

# National Instruments DAQmx Driver

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| File Name           | NI_DAQmx.dll                                                              |
| Manufacturer        | National Instruments Corp.                                                |
| Devices             | DAQ devices compatible with the NI-DAQmx API                              |
| Protocol            | NI-DAQmx API                                                              |
| Version             | 1.0.1                                                                     |
| Last Update         | 08/27/2026                                                                |
| Platform            | Win32                                                                     |
| Dependencies        | Measurement & Automation Explorer (NI-MAX) and IOKit version 2.0 or later |
| Superblock Readings | No                                                                        |
| Level               | 0                                                                         |

## Introduction

This Driver implements an I/O interface via the NI-DAQmx API, allowing an application developed by **Elipse Software** to communicate with DAQ devices by National Instruments Corp.

## Preparing a Device

DAQ devices by National Instruments Corp. are accessed via the NI-DAQmx API (nicaui.dll), mediated by the configuration software **Measurement & Automation Explorer (NI-MAX)**, which is responsible for detecting all DAQ devices on a network and managing all Tasks configured for those respective DAQ devices.

This Driver imports these Tasks configured in the software **Measurement & Automation Explorer (NI-MAX)** and performs a collecting of data in which these Tasks were built.

## Driver Configuration

This Driver does not use **[P]** parameters. All **IOKit** library configurations and the ones specific to this Driver must be performed on the properties window of this Driver or using the **Extra Settings** option in **Elipse SCADA**. On this properties window, the **NI\_DAQmx** tab contains specific settings of this Driver. The other tabs refer to communication settings of **Elipse Software's IOKit** library. For more information, please check topic **Documentation of I/O Interfaces**.

## Configuring Properties

This topic contains information about the properties available on the **NI\_DAQmx** tab, already including the value of **Strings** from offline properties, which can be user-programmed when starting an application in **Offline** mode.

For **Elipse E3**, **Elipse Power**, or **Elipse Water** applications, the value of these settings can also be defined at run time. To do so, start this Driver in **Offline** mode by selecting the **Start driver OFFLINE** option on the **Setup** tab of the properties window. The configuration options of this Driver are listed on the next table.

Configuration options for National Instruments DAQmx Driver

| TAB   | PARAMETER      | OFFLINE STRING | DATA TYPE | DESCRIPTION                                |
|-------|----------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
| Setup | Physical Layer | IO.Type        | Text      | By default, use the <b>Ethernet</b> option |

| TAB      | PARAMETER                | OFFLINE STRING                  | DATA TYPE | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                         |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|          | Timeout                  | IO.TimeoutMs                    | Number    | A time limit, in milliseconds, to receive data from a device's response. For example, the value 1000 defines a 1 (one) second limit |
| NI_DAQmx | Data acquisition timeout | NI_DAQmx.DataAcquisitionTimeout | Number    | Sets the time limit, in seconds, that this Driver waits to acquire data transmitted by NI DAQ devices                               |

All offline properties must be configured via PLC Tags in **String** format using the *N1* parameter equal to -1 (minus one), the *N2* parameter equal to 0 (zero), the *N3* parameter equal to 0 (zero), and the *N4* parameter equal to 3 (three). For more details and examples, please check topic **Documentation of I/O Interfaces**.

## Tag Reference

This section contains information about the configuration of **[N/B]** Tags of this Driver.

## Reading NI-DAQmx Tasks

### Read-Only

Use PLC or Block Tags imported using the **Tag Browser** tool to perform a data acquisition based on the Tasks created for the DAQ devices connected to **Measurement & Automation Explorer (NI-MAX)** software by National Instruments Corp.

