the Storage Provider Client.

Adding a Message Broker configuration

To create a new Message Broker configuration, first press the "10" key. A dialog box will then open in which you must enter all the necessary parameters (e.g. host, port, user name, password, etc.). Once the entry is complete, the configuration data is automatically saved.



```
Please enter a task:~ $ 10

Please enter SubBroker alias:~ $ MainBroker

Please enter Broker hostname/IP:~ $ 127.0.0.1

Please enter Broker Port:~ $ 1883

Please enter Username:~ $

Please enter Password:~ $

Use certificates for connect? (y/n):~ $ n

New SubBroker Configuration saved

Mqtt SubBroker Setting: MainBroker

BrokerGuid => "065f0cb2-b574-4b50-85b0-669c73a64c81"

ISMaster => "False"

ConnectionSettings:

Broker => "127.0.0.1"

Port => "1883"

User => ""

WithCertificates => "False"
```

Creating a Storage configuration (data sink)

To configure a new Storage, such as a CSV storage, press the "20" key. Here, too, a dialog box will ask you for all the necessary parameters step by step. The following is an example of the configuration of a CSV storage:

```
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         ×
Please enter a task:∼ $ 20
       (1) - ANALYTICS FILE
        (2) - CSV FILE
(3) - MSSQL PLAIN
       (4) - INFLUXDB
       (5) - MSSQL BINARY
(6) - AZURE BLOB
        (7) - POSTGRESQL
  Please choose id from storage type:~ $ 2
[CSV FILE] Please enter Storage Name:~ $ My_CSV_Storage

[CSV FILE] Please enter Storage Comment:~ $ Plain_Text_Storage

[CSV FILE] Please enter Folder Path:~ $ C:\Users\IngmarR\Documents\ASP_Storages\CSV

[CSV FILE] Please enter Max Duration per "csv" file in seconds:~ $ 120

[CSV FILE] Please enter Decimal Places for for floatingpoint values:~ $ -1

[CSV FILE] Please enter Timestamp Format:~ $ dd.NM.yyyy HH:mm:ss.fff z
      (1) - ANSI
(2) - UTF8
  (3) - UTF16
CSV FILE] Please choose Encoding:∼ $ 1
       (1) - Single
  CSV FILE] Please choose Array Mode:~ $ 2
AutoStart the Storage? (y/n):~$ y
  New Storage Configuration saved
       Storage Setting: [CSVFile]
Storage Name => "My_CSV_Storage"
StorageGuid => "e5a61c3d-dd98-40fc-a63f-4c41f6f19729"
            Comment => "Plain_Text_Storage'
AutoStart => "True"
             Settings =>
                         Tolder Path => "C:\Users\IngmarR\Documents\ASP_Storages\CSV"

Decimalplaces => "-1"
                        Decimalplaces => "-1"
Max Duration => "120"
                         Max Write-Length => "2048"
```

The data entered is automatically applied and saved.

Configuration of the Storage Provider

To configure the Storage Provider yourself, press the "1" key. Enter the necessary parameters in the dialog that appears. You can also define the Host Message Broker and the Default Storage here. Once the dialog has been completed, the configuration is saved automatically.



```
Please enter a task:~ $ 1

Analytics Storage Provider Settings:
Please enter Provider Main Topic:~ $ Beckhoff/
Please enter Provider Comment:~ $ Demo_ASP
Trace to EventLog (y/n):~ $ y

Additional Debug Log (y/n):~ $ y

Select master MQTT Broker:
(1) - MainBroker [[065f0cb2-b574-4b50-85b0-669c73a64c81] MainBroker - 127.0.0.1:1883]
Please choose id from mqtt broker:~ $ 1

Select master Storage:
(1) - My_CSV_Storage [CSVFile]
Please choose id from mqtt broker:~ $ 1

Configuration successfully saved!
```

Starting the local Storage Provider

Once all settings have been made, the Storage Provider is configured and ready to start. To do this, press the "30" key in the client. If the local Storage Provider Service has been started successfully, the following message appears:

```
Please enter a task:~ $ 30
Start service "TcAnalyticsStorageProvider"... Status => Running
```

Importing historical data

In this dialog, Analytics Files can be imported into a selected storage. First choose the storage you want to import to by entering the number in the brackets on the left-hand side of the storage in the list. Once you have made your choice of storage, you will be asked to enter the folder path to the files to be imported.

```
Select storage
(1) - New CSV Store [CSVFile]
(2) - AutoGenerated AlyStorage [AnalyticsFile]
Please choose storage number from list:~ $ 2
Enter Path to the Analytics File: :~ $ C:\Users\Admin\Downloads\61119A38-CC53-E3E6-A5BF-BA6B8477D68D
```

You can then specify whether the contents of the folder should be copied or moved. You must also enter some basic information about the data to be imported:



```
1. Copy data(1) | Move data(2): :~ $ 1

2. Topic: :~ $ AnalyticsStorageProvider/UnknownAnalyticsFile

3. Record Alias: :~ $ Unknown

4. Record Name: :~ $ Record

5. System ID: :~ $ 53fae9bf-03fa-48ac-81e7-74f042eec6c2

6. System ID Alias: :~ $ Unknown AnalyticsFile

7. Address: :~ $ Hülshorstweg 20

8. Latitude: :~ $ 0.0

9. Longitude: :~ $ 0.0
```

The import configuration is now complete - you can check it again in the next step. You can use CTRL + Z to correct entries. Otherwise, the import can be started.

```
ImportSettings

Source path: C:\Users\FinnW\Documents\TestAlyFiles\Test_AlyFiles\2025_06_10_00_14
Source datatype: AnalyticsFile
Target Storetype: AnalyticsFile
Target StoreID: 2e13b59e-dae5-4387-9923-d5e6623c3f18
Copy: False
Topic: AnalyticsStorageProvider/UnknownAnalyticsFile
Recording Alias: Unknown
Record Name: Record
System ID: 53fae9bf-03fa-48ac-81e7-74f042eec6c2
SystemID Alias: Unknown AnalyticsFile
Address: Hülshorstweg 20
Latitude: 0.0
Longitude: 0.0
ImportSettings

Is the data Provided valid? (y/n):~ $
```

As soon as the import is successfully completed, the following message is displayed:



6.4.2 Client

In the Analytics Storage Provider Client it is possible to connect to an Analytics Storage Provider. This does not necessarily have to run locally on the device, but can also be addressed via an external MQTT broker. Thus, it is not mandatory to configure an Analytics Storage Provider locally to use the client. Recordings can then be started and stopped on a connected Analytics Storage Provider, as well as historical data streams to a configurable MQTT topic.

The following inputs are available for this:

1	Establishes a connection with the MQTT broker from the local configuration and selects the configured Analytics Storage Provider.	
2	Starts a dialog to connect to an MQTT broker.	
3	Closes the connection to the current MQTT broker.	
10	Provides the Analytics Storage Providers that are available under the MQTT broker for selection.	
15	Reads a configuration file from an <u>Analytics Storage Provider Recorder</u> , with the recordings configured in it.	
21	Starts a RuleEngine pipeline.	
22	Stops a RuleEngine pipeline.	
23	Restarts a rule of a RuleEngine pipeline.	
31	Starts a recording.	
32	Stops a recording based on the alias and the MQTT topic.	
33	Starts a historical data stream.	
34	Stops a historical data stream based on the result MQTT topic.	
35	Updates streaming parameters of a running historical data stream.	
36	Checks whether a recording is active.	
40	Stops all active recordings.	
41	Stops all historical data streams.	
50	Deletes recordings that are older than a certain date. Optionally, a data stream can be specified.	



```
RecorderAlias:Console ASP Client ("INGMARR-NB02") - [dac195f2-0000-0000-0000-c0291056d9c1]
                             Main Menu Provider Client
    Use Local Provider
    Connect
    Disconnect
    Select Provider
    Load Config (RecorderSettings)
    Start RuleEngine Pipeline
    Stop RuleEngine Pipeline
    Restart Rule of RuleEngine Pipeline
    Start Pipeline
    Stop Pipeline
    Start Historical Stream
    Stop Historical Stream
    Set Historical Stream Parameter
    Is Recording Active
    Cancel All Recordings
    Cancel All Historical Streams
    Delete Recordings older than specific date of an historical stream (optional)
    Back to Start
    Clear Screen
    Exit Program
Please enter a task:~ $
```

Use

To use the Analytics Storage Provider Client, a connection to an MQTT broker must first be established. Entering "2" starts a dialog in which the already configured MQTT brokers are presented for selection. There a new MQTT broker can be configured and connected by entering "0". Then, by entering "10" in the client main menu, an Analytics Storage Provider can be selected, which is available under the MQTT broker. Alternatively, by entering "1" in the client main menu, a connection to the MQTT broker and Analytics Storage Provider can be established directly from the local configuration file.

After the connection is successfully established, information about the connected MQTT broker and the selected Analytics Storage Provider is displayed in the prompter display before the prompt:

```
[<u>TcAnalyticsTest</u> : <u>ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)</u>] Please enter a task:~ $
```

(MQTT broker: Analytics Storage Provider)

To start recordings, a dialog is started by entering "31". It is possible to start a recording that has already been created, provided that recordings have already been configured or read in via a recorder configuration file. In addition to the listed recordings, a new recording can also be configured and started by entering "0":



```
RecorderAlias:Console ASP Client ("MARCT-NB01") - [ffca662c-0000-0000-0000-80d643e8d241]
                                                    ----- Main Menu Provider Client
              Use Local Provider
              Connect
             Disconnect
 10:
              Select Provider
              Load Config (RecorderSettings)
              Start Recording
              Stop Recording
              Start Historical Stream
              Stop Historical Stream
              Set Historical Stream Parameter
 35 :
 36:
              Is Recording Active
             Cancel All Recordings
Cancel All Historical Streams
 40 :
 41 :
             Back to Start
             Clear Screen
             Exit Program
 TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter a task:~ $ 31
                "TcBSD_ASP_Recording" (ASP_Record)
"TcBSD_ASP_Alias" (TcBSD_Record)
 TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please choose id from record config:~ $ 0
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter topic:~ $ TestSignals/StreamFast
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter recording alias:~ $ ASP_Recording
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter recordname:~ $ AnalyticsSP_Record
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter duration in minutes:~ $ 120
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter ringbuffer [None|TimeBased|DataBased]:~ $ None
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter dataFormat [Bin|Json]:~ $ Bin
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter recording mode [All|Subset]:~ $ All

Recording command "ASP Recording" send to Provider
   Recording command "ASP_Recording" send to Provider. Recording "ASP_Recording" is running.
```

The configuration parameters correspond to the known parameters from the graphical <u>Analytics Storage Provider Recorder</u>. The default values can be deleted if necessary and replaced by individual entries. With the **recording mode** after the input "Subset" a subset of the symbolism can be defined by the recording data. Immediately after configuration, a command to start recording is sent to the connected Analytics Storage Provider. Running recordings can be stopped by entering "32". They are referenced by the MQTT topic from which the data comes and by the recording alias. If a recording is to be stopped by another client, the corresponding **Recorder Guid** must also be specified. The **Recorder Guid** is displayed together with the **Recorder Alias** above the input options in the client main menu (red 1).

