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OSDK Type Library Reference

The OSDK Type Library Reference is intended for programmers who are proficient in the Microsoft® Visual Basic® programming language.

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Method Summary

The following list contains the OSDK Type Library methods that are available.

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AddChannel Method

Adds a channel object to the server configuration, optionally setting channel properties.

Syntax

Handle = object.AddChannel Properties PropertyData Errors

The **AddChannel** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>Handle</i>	A long integer value specifying the channel object handle assigned by the server.
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>Properties</i>	A string array specifying channel properties to set.
<i>PropertyData</i>	An array specifying corresponding channel property data.
<i>Errors</i>	A returned array specifying corresponding property setting errors.

Remarks

Any channel properties not specified will be set to a default value.

AddDatablock Method

Adds a datablock to the specified device's configuration, optionally setting datablock properties.

Syntax

Handle = object.AddDataBlock DeviceHandleProperties PropertyData Errors

The **AddDataBlock** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>Handle</i>	A long integer value specifying the channel object handle assigned by the server.
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>DeviceHandle</i>	A long integer expression specifying the handle of the device of which to add the device.
<i>Properties</i>	A string array specifying channel properties to set.
<i>PropertyData</i>	An array specifying corresponding channel property data.
<i>Errors</i>	A returned array specifying corresponding property setting errors.

Remarks

Any datablock properties not specified will be set to a default value.

Add Device Method

Returns the path specification for the application's executable file. Read only.

Syntax

Handle = *object*.**AddDevice** *ChannelHandle**Properties* *PropertyData* *Errors*

The **AddDevice** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>Handle</i>	A long integer value specifying the channel object handle assigned by the server.
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>ChannelHandle</i>	A long integer expression specifying the handle of the channel to which to add the device.
<i>Properties</i>	A string array specifying channel properties to set.
<i>PropertyData</i>	An array specifying corresponding channel property data.
<i>Errors</i>	A returned array specifying corresponding property setting errors.

Remarks

Any device properties not specified will be set to a default value.

CopyDevice Method

Copies or moves the specified device to the specified channel's configuration.

Syntax

Error=*object*.**CopyDevice** *DeviceHandle*, *bstrName*, *ChannelHandle*, *bMove*

The **CopyDevice** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>Error</i>	A long integer value specifying success or failure.
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>DeviceHandle</i>	A long integer expression specifying the handle of the device to copy or move.
<i>bstrName</i>	A string expression that specifies the name of the device to copy or move.
<i>ChannelHandle</i>	A long integer value specifying the handle of the channel to add the device to.
<i>bMove</i>	A boolean expression specifying whether the device should be moved.

Settings

The settings for *bMove* are:

Setting	Description
<i>True</i>	If the device is to be moved.
<i>False</i>	If the Device is to be copied.

The settings for *Error* are:

Setting	Description
<i>0</i>	The device was copied or moved.
<i>1</i>	The device was not copied or moved; the method failed.

DebugMessage Method

Sends a debug message to the I/O Server event window.

Syntax

object.**DebugMessage** *Message*

The **DebugMessage** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>Message</i>	A string expression that specifies the text you want to display in the I/O Server event window as a debug message.

ErrorMessage Method

Sends an error message to the I/O Server event window.

Syntax

object.**ErrorMessage** *Message*

The **ErrorMessage** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>Message</i>	A string expression that specifies the text you want to display in the I/O Server event window as an error message.

FileNew Method

Creates an empty configuration.

Syntax

object.**FileNew**

The **FileNew** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

FileOpen Method

Opens and loads the specified configuration file.

Syntax

object.FileOpen [= *string*]

The **FileOpen** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>string</i>	A string expression that specifies a configuration file name.

Remarks

If the specified file does not exist, a new configuration file is created with the specified file name. If an existing .csv file is specified, the file is imported.

FileSave Method

Saves changes to the file specified in the FullConfigFileName property.

Syntax

object.FileSave

The **FileSave** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

FileSaveAs Method

Saves changes to the specified file.

Syntax

object.FileSaveAs [= *string*]

The **FileSaveAs** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

string

A string expression that specifies a configuration file name.

Remarks

A configuration file specified with the I/O Driver's acronym as the extension will be saved as a reloadable binary file, a ".csv" extension will be saved as a comma separated value text file, and a ".txt" extension will result in the server window's log being written to a text file.

GetChannels Method

Returns all configured channels as handles and names.

Syntax

NumChannels = *object*.**GetChannels** *ChannelHandles* *ChannelNames*

The **GetChannels** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>NumChannels</i>	A long integer expression specifying the number of channels returned
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>ChannelHandles</i>	A long integer array specifying the returned channel handles.
<i>ChannelNames</i>	A string array specifying the returned channel names

Remarks

The handles and names retrieved with this method can be used in an application to populate a tree view. The handles are used in methods such as SetPropertyData and GetPropertyData.

GetDataBlocks Method

Returns all configured datablocks on the specified device as handles and names.

Syntax

NumDataBlocks = *object*.**GetDataBlocks** *DeviceHandle* *DataBlockHandles* *DataBlockNames*

The **GetDataBlocks** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>NumDataBlocks</i>	A long integer expression specifying the number of datablocks returned.
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>DeviceHandle</i>	A long integer expression specifying the handle of the device from which to retrieve the datablocks.
<i>DataBlockHandles</i>	A long integer array specifying the returned datablock handles.
<i>DataBlockNames</i>	A string array specifying the returned datablock names.

Remarks

The handles and names retrieved with this method can be used in an application to populate a tree view. The handles are used in methods such as SetPropertyData and GetPropertyData.

GetDevices Method

Returns all configured devices on the specified channel as handles and names.

Syntax

NumDevices = *object*.**GetDevices** *ChannelHandle* *DeviceHandles* *DeviceNames*

The **GetDevices** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>NumDevices</i>	A long integer expression specifying the number of devices returned.
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>ChannelHandle</i>	A long integer expression specifying the handle of the channel from which to retrieve the devices.
<i>DeviceHandles</i>	A long integer array specifying the returned device handles.
<i>DeviceNames</i>	A string array specifying the returned device names.

Remarks

The handles and names retrieved with this method can be used in an application to populate a tree view. The handles are used in methods such as SetPropertyData and GetPropertyData.