#### Parameters for common commands

|          |                                                                                           |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Device   | Name of a Task created in NI-MAX software                                                 |
| Item     | Data acquisition command. For more information, please check table <b>Common commands</b> |
| N1 or B1 | Not used, leave it in 0 (zero)                                                            |
| N2 or B2 | Not used, leave it in 0 (zero)                                                            |
| N3 or B3 | Not used, leave it in 0 (zero)                                                            |
| N4 or B4 | Not used, leave it in 0 (zero)                                                            |

Before collecting voltage or current samples, users must create a Task. After creating that Task, link the virtual channels to collect data types that a DAQ device can provide.

### Configuration of Tasks

- **Channel Settings:** Click **Add Channel** to add a virtual channel corresponding to data a DAQ device can provide
- **Timing Settings:** Configures the acquisition modes supported by data from a DAQ device
  - **1 Sample (On Demand):** Used to acquire only a single simple data sample

- **1 Sample (HW Timed):** Used to acquire only a single data sample at the edge of a timer from a DAQ device
- **N Samples:** Used to acquire n data samples specified by the **Samples to Read** option
- **Continuous Samples:** Used to continuously acquire data samples until a user sends a **Stop** command
- **Samples to Read:** Specifies the number of samples to collect via **N Samples** and **Continuous Samples** options
- **Rate (Hz):** Specifies a sampling rate, in Hertz, that is, the number of samples per second

After completing the configuration of Tasks and virtual channels, configure the Tags according to the next table to collect data from a DAQ device.

**Common commands**

| ITEM                 | TAG TYPE | DATA TYPE | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Channels</b>      | Block    | Number    | Returns data from all virtual channels configured in an NI-DAQmx Task. Use a Block Element to represent each one of these virtual channels. The available Elements are <b>1</b> : Name of virtual channel 1 (one), <b>2</b> : Name of virtual channel 2 (two), and <b>n</b> : Name of virtual channel <i>n</i> |
| <b>ChannelBuffer</b> | PLC      | Number    | Returns the amount of data present in the internal buffer of this Driver                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>RMS</b>           | Block    | Number    | Returns data from all virtual channels configured in an NI-DAQmx Task. Use a Block Element to represent each one of these virtual channels. The available Elements are <b>1</b> : Name of virtual channel 1 (one), <b>2</b> : Name of virtual channel 2 (two), and <b>n</b> : Name of virtual channel <i>n</i> |
| <b>RMSBuffer</b>     | PLC      | Number    | Returns the amount of data present in the internal buffer of this Driver                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>LastError</b>     | PLC      | Number    | Returns the last error code generated by the NI-DAQmx API                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## Writing NI-DAQmx Tasks

### Write-Only

Use PLC or Block Tags imported using the **Tag Browser** tool to perform a data acquisition based on the Tasks created for the DAQ devices connected to **Measurement & Automation Explorer (NI-MAX)** software by National Instruments Corp..

### Parameters for common commands

|                 |                                                                                           |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Device</b>   | Name of a Task created in NI-MAX software                                                 |
| <b>Item</b>     | Data acquisition command. For more information, please check table <b>Common commands</b> |
| <b>N1 or B1</b> | Not used, leave it in 0 (zero)                                                            |
| <b>N2 or B2</b> | Not used, leave it in 0 (zero)                                                            |
| <b>N3 or B3</b> | Not used, leave it in 0 (zero)                                                            |
| <b>N4 or B4</b> | Not used, leave it in 0 (zero)                                                            |

The next table contains a list of common commands that can be written by this Driver.

### Common commands

| ITEM             | TAG TYPE | DATA TYPE | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                       |
|------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Command</b>   | PLC      | Number    | Sends a control command to a Task. Possible values are <b>1</b> : Start Task or <b>0</b> : Stop Task                              |
| <b>Reserve</b>   | PLC      | Number    | Sends a communication command to DAQ devices. Possible values are <b>1</b> : Reserve or <b>0</b> : Unreserve                      |
| <b>LastError</b> | PLC      | Number    | Clears the last error code generated by the NI-DAQmx API. The possible value for this Tag is 0 (zero, clears the last error code) |

## Documentation of I/O Interfaces

This section contains the documentation of I/O Interfaces referring to **NI\_DAQmx** Driver.