Recording configurations created in the console client are not persisted. So after closing the client, the list of recording configurations is no longer available. Therefore, reading recorder configuration files (enter "20" in the client main menu) can be very helpful. The configuration file of a recorder is stored on Windows systems under the path C:\Users*** \AppData\Roaming\Beckhoff\TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider (replace *** with the corresponding user).

The historized data of the Analytics Storage Provider can be transmitted as a data stream to a definable result MQTT topic via the input "33". This also starts a dialog in which a previously configured data stream can be started. By entering "0", a new historical data stream can also be configured:



```
Use Local Provider
                  Connect
                  Disconnect
                  Select Provider
 20:
                  Load Config (RecorderSettings)
                  Start Recording
                  Stop Recording
                  Start Historical Stream
                  Stop Historical Stream
                  Set Historical Stream Parameter
                  Is Recording Active
 36:
                  Cancel All Recordings
 40 :
                  Cancel All Historical Streams
 41 :
                  Back to Start
                  Clear Screen
                  Exit Program
 TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter a task:~ $ 33
   GetHistorical Cmds:
        (0) - [Create new GetHistorical cmd]
(1) - "RecordID:29 | Topic:TestSignals/StreamFast"
(2) - "RecordID:39 | Topic:TestSignals/StreamFast"
 TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please choose id from cmd:~ $ 0
TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter systemID:~ $ cff7975b-b34d-43f7-755d-95cf135f50db
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter systemID:~ $ cff7975b-b34d-43f7-755d-95cf135f50db
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter topic:~ $ TestSignals/StreamFast
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter symbol layout:~ $ 52a5066f-3c94-d853-f02b-bce62b4a6dea
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter record id:~ $ 1
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter start time in ns:~ $ 13331821883950000
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter end time in ns:~ $ 133318220040054000
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter maxSampleCnt default:~ $ 5000
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter user sampletime default:~ $ -1
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter outputFormat [Bin|Json]:~ $ Bin
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter result topic:~ $ TcBSD_AnalyticsSP_ResultTopic
[TcAnalyticsTest : ASP TcBSD (CX-5AC79C)] Please enter symbol mode [All|Subset]:~ $ All
GetHistoricalStream command for "TcBSD_AnalyticsSP_ResultTopic" send to Provider.
```

The parameters define a historized recording, whereby the parameter **result topic** defines the MQTT topic to which the data is to be streamed. After configuration, a command to start the historical stream is automatically sent to the Analytics Storage Provider.

By entering "35" in the client main menu, the parameters of an active historical stream can be adjusted. The historical stream is referenced by its result MQTT topic. The parameters can be used, for example, to adjust the speed or packet size of the data stream while it is running. Canceling a historical data stream is possible by entering "34" and specifying the result MQTT topic.

RuleEngine pipelines

It is also possible to start RuleEngine pipelines that have already been published. The entry "21" must be made for this. The appropriate RuleEngine pipeline can then be selected. RuleEngine pipelines can also be stopped (input "22"). It is also possible to restart individual rules (input "23").

```
[127.0.0.1 : TwinCAT Analytics StorageProvider ("INGMARR-NB02")] Please enter a task:~ $ 21
RuleEngine Pipelines:
    (1) - "MyRuleEnginePipelineAlias" (d00c5366-4cf5-4d4e-a2f6-9dbe759e9dd2)
    (2) - "AutostartRuleEnginePipeline" (92bcfd4e-0a05-48a5-b914-80f680d48e92)
[127.0.0.1 : TwinCAT Analytics StorageProvider ("INGMARR-NB02")] Please choose id from pipeline configs:~ $ 1
RuleEngine pipeline command send to Provider.
```

6.4.3 Batch files for control

The console client can be used to create batch files to control the Analytics Storage Provider. Some parameters are provided for this purpose:

```
-Help / -H / -? Returns a description of all parameters.
```

Parameters for the configuration settings:



-CreateASPConfig	Create a new Analytics Storage Provider settings XML.
-MainTopic <maintopic></maintopic>	Analytics Storage Provider Main Topic.
-Comment <comment></comment>	Analytics Storage Provider comment.
-EventLogTrace <true false></true false>	Trace to the event log.
-DebugLog <true false></true false>	Additional DebugLog.
-StorageType <type></type>	Storage type (ANALYTICSFILE, AZURESQL, AZUREBLOB).
-StorageConnString <connstring></connstring>	Connection string or path to storage.
-TlsType <tls1.0 tls1.1 tls1.2></tls1.0 tls1.1 tls1.2>	Tls type (for AzureBlob).
-MaxDuration <duration (sec)=""></duration>	Maximum duration of a TAY file.
-MaxWriteLen <writelen (bytes)=""></writelen>	Maximum length of a data packet.

Configuration parameters:

-LocalProvider	Use the connection settings of the locally installed Analytics Storage Provider.
-ConfigFile <path></path>	Use all configurations from the configuration file of an Analytics Storage Provider Recorder window.
-ProviderGuid <guid></guid>	Provider of the Analytics Storage Provider to be used.
-ConfigCmdID <id></id>	ID number of the preconfigured recording in the configuration file.
-ConfigCmdAlias <alias></alias>	Alias of the preconfigured recording in the configuration file.

Connection parameters:

-Broker /-Host <hostname></hostname>	Host name or IP address of the broker used.
-Port <port></port>	Broker port (default value: 1883).
-User <username></username>	Username for the connection.
-Password / -Pwd <password></password>	Password for the connection.
-CA <path></path>	Path to the CA certificate for the connection.
-Cert <path></path>	Path to the certificate for the connection.
-Key_Cert <path></path>	Path to the key file for the connection.
-Key_Pwd <password></password>	Password for the key file for the connection.

Function parameters:

-StartRecord	Sends a StartRecord command.
-StopRecord	Sends a StopRecord command.
-IsRecordingActive	Checks whether a recording is currently active.
-GetHistorical	Sends a GetHistoricalData command.
-StopHistorical	Sends a StopHistoricalData command.
-UpdateHistorical	Sends a HistoricalUpdate command.
-CancelAllRec	Sends a Cancel command to all active recordings.
-CancelAllHist	Sends a Cancel command to all active historical data
	streams.
-StartPipeline	Sends a StartRuleEngine pipeline command.
-StopPipeline	Sends a StopRuleEngine pipeline command.
-RestartRule	Sends a RestartRule command.
-DeleteRecordingsOlderThan	Deletes recordings whose end time is older than a
	specified timestamp. Optionally, the topic of the
	historical stream can also be specified. Only the
	active historical streams are taken into account.



Recording start/stop parameters:

-Alias <alias></alias>	Alias name of the recording.	
-RecName <record></record>	Alias name of the data set.	
-Topic <topic></topic>	Topic to be included.	
-DataFormat <bin json></bin json>	Data format of the live data stream.	
-Duration <seconds></seconds>	Recording duration.	
-Ringbuffer <none timebased databased></none timebased databased>	Ring buffer mode (default value: Default).	
-RinbufferPara <minutes mb=""></minutes>	Parameters for the ring buffer (in seconds or megabytes).	
-Mode <all subset></all subset>	Mode of recording. Takes all symbols and a subset of the symbols.	
-Symbols / -Sym <symbol1,symbol2></symbol1,symbol2>	List of symbol subset as comma-separated list.	
-RecorderGuid <guid></guid>	Guid of the Analytics Storage Provider Recorder window.	
-Storage <guid></guid>	Guid from Storage where to write.	
-SubBroker <guid></guid>	Guid from the Sub Broker from which the data is to be recorded.	

Historical data stream start/stop parameters:

-SystemID <systemid guid=""></systemid>	System ID of the recorded data set.
-Topic <topic></topic>	Topic of the recorded data set.
-Layout <layout guid=""></layout>	Layout of the recorded data set.
-RecordID <id></id>	ID of the data set to be streamed.
-StartTime <time ns=""></time>	Start time of the data set to be streamed in nanoseconds.
-EndTime <time ns=""></time>	End time of the data set to be streamed in nanoseconds.
-MaxSamples <samples></samples>	Maximum number of samples (default value: 5000)
-UsrSampleTime <ms></ms>	Sampling rate. (Default value: -1; sampling rate of the recording)
-DataFormat <bin json></bin json>	Data format of the data stream.
-ResultTopic <topic></topic>	Result MQTT topic to which the data will be streamed.
-Mode <all subset></all subset>	Streaming mode. Streams all or a subset of the symbols.
-Symbols / -Sym <symbol1,symbol2></symbol1,symbol2>	List of symbol subset as comma-separated list.

Historical data stream update parameters:

-MaxSamples <samples></samples>	Maximum number of samples (default value: 5000)	
-UsrSampleTime <ms></ms>	Sampling rate. (Default value: -1; sampling rate of the recording)	
-MaxPackSize <samples></samples>	Maximum message size in kilobytes	
-SendDuration <ms></ms>	Waiting time between sending messages in milliseconds.	
-ResultTopic <topic></topic>	Result MQTT topic to which the data will be streamed.	

RuleEngine pipeline parameter:

- PipelineGuid <guid></guid>	Guid of the RuleEngine pipeline.
- RuleID <id></id>	ID of the rule within a RuleEngine pipeline.

Delete recordings Parameters:



- DateTimeOlderThan <datetime></datetime>	Timestamp in the format "yyyy-MM-dd hh:mm".
	Any recording with an end time older than this timestamp will be deleted.
	timestamp will be deleted.
- HistoricalStreamTopic <topic></topic>	Topic of the historical stream (optional).

Data Import Parameters:

-SourcePath <path></path>	Path to the folder with the files to be imported.	
-StorageType <storagetype></storagetype>	Choice of Storage type:	
	AnalyticsFile	
	Apache_loTDB	
	AzureBlob	
	CSVFile	
	InfluxDB_Plain	
	MsSQL	
	MsSQL_Plain	
	PostgreSQL	
-Storage <storageguid></storageguid>	Guid of the Storage.	
-CopyData <true false></true false>	Copy or move the data.	
-Topic <string></string>	Topic name of the data to be imported.	
-Alias <string></string>	Alias name of the data to be imported.	
-RecName <string></string>	Record name of the data to be imported	
-SystemID <guid></guid>	System ID of the data to be imported.	
-SysIDAlias <string></string>	System alias of the data to be imported.	
-Address <string></string>	Address of the data to be imported.	
-Latitude <double></double>	Latitude of the data to be imported.	
-Longitude <double></double>	Longitude of the data to be imported.	

