



GraphWorX64

Setting Dynamic Global Aliases



APPLICATION NOTE

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Description: Guide to set Global Aliases to OPC tag values

OS Requirement: Vista x64/ Windows 7 x64/ Windows 8 x64/ Windows Server 2008 x64/ Windows Server 2008 R2 x64/ Windows Server 2012

General Requirement: General knowledge of ICONICS GENESIS64 and Global Aliasing

Introduction

When using the system there may be instances where the end user wishes to set a Global Alias to an undefined value, so there needs to be a way for a value to be dynamically changed and then this value be applied to a Global Alias.

Setting the Value

For this example a GraphWorX64 display will need to be created with two process points on it. In this example we will be using the local simulation tags for the dynamic value, however it will work with other OPC Data Inputs.

When adding **the first process point** the **Simulation tab** in the Data Browser will need to be selected. From here a new variable will need to be defined by clicking on the **Define New Variable** button, and the following properties will be set, as displayed in Figure 1:

(Name)	DynamicText
Mode	None (Local Variable)
DataType	String
LowLimit	
HighLimit	
InitialValue	Initial

Figure 1 - Defining the Local Variable

After closing this dialog the Process Point will need to have the Data Entry property enabled.

A second process point will need to be added and this time the context will need to be changed to the **Global Aliases tab**, from here the text area will need to have the following text, as displayed in Figure 2:

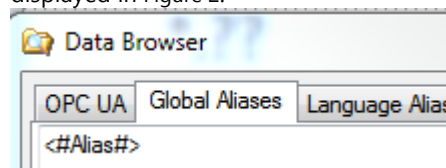


Figure 2 - Adding a Global Alias

Before this dialog is closed the **"Treat the result as a Literal String"** checkbox will need to be checked. When entering Runtime the display should appear as follows, see Figure 3:

Initial
<#Alias#>

Figure 3 - GraphWorX64 in Runtime

To set the value of the created localsim tag to the Global Alias value, then a pick action will need to be created to **Set the Global Alias** value however instead of setting a theme or directly setting the alias, the Global Alias string will be set directly.

The following string will need to be set in the field:

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{{x="#Alias=" +  
{{localsim::DynamicText:String::Initial}} + "/0;"}}
```

So it appears as follows:

InitialClick	False
Command	Set Global Aliases
CommandParameters	
GlobalAliases	{{x="#Alias=" + {{local:
Execution Trigger - Key	

Figure 4 - Global Alias String

When entering Runtime clicking the button will update the Global Alias on the display so it now has the value of the localsim tag.

If the retrieved value is not a String datatype then the OPC tag will need wrapped in the tostring() function, e.g: tostring({{localsim::DynamicInt:Int32}})