## Configuration of a Driver

I/O Interface configuration is performed on a Driver's configuration dialog box. To access the configuration of this dialog box in **Elipse E3** in version 1.0, follow these steps:

1. Right-click a Driver object (IODriver).
2. Select the **Properties** item on the contextual menu.
3. Select the **Driver** tab.
4. Click **Other parameters**.

In **Elipse E3** version 2.0 or later, click **Configure driver**  on a Driver's toolbar. In **Elipse SCADA**, follow these steps:

1. Open the Organizer.
2. Select a Driver on Organizer's tree.

- Click **Extras** on the **Driver** tab.

Currently, an I/O Interface allows opening only one connection for each Driver. This means that, if users want to access two serial ports, they must add two Drivers to an application and then configure each one of these Drivers for each serial port.

## Configuration Dialog Box

The dialog box of I/O Interfaces allows configuring the I/O connection used by a Driver. This dialog box contains the **Setup**, **Serial**, **Ethernet**, **Modem**, and **RAS** tabs, described on the next topics. If a Driver does not implement a specific I/O connection, its corresponding tab is not available for configuration. Some Drivers may contain additional tabs, specific for that Driver, on the configuration dialog box.

## Setup Tab

The **Setup** tab contains general configurations of a Driver. This tab is divided into the following groups:

- **General configurations:** Configurations of a Driver's physical layer, time-out, and initialization mode
- **Connection management:** Configurations on how the I/O Interface keeps a connection and which recovery policy is used on failure
- **Logging options:** Controls the generation of log files

The screenshot shows the 'Setup' tab of a configuration dialog. At the top, the 'Physical Layer' is set to 'Ethernet' with a dropdown arrow. To its right is a checkbox labeled 'Start driver OFFLINE'. Below these are two text input fields: 'Timeout' with the value '1000' and 'ms', and 'Communication check time' with the value '5000' and 'ms'. The 'Connection management' section contains a dropdown menu set to 'Automatic (managed by the driver)'. Below this are three options: a checked checkbox for 'Retry failed connection every 20 seconds', an unchecked checkbox for 'Give up after 1 failed retries', and an unchecked checkbox for 'Disconnect if non-responsive for 0 seconds'. The 'Logging Options' section at the bottom has an unchecked checkbox for 'Log to File' with the path 'C:\eeLogs\MicrolokII\_%DATE%.log' and a text box for 'File size limit (MB)' set to '0' with the note '('0' is unlimited)'.

Setup tab

### General options on the Setup tab

| OPTION                          | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Physical Layer</b>           | Select the physical layer on a list. Available options are <b>Serial</b> , <b>Ethernet</b> , <b>Modem</b> , and <b>RAS</b> . The selected interface must be configured on its specific tab                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Timeout</b>                  | Configure a time-out, in milliseconds, for the physical layer. This is the amount of time an I/O interface waits to receive any byte from the reception's buffer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Communication check time</b> | Set the time, in milliseconds, to define the interval at which communication is considered to be in an inactive state. As long as an I/O Driver receives valid data, its communication state is considered active. However, if during operation an I/O Driver does not receive valid data inside this period of time, the state is considered inactive. The communication state is shown in the <b>IO.CommunicationStatus</b> Tag |
| <b>Start driver OFFLINE</b>     | Select this option so that a Driver starts in <b>Offline</b> mode or stopped. This means that the I/O interface is not created until this Driver is configured to <b>Online</b> mode by using a Tag in an application. This mode enables a dynamic configuration of an I/O interface at run time                                                                                                                                  |

