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# SECTION 1 Introduction

This reference manual describes the script language syntax as a supplement to the CX-Supervisor User Manual. It provides detailed definition of the syntax of CX-Supervisor scripts that drive project, page, object actions and CX-Supervisor expressions as used by objects and scripts.

Typographic conventions used in the examples in this reference manual are as follows:

- Script commands and reserved words are shown in the preferred case, which may be either lower-, upper- or mixed-case.
- Points are shown in lower-case. Objects are shown in upper-case.

The following terms are used in this reference manual:

- Application. A set of files, containing an executable file, that carry out certain tasks. This reference manual refers to the Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word for Windows applications.
- Constant. A point or object within a script that takes only one specific value.
- Executable. A file that contains programs or commands, and has an '\*.EXE' extension.
- Nesting. To incorporate one or more IF THEN ELSE/ELSEIF END IF statements inside a structure of the same kind.
- · Operands. Constants or point variables.
- Operators. Relational, arithmetic, and logical statements, for instance '+', '<=' or 'AND'.</li>
- Or ('|'). The '|' symbol is used to represent 'or', where there are two or more forms of the same syntax.
- Point Types. Either Boolean, Integer, Real or Text.
- Point Variable. A point or object within a script that may take different values.
- Strings. Data in the form of text delimited by quotation marks (" "), which can be assigned to a point.
- The '{' and '}' braces. Must be inserted around the argument command or an error is reported. An error is reported if there are spaces between braces.
- 'TRUE' and 'FALSE'. Refer exclusively to Boolean states, where Boolean state 0 is 'FALSE' and Boolean state 1 is 'TRUE'.

# **SECTION 1 Introduction**

# SECTION 2 Expressions

This chapter describes the use of expressions within scripts.

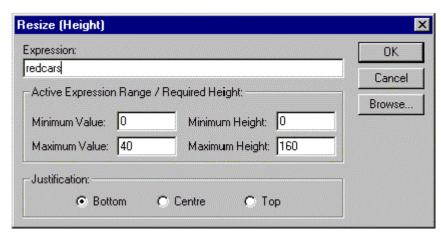
Expressions consist of operators and operands:

- Operators are relational, arithmetic, logical and include many functions.
- · Operands are constants or point variables.

Expressions can be used in a script as part of a statement (refer to chapter 3 Scripts, chapter 4 CX-Supervisor Script Language, and Chapter 6 Functions and Methods). However expressions can be applied to the following actions directly using the associated Expression: or Digital Expression: field:

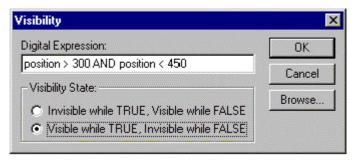
- Blink.
- Close page.
- · Colour Change (Analogue).
- · Colour Change (Digital).
- · Display Status Text.
- Display Text Point.
- · Display Value.
- Edit point value (Analogue).
- · Edit point value (Digital).
- · Edit point value (Text).
- Enable/Disable.
- · Horizontal move.
- · Horizontal percentage fill.
- · Resize height.
- Resize width.
- · Rotate.
- · Show page.
- · Vertical move.
- Vertical percentage fill.
- Visible.

The following example of a simple expression contains a point ('redcars') attached to a particular object with an appropriate object action, Resize (Height). At runtime, once the value of the point has been met within the attributes declared within the Active Expression Range/Required Height: fields, the current object is resized accordingly. This example is an Integer or Real example, whereby the value of the point either falls inside or outside the specified range. In this example, the point 'redcars' must fall between 0 and 40 for the expression to be met.

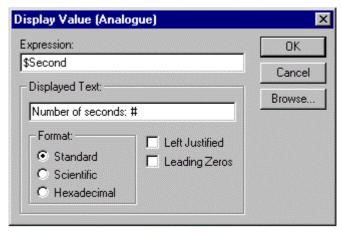


The following example of a more complex expression contains a test on point 'position'. If 'position' is more than 300 in value, and 'position' is less than 450 in value, i.e. the value of 'position' is between 300 and 450, then the expression has been met, and an action is initiated (in this instance the current object is made visible if the expression is met). This example is a Boolean example, whereby either the expression is met ('TRUE') or not met ('FALSE'). A Boolean value is always returned from a Digital Expression: field, as opposed to an Expression: field, which returns an Integer or Real value.

Operators used within this example are fully described in chapter 4, Logic and Arithmetic.



The following example of an expression contains a value point 'prompt' which is included at the value position denoted by a '#' symbol.



Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for detailed dialog descriptions.

# **SECTION 2 Expressions**

**Note:** Boolean Expressions execute when the expression is TRUE so it can be said

that every Boolean expression has an inferred "== TRUE". Sometimes
Boolean expressions can be difficult to read e.g. "bMyFlagPoint" or "BitMask &

0x80. It can help maintenance if this "== TRUE" is explicitly specified e.g.

"bMyFlagPoint == TRUE" or "BitMask & 0x80 == TRUE".

**Note:** When using Boolean operators (e.g. ==, !=, &&, ||, |) never mix tests for

Boolean and non Boolean operands. For example never use "bMyFlagPoint == 1" or "bMyFlagPoint == 0". Instead always test using the correct Boolean constant i.e. "TRUE" or "FALSE" for CX-Supervisor scripts, or "True" and

"False" when using VBScript.

**Note:** On Condition scripts are only executed when the expression is TRUE.

Sometimes this leads to peculiar results, for example using \$Second as it will be executed when \$Second changes to 59, and to 1 but not when it changes

to 0. To execute a condition script any time a point changes, force the expression to always evaluate to TRUE for example "\$Second || TRUE". This works because the \$Second forces the expression to be tested when the point changes, but the || TRUE means the test will return TRUE regardless of the

value of the point.

**Note:** Use array points in On Condition expressions with caution. The expression

"MyArray[3] == 1" does not mean "execute every time the third element changes to 1". It means execute when any element of MyArray changes and

the third element happens to be 1

**Note:** Using an array point without any index is the same as specifying element 0 i.e.

MyArray actually means MyArray[0] == 1

# SECTION 3 Scripts

A CX-Supervisor script is a simple programming language used to manipulate points. Scripts can be created at different levels, at object level, page level or project level. Although the script code can be applied to all levels of script, there are subtle differences, described in the following paragraphs.

# 3-1 Object

If a script is executed as a runtime action of an object, then the script can affect the object of the action, or any other, depending on the actual content of the script.

# 3-2 Page

Page scripts are concerned with manipulating points and graphical objects that are used or included within that page. In other words page scripts are used to drive a number of actions on the occurrence of a particular event. These actions may manipulate several graphical objects on one page.

# 3-3 Project

Scripts can be applied to a project to manipulate points. These scripts are associated with events that occur throughout the whole operating session

# SECTION 4 Script Language Reference

This chapter provides the Script Language reference supported by CX-Supervisor, which is based on Microsoft Visual Basic scripting language called VBScript. These features are provided by the Windows Scripting Host, included by default with Windows and Internet Explorer.

It also provides detailed information on the syntax used to drive project, page and object actions. In conjunction with the script functions and methods described in Chapter 6, the script language provides a very powerful, fast and full featured programming language.

Note:

CX-Supervisor currently supports 'VBScript', the recommended script language, plus its own 'CX-Supervisor Script' script language.Ultimately, the 'CX-Supervisor Script' script language may be depricated and therefore it is recommended that VBScript is used in CX-Supervisor applications. The 'CX-Supervisor Script' script language reference is now located in the Appendix section.

For a full User Guide, Language reference and details of the latest versions and support contact Microsoft at http://msdn.microsoft.com

| Category           | Keyword / Feature  |
|--------------------|--|
| Array handling     | Array Dim, Private, Public, ReDim IsArray Erase LBound, UBound   |
| Assignments        | Set  |
| Comments           | Comments using ' or Rem  |
| Constants/Literals | Empty Nothing Null True, False   |
| Control flow       | DoLoop ForNext For EachNext IfThenElse Select Case WhileWend With  |
| Conversions        | Abs Asc, AscB, AscW Chr, ChrB, ChrW CBool, CByte CCur, Cdate CDbl, CInt CLng, CSng, CStr DataSerial, DateValue Hex, Oct Fix, Int Sgn TimeSerial, TimeValue |

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| Category           | Keyword / Feature  |
|--------------------|--|
| Date / Times       | Date, Time DateAdd, DateDiff, DatePart DateSerial, DateValue Day, Month, MonthName Weekday, weekdayName, Year Hour, Minute, Second Now TimeSerial, TimeValue |
| Declarations       | Class Const Dim, Private, Public, ReDim Function, Sub Property Get, Property Let, Property Set   |
| Error Handing      | On Error<br>Err  |
| Expressions        | Eval Excute RegExp Replace Test  |
| Formatting Strings | FormatCurrency FormatDateTime FormatNumber FormatPercent   |
| Input / Output     | InputBox<br>LoadPicture<br>MsgBox  |
| Literals           | Empty False Nothing Null True  |
| Math               | Atn, Cos, Sin, Tan<br>Exp, Log, Sqr<br>Randomize, Rnd  |
| Miscellaneous      | Eval Function Execute Statement RGB Function   |
| Objects            | CreateObject<br>Err Object<br>GetObject<br>RegExp  |

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| Category         | Keyword / Feature   |
|------------------|---|
| Operators        | Addition (+), Subtraction (-) Exporentiation (^) Modulus arithmetic (Mod) Multiplication (*), Division (/) Integer Division (\) Negation (-) String concatentation (&) Equality (=), Inequality (<>) Less Than (<), LessThan or Equal(<+) Greater Than (>) Greater Than or Equal To (>=) Is And, Or, Xor Eqv, Imp |
| Options          | Option Explicit   |
| Procedures       | Call Function, Sub Property Get, Property Let, Property Set   |
| Rounding         | Abs<br>Int, Fix, Round<br>Sgn   |
| Script Engine ID | ScriptEngine ScriptEngineBuildVersion ScriptEngineMajorVersion ScriptEngineMinorVersion   |
| Strings          | Asc, AscB, AscW Chr, ChrB, ChrW Filter, InStr, InStrB InStrRev Join Len, LenB LCase, UCase Left, LeftB Mid, MidB Right, RightB Replace Space Split StrComp String StrReverse LTrim, RTrim, Trim   |
| Variants         | IsArray IsDate IsEmpty IsNull IsNumeric IsObject TypeName VarType   |

# 4-1 Points

# 4-1-1 Basic Point Assignment

**Syntax** 

pointname = expression

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| pointname  | The point name to be assigned a value.   |
| expression | The value to be assigned to pointname. The expression may be of type Boolean, Integer, Real or Text. |

Typical Examples

count = 100

The Integer or Real point 'count' is assigned the value 100.

result = TRUE

The Boolean point 'result' is assigned the state "TRUE".

name = "Valve position"

The Text point 'name' is assigned the associated text, contained within quotation marks.

Note:

When assigning Real (floating point) values to an Integer point the assignment uses the 'Symetrical Rounding Down' (towards 0) standard. This means a value of 4.1 would be assign a value 4. A value of -4.1 would asign a value of -4.

References

Refer to chapter 4, Punctuation for details of the use of quotation marks.

# 4-1-2 Further Point Assignment

Syntax

pointname = expression

# Remarks

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| pointname  | The point name to be assigned a value.   |
| expression | The value to be assigned to pointname. The expression may be of type Boolean, Integer or Real and can include other points, logical or arithmetical expressions.  Mathematical precedence is applied as follows: |
|            | Parenthesis (highest).   |
|            | <ul> <li>Unary minus and NOT logical operator.</li> </ul>  |
|            | <ul> <li>Multiplication, division and modulus.</li> </ul>  |
|            | Addition and subtraction.  |
|            | <ul> <li>Greater than, less than, greater than or equal to, and<br/>less than or equal to relational operators.</li> </ul>   |
|            | <ul> <li>Equal to and not equal to relational operators.</li> </ul>  |
|            | Bitwise AND, XOR, OR.  |
|            | AND logical operator, OR logical operator (lowest).  |

Typical Examples

```
lift = height + rate/5.0
```

The Integer or Real point 'lift' is assigned the value calculated by the value of point 'rate' divided by 5, plus the value of point 'height'. Precedence can be changed by the introduction of parenthesis.

```
lift = lift - 0.2
```

The Integer or Real point 'lift' is assigned the value calculated by the current value of point 'lift' minus 0.2.

```
distance = distance * time
```

The Integer or Real point 'distance' is assigned the value calculated by the current value of point 'distance' multiplied by point 'time'.

#### References

Refer to chapter 4, Logic and Arithmetic for details of the use of arithmetic and logic functions. Refer to chapter 4, Punctuation for details of the use of parenthesis.

# 4-2 Logic and Arithmetic

# 4-2-1 Arithmetic Operators

#### Syntax

pointname = expression

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| pointname  | The point name to be assigned a value based on an arithmetical expression.   |
| expression | The value to be assigned to pointname. The expression may include the following operators with points and constants:  • Addition '+'.  • Subtraction '-'.  • Multiplication '*'.  • Division '/'.  • Modulus 'Mod'.  • Integer division '\'. |

# Typical Examples

```
result = 60 + 20/5
```

The Integer or Real point 'result' is assigned the value calculated by the value of 20 divided by 5, plus 60.

```
lift = height + rate/5.0
```

The Integer or Real point 'lift' is assigned the value calculated by the value of point 'rate' divided by 5, plus the value of point 'height'. Precedence can be changed by the introduction of parenthesis.

#### References

Refer to chapter 4, Punctuation for details of the use of parenthesis.

# 4-2-2 Bitwise Operators

```
pointname = expression

or
    IF expression

or
    DO WHILE expression

or
    DO UNTIL expression
```

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| pointname  | The pointname to be assigned a value based on the bitwise operation.   |
| expression | The value to be assigned to pointname, or to be evaluated as a Boolean expression. The expression can include the following operators with points and constants: |
|            | Bitwise AND.   |
|            | Bitwise OR.  |
|            | Bitwise XOR.   |

# Typical Examples

MSB = value AND 128

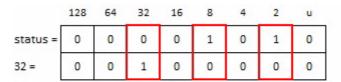
The Boolean point 'MSB' is set 'TRUE' if the binary representation of 'value' has the bit set which is worth 128, as demonstrated below.



If 'value' = 170 then 'MSB' will be set to TRUE.

status = status Or 32

The value of 'status' will be set to 42, as demonstrated below.



If 'status' is initially 10 then 'status' will be set to 42.

# 4-2-3 Logical Operators

```
pointname = expression

or
    IF expression

or
    DO WHILE expression
```

or

DO UNTIL expression

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| Pointname  | The point name to be assigned a value based on a logical expression.   |
| Expression | The Boolean value to be assigned to pointname or the Boolean value forming a conditional statement. The expression includes the following operators with points and constants:  • And 'AND'.  • Or 'OR'.  • Not 'NOT'.  • Xor 'XOR'. |

#### Typical Examples

```
flag = temp AND speed
```

The Boolean point 'flag' is assigned a value based on the logic of point 'temp' AND point 'speed'. If 'temp' and 'speed' are both not zero, 'flag' is set to 1, or "TRUE". A value of zero in either 'temp' or 'speed' supplies 'FALSE' or 0 to 'flag'.

```
IF flag AND temp AND speed THEN
    flag = FALSE
END IF
```

The Boolean point 'flag' is assigned 'FALSE', on the condition that 'flag' AND point 'temp' AND point 'speed' are all not zero. If the condition fails, then 'flag' is not assigned 'FALSE'.

#### References

Refer to chapter 4, Control Statements for details of the use of the IF THEN ELSE/ELSEIF END IF statements.

# 4-2-4 Relational Operators

```
or
   DO WHILE expression

or
   DO UNTIL expression
Remarks
```

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| Expression | The value forming a conditional statement. The expression may include the following operators with points and constants: |
|            | Greater than '>'.  |
|            | Less than '<'.   |
|            | <ul> <li>Greater than or equal to '&gt;='.</li> </ul>  |
|            | <ul> <li>Less than or equal to '&lt;='.</li> </ul>   |
|            | Not equal to '<>'.   |
|            | Equal to '='.  |

# Typical Example

```
IF fuel < 0 THEN
    fuel = 0
END IF</pre>
```

The point 'fuel' is assigned the value 0 on the condition that currently, 'fuel' is less than 0. If 'fuel' is not less than 0, then it is not assigned the new value.

#### References

Refer to chapter 4, Control Statements for details of the use of the IF THEN ELSE/ELSEIF END IF statements.

# 4-3 Control Statements

# 4-3-1 Simple Conditional Statements

# Syntax

```
IF condition THEN statementblock1
END IF

Or

IF condition THEN statementblock1
ELSE statementblock2
END IF
```

#### Remarks

| Argument        | Description   |
|-----------------|---|
| Condition       | The condition is made up of points and constants, using relational, logical or arithmetical notation as a test. The condition can evaluate Boolean state 'TRUE' and 'FALSE', Integer or Real numbers, or a text string. |
| Statementblock1 | One or more statements which are performed if the condition is met.   |
| Statementblock2 | One or more statements which are performed if the condition is not met.   |

#### Typical Examples

```
IF fuel < 0 THEN
    fuel = 0
END IF</pre>
```

Provided Integer point 'fuel' is less than 0, then it is assigned the value 0.

```
IF burner THEN
   fuel = fuel - rate
END IF
```

Provided Boolean point 'burner' is "TRUE", then Integer point 'fuel' is assigned a new value. It is also possible to apply 'IF burner = TRUE THEN' as the first line, with identical results.

```
IF distance > 630 AND distance < 660 AND lift >= -3
THEN
   winner = TRUE
   burner = FALSE
END IF
```

Provided that Integer point 'distance' is greater in value than 630 AND 'distance' is less in value than 660 (i.e. 'distance' is a value between 630 and 660) AND point 'lift' is greater than or equal to -3, then Boolean points 'winner' and 'burner' are assigned new values.

```
IF burner AND fuel > 0 AND rate > 0 THEN
    fuel = fuel - rate
ELSE
    lift = 0
    altitude = 0
END IF
```

Provided that Boolean point 'burner' is "TRUE" AND points 'fuel' and 'rate' are greater in value than 0, then 'fuel' is assigned a new value. Otherwise points 'lift' and 'altitude' are assigned a new value.

References

Refer to chapter 4, Punctuation, Indentation for details on the layout of code.

# 4-3-2 Nested Conditional Statements

```
IF conditionA THEN
        statementblock1
        IF conditionB THEN
            statementblock3
       END IF
    ELSE
        statementblock2
    END IF
or
    IF conditionA THEN
        statementblock1
        IF conditionB THEN
            statementblock3
        ELSE
            statementblock4
        END IF
    ELSE
        statementblock2
    END IF
or
    IF conditionA THEN
        statementblock1
    ELSEIF conditionB THEN
```

```
statementblock3
END IF

or

IF conditionA THEN
statementblock1
ELSE
statementblock2
IF conditionB THEN
statementblock3
ELSE
statementblock4
END IF
END IF
```

#### Remarks

| Argument        | Description   |
|-----------------|---|
| conditionA      | The condition is made up of points and constants, using relational, logical or arithmetical notation as a test. The condition can evaluate Boolean state 'TRUE' and 'FALSE', Integer or Real numbers, or a text string.   |
| conditionB      | This condition is nested in the first condition, either on a successful or unsuccessful evaluation of conditionA. The condition is made up of points and constants, using relational, logical or arithmetical notation as a test. The condition can evaluate Boolean state 'TRUE' and 'FALSE', Integer or Real numbers, or a text string. There is no limit to the number of nested conditional statements. |
| statementblock1 | One or more statements which are performed if conditionA is met.  |
| statementblock2 | One or more statements which are performed if conditionA is not met.  |
| statementblock3 | One or more statements which are performed if conditionB is met.  |
| statementblock4 | One or more statements which are performed if conditionB is not met.  |

# Typical Examples

```
IF burner AND fuel > 0 AND rate > 0 THEN
    lift = lift + rate/5
ELSE
    count = 1
    IF altitude > 140 THEN
        lift = lift - 0.2
    END IF
END IF
```

Provided a successful evaluation has been made to points 'burner' AND 'fuel' AND 'rate', point 'lift' is updated with the current value of rate divided by 5 plus 'lift'. Otherwise, a further evaluation is required on point 'altitude'. If 'altitude' is currently greater than 140, then 'lift' is decremented by 0.2.

```
IF burner AND fuel > 0 AND rate > 0 THEN
    lift = lift + rate/5
ELSE
```

```
IF altitude > 140 THEN
        lift = lift - 0.2
    END IF
END IF
IF burner AND fuel > 0 AND rate > 0 THEN
    lift = lift + rate/5
ELSEIF altitude > 140 THEN
    lift = lift - 0.2
END IF
```

These two examples are identical. The use of the ELSEIF statement combines the ELSE statement and the IF/END IF statements for brevity. It is acceptable to have more than one ELSEIF statement in an IF THEN ELSE/ELSEIF END IF construct.

#### References

Refer to chapter 4, Punctuation for details of the use of indentation.

# 4-3-3 Case Select

#### Syntax

```
SELECT CASE expression
       CASE expression
           statementblock1
       CASE expression
           statementblock2
       CASE expression
           statementblock3
    END SELECT
or
    SELECT CASE expression
       CASE expression
           statementblock1
       CASE expression
           statementblock2
       CASE ELSE
           statementblock3
    END SELECT
```

#### Remarks

| Argument        | Description  |
|-----------------|--|
| expression      | The expression may be a point, or a calculation of constants and/or points that produces a result. |
| statementblock1 | One or more statements that are only performed if the preceding CASE expression is met.            |
| statementblock2 | One or more statements that are only performed if the preceding CASE expression is met.            |
| statementblock3 | One or more statements that are only performed if the preceding CASE expression is met.            |

# Typical Examples

```
CASE 1
        Colour "PageName", "Text_1", "Blue"

CASE 2
        Colour "PageName", "Text_1", "Green"
```

```
CASE 3
Colour "PageName", "Text_1", "Cyan"
CASE ELSE
Colour "PageName", "Text_1", &HFF000000
END SELECT
```

This example shows the assignment of a colour according to the value of a point. The value of Integer point 'colourvalue' is evaluated and compared with each case until a match is found. When a match is found, the sequence of actions associated with the CASE statement is performed. When 'colourvalue' is 1, the colour given to the current object is blue, when 'colourvalue' is 2, the colour given to the current object is green, when 'colourvalue' is 3, the colour given to the current object is cyan. If 'colourvalue' falls outside the integer range 1-3, then the colour given is solid black. Like ELSE and ELSEIF, the CASE ELSE statement is optional.

In this example, instead of using a point as the condition as with the previous example, the value is the condition - in this case Boolean state "TRUE" - with the integer point 'temperature' being tested at each case. If it is "TRUE" that 'temperature' is between 0 and 10, then the current object is set to blue, or if it is "TRUE" that 'temperature' is between 11 and 20, then the current object is set to green, or if it is "TRUE" that 'temperature' is between 21 and 30, then the current object is set to red. If none of these CASE statements are met, then the current object is set to white. Like ELSE and ELSEIF, the CASE ELSE statement is optional.

#### References

Refer to chapter 6, Object Commands for details of applying attributes to an object and for the use of the Colour object command. Refer to chapter 8, Colour Palette for details of the Colour Palette colour designation.

# 4-3-4 FOR... NEXT Loop

#### Svntax

```
FOR pointname = startpt TO endpt STEP steppt
    statementblock1
NEXT
```

#### Remarks

| Argument  | Description  |
|-----------|--|
| pointname | The pointname to be used as the loop counter.                                      |
| startpt   | The initial setting of pointname, and the first value to be used through the loop. |
| endpt     | The last value to be used. The loop ends when pointname exceeds this value.        |

| Argument | Description  |
|----------|--|
| steppt   | Amount to increase pointname by every pass of the loop. Steppt can be negative to count backwards providing startpt is larger than endpt. The STEP keyword and variable may be omitted in which case pointname is incremented at each pass of the loop (identical to adding STEP 1). |

# Typical Examples

```
FOR loopcount = 0 TO 100
     VerticalFill "PageName", "Rectangle_1", loopcount
NEXT
```

In this example, 'Ellipse\_1' is gradually filled 100 times.

```
FOR loopcount = 100 TO 0 STEP -5
    VerticalFill "PageName", "Rectangle_1", loopcount
NEXT
```

In this example, the fill for 'Ellipse\_1' is gradually removed 20 times (100 times/-5).

Note:

Loop statements should be used with caution, as they consume processor time while they are running and some other parts of the system may not be updated.

# 4-3-5 DO WHILE/UNTIL Loop

# Syntax

```
DO WHILE expression
statementblock
LOOP

or

DO
statementblock
LOOP WHILE expression

or

DO UNTIL expression
statementblock
LOOP

or

DO
statementblock
LOOP

LOOP UNTIL expression
```

#### Remarks

| Argument       | Description  |
|----------------|--|
| expression     | The expression may be a point, or a calculation of constants and/or points that produces a result. |
| statementblock | One or more statements to be executed multiple times depending on expression.                      |

#### Typical Example

```
DO WHILE dooropen = TRUE
   Message ("You must shut the door before
   continuing")
LOOP
```

```
DO
    nextchar = Mid (Mystring, position, 1)
    position = position + 1
LOOP UNTIL nextchar = "A"
```

Note:

Loop statements should be used with caution, as they consume processor time while they are running and some other parts of the system may not be updated.