Command line samples:

Create configuration:

```
TwinCAT.Analytics.StorageProvider.Client

-CreateASPConfig

-MainTopic Beckhoff/ASPTest

-Comment Analytics Storage Provider (Test)

-EventLogTrace False

-DebugLog False

-StorageType ANALYTICSFILE

-StorageConnString C:\TwinCAT\Functions\TF3520-Analytics-StorageProvider\Storage

-MaxDuration 120

-MaxWriteLen 2048

-Broker 172.17.62.135

-Port 1883

-User tcanalytics

-Pwd 123
```

Start recording with local Analytics Storage Provider:

```
TwinCAT.Analytics.StorageProvider.Client
-localprovider
-startrecord
-alias cmdTest
-recname cmdRec1
-topic TestSignals/TestStream
-dataformat Bin
-Duration 30
-mode Subset
-Symbols Variables.fCosine, Variables.fSine
```

Start configuration file of a recording:



```
TwinCAT.Analytics.StorageProvider.Client
-ConfigFile "C:
\Users\User\AppData\Roaming\Beckhoff\TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider\TcAnalyticsStorageProvider_R
ecorder.xml"
-ProviderGuid 76141a7f-e580-4281-99d8-1b8a75ca014d
-startrecord
-ConfigCmdAlias cmdTest
```

Check recording status

```
TwinCAT.Analytics.StorageProvider.Client
-Broker 172.17.62.135
-Port 1883
-User tcanalytics
-Pwd 123
-ProviderGuid 76141a7f-e580-4281-99d8-1b8a75ca014d
-IsRecordingActive
-alias cmdTest
-recorderGuid a8e171d2-712d-bd8e-da15-7eef28b71ad2
```

Stop all recordings:

```
TwinCAT.Analytics.StorageProvider.Client
-Broker 172.17.62.135
-Port 1883
-User tcanalytics
-Pwd 123
-ProviderGuid 76141a7f-e580-4281-99d8-1b8a75ca014d
-CancelAllRec
```

Start historical data stream:

```
TwinCAT.Analytics.StorageProvider.Client
-localprovider
-GetHistorical
-systemID c29ac2d4-76ce-ff44-4d7f-355ffbcca6bf
-layout 9a8e171d-712d-bd8e-da15-7eef28b71ad2
-topic TestSignals/TestStream
-recordID 1
-startTime 132696863612730000
-endTime 132696864177720000
-maxSamples 5000
-usrSampleTime -1
-resultTopic _TestSignals/TestStream/123
-dataformat Bin
-mode Subset -symbols Variables.fSine
```

Start RuleEngine pipeline:

```
TwinCAT.Analytics.StorageProvider.Client
-localprovider
-StartPipeline
-PipelineGuid d00c5366-4cf5-4d4e-a2f6-9dbe759e9dd2
```

Stop RuleEngine pipeline:

```
TwinCAT.Analytics.StorageProvider.Client
-localprovider
-StopPipeline
-PipelineGuid d00c5366-4cf5-4d4e-a2f6-9dbe759e9dd2
```

Start a special rule of a RuleEngine pipeline:

```
TwinCAT.Analytics.StorageProvider.Client
-localprovider
-RestartRule
-PipelineGuid d00c5366-4cf5-4d4e-a2f6-9dbe759e9dd2
-RuleID 2
```

Delete old recordings:

```
TwinCAT.Analytics.StorageProvider.Client
-localprovider
-DeleteRecordingsOlderThan
-DateTimeOlderThan yyyy-MM-dd 00:00
- HistoricalStreamTopic Beckhoff /TcAnalyticsStorageProvider/41cfa2be-
ca72-4145-9e37-875851502aa6/Historical/Stream_65
```



Importing data

TwinCAT.Analytics.StorageProvider.Client

- -DataImport
- -SourcePath C:\\temp\\ED6A9F45-04D7-2D3A-7834-D3D1CF5EB21D -StorageType CSVFile
- -Storage e5a61c3d-dd98-40fc-a63f-4c41f6f19729
- -CopyData true
- -Topic AnalyticsStorageProvider/UnknownAnalyticsFile
- -Alias Unknown -RecName Record
- -SystemID 53fae9bf-03fa-48ac-81e7-74f042eec6c2
- -SysIDAlias Unknown AnalyticsFile -Address TestAddress
- -Latitude 1.0
- -Longitude 5.0



7 PLC API

7.1 Function blocks

7.1.1 Topic Architecture

7.1.1.1 Commands

7.1.1.1.1 T_ALY_SPCancel_Cmd

```
T_ALY_SPCancel_Cmd
—eCancelType E_CancelType
—arrParameter ARRAY [0..99] OF T_MaxString
```

Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_SPCancel_Cmd EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload

VAR_INPUT

eCancelType : E_CancelType;

arrParameter : ARRAY [0..99] OF T_MaxString;

END VAR
```

Inheritence hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload

T_ALY_SPCancel_Cmd

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
eCancelType	E CancelType [▶ 145]	
arrParameter	ARRAY [099] OF T_MaxString	

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider



7.1.1.1.2 T_ALY_SPGetHistorical_Cmd

```
T_ALY_SPGetHistorical_Cmd

nRecordingID LINT

sSubBroker GUID

sTopic T_MaxString

sLayout GUID

[eMode E_SymbolMode := E_SymbolMode.All]

[eOutputFormat E_RawDataFormat := E_RawDataFormat.Bin]

[nMaxSampleCount UDINT := 3000]

[nUserSampleTime LINT := -1]

nRecordID LINT

nStartTimestamp LINT

nEndTimestamp LINT

sResultTopic T_MaxString

arrSymbols ARRAY[0..255] OF T_ALY_Symbol
```

Syntax

Definition:

Inheritence hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload

T_ALY_SPGetHistorical_Cmd



Inputs

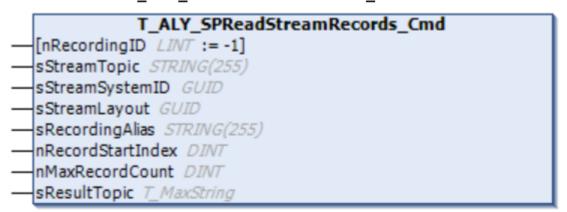
Name	Туре	Description
nRecordingID	LINT	Specific ID of the recording to be used
sSubBroker	GUID	Individual GUID of the MessageBroker via which the data is sent.
sTopic	T_MaxString	Topic name of the recorded live stream.
sLayout	GUID	Layout GUID of the recording.
eMode	E SymbolMode [▶ 150]	Get all symbols or only a subset.
eOutputFormat	E RawDataFormat [▶ 147]	Format of the returned data (actually only "Bin" supported).
nMaxSampleCount	UDINT	Maximum number of samples in a payload package.
nUserSampleTime	DINT	Sample time in milliseconds of the returned stream. (-1 uses the recorded sample time.)
nRecordID	DINT	Number of the record.
nStartTimestamp	LINT	Start time
nEndTimestamp	LINT	End time
sResultTopic	T_MaxString	Topic name of the result stream.
arrSymbol	ARRAY [0255] OF <u>T ALY Symbol</u> [▶ 130]	If SymbolMode is Subset, only the list of this symbols will be returned.

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue		Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.1.3 T_ALY_SPReadStreamRecords_Cmd





Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_SPReadStreamRecords_Cmd EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload
VAR_INPUT
    nRecordingID : LINT := -1;
    sStreamTopic : STRING(255);
    sStreamSystemID : GUID;
    sStreamLayout : GUID;
    nRecordStartIndex : DINT;
    nMaxRecordCount : DINT;
    sResultTopic : T_MaxString;
END_VAR
```

Inheritance hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload

 $T_ALY_SPReadStreamRecords_Cmd$

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
nRecordingID	LINT	Specific ID of the recording to be used
sStreamTopic	STRING(255)	Topic name of the recorded live stream.
sStreamSystemID	GUID	SystemID of the target system from where the live stream was sent
sStreamLayout	GUID	Layout GUID of the recording
nRecordStartIndex	DINT	Start index of the first record to be read.
nMaxRecordCount	DINT	Total number of records to be read.
sResultTopic	T_MaxString	Topic name of the result stream

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue		Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider



7.1.1.1.4 T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd

```
T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd
 sRecordDataKey GUID
 sStorage GUID
 sSubBroker GUID
 sPipeline GUID
 sAlias T_MaxString
 sRecordName T_MaxString
 eRecording E_RecordMode
 sRecorder GUID
sRecorderAlias T_MaxString
 sTopic T_MaxString
 eDataFormat E_RawDataFormat
 [eDurationTimeMode E_TimeMode := E_TimeMode.Minutes]
 nDuration DIN
 eRingBufferMode E_RingBufferMode
 nRingBufferParameter DINT
 eMode E_SymbolMode
 sSymbolLayout GUID
 arrSymbols ARRAY[0..255] OF T_ALY_Symbol
```

Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload
VAR_INPUT
   sRecordDataKey : GUID;
    sStorage : GUID;
   sSubBroker : GUID;
    sPipeline : GUID;
    sAlias : T MaxString;
    sRecordName : T MaxString;
   eRecording : E_RecordMode; sRecorder : GUID;
    sRecorderAlias : T_MaxString;
    sTopic : T MaxString;
   eDataFormat : E RawDataFormat;
    eDurationTimeMode : E TimeMode := E TimeMode.Minutes;
   nDuration : DINT;
    eRingBufferMode : E_RingBufferMode;
    nRingBufferParameter : DINT;
    eMode : E_SymbolMode;
    sSymbolLayout : GUID;
    arrSymbols : ARRAY [0..255] OF T ALY Symbol;
END VAR
```

Inheritence hierarchy

T ALY JsonPayload

T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd



Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
sRecordDataKey	GUID	Individual GUID to identify the recording
sStorage	GUID	Individual GUID of the Storage to be used
sSubBroker	GUID	Individual GUID of the message broker to be used
sPipeline	GUID	Optional – GUID of the RuleEngine pipeline
sAlias	T_MaxString	Alias name for the recording.
sRecordName	T_MaxString	Name for this record.
eRecording	E RecordMode [▶ 147]	Start or Stop the recording.
sRecorder	GUID	Individual GUID of the recorder.
sRecorderAlias	T_MaxString	Alias name for the recorder.
sTopic	T_MaxString	Topic name of the live stream.
eDataFormat	E RawDataFormat [▶ 147]	Saving the data format (currently only binary format is supported).
eDurationTimeMode	E_TimeMode [▶ 148]	Resolution of the nDuration parameter
nDuration	DINT	Duration of the recording in minutes. (-1 unlimited)
eRingBufferMode	E RingBufferMode [▶ 148]	Ring buffer mode
nRingBufferParameter	DINT	TimeBased => parameter in minutes.
		DataBased => parameter in megabytes.
eMode	E SymbolMode [▶ 150]	Record all symbols or only a subset.
sSymbolLayout	GUID	
arrSymbols	ARRAY [0255] OF <u>T ALY Symbol</u> [<u>▶ 130]</u>	If SymbolMode is Subset, only the list of this symbols will be recorded.

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.1.5 T_ALY_SPReloadHistoricalStreams_Cmd

Г	T_ALY_SPReloadHistoricalStreams_Cmd	ì
	eReloadType E_ReloadType	ı
	arrParameter ARRAY [09] OF ARRAY [01] OF T_MaxString	ı



Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_SPReloadHistoricalStreams_Cmd EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload
VAR_INPUT
    eReloadType: E_ReloadType;
    arrParameter: ARRAY [0..9] OF ARRAY [0..1] OF T_MaxString;
END VAR
```

