TIA Portal Exporter Utility

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Overview

The TIA Portal Exporter utility is a tool that can be used to export tags from a Siemens TIA Portal project into the server. When a project is opened using the tool, the content of the project is displayed, allowing the selection of program block, tag tables, or individual tags. The selected tags are exported into a format which can be consumed by the Siemens TCP/IP Driver Automatic Tag Generation process.

The TIA Portal Exporter utility supports versions 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, or 20 of TIA Portal projects.

For more information regarding how tags are translated see Tag Data Type Conversions.

Install TIA Portal Exporter

The installer for the TIA Portal Exporter Utility is present in the utility directory of the system on which the server has been installed. TIA Portal Exporter is available if the Siemens TCP/IP driver is selected for installation.

• Important: This utility must be installed onto a system which has TIA Portal 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, or 20 and the associated installation of Openness.

- 1. Open the utility folder on the system where the server has been installed.
- 2. Copy TIAPortalExporter7.exe to the system which runs TIA Portal.
- 3. Run the installer.
- 4. Select the appropriate language for your system.
- 5. Complete the installation.
- 6. Identify the Windows user accounts to run the utility under and add them to the Siemens TIA Openness local user group.
 - a. Open the system Computer Management window.
 - b. Expand Local Users and Groups and select Groups.
 - c. Open the Siemens TIA Openness group.
 - d. Select to add a user to run TIAPortalExporter.
 - Note: For user account changes to take effect, the account must be logged out and logged in again. An operating system restart is recommended.

User Guide

Access the links below for information on how to use the TIA Portal Exporter Utility:

- In the Utility
- In Server
- Multilingual Projects

Use in the Utility

- 1. From the Start menu, select **TIAPortalExporter** from the TIAPortalExporter folder.
- 2. Click the "Open Project File..." button.
- 3. Browse to and select a TIA Portal project file.
 - Notes:
 - TIA Portal project files have the extension .apn where n is the version number (.ap13, .ap14, .ap15 1...).
 - The TIA Portal Exporter utility cannot open projects which are already open in TIA Portal. Close
 any projects you have open in TIA Portal before you open them in the utility. Once the Exporter utility has completed its processing of the project you may re-open it in TIA Portal without interfering
 with the operation of the Exporter utility.
 - Be sure to compile and save data blocks in the project from which you would like to export. Uncompiled data blocks will not be visible to the Exporter utility.
 - Multilingual Tag Comments are descrialized using the Siemens TIA Portal Project's "Reference Language" (see Working with Multilingual Projects for more information).
- 4. Wait while the project file is opened and the tags are loaded.

- 5. Once the project has loaded you will be presented with a list of tag tables and program blocks. Entire blocks may be selected by clicking the "Select All" button on the block header. You may also elect to expand the blocks and select individual tags within. The blocks may be expanded by clicking the expand (down caret) button at the left side of the block header. The number of selected tags in the block is displayed in the block header, and the overall number of selected tags is shown in the information pane at the left hand side of the window.
- 6. Once you have selected the tags you would like to export, click the **Export** button. Wait for the export to complete.

Use in Server

- 1. Copy the export file produced by the TIA Portal Exporter utility to the system where Server is running.
- 2. Open the Server Configuration application, expand the Siemens Ethernet TCP/IP driver and select the device to which you would like to import tags.
- 3. Right-click on the device and select the properties context menu.
- In the property editor for the device, select the Tag Import Tab. Enter the path to the export file in the space provided.
- 5. Select the Tag Generation Tab. Click the "Create tags" button. Wait for tag generation to complete.
- 6. Close the property editor.

Tag Data Type Conversions

TIA Portal tag table data types are converted to Server data types as follows:

| TIA Portal Data Type | Server Data Type | |
|----------------------|------------------|--|
| Bool | Boolean | |
| Byte | Byte | |
| Char | Char | |
| Counter | Word | |
| Date | String | |
| Dint | Long | |
| DWord | DWord | |
| Int | Short | |
| Real | Float | |
| S5Time | Long | |
| Time | String | |
| Timer | Long | |
| Time Of Day | String | |
| Word | Word | |
| Aom_Ident | DWord | |
| Conn_Any | Word | |
| Conn_Ouc | Word | |
| Conn_Prg | Word | |
| Conn_R_ld | DWord | |
| DB_ANY | Word | |
| DB_DYN | Word | |
| DB_WWW | Word | |
| Event_Any | DWord | |
| Event_Att | DWord | |
| Event_HwInt | DWord | |

| TIA Portal Data Type | Server Data Type |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Hw_Any | Word |
| Hw_Device | Word |
| Hw_DpMaster | Word |
| Hw_DpSlave | Word |
| Hw_Hsc | Word |
| Hw_Interface | Word |
| Hw_IEPort | Word |
| Hw_lo | Word |
| Hw_loSystem | Word |
| Hw_Module | Word |
| Hw_Pto | Word |
| Hw_Pwm | Word |
| Hw_SubModule | Word |
| LReal | Double |
| OB_Any | Short |
| OB_Att | Short |
| OB_Cyclic | Short |
| OB_Delay | Short |
| OB_DIAG | Short |
| OB_HWINT | Short |
| OB_PCYCLE | Short |
| OB_STARTUP | Short |
| OB_TIMEERROR | Short |
| OB_Tod | Short |
| Pip | Word |
| Port | Word |
| Rtm | Word |
| SInt | Char |
| UDInt | DWord |
| UInt | Word |
| USInt | Byte |
| WChar | Short |