# 4-4 Subroutines

# 4-4-1 Call

#### Syntax

CALL subroutine (arguments)

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| subroutine | The name of the subroutine defined at project level.   |
| arguments  | The list of arguments required by the subroutine separated by commas. Each argument may be a pointname, constant, arithmetical or logical expression or any valid combination. |

#### Typical Example

CALL MySub (\$Second, "Default", 2 + Int1)

# 4-5 Punctuation

# 4-5-1 Quotation Marks / Command String Delimiters

Typical Examples

```
name = "Valve position"
```

The Text point 'name' is assigned associated text, contained within quotation marks. Quotation marks must be used in this instance.

```
Message("This text to be displayed as a message.")
```

Passing static text as arguments to functions.

```
BlueCarsAck = IsAlarmAcknowledged("BLUEPAINT")
```

The point 'BlueCarsAck' is assigned a Boolean state based on the alarm 'BLUEPAINT'. Quotation marks must be used for an alarm name.

It is possible to embed double quote characters inside a string by using 2 double quotes characters.

**Syntax** 

```
"Some ""string"" text"
Typical Example
    Message("Error: ""Invalid Function"" occurred")
```

# 4-5-2 Indentation

#### Typical Examples

```
IF burner AND fuel > 0 AND rate > 0 THEN
lift = lift + rate/5
ELSE
```

```
IF altitude > 140 THEN
lift = lift - 0.2
END IF
END IF

IF burner AND fuel > 0 AND rate > 0 THEN
    lift = lift + rate/5
ELSE
    IF altitude > 140 THEN
        lift = lift - 0.2
    END IF
END IF
```

Both examples provide identical functionality, but the use of indentation, either spaces or tabs to show the construction of the statements aids readability.

The use of the ELSEIF statement in this example was omitted for clarity.

# 4-5-3 Multiple Commands

Typical Examples

```
count = 75
result = log(count)
count = 75 : result = log(count)
```

Both examples provide identical functionality, but the use of the colon between statements allows both to reside on the same line.

# 4-5-4 Parenthesis

Typical Examples

```
result = 20 + 30 * 40

The result is 1220.

result = (20 + 30) * 40
```

The values in parenthesis are calculated first. The result is 2000.

References

Refer to chapter 4, Logic and Arithmetic, Arithmetric Operations for further details.

# 4-5-5 Remarks

#### Syntax

```
REM | rem comment
or
'comment
```

# Remarks

| Argument | Туре | Description       |
|----------|------|-------------------|
| Comment  |      | Descriptive text. |

#### Typical Examples

```
REM The following statement adds two numbers result = 45 + 754 result = 45 + 754 'add two numbers
```

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# 4-6 Indirection within Script Commands and Expressions

It is possible to use text points directly or indirectly in place of literal string arguments within scripts and expressions. For instance, each of the following commands has the same effect:

· Using a string literal;

```
PlayOLE("ole_1", 0)
```

Using a textpoint directly;

```
textpoint = "ole_1"
PlayOLE(textpoint, 0)
```

Using a textpoint indirectly via the 'ind' function.

```
text = "ole_1"
textpoint = "text"
PlayOLE(ind(textpoint), 0)
```

It is possible to use text points indirectly in place of point name arguments within script commands. For instance, each of the following commands has the same effect:

· Using a point name directly;

```
verbnumber = 0
PlayOLE("ole_1", verbnumber)
```

• Using a textpoint indirectly via the 'ind' function.

```
verbnumber = 0
textpoint = "verbnumber"
PlayOLE("ole_1", ind(textpoint))
```

An example using Indirection

The value of point indirection can be seen in a situation where it is necessary to dynamically change the pointname that an object is linked to. In the following example a toggle button is configured to control the Boolean state of one of four points:

- The four Boolean points to be controlled are called 'motor1', 'motor2', 'motor3' and 'motor4'.
- The text point 'textpoint' is used to store the name of the Boolean point to be controlled.
- The text point 'text' is used to store the string value of the integer point 'index'
- The integer point 'index' (which has a range 1-4) is used to dynamically change the point being controlled.
- Access to any of the four Boolean points 'motor1', 'motor2', 'motor3', 'motor4' can be achieved by applying indirection to 'textpoint' using the 'ind' function and changing the contents of 'textpoint'.

For instance, in order to dynamically change the Boolean point a toggle button is linked to follow these steps.

- **1, 2, 3...** 1. Link the toggle button to a textpoint using indirection e.g. ind(textpoint).
  - 2. Link the following script code to run as required. e.g. on clicking a button.
    - Text = ValueToText(index)
    - TextPoint = "motor" + text
  - 3. The ValueToText function converts the integer value of the point 'index' into a string held in the textpoint 'text'. Therefore the point 'text' contains either '1', '2', '3' or '4'. The expression 'motor' + text appends the contents of the point 'text' to the literal string 'motor'. Therefore 'textpoint' contains

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either 'motor1', 'motor2', 'motor3' or 'motor4' dependent on the value of 'index'. Change the value of the 'index' to determine which Boolean point to control. e.g. via the Edit Point Value (Analogue) animation.

# 4-7 Point Arrays within Script Commands and Expressions

It is possible to access the elements of a point array directly from within scripts or expressions.

· Setting the value of an array point directly;

```
arraypoint(2) = 30
```

· Getting the value of an array point directly;

```
value = arraypoint(2)
```

Note:

The examples shown are based on VBScript. Expressions are currently based on CX-Supervisor Script and will therefore have a different syntax. For example, 'arraypoint(2) = 30' should be 'arraypoint[2] = 30' when used in an expression.

An example using Point Arrays

The value of array points can be seen in a situation where it is necessary to dynamically change the pointname that an object is linked to. In the following example a toggle button is configured to control the Boolean state of one of four elements of an array point.

The Boolean array point 'motor' is configured to contain 4 elements.

The integer point 'index' (which has a range 0-3) is used to dynamically change the element of the point being controlled.

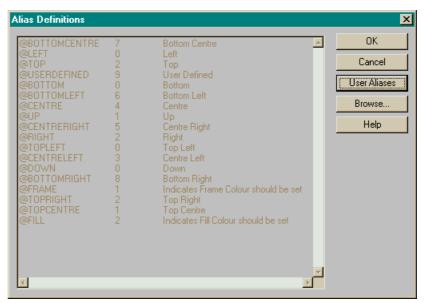
In order to dynamically change the element of a Boolean point that a toggle button is linked to follow these steps.

- 1. Link the toggle button to an array point. e.g. 'motor(index)'.
  - 2. Change the value of the 'index' to determine which element of the Boolean point to control. e.g. via the Edit Point Value (Analogue) animation.

# 4-8 Using Aliases

This facility is used to declare an alias - that is, to define a text string that can be used in place of another text string or a number within any script or expression. The Alias Definitions dialog is displayed by selecting the "Alias Definition..." option from the Project menu. It can also be displayed if "Aliases..." is selected from the script editor. The dialog displays either the User defined aliases or the preset System aliases and is toggled between these two displays by pressing the User/System Alias button.

The following illustration shows the Alias Definitions dialog displaying a number of User defined aliases. The System aliases are pre-defined and can not be edited or added to.



### Syntax:

@AliasNameAlias definition 'optional comment

#### Remarks:

| Argument         | Туре   | Description  |
|------------------|--------|--|
| @AliasName       | string | The string name of the alias   |
| Alias definition | string | This is a string representing the actual text or expression of the expanded alias. |
| ' comment        | string | This is an optional comment.   |

The @ symbol at the beginning of each line initiates each alias command. For example, the text string @SomePoint could be used to represent any sequence of characters in a script - e.g. it could be defined as:

```
@SomePoint = InArray(1)
or even
    @SomePoint = Inarray(1) + Inarray(2) / 2
```

This is an easy way of identifying the individual members of array points. It can also be used to associate names with numbers, for example,

```
@SecondsPerDay = 86400
```

Alias definitions are stored in a simple text file in the project directory, called <project name>.pre. The format of the file consists of any number of lines such as:

```
@Test1 = InArray(12) * 10
```

i.e. an @ symbol followed by the name of the alias, then an equals sign (or space), followed by the definition of the alias. Anything that follows the last apostrophe ( ' ) symbol on a line is interpreted as a comment. Any line which does not start with the @ symbol is also assumed to be a comment.

### Typical Examples

```
Declare boiler temperatures
@BoilerTemp1 = InArray(0) ' for boiler room 1
@BoilerTemp2 = InArray(1) ' for boiler room 2
@SecondsPerMinute = 60 ' sets duration
```

Aliases may also be used to create a complicated expression such as

```
@HYPOTENUSEsqrt(Opposite * Opposite + Adjacent *
Adjacent) 'Calculates length of Hypotenuse
```

This can be used in a script in the following way:

Opposite = 8.45 Adjacent = 9.756 length = @HYPOTENUSE

where Opposite, Adjacent and length are all REAL points.

Note:

Changing an alias definition after it has been used in an expression or script will not automatically change the result in the script. The appropriate script or expression where that alias is used must be accessed and recompiled by pressing the OK button in order to apply the changes or performing the Rebuild All command from the Project menu.

This chapter describes the Functions and Methods available to the scripting language. The following table shows all Functions/Methods available. Refer to the relevant sub-section for full details about a Function or Method.

| Function Name          | Function Type        | Туре | Remarks   |
|------------------------|----------------------|------|---|
| AcknowledgeAlarm       | alarm command        | Scr  | Acknowledges an alarm.                                    |
| AcknowledgeAllAlarms   | alarm command        | Scr  | Acknowledges all alarms.                                  |
| AcknowledgeLatestAlarm | alarm command        | Scr  | Acknowledge the latest alarm.                             |
| Acos                   | unary function       | All  | Applies unary expression.                                 |
| Asin                   | unary function       | All  | Applies unary expression.                                 |
| Atn                    | unary function       | All  | Applies unary expression.                                 |
| AuditPoint             | Data Logging command | Scr  | Logs a point value into the CFR database.                 |
| CancelForce            | point command        | Scr  | Removes the forcing of values on a point.                 |
| ChangeUserPassword     | Data Logging command | Scr  | Changes a user's Windows password.                        |
| Chr                    | text command         | All  | Displays a character based on the ASCII character set.    |
| ClearAlarmHistory      | alarm command        | All  | Clears the alarm history.                                 |
| ClearErrorLog          | event/error commands | All  | Clears the error log.                                     |
| ClearLogFile           | Data Logging command | Scr  | Clears a data log file                                    |
| ClearSpoolQueue        | printer<br>command   | All  | Discards any queued messages or alarms.                   |
| close                  | object command       | Scr  | Closes a specified page.                                  |
| CloseAlarmHistory      | alarm command        | All  | Closes the current alarm history.                         |
| CloseAlarmStatus       | alarm command        | Scr  | Closes the current alarm status.                          |
| CloseComponent         | comms<br>command     | All  | Closes a component for a PLC (e.g. CX-Server components). |
| CloseErrorLog          | error command        | Scr  | Closes the currently open Error Log.                      |
| CloseFile              | file command         | Scr  | Closes the open file.                                     |
| CloseLogFile           | Data Logging command | Scr  | Closes a data log file                                    |
| CloseLogView           | Data Logging command | Scr  | Closes the log viewer                                     |
| ClosePLC               | PLC command          | Scr  | Close communications with a PLC.                          |
| colour                 | object command       | OP   | Specifies a colour to an object.                          |
| CopyArray              | point command        | All  | Copies the content of an array.                           |
| CopyFile               | file command         | Scr  | Copies a specified file.                                  |

| Function Name       | Function Type        | Туре | Remarks   |
|---------------------|----------------------|------|---|
| cos                 | unary function       | All  | Applies unary expression.   |
| dec                 | functiion            | All  | Reduces the value of a point by the specified amount.                                   |
| DeleteFile          | file command         | Scr  | Deletes the specified file.   |
| disable             | object command       | OP   | Disables an object.   |
| DisableGroup        | point command        | All  | Prevents a group of points to be read or written.                                       |
| DisablePoint        | point command        | Scr  | Disables communications to a point.   |
| display             | object command       | Scr  | Displays a specified page.  |
| DisplayAlarmHistory | alarm command        | Scr  | Displays the current alarm history.   |
| DisplayAlarmStatus  | alarm command        | Scr  | Displays the alarm status of all current alarms.  |
| DisplayErrorLog     | event command        | Scr  | Displays the current Error Log.   |
| DisplayPicture      | general<br>command   | Scr  | Reload an image for a picture object  |
| DisplayRecipes      | recipe command       | Scr  | View the current recipes in the project.  |
| DownloadPLCProgram  | PLC command          | All  | Downloads specified files to the PLC.   |
| DownloadRecipe      | recipe command       | Scr  | Downloads a specified recipe.   |
| EditFile            | file command         | All  | Edits a specified file.   |
| EmailReport         | report command       | All  | Produces a report based on a report template and emails it to the specified recipients. |
| EmailText           | text command         | All  | Emails a message to the specified recipients.   |
| EnableAlarms        | alarm command        | All  | Enables alarm functions.  |
| EnableErrorLogging  | error command        | Scr  | All actions become subject to Error Logging.  |
| EnableGroup         | point command        | All  | Permits a group of points to be read or written.  |
| EnableOLE           | comms<br>command     | Scr  | Allows use of OLE functions.  |
| EnablePLC           | comms<br>command     | Scr  | Allows use of PLC functions.  |
| EnablePoint         | point command        | Scr  | Enables communications to a point.  |
| EnablePrinting      | printer<br>command   | All  | Permits printing of Alarms or messages.   |
| ExportAndViewLog    | Data Logging command | Scr  | Exports data log and views  |
| ExportLog           | Data Logging command | Scr  | Exports data log  |
| FileExists          | file command         | All  | Specifies the existence of a file.  |

| Function Name        | Function Type       | Туре | Remarks  |
|----------------------|---------------------|------|--|
| Force                | point command       | Scr  | Locks the value of a point.                                  |
| ForceReset           | point command       | Scr  | Sets a point value to 0.                                     |
| ForceSet             | point command       | Scr  | Sets a point value to 1.                                     |
| FormatText           | text command        | All  | Inserts text with standard 'C' formatting characters.        |
| GenerateReport       | report command      | All  | Produces a report based on a report template.                |
| GetBit               | point command       | All  | Retrieves a bit from a point.                                |
| GetPerformanceInfo   | general<br>command  | All  | Retrieves internal performance and diagnostic values.        |
| GetPLCMode           | PLC command         | All  | Retrieves the mode of a PLC.                                 |
| GetTextLength        | text command        | All  | Specifies the number of characters in a text point.          |
| height               | object command      | OP   | Specifies the height of an object.                           |
| horizontal%fill      | object command      | OP   | Specifies the horizontal fill of an object.                  |
| inc                  | functiion           | All  | Increases the value of a point by the specified amount.      |
| ind                  | functiion           | All  | Accesses a point from indirect reference via its point name. |
| InputPoint           | point command       | Scr  | Reads a value from a point.                                  |
| IsAlarmAcknowledged  | alarm command       | Scr  | Tests if a specified alarm has been acknowledged.            |
| IsAlarmActive        | alarm command       | Scr  | Tests if a specified alarm is currently active.              |
| LaunchTroubleshooter | comms<br>command    | Scr  | Launches SGW tool for troubleshooting controllers            |
| Left                 | statement           | Scr  | Extracts characters from the left of a string                |
| Isb                  | unary function      | All  | Returns the least significant bit set in an integer value.   |
| log                  | unary function      | All  | Calculates the natural logarithm on a number.                |
| log10                | unary function      | All  | Calculates the base-10 logarithm on a number.                |
| LogError             | error command       | Scr  | Logs an error message with the error logger.                 |
| LogEvent             | error command       | Scr  | Logs an event message with the error logger.                 |
| Login                | security<br>command | Scr  | Logs a user into a run-time application.                     |
| Logout               | security<br>command | Scr  | Logs a user out of a run-time application.                   |
| Message              | text command        | Scr  | Outputs a string in a message box.                           |

| Function Name   | Function Type        | Туре | Remarks  |
|-----------------|----------------------|------|--|
| Mid             | text command         | Scr  | Extracts a substring from a string.                        |
| move            | object command       | OP   | Moves an object.   |
| MoveFile        | file command         | Scr  | Moves the specified file.                                  |
| msb             | unary function       | All  | Returns the most significant bit set in an integer value.  |
| OpenComponent   | comms<br>command     | All  | Opens a component for a PLC (e.g. CX-Server components).   |
| OpenFile        | file command         | Scr  | Opens the specified file.                                  |
| OpenLogFile     | Data Logging command | Scr  | Opens a data log file                                      |
| OpenLogView     | Data Logging command | Scr  | Opens the Data Log Viewer                                  |
| OpenPLC         | PLC command          | Scr  | Opens communications with a PLC.                           |
| OutputPoint     | point command        | Scr  | Displays the current value of a point.                     |
| PlayOLE         | gen. command         | Scr  | Plays an OLE object.                                       |
| PlaySound       | gen. command         | Scr  | Plays a sound file.  |
| PLCCommsFailed  | PLC command          | All  | Specifies if the PLC communications have failed.           |
| PLCMonitor      | PLC command          | Scr  | Monitors a PLC.  |
| PointExists     | point command        | All  | Specifies the existence of a point.                        |
| PrintActivePage | gen. command         | Scr  | Prints the currently active page.                          |
| PrintFile       | file command         | Scr  | Prints the specified file.                                 |
| PrintMessage    | text command         | All  | Prints messages to the configured 'Alarm/message printer'. |
| PrintPage       | gen. command         | Scr  | Prints the specified page.                                 |
| PrintReport     | report command       | All  | Prints a report  |
| PrintScreen     | gen. command         | Scr  | Prints the current display screen.                         |
| PrintSpoolQueue | printer<br>command   | All  | Prints all queued alarms or messages.                      |
| Rand            | gen. command         | Scr  | Calculates a random number.                                |
| Read            | file command         | Scr  | Reads data from an open file into a point.                 |
| ReadMessage     | file command         | All  | Reads text from an external file.                          |
| Right           | text command         | Scr  | Extracts characters from the right of a string.            |
| rotate          | object command       | OP   | Rotates an object.   |
| RunApplication  | gen. command         | Scr  | Runs the specified application.                            |
| RunHelp         | gen. command         | Scr  | Runs the specified help file.                              |
| SelectFile      | file command         | All  | Specifies a file name and path.                            |
| SetBit          | point command        | All  | Sets a specific bit from a point.                          |

| Function Name        | Function Type            | Туре | Remarks  |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------|--|
| SetNYLED             | gen. command             | Scr  | Sets the hardware LEDs on NY IPC                                   |
| SetPLCMode           | PLC command              | All  | Sets the mode of a PLC.  |
| SetPLCPhoneNumber    | PLC command              | All  | Sets a phone number to a PLC.                                      |
| SetupUsers           | security command         | Scr  | Defines users and passwords for Login.                             |
| shl                  | functiion                | All  | Performs a bitwise shift left of an integer value                  |
| shr                  | function                 | All  | Performs a bitwise shift right of an integer value                 |
| ShutDown             | gen. command             | Scr  | Terminates CX-Supervisor.  |
| sin                  | unary function           | All  | Applies unary expression.  |
| sqr                  | unary function           | All  | Applies unary expression.  |
| StartAuditTrail      | Data Logging command     | Scr  | Starts Audit Trail logging.  |
| StopAuditTrail       | Data Logging command     | Scr  | Stops Audit Trail logging.   |
| StartLogging         | Data Logging command     | Scr  | Starts a data set logging.   |
| StopLogging          | Data Logging command     | Scr  | Stops a data set logging.  |
| tan                  | unary function           | All  | Applies unary expression.  |
| TCAutoTune           | temp. controller command | All  | Starts or stops a temperature controller auto-tune operation.      |
| TCBackupMode         | temp. controller command | All  | Defines how a temperature controller stores internal variables.    |
| TCGetStatusParameter | temp. controller command | All  | Retrieves the temperature controller status parameter.             |
| TCRemoteLocal        | temp. controller command | All  | Defines the operational mode of a temperature controller.          |
| TCRequestStatus      | temp. controller command | All  | Retrieves the temperature controller status.                       |
| TCReset              | temp. controller command | All  | Resets the temperature controller.                                 |
| TCRspLsp             | temp. controller command | All  | Defines the setpoint mode used by the temperature controller.      |
| TCRunStop            | temp. controller command | All  | Defines either auto-output mode shift or manual output mode shift. |
| TCSaveData           | temp. controller command | All  | Saves data associated with the temperature controller.             |
| TCSettingLevel1      | temp. controller command | All  | Performs a settinglevel function for the temperature controller.   |
| TextToValue          | text command             | Scr  | Converts a string to a numerical point value.                      |

| Function Name    | Function Type  | Туре | Remarks   |
|------------------|----------------|------|---|
| ToBool           | function       | VB   | Converts a numeric value into a Boolean value.  |
| ToInt            | function       | VB   | Converts a Boolean value into a numeric value.  |
| UploadPLCProgram | PLC command    | All  | Uploads programs in the PLC to specified files. |
| ValueToText      | text command   | Scr  | Converts a numerical value into a text point.   |
| vertical%fill    | object command | OP   | Specifies the vertical fill of an object.       |
| ViewReport       | report command | All  | Displays a report                               |
| visible          | object command | OP   | Toggles the visibility of an object.            |
| width            | object command | OP   | Specifies the width of an object.               |
| Write            | file command   | Scr  | Writes a value to an open file.                 |
| WriteMessage     | file command   | All  | Writes text to an external file.                |

The 'Type' column refers to the types of script and expression the function can be applied to. 'All' refers to expressions and both script languages (VBScript and CX-Supervisor Script). 'Scr' refers to scripts only (both languages). 'OP' refers to Object and Page scripts only. 'VB' refers to 'VBScript' only.

# 5-1 Object Commands

Object commands can be used to control native CX-Supervisor graphical

objects, like rectangles or lines.

Note: Using the 'Colour' command as an example, the CX-Supervisor Script and VB

Script syntax is as follows:

CX-Supervisor Script: **rect.colour = Red**VB Script: **Colour "page1"**, **"rect"**, **"Red"** 

# 5-1-1 Current Object

Syntax

objectcommand

| Argument | Description   |  |
|----------|---|--|
|          | "The expression can be made up of the following commands, which are also described in chapter 6, Object Commands:   |  |
|          | Colour command.   |  |
|          | Disable command.  |  |
|          | Visible command.  |  |
|          | Move command.   |  |
|          | Rotate command.   |  |
|          | Vertical fill command.  |  |
|          | Horizontal fill command.  |  |
|          | <ul><li>Height command.</li><li>Width command.</li></ul>  |  |
|          |   |  |
|          | The content of the commands are made up of arithmetical or logical expressions, x and y co-ordinates, or references, varying between commands. The colour command requires a colour identifier. |  |

colour (red)

The current object is specified as red in colour.

#### References

#### Refer to:

- Chapter 6, Blink for use of the blink command.
- Chapter 6, Colour for use of the colour command.
- Chapter 6, Disable for use of the disable command.
- Chapter 6, Height for use of the height command.
- Chapter 6, Horizontal Fill for use of the horizontal fill command.
- Chapter 6, Move for use of the move command.
- Chapter 6, Rotate for use of the rotate command.
- Chapter 6, Vertical Fill for use of the vertical fill command.
- Chapter 6, Visible for use of the visible command.
- Chapter 6, Width for use of the width command.

# 5-1-2 Other Objects

# Syntax

objectname.objectcommand
pagename.objectname.objectcommand

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| objectname | This is the name of the object. The object is provided with a generic name on creation, which can be amended later to something more meaningful. The script is automatically updated following any amendment to the object name. |

| Argument      | Description  |  |
|---------------|--|--|
| objectcommand | This can be made up of the following commands, which are described in chapter 6, Object Commends:  |  |
|               | Blink command  |  |
|               | Colour command.  |  |
|               | Disable command.   |  |
|               | Visible command.   |  |
|               | Move command.  |  |
|               | Rotate command.  |  |
|               | Vertical fill command.   |  |
|               | Horizontal fill command.   |  |
|               | Height command.  |  |
|               | Width command.   |  |
|               | The content of the commands are made up arithmetical or logical expressions, x and y co-ordinates, or references, varying between commands. The colour command requires a colour identifier. |  |

#### Typical 'CX-Supervisor Script' Examples

POLYGON\_1.colour (red)
POLYGON\_1.colour = red

The specified object, 'POLYGON\_1' is set to be red in colour.