### Options on the Connection management group

| OPTION                                              | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Mode</b>                                         | Selects a management mode of a connection. Selecting the <b>Automatic</b> option allows a Driver to manage the connection automatically, as specified in the next options. Selecting the <b>Manual</b> option allows an application to fully manage a connection                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Retry failed connection every ... seconds</b>    | Select this option to enable a Driver's connection retry in a certain interval, in seconds. If the <b>Give up after failed retries</b> option is not selected, this Driver keeps retrying until a connection is performed, or until the application is stopped                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Give up after ... failed retries</b>             | Enable this option to define a maximum number of connection retries. When the specified number of consecutive connection retries is reached, a Driver goes to the <b>Offline</b> mode, assuming that a hardware problem was detected. If a Driver establishes a successful connection, the number of unsuccessful retries is cleared. If this new connection is lost, then the retry counter starts at zero |
| <b>Disconnect if non-responsive for ... seconds</b> | Enable this option to force a Driver to disconnect if no byte was received by the I/O interface during the specified time-out, in seconds. This time-out must be greater than the time-out configured in the <b>Timeout</b> option                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Options on the Logging Options group

| OPTION                      | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Log to File</b>          | Enable this option and configure the name of a file to write a log. Log files can be large, so use this option for short periods of time, only for testing and debugging purposes. If the <b>%PROCESS%</b> macro is used in the log file name, it is replaced by the identifier of the current process. This option is particularly useful when using several instances of the same Driver in <b>Elipse E3</b> , thus allowing each instance to generate a separate log file. For example, when configuring this option with value "c:\e3logs\drivers\sim_%PROCESS%.log", it generates a file named c:\e3logs\drivers\sim_00000FDA.log for process <b>0FDAh</b> . Users can also use the <b>%DATE%</b> macro in the file name. In this case a log file is generated every day, in the format <b>aaaa_mm_dd</b> . For example, when configuring this option with value "c:\e3logs\drivers\sim_%DATE%.log", it generates a file named c:\e3logs\drivers\sim_2005_12_31.log in 12/31/2005 and a file named c:\e3logs\drivers\sim_2006_01_01.log in 01/01/2006. Similarly, the <b>%DATE_HOUR%</b> macro generates one log file per hour, in the format <b>aaaa_mm_dd_hh</b> . |
| <b>File size limit (MB)</b> | Configure the log file size limit, in megabytes. A value equal to 0 (zero) means that there is no size limit for the log file.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## General Configurations

This section contains information about the configuration of general **I/O Tags** and **Properties** of I/O Interfaces.

### I/O Tags

#### General I/O Interfaces Tags (N2/B2 = 0)

The Tags described next are provided for all supported I/O Interfaces.

#### IO.CommunicationStatus

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Type of Tag</b>          | I/O Tag                |
| <b>Type of Access</b>       | Reading                |
| <b>N1 Parameter</b>         | -1 (minus one)         |
| <b>N2 Parameter</b>         | 0 (zero)               |
| <b>N3 Parameter</b>         | 0 (zero)               |
| <b>N4 Parameter</b>         | 6 (six)                |
| <b>String Configuration</b> | IO.CommunicationStatus |

This Tag informs the communication status of a Driver. It indicates how communication works relative to receiving valid data within a time period arbitrated in the configuration. For more information, please check topic **Setup Tab**. Possible values are **0 - Inactive communication**: The Driver did not receive valid data or stopped receiving data after *n* milliseconds, as configured in the properties window, or **1 - Active communication**: The Driver is receiving valid data.

## IO.IOKitEvent

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Type of Tag        | Block Tag      |
| Type of Access     | Read-Only      |
| B1 Parameter       | -1 (minus one) |
| B2 Parameter       | 0 (zero)       |
| B3 Parameter       | 0 (zero)       |
| B4 Parameter       | 1 (one)        |
| Size Property      | 4 (four)       |
| ParamItem Property | IO.IOKitEvent  |

This Block returns Driver events generated by several sources in I/O Interfaces. The **TimeStamp** property of this Block represents the moment this event occurred. The Block Elements are the following:

- **Element 0**: Type of event. Possible values are **0**: Information, **1**: Warning, or **2**: Error
- **Element 1**: Source of an event. Possible values are **0**: Driver (specific of a Driver), **-1**: IOKit (generic events of I/O Interfaces), **-2**: **Serial** Interface, **-3**: **Modem** Interface, **-4**: **Ethernet** Interface, or **-5**: **RAS** Interface
- **Element 2**: Error number, specific for each source of event
- **Element 3**: Message of an event, a **String** specific for each event

### NOTE

A Driver keeps a maximum number of 100 events internally. If additional events are reported, older events are discarded.