TIA Portal program block data types are converted to Server data types as follows:

| TIA Portal Data Type | Server Data Type |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Bool | Boolean |
| Byte | Byte |
| Char | Char |
| Counter | Char |
| Date | String |
| Dint | Long |
| DWord | DWord |
| Int | Short |
| Real | Float |
| S5Time | Long |
| Time | String |
| Timer | String |
| Time Of Day | String |
| Word | Word |
| Date and Time | String |

| TIA Portal Data Type | Server Data Type |
|----------------------|------------------|
| AOM_IDENT | DWord |
| CONN_ANY | Word |
| CONN_OUC | Word |
| CONN_PRG | Word |
| CONN_R_ID | DWord |
| DB_ANY | Word |
| DB_DYN | Word |
| DB_WWW | Word |
| EVENT_ANY | DWord |
| EVENT_ATT | DWord |
| EVENT_HWINT | DWord |
| Hw_Any | Word |
| Hw_Device | Word |
| Hw_DPMaster | Word |
| Hw_DPSlave | Word |
| Hw_HSC | Word |
| Hw_Interface | Word |
| Hw_IEPort | Word |
| Hw_lo | Word |
| Hw_loSystem | Word |
| Hw_Module | Word |
| Hw_Pto | Word |
| Hw_Pwm | Word |
| Hw_SubModule | Word |
| LReal | Double |
| OB_Any | Short |
| OB_Att | Short |
| OB_Cyclic | Short |
| OB_Delay | Short |
| OB_DIAG | Short |
| OB_HWINT | Short |
| OB_PCYCLE | Short |
| OB_STARTUP | Short |
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| OB_Tod | Short |
| Pip | Word |
| Port | Word |
| Rtm | Word |
| SInt | Char |
| UDInt | DWord |
| UInt | Word |
| USInt | Byte |
| WChar | Short |

Notes:

- 1. Arrays are automatically expanded. For each array, a tag is created for the entire array as well as each index in the array.
- 2. Tags cannot be created for User Data Types or Strings placed in the InOut section of a function block.
- 3. User defined types in tag tables cannot be expanded. The address of the start of the UDT will be provided as a tag.

Unsupported Types

- **Multidimensional Boolean Arrays**: Multidimensional Boolean array tags are not supported by Server, however tags are created for the individual elements of the array.
- String Arrays: Arrays of strings, and data types which evaluate to string (see table above) are not supported.
- Strings Longer than 210 Characters: Due to limitations in the Siemens TCP/IP Driver strings greater than 210 characters in length are not currently supported.
- Complex Types in the InOut Section of Instance Function Blocks: Tags for complex data types (user defined types, structs, arrays, and strings) cannot be generated for the InOut section of instance function blocks.

Working with Multi-Lingual Projects

TIA Portal projects (versions 14.0.1.0 and above) that contain text translations for Tag Comments are deserialized by the TIA Portal Exporter Utility in the Reference Language of the project.

For more information, refer to the Siemens TIA Information System | Editing Project Data | Working with Multi-Language Projects.

Event Log Messages

The following information concerns messages posted to the Event Log pane in the main user interface. Consult the OPC server help on filtering and sorting the Event Log detail view. Server help contains many common messages, so should also be searched. Generally, the type of message (informational, warning) and troubleshooting information is provided whenever possible.

• Tip: Messages that originate from a data source (such as third-party software, including databases) are presented through the Event Log. Troubleshooting steps should include researching those messages online and in vendor documentation.

Unexpected error reading the project file.

Error Type:

Informational

Invalid extractor version. Please check your installation.

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Solution:

Check your installation.

Unable to open the selected project. Make sure that the correct version of Openness is installed.

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Solution:

Make sure that the correct version of Openness is installed.

Error initializing the Openness API. Please verify that all necessary components are installed.

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

Not all necessary components of Openness API are installed.

Possible Solution:

Please verify that all necessary components are installed.

Failed to open the project file. Please verify that the project can be opened by the version of TIA Portal installed on this system and that the project is not currently open in TIA Portal.

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Causes:

- 1. The version of TIA Portal installed on this system is not compatible with the project.
- 2. The project is currently open in TIA Portal.

Possible Solutions:

- 1. Verify that the project can be opened by the version of TIA Portal installed on this system.
- 2. Verify that the project is not currently open in TIA Portal.

A problem has been encountered extracting tags from the selected project. Please verify that the project is complete and has been successfully compiled.

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Causes:

The project is not complete nor successfully compiled.

Possible Solution:

Verify that the project is complete and has been successfully compiled.

Timed out waiting for the extractor to complete.

Error Type:

Warning

The selected project type is not currently supported.

Error Type:

Informational

Possible Solution:

Convert the project to one of the supported versions.

No extractors can be found on the system. Please check your installation.

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

There is an issue with the installation.

Possible Solution:

Check the installation.

Project load canceled.

Error Type:

Informational

Failed to export to file.

Error Type:

Informational

Possible Cause:

The selected file is in use or open in another application.

Possible Solution:

Close the selected file in any other application or instance.

Failed to start extractor process.

Error Type:

Informational

Unable to load project.

Error Type:

Informational

Unable to find help documentation. Please verify your installation.

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

There is an issue with the installation.

Possible Solution:

Check the installation.

Unable to access the Openness API. The current user is not a member of the Siemens TIA Openness group.

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

The current user is not a member of the Siemens TIA Openness group.

Possible Solution:

Add current user to the Siemens TIA Openness group.

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