#### References

#### Refer to:

- CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of object names.
- Chapter 6, Blink for use of the blink command.
- Chapter 6, Colour for use of the colour command.
- Chapter 6, Disable for use of the disable command.
- Chapter 6, Height for use of the height command.
- Chapter 6, Horizontal Fill for use of the horizontal fill command.
- Chapter 6, Move for use of the move command.
- Chapter 6, Rotate for use of the rotate command.
- Chapter 6, Vertical Fill for use of the vertical fill command.
- · Chapter 6, Visible for use of the visible command.
- Chapter 6, Width for use of the width command.

# 5-1-3 Blink

#### Syntax (CX-Supervisor Script)

objectname.blink (colourID, status)

# Syntax (VB Script)

Blink "pagename", "objectname", colourID, status

| Argument | Description   |
|----------|---|
| pagename | This is the name of the page.   |
|          | This is the name of the object. Where a script is directly attached to an object, objectname is not required. |

| Argument | Description   |
|----------|---|
| colourID | The colourID may be an Integer point, or a calculation of constants and/or points that produce a 32-bit Integer value. This is the desired colour's RGB value and transparency (Alpha channel). (format: 0xAARRGGBB). NOTE: for backward compatibility with old projects the AA field must not use values of 00, 01 and 02, as these are reserved. An AA field value of 00 will be treated as a BGR value (format: 0x00BBGGRR). In this case the colour will always be opaque. Colours can also be expressed by their name. Refer to section 8 for details. Alternatively, an integer value of 0x1000000 can be added to a number 0-65 to select a palette entry. |
| status   | This argument may be omitted. May be one of: TRUE - turn blinking On. FALSE - turn blinking Off. If omitted, TRUE is assumed.   |

### Typical 'CX-Supervisor Script' Examples

blink (red, TRUE)

#### Start blinking red.

LINE\_1.blink(OxFFFF00, status)

The object LINE\_1 starts or stops blinking yellow depending on value of Boolean point 'status'.

# 5-1-4 Colour

# Syntax (CX-Supervisor Script)

objectname.colour (colourID, context)
colour (colourID, context)

An equals sign may be used as an alternative to brackets:

objectname.colour = colourID
colour = colourID

Either spelling 'colour' or 'color' is acceptable.

#### Note:

An equals sign may also be used for most other object commands, even if it is not directly specified in this manual.

# Syntax (VB Script)

Colour "pagename", "objectname", colourID, context

| Argument | Description   |
|----------|---|
| pagename | This is the name of the page.   |
| _        | This is the name of the object. Where a script is directly attached to an object, objectname is not required. |

| Argument | Description   |
|----------|---|
| colourID | The colourID may be an Integer point, or a calculation of constants and/or points that produce a 32-bit Integer value. This is the desired colour's RGB value and transparency (Alpha channel). (format: 0xAARRGGBB). NOTE: for backward compatibility with old projects the AA field must not use values of 00, 01 and 02, as these are reserved. An AA field value of 00 will be treated as a BGR value (format: 0x00BBGGRR). In this case the colour will always be opaque. Colours can also be expressed by their name. Refer to section 8 for details. Alternatively, an integer value of 0x1000000 can be added to a number 0-65 to select a palette entry. |
| context  | This argument is optional an may be omitted. It defines which part of the object has it's colour changed. May be one or more of:  @FILL - change fill colour  @FRAME - changes frame colour  If omitted both are changed. Equivalent to @FILL    @FRAME   |

Typical 'CX-Supervisor Script' Examples

```
TEXT_3.colour (blue)
or
    TEXT_3.colour = blue
The object 'TEXT_3' is set to blue.
    BALL.colour (35 + 0x1000000)
The object 'BALL' is set to colour 35 from the colour palette.
    BALL.colour (0xFF0000,@FILL)
The object 'BALL' is set to blue.
    shade = tint1 + tint2
    IF shade > 65 OR shade < 0 THEN
        shade = 0
    END IF
    ELLIPSE_1.colour (shade + 0x1000000)</pre>
```

The point 'shade' is set to a value based on 'tint1' and 'tint2', and is tested first to ensure that it is a value between 0 and 65. If 'shade' falls outside this range, then it cannot be applied as a colour to an object, and is therefore reset to 0 (or black). ELLIPSE\_1' is set to the palette colour of the value of shade.

#### References

Refer to chapter 6, Colour Palette for details of colour names and colour numbers.

# 5-1-5 Disable

```
Syntax (CX-Supervisor Script)
    objectname.disable (expression)

Syntax (VB Script)
    Disable "pagename", "objectname", expression

Remarks
```

| Argument   | Description   |
|------------|---|
| pagename   | This is the name of the page.   |
| objectname | This is the name of the object. Where a script is directly attached to an object, objectname is not required. |
| expression | The expression can be made up of points resulting in 'TRUE' or 'FALSE'.                                       |

# Typical 'CX-Supervisor Script' Examples

```
disable (TRUE)
```

The current pushbutton object to which this example applies is disabled.

```
PUSH_8.disable (count AND flag)
```

The selectable object 'PUSH\_8' is disabled provided Integer point 'count' AND Boolean point 'flag' return "TRUE".

# 5-1-6 Height

### Syntax (CX-Supervisor Script)

```
objectname.height (expression, context)
objectname.height = expression
```

#### Syntax (VB Script)

Height "pagename", "objectname", expression, context

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| pagename   | This is the name of the page.  |
| objectname | This is the name of the object. Where a script is directly attached to an object, objectname is not required.                      |
| expression | This is a value, point or an arithmetic expression returning a new height value in pixels.   |
| context    | This argument is optional and may be omitted. It defines which part of the object is the datum, and remains static. May be one of: |
|            | @TOP - uses object top as datum.   |
|            | @CENTRE - uses object centre as datum  |
|            | @BOTTOM - uses object bottom as datum  |
|            | If omitted @CENTRE is assumed  |

#### Typical 'CX-Supervisor Script' Examples

```
height (100) or height = 100
```

The height of the current object is set to 100.

```
LINE_1.height (stretch/offset, @top)
```

The height of object 'LINE\_1' is changed to the value calculated by points 'stretch' and 'offset', keeping the top where it is.

# 5-1-7 Horizontal Fill

#### Syntax (CX-Supervisor Script)

```
objectname.horizontal%fill (expression, context)
```

# Syntax (VB Script)

Horizontal%Fill "pagename", "objectname", expression, context

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| pagename   | This is the name of the page.  |
| objectname | This is the name of the object. Where a script is directly attached to an object, objectname is not required.                                    |
| expression | This is an arithmetic expression that must return a value between 0 and 100. On return of a valid result, the fill commences from left to right. |
| context    | This argument is optional and may be omitted. It defines which side of the object is filled from. May be one of:                                 |
|            | @LEFT - fill from the left   |
|            | @RIGHT - fill from the right   |
|            | If omitted, @LEFT is assumed   |

#### Typical 'CX-Supervisor Script' Examples

horizontal%fill (50)

The current object to which this example applies is filled by 50%.

ELLIPSE\_1.horizontal%fill (GAS\_LEVEL, @RIGHT)

The object 'ELLIPSE\_1' is filled from the right, provided the point 'GAS\_LEVEL' returns a valid result, between 0 and 100.

# 5-1-8 Move

#### Syntax (CX-Supervisor Script)

objectname.move (x co-ordinate, y co-ordinate)

#### Syntax (VB Script)

Move "pagename", "objectname", x co-ordinate, y co-ordinate

#### Remarks

| Argument                       | Description  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| pagename                       | This is the name of the page.  |
| objectname                     | This is the name of the object. Where a script is directly attached to an object, objectname is not required.  |
| x co-ordinate<br>y co-ordinate | The x and y co-ordinates of the origin of the object at its resultant position in pixels are specified in the form (x, y). Points alone or as part of an arithmetic expression may be used as a basis for this expression. |

# Typical 'CX-Supervisor Script' Examples

move (100, 200)

The current object to which this example applies is moved to the specified position.

POLYGON\_1.move (xpos, ypos/5)

The object 'POLYGON\_1' is moved to the position specified by points 'xpos' and 'ypos' divided by 5.

# 5-1-9 Rotate

# Syntax (CX-Supervisor Script)

objectname.rotate (angle, context, fixed, xcoord, ycoord)

# Syntax (VB Script)

Rotate "pagename", "objectname", angle, context, fixed, xcoord, ycoord

#### Remarks

| Argument         | Description  |
|------------------|--|
| pagename         | This is the name of the page.  |
| objectname       | This is the name of the object. Where a script is directly attached to an object, objectname is not required.  |
| angle            | The angle of rotation can range between 0 to 360 in a clockwise direction. Points alone, or as part of an arithmetic expression may be used as an angle.   |
| context          | This argument is not required and may be omitted. May be one of:  @TOPLEFT - rotate around top left of object  |
|                  | @TOPCENTRE -rotate around top centre of object @TOPRIGHT - rotate around top right of object   |
|                  | @CENTRELEFT - rotate around centre left of object @CENTRE - rotate around centre of object   |
|                  | @CENTRERIGHT - rotate around centre right of object  |
|                  | @BOTTOMLEFT - rotate around bottom left of object  |
|                  | @BOTTEMCENTRE - rotate around bottom centre of object  |
|                  | @ BOTTOMRIGHT - rotate around bottom right of object<br>@USERDEFINED - user defined point specified in<br>xcoord and ycoord.   |
| fixed            | This argument may be omitted. If this boolean value is true, the rotation origin is fixed to the screen, even if the object is moved. Otherwise, the rotation origin is relative to object position. |
| xcoord<br>ycoord | Only required if @USERDEFINED is specified. These integer variables specify the rotation origin in pixels  |

# Typical 'CX-Supervisor Script' Examples

```
rotate (45)
```

The current object to which this example applies is rotated by 45.

```
RECTANGLE_1.rotate(tilt, @USERDEFINED, 0, -100, 10)
```

The object 'RECTANGLE\_1' is rotated by the value of 'tilt', about a point -100, 10 relative to the objects current position.

```
rotate (a * sin(b))
```

The current object is rotated based on the result of an arithmetic expression involving points named 'a and 'b'.

# 5-1-10 Vertical Fill

#### Syntax (CX-Supervisor Script)

objectname.vertical%fill (expression, context)

Syntax (VB Script)

VerticalFill "pagename", "objectname", expression, context

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| pagename   | This is the name of the page.  |
| objectname | This is the name of the object. Where a script is directly attached to an object, objectname is not required.                                    |
| expression | This is an arithmetic expression that must return a value between 0 and 100. On return of a valid result, the fill commences from bottom to top. |
| context    | This argument may be omitted. May be one of:  @DOWN - Fill object downwards  @UP - Fill object upwards  If omitted, @UP is assumed               |

#### Typical 'CX-Supervisor Script' Examples

vertical%fill (50)

The current object to which this example applies is filled by 50%.

ELLIPSE\_1.vertical%fill (OIL\_QUANTITY, @DOWN)

The object 'ELLIPSE\_1' is filled provided the point 'OIL QUANTITY' returns a valid result, between 0 and 100.

# 5-1-11 **Visible**

#### Syntax (CX-Supervisor Script)

objectname.visible (expression)

#### Syntax (VB Script)

Visible "pagename", "objectname", expression

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Description   |
|------------|---|
| pagename   | This is the name of the page.   |
| objectname | This is the name of the object. Where a script is directly attached to an object, objectname is not required. |
| expression | The expression can be made up of points resulting in 'TRUE' or 'FALSE'.                                       |

#### Typical 'CX-Supervisor Script' Examples

visible (TRUE)

The current object to which this example applies becomes visible.

POLYLINE\_8.visible (count AND flag)

The object 'POLYLINE\_8' is made visible provided Integer point 'count' AND Boolean point 'flag' return "TRUE".

# 5-1-12 Width

Syntax (CX-Supervisor Script)

objectname.width (expression, context)

Syntax (VB Script)

Width "pagename", "objectname", expression, context

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Description   |
|------------|---|
| pagename   | This is the name of the page.   |
| objectname | This is the name of the object. Where a script is directly attached to an object, objectname is not required.   |
| expression | This is a value, point or an arithmetic expression returning a new width value in pixels.   |
| context    | This argument may be omitted. May be one of:  @LEFT - use left of object as datum.  @CENTRE - use centre of object as datum.  @RIGHT - use right of object as datum.  If omitted, @CENTRE is assumed. |

Typical 'CX-Supervisor Script' Examples

width (150)

The width of the current object is set to 150.

LINE\_1.width (squeeze/offset, @RIGHT)

The width of object 'LINE\_1' is changed to the value calculated by points 'squeeze' and 'offset', keeping the rightmost point fixed.

# 5-2 Page Commands

Display Page

Syntax

or

display ("pagename")
display ("pagename", X, Y)

#### Remarks

| Argument | Description  |
|----------|--|
|          | This is the name of the page for display, based on its filename without the file extension, e.g. the pagename for CAR.PAG is simply 'CAR'. |

#### Typical Examples

```
display ("CAR")
```

The page 'CAR.PAG' is displayed.

textpoint = "CAR"
display(textpoint)

The page 'CAR.PAG' is displayed.

```
display("CAR", 100, 200)
```

The page 'CAR.PAG' is displayed in a custom position, 100 pixels across from the left of the main window and 200 pixels down from the top.

# 5-2-1 Close Page

### Syntax

close ("pagename")

#### Remarks

| Argument | Description   |
|----------|---|
| pagename | This is the name of the page for closure, based on its filename without the file extension, e.g. the pagename for CAR.PAG is simply 'CAR'. The pagename for closure must be currently open. |

Note:

The 'close' operation will cause the page to be unloaded, including all objects, ActiveX controls and scripts. Care must be taken not to attempt to access them after the close instruction.

Note:

Where the script containing the 'close' instruction is on the page to be closed, this should be the last instruction in the script as it will cause the script to be unloaded.

Typical Examples

close("CAR")

The page 'CAR.PAG' is closed.

textpoint = "CAR"
close(textpoint)

The page 'CAR.PAG' is closed.

# 5-3 General Commands

# 5-3-1 Exponential

# Description

Mathematical function to calculate a value raised to a power.

Syntax

result = Exp (value, exponent)

### Remarks

| Argument | Туре    | Description   |
|----------|---------|---|
| result   | integer | Point name to receive returned result of value raised to the power of exponent. |
| value    | integer | Number to raise.  |
| exponent | integer | Power to raise value by.  |

### Typical Example

MSBMask = Exp (2, 15)

In this example, 'MSBMask' is assigned the value 215, i.e. 32,768.

# 5-3-2 PlayOLE

# Description

Initiate an OLE verb or 'method' on an OLE 2 object. The verb number is object dependent so refer to the object's documentation. This function is now largely obsolete as most objects are nowadays ActiveX objects.

# Syntax

returnstate = PlayOLE("objectname",OLEVerbNumber)

#### Remarks

| Argument      | Туре    | Description   |
|---------------|---------|---|
| returnstate   | bool    | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.   |
| objectname    | string  | The identifier of the OLE object to be played.  |
| OLEVerbNumber | integer | The verb number has a specific meaning to the OLE application. Typical values are:  |
|               |         | 0: specifies the action that occurs when an end-user double clicks the object in its container. The object determines this action (often 'edit' or 'play'). |
|               |         | -1: instructs the object to show itself for editing or viewing. Usually an alias for some other object-defined verb.  |
|               |         | -2: instructs an object to open itself for editing in a window separate from that of its container.   |
|               |         | -3: causes an object to remove its user interface from the view. Applies only to objects that are activated in-place.                                       |
|               |         | Positive numbers designate object specific verbs.   |

# Typical Example

PlayOLE("ole\_1",0)

The object 'ole\_1' is played using its primary verb.

# 5-3-3 DisplayPicture

Description

Reload a picture for a Picture object.

Syntax

returnstate = DisplayPicture("objectname", filename)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.                                 |
| objectname  | string | The identifier of the bitmap object with a to be loaded and displayed                               |
| filename    |        | The filename of the bitmap to be displayed. This can be a constant (inside quotes) or a text point. |

# Typical Example

DisplayPicture("Bitmap\_1","C:\Application\Floorplan1.
bmp")

The object "Bitmap\_1" will load and display the Floorplan1 bitmap.

DisplayPicture("Bitmap\_2", txtFileName)

The object "Bitmap\_2" will load and display the file name stored in txtFileName text point.

# 5-3-4 PlaySound

#### Description

Plays a Windows .WAV sound file using the standard Windows sound channel and Sound Card driver.

#### Syntax

returnstate = PlaySound("soundfile")

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate |        | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| soundfile   | string | Path of sound file to be played.                                    |

Typical Example

PlaySound("c:\noise.wav")

The soundfile "c:\noise.wav" is played.

# 5-3-5 Rand

### Description

Returns a random integer, between 0 and the specified limit.

#### **Syntax**

pointname = Rand(upperlimit)

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Туре             | Description   |
|------------|------------------|---|
| upperlimit | integer          | The maximum negative or positive integer value that the Rand function can generate. |
| pointname  | Integer<br>point | Point that contains the integer returned from the Rand function.                    |

#### Typical Example

randomnumber = Rand(upperlimit)

A random integer in the range 0 to upperlimit is returned and contained in the point 'randomnumber'. Maximum upperlimit is 32767.

Note:

If 'upperlimit' is negative then the range is 0 to the negative number.

# 5-3-6 RunApplication

### Description

Requests the operating system runs a new program. It will run in a separate process and RunApplication does not wait for the application to be launched. The specified filename must be executable i.e. have an extension of .EXE, .COM or .BAT.

### **Syntax**

returnstate = RunApplication("executable")

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate |        | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| executable  | string | Pathname of executable file.  |

RunApplication("c:\myprog.exe")

The executable file c:\myprog.exe is run.

#### Note:

Functions that launch applications on the target system could be abused as part of a cyber attack. To restrict the scope, limit the parameters to hard coded static strings with fully qualified path and drive letter. Alternatively if a variable parameter is used, recognise this variable could be tampered at Runtime and therefore include sufficient processing and parsing before use to ensure it is limited and restricted to the expected drives and paths.

# 5-3-7 RunHelp

### Description

Invokes the Windows Help engine and loads a help file, showing a specific topic number.

### **Syntax**

returnstate = RunHelp("helpfile",helpindex)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре    | Description   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| returnstate | bool    | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| helpfile    | string  | Pathname of helpfile to be run.                                     |
| helpindex   | integer | Index into a help topic as defined by the help file being run.      |

#### Typical Example

RunHelp("c:\myhelp.hlp",0)

The helpfile c:\myhelp.hlp is run, and topic 0 shown.

# 5-3-8 SetLanguage

#### Description

Change the language of text on display. This will reload the system language file from the program folder (i.e. with a .LNG extension), and the user defined text from the application folder (i.e. with a .USL extension). This function is the programmatic equivalent of the user right clicking and changing the "Language Settings..." option.

# Syntax

SetLanguage("language name")

| Argument      | Туре   | Description   |
|---------------|--------|---|
| language name | string | Name of language to set to. Must be identical to filename of related file with ".lng" file extension. Standard options are English, Czech, Danish, Deutsch, Español, Finnish, French, Italiano, Nederlands (België), Norwegian, Português, Slovenija and Swedish. In addition "Default" will load the designers default language. |

SetLanguage("Español")

In this example, the Spanish language files will be loaded.

SetLanguage("Default")

In this example, the language will revert to the default specified by the application designer.

# 5-3-9 SetNYLED

#### Description

Sets the status LEDs on the NY IPC (applies to NYB and NYP only. NY5 status LEDs are dedicated to the embedded controller status)

#### Syntax

returnstate = SetNYLED ID, Action

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре    | Description  |
|-------------|---------|--|
| returnstate | Boolean | True if LED set sucessfully, otherwise false, for example run on NY5 device or regular PC. |
| ID          | Integer | Which LED to perform action on. 0 = The Run Mode LED, 1 = The Error LED                    |
| Action      | Integer | 0 = Turns the LED off  |
|             |         | 1 = Turns the LED on   |
|             |         | 2 = Continously blinks the LED (250ms on / 250ms off)                                      |
|             |         | 3 = Continously blinks the LED (500ms on / 500ms off)                                      |
|             |         | 4 = Continously blinks the LED (1000ms on / 1000ms off)                                    |
|             |         | 5 = Single pulse of the LED (500ms on pulse)   |

#### Typical Example

SetNYLED 0, 1

In this example, the Run mode LED is turned on.

SetNYLED 1, 2

In this example, the Error LED is continuously blinked quickly.

# 5-3-10 GetPerformanceInfo

### Description

Read the value of a performance and diagnostics Property as shown by the Performance Monitor and Diagnostics dialog.

**Syntax** 

returnvalue = GetPerformanceInfo(PLC, Point, "Property
Name")

#### Remarks

| Argument      | Туре    | Description  |
|---------------|---------|--|
| returnvalue   | integer | Value of the property returned.  |
| PLC           | string  | If specified, is the name of the PLC to get the property of. If the property is not a PLC property then specify empty string "".                             |
| Point         | string  | If specified, is the name of the Point to get the property of. If the property is not a Point property then specify empty string "".                         |
| Property Name | string  | Name of Property to read. Must be identical to the displayed property name. If both PLC and Point are empty strings then the 'Summary' property is returned. |

#### Typical Example

```
iPerfIndex = GetPerformanceInfo("", "", "Performance
Index")
```

In this example, the Summary Performance Index will be read..

```
iCPUTime = GetPerformanceInfo("", "", "Processing Time
(ms)")
```

In this example, the CPU Time processing time will be read.

```
iCPS = GetPerformanceInfo("MyPLC", "", "Actual CPS")
```

In this example, the actual characters per second for 'MyPLC' will be returned.

```
iReadCallBacks = GetPerformanceInfo("", "MyPoint",
"Read Callbacks")
```

In this example, the read callbacks for 'MyPoint' point will be returned.

# 5-3-11 ShutDown

#### Description

Closes the CX-Supervisor application.

#### Syntax

```
returnstate = ShutDown()
```

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |

# Typical Example

ShutDown()

CX-Supervisor runtime operation is terminated.

# 5-4 Communications Commands

# 5-4-1 CloseComponent

Syntax

Returnstate = CloseComponent(ComponentName, PLCName)

#### Remarks

| Argument      | Туре | Description  |
|---------------|------|--|
| returnstate   | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.                                    |
| ComponentName | text | A Text point or text constant containing the name of the component to close.                           |
| PLCName       | text | Text point or text constant containing the name of the PLC that the component to close is attached to. |

#### Typical Examples

CloseComponent("PLC Data Monitor", "MyPLC")

In this example, the PLC Data Monitor component monitoring the PLC 'MyPLC' is closed.

```
Component = "Performance Monitor"
PLC = "PLC06"
OK = CloseComponent(Component, PLC)
```

In this example, the Performance Monitor component monitoring the PLC 'PLC06' is closed. 'OK' is used to determine if the action was successful.

# 5-4-2 EnableOLE

#### **Syntax**

returnstate = EnableOLE(pointname)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| Pointname   |      | A Boolean point that holds the required enable/ disable state.      |

#### Typical Examples

EnableOLE(result)

OLE functions are enabled based on the value of point 'result'. If result is 'TRUE', then OLE is enabled. If result is 'FALSE', then OLE is disabled.

EnableOLE(TRUE)

OLE functions can also be enabled directly without using a point to hold the desired status.

# 5-4-3 EnablePLC

#### **Syntax**

returnstate = EnablePLC(pointname)

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| Pointname   |      | A Boolean point that holds the required enable/ disable state.      |

EnablePLC(result)

PLC functions are enabled based on the value of point 'result'. If result is 'TRUE', then PLC functions are enabled. If result is 'FALSE', then they are disabled.

EnablePLC(TRUE)

PLC functions can also be enabled directly without using a point to hold the desired status.

# 5-4-4 LaunchTroubleshooter

#### Description

Launches the SYSMAC Gateway Event Log tool to troubleshoot device errors (if installed).

**Syntax** 

returnstate = LaunchTroubleshooter()

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate |      | True when sucessfull, otherwise False, for example when SYSMAC Gateway has not been installed. |

#### Typical Examples

LaunchTroubleshooter()

The SYSMAC Gateway Event Log tool is launched.

# 5-4-5 OpenComponent

#### Syntax

Returnstate = OpenComponent(ComponentName, PLCName)

#### Remarks

| Argument      | Туре | Description   |
|---------------|------|---|
| returnstate   | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.                                   |
| ComponentName | text | A Text point or text constant containing the name of the component to open.                           |
| PLCName       | text | Text point or text constant containing the name of the PLC that the component to open is attached to. |

#### Typical Examples

OpenComponent("PLC Data Monitor", "MyPLC")

In this example, the PLC Data Monitor component monitoring the PLC 'MyPLC' is opened.

```
Component = "Performance Monitor"
PLC = "PLC06"
OK = OpenComponent(Component, PLC)
```

In this example, the Performance Monitor component monitoring the PLC 'PLC06' is opened. 'OK' is used to determine if the action was successful.

# 5-5 Point Commands

# 5-5-1 CancelForce

#### Syntax

returnstate = CancelForce(pointname)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.  |
| pointname   |      | Name of point. If the point is an array point then all elements within the array have the CancelForce command applied. |

#### Typical Example

CancelForce(point1)

The forcing of values on the point 'point1' is cancelled.