Inheritance hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload

T_ALY_SPReloadHistoricalStreams_Cmd

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
eReloadType	E ReloadType [▶ 148]	Update mode selection
	ARRAY [09] OF ARRAY [01] OF T_MaxString	Additional parameters

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.1.6 T_ALY_SPRuleEnginePipeline_Cmd

```
T_ALY_SPRuleEnginePipeline_Cmd

—sRuleEnginePipeline GUID
—eCmdType E_PipelineCmdType
—sRecorder GUID
—sRecorderAlias T_MaxString
```

Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload
VAR_INPUT
    sRuleEnginePipeline : GUID;
    eCmdType : E_PipelineCmdType;
    sRecorder : GUID;
    sRecorderAlias : T_MaxString;
END_VAR
```

Inheritance hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload

T_ALY_SPRuleEnginePipeline_Cmd



Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
sRuleEnginePipeline		Individual GUID of the RuleEngine pipeline.
eCmdType	E_PipelineCmdType [▶ 150]	Start or Stop the recording.
sRecorder	GUID	Individual GUID of the recorder.
sRecorderAlias	T_MaxString	Alias name for the recorder.

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from	Initialization of the FB with JSON
	T_ALY_JsonPayload	object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.1.7 T_ALY_SPSetGetHistoricalDataState_Cmd

```
T_ALY_SPSetGetHistoricalDataState_Cmd

— sResultTopic T_MaxString
— eState E_SetGetHistoricalDataState
— nSendDuration_ms DINT
— nRestartTimestamp LINT
— nMaxSampleCount UDINT
— nMaxPackageSize_KB DINT
— nUserSampleTime LINT
```

Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_SPSetGetHistoricalDataState_Cmd EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload

VAR_INPUT

sResultTopic : T_MaxString;
eState : E_SetGetHistoricalDataState;
nSendDuration_ms : DINT;
nRestartTimestamp : LINT;
nMaxSampleCount : UDINT;
nMaxPackageSize_KB: DINT;
nUserSampleTime : LINT;
END_VAR
```

Inheritance hierarchy

 $T_ALY_JsonPayload$

T ALY SPSetGetHistoricalDataState Cmd



Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
sResultTopic	T_MaxString	Topic name of the result stream (used like a handle).
eSta.te	E_SetGetHistoricalDataState [▶ 149]	Historical stream state
nSendDuration_ms	DINT	Waiting time between sending the individual packages
nRestartTimestamp	LINT	Timestamp at which the result stream is continued.
nMaxSampleCount	UDINT	Maximum number of entries in a package
nMaxPackageSize_KB	DINT	Maximum size of a package
nUserSampleTime	LINT	Sample time in milliseconds of the returned stream (-1 uses the recorded sample time).

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3 AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.1.8 T_ALY_SPStorageCtrl_Cmd

```
T_ALY_SPStorageCtrl_Cmd

—eCtrlMode E_ControlMode
—sStorageGuid GUID
```

Syntax

Definition:

Inheritence hierarchy

 $T_ALY_JsonPayload$

T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
eCtrlMode		Start, stop, etc. of the Storage.
sStorageGuid		Individual GUID of the Storage.



Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.2 Descriptions

7.1.1.2.1 T_ALY_HistoricalStream_Desc

```
T_ALY_HistoricalStream_Desc
                                                        STRING(255) sSource
                                                   STRING(255) sStreamTopic
                                                    STRING(255) sStreamAlias
                                                      GUID sStreamSystemID
                                                              GUID sLayout
                                                          UDINT nCycleTime
                                                           UDINT nDataSize
                 ARRAY [0..cMaxRecordCount] OF T_RecordTimestamps arrRecords
                                                             GUID sStorage
                                                         LINT nHistStreamID
                                                    STRING(255) sSystemAlias
                                                   STRING(255) sRecordName
                                                       STRING(255) sAddress
                                                 E SymbolMode eSymbolMode
                                    ARRAY [0..255] OF T_ALY_Symbol arrSymbols
```

Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_HistoricalStream_Desc EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload
VAR_OUTPUT
    sSource
             : STRING(255);
    sStreamTopic : STRING(255);
    sStreamAlias : STRING(255);
    sStreamSystemID : GUID;
    sLayout : GUID;
    nCycleTime: UDINT;
    nDataSize : UDINT;
    arrRecords : ARRAY [0..cMaxRecordCount] OF T_RecordTimestamps;
    sStorage : GUID;
    nHistStreamID : LINT;
    sSystemAlias : STRING(255);
sRecordName : STRING(255);
    sAddress : STRING(255);
    eSymbolMode : E SymbolMode;
    arrSymbols : ARRAY [0..255] OF T ALY Symbol;
END VAR
```

Inheritance hierarchy

 $T_ALY_JsonPayload$

T_ALY_HistoricalStream_Desc



Outputs

Name	Туре	Description
sSource	STRING(255)	Data source name
sStreamTopic	STRING(255)	Topic name of the recorded stream
sStreamAlias	STRING(255)	Alias name of the stream
sStreamSystemID	GUID	SystemID GUID of the stream
sLayout	GUID	Layout GUID of the recording
nCycleTime	UDINT	Cycle time of the recording
nDataSize	UDINT	Data size of an entry of the recording
arrRecords	ARRAY [0cMaxRecordCount] OF T RecordTimestamps [> 130]	Timestamp of the various recordings
sStorage	GUID	Individual GUID of the Storage
nHistStreamID	LINT	Specific ID of the historical stream
sSystemAlias	STRING(255)	The system alias of the recorded data.
sRecordName	STRING(255)	The name of the recording
sAddress	STRING(255)	The address of the recorded data.
eSymbolMode	E SymbolMode [▶ 150]	Recording mode
arrSymbols	ARRAY [0255] OF T_ALY_Symbol	List of recorded symbols

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.2.2 T_ALY_SPInstance_Desc

```
T_ALY_SPInstance_Desc

DATE_AND_TIME dtTimestamp

BOOL bOnline

STRING sName

STRING sVersion

T_ALY_SPInstanceInfo stInfo
```

Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_SPInstance_Desc EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload
VAR_OUTPUT
    dtTimestamp : DATE_AND_TIME;
    bOnline : BOOL;
    sName : STRING;
    sVersion : STRING;
    stInfo : T_ALY_SPInstanceInfo;
END_VAR
```

Inheritance hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload



T_ALY_SPInstance_Desc

Outputs

Name	Туре	Description
dtTimestamp	DATE_AND_TIME	Start time of the Storage Provider Service
bOnline	BOOL	Indicates whether the service is online.
sName	STRING	IoT Device name "TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider"
sVersion	STRING	Version of the Storage Provider
stInfo	T_ALY_SPInstanceInfo [127]	Detailed description of the Storage Provider

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.2.3 T_ALY_SPRecordData_Desc

```
T_ALY_SPRecordData_Desc

GUID sRecordDataGuid —

LINT nStartTimestamp —

E_RecordingState eStatus —

LINT nRecordID —

T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd stRecord —
```

Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_SPRecordData_Desc EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload

VAR_OUTPUT

sRecordDataGuid : GUID;

nStartTimestamp : LINT;

eStatus : E_RecordingState;

nRecordID : LINT;

stRecord : T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd;

END_VAR
```

Inheritance hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload

T_ALY_SPRecordData_Desc



Outputs

Name	Туре	Description
sRecordDataGuid	GUID	GUID "Key" to identify the recording
nStartTimestamp	LINT	Start time of the recording.
eStatus	E RecordingState [▶ 147]	Recording state
nRecordID	LINT	Recording ID
stRecord	T ALY SPRecordData Cmd [▶ 117]	Associated recording command

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.2.4 T_ALY_SPRecording_Desc

T_ALY_SPRecording_Desc

ARRAY [0..99] OF T_ALY_SPRecordData_Desc arrRecordings

Syntax

Definition:

FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_SPRecording_Desc EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload
VAR_OUTPUT
 aRecordings : ARRAY [0..99] OF T_ALY_SPRecordData_Desc;
END_VAR

Inheritance hierarchy

 $T_ALY_JsonPayload$

 ${\sf T_ALY_SPRecording_Desc}$

Outputs

Name	Туре	Description
aRecordings	ARRAY [099] OF	List of all current recordings
	T ALY SPRecordData Desc [▶ 124]	

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider



7.1.1.3 Info

7.1.1.3.1 T_ALY_ReadStreamRecord_Info

T_ALY_ReadStreamRecord_Info DINT nRecordCountAll— DINT nRecordCount— ARRAY [O..cMaxRecordCount] OF T_RecordTimestamps arrRecords—

Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_HistoricalStream_Desc EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload

VAR_OUTPUT

nRecordCountAll: UDINT;

nRecordCount : UDINT;

arrRecords : ARRAY [0..cMaxRecordCount] OF T_RecordTimestamps;

END VAR
```

Inheritance hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload

 $T_ALY_ReadStreamRecord_Info$

Outputs

Name	Туре	Description
nRecordCountAll	UDINT	Number of all existing records
nRecordCount	UDINT	Number of records read out
arrRecords	ARRAY [0cMaxRecordCount] OF	Timestamp of the records read
	T_RecordTimestamps [▶ 130]	out

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T ALY JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.4 SubTypes

7.1.1.4.1 T_ALY_SPDataStorageInfo

T_ALY_SPDataStorageInfo	
T_ALY_SPStorageInfo stStorage	
E_StorageState eStatus	
STRING(255) sStatusMessage	Н

Syntax

Definition:

FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_SPDataStorageInfo EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload

VAR_OUTPUT

stStorage : T_ALY_SPStorageInfo;



```
eStatus : E_StorageState;
sStatusMessage : STRING(255);
END VAR
```

Inheritance hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload

 $T_ALY_SPDataStorageInfo$

Outputs

Name	Туре	Description
stStorage	T ALY SPStorageInfo [128]	Detailed Storage information
eStatus	E StorageState [▶ 149]	Status of the Storage
sStatusMessage	STRING(255)	Storage status message

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.4.2 T_ALY_SPInstanceInfo

```
T_ALY_SPInstanceInfo

GUID sProviderGuid —

STRING sServiceType —

STRING(255) sDataStoreType —

STRING(255) sComment —

GUID sPefaultStorageGuid —

ARRAY [0..49] OF T_ALY_SPDataStorageInfo arrDataStorages
```

Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_SPInstanceInfo EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload

VAR_OUTPUT

sProviderGuid : GUID;
sServiceType : STRING;
sDataStoreType : STRING(255);
sComment : STRING(255);
sDefaultStorageGuid : GUID;
arrDataStorages : ARRAY [0..49] OF T_ALY_SPDataStorageInfo;