GetNameSpace Method

Returns the namespace type for the OPC server. Namespaces can be hierarchical or flat. The OPC Client Tree Browser is an example of a hierarchical namespace; it has three levels off the root, server, group, and item. A flat namespace is one that has only one level off the root.

Syntax

Namespace = *object*.**GetNamespace**(*IChannelHandle*)

The **GetNamespace** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>Namespace</i>	An integer value that evaluates to a namespace.
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>IChannelHandle</i>	A long integer expression specifying the handle of the OPC server from which to retrieve the namespace.

Settings

The settings for *Namespace* are:

Setting	Description
0	Hierarchical namespace
1	Flat namespace

GetProperties Method

Returns all properties for the specified type of object.

Syntax

NumProperties = *object*.**GetProperties** *ObjectType* *Properties*

The **GetProperties** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>NumProperties</i>	A long integer expression specifying the number of properties returned in the <i>Properties</i> array.
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>ObjectType</i>	An integer expression specifying the type of object (channel, device or datablock) to return properties for.

<i>Properties</i>	A string array specifying the returned properties.
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Settings

The settings for *ObjectType* are:

Setting	Description
1	Driver object
2	Channel object
3	Device object
4	DataBlock object

Remarks

This method allows an OLE Automation controller to retrieve all exposed properties for each server object. These property strings are used as properties in methods such as *SetPropertyData* and *GetPropertyData*.

GetPropertyData Method

Returns data for each specified property on the specified object.

Syntax

Errors = *object*.**GetPropertyData** *ObjectHandleProperties* *PropertyData*

The **GetPropertyData** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>Errors</i>	A returned array specifying corresponding property retrieving errors.
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>ObjectHandle</i>	A long integer expression specifying the handle of the object (channel, device or datablock) to return property data for.
<i>Properties</i>	An string array specifying device properties to return.
<i>PropertyData</i>	An array specifying corresponding device property data.

Remarks

When retrieving data for a single property, the property string may be specified as a string instead of a one-dimensional array. In this case, *PropertyData* will be returned as a single VARIANT and not an array.

InfoMessage Method

Sends an information message to the I/O Server event window.

Syntax

object.InfoMessage *Message*

The **InfoMessage** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>Message</i>	A string expression that specifies the text you want to display in the I/O Server event window as an information message.

IsBrowseSupported Method

Returns if the OPC server supports browsing.

Syntax

Browsable = *object*.IsBrowseSupported(*IChannelHandle*)

The **IsBrowseSupported** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>Browsable</i>	An integer value that indicates whether the OPC server supports browsing.
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>IChannelHandle</i>	A long integer value that evaluates to the handle of the OPC server you want to browse.

Settings

The settings for *Browsable* are:

Setting	Description
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0	The server does not support browsing.
1	The server supports browsing.

Poll Method

Polls all datablocks on the specified channel, device or datablock object.

Syntax

object.**Poll** *ObjectHandle*

The **Poll** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>ObjectHandle</i>	A long integer value specifying a server object handle received from server methods such as AddChannel() or GetDevices().

Remarks

The **Poll** method can be used to demand poll datablocks on the server by configuring the datablocks with a disabled poll time and calling Poll() with the appropriate datablock handle.

Quit Method

Shuts down the server.

Syntax

object.**Quit**

The **Quit** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

Remarks

The **Quit** method can be used to explicitly issue a shutdown request to the server. If the server is connected to a FIX client or clients, this method will return an error.

ReadData Method

Returns the polled data for the specified datablock.

Syntax

Data = *object*.**ReadData** *DataBlockHandle* *RequestedDataType* *ItemOffset* *SubItemOffset* *Count* *SignalConditioning* *HighEgu* *LoEgu* *TimeStamp* *Quality*

The **ReadData** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>Data</i>	An array or expression specifying the datablock's polled data.
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>DataBlockHandle</i>	A long integer expression specifying the handle of the datablock from which to retrieve polled data.
<i>RequestedDataType</i>	An integer expression specifying the returned data's data type.
<i>ItemOffset</i>	A long integer expression specifying the offset of the desired data from the start of the datablock.
<i>SubItemOffset</i>	An integer expression specifying the offset of the desired data from the start of the data item.
<i>Count</i>	A long integer expression specifying the number of consecutive data items to return.
<i>SignalConditioning</i>	An integer expression specifying the signal conditioning to apply to the returned data.
<i>HighEgu</i>	A single expression specifying the high Engineering Units value to be used for signal conditioning.
<i>LoEgu</i>	A single expression specifying the low Engineering Units value to be used for signal conditioning.
<i>TimeStamp</i>	An array or expression specifying the returned timestamp of the data.
<i>Quality</i>	An array or expression specifying the returned quality of the data.

Settings

The settings for *RequestedDataType* are:

Setting	Description
1	Not specified (VT_EMPTY)

2	2-byte signed integer (VT_I2)
3	4-byte signed integer (VT_I4)
4	4-byte real (VT_R4)
5	8-byte real (VT_R8)

The settings for *SignalConditioning* are:

Setting	Description
0	None (No Signal Conditioning)
1	12BN (12 Bit Binary with No Alarming)
2	12AL (12 Bit Binary with Alarming)
3	15BN (15 Bit Binary with No Alarming)
4	15AL (15 Bit Binary with Alarming)
5	LIN (Linear Signal Conditioning)
6	3BCD (3 Digit Binary Coded Decimal)
7	4BCD (4 Digit Binary Coded Decimal)
8	13BN (13 Bit Binary with No Alarming)
9	13AL (13 Bit Binary with Alarming)
10	8BN (8 Bit Binary with No Alarming)
11	8AL (8 Bit Binary with Alarming)

Remarks

The *RequestedDataType* settings are of type VARTYPE (an enumeration type used in VARIANT, TYPEDESC, OLE property sets, and safe arrays) and represent the minimum supported for this server. See your I/O Server documentation for more details regarding this setting.

The *SignalConditioning settings* represent the minimum supported for this server. See your I/O Server documentation for more details regarding this setting.

The *TimeStamp* part is returned as a Time value. The *Quality* part is returned as an integer representing OLE for Process Control (OPC) Quality flags. Please reference the OLE for Process Control Version 1.0 Specification for more information.