#### References

Refer to PLC operation manuals for a detailed description of Force Set, and Force Reset.

# 5-5-2 CopyArray

# Syntax

CopyArray (SourceArray, DestArray)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description                       |
|-------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| SourceArray |      | Name of point array to copy from. |
| DestArray   |      | Name of point array to copy to.   |

# Typical Example

InitArray (DestArray, 0)

# First initialise 'DestArray'.

SourceArray(0) = 1
SourceArray(1) = 2
SourceArray(2) = 3

#### Then, initialise 'SourceArray' to {1, 2, 3}.

CopyArray (SourceArray, DestArray)

Finally, copy the content of the source array 'SourceArray' to the destination array 'DestArray'.

The two arrays do not have to be the same size as each other, for example if 'DestArray' contains 20 elements, only elements (0), (1) and (2) are set to 1, 2 and 3 respectively, the remaining elements are unchanged i.e. O's. If 'DestArray' is smaller than 'SourceArray' i.e. it contains two elements then only elements (0) and (1) are set to 1 and 2 respectively.

#### Note:

'CopyArray' accepts arrays of different type i.e. Boolean arrays can be copied into Real arrays, the only restriction is that Text arrays cannot be copied into numeric arrays and vice- versa.

# 5-5-3 DisableGroup

### **Syntax**

returnstate = DisableGroup(groupname)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| groupname   | text | Name of the group containing the points to disable.                 |

# Typical Example

DisableGroup("<Default>")

All points belonging to the <Default> group is disabled thus preventing values from being read\written.

# 5-5-4 DisablePoint

#### Syntax

returnstate = DisablePoint(pointname)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре  | Description   |
|-------------|-------|---|
| returnstate |       | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| Pointname   | point | Name of point to be disabled.                                       |

# Typical Example

DisablePoint(point1)

The point 'point1' is disabled thus preventing values to be read/written.

Note:

This is useful for optimisation of communications.

# 5-5-5 EditPoint

#### **Syntax**

```
EditPoint(BoolPoint, Caption, OffText, OnText)
or
    EditPoint(AnalogPoint, Caption, MinValue, MaxValue,
    Keyboard)
or
```

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EditPoint(TextPoint, EchoOff, Keyboard)

| Argument    | Туре  | Description                                |
|-------------|-------|--|
| BoolPoint   | point | Name of Boolean point to be edited         |
| Caption     | Text  | Text Caption for Edit dialog               |
| OffText     | Text  | Text description for Boolean state 0       |
| OnText      | Text  | Text description for Boolean state 1       |
| AnalogPoint | point | Name of Integer or Real point to be edited |

| Argument  | Туре     | Description  |
|-----------|----------|--|
| MinValue  | Int/Real | Minimum value to be entered                                |
| MaxValue  | Int/Real | Maximum value to be entered                                |
| Keyboard  | Bool     | Flag set to TRUE to display the onscreen keyboard          |
| TextPoint | point    | Name of Text point to be edited                            |
| EchoOff   | Bool     | Flag set to TRUE if input is not to be echoed for security |

```
EditPoint(bFlag, "Select ON or OFF", "ON", "OFF")
```

A dialog is displayed to edit the Boolean point 'bFlag', to "ON" or "OFF" with a caption "Select ON or OFF".

```
EditPoint(nValue, "Enter a new value", 0.000000,
9999.000000, FALSE )
```

A dialog is displayed to edit the analogue point 'nValue', between 0 and 9999 with a caption "Enter a new value" without using the onscreen keyboard.

```
EditPoint(txtMessage, "Set Text to", FALSE ,FALSE )
```

A dialog is displayed to edit the Text point 'txtMessage', with a caption "Set Text to", echoing the input and not displaying the onscreen keyboard.

# 5-5-6 EnableGroup

#### **Syntax**

returnstate = EnableGroup(groupname)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| groupname   | text | Name of the group containing the points to enable.                  |

# Typical Example

EnableGroup("<Default>")

All points belonging to the '<Default>' group is enabled thus allowing values to be read\written.

# 5-5-7 EnablePoint

### Syntax

returnstate = EnablePoint(pointname)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре  | Description   |
|-------------|-------|---|
| returnstate |       | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| pointname   | point | Name of point to be enabled.  |

#### Typical Example

EnablePoint(point1)

The point 'point1' is enabled thus allowing values to be read/written.

# 5-5-8 Force

### Syntax

returnstate = Force(pointname)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.  |
| pointname   |      | Name of point to have force state applied. If the point is an array point then all elements within the array have the Force command applied. |

Typical Example

Force(point1)

The point 'point1' is locked in its current state. i.e. if it is currently set to 1 it cannot be changed until the forced state is removed via the CancelForce command.

# 5-5-9 ForceReset

# Syntax

returnstate = ForceReset(pointname)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.   |
| pointname   |      | Name of point. If the point is an array point then all elements within the array have the ForceReset command applied. |

# Typical Example

ForceReset(point1)

The Boolean point 'point1' has its value set to 'FALSE'.

References

Refer to PLC operation manuals for a detailed description of ForceSet, and ForceReset.

# 5-5-10 ForceSet

#### Syntax

returnstate = ForceSet(pointname)

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.   |
| pointname   |      | Name of point. If the point is an array point then all elements within the array have the ForceReset command applied. |

ForceSet(point1)

The Boolean point 'point1' has its value set to 'TRUE'.

References

Refer to PLC operation manuals for a detailed description of Force Set, and Force Reset.

# 5-5-11 GetBit

#### **Syntax**

returnpoint = GetBit(pointname,bit)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре              | Description   |
|-------------|-------------------|---|
| pointname   | Integer /<br>real | This is the name of the point to get the bit value from. Point value may be used. |
| bit         | integer           | This specifies which bit to get the value of.                                     |
| returnpoint | bool              | This contains the return value 'TRUE' or 'FALSE'.                                 |

### Typical Example

```
pointname = 256;
returnpoint = GetBit(pointname,8)
```

The point 'returnpoint' contains 'TRUE'.

# 5-5-12 InitialiseArray

#### **Syntax**

InitArray (arrayname, value)

#### Remarks

| Argument  | Туре | Description                                |
|-----------|------|--|
| arrayname |      | Name of point array.                       |
| value     |      | Value to set all elements of the array to. |

# Typical Example

```
InitArray (MyArray, 0)
```

In this example, all elements of the array 'MyArray' are set to 0.

# 5-5-13 InputPoint

# **Syntax**

returnstate = InputPoint(pointname, returnflag)

# Remarks

| Argument    | Туре  | Description  |
|-------------|-------|--|
| returnstate | bool  | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.                |
| pointname   | point | The point name whose data is to be read.   |
| returnflag  | point | Optional Boolean point which is set to 'TRUE' when value is returned from the PLC. |

Typical Examples

InputPoint(point)
returnflag = FALSE
InputPoint(point, returnflag)

A request is made that the current value of point 'point' should be read. In the second example, returnflag is set to 'TRUE' when the value is returned from the PLC.

Note:

The value is not returned immediately - it is not possible to use the returned value in the same script as the InputPoint command. Instead, the value should be accessed from within an "On Condition" script which has an expression of 'returnflag = TRUE'.

# 5-5-14 OutputPoint

#### Syntax

returnstate = OutputPoint(pointname)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре  | Description   |
|-------------|-------|---|
| returnstate | bool  | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| pointname   | point | The point to be updated.  |

#### Typical Examples

OutputPoint(result)

The point 'result' is updated with its current value.

Note:

The value of a point connected to a PLC is not be set if the point is currently in a "forced" state.

# 5-5-15 PointExists

#### Syntax

returnpoint = PointExists(pointname)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре  | Description                                       |
|-------------|-------|---|
| pointname   |       | pointnamestringThis text contains the point name. |
| returnpoint | point | Boolean point that contains the return value.     |

### Typical Example

PointName="Testpoint"
Exists=PointExists(PointName)

The Boolean point 'Exists' is set to 'TRUE' if a point called 'TestPoint' exists.

Note:

"PointName" is a text point which can be set to any string value.

# 5-5-16 SetBit

#### Syntax

returnstate = SetBit(pointname,bit,value)

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |

| Argument  | Туре             | Description   |
|-----------|------------------|---|
| pointname | integer/<br>real | This is the name of the point to set the bit for. Point arrays may be used. |
| bit       | point            | This specifies the bit to set.  |
| value     | bool             | This specifies the value to set the bit to.                                 |

testpoint = 0; SetBit(testpoint,4,TRUE)

The point 'testpoint' contains the value 16.

# 5-6 PLC Commands

# 5-6-1 OpenPLC

# Syntax

Returnstate = OpenPLC("plcname", processed)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.  |
| plcname     | string | Name of PLC to be opened. If the PLC is being accessed using a communications component, e.g. the Omron CX-Communications Control this parameter should be the control name and PLC name separated by a dot e.g. "OMRONCXCommunicationsControl.controlPLC". |
| processed   | bool   | Flag set to TRUE when set operation has actually been completed.  |

### Typical Example

OpenPLC("controlPLC", doneopen)

The PLC called controlPLC is opened for communication.

#### Note:

The PLC may not be opened immediately after the statement has been executed. The processed flag will be set at a later time when the operation has been completed. Therefore, if using statements which require the operation to be completed create an On Condition script containing the code to be executed after the PLC is opened with the 'processed' flag as the expression (this is generally more efficient).

# 5-6-2 ClosePLC

### Syntax

returnstate = ClosePLC("plcname")

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |

| Argument | Туре   | Description   |
|----------|--------|---|
| plcname  | string | Name of PLC to be opened. If the PLC is being accessed using a communications component, e.g. the Omron CX-Communications Control this parameter should be the control name and PLC name separated by a dot e.g. "OMRONCXCommunicationsControl.controlPLC". |

ClosePLC("controlPLC")

The PLC called controlPLC is closed. No further communications with the PLC will take place until it is reopened.

# 5-6-3 GetPLCMode

#### Syntax

mode = GetPLCMode("plcname")

#### Remarks

| Argument | Туре   | Description   |
|----------|--------|---|
| mode     | string | A Text point containing the current PLC mode. Possible modes are 'STOP', 'DEBUG', 'RUN', 'MONITOR' and 'UNKNOWN'. |
| plcname  | string | Name of PLC   |

# Typical Example

currentmode = GetPLCMode("controlPLC")

In this example, the current mode of the PLC 'controlPLC' is stored in the point 'currentmode'.

# 5-6-4 SetPLCMode

#### Syntax

returnstate = SetPLCMode("plcname", mode, processed)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.  |
| plcname     | string | Name of PLC   |
| mode        | string | A value for the new PLC mode. Valid modes are 'STOP', 'DEBUG', 'RUN' and 'MONITOR'. |
| processed   | bool   | processed is set to 'TRUE' when the operation is actually completed.                |

### Typical Examples

SetPLCMode("controlPLC", "STOP", done)

In this example, the mode of the PLC called 'controlPLC' is changed to "STOP".

Note:

The mode may not be changed immediately after the statement has been executed. The processed flag 'done' is set at a later time when the operation has been completed. Therefore, if using statements that require the operation to be completed create an On Condition script containing the code to be executed after the mode is set, with the processed flag as the expression (e.g. 'done').

# 5-6-5 SetPLCIPAddress

#### Syntax

returnstate = SetPLCIPAddress("plcname", "IPAddress")

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the IP address has been set correctly, otherwise 0. |
| plcname     | string | Name of PLC to change the IP address of.                 |
| IPAddress   | string | New IP address for the PLC.                              |

SetPLCIPAddress is used to change the IP address of a SYSMAC Gateway or CX-Server device, from that configured at design time in Developer to a new live value. The values of both parameters may be constant text or points changed dynamically at runtime. This can be necessary for example with devices configured for DHCP, or if a single device connection will be programmatically reconfigured to many sites at runtime. The new address is not saved and lasts only while the runtime is running so you can consider storing the values in non-volatile points or your own configuration file. If you are setting the address during initialisation, it is advisable to disable the default PLC setting "Open Device". bReturn should always be checked to confirm if the function was successful or not.

Typical Examples (VBScript)

#### Example1

```
SetPLCIPAddress "controlPLC", "192.168.250.101"
```

The IP address for 'controlPLC' is changed to "192.168.250.101". All other PLC properties remain unchanged. bReturn should be checked to confirm if the function was successful or not.

# Example2

```
LogError("Failed to Set " + txtMyDevice +" IP
address to " + txtNewAddr, 2)
```

end if

If necessary the device is closed. The PLC named in text point txtMyDevice (for example "PLC\_2") has the IP address changed to value of text point txtNewAddr (for example "10.0.0.1"). All other PLC properties remain unchanged. If OK then connection to the device is established, otherwise an error is logged to the Event log.

Note: The

The PLC must be closed to perform this function, otherwise SetPLCIPAddress  $\,$ 

will return an error.

Note:

The IP address specified must be a valid format IPV4 address, consisting of 4 numerical values separated by three dot '.' characters, otherwise

SetPLCIPAddress will return an error.

# 5-6-6 SetPLCPhoneNumber

#### Syntax

returnstate = SetPLCPhoneNumber("plcname", numbertext)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description                                  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0. |
| plcname     | string | Name of PLC to change the number of.         |
| numbertext  | string | New phone number for the PLC.                |

### Typical Example

SetPLCPhoneNumber("controlPLC", "01234 987654")

The phone number for the PLC is changed to the required value.

# 5-6-7 UploadPLCProgram

# Syntax

```
returnstate = UploadPLCProgram(plcname, filename,
processed)
```

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.   |
| plcname     | string | Name of PLC to upload the program from.  |
| filename    | string | Name of the file on disk to upload the program to. If a drive and path are not specified, the file is created in the current directory, which may not be the same as the application directory. If a filename is specified as "" the user is prompted at runtime for a filename. |
| processed   | bool   | processed is set to 'TRUE' when the operation is actually completed.   |

#### Typical Example

```
UploadPLCProgram("controlPLC", "Prog01.bin", done)
```

The program in the PLC 'controlPLC' is uploaded to the file 'Prog01.bin' in the current directory. Before continuing, the script waits up to five seconds for the action to succeed.

Note:

The operation may not be complete immediately after the statement has been executed. The processed flag 'done' is set at a later time when the operation has been completed. Therefore, if using statements that require the upload to be completed create an On Condition script containing the code to be executed after the upload, with the processed flag as the expression (e.g. 'done').

Note:

This command can only be used when the PLC is in 'STOP' mode. Refer to chapter 6, GetPLCMode or chapter 6, SetPLCMode for further information.

Note:

Functions that create files on the target system could be abused to create malicious files that could be used as part of a cyber attack. To restrict the scope, limit the parameters to hard coded static strings with fully qualified path and drive letter. Alternatively if a variable parameter is used, recognise this variable could be tampered at Runtime and therefore include sufficient processing and parsing before use to ensure it is limited and restricted to the expected drives and paths.

# 5-6-8 DownloadPLCProgram

**Syntax** 

returnstate = DownloadPLCProgram(plcname, filename,
processed)

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.  |
| plcname     | string | Name of PLC to download the program to.  |
| filename    | string | Name of the file on disk to download to the PLC. If a drive and path are not specified, the current directory is assumed, which may not be the same as the application directory. If a filename is specified as "" the user is prompted at runtime for a filename. |
| processed   | bool   | processed is set to 'TRUE' when the operation is actually completed.   |

### Typical Example

DownloadPLCProgram("controlPLC", "Prog01.bin", done)

The program stored in the file 'Prog01.bin' in the current directory is downloaded to the PLC 'controlPLC'. Before continuing, the script waits up to five seconds for the action to succeed.

Note:

The operation may not be complete immediately after the statement has been executed. The processed flag 'done' is set at a later time when the operation has been completed. Therefore, if using statements that require the upload to be completed create an On Condition script containing the code to be executed after the upload, with the processed flag as the expression (e.g. 'done').

Note:

This command can only be used when the PLC is in 'STOP' mode. Refer to chapter 6, GetPLCMode or chapter 6, SetPLCMode for further information.

# 5-6-9 IsPLCOpen

Syntax

returnstate = IsPLCOpen("plcname")

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description                                  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0. |
| plcname     | string | Name of PLC to be checked.                   |

# Typical Example

IsOpen = IsPLCOpen("controlPLC")

The Boolean point IsOpen is set to true if the PLC called 'controlPLC' is currently open. Otherwise it is set to false.

# 5-6-10 PLCCommsFailed

### Syntax

returnstate = PLCCommsFailed("plcname")

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description                                  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0. |
| plcname     | string | Name of PLC to be checked.                   |

## Typical Example

IsFailing = PLCCommsFailed ("controlPLC")

The point IsFailing is set to true if the PLC called controlPLC is currently not communicating. Otherwise it is set to false.

Note:This function returns to TRUE from the time when a communications timeout error with the named PLC occurs, until successful communication with the PLC takes place.

# 5-6-11 PLCMonitor

### Syntax

returnstate = PLCMonitor("plcname")

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description                                  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0. |
| plcname     | string | Name of PLC to be monitored.                 |

## Typical Example

PLCMonitor("controlPLC")

The monitor dialog for the PLC called controlPLC is invoked. This dialog can be used to check PLC status, change mode, etc.

# **5-7 Temperature Controller Commands**

# 5-7-1 TCAutoTune

### **Syntax**

returnstate = TCAutoTune(TController,mode)

| Argument    | Туре   | Description  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.   |
| TController | string | This is a string representing the name of the temperature controller.  |
| mode        | point  | This is a point depicting the mode of operation and defines the operation to be carried out when a TCAutoTune command is issued. |
|             |        | 0: Indicates that the auto-tuning operation is to be stopped.  |
|             |        | 1: This mode is supported on the E5*K and is used to set the limit cycle of the manipulated variable change width to 40%.        |
|             |        | 2: This is used to start the auto-tuning operation.  |

temp1 = TCAutoTune("e5ak",temp2)

# 5-7-2 TCBackupMode

#### Syntax

returnstate = TCBackupMode(TController,mode)

## Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.  |
| TController | string | This is a string representing the name of the temperature controller.   |
| mode        | point  | This is a point depicting the mode of operation and defines the method used by a temperature controller for storing internal variables. |
|             |        | 0: In this mode variables are stored in RAM and EPROM.  |
|             |        | 1: In this mode variables are stored in RAM only.   |

# Typical Example

temp1 = TCBackupMode("ea5k",temp2)

# 5-7-3 TCGetStatusParameter

#### Syntax

returnstate

TCGetStatusParameter(TController,paramID,value)

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.                          |
| TController | _    | This is a string representing the name of the temperature controller. |

| Argument | Туре                     | Description  |
|----------|--------------------------|--|
| paramID  | point                    | This is a point depicting the required parameter range 0 to 22:          |
|          |                          | 0: ControlMode.  |
|          |                          | 1: Output.   |
|          |                          | 2: InputShiftDelay (Bool) E5*F, E5*X, E5*J.                              |
|          |                          | 3: DisplayUnit.  |
|          |                          | 4: PIDConstantDisplay (Bool) E5*F, E5*X, E5*J.                           |
|          |                          | 5: OutputType.   |
|          |                          | 6: CoolingType.  |
|          |                          | 7: Output2.  |
|          |                          | 8: Alarm1.   |
|          |                          | 9: Alarm2.   |
|          |                          | 10: InputType (Integer) E5*F, E5*X, E5*J.                                |
|          |                          | 11: OperationMode.   |
|          |                          | 12: BackupMode.  |
|          |                          | 13: AutoTuneMode.  |
|          |                          | 14: OverFlow (Bool) E5*F, E5*X, E5*J.                                    |
|          |                          | 15: UnderFlow (Bool) E5*F, E5*X, E5*J.                                   |
|          |                          | 16: SensorMalfunction (Bool) E5*F, E5*X, E5*J.                           |
|          |                          | 17: ADConvertorFailure (Bool) E5*F, E5*X, E5*J.                          |
|          |                          | 18: RAMAbnormality (Bool) E5*F, E5*X, E5*J.                              |
|          |                          | 19: RAMMismatch (Bool) E5*F, E5*X, E5*J.                                 |
|          |                          | 20: StatusWordsOnly (Bool) E5*K only (TRUE indicates valid words below). |
|          |                          | 21: Status0 (word) E5*K only.  |
|          |                          | 22: Status1 (word) E5*K only.  |
| value    | point,<br>real or<br>int | The returned status parameter value. Refer to paramID above for details. |

temp1 = TcGetStatusParameter("e5ak",temp2,temp3)

# 5-7-4 TCRemoteLocal

# Syntax

returnstate = TCRemoteLocal(TController,mode)

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.                          |
| TController | string | This is a string representing the name of the temperature controller. |

| Argument | Туре  | Description   |
|----------|-------|---|
| mode     | point | This is a point depicting the mode of operation and defines the operational mode of a temperature controller. |
|          |       | 0: This specifies the temperature controller is in remote mode.   |
|          |       | 1: This specifies that the temperature controller is in local mode.   |

temp1 = TCRemoteLocal("e5ak",temp2)

**Note:** This command was previously called TCOperationalMode.

# 5-7-5 TCRequestStatus

## Syntax

returnstate = TCRequestStatus(Tcontroller,
returnflag)

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.   |
| TController | string | This is a string representing the name of the temperature controller.  |
| returnflag  | point  | This is a point depicting that the status has been returned and is available for the command TCGetStatusParameter. |

## Typical Example

temp1 = TCRequestStatus("e5ak", temp2)

## Note:

The status information is NOT returned immediately - it is not possible to access the status information in the same script as the TCRequestStatus command. Instead, the status information should be accessed from within an "On Condition" script which has an expression of "returnflag = TRUE".

# 5-7-6 TCRspLsp

## Syntax

returnstate = TCRspLsp(Tcontroller,mode)

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.  |
| TController | string | This is a string representing the name of the temperature controller.   |
| mode        | point  | This is a point depicting the mode of operation and defines the setpoint mode used by the temperature controller.  0: This specifies local setpoint mode. |
|             |        | This specifies remote setpoint mode.  |

# Typical Example

temp1 = TCRspLsp("e5ak",temp2)

Note:

This command was previously called TCSetpoint.

# 5-7-7 TCRunStop

## **Syntax**

returnstate = TCRunStop(TController,mode)

| Argument    | Туре   | Description  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.   |
| TController | string | This is a string representing the name of the temperature controller.  |
| mode        | point  | This is a point depicting the mode of operation and defines either auto-output mode shift or manual output mode shift. |
|             |        | This specifies manual output mode shift.     This specifies auto-output mode shift.                                    |

# Typical Example

temp1 = TCRunStop("e5ak",temp2)

Note:

This command was previously called TCModeShift.

# 5-7-8 TCSaveData

### Syntax

returnstate = TCSaveData(TController)

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.                          |
| TController | _    | This is a string representing the name of the temperature controller. |

# Typical Example

temp1 = TCSaveData("e5ak",temp2)

# 5-7-9 TCSettingLevel1

## Syntax

returnstate = TCSettingLevel1(TController)

## Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.                          |
| TController | _    | This is a string representing the name of the temperature controller. |

## Typical Example

temp1 = TCSettingLevel1("e5ak")

# 5-7-10 TCReset

## Syntax

returnstate = TCReset(TController)

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.                          |
| TController | _    | This is a string representing the name of the temperature controller. |

temp1 = TCReset("e5ak")

# 5-8 Alarm Commands

# 5-8-1 AcknowledgeAlarm

Syntax

returnstate = AcknowledgeAlarm("alarmname")

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description                                  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0. |
| alarmname   | string | This is the identifier of the alarm.         |

## Typical Example

AcknowledgeAlarm("temphigh")

The alarm 'temphigh' is acknowledged.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of alarms.

# 5-8-2 AcknowledgeAllAlarms

Syntax

returnstate = AcknowledgeAllAlarms()

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description                                  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0. |

# Typical Example

AcknowledgeAllAlarms()

All alarms are acknowledged.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of alarms.

# 5-8-3 AcknowledgeLatestAlarm

Syntax

returnstate = AcknowledgeLatestAlarm()

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description                                  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0. |

# Typical Example

AcknowledgeLatestAlarm()

The most current alarm of the highest priority is acknowledged.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of alarms.

# 5-8-4 ClearAlarmHistory

Syntax

returnstate = ClearAlarmHistory()

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description                                  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0. |

## Typical Example

ClearAlarmHistory()

The alarm history window is cleared and the log is cleared.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of alarms.

# 5-8-5 CloseAlarmHistory

Syntax

returnstate = CloseAlarmHistory()

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description                                  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0. |

## Typical Example

CloseAlarmHistory()

The alarm history window is closed.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of alarms

# 5-8-6 CloseAlarmStatus

Syntax

returnstate = CloseAlarmStatus()

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description                                  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0. |

# Typical Example

CloseAlarmStatus()

The current alarm status window is closed.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of alarms.