## IO.PhysicalLayerStatus

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Type of Tag          | I/O Tag                |
| Type of Access       | Read-Only              |
| N1 Parameter         | -1 (minus one)         |
| N2 Parameter         | 0 (zero)               |
| N3 Parameter         | 0 (zero)               |
| N4 Parameter         | 2 (two)                |
| String Configuration | IO.PhysicalLayerStatus |

This Tag indicates the status of a physical layer. Possible values are the following:

- **0:** Physical layer stopped, that is, a Driver is in **Offline** mode, the physical layer failed when initializing, or exceeded the maximum number of reconnection attempts
- **1:** Physical layer started but not connected, that is, a Driver is in **Online** mode but the physical layer is not connected. If the **Connection management** option is configured with the value **Automatic**, the physical layer can be connecting, disconnecting, or waiting for a reconnection attempt. If the **Connection management** option is configured with the value **Manual**, then the physical layer remains in this status until forced to connect
- **2:** Physical layer connected, that is, the physical layer is ready for use. This **DOES NOT** mean a device is connected, only that the access layer is working

## IO.SetConfigurationParameters

|                    |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Type of Tag        | Block Tag                     |
| Type of Access     | Read-Only                     |
| B1 Parameter       | -1 (minus one)                |
| B2 Parameter       | 0 (zero)                      |
| B3 Parameter       | 0 (zero)                      |
| B4 Parameter       | 3 (three)                     |
| Size Property      | 2 (two)                       |
| ParamItem Property | IO.SetConfigurationParameters |

Use this Tag to change any property of a Driver's configuration dialog box at run time.

This Tag works only while a Driver is in **Offline** mode. To start a Driver in **Offline** mode, select the **Start driver OFFLINE** option on that Driver's configuration dialog box. Users can write to a PLC Tag or to a Block Tag containing the parameters to change. Writing individual Block Elements is not supported, the whole Block must be written at once.

In **Elipse SCADA**, users must use a Block Tag. Every parameter to configure uses two Block Elements. For example, if users want to configure 3 (three) parameters, then the size of the Block must be 6 (six,  $3 \times 2$ ). The first Element is the property's name, as a **String**, and the second Element is the property's value, according to the next example.

```
// 'Block' must be a Block Tag with automatic reading,
// scan reading, and automatic writings disabled.
// Configure all parameters
Block.element001 = "IO.Type" // Parameter 1
Block.element002 = "Serial"
Block.element003 = "IO.Serial.Port" // Parameter 2
Block.element004 = 1
Block.element005 = "IO.Serial.BaudRate" // Parameter 3
Block.element006 = 19200
// Writes the whole Block
Block.Write()
```

When using **Elipse E3**, the ability to create arrays at run time allows using an I/O Tag as well as a Block Tag. Users can use the **Write** method of a Driver to send the parameters directly to that Driver, without creating a Tag, according to the next example.

```
Dim arr(6)
' Configure all array elements
arr(1) = "IO.Type"
arr(2) = "Serial"
arr(3) = "IO.Serial.Port"
arr(4) = 1
arr(5) = "IO.Serial.BaudRate"
arr(6) = 19200
' There are two methods to send parameters
' Method 1: Using an I/O Tag
tag.WriteEx arr
' Method 2: Without using a Tag
Driver.Write -1, 0, 0, 3, arr
```