RemoveChannel Method

Removes the specified channel from the server configuration.

Syntax

object.RemoveChannel ChannelHandle

The **RemoveChannel** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>ChannelHandle</i>	A long integer value specifying a channel object handle received from a server method such as AddChannel().

RemoveDataBlock Method

Removes the specified datablock from the specified device's configuration.

Syntax

object.RemoveDataBlock DeviceHandle DataBlockHandle

The **RemoveDataBlock** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>DeviceHandle</i>	A long integer expression specifying the handle of the device from which to remove the datablock.
<i>DataBlockHandle</i>	A long integer expression specifying the handle of the datablock to remove.

RemoveDevice Method

Removes the specified device from the specified channel's configuration.

Syntax

object.RemoveDevice ChannelHandle DeviceHandle

The **RemoveDevice** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
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<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>ChannelHandle</i>	A long integer value specifying a channel object handle received from a server method such as AddChannel().
<i>DeviceHandle</i>	A long integer expression specifying the handle of the device to remove

SetPropertyData Method

Sets data for each specified property on the specified object.

Syntax

Errors = *object*.**SetPropertyData** *ObjectHandleProperties PropertyData*

The **SetPropertyData** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>Errors</i>	A returned array specifying corresponding property setting errors.
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>ObjectHandle</i>	A long integer expression specifying the handle of the object (channel, device or datablock) to set property data for.
<i>Properties</i>	A string array specifying device properties to set.
<i>PropertyData</i>	An array specifying corresponding device property data.

Remarks

When setting data for a single property, the property string may be specified as a string instead of a one-dimensional array, and the property data value may also be specified as a single VARIANT instead of a one-dimensional array.

Start Method

Starts server polling.

Syntax

object.**Start**

The **Start** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

Stop Method

Stops server polling.

Syntax

object.**Stop**

The **Stop** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

Switch Method

Switches the specified channel or device object to/from backup.

Syntax

object.**Switch** *ObjectHandle*

The **Switch** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>ObjectHandle</i>	A long integer value specifying a server object handle received from server methods such as <code>AddChannel()</code> or <code>GetDevices()</code> .

WarnMessage Method

Sends a warning message to the I/O Server event window.

Syntax

object.**WarnMessage** *Message*

The **WarnMessage** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
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<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>Message</i>	A string expression that specifies the text you want to display in the I/O Server event window as a warning message.

WriteData Method

Writes the specified data to the specified datablock.

Syntax

object.**WriteData** *DataBlockHandle* *ItemOffset* *SubItemOffset* *SignalConditioning* *HighEgu* *LoEgu* *Data*

The **WriteData** method syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>DataBlockHandle</i>	A long integer expression specifying the handle of the datablock to write to.
<i>RequestedDataType</i>	An integer expression specifying the returned data's data type.
<i>ItemOffset</i>	A long integer expression specifying the offset from the start of the datablock to write to.
<i>SubItemOffset</i>	An integer expression specifying the offset from the start of the data item to write to.
<i>SignalConditioning</i>	An integer expression specifying the signal conditioning to apply to the data.
<i>HighEgu</i>	A single expression specifying the high Engineering Units value to be used for signal conditioning
<i>LoEgu</i>	A single expression specifying the low Engineering Units value to be used for signal conditioning.
<i>Data</i>	An expression specifying the data to write.

Settings

The settings for *SignalConditioning* are:

Setting	Description
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0	None (No Signal Conditioning)
1	12BN (12 Bit Binary with No Alarming)
2	12AL (12 Bit Binary with Alarming)
3	15BN (15 Bit Binary with No Alarming)
4	15AL (15 Bit Binary with Alarming)
5	LIN (Linear Signal Conditioning)
6	3BCD (3 Digit Binary Coded Decimal)
7	4BCD (4 Digit Binary Coded Decimal)
8	13BN (13 Bit Binary with No Alarming)
9	13AL (13 Bit Binary with Alarming)
10	8BN (8 Bit Binary with No Alarming)
11	8AL (8 Bit Binary with Alarming)

Remarks

The *SignalConditioning settings* represent the minimum supported for this server. See your I/O Server documentation for more details regarding this setting.

Only one item may be written at a time with this method

Property Summary

The following list contains the OSDK Type Library properties that are available.

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Application Property

Returns the Application object. Read only.

Syntax

object.**Application**

The **Application** property syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

ConfigFileName Property

Returns the active configuration file name. Read only.

Syntax

object.**ConfigFileName**

The **ConfigFileName** property syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

ConfigFilePath Property

Returns the path specification for the active configuration file. Read only.

Syntax

object.**ConfigFilePath**

The **ConfigFilePath** property syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

DefaultConfigFileName Property

Sets or returns the default configuration file name.

Syntax

object.DefaultConfigFileName [= *string*]

The **DefaultConfigFileName** property syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>string</i>	A string expression that evaluates to the server default configuration file path.

DefaultConfigFilePath Property

Sets or returns the default path specification for configuration files.

Syntax

object.DefaultConfigFilePath [= *string*]

The **DefaultConfigFilePath** property syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>string</i>	A string expression that evaluates to the server default configuration file path.

FileSaved Property

Returns the saved state of the configuration file. Read only.

Syntax

object.FileSaved

The **FileSaved** property syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

FullConfigFileName Property

Returns the file specification for the active configuration file, including path. Read only.

Syntax

object.FullConfigFileName

The **FullConfigFileName** property syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

FullDefaultConfigFileName Property

Returns the file specification for the default configuration file, including path. Read only.

Syntax

object.FullDefaultConfigFileName

The **FullDefaultConfigFileName** property syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

FullName Property

Returns the file specification for the application, including path. Read only.

Syntax

object.FullName

The **FullName** property syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
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<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
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Name Property

Returns the name of the application. Read only.

Syntax

object.Name

The **Name** property syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

Path Property

Returns the path specification for the application's executable file. Read only.

Syntax

object.Path

The **Path** property syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

Running Property

Returns a value indicating whether the server is started or stopped. Read only.

Syntax

object.Running

The **Running** property syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.