# 5-8-7 DisplayAlarmHistory

Syntax

returnstate = DisplayAlarmHistory()

| Argument    | Туре | Description                                  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0. |

DisplayAlarmHistory()

The alarm history window is displayed.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of alarms.

# 5-8-8 DisplayAlarmStatus

# Syntax

returnstate = DisplayAlarmStatus()

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description                                  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0. |

# Typical Example

DisplayAlarmStatus()

The current alarm status is displayed.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of alarms.

# 5-8-9 EnableAlarms

## **Syntax**

EnableAlarms (flag, "message")

### Remarks

| Argument | Туре | Description  |
|----------|------|--|
| flag     |      | If set 'TRUE' then alarm logging is enabled. If set 'FALSE' logging is disabled. |
| message  |      | Text message which is recorded in the alarm log to indicate change of status.    |

# Typical Example

EnableAlarms (TRUE, "Alarm logging enabled")

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of alarms.

# 5-8-10 IsAlarmAcknowledged

### **Syntax**

pointname = IsAlarmAcknowledged("alarmname")

| Argument  | Туре   | Description   |
|-----------|--------|---|
| pointname |        | The Boolean point name to be assigned a value based on the test of an acknowledged alarm. |
| alarmname | string | The identifier of the alarm.  |

acknowledged = IsAlarmAcknowledged("temptoohigh")

The point 'acknowledged' is assigned Boolean state "TRUE" if the 'temptoohigh' alarm is currently acknowledged. The point is assigned Boolean state 'FALSE' if the alarm is not currently acknowledged.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of alarms.

# 5-8-11 IsAlarmActive

## Syntax

pointname = IsAlarmActive("alarmname")

#### Remarks

| Argument  | Туре   | Description   |
|-----------|--------|---|
| pointname |        | The Boolean point name to be assigned a value based on the test of an active alarm. |
| alarmname | string | The identifier of the alarm.  |

### Typical Example

active = IsAlarmActive("temptoohigh")

The point 'active' is assigned Boolean state "TRUE" if the 'temptoohigh' alarm is currently active. The point is assigned Boolean state 'FALSE' if the alarm is not currently active.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of alarms.

# 5-9 File Commands

# 5-9-1 CloseFile

## Syntax

returnstate = CloseFile(pointname)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.  |
| pointname   |      | A Boolean point that holds the required status of whether blank spaces should be stripped from the file when it is closed. |

## Typical Examples

CloseFile(status)

The currently open file is closed. Blank spaces at the end of each line are stripped from the file if the Boolean point 'status' is set to 'TRUE'.

CloseFile(FALSE)

### Note:

If blank spaces are stripped from the file, then it greatly reduces in size but it takes slightly longer to close. Blank spaces should not be stripped from the file if it is being used on a network drive by more than one system at a time.

In this example, the currently open file is closed and any blank spaces are not stripped from the file.

# 5-9-2 CopyFile

## **Syntax**

returnstate = CopyFile("sourcename", "destname")

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.         |
| sourcename  | string | Pathname of file to be copied. May include a "*" wildcard character.        |
| destname    | string | Pathname of destination of copy. If path name does not exist it is created. |

## Typical Example

CopyFile("c:\autoexec.bat", "c:\autoexec.old")

The file "c:\autoexec.bat" is copied to the file "c:\autoexec.old".

The data log files (ending in dlv) in "C:\logging" are copied to the "\backup" directory on drive A:

Note:

Functions that create files on the target system could be abused to create malicious files that could be used as part of a cyber attack. To restrict the scope, limit the parameters to hard coded static strings with fully qualified path and drive letter. Alternatively if a variable parameter is used, recognise this variable could be tampered at Runtime and therefore include sufficient processing and parsing before use to ensure it is limited and restricted to the expected drives and paths.

## 5-9-3 DeleteFile

## Syntax

returnstate = DeleteFile("filename")

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| Filename    | string | Pathname of file to be deleted.                                     |

### Typical Example

DeleteFile("c:\pagename.pag")

The file "c:\pagename.pag" is deleted.

Note:

Functions that create files on the target system could be abused to create malicious files that could be used as part of a cyber attack. To restrict the scope, limit the parameters to hard coded static strings with fully qualified path and drive letter. Alternatively if a variable parameter is used, recognise this variable could be tampered at Runtime and therefore include sufficient processing and parsing before use to ensure it is limited and restricted to the expected drives and paths.

# 5-9-4 EditFile

## Syntax

returnstate = EditFile("filename")

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| Filename    | string | Pathname of file to be edited.                                      |

## Typical Example

EditFile("C:\report3.txt")
FileExists

#### **Syntax**

returnpoint = FileExists (filename)

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description                                   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| filename    | string | This text string contains the file name.      |
| returnpoint | point  | Boolean point that contains the return value. |

# Typical Example

FileName = "TEST.TXT"

Exists = FileExists(FileName)

The Boolean point 'Exists' is set to 'TRUE' if a file called 'C:\TEST.TXT' exists.

Note:

"FileName" is a text point which can be set to any string value.

Note:

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# 5-9-5 MoveFile

## **Syntax**

returnstate = MoveFile("sourcename", "destname")

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| sourcename  | string | Pathname of file to be moved.                                       |
| destname    | string | Pathname of destination of move.                                    |

### Typical Example

MoveFile("c:\autoexec.bat", "c:\autoexec.old")

The file "c:\autoexec.bat" is moved to the file "c:\autoexec.old".

Note:

Functions that create files on the target system could be abused to create malicious files that could be used as part of a cyber attack. To restrict the scope, limit the parameters to hard coded static strings with fully qualified path and drive letter. Alternatively if a variable parameter is used, recognise this variable could be tampered at Runtime and therefore include sufficient processing and parsing before use to ensure it is limited and restricted to the expected drives and paths.

# 5-9-6 OpenFile

#### Syntax

returnstate = OpenFile("filename")

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| Filename    | string | Pathname of file to be opened.                                      |

### Typical Example

OpenFile("c:\filename")

The file "c:\filename.csf" is opened and able to be accessed by the Read() and Write() script commands. Only one file can be open at a time. A file is created if it doesn't already exist. Files can be shared (for instance located on a network drive, and accessed by several running CX-Supervisor applications simultaneously - this can be used for data exchange).

Note:

An extension ".csf" will always be added to the filename so it must not be specifed as part of the argument.

# 5-9-7 PrintFile

### Syntax

returnstate = PrintFile("filename")

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| Filename    | string | Pathname of file to be printed.                                     |

# Typical Example

PrintFile("c:\autoexec.bat")

The file "c:\autoexec.bat" is sent to the currently configured printer.

Script commands that have textual arguments can take either literal strings within quotes or text points.

Note:

CX-Supervisor uses the OLE registration information (file extension associations) to decide how to print a file. It invokes the parent application associated with a particular file extension, instructing the application to start minimised and passing the "print" command. For example, if the file extension .txt is associated with Notepad, then Notepad is invoked to print the file.

## 5-9-8 Read

# Syntax

returnstate = Read(RecordId, pointname, ...)

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре    | Description  |
|-------------|---------|--|
| returnstate | bool    | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.      |
| RecordId    | integer | An index into the file.  |
| Pointname   | point   | Name(s) of point(s) to be updated with the data read from the open file. |

# Typical Examples

Read(1, value)

The point 'value' is loaded with the value read from the currently open file using the value of 1 as an index into the file.

```
ReadOK = Read(indexno, value1, value2, value3)
```

The points 'value1', 'value2', 'value' are loaded using the value of indexno as an index into the file. Pass or fail status is stored in 'ReadOK'.

Note:

It is advisable to use a RecordId less than 1024 whenever possible, in order to optimise file access time (records 0 to 1023 are cached).

# 5-9-9 ReadMessage

## Syntax

returnstate = ReadMessage ("filename", offset,
textpoint, noofchars)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре          | Description  |
|-------------|---------------|--|
| returnstate | bool          | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.                              |
| Filename    | string        | Pathname of file to be read.   |
| Offset      | integer       | An offset from the beginning of the file (in characters) indicating where to start reading from. |
| Textpoint   | text<br>point | The text point which holds the characters read from the file.                                    |
| Noofchars   | integer       | The number of characters to read from the file.  |

# Typical Example

```
ReadMessage ("C:\CX-SUPERVISOR\TESTFILE.TXT", 0,
TextPoint, 20)
```

The first 20 characters are be read from the file "C:\CX-SUPERVISOR\TESTFILE.TXT" and stored in the point 'TextPoint'.

Note:

Text points can hold up to 256 characters therefore a maximum of 256 characters can be read from the file.

# 5-9-10 SelectFile

## Syntax

```
filename = SelectFile (filter, path)
```

| Argument | Туре   | Description   |
|----------|--------|---|
| Filename |        | Text string returned. Contains fully qualified filename including drive and path if OK was selected from OpenFile comms dialog, otherwise contains empty string.  |
| Filter   | string | Optional argument. If omitted, will show all files. This argument must be supplied if path is specified i.e. set to "". Specifies the filter string used by the 'Files of type' list. The string should contain 1 or more filters separated with a ' ' (pipe) character and end with 2 characters i.e. '  '. Each filter should have some user text and 1 or more file specs separated with a semicolon. No spaces should be used, except within the user text. |
| Path     | string | Optional argument. Specifies the path to show initially. If omitted, the dialog shows the current working directory.  |

```
TFile = SelectFile()
```

The 'File Open' dialog will be displayed, showing all files in the current working directory. The users choice will be stored in tFile.

```
TFile = SelectFile("Text Files (*.txt)|*.txt||")
```

The 'File Open' dialog will be displayed, showing just files with a .txt extension in the current working directory.

```
TFile = SelectFile("Text Files (*.txt;
*.csv)|*.txt;*.csv||")
```

The 'File Open' dialog will be displayed, showing files with either a .txt or .csv extension in the current working directory.

```
TFile = SelectFile("Text Files (*.txt;
*.csv)|*.txt;*.csv|Document Files (*.doc)|*.doc||")
```

In this example, the 'Files of type' filter has 2 choices: one to show text files (i.e. both .txt and .csv files), and one to show document files (just .doc files).

```
TFile = SelectFile("", "C:\WINDOWS")
```

The 'File Open' dialog will be displayed, showing all files in the "C:\WINDOWS" directory.

# 5-9-11 Write

## Syntax

```
returnstate = Write(RecordId, pointname, ...)
```

## Remarks

| Argument    | Туре    | Description   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| returnstate | bool    | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| RecordId    | integer | An index into the file.   |
| Pointname   | point   | Name(s) of point(s) containing data to write to the open file.      |

Typical Examples

```
WroteOK = Write(indexno, $Second)
```

The point '\$Second' is written to the currently open file using the value of indexno as an index into the file. Pass or fail status is stored in 'WroteOK'.

```
Write(2, $Second, $Minute, $Hour)
```

The points '\$Second', '\$Minute', '\$Hour' are written to the currently open file using the value 2 as an index into the file.

Note: It is advisable to use a RecordId less than 1024 whenever possible, in order to optimise file access time (records 0 to 1023 are cached).

# 5-9-12 WriteMessage

# Syntax

returnstate = WriteMessage("filename", offset, "text",
linefeed)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре    | Description  |
|-------------|---------|--|
| returnstate | bool    | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.  |
| filename    | string  | Pathname of file to be written.  |
| offset      | integer | An offset from the beginning of the file (in characters) indicating where to start writing. If the offset is -1 then the message is appended to the end of the file. |
| text        | string  | The text to be written into the file.  |
| linefeed    | bool    | A flag to indicate a carriage return and line feed should be appended.   |

## Typical Example

```
WriteMessage("C:\CX-SUPERVISOR\TESTFILE.TXT", 0,
"Hello World", TRUE)
```

The text 'Hello World' is written at the start of the 'C:\CX-SUPERVISOR\TESTFILE.TXT' file and a carriage return and line feed is appended which moves and subsequent text to the start of the next line.

**Note:** When the text is written into the file it overwrites any existing text that may exist

at this location.

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variable could be tampered at Runtime and therefore include sufficient processing and parsing before use to ensure it is limited and restricted to the expected drives and paths.

# 5-10 Recipe Commands

# 5-10-1 DisplayRecipes

Syntax

returnstate = DisplayRecipes()

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### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |

# Typical Example

DisplayRecipes()

The current recipes is displayed.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of recipes.

# 5-10-2 DownloadRecipe

### **Syntax**

returnstate = DownloadRecipe("recipename")

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| recipename  | string | The name of the recipe to be downloaded.                            |

## Typical Example

DownloadRecipe("recipe1")

The recipe 'recipe1' is downloaded.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of recipes.

# 5-10-3 UploadRecipe

## **Syntax**

returnstate = UploadRecipe("recipename", processed)

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| recipename  | string | The name of the recipe to be uploaded.                              |
| processed   | bool   | Flag set to true when operation has been completed.                 |

# Typical Example

UploadRecipe("recipe1",done)

The recipe 'recipe1' is uploaded, and point 'done' is set True when the upload is complete.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of recipes.

# 5-11 Report Commands

# 5-11-1 GenerateReport

### Syntax

returnstate =

GenerateReport(ReportTemplateFile,ReportOutputFile)

#### Remarks

| Argument           | Туре   | Description   |
|--------------------|--------|---|
| returnstate        | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| ReportTemplateFile | string | Pathname of the report template file.                               |
| ReportOutputFile   | string | Pathname of the report output file.                                 |

### Typical Example

GenerateReport("report3.txt","output.txt")

The ReportTemplateFile report3.txt contains a predefined set of point names and text laid out exactly as the report reader likes to view them. The point names contained within enclosing characters are the CX-Supervisor names for the data that is required in the report.

The enclosing characters can be changed in the Project menu->Runtime Settings->Point Substitution Settings dialog box, and once set must be fixed for all reports generated by the project.

The template file can be written using any ASCII text editor, for instance a Text file (.TXT), a Rich Text file (.RTF) or a Hypertext file (.HTML).

The report template is processed, dynamically replacing the point names with current values, and saved as output.txt.

#### Note:

Functions that create files on the target system could be abused to create malicious files that could be used as part of a cyber attack. To restrict the scope, limit the parameters to hard coded static strings with fully qualified path and drive letter. Alternatively if a variable parameter is used, recognise this variable could be tampered at Runtime and therefore include sufficient processing and parsing before use to ensure it is limited and restricted to the expected drives and paths.

# 5-11-2 PrintReport

## Syntax

returnstate = Printreport(ReportTemplateFile)

### Remarks

| Argument           | Туре   | Description   |
|--------------------|--------|---|
| returnstate        | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| ReportTemplateFile | string | Pathname of the report template file.                               |
| ReportOutputFile   | string | Pathname of the report output file.                                 |

#### Typical Example

PrintReport("report3.txt")

The report template is processed, dynamically replacing the point names with current values, and printed to the default Windows printer.

# 5-11-3 ViewReport

# **Syntax**

returnstate = ViewReport(ReportTemplateFile)

#### Remarks

| Argument           | Туре   | Description   |
|--------------------|--------|---|
| returnstate        |        | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| ReportTemplateFile | string | Pathname of the report template file.                               |

# Typical Example

ViewReport("report3.txt")

### Note:

Functions that launch applications on the target system could be abused as part of a cyber attack. To restrict the scope, limit the parameters to hard coded static strings with fully qualified path and drive letter. Alternatively if a variable parameter is used, recognise this variable could be tampered at Runtime and therefore include sufficient processing and parsing before use to ensure it is limited and restricted to the expected drives and paths.

# 5-11-4 EmailReport

## **Syntax**

returnstate = EmailReport(To, Subject,
ReportTemplateFile, CC, BCC, Attachments)

#### Remarks

| Argument           | Туре   | Description   |
|--------------------|--------|---|
| returnstate        | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.   |
| То                 | string | Email addresses that the generated report should be sent to. Multiple email addresses should be separated by a semi-colon (;).  |
| Subject            | string | The string that will be displayed in the Subject field of the email.  |
| ReportTemplateFile | string | File name of the report template file. A full path can be specified by starting with the drive letter.  |
| CC                 | string | Email addresses that the generated report should be copied to. Multiple email addresses should be separated by a semi-colon (;).  |
| BCC                | string | Email addresses that the generated report should be blind copied to. Multiple email addresses should be separated by a semicolon (;).   |
| Attachments        | string | File name of the file that should be attached to the email. A full path can be specified by starting with the drive letter. Multiple files can be attached by separating them with a semicolon (;). |

# Typical Example

```
EmailReport("user@Omron.com", "Generated CX-Supervisor
Report", "D:\Reports\ReportTemplate.txt", "", "", "")
```

The report template is processed, dynamically replacing the point names with current values, and then emailed to the specified recipients - just

user@Omron.com in this case.

**Note:** For more details on generating report Templates refer to User Manual

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# 5-12 Text Commands

# 5-12-1 BCD

## Syntax

result = BCD (value)

### Remarks

| Argument | Туре | Description                                      |
|----------|------|--|
| Value    |      | Number to convert to Binary Coded Decimal (BCD). |
| result   |      | String containing BCD representation of value.   |

# Typical Example

BCDStr = BCD(39)

In this example, 'BCDstr' contains '00111001'.

# 5-12-2 Bin

## Syntax

result = Bin (value)

## Remarks

| Argument | Туре | Description                                       |
|----------|------|---|
| Value    |      | Number to be converted to a binary number.        |
| result   |      | String containing binary representation of value. |

# Typical Example

BStr = Bin (20)

In this example, 'Bstr' contains '10100'.

# 5-12-3 Chr

### Syntax

result = Chr (value)

#### Remarks

| Argument | Туре | Description   |
|----------|------|---|
| Value    |      | Extended ASCII value to convert to a character.             |
| result   |      | String containing single character representation of value. |

## Typical Example

Char = Chr(65)

In this example, 'Char' contains 'A'.

# 5-12-4 FormatText

### **Syntax**

textpoint = FormatText ("formattext", expression, ...)

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Туре              | Description  |
|------------|-------------------|--|
| textpoint  | text<br>point     | A text point which holds the formatted text.   |
| formattext | string            | The text (with appropriate formatting characters) that the result expression is inserted into. |
| expression | Integer /<br>real | The value(s) or expression(s) that is inserted into formattext.                                |

### Typical Examples

```
TextPoint = FormatText ("Boiler temperature is %ld
degrees.", BoilerTemp)
```

The value of the 'BoilerTemp' point is inserted into the specified text at the position marked by the formatting characters (%ld) and then stored in the point 'TextPoint'.

If the value of 'BoilerTemp' was 57 then the resultant text that is stored in 'TextPoint' is as follows:

```
"Boiler temperature is 57 degrees."
TextPoint = FormatText ("Boiler %ld temperature is %ld degrees.", BoilerNo, BoilerTemp)
```

The value of 'BoilerNo' point is inserted at the first '%ld' marker and the value of the 'BoilerTemp' point is inserted at the second '%ld' marker and the resulting string is stored in the point 'TextPoint'.

If the value of 'BoilerNo' was 7 and the value of 'BoilerTemp' was 43 then the resultant text stored in the 'TextPoint' is as follows:

```
"Boiler 7 temperature is 43 degrees."
```

#### Note:

The formatting characters are standard 'C' formatting characters (as used by the C-language sprintf function). Some commonly used types are:

- %ld. Insert integer value;
- %f. Insert decimal value. Prefix with decimal point and number to control
  position (for instance '%.2f' for 2 decimal places);
- · %s. Insert string;
- %IX. Insert hexadecimal value (upper case HEX characters, for instance 'FFFF');
- %lx. Insert hexadecimal value (lower case HEX characters, for instance 'ffff');
- %c. Insert character (can be used to convert value to character, for instance to insert control character).

With the text left aligned, and with a width field (for instance '%-6ld' to insert a value left aligned with a field 6 characters wide).

### References

More complex expressions (for instance controlling justification, decimal places, number base, etc.) are also possible. Refer to any C language reference book for full details of the format used by the 'sprintf' function.

# 5-12-5 GetTextLength

#### Syntax

value = GetTextLength (textpoint)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре              | Description  |
|-------------|-------------------|--|
| textpoint   |                   | This is the point which has its text length counted. |
| returnpoint | Integer /<br>real | This is the point that holds the return value.       |

# Typical Example

```
textpoint = "Hello World"
count = GetTextLength (textpoint)
```

The number of characters in 'textpoint' is counted and the point 'count' is set to the value 11.

# 5-12-6 Hex

## Syntax

result = Hex (value)

#### Remarks

| Argument | Туре | Description                                    |
|----------|------|--|
| Value    |      | Number to be converted to a Hex number.        |
| Result   |      | String containing Hex representation of value. |

# Typical Example

```
HStr = Hex (44)
```

In this example, 'Hstr' contains '2C'.

# 5-12-7 Left

## Syntax

lefttext = Left(textpoint,noofchars)

## Remarks

| Argument  | Туре    | Description   |
|-----------|---------|---|
| textpoint |         | The text point containing the string that is to be manipulated.   |
| noofchars | integer | The number of characters to extract from the start of the string. |
| lefttext  | text    | Text point containing the specified range of characters.          |

# Typical Example

```
textpoint = "abcdefgh"
lefttext = Left(textpoint,3)
```

The text point 'lefttext' contains the string 'abc'.

# 5-12-8 Message

Syntax

Message("message")

### Remarks

| Argument | Туре | Description  |
|----------|------|--|
| message  | •    | Contains the text string that is displayed in the message box. |

# Typical Example

Message("this is a message")

The message 'this is a message' is displayed in a Message Box.

# 5-12-9 Mid

### Syntax

midtext = Mid(textpoint,offset,noofchars)

#### Remarks

| Argument  | Туре    | Description  |
|-----------|---------|--|
| textpoint | text    | The text point containing the string that is to be manipulated.                                  |
| offset    | integer | The zero based index of the first character in the string that is to be included in the extract. |
| noofchars | integer | The number of characters to extract from the string.   |
| midtext   | text    | Text point containing the specified range of characters.   |

# Typical Example

```
textpoint = "abcdefgh"
midtext = Mid(textpoint,3,2)
```

The text point 'midtext' contains the string 'de'.

# 5-12-10 PrintMessage

### Syntax

PrintMessage ("message")

# Remarks

| Argument | Туре   | Description   |
|----------|--------|---|
| message  | string | Contains the text string that is sent to the printer. |

## Typical Example

```
PrintMessage ("Print this message")
```

The message 'print this message' is printed to the configured 'Alarm/message printer', queued if operating in page mode, or printing has been disabled by the EnablePrinting command.

# References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for further details to configure the 'Alarm/message printer'.

# 5-12-11 Right

Syntax

righttext = Right(textpoint,noofchars)

### Remarks

| Argument  | Туре    | Description   |
|-----------|---------|---|
| textpoint | text    | The text point containing the string that is to be manipulated. |
| noofchars | integer | The number of characters to extract from the string.            |
| righttext | text    | Text point containing the specified range of characters.        |

# Typical Example

```
textpoint = "abcdefgh"
righttext = Right(textpoint,3)
```

The text point 'righttext' contains the string 'fgh'.

# 5-12-12 TextToValue

## Syntax

valuepoint = TextToValue(textpoint)

### Remarks

| Argument   | Туре    | Description   |
|------------|---------|---|
| textpoint  | text    | The text point containing the string that is to be converted into a number. |
| valuepoint | integer | A point containing the value returned after conversion from a string.       |

# Typical Examples

```
textpoint = "10"
valuepoint = TextToValue(textpoint)
```

The value 10 is assigned to the point 'valuepoint'.

```
textpoint = "10.34"
realpoint = TextToValue(textpoint)
```

The real value 10.34 is assigned to the real point 'realpoint'.

# 5-12-13 ValueToText

#### **Syntax**

textpoint = ValueToText(value)

### Remarks

| Argument  | Туре | Description   |
|-----------|------|---|
| value     |      | The number that is to be placed into the textpoint. A point name is also a valid parameter. |
| textpoint |      | A text point containing the value converted into a string.                                  |

## Typical Examples

```
textpoint = ValueToText(10)
```

The value 10 is put into a string and assigned to the text point 'textpoint'.

```
value = 10
```

textpoint = ValueToText(value)

This has the same effect as the previous example.

# 5-12-14 EmailText

# **Syntax**

returnstate = EmailText(To, Subject, BodyText, CC, BCC, Attachments)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.   |
| То          | string | Email addresses that the generated report should be sent to. Multiple email addresses should be separated by a semi-colon (;).  |
| Subject     | string | The string that will be displayed in the Subject field of the email.  |
| BodyText    | string | The text message that should be used for the main body of the email. Point values can be embedded in the text by specifying them within double brackets (e.g. The date is ((\$Date)).               |
| СС          | string | Email addresses that the generated report should be copied to. Multiple email addresses should be separated by a semi-colon (;).  |
| BCC         | string | Email addresses that the generated report should be blind copied to. Multiple email addresses should be separated by a semicolon (;).   |
| Attachments | string | File name of the file that should be attached to the email. A full path can be specified by starting with the drive letter. Multiple files can be attached by separating them with a semicolon (;). |

# Typical Example

```
EmailText("user@Omron.com","Sent by CX-Supervisor",
"Hello,\r\n\r\nThis email was sent via the 'EmailText'
script function.","","","")
```

The body text will be processed (i.e. embedded Points will have their current values inserted into the text) and then the email will be sent to the specified recipients - just user@omron.com in this case.