A variation of the previous example uses a bidimensional array.

```
Dim arr(10)
' Configure all array elements. Notice the array was resized
' to 10 elements. Empty array elements are ignored by a Driver
arr(1) = Array("IO.Type", "Serial")
arr(2) = Array("IO.Serial.Port", 1)
arr(3) = Array("IO.Serial.BaudRate", 19200)
Driver.Write -1, 0, 0, 3, arr
```

A Driver does not validate parameter names or passed values, therefore be careful when writing parameters and values. The **Write** method fails if the configuration array is incorrectly created. Users can check the log of a Driver or use the **writeStatus** parameter of the **WriteEx** method to find out the exact cause of an error.

```
Dim arr(10), strError
arr(1) = Array("IO.Type", "Serial")
arr(2) = Array("IO.Serial.Port", 1)
arr(3) = Array("IO.Serial.BaudRate", 19200)
If Not Driver.WriteEx -1, 0, 0, 3, arr, , , strError Then
    MsgBox "Failed configuring Driver parameters: " + strError
End If
```

## IO.WorkOnline

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Type of Tag</b>          | I/O Tag            |
| <b>Type of Access</b>       | Reading or Writing |
| <b>N1 Parameter</b>         | -1 (minus one)     |
| <b>N2 Parameter</b>         | 0 (zero)           |
| <b>N3 Parameter</b>         | 0 (zero)           |
| <b>N4 Parameter</b>         | 4 (four)           |
| <b>String Configuration</b> | IO.WorkOnline      |

This Tag informs the current status of a Driver and allows starting or stopping the physical layer. Possible values are the following:

- **0 - Driver Offline:** Physical layer is closed or stopped. This mode allows a dynamic configuration of a Driver's parameters using the **IO.SetConfigurationParameters** Tag
- **1 - Driver Online:** Physical layer is open or executing. While in **Online** mode, the physical layer can be connected or disconnected and its current status can be checked using the **IO.PhysicalLayerStatus** Tag

In the next example, using **Elipse E3**, a Driver is configured to **Offline** mode, its COM port is changed, and then configured to **Online** mode again.

```
'Configure to Offline mode
Driver.Write -1, 0, 0, 4, 0
'Change port to COM2
Driver.Write -1, 0, 0, 3, Array("IO.Serial.Port", 2)
'Configure to Online mode
Driver.Write -1, 0, 0, 4, 1
```

The **Write** method may fail when configuring a Driver to **Online** mode, that is, writing the value 1 (one). In this case, this Driver remains in **Offline** mode. The cause of failure can be:

- Type of physical layer incorrectly configured, probably an invalid value was configured in the **IO.Type** property
- This Driver may have run out of memory
- Physical layer probably did not create its working thread. Search the log file for a message "Failed to create physical layer thread!"
- Physical layer could not start. The cause of this failure depends on the type of physical layer. It can be an invalid serial port number, a failure when starting Windows Sockets, or a failure when starting TAPI (modem), among others. This cause is recorded on the log file

#### IMPORTANT

Even if the configuration of a Driver to **Online** mode is successful, this does not necessarily mean the physical layer is ready to use, that is, ready to execute input and output operations with an external device. The **IO.PhysicalLayerStatus** Tag must be checked to ensure the physical layer is connected and ready for communication.

## Properties

These are general properties of all supported I/O Interfaces.

### IO.ConnectionMode

**9** Controls the management mode of a Connection. Possible values are **0**: Automatic mode, in which a Driver manages the connection or **1**: Manual mode, in which an application manages the connection.

### IO.GiveUpEnable

☒ When configured to True, defines a maximum number of reconnection attempts. If all reconnection attempts fail, a Driver enters the **Offline** mode. When configured to False, a Driver tries until a reconnection is successful.

### IO.GiveUpTries

**9** Number of reconnection attempts before this one is aborted. For example, if the value of this property is equal to 1 (one), a Driver tries only one reconnection when the connection is lost. If this one fails, this Driver enters the **Offline** mode.