Visible Property

Sets or returns a value indicating whether the main server window is visible or hidden.

Syntax

object.Visible [= *boolean*]

The **Visible** property syntax has these parts:

Part	Description
<i>object</i>	An object expression that evaluates to the Driver object.
<i>boolean</i>	A boolean expression specifying whether the server window is visible or hidden.

Settings

The settings for *boolean* are:

Setting	Description
<i>True</i>	Server window is visible.
<i>False</i>	Server window is hidden.

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AddChannel Method Examples

This example adds a channel object to the server, specifying some properties.

```
Dim objDriver as Object  
Dim IChanHandle As Long  
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors
```

‘ Create and return reference to Driver object

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

‘ Set up channel properties and data

```
vProperties = Array("PrimaryPort", "BackupPort", "PrimaryBaud", "BackupBaud")
```

```
vPropertyData = Array("COM1", "COM3", "9600", "9600")
```

```
vErrors = Empty
```

‘ Add the channel

```
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

This example adds a channel object to the server with default properties.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
Dim IChanHandle As Long
```

```
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors
```

‘ Create and return reference to Driver object

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

‘ Add the channel, passing empty parameters

```
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

AddDataBlock Method Examples

This example adds a datablock object to the server, specifying some properties.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
Dim IChanHandle, IDevHandle, IDbHandle As Long
```

```
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors
```

‘ Create and return reference to Driver object

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

‘ Add a channel

```
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

‘ Add a device

```
IDevHandle = objDriver.AddDevice IChanHandle vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

‘ Set up datablock properties and data

```
vProperties = Array("PrimaryPollTime", "Description")
```

```
vPropertyData = Array("1:00:00", "Alarms")
```

```
vErrors = Empty
```

‘ Add a datablock

```
IDbHandle = AddDatablock IDevHandle vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

This example adds a device object to the server with default properties.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
Dim IChanHandle, IDevHandle, IDbHandle As Long
```

```
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors
```

‘ Create and return reference to Driver object

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

‘ Add a channel

```
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

‘ Add a device

```
IDevHandle = objDriver.AddDevice IChanHandle vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

‘ Add a datablock

```
IDbHandle = objDriver.AddDatablock IDevHandle vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

AddDevice Method Examples

This example adds a device object to the server, specifying some properties.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
Dim IDevHandle, IChanHandle As Long
```

```
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

```
' Add a channel
```

```
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

```
' Set up device properties and data
```

```
vProperties = Array("PrimaryStation", "BackupStation", "Description")
```

```
vPropertyData = Array("1", "11", "Gas well #121167")
```

```
vErrors = Empty
```

```
' Add a device
```

```
IDevHandle = objDriver.AddDevice IChanHandle vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

This example adds a device object to the server with default properties.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
Dim IDevHandle, IChanHandle As Long
```

```
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

```
' Add a channel
```

```
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

```
' Add a device
```

```
IDevHandle = objDriver.AddDevice IChanHandle vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

Application Property Example

This example sets the objDriverApp variable to the Driver Application object:

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
Dim objDriverApp as Object
```

' Create and return reference to Driver object

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

```
objDriverApp = objDriver.Application
```

ConfigFileName Property Example

This example sets the Text property of a TextBox control to the server's configuration file name.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

' Create and return reference to Driver object

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

' Get and set text

```
txtText1.Text = objDriver.ConfigFileName
```

ConfigFilePath Property Example

This example sets the Text property of a TextBox control to the server's configuration file path.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

Create and return reference to Driver object

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

Get and set text

```
txtText1.Text = objDriver.ConfigFilePath
```

CopyDevice Method Example

This example copies a device object from one channel to another.

```
Dim objDriver As Object
```

```
Dim IChanHandle, IDevHandle As Long
```

```
Dim IChanHandle2, IDevHandle2 As Long
```

```
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors
```

```
Dim Err As Long
```

' Create and return reference to Driver object

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.OPCDrv")
```

```
'Add a channel
```

```
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel(vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors)
```

```
'Add a device
```

```
IDevHandle = objDriver.AddDevice(IChanHandle, vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors)
```

```
'Add second channel
```

```
IChanHandle2 = objDriver.AddChannel(vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors)
```

```
'Copy Device object from the first channel
```

```
Err = objDriver.CopyDevice(IDevHandle, "TargetDeviceName", IChanHandle2, False)
```

DebugMessage Method Example

This example sends a debug message to the server.

```
Dim objDriver As Object
```

```
Dim objIMessage As IDriverMessage
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.OPCDrv")
```

```
'get reference to IDriverMessage
```

```
Set objIMessage = New OPCServer
```

```
'Send a debug message to the server
```

```
objIMessage.DebugMessage ("Debug message")
```

DefaultConfigFileName Property Example

This example sets the Text property of a TextBox control to the server's default configuration file path and then sets the server's default configuration file name to a new value:

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

```
' Get text
```

```
txtText1.Text = objDriver.DefaultConfigFileName
```

```
' Set text
```

```
objDriver.ConfigFileName = "Test.itk"
```

DefaultConfigFilePath Property Example

This example sets the Text property of a TextBox control to the server's default configuration file path and then sets the server's default configuration file path to a new value:

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

```
' Get text
```

```
txtText1.Text = objDriver.DefaultConfigFilePath
```

```
' Set text
```

```
objDriver.ConfigFileName = "C:\ConfigurationFiles\Test"
```

ErrorMessage Method Example

This example sends an error message to the server

```
Dim objDriver As Object
```

```
Dim objIMessage As IDriverMessage
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.OPCDrv")
```

```
'get reference to IDriverMessage
```

```
Set objIMessage = New OPCServer
```

```
'Send an Error message to the server
```

```
objIMessage.ErrorMessage ("Error message")
```

FileNew Method Example

This example creates an empty server configuration:

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
‘ Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

```
‘ Create new configuration
```

```
objDriver.FileNew
```

FileOpen Method Example

This example opens the specified server configuration file.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
‘ Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

```
‘ Open configuration file
```

```
objDriver.FileOpen "TestConfig.itk"
```

FileSave Method Example

This example saves the current server configuration:

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
‘ Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

```
‘ Save configuration file
```

```
objDriver.FileSave
```

FileSaveAs Method Example

This example saves the server configuration as a file type determined by the value of an `OptionButton` control:

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```



```

' Create and return reference to Driver object
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
If optFileType.Value = True
' Save configuration file as binary
objDriver.FileSaveAs "TestConfig.itk"
Else
' Save configuration file as csv
objDriver.FileSaveAs "TestConfig.csv"

```

FileSaved Property Example

This example checks the FileSaved property and prompts the user if the file needs to be saved. This may be typical of a client application's shutdown code.