Note:

For more details on dynamic substitution of point values refer to User Manual chapter 2-13, Embedding Point Values in Text.

# 5-13 Event/Error Commands

# 5-13-1 ClearErrorLog

Syntax

ClearErrorLog()

Typical Example

ClearErrorLog()

The error list is cleared and the log deleted.

# 5-13-2 CloseErrorLog

Syntax

returnstate = CloseErrorLog()

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |

## Typical Example

CloseErrorLog()

The list of all currently logged errors is closed.

# 5-13-3 DisplayErrorLog

Syntax

returnstate = DisplayErrorLog()

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |

# Typical Example

DisplayErrorLog()

A list of all currently logged errors is displayed in a dialog.

# 5-13-4 EnableErrorLogging

Svntax

returnstate = EnableErrorLogging(pointname)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| pointname   | bool | A Boolean point.  |

## Typical Example

EnableErrorLogging(flag)

Error Logging is enabled based on the Boolean point 'flag'. If 'flag' is 'TRUE', then error logging is enabled. If 'flag' is false, then error logging is disabled.

# 5-13-5 LogError

Syntax

returnstate = LogError("message", priority)

| Argument    | Туре    | Description   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| returnstate | bool    | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| message     | string  | Contains the text string that is displayed in the Error Log.        |
| priority    | integer | Priority assigned to the error.                                     |
|             |         | 0 - low   |
|             |         | 1 - medium  |
|             |         | 2 - high  |

LogError("This is an error", 1)

The message 'This is an error' appears as a medium priority error in the error log.

# 5-13-6 LogEvent

# **Syntax**

returnstate = LogEvent("message")

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| message     | string | Contains the text string that is displayed in the Error Log.        |

# Typical Example

LogEvent("this is an event")

The message 'this is an event' appears as an event in the error log.

# 5-14 Printer Commands

# 5-14-1 ClearSpoolQueue

#### Syntax

returnstate = ClearSpoolQueue()

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |

# Typical Example

ClearSpoolQueue()

Any messages (typically printed alarms) that are queued up waiting to be sent to the CX-Supervisor Alarm/Message printer is discarded.

# 5-14-2 EnablePrinting

### Syntax

returnstate = EnablePrinting(flag)

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| flag        | bool | 0 to disable, 1 to enable.  |

### Typical Example

```
EnablePrinting(FALSE) - Disables printing
EnablePrinting(TRUE) - Enables printing
```

While alarm printing is disabled, any new messages are stored but not printed. When alarm printing is re-enabled, any pending messages are printed (if in line mode) or added to the current page (if in page mode).

# 5-14-3 PrintActivePage

### Syntax

returnstate = PrintActivePage(flag)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.                    |
| flag        |      | Flag is to indicate whether the print setup dialog is to be displayed before printing. |

## Typical Example

```
PrintActivePage(TRUE)
```

The currently active page is sent to the printer. The flag 'TRUE' indicates that the print dialog is displayed. 'FALSE' causes the print dialog not to be shown.

# 5-14-4 PrintPage

## Syntax

```
returnstate = PrintPage ("pagename", flag,
printheaderfooter)
```

### Remarks

| Argument          | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------------|--------|---|
| returnstate       | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.                 |
| pagename          | string | The name of the page to be printed.   |
| flag              | bool   | Flag to indicate whether the print setup dialog is to be displayed before printing. |
| printheaderfooter | bool   | Optional. Flag to control if printout details are included in a header and footer.  |

# Typical Example

```
PrintPage("page1", TRUE)
```

The CX-Supervisor page is sent to the printer. The flag 'TRUE' indicates that the print dialog is displayed first to allow for printer configuration. If 'FALSE' was specified instead of 'TRUE' then the print dialog is not shown, the page is just printed.

# 5-14-5 PrintScreen

## Syntax

returnstate = PrintScreen(flag)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.                 |
| flag        | bool | Flag to indicate whether the print setup dialog is to be displayed before printing. |

# Typical Example

PrintScreen(FALSE)

All CX-Supervisor pages currently on view is printed. The flag 'FALSE' indicates that the print dialog is not displayed. A flag of 'TRUE' causes the print dialog to be shown, allowing the user to configure or choose the printer.

# 5-14-6 PrintSpoolQueue

### Syntax

returnstate = PrintspoolQueue()

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |

# Typical Example

PrintSpoolQueue

Any message (typically printed alarms) that are queued up waiting to be sent to the CX-Supervisor Alarm/Message printer is printed immediately.

# 5-15 Security Commands

# 5-15-1 Login

## **Syntax**

returnstate = Login(username, password)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.  |
| username    | text | Optional parameter with name of user to login. If omitted, the login dialog will be shown.   |
| password    | text | Optional parameter with password for user to login. If used, username must be specified, even if only empty i.e. "". If omitted, the login dialog will be shown. |

# Typical Examples

Login()

The Login dialog is displayed for user entry.

```
Login("Designer", "Designer")
```

The default 'Designer' user is logged in automatically using matching password.

References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of Login.

# 5-15-2 Logout

## Syntax

returnstate = Logout(pointname)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.   |
| pointname   |      | A Boolean that holds the required status of whether a confirmation message box should be displayed before logging out the user. |

## Typical Examples:

```
Logout()
Logout(FALSE)
```

The user will be logged out without displaying the confirmation message.

```
Logout (TRUE)
```

A message box will be displayed with the text 'Are you sure you want to logout 'User Name'? The user will be logged out only if the 'Yes' button is clicked.

# 5-15-3 SetupUsers

## Syntax

returnstate = SetupUsers()

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |

### Typical Example

SetupUsers()

The Setup Users dialog is displayed for user entry.

### References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of setting and modifying user details.

# 5-15-4 ChangeUserPassword

## Syntax

ChangeUserPassword("username","old", "new")

### Remarks

| Argument | Туре   | Description                            |
|----------|--------|--|
| username | string | user whose password should be changed. |
| old      | string | the existing password.                 |
| new      | string | the new password.                      |

## Typical Example

ChangeUserPassword("Fred Smith","fred1", "fred2")

The ChangeUserPassword would change 'Fred Smith's' Windows Logon password from 'fred1' to 'fred2'.

#### References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for details of setting and modifying user details.

# 5-16 Data Logging Commands

# 5-16-1 AuditPoint

### Syntax

AuditPoint("pointname")

#### Remarks

| Argument  | Туре | Description   |
|-----------|------|---|
| pointname |      | Name of the point to be logged into the CFR database. |

# Typical Example

AuditPoint("MyInteger")

This command will cause the value of 'MyInteger' to be logged into the CFR database.

# 5-16-2 ClearLogFile

## **Syntax**

ClearLogFile("datasetname")

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| datasetname | string | Name of Data Set to clear as text point or constant. |

## Typical Example

ClearLogFile("Process 1")

This command will clear all data from the active (latest) log file for this data set, and add a 'Clear Event' indicator.

# 5-16-3 CloseLogFile

## Syntax

```
returnstate = CloseLogFile("datasetname")
or
returnstate = CloseLogFile("databaselink")
```

## Remarks

| Argument     | Туре | Description   |
|--------------|------|---|
| returnstate  | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| datasetname  | text | Name of Data Set to close as text point or constant.                |
| databaselink | text | Name of Database link to close as text point or constant.           |

# Typical Example

CloseLogFile("Process 1")

This command will close the active log file for the data set. Logging for this data set is automatically stopped.

# 5-16-4 CloseLogView

## Syntax

CloseLogView("datasetname")

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| datasetname |      | Name of Data Set to close as text point or constant. |

# Typical Example

CloseLogView("Process 1")

This command will close the Data Log Viewer, which is displaying the named data set.

# 5-16-5 ExportAndViewLog

#### Syntax

```
ExportAndViewLog ("datasetname", "item list",
"format", file, outputfile)
```

or

ExportAndViewLog ("datasetname", TextArray, "format", file, outputfile)

| Argument    | Туре            | Description  |
|-------------|-----------------|--|
| datasetname | text            | Name of Data Set to close as text point or constant.   |
| item list   | string          | List of Items and/or Groups within the data set to export, separated by commas. Alternatively use "*" to export all. |
| TextArray   | string<br>array | A text point, which has an array size specified as 1 or more elements . Each element holds an Item or Group name.    |

| Argument   | Туре    | Description   |
|------------|---------|---|
| format     | string  | Either "CSV" or "Text" to specify output format. May include suffix '-' followed by:                        |
|            |         | B to exclude break information  |
|            |         | D to exclude the log date   |
|            |         | T to exclude the log time   |
|            |         | M to exclude to log milliseconds  |
|            |         | G to not Group 'On Change' data together  |
| file       | integer | Number of file to export where 0 is the latest (active) file, 1 is the previous file etc.                   |
| outputfile | string  | File name for output file. May include full path, which will be created automatically if it does not exist. |

All these arguments are optional, and may be omitted provided there are no further arguments i.e. to specify the 'format', 'datasetname' and 'item list' must be included but 'file' and 'output' may be omitted.

## Typical Examples

```
ExportAndViewLog("Balloon", "*")
or
    ExportAndViewLog("Balloon",
    "Altitude,Fuel,Burning,Lift,Group 1", "CSV-BDTM", 0,
    "output")
or

ItemList(0) = "Altitude"
    ItemList(1) = "Fuel"
    ItemList(2) = "Burning"
    ItemList(3) = "List"
    ItemList(4) = "Group 1"
    ExportAndViewLog("Balloon", ItemList, "CSV-BDTM", 0,
    "output")
```

All these commands will export all the data in the specified file, for the named data set to the named output file, in the format specified (as per ExportLog). It then launches an appropriate viewer to display the file, using the Windows file associations.

# 5-16-6 ExportLog

### **Syntax**

```
ExportLog ("datasetname", "item list", "format", file,
  outputfile)
or
  ExportLog ("datasetname", TextArray, "format", file,
  outputfile)
```

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| datasetname |      | Name of Data Set to close as text point or constant. |

| Argument   | Туре            | Description   |
|------------|-----------------|---|
| item list  | string          | List of Items and/or Groups within the data set to export, separated by commas. Alternatively use "*" to export all.  |
| TextArray  | string<br>array | A text point, which has an array size specified as 1 or more elements . Each element holds an Item or Group name.   |
| format     | string          | Either "CSV" or "Text" to specify output format. May include suffix '-' followed by: B to exclude break information D to exclude the log date T to exclude the log time M to exclude to log milliseconds G to not Group 'On Change' data together |
| file       | integer         | Number of file to export where 0 is the latest (active) file, 1 is the previous file etc.   |
| outputfile | string          | File name for output file. May include full path, which will be created automatically if it does not exist.   |

All these arguments are optional, and may be omitted provided there are no further arguments i.e. to specify the 'format', 'datasetname' and 'item list' must be included but 'file' and 'output' may be omitted.

### Typical Examples

```
ExportLog("Balloon", "*")
or
    ExportLog("Balloon",
    "Altitude, Fuel, Burning, Lift, Group 1" "CSV-BDTM", 0,
    "output")
or
    ItemList(0) = "Altitude"
    ItemList(1) = "Fuel"
    ItemList(2) = "Burning"
    ItemList(3) = "List"
    ItemList(4) = "Group 1"
    ExportAndViewLog("Balloon", ItemList, "CSV-BDTM", 0,
    "output")
```

All these commands will export all the data in the specified file, for the named data set to the named output file, in the format specified.

# 5-16-7 OpenLogFile

## Syntax

```
returnstate = OpenLogFile("datasetname")
or
    returnstate = OpenLogFile("databaselink")
Remarks
```

| Argument     | Туре | Description  |
|--------------|------|--|
| returnstate  | bool | Optional. 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0    |
| datasetname  | text | Name of Data Set to open as text point or constant.      |
| databaselink | text | Name of Database link to open as text point or constant. |

```
OpenLogFile("Balloon")
```

This command will open the log file, ready to start logging. As the function is disk intensive it should not be called frequently.

# 5-16-8 OpenLogView

## **Syntax**

```
OpenLogView("datasetname", "item list", sessionfile)
or
   OpenLogView("datasetname", TextArray, sessionfile)
```

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре            | Description   |
|-------------|-----------------|---|
| datasetname | text            | Name of Data Set to open as text point or constant.   |
| item list   | string          | List of Items and/or Groups within the data set to view, separated by commas  |
| TextArray   | string<br>array | A text point, which has an array size specified as 1 or more elements. Each element holds an Item or Group name.  |
| sessionfile | string          | Optional filename of session information file. The Data Log Viewer is shown with the session settings (e.g. Window position, size, colours, grid options etc. stored in the session file. If omitted, the previous settings are used. |

### Typical Example

```
OpenLogView("Balloon",
   "Altitude,Fuel,Burning,Lift,Group 1")
or

ItemList (0) = "Altitude"
  ItemList (1) = "Fuel"
  ItemList (2) = "Burning"
  ItemList (3) = "Lift"
  ItemList (4) = "Group 1"
  OpenLogView("Balloon", ItemList)
```

Both these commands will open the Data Log Viewer, and load the Balloon log file, and show the named items.

```
OpenLogView("Balloon", ItemList, "C:\Program
Files\Omron\CX-SUPERVISOR\App\MySessionInfo.txt")
```

This command will open the Data Log Viewer and Balloon log file as above but the Data Log Viewer will always appear in the same position, and with the same settings - not as it was last shown.

# 5-16-9 StartAuditTrail

# Syntax

returnstate = StartAuditTrail(ErrorFlag)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | Optional. 1 if the function is successful and the audit trail database is opened and logging started. Otherwise it returns 0. |
| ErrorFlag   | bool | Optional. At some period of time after execution, this flag may be set to 1 if an error occurs.                               |

## Typical Example

StartAuditTrail(AuditError)

This command will start audit trail logging of all items configured to be logged into the audit trail database, based on the chosen target (i.e. Microsoft Access or SQL). By default, data will be appended to the audit trail database if one already exists, otherwise a new database will be created. The 'Audit Trail Configuration' dialog can be used to configure how audit trail data is logged to a Microsoft Access or SQL database.

If at any time any audit instruction fails, for example the remote database becomes disconnected, then "AuditError" is set true and can be used to test or trigger other actions. If AuditError is reset to False then it will automatically be set True again on any further auditing error.

# 5-16-10 StopAuditTrail

### Syntax

StopAuditTrail()

## Typical Example

StopAuditTrail()

This command will stop the current audit trail logging and close the audit trail database.

# 5-16-11 StartLogging

#### Syntax

returnstate = StartLogging("datasetname")
or
returnstate = StartLogging("databaselink")

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Optional. 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0 |

| Argument     | Туре | Description   |
|--------------|------|---|
| datasetname  | text | Name of Data Set to open as text point or constant.               |
| databaselink | text | Name of Database link to start logging as text point or constant. |

# Typical Example

```
StartLogging("Process 1")
```

This command will start logging of all items in the named data set. If the file is closed it will be automatically opened.

# 5-16-12 StopLogging

## **Syntax**

returnstate = StopLogging("datasetname")
or
returnstate = StopLogging("databaselink")

### Remarks

| Argument     | Туре | Description  |
|--------------|------|--|
| returnstate  | bool | Optional. 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0            |
| datasetname  | text | Name of Data Set to open as text point or constant.              |
| databaselink | text | Name of Database link to stop logging as text point or constant. |

# Typical Example

StopLogging("Process 1")

This command will stop logging of all items in the named data set.

# 5-17 Database Commands

# 5-17-1 DBAddNew

## Description

Adds a new record to a Recordset. This function will fail if the Recordset is opened with a lock of 'Read Only'.

## **Syntax**

returnstate = DBAddNew(level)

## Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | Optional. 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0  |
| level       | text | A text point or constant specifying the connection level. This should be a field or recordset level. |

## Typical Examples

Result = DBAddNew("Northwind.Order Details")

Using a Recordset connection level, a new record is added with values from all fields associated with a property type 'Add'. Point 'Result' is set true if this was successful.

```
DBAddNew("Northwind.Order Details.OrderID")
DBAddNew("Northwind.Order Details.ProductID")
DBAddNew("Northwind.Order Details.Quantity")
DBAddNew("Northwind.Order Details.UnitPrice")
DBUpdate("Northwind.Order Details")
```

Using a Field connection level, each required field is added to the new record using multiple calls to DBAddNew(). When the record is complete, it is added by calling the DBUpdate() function

Note:

To use DBAddNew() with a Recordset level the Recordset must be configured to perform this type of operation i.e. it will need to contain fields for any primary keys and 'non null' values required to create a new record. When used at Recordset level all fields associated with the Recordset with property type 'Add' are added (as if calling DBAddNew()) and the record is updated (as if calling DBUpdate()). Points associated with the 'Add' property can be array points, thus enabling you to add multiple records in one operation.

Note:

When using a Field level connection, the operation may be cancelled at any stage before the DBUpdate() function is called by calling the DBExecute() command "CancelUpdate".

Note:

Only Fields with a property type of 'Add' can be added to a Recordset. The value(s) of the associated points at the time DBUpdate() is called will be used to create the record.

Note:

Depending on the ADO provider, the added record may not be visible until the Recordset is requeried. See DBExecute, parameter Requery for more information.

## 5-17-2 DBClose

## Description

Closes a Connection or Recordset. Closing a Connection will automatically close all recordsets associated with it. Recordsets can be closed in isolation by selecting the appropriate level.

## Syntax

```
returnstate = DBClose(level)
```

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate |      | Optional. 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0  |
| level       |      | A text point or constant specifying the connection level. This should be a field or recordset level. |

### Typical Examples

```
Result = DBClose("Northwind.Order Details")
```

#### Closes the 'Order Details' Recordset

```
Result = DBClose("Northwind")
```

Closes the connection to the Northwind database, and also any Recordsets which may be open.

# 5-17-3 DBDelete

## Description

Deletes the specified number of records from the current record position. This function works only at the Recordset level. This function will fail if the Recordset is opened with a lock of 'Read Only'.

## Syntax

returnstate = DBDelete(level, quantity)

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0  |
| level       | text | A text point or constant specifying the connection level. This should be a field or recordset level. |
| quantity    | int  | Number of records to delete.   |

## Typical Examples

Result = DBDelete("Northwind.Order Details", 10)

### Delete the next 10 records in the recordset

DBMove("First")

Result = DBDelete("Northwind.Order Details", 10)

Delete the first 10 records.

# 5-17-4 DBExecute

## Description

The DBExecute function allows the execution of miscellaneous commands and allows for future expansion by supporting new commands without the need to create more new DB functions.

## Syntax

return = DBExecute(level, command, parameter)

| Argument  | Туре | Description  |
|-----------|------|--|
| return    |      | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0 except for "Find" and "FindNext" commands which return the record number if found or if not, set the current record to EOF and return - 1.   |
| level     | text | A text point or constant specifying the connection level, which depends on the command specified.  |
| command   | text | Command to execute. May be one of the commands listed below.   |
| parameter | text | Command parameter only required with certain commands. For "Connection", this parameter should hold the new connection string. For "Find" and "FindNext" this parameter should be the search criteria. For "Source" this is the Recordset source. For "Filter" this is the Recordset filter. |

## Typical Examples

```
Pos = DBExecute("Northwind.Order Details", "Find",
"UnitPrice > 14.00")
```

Find the next record satisfying the specified criteria, starting from the current position. Valid search criteria include: "ProductName LIKE 'G\*' " wildcard search finds all records where ProductName starts with 'G', "Quantity = 5", "Price  $\geq$  6.99". Only single search values are allowed, using multiple values with 'AND' or 'OR' will fail.

Modify the Recordsets source to open a different table than configured.

Apply a filter to display only records with a company name 'United Package'

```
DBExecute("Northwind.Shippers", "Filter", "")
```

Cancel an existing filter (by passing an empty string)

## **DBExecute Commands**

| Command          | Connection<br>Level     | Description   |
|------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Connection       | Connection              | Modify the connection string.                               |
| BeginTrans       | Connection              | Begins a new Transaction.                                   |
| CommitTrans      | Connection              | Saves any pending changes and ends the current transaction. |
| RollbackTrans    | Connection              | Cancels any changes made and ends the transaction.          |
| CommitTransAll   | Connection              | Saves all changes and ends all transactions.                |
| RollbackTransAll | Connection              | Cancels all changes and ends all transactions.              |
| TransCount       | Connection              | Returns the number of pending transactions.                 |
| Requery          | Recordset               | Re-run the Recordset Query.                                 |
| CancelUpdate     | Recordset               | Cancel a DBAddNew operation.                                |
| Find             | Recordset               | Find the specified criteria in a Recordset.                 |
| FindNext         | Recordset               | Combined DBMove("Next"), DBFind() operation.                |
| Source           | Recordset               | Modify the Recordset source.                                |
| Filter           | Recordset               | Apply a filter to a Recordset.                              |
| Save             | Recordset               | Saves a Recordset in XML format.                            |
| SQL              | Connection or Recordset | Valid SQL text to execute on this connection level.         |

# 5-17-5 DBGetLastError

Description

Returns the last error string generated by the Database provider, and displays it in a message box.

## **Syntax**

returnstate = DBGetLastError(level, display)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | text | The error message from the provider  |
| level       | text | A text point or constant specifying the connection level. This must be a Connection level.   |
| display     | bool | Optional flag. By default DBGetLastError will display the providers error message in a message box. Setting this flag to FALSE prevents this action. |

# Typical Examples

DBGetLastError("Northwind")

or

DBGetLastError("Northwind", TRUE)

Both the above lines will get and display the last error to occur for the Northwind connection.

ErrMsg = DBGetLastError("Northwind", FALSE)

The last error to occur for the Northwind connection is stored Text point 'ErrMsg', without displaying a message box.

# 5-17-6 **DBMove**

# Description

The DBMove function enables you to navigate around a Recordset by moving the position of the 'current record' in the Recordset. When a Recordset is first opened the first record is the current record.

## Syntax

returnstate = DBMove(level, direction, position)

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0   |
| level       |      | A text point or constant specifying the connection level. This must be a Recordset level. |

| Argument  | Туре     | Description   |
|-----------|----------|---|
| direction | text     | A text string indicating where to move to. May be one of:   |
|           |          | "First"   |
|           |          | "Last"  |
|           |          | "Next"  |
|           |          | "Previous"  |
|           |          | "Position"  |
|           |          | "FirstPage"   |
|           |          | "LastPage"  |
|           |          | "NextPage"  |
|           |          | "PreviousPage"  |
|           |          | "Page"  |
|           |          | "Bookmark"  |
| position  | int/real | This optional parameter is only required when directions of "Position", "Page" and "Bookmark" are used. When used with "Position" and "Page" this parameter must be an integer, and is the record or page number to move to. When used with "Bookmark" this parameter must be a real. |

## Typical Examples

DBMove("Northwind.Order Details", "First")

Go to the first record in the Recordset.

pos = 3

DBMove("Northwind.Order Details", "Position", pos)

Go to the third record in the Recordset.

DBMove("Northwind.Order Details", "Page", 6)

Go to the sixth page in the Recordset.

Note:

Bookmarks are returned from the function 'DBProperty', they enable you to return to a 'marked' record, even after records have been added or deleted

Note:

Some Providers do not support moving in the "Previous" direction i.e. cursors are 'Forward-Only'. Some 'Forward-Only' providers do allow moving "First", while some are strictly Forward-Only i.e. the Recordset has to be Re-queried effectively a combined Close then Open operation to reset the cursor back to the start of the Recordset. Some Providers that do support moving "Previous" do not support moving to "Position". However, in order to be consistent, CX-Supervisor ensures that that all operations (except "Bookmarks") will work for any connection to any provider but you need to bear in mind when designing applications that use 'Forward-Only' cursors, that there may be some 'longwinded' acrobatics being performed behind the scenes. See DBSupports() for details of how to check the type of cursor in force.

Note:

Bookmarks will only work if specifically supported by the Provider.

# 5-17-7 **DBOpen**

### Description

Opens a Connection or Recordset. Opening a Connection will automatically open all recordsets associated with it, that are marked as auto open. Recordsets can be opened in isolation by selecting the appropriate level.

### **Syntax**

returnstate = DBOpen(level)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0   |
| level       | text | A text point or constant specifying the connection level. This must be a Recordset level. |

## Typical Examples

DBOpen("Northwind")

Open the connection to the Northwind database, and automatically open any Recordsets set to open on connection.

done = DBOpen("Northwind.Order Details")

Just open a specific Recordset.

# 5-17-8 DBProperty

### Description

Returns the requested property. This function operates on the Recordset and Field levels. The type of the value returned depends on the property requested.

## Syntax

returnstate = DBProperty(level, property)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0  |
| level       | text | A text point or constant specifying the connection level. This must be a Recordset level.              |
| property    | text | The name of the property to get. For details see the Recordset Properties and Field Properties tables. |

## Typical Examples

Page = DBProperty("CSV.Result", "CurrentPage")

Get the current page for the CSV.Result Recordset.