### IO.InactivityEnable

☒ Configure to True to enable and to False to disable inactivity detection. The physical layer is disconnected if inactive for a certain period of time. The physical layer is considered inactive only if it is capable of sending data but not capable of receiving it back.

### IO.InactivityPeriodSec

**9** Number of seconds to check for inactivity. If the physical layer is inactive for this period of time, it is then disconnected.

## IO.RecoverEnable

☑ Configure to True to enable a Driver to recover lost connections and to False to leave a Driver in **Offline** mode when a connection is lost.

## IO.RecoverPeriodSec

9 Delay time between two connection attempts, in seconds.

### NOTE

The first reconnection is executed immediately after a connection is lost.

## IO.StartOffline

☑ Configure to True to start a Driver in **Offline** mode and to False to start a Driver in **Online** mode.

### NOTE

It is pointless to change this property at run time, as it can only be changed when a Driver is already in **Offline** mode. To configure a Driver in **Online** mode at run time, write the value 1 (one) to the **IO.WorkOnline** Tag.

## IO.TimeoutMs

9 Defines a time-out for the physical layer, in milliseconds. One second is equal to 1000 milliseconds.

## IO.Type

A Defines the type of physical interface used by a Driver. Possible values are the following:

- **N or None**: Does not use a physical interface, that is, a Driver must provide a customized interface
- **S or Serial**: Uses a local serial port (COM $n$ )
- **M or Modem**: Uses a local modem, internal or external, accessed via TAPI (*Telephony Application Programming Interface*)
- **E or Ethernet**: Uses a TCP/IP or UDP/IP socket
- **R or RAS**: Uses a **RAS** (*Remote Access Server*) Interface. A Driver connects to a RAS device using the **Ethernet** Interface and then sends an **AT** (*dial*) command

## Statistical Configuration

This section contains information about the configuration of **I/O Tags** and **Properties** of I/O Interfaces statistics.

## I/O Tags

### Tags of I/O Interface Statistics (N2/B2 = 0)

The Tags described next display statistics for all I/O Interfaces.

## IO.Stats.Partial.BytesRecv

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Type of Tag</b>             | I/O Tag                    |
| <b>Type of Access</b>          | Read-Only                  |
| <b>N1 Parameter</b>            | -1 (minus one)             |
| <b>N2 Parameter</b>            | 0 (zero)                   |
| <b>N3 Parameter</b>            | 0 (zero)                   |
| <b>N4 Parameter</b>            | 1101                       |
| <b>Configuration by String</b> | IO.Stats.Partial.BytesRecv |

This Tag returns the number of bytes received in the current connection.

## IO.Stats.Partial.BytesSent

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Type of Tag</b>             | I/O Tag                    |
| <b>Type of Access</b>          | Read-Only                  |
| <b>N1 Parameter</b>            | -1 (minus one)             |
| <b>N2 Parameter</b>            | 0 (zero)                   |
| <b>N3 Parameter</b>            | 0 (zero)                   |
| <b>N4 Parameter</b>            | 1100                       |
| <b>Configuration by String</b> | IO.Stats.Partial.BytesSent |

This Tag returns the number of bytes sent through the current connection.

## IO.Stats.Partial.TimeConnectedSeconds

|                                |                                       |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Type of Tag</b>             | I/O Tag                               |
| <b>Type of Access</b>          | Read-Only                             |
| <b>N1 Parameter</b>            | -1 (minus one)                        |
| <b>N2 Parameter</b>            | 0 (zero)                              |
| <b>N3 Parameter</b>            | 0 (zero)                              |
| <b>N4 Parameter</b>            | 1102                                  |
| <b>Configuration by String</b> | IO.Stats.Partial.TimeConnectedSeconds |

This Tag returns the number of seconds a Driver is connected in the current connection or 0 (zero) if a Driver is disconnected.