```

' Check if file is dirty
If objDriver.FileSaved = False Then
' Prompt user
If MsgBox("Save configuration file?", vbOKCancel) = vbOK Then
' Save config file
objDriver.Save

```

FullConfigFileName Property Example

This example sets the Text property of a TextBox control to the server's full configuration file name:

```

Dim objDriver as Object
' Create and return reference to Driver object
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
' Get and set text
txtText1.Text = objDriver.FullConfigFileName

```

FullDefaultConfigFileName Property Example

This example sets the Text property of a TextBox control to the server's default configuration file specification:

```

Dim objDriver as Object
' Create and return reference to Driver object
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
' Get text

```

```
txtText1.Text = objDriver.FullDefaultConfigFileName
```

FullName Property Example

This example sets the Caption property of a form to the full application name:

```
Dim objDriver as Object
' Create and return reference to Driver object
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
' Set Caption property
frmForm1.Caption = objDriver.FullName
```

GetChannels Method Example

This example returns the configured channels for the driver object and displays them in two TextBox Control arrays.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
Dim INumChans, i As Long
Dim vChannelHandles, vChannelNames

' Create and return reference to Driver object
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")

' Get configured channels
INumChans = objDriver.GetChannels(vChannelHandles, vChannelNames)

' Display them
For i = 1 To INumChans
txtText1(i) = vChannelNames(i - 1)
txtText2(i) = vChannelHandles(i - 1)
Next i
```

GetDataBlocks Method Example

This example returns the configured datablocks for a device and displays them in two TextBox Control arrays.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
Dim INumChans, INumDevs, INumDBs i As Long
```

```
Dim vChannelHandles, vChannelNames, vDeviceHandles, vDeviceNames, vDataBlockHandles,
vDataBlockNames
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

```
' Get configured channels
```

```
INumChans = objDriver.GetChannels(vChannelHandles, vChannelNames)
```

```
' Get configured devices on first channel
```

```
INumDevs = objDriver.GetDevices(vChannelHandles(0), vDeviceHandles, vDeviceNames)
```

```
' Get configured datablocks on first device
```

```
INumDBs = objDriver.GetDataBlocks(vDeviceHandles(0), vDataBlockHandles, vDataBlockNames)
```

```
' Display them
```

```
For i = 1 To INumDBs
```

```
txtText1(i) = vDataBlockNames(i - 1)
```

```
txtText2(i) = vDataBlockHandles(i - 1)
```

```
Next i
```

GetDevices Method Example

This example returns the configured devices for a channel object and displays them in two TextBox Control arrays.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
Dim INumChans, INumDevs i As Long
```

```
Dim vChannelHandles, vChannelNames, vDeviceHandles, vDeviceNames
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

```
' Get configured channels
```

```
INumChans = objDriver.GetChannels(vChannelHandles, vChannelNames)
```

```
' Get configured devices on first channel
```

```
INumDevs = objDriver.GetDevices(vChannelHandles(0), vDeviceHandles, vDeviceNames)
```

```
' Display them
```

```
For i = 1 To INumDevs
```

```
txtText1(i) = vDeviceNames(i - 1)
```

```
txtText2(i) = vDeviceHandles(i - 1)
```

```
Next i
```

GetNameSpace Method Example

```
Dim objDriver As Object
```

```
Dim objBrowseServer As IBrowseOpcServer
```

```
Dim INumChannels As Long
```

```
Dim pvChannelHandles, pvChannelNames
```

```
Dim nNameSpace, nIsBrowseSupported as Integer
```

```
Dim x as Integer
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.OPCDrv")
```

```
'get reference to IBrowseOpcServer
```

```
Set objBrowseServer = New OPCServer
```

```
' Get the number of channels
```

```
INumChannels = objDriver.GetChannels(pvChannelHandles, pvChannelNames)
```

```
If INumChannels <> 0 Then
```

```
For x = 0 To INumChannels - 1 Step 1
```

```
' Check if browse is supported
```

```
nIsBrowseSupported = objBrowseServer.IsBrowseSupported(pvChannelHandles(x))
```

```
'Get the namespace for the server
```

```
nNameSpace = objBrowseServer.GetNameSpace (pvChannelHandles(x))
```

```
Next x
```

```
End If
```

```
pvChannelHandles = Null
pvChannelNames = Null
```

GetProperties Method Example

This example gets the exposed properties for the driver object and displays them in a TextBox Control array.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
Dim INumProps, i As Long
Dim vProperties
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

```
' Get driver object properties
```

```
INumProps = objDriver.GetProperties(1, vProperties)
```

```
' Display them
```

```
For i = 1 To INumProps
txtText(i) = vProperties(i - 1)
Next i
```

GetPropertyData Method Example

This example returns a property data value for a channel object.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
Dim IChanHandle As Long
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

```
' Add a channel
```

```
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

```
' Setup the VARIANTS
```

```
vProperties = "Name"
```

```
vErrors = Empty
```

```
' Set the property data
```

```
vErrors = objDriver.SetPropertyData IChanHandle vProperties vPropertyData
```

```
' Display the retrieved data
```

```
txtText1.Text = vPropertyData
```

This example returns multiple property data values for a channel object.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
Dim IChanHandle As Long
```

```
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

```
' Add a channel
```

```
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

```
' Setup the VARIANTS
```

```
vProperties = Array("PrimaryBaud", "BackupBaud", "BackupPort")
```

```
vErrors = Empty
```

```
' Set the property data
```

```
vErrors = objDriver.SetPropertyData IChanHandle vProperties vPropertyData
```

```
' Display the retrieved data
```

```
txtText1.Text = vPropertyData(0)
```

```
txtText2.Text = vPropertyData(1)
```

```
txtText3.Text = vPropertyData(2)
```