END_VAR
```

Inheritance hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload

T_ALY_SPInstanceInfo



Outputs

Name	Туре	Description
sProviderGuid	GUID	Individual GUID of a Storage Provider instance
sServiceType	STRING	Service type
sDataStoreType	STRING(255)	Storage type
sComment	STRING(255)	Comment on the Storage Provider instance
sDefaultStorageGuid	GUID	Storage GUID of the Standard Storage
arrDataStorages	ARRAY [049] OF	List of configured Storages
	T ALY SPDataStorageInfo [▶ 126]	

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.4.3 T_ALY_SPStorageInfo

T_ALY_SPStorageInfo

GUID sStorageGuid —

STRING sStorageName —

E_DataStorageType eDataStorageType

STRING(255) sComment

Syntax

Definition:

FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_SPStorageInfo EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload

VAR_OUTPUT

sStorageGuid : GUID;

sStorageName : STRING;

eDataStorageType : E_DataStorageType;
sComment : STRING(255);

END_VAR

Inheritance hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload

T_ALY_SPStorageInfo

Outputs

Name	Туре	Description
sStorageGuid	GUID	Individual GUID of a Storage
sStorageName	STRING	Name of the Storage
eDataStorageType	E DataStorageType [▶ 146]	Storage type
sComment	STRING(255)	Comment on Storage



Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.4.4 T_ALY_SPSubBrokerInfo



Syntax

Definition:

Inheritance hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload

 $T_ALY_SPSubBrokerInfo$

Outputs

Name	Туре	Description
sAlias	STRING(255)	Alias name of the broker configuration
sBrokerGuid	GUID	Individual GUID of the broker configuration
sBrokerHost	STRING(255)	Broker Host Name
nBrokerPort	DINT	Broker port
bSecure		TRUE if communication is established via certificates.

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider



7.1.1.4.5 T_ALY_Symbol

```
T_ALY_Symbol
—sName T_MaxString
—sBaseType T_MaxString
—nBitOffset UDINT
—nBitSize UDINT
```

Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK T_ALY_Symbol EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload
VAR_INPUT
    sName : T_MaxString;
    sBaseType : T_MaxString;
    nBitOffset : UDINT;
    nBitSize : UDINT;
END_VAR
```

Inheritence hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload

T_ALY_Symbol

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
sName	T_MaxString	Name of the symbol
sBaseType	T_MaxString	DataType of the symbol
nBitOffset	UDINT	BitOffset of the symbol
nBitSize	UDINT	BitSize of the symbol

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T ALY JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.1.4.6 T_RecordTimestamps

```
T_RecordTimestamps

DINT nRecordID —

STRING(255) sAlias —

LINT nStartTimestamp —

LINT nEndTimestamp —
```

Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK T_RecordTimestamps EXTENDS T_ALY_JsonPayload
VAR_OUTPUT
    nRecordID : DINT;
    sAlias : STRING(255);
```



```
nStartTimestamp : LINT;
nEndTimestamp : LINT;
END_VAR
```

Inheritance hierarchy

T_ALY_JsonPayload

T_RecordTimestamps

Outputs

Name	Туре	Description
nRecordID	DINT	Recording number
sAlias	STRING(255)	Alias name of the recording
nStartTimestamp	LINT	Start timestamp of the recording
nEndTimestamp	LINT	End timestamp of the recording

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
Reset		Reset all values in the payload FB.
Init_JsonValue	Inherited from T_ALY_JsonPayload	Initialization of the FB with JSON object.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.2 FB_ALY_StorageProvider

```
FB_ALY_StorageProvider

stConfig ST_ALY_SP_Config BOOL bBusy BOOL bError

I_TcMessage ipResultMessage 
ETcIotMqttClientState eConnectionState
```

The FB_ALY_StorageProvider is a client FB for communication with a Storage Provider instance. The FB provides methods to trigger historical data or start/stop recordings.

Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK FB_ALY_StorageProvider
VAR_INPUT
    stConfig : ST_ALY_SP_Config;
END_VAR
VAR_OUTPUT
    bBusy : BOOL;
    bError : BOOL;
    ipResultMessage : I_TcMessage;
    eConnectionState : ETcIotMqttClientState;
END_VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
stConfig	ST ALY SP Config [144]	Structure for the configuration of the FB.



Outputs

Name	Туре	Description
bBusy	BOOL	TRUE as soon as a method of the function block is active.
bError	BOOL	Becomes TRUE when an error situation occurs.
ipResultMessage	I_TcMessage	Message interface of the TwinCAT 3 EventLogger, which provides further information about the return value.
eConnectionState	ETclotMqttClientState	Specifies the state of the connection between client and broker as an enumeration ETclotMqttClientState.

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
<u>Call [▶ 132]</u>	Local	Method for background communication with the TwinCAT driver. The method must be called cyclically.
<u>Cancel [▶ 133]</u>	Local	Method for aborting activities of the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider.
GetHistoricalData [▶ 133]	Local	Method for requesting historical data.
GetInstanceInfo [▶ 134]	Local	Method for receiving the instance information of the Storage Provider.
GetRecordingInfoByAlias [▶ 134]	Local	Method for receiving recording information.
GetRecordingInfoByKey [▶ 135]	Local	Method for receiving recording information.
ReadHistoricalStreams [> 135]	Local	Method for reading all historical streams.
ReadStreamRecords [136]	Local	Method for reading all records of a historical stream.
ReadSubBroker [136]	Local	Method for reading all declared message brokers.
ResetCommunication [137]	Local	Method to reset the MQTT connection to the broker.
RestartPipelineRule [▶ 137]	Loca	Restarts a rule of a pipeline.
SendCommand [138]	Local	Generic method for sending various commands.
SetHistoricalDataState [▶ 138]	Local	Method for setting various parameters of a historical stream.
StartPipeline [139]	Local	Starts recording a live MQTT binary stream.
StartRecord [139]	Local	Starts recording a live MQTT binary stream.
StartRecordEx [▶ 140]	Local	Starts recording a live MQTT binary stream.
StopPipeline [▶ 140]	Local	Stops the selected recording.
StopRecord [141]	Local	Stops the selected recording.
StorageControlling [▶ 141]	Local	Method for controlling the declared storages.

Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3_AnalyticsStorageProvider

7.1.2.1 Call





Syntax

METHOD Call : BOOL

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
Call	BOOL	

7.1.2.2 Cancel

```
Cancel
—stCmd REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPCancel_Cmd BOOL Cancel
```

Syntax

```
METHOD Cancel: BOOL

VAR_INPUT
stCmd: REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPCancel_Cmd;
END_VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
stCmd	REFERENCE TO	JSON command to cancel
	T_ALY_SPCancel_Cmd [▶ 113]	operations of the TwinCAT
		Analytics Storage Provider.

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
Cancel	BOOL	Is TRUE if done

7.1.2.3 GetHistoricalData

```
GetHistoricalData
—stCmd REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPGetHistorical_Cmd BOOL GetHistoricalData—
```

Syntax

```
METHOD GetHistoricalData: BOOL

VAR_INPUT
stCmd: REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPHistorical_Cmd;
END_VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
	T ALY SPGetHistorical Cmd [114]	JSON command to get historical data from TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider.

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
GetHistoricalData	BOOL	Is TRUE if done



7.1.2.4 GetInstanceInfo

GetInstanceInfo —tTimeout TIME BOOL GetInstanceInfo— stInstanceInfo T_ALY_SPInstance_Desc

Syntax

```
METHOD GetInstanceInfo : BOOL

VAR_INPUT

tTimeout : TIME;

stInstanceInfo : T_ALY_SPInstance_Desc;

END_VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
tTimeout		Duration until the procedure is aborted.
stInstanceInfo	T ALY SPInstance Desc [▶ 123]	JSON description of the Storage Provider instance.

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
GetInstanceInfo	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed

7.1.2.5 GetRecordingInfoByAlias

		GetRecordingInfoByAlias		
_	sRecordingAlias	STRING(255)	BOOL GetRecordingInfoByAlias	Н
_	tTimeout TIME			
_	stRecordingInfo	T_ALY_SPRecordData_Desc		

Syntax

```
METHOD GetRecordingInfoByAlias: BOOL

VAR_INPUT
    sRecordingAlias: STRING(255);
    tTimeout: TIME;
    stRecordingInfo: T_ALY_SPRecordData_Desc;

END_VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
sRecordingAlias	STRING(255)	Search criterion "Alias"
tTimeout		Duration until the procedure is aborted.
stRecordingInfo	T ALY SPRecordData Desc [▶ 124]	JSON description of the recording.

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
GetRecordingInfoByAlias	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed



7.1.2.6 GetRecordingInfoByKey

		GetRecordingInfoByKey		
_	sRecordDataKey	GUID	BOOL GetRecordingInfoByKey	Н
_	tTimeout TIME			
_	stRecordingInfo	T_ALY_SPRecordData_Desc		

Syntax

```
METHOD GetRecordingInfoByKey: BOOL

VAR_INPUT
    sRecordDataKey: GUID;
    tTimeout: TIME;
    stRecordingInfo: T_ALY_SPRecordData_Desc;
END_VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
sRecordDataKey	GUID	Search criterion "RecordDataKey"
tTimeout		Duration until the procedure is aborted.
stRecordingInfo	T ALY SPRecordData Desc [▶ 124]	JSON description of the recording.

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
GetRecordingInfoByKey	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed

7.1.2.7 ReadHistoricalStreams

	ReadHistoricalStreams		
_	tSearchDuration TIME	BOOL ReadHistoricalStreams	_
_	aHistoricalStreams POINTER TO T_ALY_HistoricalStream_Desc	<pre>INT nStreamCount —</pre>	_

Syntax

```
METHOD GetHistoricalData: BOOL

VAR_INPUT

tSearchDuration: TIME:= TIME#5s0ms
aHistoricalStreams: POINTER TO T_ALY_HistoricalStream_Desc;

END_VAR

VAR_OUTPUT
nStreamCount: INT;

END_VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
tSearchDuration	TIME	Time period in which to wait for feedback.
aHistoricalStreams		Description of the different historical streams



Return value

Name	Туре	Description
ReadHistoricalStreams	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed
nStreamCount	INT	Number of streams read out

7.1.2.8 ReadStreamRecords

```
ReadStreamRecords

— stCmd REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPReadStreamRecords_Cmd BOOL ReadStreamRecords—
tSearchTimeout TIME DINT nRecordCount—
aStreamRecords POINTER TO T_RecordTimestamps
```

Syntax

```
METHOD ReadStreamRecords: BOOL

VAR_INPUT
stCmd : REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPReadStreamRecords_Cmd;
tSearchTimeout: TIME := TIME#5s0ms;
aStreamRecords: POINTER TO T_RecordTimestamps;

END_VAR

VAR_OUTPUT
nRecordCount: DINT;
END_VAR

END_VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
stCmd		JSON command to get recordings of a historical stream from TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider.
tSearchTimeout	TIME	Waiting time for the response.
aStreamRecords	POINTER TO <u>T_RecordTimestamps</u> [<u>\bar{2} 130]</u>	Recordings read out

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
ReadStreamRecords	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed
nRecordCount	DINT	Number of records read out

7.1.2.9 ReadSubBroker

Syntax

```
METHOD ReadSubBroker : BOOL

VAR_INPUT
    tSearchDuration : TIME;
    aSubBrokerInfos : POINTER TO T_ALY_SPSubBrokerInfo;

END_VAR

VAR_OUTPUT
    nBrokerCount :INT;

END_VAR
```



Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
tSearchDuration		Duration until the search is completed
aSubBrokerInfo		Address to an array in which the
	T ALY SPSubBrokerInfo [▶ 129]	broker information found is stored.