FieldSize = DBProperty("Northwind.Customers.Address",
"Size")

Get the size for the 'Address' field.

Note:

The Recordset will only return valid properties when it is Open.

**Recordset Properties** 

The properties of a Recordset are:

| Property       | • • •                                | Return<br>type |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| "CurrentRecord | "Current cursor position             | Integer        |
| "RecordCount   | "Number of records in the Recordset. | Integer        |

| Property     | Description   | Return<br>type |
|--------------|---|----------------|
| "Bookmark    | "Record marker.                                     | Real           |
| "PageCount   | "Number of pages in the Recordset.                  | Integer        |
| "PageSize    | "Number of records in a page.                       | Integer        |
| "CurrentPage | "Page in which the cursor position resides.         | Integer        |
| "Source      | "Command or SQL that created the Recordset.         | Text           |
| "Sort        | "Field name(s) the Recordset is sorted on.          | Text           |
| "FieldCount  | "Number of fields(columns) in the Recordset.        | Integer        |
| "BOF         | "Current position is at the start of the Recordset. | Bool           |
| "EOF         | "Current position is at the end of the Recordset.   | Bool           |

# Field Properties

The properties of a Field are

| Property | Description                                  | Return<br>type   |
|----------|--|------------------|
| "Value   | "Value of the field at the current position. | As type of field |
| "Name    | "Name of the Field.                          | String           |
| "Туре    | "The fields data type.                       | String           |
| "Size    | "Maximum width of the field.                 | Integer          |

# 5-17-9 DBRead

## Description

Reads a record from a Recordset to the associated point(s), or if associated points are array points, reads a whole page of records. This function operates on both Recordset and Field levels. At the Field level the associated column values from the Recordsets current position will be copied into the Point (number of elements copied = number of elements in the Point, no paging applies at the Field level).

# **Syntax**

returnstate = DBRead(level, reset)

# Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0  |
| level       | text | A text point or constant specifying the connection level. This must be a Recordset level.  |
| reset       | bool | This argument is optional and may be omitted. If omitted or TRUE, when the read is complete the record cursor is reset to the position prior to reading. |

Typical Examples

DBRead("Northwind.Customers")

Read the next page of records from the 'Customers' Recordset.

DBRead("Northwind.Customers", FALSE)

Read the next page of records from the 'Customers' Recordset, and leave the cursor at the next record.

DBRead("Northwind.Customers.Address")

The Address field is read. If it is an array point, the Address is read from subsequent records until the array has been filled.

Note:

Use with reset = TRUE is useful if the read operation is being combined with a subsequent Write operation i.e. you can read in a set of records - resetting the cursor, make modifications to some of the fields and then Write the changes back to the Recordset.

Note:

Use with reset = FALSE will leave the current position at the start of the next set of records. This option can be of benefit if the Provider only supports forward moving cursors, or you simply want to step through the records a page at a time.

# 5-17-10 DBSchema

# Description

Issues commands to read schema results or properties or set up new schema criteria. This function operates only at a Schema level.

Syntax

return = DBSchema(level, command, parameters...)

| Argument | Туре | Description   |
|----------|------|---|
| return   |      | Value returned by command. For some commands e.g. "RecordCount" this is an integer value, for other commands this is a text value.  |
| level    | text | A text point or constant specifying the connection level. This must be a Schema level.  |
| command  | text | <ul> <li>The command must be one of the following:</li> <li>"Read" - Transfers a schema page into the associated point</li> <li>"Set" - Enables schema details to be modified</li> <li>"Type" - Returns the current Schema Type</li> <li>"Criteria"- Returns the current Schema Criteria</li> <li>"Filter" - Returns the current Schema Filter</li> <li>"RecordCount" - Returns the number of records in the current Schema</li> <li>"PageCount" - Returns the number of pages in the current Schema</li> <li>"CurrentPage" - Returns the current Schema</li> <li>"CurrentPage" - Returns the current Schema</li> </ul> |

| Argument   | Туре | Description  |
|------------|------|--|
| parameters |      | Some commands require 1 or more extra parameters. "Read" takes an optional parameter 'Page Number' of type integer. If no 'Page Number' is supplied, this function will return page 1 when first called and automatically return the next page of schemas for each subsequent call, cycling back to the beginning when all pages have been returned. "Set" takes three text parameters for Schema 'Name', 'Criteria' and 'Filter'. |

# Typical Examples

Read the Number of records in the Schema.

```
DBSchema("Invoice.Data types", "Read", 2)
```

Read Schema page 2 results into the associated point.

```
DBSchema("Invoice.Data Types", "Set", "Columns",
    "COLUMN_NAME", "")
```

Set a new Schema to return column names.

# 5-17-11 DBState

## Description

Reports if the specified level is in the requested state.

Syntax

```
return = DBState(level, state)
```

## Remarks

| Argument | Туре | Description  |
|----------|------|--|
| return   | bool | 1 if the specified level is in the requested state, otherwise 0  |
| level    | text | A text point or constant specifying the connection level. This may be a Connection or Recordset level. |
| state    | text | The requested state must be either "Open" or "Closed"  |

## Typical Examples

```
State = DBState("Invoice", "Closed")
```

Checks if the Connection "Invoice" is currently closed.

```
State = DBState("Northwind.Customers", "Open")
```

Checks if the Recordset "Customers" is currently open.

# 5-17-12 DBSupports

### Description

Returns TRUE if the specified Recordset supports the requested operation. Syntax

```
return = DBSupports(level, operation)
```

| Argument  | Туре | Description  |
|-----------|------|--|
| return    | bool | 1 if the specified level is in the requested state, otherwise 0  |
| level     | text | A text point or constant specifying the connection level. This may be a Connection or Recordset level.   |
| operation | text | The requested operation may be one of:  "AddNew"  "Bookmark"  "Delete"  "Find"  "MovePrevious"  "Update" |

## Typical Example

Result = DBSupports("CSV.Recordset1", "Delete")

Checks if records can be deleted in 'Recordset1'

Note:

If the "MovePrevious" operation is not supported then only 'Forward-Only' cursor movements are supported.

# 5-17-13 DBUpdate

# Description

Update the record being added in a Recordset. Used in conjunction with DBAddNew to commit a new record.

Note:

DBUpdate is ONLY required when DBAddNew has been used at the Field level. When DBAddNew is used at the Recordset level an additional DBUpdate is not required as this is performed automatically.

## Syntax

returnstate = DBUpdate(level)

## Remarks

| Argument | Туре | Description  |
|----------|------|--|
| return   | bool | 1 if the specified level is in the requested state, otherwise 0  |
| level    |      | A text point or constant specifying the connection level. This may be a Connection or Recordset level. |

## Typical Example

```
DBAddNew("Northwind.Order Details.OrderID")
DBAddNew("Northwind.Order Details.ProductID")
DBAddNew("Northwind.Order Details.Quantity")
DBAddNew("Northwind.Order Details.UnitPrice")
DBUpdate("Northwind.Order Details")
```

Each required field is added to the new record using multiple calls to DBAddNew(). When the record is complete, it is added to the Recordset by calling the DBUpdate() function.

# 5-17-14 DBWrite

Description

Writes a set of records into a Recordset from the associated point(s). This function operates on both Recordset and Field levels. At the Recordset level all the associated points values from the Points will be written into the Recordset starting at the current record (1 page of values will be written for each Point). At the Field level the associated values from the point are written into the Recordsets starting at the current position. The number of elements written = number of elements in the Point. This function will fail, if the Recordset is opened with a Lock of 'Read Only'.

## Syntax

return = DBWrite(level, reset)

#### Remarks

| Argument | Туре | Description   |
|----------|------|---|
| return   | bool | 1 if the specified level is in the requested state, otherwise 0   |
| level    | text | A text point or constant specifying the connection level. This may be a Connection or Recordset level.  |
| reset    | bool | This argument is optional and may be omitted. If omitted or TRUE, when the write is complete the record cursor is reset to the position prior to writing. |

## Typical Examples

DBWrite("Northwind.Customers")

Write all point values to the associated Customers fields.

DBWrite("Northwind.Customers.Address", FALSE)

Write the point values to the Address column, and leave the cursor at the next set of records.

# 5-18 Serial Port Functions

# 5-18-1 InputCOMPort

### Description

Sets the serial communications port for receiving ASCII text messages. Any message received is placed in the text point. The boolean flag is set true to indicate that a message has been received. It is up to the user to reset this flag between receiving messages in order to indicate that a new message is present. This function need only be called once to receive multiple messages every time the termination character is recieved.

# Syntax

ReturnState = InputCOMPort(PortNumber, Message,
MessagePresent, MaxLength)

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| ReturnState | bool | True if successful else false.  |
| PortNumber  |      | The number of the port previously configured using the function SetupCOMPort and opened with OpenCOMPort. |

| Argument       | Туре    | Description   |
|----------------|---------|---|
| message        | Text    | Text point to hold ASCII text message received through the port.  |
| MessagePresent | Bool    | Boolean point indicating that a message has been received.  |
| MaxLength      | Integer | Optional. Maximum length of transmission before input is terminated. Used where fixed length packets are received without termination characters. |

## Typical Example:

bState = InputCOMPort(1, Msg, bTransmission)

# 5-18-2 OutputCOMPort

## Description

Sends an ASCII text message out through the designated serial communications port.

# Syntax

ReturnState = OutputCOMPort(PortNumber, Message)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре    | Description   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| ReturnState | bool    | True if successful else false.  |
| PortNumber  | Integer | The number of the port previously configured using the function SetupCOMPort and opened with OpenCOMPort. |
| message     | Text    | Text point to hold ASCII text message to send through the port.   |

# Typical Example:

bState = OutputCOMPort(1, Msg)

# 5-18-3 CloseCOMPort

# Description

Closes the designated serial communications port on the PC. The port must have been configured and opened before it can be closed.

## **Syntax**

ReturnState = CloseCOMPort(PortNumber)

# Remarks

| Argument    | Туре    | Description   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| ReturnState | bool    | True if successful else false.  |
| PortNumber  | Integer | The number of the port previously configured using the function SetupCOMPort and opened with OpenCOMPort. |

## Typical Example:

bState = CloseCOMPort(1)

# 5-18-4 OpenCOMPort

# Description

Opens the designated serial communications port on the PC for transmitting or receiving data. The port must have been configured before it can be opened. Syntax

ReturnState = OpenCOMPort(PortNumber)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| ReturnState | bool | True if successful else false.  |
| PortNumber  | _    | The number of the port previously configured using the function SetupCOMPort. |

## Typical Example:

bState = OpenCOMPort(1)

# 5-18-5 SetupCOMPort

# Description

Configures the designated serial communications port on the PC for transmitting or receiving data.

# Syntax

```
ReturnState = SetupCOMPort(PortNumber,
ConfigurationString, HandShaking, TerminationChar,
ControlCharFlag, TermMode)
```

| Argument        | Туре    | Description  |  |
|-----------------|---------|--|--|
| ReturnState     | bool    | True if successful else false.   |  |
| PortNumber      | Integer | teger A string indicating the desired Baud rate, Parity number of data bits and stop bits.   |  |
| HandShaking     | Integer | The required handshaking protocol. Valid values are  |  |
|                 |         | 0 - None   |  |
|                 |         | 1 - XonXoff  |  |
|                 |         | 2 - RTS  |  |
|                 |         | 3 - RTS & XonXoff  |  |
| TerminationChar | Integer | A character indicating the end of the message.   |  |
| ControlCharFlag | Bool    | A flag indicating that control characters contained in a received message should be Ignored. |  |

| Argument | Туре    | Description  |
|----------|---------|--|
| TermMode | Integer | Optional. Flags to indicate how to use the termination character   |
|          |         | @ONINPUT (or value 1) - Function InputComPort expects Termination Character. This is the default value if omitted. |
|          |         | @ONOUTPUT (or value 2) -Function<br>OutputComPort appends Termination<br>Character.                                |
|          |         | @ONINPUT   @ONOUTPUT (or value 3) - both of the above.   |

# Typical Example:

bState = SetupCOMPort(2, "9600,N,8,1", 0, 0x0D, TRUE)

# 5-19 ActiveX Functions

Reading and writing property values from ActiveX objects, and executing methods, is achieved easily using the Dot (.) syntax with the object name.

# 5-19-1 Getting a property value

## **Syntax**

```
propertyvalue = object.property
or
propertyvalue = object.property(...)
```

#### Remarks

| Argument      | Туре | Description   |
|---------------|------|---|
| propertyvalue | n/a  | The value of the property. Type is dependent on the type of the property. |
| object        | Text | The name of the ActiveX object to get the property of.                    |
| property      | Text | The name of the property to get.  |
|               | n/a  | Any number of parameters for the property.                                |

# Typical Examples

```
OLE1Height = OLE1.Height
```

This will read the property 'Height' from the ActiveX object 'OLE1' and store it in the point 'OLEHeight'.

```
DM100Value = CXComms1.DM(100)
```

This will read the property 'DM' (with one parameter 100) from the ActiveX object 'CXComms1' and store it in the point 'DM100Value'.

# 5-19-2 Writing a property value

# Syntax

```
object.property = value
or
object.property(...) = value
```

| Argument | Туре | Description  |
|----------|------|--|
| object   | Text | The name of the ActiveX object containing the property to change.                                    |
| property | Text | The name of the property to put.   |
|          | n/a  | Any number of parameters for the property.   |
| value    | n/a  | The value to write to the property. Type is dependent on the type of property. Can also be a number. |

## Typical Examples

```
OLE1.Left = NewLeftValue
```

This will write the value stored in the point NewLeftValue to the property 'Left' in the ActiveX object 'OLE1'.

```
CXComms1.DM(10) = NewValue
```

This will write the value stored in the point NewValue to the property 'DM' (with one parameter 10) in the ActiveX object 'CXComms1'.

```
Gauge1.Value = 25.2
```

This will write the value 25.2 to the ActiveX object 'Gauge1'.

# 5-19-3 Executing a method

## Syntax

```
object.method
or
object.method(...)
```

#### Remarks

| Argument | Туре | Description                              |
|----------|------|--|
| object   | Text | The name of the ActiveX object.          |
| method   | Text | The name of the method to execute.       |
|          | n/a  | Any number of parameters for the method. |

## Typical Examples

```
OLE1.Start
```

This will call the method 'Start' on the ActiveX object 'OLE1'.

```
CXComms1.OpenPLC("MyPLC")
```

This will call the method 'OpenPLC' with one text parameter 'MyPLC' on the ActiveX object 'CXComms1'

# 5-19-4 Responding to events

Some ActiveX components are written to generate events on certain conditions, like mouse clicking or user input or error conditions. You can write a script to execute whenever any event occurs. These scripts are defined as subroutines in the page initialisation script as they may be called any time the page is open. To easily add these subroutines, from the ActiveX Property Browser, click the 'Events' tab. This shows all the event types for this control and any parameters the event may pass. Select the event name, to add or edit the script for, and click the square edit button.

# 5-19-5 ExecuteVBScriptFile

## Description

Allows Visual Basic script stored in a text file to be executed. This uses the windows scripting host which must be installed. See chapter 5 for a list of supported functions.

## Syntax

returnstate = ExecuteVBScriptFile(scriptfile)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.                  |
| scriptfile  | Text | The name of the file with the Visual Basic Script to execute. |

## Typical Examples

```
returnstate = ExecuteVBScriptFile("c:\vbscript.txt")
```

This will execute the Visual Basic Script stored in "c:\vbscript.txt".

#### Note:

Functions that run dynamic script on the target system could be abused as part of a cyber attack. To restrict the scope, limit the parameters to hard coded static strings with fully qualified path and drive letter. Alternatively if a variable parameter is used, recognise this variable could be tampered at Runtime and therefore include sufficient processing and parsing before use to ensure it is limited and restricted to the expected drives and paths

## 5-19-6 GenerateEvent

## Description

This command is only used in conjunction with a remote connection using a CX-Supervisor Communications control (see User Manual Chapter 22, Connecting to remote applications). This command allows the Server machine to post unsolicited data back to the client machine. This data is captured in the client's "OnEvent" handler.

The data for the parameters is entirely at the designer's discretion, depending on what the client needs to be informed of.

## Syntax

```
returnstate = GenerateEvent(param1, param2, param3)
```

## Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description                                  |
|-------------|------|--|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0. |
| param1      | Text | Optional. Parameter of data to send          |
| param2      | Text | Optional. Parameter of data to send          |
| param3      | Text | Optional. Parameter of data to send          |

## Typical Examples

```
returnstate = GenerateEvent ("Archive", "", "")
```

An 'Archive' event is sent to the client application that may force the client to perform some specified archive operation. The second and third parameters are not used.

```
returnstate = GenerateEvent ("[Alarm Set]", "Boiler
alarm", "95.5")
```

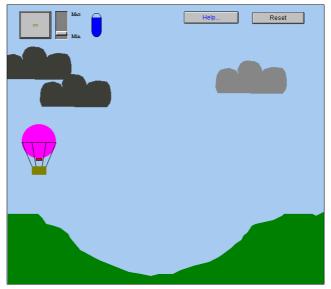
An event is sent to the client application which can be interpreted as 'The Boiler alarm has been set with a process value of 95.5'.

# SECTION 6 Script Example

This chapter provides an example application for a script. The script is a typical script exercising the basic commands. It is described twice, once as a whole, and once on a line by line basis.

# 6-1 Balloon Script

The following script applies to a simple game.



The user must attempt to land the balloon on the plateau on the right, using the Max/Min slider control throughout the flight. Clicking Reset clears the current game and initialises a new game. Clicking the on/off pushbutton starts the game.

When the balloon is airborne, clouds move slowly horizontally and change colour slightly. Clicking Help at any time brings up a special help page; clicking Close from this help page returns the user to the game. The blue gauge shows the amount of fuel consumed and left.

The project consists of three page scripts and one object. The three page scripts are initiated at varied intervals: 10 milliseconds, 100 milliseconds and 1000 milliseconds.

The page script initiated at intervals of 10 milliseconds determines the position of each cloud, and the speed at which each cloud moves. The page script initiated at intervals of 1000 milliseconds determines how the balloon reacts to the conditions.

The page script initiated at intervals of 100 milliseconds provides the main configuration of the game, reacting to user input and moving the balloon accordingly. This page script is as follows:

```
IF burner AND alt > 400.0 THEN
    burner = FALSE
END IF
IF burner THEN
    fuel = fuel - rate
    IF fuel < 0.0 THEN
        fuel = 0.0
        burner = FALSE</pre>
```

```
END IF
END IF
IF burner AND fuel > 0.0 AND rate > 0.0 THEN
   lift = lift + rate/5.0
ELSE
    IF alt > 140.0 THEN
       lift = lift - 0.2
    END IF
END IF
IF lift < -10.0 THEN
    lift = -10.0
END IF
alt = alt + lift
IF alt <= 140.0 THEN
    IF distance>630.0 AND distance<660.0 AND lift>=-
    3.0 THEN
       winner = TRUE
       burner = FALSE
    END IF
    IF lift < -3.0 then
       crash = TRUE
       burner = FALSE
    END IF
    lift = 0.0
END IF
speed = (alt-140.0)/100.0
IF speed < 0.0 THEN
    speed = 0.0
END IF
distance = distance + speed
```

The following paragraphs describe the above script on a line by line basis.

```
IF burner AND alt > 400.0 THEN
   burner = FALSE
END IF
```

If the fuel burner is on, based on Boolean point 'burner' set to 'TRUE', and the altitude of the balloon, based on point 'alt', exceeds 400, then the fuel burner is turned off. Point 'alt' is measured in pixels between 140 and 1000, so the value of 400 is the height in pixels.

```
IF burner THEN
   fuel = fuel - rate
   IF fuel < 0.0 THEN
      fuel = 0.0
      burner = FALSE
   END IF</pre>
```

If the fuel burner is on, the amount of fuel remaining decreases by the rate of ascent. The rate of ascent, point 'rate' can be modified by moving the slider. If point 'fuel' currently has a value of less than 0, then there is no fuel left and the fuel burner is turned off.

```
IF burner AND fuel > 0.0 AND rate > 0.0 THEN
    lift = lift + rate/5.0
ELSE
```

```
IF alt > 140.0 THEN
        lift = lift - 0.2
END IF
END IF
```

If the fuel burner is on, and there is still fuel left, and the rate of ascent exceeds 0 (the balloon has taken off) then point 'lift' is incremented by the rate of ascent divided by 5 to allow the balloon to climb. Otherwise the balloon must be descending and point 'lift' is decremented by 0.2.

```
IF lift < -10.0 THEN
    lift = -10.0
END IF</pre>
```

Once point 'lift' reaches -10, it is not allowed to go lower.

```
alt = alt + lift
```

The altitude of the balloon is incremented by point 'lift'.

```
IF alt <= 140.0 THEN
    IF distance>630.0 AND distance<660.0 AND lift>=-
    3.0 THEN
        winner = TRUE
        burner = FALSE
END IF
```

If the balloon has hit the ground (point 'alt' equals 140), then provided it is on the plateaux (the position of the balloon in pixels defined by point 'distance' is between 630 and 660) and the rate of descent is not too fast (defined by point 'lift'), then the game is won.

```
IF lift < -3.0 then
  crash = TRUE
  burner = FALSE
END IF</pre>
```

If the balloon has hit the ground (point 'alt' equals 140), then if the rate of descent is not too fast (defined by point 'lift'), then the game is lost.

```
lift = 0.0
END IF
```

Point 'lift' is reset.

```
speed = (alt-140.0 )/100.0
IF speed < 0.0 then
    speed = 0.0
END IF</pre>
```

Point 'speed' is calculated based on the altitude.

```
distance = distance + speed
```

Point 'distance' is calculated based on the speed.