InfoMessage Method Example

This example sends an information message to the server.

```
Dim objDriver As Object
```

```
Dim objIMessage As IDriverMessage
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.OPCDrv")
```

```
'get reference to IDriverMessage
```

```
Set objIMessage = New OPCServer
```

```
'Send an information message to the server
```

```
objIMessage.InfoMessage ("Information message")
```

IsBrowseSupported Method Example

```
Dim objDriver As Object
```

```
Dim objBrowseServer As IBrowseOpcServer
```

```
Dim INumChannels As Long
```

```
Dim pvChannelHandles, pvChannelNames
```

```
Dim nNameSpace, nIsBrowseSupported as Integer
```

```
Dim x as Integer
```

```
' Create and return reference to Driver object
```

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.OPCDrv")
```

```
'get reference to IBrowseOpcServer
```

```
Set objBrowseServer = New OPCServer
```

```
' Get the number of channels
```

```
INumChannels = objDriver.GetChannels(pvChannelHandles, pvChannelNames)
```

```
If INumChannels <> 0 Then
```

For x = 0 To INumChannels - 1 Step 1

' Check if browse is supported

nIsBrowseSupported = objBrowseServer.**IsBrowseSupported**(pvChannelHandles(x))

'Get the namespace for the server

nNameSpace = objBrowseServer.GetNameSpace (pvChannelHandles(x))

Next x

End If

pvChannelHandles = Null

pvChannelNames = Null

Name Property Example

This example sets the Caption property of a form to the application name:

Dim objDriver as Object

' Create and return reference to Driver object

Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")

' Set Caption property

frmForm1.Caption = objDriver.Name

Path Property Example

This example sets the Caption property of a form to the path specification of the application:

Dim objDriver as Object

' Create and return reference to Driver object

Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")

' Set Caption property

frmForm1.Caption = objDriver.Path

Poll Method Example

This example demand polls all datablocks on a device.

```
Dim vHandles, vNames
Dim INumBlocks, x As Long

' Get datablock handles
INumBlocks = GetDataBlocks(IDeviceHandle, vHandles, vNames)
For x = 0 To INumBlocks
objDriver.Poll(vHandles(x))
Next x
```

Quit Method Example

This example prompts the user to shut down the server.

```
' Prompt user
If MsgBox("Shutdown server?", vbOKCancel) = vbOK Then

' Exit server
objDriver.Quit
```

ReadData Method Example

This example reads data from the server in response to a CommandButton click.

```
Private Sub cmdReadData_Click()

Dim i As Long
Dim IDBHdl As Long
Dim IItemOffset, ISubItemOffset, ICount As Long
Dim vTimeStamp, vQuality, vData As Variant
Dim nDataType, nSigCond As Integer
Dim sngHighEgu, sngLowEgu As Single

' Get the datablock handle from a TreeView
IDBHdl = VBClient.GetHdlFromKey(VBClient.TreeView1.SelectedItem.key)

' Get the data type from a TextBox
nDataType = CInt(txtDataType)
```

' Get the item offset from a TextBox

lItemOffset = CLng(txtItemOffset)

' Get the subitem offset from a TextBox

lSubItemOffset = CLng(txtSubItemOffset)

' Get the count from a TextBox

lCount = CLng(txtNumItems)

' Get the signal conditioning from a ComboBox

nSigCond = cmbSigCond.ListIndex

' Get the high EGU from a TextBox

sngHighEgu = CSng(txtHiEgu)

' Get the low EGU from a TextBox

sngLowEgu = CSng(txtLowEgu)

vData = objDriver.ReadData(lDBHdl, nDataType, lItemOffset, lSubItemOffset, lCount, _
nSigCond, sngHighEgu, sngLowEgu, vTimeStamp, vQuality)

' Display results in TextBox arrays (set up for 150 maximum)

For i = 0 To 149

If i <= UBound(vData) Then

txtData(i) = vData(i)

txtTime(i) = vTimeStamp(i)

txtQuality(i) = vQuality(i)

Else

txtData(i) = Empty

txtTime(i) = Empty

txtQuality(i) = Empty

End If

Next i

End Sub

RemoveChannel Method Example

This example adds and removes a channel from the server configuration.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
Dim IChanHandle As Long
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors

' Create and return reference to Driver object
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")

' Add a channel
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel vProperties vPropertyData vErrors

' Manipulate channel here

' Remove channel object
objDriver.RemoveChannel IChanHandle
```

RemoveDataBlock Method Example

This example removes a datablock from the server configuration.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
Dim IChanHandle, IDevHandle, IDbHandle As Long
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors

' Create and return reference to Driver object
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")

' Add a channel
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel vProperties vPropertyData vErrors

' Add a device
IDevHandle = objDriver.AddDevice IChanHandle vProperties vPropertyData vErrors

' Add a datablock
IDbHandle = objDriver.AddDatablock IDevHandle vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

' Manipulate datablock here

' Remove datablock object

```
objDriver.RemoveDataBlock IDevHandle IDbHandle
```

RemoveDevice Method Example

This example removes a device from the server configuration.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

```
Dim IChanHandle, IDevHandle As Long
```

```
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors
```

' Create and return reference to Driver object

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

' Add a channel

```
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

' Add a device

```
IDevHandle = objDriver.AddDevice IChanHandle vProperties vPropertyData vErrors
```

' Manipulate device here

' Remove device object

```
objDriver.RemoveDevice IChannelHandle IDevHandle
```

Running Property Example

This example sets the Value property of an OptionButton control to the running state of the driver:

```
Dim objDriver as Object
```

' Create and return reference to Driver object

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

' Get running state

```
optRun.Value = objDriver.Running
```

SetPropertyData Method Example

This example sets a property data value on a channel object.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
Dim IChanHandle As Long
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors

' Create and return reference to Driver object
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")

' Add a channel
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel vProperties vPropertyData vErrors

' Setup the VARIANTS
vProperties = "Enabled"
vPropertyData = "0"
vErrors = Empty

' Set the property data
vErrors = objDriver.SetPropertyData IChanHandle vProperties vPropertyData
```