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
ReadSubBroker	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed.
nBrokerCount	INT	Number of brokers found.

7.1.2.10 ResetCommunication

ResetCommunication 800/ Reset

BOOL ResetCommunication

Syntax

METHOD ResetCommunication : BOOL VAR_INPUT END_VAR

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
ResetCommunication	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed

7.1.2.11 RestartPipelineRule

```
RestartPipelineRule
— stCmd REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPRuleEnginePipeline_Cmd
— nRuleId DINT

RestartPipelineRule—
```

Syntax

```
METHOD RestartPipelineRule : BOOL

VAR_INPUT
stCmd : REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPRuleEnginePipeline_Cmd;
nRuleId : DINT;
END_VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
stCmd	REFERENCE TO	JSON command to start the
	T ALY SPRuleEnginePipeline Cmd	recording a live stream.
	[> <u>119]</u>	
nRuleId	DINT	ID of the rule to be restarted.



Return value

Name	Туре	Description
RestartPipelineRule	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed.

7.1.2.12 SendCommand



Syntax

METHOD SendCommand : BOOL
VAR_INPUT
stCmd : I_ALY_SPCommand;
END VAR

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
stCmd		JSON command to interact with the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider.

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
SendCommand	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed

7.1.2.13 SetHistoricalDataState

SetHistoricalDataState
—stCmd REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPSetGetHistoricalDataState_Cmd BOOL SetHistoricalDataState_

Syntax

METHOD SetHistoricalDataState : BOOL

VAR_INPUT
stCmd : REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPGetSetHistoricalDataState_Cmd;
END_VAR

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
stCmd	T ALY SPGetSetHistoricalDataState Cmd [• 120]	JSON command to set parameters of a started historical stream from the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider.



Return value

Name	Туре	Description
SetHistoricalDataState	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed

7.1.2.14 StartPipeline

```
StartPipeline
—stCmd REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPRuleEnginePipeline_Cmd BOOL StartPipeline—
```

Syntax

```
METHOD StartPipeline : BOOL

VAR_INPUT

stCmd : REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPRuleEnginePipeline_Cmd;

END_VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
stCmd		JSON command to start the
	T ALY SPRuleEnginePipeline Cmd	recording a live stream.
	[> 119]	

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
StartPipeline	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed.

7.1.2.15 StartRecord

```
StartRecord
—stCmd REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd BOOL StartRecord—
```

Syntax

```
METHOD StartRecord: BOOL

VAR_INPUT

stCmd: REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd;

END_VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
stCmd	REFERENCE TO	JSON command to start the
	T ALY SPRecordData Cmd [▶ 117]	recording a live stream.

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
StartRecord	BOOL	Is TRUE if done



7.1.2.16 StartRecordEx

StartRecordEx stCmd REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd BOOL StartRecordEx— sRecordDataKey GUID

In contrast to the <u>StartRecord [139]</u> method, a RecordDataKey can be specified here. This key makes it easier to find the recording you have started in order to check the status of the recording. The <u>GetRecordingInfoByKey [135]</u> method can be used to retrieve the recording information.

Syntax

```
METHOD StartRecordEx: BOOL

VAR_INPUT
    stCmd: REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd;
    sRecordDataKey: GUID;

END VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
stCmd	REFERENCE TO	JSON command to start the
	T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd [\bullet 117]	recording a live stream.
sRecordDataKey	GUID	Guid "Key" to identify the recording
		that has been started.

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
StartRecordEx	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed

7.1.2.17 StopPipeline

```
StopPipeline
—stCmd REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPRuleEnginePipeline_Cmd BOOL StopPipeline
```

Syntax

```
METHOD StopPipeline: BOOL

VAR_INPUT

stCmd: REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPRuleEnginePipeline_Cmd;

END VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
	REFERENCE TO T ALY SPRuleEnginePipeline Cmd	JSON command to stop recording of a live stream.
	[<u>\structure</u>]	

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
StopPipeline	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed.



7.1.2.18 StopRecord

```
StopRecord
—stCmd REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd BOOL StopRecord—
```

Syntax

METHOD StopRecord : BOOL

VAR_INPUT

stCmd : REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd;

END VAR

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
		JSON command to stop recording
	T ALY SPRecordData Cmd [▶ 117]	of a live stream.

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
StopRecord	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed.

7.1.2.19 StorageControlling

StorageControlling
—stCmd REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPStorageCtrl_Cmd BOOL StorageControlling

Syntax

METHOD StorageControlling : BOOL

VAR_INPUT

stCmd : REFERENCE TO T_ALY_SPStorageCtrl_Cmd;

END VAR

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
stCmd	REFERENCE TO	JSON command to control the
	T ALY SPStorageCtrl Cmd [▶ 121]	storages.

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
StorageControlling	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed

7.1.3 FB_ALY_ActiveRecordings

FB_ALY_ActiveRecordings

stConfig ST_ALY_SP_Config BOOL bError

arrRecordings ARRAY[*] OF ST_RecordingStatus I_TcMessage ipResultMessage

ETcIotMqttClientState eConnectionState

BOOL bIsMonitoring

UDINT nActiveRecordings

ULINT nReceivedMessages



The FB_ALY_ActiveRecordings is a client FB for monitoring the active recordings of a Storage Provider instance. The FB provides methods to start and stop monitoring. The active recordings found are output at arrRecordings with the corresponding status information.

Syntax

Definition:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK FB_ALY_ActiveRecordings
VAR_INPUT
    stConfig : ST_ALY_SP_Config;
END_VAR
VAR_IN_OUT
    arrRecordings : ARRAY [*] OF ST_RecordingStatus;
END_VAR
VAR_OUTPUT
    bError : BOOL;
    ipResultMessage : I_TcMessage;
    eConnectionState : ETcIotMqttClientState;
    bIsMonitoring : BOOL;
    nActiveRecordings : UDINT;
    nReceivedMessages : ULINT;
END_VAR
```

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
stConfig	ST ALY SP Config [144]	Structure for the configuration of the FB.

₹/ Inputs/outputs

Name	Туре	Description
arrRecordings	ARRAY [*] OF	List of active recordings found
	ST_RecordingStatus [▶ 145]	

Outputs

Name	Туре	Description
bError	BOOL	Becomes TRUE when an error situation occurs.
ipResultMessage	I_TcMessage	Message interface of the TwinCAT 3 EventLogger, which provides further information about the return value.
eConnectionState	ETclotMqttClientState	Specifies the state of the connection between client and broker as an enumeration ETclotMqttClientState.
blsMonitoring	BOOL	Becomes TRUE as soon as monitoring is started.
nActiveRecordings	UDINT	Number of active recordings found
nReceivedMessages	ULINT	Number of MQTT messages received

Methods

Name	Definition location	Description
<u>Call [▶ 143]</u>	Local	Method for background communication with the TwinCAT driver. The method must be called cyclically.
StartMonitoring [143]	Local	Starts the monitoring of active recordings
StopMonitoring [▶ 143]	Local	Stops the monitoring of active recordings

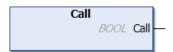


Development Environment	Target platform	PLC libraries to include
TwinCAT v3.1.4022.25	PC or CX (x64, x86, Arm®)	Tc3 AnalyticsStorageProvider

Also see about this

- ST_RecordingStatus [▶ 145]
- ST_RecordingStatus [▶ 145]

7.1.3.1 Call



Syntax

METHOD Call : BOOL

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
Call	BOOL	

7.1.3.2 StartMonitoring



Syntax

 $\begin{array}{l} {\tt METHOD} \ {\tt StartMonitoring} \ : \ {\tt BOOL} \\ {\tt VAR} \\ {\tt END_VAR} \end{array}$

Return value

Name	Туре	Description
StartMonitoring	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed

7.1.3.3 StopMonitoring



Syntax

METHOD StopMonitoring : BOOL VAR_INPUT END_VAR



Return value

Name	Туре	Description
StopMonitoring	BOOL	Is TRUE when completed.

7.2 Data types

7.2.1 ST_ALY_SP_Config

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE ST_Msg :
STRUCT
    sMainTopic    : T_MaxString;
    sProviderGuid    : GUID;
    stConnSettings    : ST_ConnectionSettings
END_STRUCT
END_TYPE
```

Parameter

Name	Туре	Descriptiom
sMainTopic	T_MaxString	The main topic where the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider is located on the message broker
sProviderGuid	GUID	The individual GUID of the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider Instance
stConnSettings	ST ConnectionSettings [144]	MQTT connection settings to connect with the message broker

7.2.2 ST_ConnectionSettings

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE ST_ConnectionSettings:

STRUCT

sHostName : T_MaxString;
nHostPort : UINT := 1883;
sUserId : T_MaxString;
sPassword : T_MaxString;
bWithCertificate : BOOL := FALSE;
sCA : T_MaxString;
sCert : T_MaxString;
sKey : T_MaxString;
sKey : T_MaxString;
sKeyPwd : T_MaxString;
END_STRUCT
END_TYPE
```



Parameter

Name	Туре	Descriptiom
sHostName	T_MaxString	sHostName can be specified as name or as IP address. If no information is provided, the local host is used.
nHostPort	UINT	The host port can be specified here. The default is 1883.
sUserId	T_MaxString	Optionally, a user name can be specified.
sPassword	T_MaxString	A password for the user name can be entered here.
bWithCertificate	BOOL	If TRUE the certificates will be used for communication
sCA	T_MaxString	Certificate of the certificate authority (CA)
sCert	T_MaxString	Client certificate to be used for authentication at the broker
sKey	T_MaxString	Private key of the client
sKeyPwd	T_MaxString	Password of the private key, if applicable

7.2.3 ST_RecordingStatus

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE ST_RecordingStatus:

STRUCT

sAlias: T_MaxString;
sRecordName: T_MaxString;
sRecordDataKey: GUID;
nRecordID: LINT;
nStartTimestamp: LINT;
nLastReceivedSample: LINT;
eStatus: E_RecordingState;
END_STRUCT
END_TYPE
```

Parameters

Name	Туре	Description
sAlias	T_MaxString	sAlias contains the alias name of the recording.
sRecordName	T_MaxString	sRecordName contains the name of the record.
sRecordDataKey	GUID	Individual GUID of the recording.
nRecordID	LINT	Specific ID of the recording.
nStartTimestamp	LINT	Start time of the recording.
nLastReceivedSample	LINT	Time of the last received data packet of the recording.
eStatus	E_RecordingState [▶ 147]	Status of the recording.

7.2.4 E_CancelType

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE E_CancelType :
    (
        HistoricalData := 0,
        AllRecordData
) INT;
END_TYPE
```



Parameter

Name	Descriptiom
HistoricalData	Canceled the selected historical data stream
AllRecordData	Canceled all running recordings