## IO.Stats.Partial.TimeDisconnectedSeconds

|                                |                                          |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Type of Tag</b>             | I/O Tag                                  |
| <b>Type of Access</b>          | Read-Only                                |
| <b>N1 Parameter</b>            | -1 (minus one)                           |
| <b>N2 Parameter</b>            | 0 (zero)                                 |
| <b>N3 Parameter</b>            | 0 (zero)                                 |
| <b>N4 Parameter</b>            | 1103                                     |
| <b>Configuration by String</b> | IO.Stats.Partial.TimeDisconnectedSeconds |

This Tag returns the number of seconds a Driver is disconnected since the last connection ended or 0 (zero) if a Driver is connected.

## IO.Stats.Total.BytesRecv

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Type of Tag</b>             | I/O Tag                  |
| <b>Type of Access</b>          | Read-Only                |
| <b>N1 Parameter</b>            | -1 (minus one)           |
| <b>N2 Parameter</b>            | 0 (zero)                 |
| <b>N3 Parameter</b>            | 0 (zero)                 |
| <b>N4 Parameter</b>            | 1001                     |
| <b>Configuration by String</b> | IO.Stats.Total.BytesRecv |

This Tag returns the number of bytes received since a Driver was loaded.

## IO.Stats.Total.BytesSent

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Type of Tag</b>             | I/O Tag                  |
| <b>Type of Access</b>          | Read-Only                |
| <b>N1 Parameter</b>            | -1 (minus one)           |
| <b>N2 Parameter</b>            | 0 (zero)                 |
| <b>N3 Parameter</b>            | 0 (zero)                 |
| <b>N4 Parameter</b>            | 1000                     |
| <b>Configuration by String</b> | IO.Stats.Total.BytesSent |

This Tag returns the number of bytes sent since a Driver was loaded.

## IO.Stats.Total.ConnectionCount

|                         |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Type of Tag             | I/O Tag                        |
| Type of Access          | Read-Only                      |
| N1 Parameter            | -1 (minus one)                 |
| N2 Parameter            | 0 (zero)                       |
| N3 Parameter            | 0 (zero)                       |
| N4 Parameter            | 1004                           |
| Configuration by String | IO.Stats.Total.ConnectionCount |

This Tag returns the number of connections a Driver already established, successfully, since it was loaded.

## IO.Stats.Total.TimeConnectedSeconds

|                         |                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Type of Tag             | I/O Tag                             |
| Type of Access          | Read-Only                           |
| N1 Parameter            | -1 (minus one)                      |
| N2 Parameter            | 0 (zero)                            |
| N3 Parameter            | 0 (zero)                            |
| N4 Parameter            | 1002                                |
| Configuration by String | IO.Stats.Total.TimeConnectedSeconds |

This Tag returns the number of seconds a Driver remained connected since it was loaded.

## IO.Stats.Total.TimeDisconnectedSeconds

|                         |                                        |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Type of Tag             | I/O Tag                                |
| Type of Access          | Read-Only                              |
| N1 Parameter            | -1 (minus one)                         |
| N2 Parameter            | 0 (zero)                               |
| N3 Parameter            | 0 (zero)                               |
| N4 Parameter            | 1003                                   |
| Configuration by String | IO.Stats.Total.TimeDisconnectedSeconds |

This Tag returns the number of seconds a Driver remained disconnected since it was loaded.

## Properties

Currently, there are no properties defined specifically to display I/O Interface statistics at run time.

## Driver's Revision History

| VERSION | DATE       | AUTHOR    | COMMENTS                                                                                                                                              |
|---------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.0.1   | 08/27/2026 | M. Ludwig | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Driver updated to <b>IOKit</b> library version <b>3.0</b> and Visual Studio 2022 (<i>Case 38064</i>).</li></ul> |
|         |            | C. Mello  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Initial version of this Driver (<i>Case 33339</i>).</li></ul>                                                   |

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