This example sets multiple property data values on a channel object.

```
Dim objDriver as Object
Dim IChanHandle As Long
Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors

' Create and return reference to Driver object
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")

' Add a channel
IChanHandle = objDriver.AddChannel vProperties vPropertyData vErrors

' Setup the VARIANTS
vProperties = Array( "PrimaryBaud", "BackupBaud", "BackupPort")
```

```
vPropertyData = Array( "9600", "9600", "COM3")  
vErrors = Empty
```

```
' Set the property data
```

```
vErrors = objDriver.SetPropertyData IChanHandle vProperties vPropertyData
```

Start Method Example

This example starts server polling in response to a CommandButton click.

```
Private Sub Command1_Click ()
```

```
' Start polling
```

```
objDriver.Start
```

```
End Sub
```

StopMethod Example

This example stops server polling in response to a CommandButton click.

```
Private Sub Command1_Click ()
```

```
' Stop polling
```

```
objDriver.Stop
```

```
End Sub
```

Switch Method Example

This example switches all channels to/from their respective backup channels.

```
Dim vHandles, vNames
```

```
Dim INumChans, x As Long
```

```
' Get channel handles
```

```
INumChans = GetChannels(vHandles, vNames)
```

```
For x = 0 To INumChans
```

```
objDriver.Switch(vHandles(x))
```

```
Next x
```

Visible Property Example

This example sets the Value property of an OptionButton control to the server's visibility state and then sets the server window to the visible state:

```
Dim objDriver as Object
' Create and return reference to Driver object
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
' Get visibility
optVisible.Value = objDriver.Visible
' Set visibility
objDriver.Visible = True
```

WarnMessage Method Example

This example sends a warning message to the server.

```
Dim objDriver As Object
Dim objIMessage As IDriverMessage
' Create and return reference to Driver object
Set objDriver = CreateObject("Intellution.OPCDrv")
'get reference to IDriverMessage
Set objIMessage = New OPCServer
'Send a Warning message to the server
objIMessage.WarnMessage ("Warning message")
```

WriteData Method Example

This example writes data to the server in response to a CommandButton click.

```
Private Sub cmdWriteData_Click()
Dim i As Long
Dim IDBHdl As Long
Dim lItemOffset, lSubItemOffset As Long
Dim vData As Variant
Dim sngHighEgu, sngLowEgu As Single
Dim nSigCond As Integer

' Get the datablock handle from a TreeView
IDBHdl = VBClient.GetHdlFromKey(VBClient.TreeView1.SelectedItem.key)
```

' Get the item offset from a TextBox

lItemOffset = CLng(txtItemOffset)

' Get the subitem offset from a TextBox

lSubItemOffset = CLng(txtSubItemOffset)

' Get the signal conditioning from a ComboBox

nSigCond = cmbSigCond.ListIndex

' Get the high EGU from a TextBox

sngHighEgu = CSng(txtHiEgu)

' Get the low EGU from a TextBox

sngLowEgu = CSng(txtLowEgu)

' Get the data from a TextBox

vData = txtData

objDriver.**WriteData**(IDBHdl, lItemOffset, lSubItemOffset, nSigCond, sngHighEgu, sngLowEgu, vData)

End Sub

Obtaining an Interface Pointer to the Server Object

There are two different ways to obtain an interface pointer to the server object:

Early Binding – at design time

Using the Class name, declare an object as the class type. The driver class name, as shipped, is ITKServer.

Example

```
Public iDrv AsNew ITKServer
```

Late Binding – during run-time

Declare a generic object, then use the CreateObject function to obtain the interface pointer.

```
Public iDrv As Object
```

```
Set iDrv = CreateObject("Intellution.ITKDrv")
```

Early binding has better performance, but late binding allows more diversity.

OPC Client Only

The following topics apply only to the OPC Client driver.

[iBrowseOPCServer Interface](#)

[iDriverMessage Interface](#)

[Sample Application](#)

IBrowseOPCServer Interface

Lets the OPC Client determine if browsing on the OPC server. If browsing is supported, the interface lets the OPC Client browse the server for item ids and access paths.

NOTE: You can only use the `IsBrowseSupported` and `GetNameSpace` methods from this interface. The other methods are for internal use and not supported for third-party development.

IDriver Message

Lets the driver send messages to the I/O Server's event window. Visual Basic applications can also use this interface to send messages to the event window.

Sample Application

To assist you in creating a Visual Basic application, we supply source code for a sample application. This source code shows you how to:

- Add a channel, device, and datablock to the driver configuration.
- Retrieve properties from a channel, device, and datablock.
- Copy a device.
- Delete a channel.
- Poll for data.
- Handle data returned from a poll of the server.
- Write data to a datablock.
- Start and stop the server.
- Determine if the server is running.
- Show and hide the server window.
- Send messages to the server window.
- Shut down the server.
- Read and modify the default configuration file name and path.
- Open and save a driver configuration file.

To review the source code, click the See Also button.

Sample Application Source Code

"THIS DEMO PROVIDED THE USE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS OR PROPERTIES OF
'THE IDRIVER INTERFACE AND IDRIVERMESSAGE INTERFACE OF THE OPCDRV:

'

'FileOpen, FileSave, AddChannel, AddDevice, AddDataBlock, GetChannels,
'GetDevices, GetDataBlocks, CopyDevice, RemoveChannel, GetPropertyData,
'SetPropertyData, Poll, Quit, ReadData, WriteData, Start, Stop,
'DefaultConfigFileName, DefaultConfigFilePath, FileSaved, Running, Visible
'InfoMessage, DebugMessage

'

```
Dim objDriver As Object
Dim objMessage As IDriverMessage

Dim vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors
Dim Err As Long
Dim INumChans, INumDevs, INumDataBlks As Long
Dim vChannelHandles, vChannelNames
Dim vDeviceHandles, vDeviceNames
Dim vDataBlockHandles, vDataBlockNames
```

```
Dim szFileName As String
Dim szPath As String
```

```
Dim IChanHandle1, IChanHandle2 As Long
Dim IDevHandle1, IDevHandle2 As Long
Dim IDataBlkHandle1 As Long
Dim vData As Variant
Dim vQuality As Variant
Dim i As Long
Dim szEnabled, szDisabled As String
```

```
Dim szServerName As String
Dim szProgID As String
Dim szItemID As String
Dim szChannel1, szChannel2 As String
Dim szDevice1, szDevice2 As String
Dim szDataBlk1, szDataBlk2 As String
Dim szConfigFileName As String
```