7.2.5 E_ControlMode

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE E_ControlMode :
(
    Start := 0,
    Stop,
    DeleteSettings
) INT;
END_TYPE
```

Parameters

Name	Description
Start	Starting the "Storage" is triggered.
Stop	Stopping the "Storage" is triggered.
	"Storage" configuration should be deleted (only works if the "Storage" is not online).

7.2.6 E_DataStorageType

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE E_DataStorageType :
(
    Empty := 0,
    AnalyticsFile,
    AzureBlob,
    MsSQL_Binary,
    InfluxDB,
    MsSQL_Plain,
    CSVFile
) INT;
END_TYPE
```

Parameters

Name	Description
Empty	Unknown "Storage" type
AnalytticsFile	Analytics File (TwinCAT Analytics own data format)
AzureBlob	Microsoft Azure Blob
MsSQL_Binary	Microsoft SQL Server (data in binary format)
InfluxDB	Influx 2.x database
MsSQL_Plain	Microsoft SQL Server (data in plain text)
CSVFile	CSV file



7.2.7 E_RawDataFormat

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE E_RawDataFormat :
(
    Bin := 0,
    Json
) INT;
END_TYPE
```

Parameter

Name	Descriptiom
Bin	Analytics Binary Stream Format
Json	TwinCAT Json Format (actually not supported)

7.2.8 E_RecordingState

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE E_RecordingState :
(
   Not_Initialized := 0,
   Initializing,
   RecordingCanceled,
   Running,
   Running,
   Running_QueueHyst,
   Stopping_ReceivingDataStopped,
   RecordingDone,
   WaitingForData,
   Error
) INT;
END_TYPE
```

Parameters

Name	Description
Not_Initialized	Recording triggered. Waits for input data description for initialization.
Initialized	Recording successfully initialized.
RecordingCanceled	Recording canceled.
Running	Recording running. Input data is saved.
Running_QueueHyst	Recording running. Input data cannot be saved fast enough. Data loss!
Stopping_ReceivingDataStopped	Recording is stopped.
RecordingDone	Recording is done.
WaitingForData	Recording running. No data arrives from the Analytics Logger.
Error	An error has occurred during recording.

7.2.9 E_RecordMode

Syntax

Definition:



```
TYPE E_RecordMode :
    (
        Start := 0,
        Stop
) INT;
END_TYPE
```

Parameter

Name	Descriptiom
Start	Starts the recording of the configured record
Stop	Stops the recording

7.2.10 E_ReloadType

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE E_ReloadType :
(
   All := 0,
   Specific
) INT;
END_TYPE
```

Parameters

Name	Description
All	All records are read in again.
Specific	Only one specific record will be reread.

7.2.11 E_RingBufferMode

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE E_RingBufferMode:
(
   None := 0,
   TimeBased,
   DataBased
) INT;
END_TYPE
```

Parameter

Name	Descriptiom
None	Recording without ringbuffer mode
TimeBased	Ringbuffer based on a given time periode
DataBased	Ringbuffer based on a given max data size

7.2.12 E_TimeMode

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE E_TimeMode :
(
    Milliseconds := 0,
    Seconds,
    Minutes,
```



```
Hours,
Days
INT;
END_TYPE
```

Parameters

Name	Description
Milliseconds	Resolution of the "Duration" parameter in milliseconds.
Seconds	Resolution of the "Duration" parameter in seconds.
Minutes	Resolution of the "Duration" parameter in minutes.
Hours	Resolution of the "Duration" parameter in hours.
Days	Resolution of the "Duration" parameter in days.

7.2.13 E_SetGetHistoricalDataState

Syntax

Definition:

Parameters

Name	Description
Break	Playback of the recording is paused.
Continue_	Playback of the recording continues.
Restart	Playback of the recording is restarted.
Stop	Playback of the recording is stopped.
Update	Parameters for playing the recording are updated.

7.2.14 E_StorageState

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE E_StorageState :
    (
        unknown := 0,
        error,
        starting,
        online,
        shuttingDown,
        offline
) INT;
END_TYPE
```



Parameters

Name	Description
Unknown	Status of the "Storage" is unknown
Error	"Storage" is in the error state. No more requests will be processed.
Starting	The "Storage" starts up and connects.
Online	The "Storage" is running and ready for requests.
ShuttingDown	The "Storage" is shut down.
Offline	The "Storage" is off and cannot be reached.

7.2.15 E_SymbolMode

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE E_SymbolMode :
(
    All := 0,
    Subset
) INT;
END TYPE
```

Parameter

Name	Descriptiom
All	All symbols of the stream will be used
Subset	Only a subset of symbols will be used

7.2.16 E_PipelineCmdType

Syntax

Definition:

```
TYPE E_PipelineCmdType :
(
    RestartRule := 5,
    Start := 6,
    Stop := 7
) INT;
END TYPE
```

Parameters

Name	Description
RestartRule	Restarts a specific rule of a RuleEnginePipeline.
Start	Starts a RuleEnginePipeline
Stop	Stops a RuleEnginePipeline

8 Samples

8.1 PLC Client

This PLC sample shows the use of the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider library. The sample code shows reading and writing. For the sample to work coherently, both the use of the Analytics Logger for sending measured data to an MQTT Message Broker and the import of historical data via the Analytics Stream Helper are shown.

The basis is an appropriately set up native MQTT Message Broker and an Analytics Storage Provider service.

The PLC sample shows the following steps:

- 1. Analytics Logger: stream of variables from a Global Variable List to a MQTT Message Broker.
- 2. Analytics Storage Provider: starting and stopping stores and recordings, as well as reading recordings and historical data
- 3. Analytics Stream Helper: receiving the historical data from the Analytics Storage Provider and mapping the data into a Global Variable List for the historical data.

Analytics Storage Provider GUID Glossary

When using the Storage Provider, various GUIDs occur that are required to identify services and data. The following describes where the GUIDs come from, what purpose they serve and where they can be viewed if necessary.

The analytics data stream sent by the Analytics Logger is basically described by three parameters:

- Topic [STRING]
 Where is the data sent to?
- 2. **TwinCAT SystemID** [GUID] From which TwinCAT system is the data sent?
- LayoutID / Symbol Info ID [GUID]
 What does the data look like? The GUID is a hash of the symbol information.



The above parameters are required to identify recordings at the Storage Provider.

Several Storage Providers can be connected to an MQTT Message Broker. Two parameters are required to identify a Storage Provider.

- 1. **MainTopic** [STRING](Where are the data/services provided?)
- 2. **ProviderGuid** [GUID](Unique identifier of the service)

RecorderGuid is used to recognize who has started a recording at the Storage Provider. This GUID is automatically generated at each Storage Provider Manager or client and attached to the StartRecord commands. In the PLC, this can be freely assigned at the StartRecord command.

From version 3.2.14, three additional GUIDs can be specified on the StartRecord command.

1. Storage [GUID]

This GUID specifies the storage in which the data is to be saved. The GUID is generated automatically in the Analytics Storage Provider Configurator. It can be read there or in the Analytics Storage Provider Manager. If no GUID is specified, the Master Storage is used.

2. SubBroker/DataBroker [GUID]

This GUID specifies the data broker from which the Analytics Stream is to be received. The Analytics Storage Provider offers the option of recording from several message brokers. The GUID is generated automatically in the Analytics Storage Provider Configurator. It can be read there or in the Analytics Storage Provider Manager. If no GUID is specified, the Master Data Broker is used.

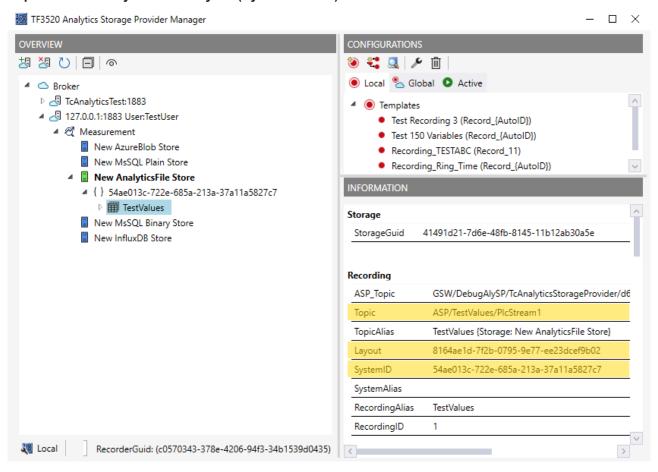


3. DataKey [GUID]

The DataKey can be used to find, read and monitor recordings in progress. This DataKey can be freely selected in the PLC. If no DataKey is specified, a DataKey is automatically generated by the Storage Provider.

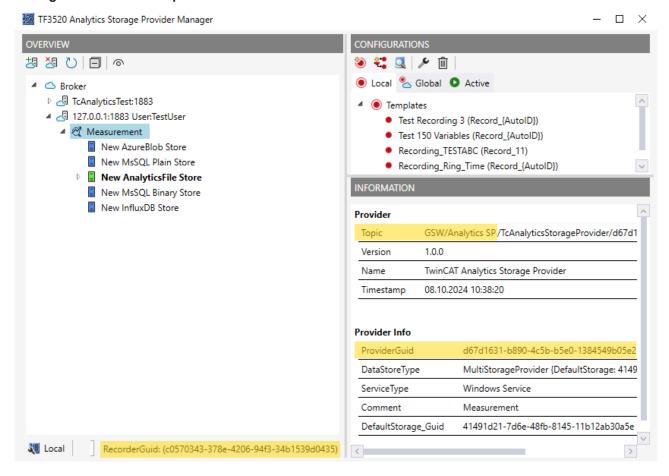
The following screenshots contain the parameters and GUIDs described above.

Topic / TwinCAT system ID / Layout (System Info ID)



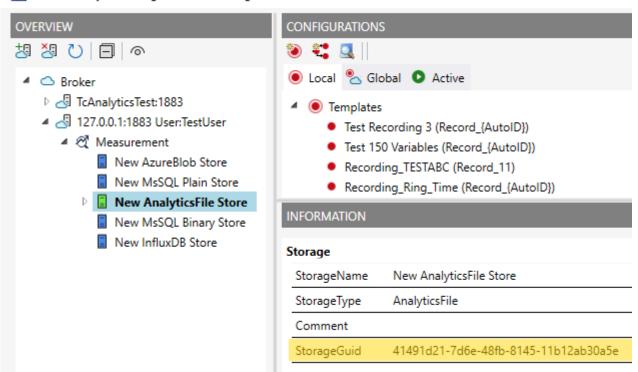


Storage Provider MainTopic / ProviderGuid / RecorderGuid



Storage GUID

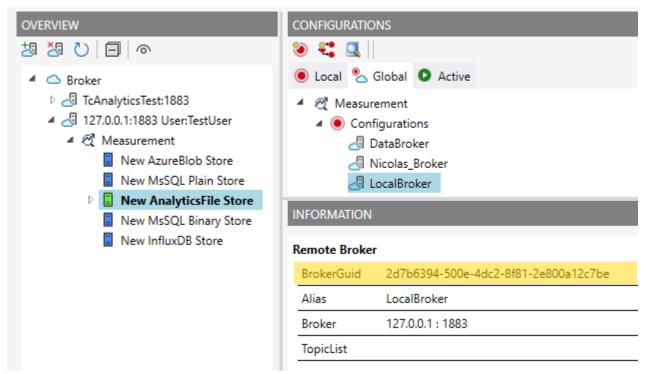
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Data Broker GUID

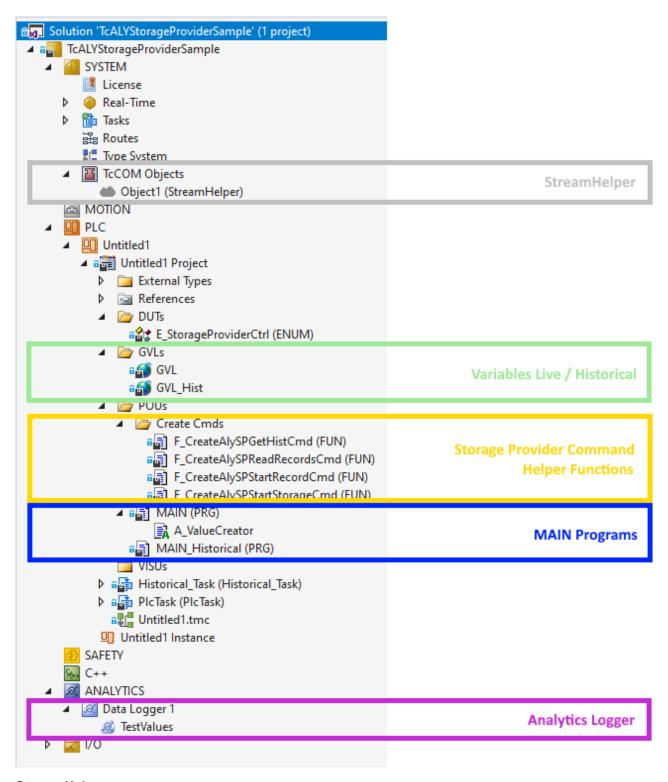
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Sample code architecture

All relevant parts of the configuration and the program code are marked in the following picture:





Stream Helper

For receiving the historical data sent by the Analytics Storage Provider via MQTT.

Variable Live/Historical

The GVL is for the live data and the GVL_Hist is for the historical data.

Storage Provider Command Helper Functions

These Helper Functions generate the commands for communication with the Storage Provider Service in JSON format.

MAIN program



The Main program invokes communication to the Analytics Storage Provider. The Main Historical program implements the mapping of historical data from the Stream Helper into the GVL Hist.

Analytics Logger

Sends the variables of the GVL to an MQTT Message Broker.

Sample Start

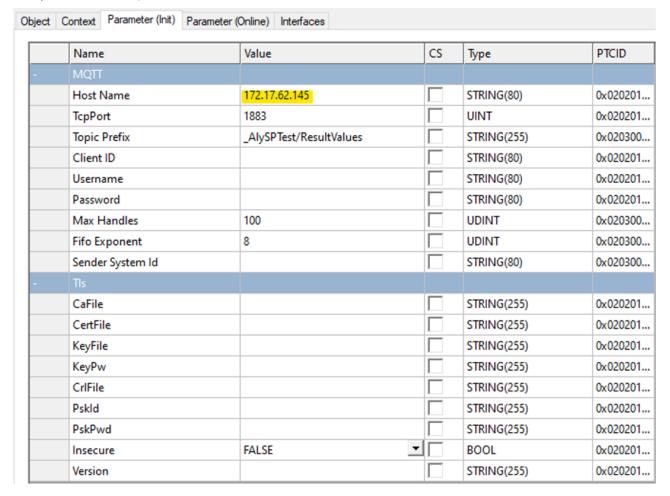
NOTICE

Too little router memory can lead to system crashes

Increase the router memory in the real-time settings to 256 MB. It is also recommended to increase the maximum stack size of the global task configuration to 512 KB.

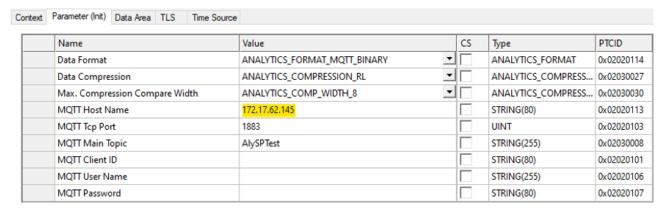
Before the sample can be started, you must set the MQTT Message Broker you are using in three different places.

Analytics Stream Helper:



Analytics Logger:





MAIN program:

You must then change the sMainTopic and the sProviderGUID for the FB_ALY_StorageProvider. This can be found as described above in this document.