'Initialize the string

```
szEnabled = "1"
szDisabled = "0"
szServerName = "Intellution.OPCDrv"
szProgID = "SIMOPC.SIMOPC.2"
szChannel1 = "MyChannel1"
szChannel2 = "MyChannel2"
szDevice1 = "MyDevice1"
szDevice2 = "MyDevice2"
szItemID = "FLOAT_0"
szDataBlk1 = "MyDataBlock1"
szDataBlk2 = "MyDataBlock2"
szConfigFileName = "Fix.OPC"
```

'Create and return reference to Driver object

```
Set objDriver = CreateObject(szServerName)
```

'Get Configure file name

```
szFileName = objDriver.DefaultConfigFileName
```

'get the path to the configure file

```
szPath = objDriver.DefaultConfigFilePath
```

'check if this is the file we needed

```
If szFileName = szConfigFileName Then
'do nothing
```

```

Else
'open the configuration file
objDriver.FileOpen (szPath + szConfigFileName)
End If

'Display the Server Window if it is not visible
If objDriver.Visible = 0 Then
objDriver.Visible = 1
End If

'get reference to IDriverMessage
Set objMessage = New OPCServer

'Get Channel Information
INumChans = objDriver.GetChannels(vChannelHandles, vChannelNames)

'Check if the channel exists
For i = 0 To INumChans - 1
If vChannelNames(i) = szChannel1 Then
'Remove the channel
Err = objDriver.RemoveChannel(vChannelHandles(i))
End If
Next i

'Add a new channel to the server

'Set up channel properties and data
vProperties = Array("ProgID", "Name", "Enabled")
vPropertyData = Array(szProgID, szChannel1, szEnabled)
vErrors = Empty
IChanHandle1 = objDriver.AddChannel(vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors)

'Send an info message to Server Window
objMessage.InfoMessage ("New Channel Added")

'Add a device to the channel

```

'Set up device properties and data

```
vProperties = Array("Name", "Enabled", "Description")  
vPropertyData = Array(szDevice1, szEnabled, "My First Device")  
vErrors = Empty
```

```
IDevHandle1 = objDriver.AddDevice(IChanHandle1, vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors)
```

'Send an info message to Server Window

```
objMessage.InfoMessage ("New Device Added")
```

'Add a DataBlock to the device

'Set up DataBlock properties and data

```
vProperties = Array("Name", "ItemID")  
vPropertyData = Array(szDataBlk1, szItemID)  
vErrors = Empty
```

```
IDataBlkHandle1 = objDriver.AddDataBlock(IDevHandle1, vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors)
```

'Send an info message to Server Window

```
objMessage.InfoMessage ("New DataBlock Added")
```

'Enable the datablock

```
vProperties = Array("Enabled")  
vPropertyData = Array(szEnabled)  
vErrors = Empty
```

```
vErrors = objDriver.SetPropertyData(IDataBlkHandle1, vProperties, vPropertyData)
```

```
objMessage.InfoMessage ("DataBlock Enabled")
```

'Get driver status information, if not started, start the driver

```
If objDriver.Running = 0 Then
```

```
objDriver.Start
```

```
End If
```

'Write data to the datablock

vData = "15.00"

Err = objDriver.**WriteData**(IDataBlkHandle1, 0, 0, 0, 0#, 0#, vData)

objMessage.**DebugMessage** ("WriteData() is called")

'Poll the device

objDriver.Poll (IDevHandle1)

'Read data back from the server

vData = objDriver.**ReadData**(IDataBlkHandle1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, vQuality)

objMessage.**DebugMessage** ("ReadData() is called")

'Create a second channel

'Get Channel Information

INumChans = objDriver.**GetChannels**(vChannelHandles, vChannelNames)

'Check if the channel exists

For i = 0 To INumChans - 1

If vChannelNames(i) = szChannel2 Then

'Remove the channel

Err = objDriver.**RemoveChannel**(vChannelHandles(i))

End If

Next i

'Set up channel properties and data

vProperties = Array("ProgID", "Name", "Enabled")

vPropertyData = Array(szProgID, szChannel2, szEnabled)

vErrors = Empty

ICChanHandle2 = objDriver.**AddChannel**(vProperties, vPropertyData, vErrors)

'Copy Device object from the first channel

Err = objDriver.**CopyDevice**(IDevHandle1, szDevice2, ICChanHandle2, False)

'Get device infor from channel2

INumDevs = objDriver.**GetDevices**(ICChanHandle2, vDeviceHandles, vDeviceNames)

```
For i = 0 To INumDevs - 1
If vDeviceNames(i) = szDevice2 Then
IDevHandle2 = vDeviceHandles(i)
End If
Next i
```

'check if the device is enabled, if not, enable it

```
'Enable the datablock
vProperties = Array("Enabled")
vPropertyData = Empty
vErrors = Empty

vErrors = objDriver.GetPropertyData(IDevHandle2, vProperties, vPropertyData)
```

```
If vPropertyData(0) = szEnabled Then
```

'disable ths device

```
vPropertyData = Array(szDisabled)

vErrors = objDriver.SetPropertyData(IDevHandle2, vProperties, vPropertyData)

End If
```

'Enable the device

```
vProperties = Array("Enabled")
vPropertyData = Array(szEnabled)

vErrors = objDriver.SetPropertyData(IDevHandle2, vProperties, vPropertyData)
```

'Get DataBlocks information

```
INumDataBlks = objDriver.GetDataBlocks(IDevHandle2, vDataBlockHandles, vDataBlockNames)
```

```
For i = 0 To INumDataBlks - 1
```

'Enable every datablocks

```
vErrors = objDriver.SetPropertyData(vDataBlockHandles(i), vProperties, vPropertyData)
```

```
Next i
```

'save the configuration file

```
If objDriver.FileSaved = 0 Then
```

```
objDriver.FileSave
```

```
objMessage.InfoMessage ("Configuration file saved")
```

```
End If
```

'Stop the driver

objDriver.**Stop**

'ShutDown

objDriver.**Quit**

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