```
VAR
           nState: INT;
           fbALY_StorageProvider: FB_ALY_StorageProvider := (stConfig := (sMainTopic :=
                                                                                      sProviderGuid := STRING_TO_GUID(
                                                                                       stConnSettings := (sHostName := '172.17.64.145',
                                                                                                             sUserID := 'TestUser', sPassword := '123',
                                                                                                             sClientId := 'PLCClient')));
           sLiveStreamTopic: T_MaxString := 'AlySPTest/TestValues';
sRecordingAlias: T_MaxString := 'PLC Recording';
sRecordName: T_MaxString := 'TestValueRec_{AutoID}';
           stStorageCtrlCmd: T_ALY_SPStorageCtrl_Cmd;
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           stStartCmd: T_ALY_SPRecordData Cmd;
           stStopCmd: T_ALY_SPRecordData_Cmd;
           stReadRecordsCmd: T_ALY_SPReadStreamRecords_Cmd;
45
           stGetHistDataCmd: T_ALY_SPGetHistorical_Cmd;
           sDataKey: GUID := STRING_TO_GUID('12345678-ABCD-1234-ABCD-123456789ABC');
```

Now go to the MAIN program to control the sample. With the enum eCtrl you can set the action you would like to perform. The available options are:

- ReadASPDescription (also contains the storage description)
- ReadDataBroker
- StartStorage
- ShutdownStorage
- StartRecord
- StopRecord
- · IsRecordingRunning
- ReadHistoricalStreams



- ReadRecords
- · GetHistorical

With a rising edge at the variable bExecute the action selected in the enum is executed. If you have made more than one record, you can see this in the array aRecordInfo. With the index it is then possible to select the different records. The timespans are also displayed, you could theoretically still adjust these within the timespan. To do this, you would need to modify the logic of the sample in the helper function F_CreateAlySPGetHistCmd accordingly.

The Storage Provider Recorder GUID selected in the document above can optionally be set in the PLC in the F_CreateAlySPStartRecordCmd function. Theoretically, it can be any GUID, it is only used to identify the recorder.

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9 Appendix

9.1 Glossary

The following table explains key terms in connection with the Storage Provider.



Name	Function	Unique identifier (automatically generated)	Descriptive parameters (configurable by the user)
Storage Provider Configurator	Software tool for configuring the local Storage Provider.		
Storage Provider Manager	Software tool for working with the Storage Provider. This can be used to start, stop and manage data recordings. The Storage Provider Manager can be used for both the local and the remote Storage Provider.		
Storage Provider CLI Client	Command line tool for interactions with the Storage Provider.		
Storage Provider PLC library	PLC library for interactions with the Storage Provider.		
Storage Provider	Software application for historicizing data such as from the Analytics Logger. Both the acquisition of the data to be stored and the provision of stored data is carried out via MQTT. The Storage Provider can be operated under Windows and FreeBSD®.	ProviderGuid	ProviderAlias
Storage	Data sink of a Storage Provider (e.g. MS SQL or CSV).	StorageGuid	StorageAlias
Message Broker	MQTT message broker via which data can be transmitted using the MQTT protocol.		
HostBroker	Central message broker on which the Storage Provider provides information and receives commands.	BrokerGuid	BrokerAlias
DataBroker	Additional message broker from which the Storage Provider can obtain data to be recorded.	BrokerGuid	BrokerAlias
Pipeline	Description of a data flow. Components are data sources (Input Sources), processing steps (Rules) and data storage (Recordings).	PipelineGuid	PipelineAlias (can be set before starting the pipeline)
RuleEngine	Processing unit within the Storage Provider.	D 1 1D	D. I. All
Rule	Processing rule within a pipeline that is used for filtering, aggregating and sampling data.	KuleID	RuleAlias
Recording	Recording configuration for data. This includes which data should be recorded in which storage.	RecordingID	RecordingAlias (can be set before starting the pipeline)
Record	Data recording based on a defined recording configuration (Recording).	RecordID, additionally RecordDataKey if recording is running	RecordAlias (can be set before starting the pipeline)
Input Source	Data source for a pipeline. This can be an MQTT livestream or a HistoricalStream.		
LiveStream	Data from the Analytics Logger, IoT Data Agent or EK9160.		
HistoricalStre am	MQTT data stream from the Storage Provider, which contains all information about a recording and the associated records. One HistoricalStream is generated per recording.	HistStreamID	HistStreamAlias - this corresponds to the RecordingAlias



Name	Function	(automatically generated)	Descriptive parameters (configurable by the user)
	Identification of the client that communicates with the provider. It is provided when the pipeline is started in order to be able to trace who started the pipeline.		RecorderAlias

9.2 FAQ - frequently asked questions and answers

In this section frequently asked questions are answered, in order to facilitate your work with the TwinCAT Analytics Storage Provider (ASP). If you have any further questions, please contact our support team at support@beckhoff.com.

- 1. How can I manage the table schema of MS SQL with ASP? [▶ 161]
- 2. Can I control the Storage Provider in a programmable way? [▶ 161]
- 3. <u>Is it also possible to save results from the Analytics Runtime?</u> [▶ 161]
- 4. Are open source software components used in TwinCAT Measurement products? [▶ 161]
- 5. What factors influence the data throughput of the storage provider? [▶ 161]

How can I manage the table schema of MS SQL with ASP?

You don't have to worry about the table schema. This is done completely by the Analytics Storage Provider. You only have to specify on which database server the data should be stored. If you want to see data in your own table structure, you have to stream the data into a TwinCAT Analytics Runtime and have the TwinCAT Database Server write the data in your structure.

Can I control the Storage Provider in a programmable way?

Yes, via the PLC interface for the TwinCAT Storage Provider. You can start/stop recordings or retrieve historical data (raw data or result data).

Is it also possible to save results from the Analytics Runtime?

Yes, this is possible. For this purpose, you can choose to send the results to an MQTT Message Broker when generating the Analytics Runtime from the Analytics Workbench configurator. This data stream can be captured by the Storage Provider.

Are open source software components used in TwinCAT Measurement products?

Yes, various open source components are used.

Please see the information on the page <u>Third-party components</u> [▶ <u>162</u>].

What factors influence the data throughput of the storage provider?

The data throughput depends on many influencing variables. Primarily of system and network resources. An overview:

- System properties (CPU, RAM)
- Writing speed and quality of the storage medium (SSD)
- · Network properties
- Complexity of symbolism (data type, structures, arrays, etc.)
- Mode of historization (total symbolism allows higher throughput, a subset may be more costly depending on its size)
- Compression level of the stream (the stronger the compression, the higher the system load)
- The size of a sample
- · Total size of a data packet (number of samples per packet)
- · The number of parallel recordings that the storage provider manages



9.3 Third-party components

This software contains third-party components.

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