# SECTION 7 Colour Palette

CX-Supervisor uses a colour palette whereby colours are based on ARGB values (Alpha, Red, Green and Blue). The Alpha value determines the transparency factor whereby 0 = 0% (fully transparent) and 255 = 100% (fully opaque). Within script, colours can be referenced in the following ways:

- By their name, for example:
   Colour "PageName", "ObjectName", "Red"
- By their ARGB value, for example:
   Colour "PageName", "ObjectName", &HFFFF0000

**NOTE**: the examples above show the VBScript syntax, whereby the colour names must be specified in quotes and the ARGB values must be prefixed with '&H' and not '0x'. The equivalent code in CX-Supervisor script would be as follows:

objectname.colour = Red objectname.colour = 0xFFFF0000

CX-Supervisor supports the following colours:

AliceBlue = 0xFFF0F8FF

AntiqueWhite = 0xFFFAEBD7

Aqua = 0xFF00FFFF

Aquamarine = 0xFF7FFD4

Azure = 0xFFF0FFFF

Beige = 0xFFF5F5DC

Bisque = 0xFFFE4C4

Black = 0xFF000000

BlanchedAlmond = 0xFFFFEBCD

Blue = 0xFF0000FF

BlueViolet = 0xFF8A2BE2

Brown = 0xFFA52A2A

BurlyWood = 0xFFDEB887

CadetBlue = 0xFF5F9EA0

Chartreuse = 0xFF7FFF00

Chocolate = 0xFFD2691E

Coral = 0xFFFF7F50

CornflowerBlue = 0xFF6495ED

Cornsilk = 0xFFFFF8DC

Crimson = 0xFFDC143C

Cyan = 0xFF00FFFF

DarkBlue = 0xFF00008B

DarkCyan = 0xFF008B8B

DarkGoldenrod = 0xFFB8860B

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DarkGray = 0xFFA9A9A9

DarkGreen = 0xFF006400

DarkKhaki = 0xFFBDB76B

DarkMagenta = 0xFF8B008B

DarkOliveGreen = 0xFF556B2F

DarkOrange = 0xFFFF8C00

DarkOrchid = 0xFF9932CC

DarkRed = 0xFF8B0000

DarkSalmon = 0xFFE9967A

DarkSeaGreen = 0xFF8FBC8B

DarkSlateBlue = 0xFF483D8B

DarkSlateGray = 0xFF2F4F4F

DarkTurquoise = 0xFF00CED1

DarkViolet = 0xFF9400D3

DeepPink = 0xFFFF1493

DeepSkyBlue = 0xFF00BFFF

DimGray = 0xFF696969

DodgerBlue = 0xFF1E90FF

Firebrick = 0xFFB22222

FloralWhite = 0xFFFFAF0

ForestGreen = 0xFF228B22

Fuchsia = 0xFFFF00FF

Gainsboro = 0xFFDCDCDC

GhostWhite = 0xFFF8F8FF

Gold = 0xFFFFD700

Goldenrod = 0xFFDAA520

Gray = 0xFF808080

Green = 0xFF008000

GreenYellow = 0xFFADFF2F

Honeydew = 0xFFF0FFF0

HotPink = 0xFFFF69B4

IndianRed = 0xFFCD5C5C

Indigo = 0xFF4B0082

Ivory = 0xFFFFFFF0

Khaki = 0xFFF0E68C

Lavender = 0xFFE6E6FA

LavenderBlush = 0xFFFFF0F5

LawnGreen = 0xFF7CFC00

LemonChiffon = 0xFFFFFACD

LightBlue = 0xFFADD8E6

LightCoral = 0xFFF08080

LightCyan = 0xFFE0FFFF

LightGoldenrodYellow = 0xFFFAFAD2

LightGray = 0xFFD3D3D3

LightGreen = 0xFF90EE90

## **SECTION 7 Colour Palette**

LightPink = 0xFFFFB6C1

LightSalmon = 0xFFFFA07A

LightSeaGreen = 0xFF20B2AA

LightSkyBlue = 0xFF87CEFA

LightSlateGray = 0xFF778899

LightSteelBlue = 0xFFB0C4DE

LightYellow = 0xFFFFFE0

Lime = 0xFF00FF00

LimeGreen = 0xFF32CD32

Linen = 0xFFFAF0E6

Magenta = 0xFFFF00FF

Maroon = 0xFF800000

MediumAquamarine = 0xFF66CDAA

MediumBlue = 0xFF0000CD

MediumOrchid = 0xFFBA55D3

MediumPurple = 0xFF9370DB

MediumSeaGreen = 0xFF3CB371

MediumSlateBlue = 0xFF7B68EE

MediumSpringGreen = 0xFF00FA9A

MediumTurquoise = 0xFF48D1CC

MediumVioletRed = 0xFFC71585

MidnightBlue = 0xFF191970

MintCream = 0xFFF5FFA

MistyRose = 0xFFFFE4E1

Moccasin = 0xFFFFE4B5

NavajoWhite = 0xFFFDEAD

Navy = 0xFF000080

OldLace = 0xFFFDF5E6

Olive = 0xFF808000

OliveDrab = 0xFF6B8E23

Orange = 0xFFFFA500

OrangeRed = 0xFFFF4500

Orchid = 0xFFDA70D6

PaleGoldenrod = 0xFFEEE8AA

PaleGreen = 0xFF98FB98

PaleTurquoise = 0xFFAFEEEE

PaleVioletRed = 0xFFDB7093

PapayaWhip = 0xFFFFEFD5

PeachPuff = 0xFFFFDAB9

Peru = 0xFFCD853F

Pink = 0xFFFFC0CB

Plum = 0xFFDDA0DD

PowderBlue = 0xFFB0E0E6

Purple = 0xFF800080

Red = 0xFFFF0000

RosyBrown = 0xFFBC8F8F

RoyalBlue = 0xFF4169E1

SaddleBrown = 0xFF8B4513

Salmon = 0xFFFA8072

SandyBrown = 0xFFF4A460

SeaGreen = 0xFF2E8B57

SeaShell = 0xFFFF5EE

Sienna = 0xFFA0522D

Silver = 0xFFC0C0C0

SkyBlue = 0xFF87CEEB

SlateBlue = 0xFF6A5ACD

SlateGray = 0xFF708090

Snow = 0xFFFFFAFA

SpringGreen = 0xFF00FF7F

SteelBlue = 0xFF4682B4

Tan = 0xFFD2B48C

Teal = 0xFF008080

Thistle = 0xFFD8BFD8

Tomato = 0xFFFF6347

Transparent = 0x00FFFFFF

Turquoise = 0xFF40E0D0

Violet = 0xFFEE82EE

Wheat = 0xFFF5DEB3

White = 0xFFFFFFF

WhiteSmoke = 0xFFF5F5F5

Yellow = 0xFFFFF00

YellowGreen = 0xFF9ACD32

For compatibility with previous versions of CX-Supervisor the following names are also supported:

dark\_blue

dark\_green

blue\_green

dark\_grey

light\_grey

pale\_green

light\_blue

off\_white

grey

cherry

apple

# Appendix A OPC Communications Control

This appendix contains a list of the available component properties and gives details of the Visual Basic script interface. These properties can be set in run time by using a Visual Basic script command - for example: -

OMRONCXOPCCommunicationsControl1.ServerNodeName = "\\NAME"

The Script Interface defines the Visual Basic script interface for the OPC communications control. See ExecuteVBScript script functions for more information on running Visual Basic Script.

# **A.1 Component Properties**

| Property Title     | Example       | Description   |
|--------------------|---------------|---|
| DisplayErrors      | True<br>False | When set True, the object will display a message box for any errors. If set to False, error messages are not displayed. |
| ProjectName        |               | Name of .OPC file containing the client setup.  |
| ServerComputerName | "МуРС         | "This is the name of the PC with the OPC Server.  |
| ServerName         |               | Name of the OPC Server to connect to. e.g. OMRON.OpenDataServer.1   |
| ServerProjectName  |               | Optional filename, which if specified causes the OPC Server to use the specified file, if supported by the server.      |

# A.2 Script Interface

The Script Interface defines the methods for the OPC communications control.

# A.3 Functions

Value Function for getting and setting an OPC item value.

Read Function to read the value of an OPC item.

Write Function to write the value of an OPC item.

# A.3.1 Value

Reads or writes the value of an OPC item.

Example 1 - Reading a value:

```
intVal =
  OMRONCXOPCCommunicationsControl1.Value
("MyGroup", "BoilerTemp")
```

In this example, the OPC item 'BoilerTemp' in the OPC group called "MyGroup" will be read from the OPC Server and will be stored in 'intVal'.

Example 2 - Writing a value:

```
OMRONCXOPCCommunicationsControl1.Value("MyGroup",
"BoilerTemp") = 50
```

In this example, the value 50 will be written to the OPC item 'BoilerTemp'.

# **Appendix A OPC Communications Control**

Note:

'Value' is the default property so is assumed if omitted. Therefore, the following examples are the same:

```
intVal =
OMRONCXOPCCommunicationsControl1.Value("MyGroup",
    "BoilerTemp")
and
intVal = OMRONCXOPCCommunicationsControl1 ("MyGroup",
    "BoilerTemp")
```

# A.3.2 Read

Reads the value of an OPC item.

Example of synchronous read:

```
intVal =
  OMRONCXOPCCommunicationsControl1.Read
("MyGroup", "BoilerTemp")
```

In this example, the OPC item 'BoilerTemp' in the OPC group called "MyGroup" will be read from the OPC Server and will be stored in 'intVal'. The script will wait for the read operation to complete before continuing to execute the next line. This is identical to the operation of the 'Value' method.

# A.3.3 Write

Writes the value of an OPC item.

Example of synchronous write:

```
OMRONCXOPCCommunicationsControl1.Write
"MyGroup", "BoilerTemp", NewValue
```

In this example, 'NewValue' will be written to the OPC item 'BoilerTemp' in the OPC group called "MyGroup". The script will wait for the write operation to complete before continuing to execute the next line. This is identical to the operation of the 'Value' method.

# Appendix B CX-Server Communications Control

When the Project Settings->Advanced settings option "Allow advanced script access to PLC via 'CXServer' control" option is selected a CX-Server Communications Control is automaticalled created to allow script access to CX-Server functions. This ActiveX control is always named 'CXServer' (without any hyphen) and can always be used from any script.

This appendix contains a list of the available component properties and methods on the script interface.

# **B.1 Functions**

| Value                   | Function for getting and setting an area of memory in a PLC. This function allows logical names to be used. If an array is used, the first element is returned.               |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Values                  | Function for getting and setting an area of memory in a PLC. This function allows logical names to be used. If an array is used then a SAFEARRAY is returned with all values. |  |
| SetDefaultPLC           | Function for setting the default PLC. This is primarily used when a project contains multiple PLCs.   |  |
| OpenPLC                 | Opens the specific PLC for communications.  |  |
| ClosePLC                | Closes the specific PLC.  |  |
| Read                    | Function to read the value of a PLC point   |  |
| Write                   | Function to write the value of a PLC point  |  |
| ReadArea                | Function for reading a block of memory from the PLC.  |  |
| WriteArea               | Function for writing a block of memory to the PLC.  |  |
| RunMode                 | Function for reading / writing the current mode of the PLC.   |  |
| TypeName                | Function for reading the PLC type (e.g. CQM1H).   |  |
| IsPointValid            | Checks a point name is valid.   |  |
| PLC Memory<br>Functions | A, AR, C, CIO, D, DM, DR, E, EM, G, GR, H, IR, LR, SR, ST, T, TC, TK, W. Functions for getting and setting the memory areas in the PLC.                                       |  |
| ListPLCs                | Property. Holds a list of all PLC names configured in the project file. This property is read only  |  |
| ListPoints              | Property. Holds a list of all point names configured in the project file. This property is read only.   |  |
| IsBadQuality            | Checks whether a point is currently indicating "bad quality".   |  |
| ClockRead               | Reads the PLC Clock   |  |
| ClockWrite              | Sets the PLC Clock  |  |
| RawFINS                 | Function that enables raw FINS commands to be sent to a specified PLC.  |  |

| Active           | Function for returning the connection status of a specified PLC.                    |  |
|------------------|---|--|
| TCGetStatus      | Function for returning the device status of a specified temperature controller      |  |
| TCRemoteLocal    | Function for switching a specified temperature controller into Remote or Local mode |  |
| SetDeviceAddress | Sets PLC Network, Node, and Unit number and IP address                              |  |
| SetDeviceConfig  | Sets any element of device configuration  |  |
| GetDeviceConfig  | Gets any element of device configuration  |  |
| UploadProgram    | Uploads a program from a PLC  |  |
| DownloadProgram  | Downloads a program to a PLC  |  |
| Protect          | Protects (or releases protection on) program memory                                 |  |
| LastErrorString  | Description of last error that occurred   |  |

# **B.2 Value**

Reads the value of an address from a PLC, or writes a value to an address in a PLC. This function allows logical names.

Example 1 - Reading a value from the PLC using a logical name.

```
intVal = CXServer.Value("BoilerTemp")
or
  intVal = CXServer ("BoilerTemp")
```

In these examples, the PLC address associated with 'BoilerTemp' will be read from the PLC and stored in 'intVal'. "Value" is the default property and does not have to be specified.

Example 2 - Writing a value to the PLC using a logical name.

```
CXServer.Value("BoilerTemp") = 50
or
CXServer ("BoilerTemp") = 50
```

In these examples, the value 50 will be written to the PLC address associated with 'BoilerTemp'. "Value" is the default property and does not have to be specified.

# **B.3 Values**

Reads an array of values from a PLC, or writes an array of values to a PLC. This function allows logical names. If an array is used then a SAFEARRAY is returned with all values.

Example 1 - Reading an array of values from the PLC using a logical name.

```
SomeArray = CXServer.Values("BoilerTemps")
```

Example 2 - Writing an array of values to the PLC using a logical name.

```
CXServer.Values("BoilerTemps") = SomeArray
```

# **B.4 SetDefaultPLC**

The 'SetDefaultPLC' function can be used to inform the script parser that a particular PLC is has been set as the default. Once a default PLC has been set, then it is not necessary (with some functions) to specify a PLC name. For example,

```
CXServer.SetDefaultPLC("MyPLC")
intVal = CXServer.Value("BoilerTemp1")
CXServer.Value("BoilerTemp1") = 75
intVal = CXServer.Value("DM50")
```

Each 'Value' function above will access data in the PLC called 'MyPLC'.

Note:

If there is only 1 PLC in the project then it is not necessary to call the 'SetDefaultPLC' function. The first PLC in a project will automatically be set as the default PLC.

# **B.5 OpenPLC**

Opens a PLC for communications. If no PLC is specified then the default PLC is opened.

## Example 1:

```
CXServer.SetDefaultPLC("MyPLC")
CXServer.OpenPLC()
CXServer.DM(100) = 10
CXServer.DM(50) = 10

Example 2:
    CXServer.OpenPLC("MyPLC")
    CXServer.DM(100) = 10
```

# **B.6 ClosePLC**

Closes a previously opened PLC. If no PLC is specified then the default PLC is closed.

## Example:

```
CXServer.ClosePLC("MyPLC")
```

# B.7 Read

Function to read the value of a PLC point.

Example of synchronous Read

```
intVal = CXServer.Read("MyPLC", "MyPoint", 0)
```

In this example, the Point 'MyPoint' will be read from the PLC 'MyPLC' and stored in 'intVal'. The script will wait for the read operation to complete before continuing to execute the next line due to the '0' parameter. This is identical to the operation of the 'Value' method.

Note:

If the PLC is not open, then this command will cause it to be opened, and then closed after the read is complete. If more than one read or write operation is to be performed, it is considerably faster and more efficient to use the OpenPLC command first, do all the reading and writing, and then (if required) use the ClosePLC command to close the PLC.

# **B.8 Write**

Function to write the value of a PLC point.

Example of synchronous write:

```
CXServer.Write("MyPLC", "MyPoint", NewValue, 0)
```

In this example, 'NewValue' will be written to the point 'MyPoint' in the PLC called 'MyPLC'. The script will wait for the write operation to complete before continuing to execute the next line due to the '0' parameter. This is identical to the operation of the 'Value' method.

Note:

If the PLC is not open, then this command will cause it to be opened, and then closed after the write is complete. If more than one read or write operation is to be performed, it is considerably faster and more efficient to use the OpenPLC command first, do all the reading and writing, and then (if required) use the ClosePLC command to close the PLC.

# B.9 ReadArea

Reads a specified block of memory from a PLC.

Examples of synchronous read:

```
MyVariant = CXServer.ReadArea("MyPLC/DM0", 12, vbString)
MyVariant = CXServer.ReadArea("BoilerTemp", 10, vbInteger)
MyVariant = CXServer.ReadArea("BoilerTemp", 20)
```

In the first example, DM0 to DM11 will be read as characters (part of a string) from 'MyPLC' and will be stored in 'MyVariant'. The second example demonstrates that it is also possible to use a logical name for the start address, and that any VB variant types (such as vbInteger) can be used. The third example shows that the VB Variant type parameter is optional - if none is specified then vbInteger is assumed. The script will wait for the read operation to complete before continuing to execute the next line.

Note:

If accessing from a CX-Supervisor script, the following integral values should be used for the return type:

| Constant     | Value | Description                                |
|--------------|-------|--|
| vbEmpty      | 0     | Uninitialized (default)                    |
| vbNull       | 1     | Contains no valid data                     |
| vbInteger    | 2     | Integer subtype                            |
| vbLong       | 3     | Long subtype                               |
| vbSingle     | 4     | Single subtype                             |
| vbSingle     | 5     | Double subtype                             |
| vbCurrency   | 6     | Currency subtype                           |
| vbDate       | 7     | Date subtype                               |
| vbString     | 8     | String subtype                             |
| vbObject     | 9     | Object                                     |
| vbError      | 10    | Error subtype                              |
| vbBoolean    | 11    | Boolean subtype                            |
| vbVariant    | 12    | Variant (used only for arrays of variants) |
| vbDataObject | 13    | Data access object                         |
| vbDecimal    | 14    | Decimal subtype                            |
| vbByte       | 17    | Byte subtype                               |

| Constant | Value | Description |
|----------|-------|-------------|
| vbArray  | 8192  | Array       |

# **B.10 WriteArea**

Writes a block of memory to a specified area in a PLC.

Examples of synchronous write:

```
MyString = "TestString"
CXServer.WriteArea "MyPLC/DM50", 10, MyString
Dim newValue(2)
newValue(1) = 0
newValue(2) = 1
CXServer.WriteArea "BoilerTemp",2,newValue
```

In the first example, the contents of 'MyString' will be written into DM50 to DM54. Any additional data in 'MyString' will be ignored (i.e. if 'MyString' is 15 characters in length then the first 10 characters will be written to DM50 to DM54 and the remaining 5 characters will be ignored - {Note: each PLC address holds 2 characters}). The second example shows that a logical name can be used. The script will wait for the write operation to complete before continuing to execute the next line.

# B.11 RunMode

Reads the current operating mode of a PLC (Stop/Program, Debug, Monitor, Run), where 0=Stop/Program mode, 1=Debug mode, 2=Monitor mode and 4=Run mode.

Example

```
intMode = CXServer.RunMode("MyPLC")
```

In this example, the operating mode would be read from 'MyPLC' and stored in 'intMode'. If 'MyPLC' was in 'Monitor' mode then 'intMode' would be set to the value 2.

# **B.12 TypeName**

Reads the PLC model name of a PLC (e.g. C200H, CQM1H, CVM1 etc).

Example

```
strPLCType = CXServer.TypeName("MyPLC")
```

In this example, the PLC model type will be read from 'MyPLC' and will be stored in 'strPLCType'.

# B.13 IsPointValid

Checks if a Point name has been defined in the CX-Server project file.

Examples

```
bValid = CXServer.IsPointValid("MyPoint")
bValid = CXServer.IsPointValid("MyPoint", "MyPLC")
```

In both examples, the boolean variable bValid is set True if the point "MyPoint" has been defined.

# **B.14 PLC Memory Functions**

(A, AR, C, CIO, D, DM, DR, E, EM, G, GR, H, IR, LR, SR, ST, T, TC, TK, W)

All PLC memory functions (e.g. A, AR, D, DM etc.) work in exactly the same way. The following examples use the DM function to get and set the value of a DM address in a PLC.

## Example 1

```
intVal = CXServer.DM(100)
```

In this example, the contents of DM100 will be read from the PLC and stored in 'intVal'.

#### Note:

These examples assume there is only 1 PLC in the CX-Server project file, or that the 'SetDefaultPLC' function has been used to select the required PLC. Refer to the 'SetDefaultPLC' function for details about using script with multiple PLCs in the project.

## Example 2

```
CXServer.DM(100) = 75
```

In this example, the value 75 will be written to DM100 in the PLC.

Bit addressing, that is accessing data from individual memory bits, is also supported by these memory areas: IR, AR, HR and CIO.

## Example 3

```
bVal = CXServer.IR("100.2")
```

In this example, the status of bit IR100.2 (i.e. bit 2 of IR100) will be read from the PLC and stored in 'bVal' (e.g. 'bVal' will be set to TRUE or FALSE).

### Example 4

```
CXServer.IR("100.2") = True
```

In this example, bit IR100.2 (i.e. bit 2 of IR100) in the PLC will be set to True. Note that use of the quotes is optional, but is required to differentiate between 100.1 and 100.10

# **B.15 ListPLCs**

Holds a list of all PLC names configured in the project file. This property is read only.

## Example

```
Dim arrayOfPLCs
Dim nUbound, nLbound
arrayOfPLCs = CXServer.ListPLCs
nLbound = LBound(arrayOfPLCs)
nUbound = UBound(arrayOfPLCs)
For Count = nLbound To nUbound
    MsgBox arrayOfPLCs(Count)
Next
```

In this example, the list of PLC names in the project configured stored in 'arrayOfPLCs' and then each is displayed in a message box.

# **B.16 ListPoints**

Holds a list of all point names configured in the project file or PLC. This property is read only.

### Example

```
Dim arrayOfPoints
Dim nUbound, nLbound
arrayOfPoints = CXServer.ListPoints(sPLC)
nLbound = LBound(arrayOfPoints)
nUbound = UBound(arrayOfPoints)
```

```
For Count = 1 To UBound(arrayOfPoints)
    MsgBox arrayOfPoints (Count)
Next.
```

In this example, the list of Points configured for the PLC name specified in text point sPLC is stored in 'arrayOfPoints' and each displayed in a message box.

#### Example 2

```
arrayOfPoints = CXServer.ListPoints
```

If ListPoints is used without a parameter then points from all PLCs are returned.

# **B.17 IsBadQuality**

Checks whether a point is currently indicating "Bad Quality".

## Example

```
Dim bBad
bBad = CXServer.IsBadQuality("MyPLC", "MyPoint")
```

Note:

IsBadQuality will return True in situations where the quality is unknown, e.g. where no previous communications with a point has occurred.

# **B.18 ClockRead**

Function that reads the PLC clock

### Example

```
Dim NewDate
NewDate = CXServer.ClockRead("PLC1")
' dates can be manipulated via standard VBScript
methods (FormatDateTime, DatePart etc.)
TextBox1 = NewDate ' this uses a Microsoft Forms
Text Box to convert date to string
TextPoint1 = TextBox1 'this writes the date string to
a CX-Supervisor text point
```

# **B.19 ClockWrite**

Function that sets the PLC clock. The expected format for the date is "dd/mm/ yyyy hh:mm:ss".

#### Example

```
Dim NewDate
'set time/date value here using standard VBScript
methods (Date, Time, Now, CDate etc.)
NewDate = Now ' This example sets the time to the
current PC time
CXServer.ClockWrite "PLC1", NewDate
```

# **B.20 RawFINS**

This function enables raw FINS commands to be sent to a specified PLC. This function is for advanced users familiar with the Omron FINS protocol only.

# VBScript Example

```
Dim sFINS
Dim sResponse
sFINS = "0501"
sResponse = CXServer.RawFINS(sFins, sPLC)
txtFINSResponse = sResponse 'txtFINSResponse is a CX-
Supervisor point.
```

# **B.21 Active**

Returns the connection status of a specified PLC.

**VBScript Example** 

```
bActive = CXServer.Active("MyPLC") ' bActive is a CX-
Supervisor point
```

In this example, the connected status would be read from 'MyPLC' and stored in CX-Supervisor point 'bActive'. If 'MyPLC' is connected 'bActive' would be set to True.

# **B.22 TCGetStatus**

Return status data for the specified temperature controller.

### Example

```
Dim bTCStatusResponse
bTCStatusResponse = CXServer.TCGetStatus("E5AK")
'Heating output is bTCStatusResponse(21)
'Cooling output is bTCStatusResponse(22)
'Alarm 1 output is bTCStatusResponse(23)
'Alarm 2 output is bTCStatusResponse(24)
'Alarm 3 output is bTCStatusResponse(25)
'Stopped status is bTCStatusResponse(28)
'Remote status is bTCStatusResponse(30)
```

In this example, the device status is being read from "E5AK" as an array of bytes. The response from the temperature controller is stored as an array of bytes in bTCStatusResponse.

# **B.23 TCRemoteLocal**

The TCRemoteLocal command will execute the Remote/Local command for the specified temperature controller:

Example - in this example, the "E5AK" device is being set to local mode:

```
'Set the device to local mode CXServer.TCRemoteLocal "E5AK", 1
```

Example - in this example, the "E5AK" device is being set to remote mode:

```
'Set the device to remote mode CXServer.TCRemoteLocal "E5AK", 0
```

# **B.24 SetDeviceAddress**

This function can be used to set key elements of a device address (the network number, node number, unit number and Ethernet IP address). The numbers are in the range 0 to 255, with -1 being used to denote "ignore this parameter". This function is for advanced users only.

Note: this method does not interpret or verify the data passed, and it is possible to pass invalid data that will prevent a device communicating. Care should be taken to ensure that all data passed is valid. This method should not be used while a PLC is open and communicating.

### Example:

```
NetworkNum = 1
NodeNum = 2
UnitNum = -1
iPAddress = "10.0.0.1"
bValid = CXServer.SetDeviceAddress( "PLC1",
NetworkNum, NodeNum, UnitNum, IPAddress)
```

Note:

The return Boolean value, bValid, is set to True if no errors were detected. However, this does not necessarily mean that all the parameters used were valid or appropriate for the PLC being used.

# **B.25 SetDeviceConfig**

This is a function that can be used to set any element of CX-Server device configuration. All the data is passed in textual form. This function is for advanced users only.

Note:

This method does not interpret or verify the data passed, and it is possible to pass invalid data that will prevent a device communicating. Care should be taken to ensure that all data passed is valid. This method should not be used while a PLC is open and communicating.

### Example:

```
Device = "PLC1"
Section = "NET"
Entry = "IPADDR"
Setting = "10.0.0.1"
bValid = CXServer.SetDeviceConfig Device, Section, Entry, Setting
```

Note:

The return Boolean value, bValid, is set to True if no errors were detected. However, this does not necessarily mean that all the parameters used were valid or appropriate for the device being used.

Only the following Section, Entry and Setting parameter value combinations are currently supported:

- Section = "ADDRESS", Entry = "DNA", Setting = "0"..Setting = "255" this can be used to set the network number
- Section = "ADDRESS", Entry = "DA1", Setting = "0"..Setting = "255" this can be used to set the node number
- Section = "ADDRESS", Entry = "UNIT", Setting = "0"..Setting = "255" this can be used to set the unit number
- Section = "ADDRESS", Entry = "IPADDR", Setting = "0.0.0.0"...Setting = "255.255.255.255" this can be used to set the Ethernet IP address

Other parameter values may work, but should only be used on Omron advice.

# **B.26 GetDeviceConfig**

This is a function that can be used to read any element of the CX-Server device configuration. All the data is passed (and received) in textual form. This function is for advanced users only.

### Example:

```
Dim Setting
Device = "PLC1"
Section = "NET"
Entry = "IPADDR"
Setting = CXServer.GetDeviceConfig Device, Section,
Entry
```

Currently supported parameter values are as described for the SetDeviceConfig method.

# **B.27 UploadProgram**

The UploadProgram function can be used to read a program from a PLC. The program is read in binary form, and stored in a user-specified file. This function should not be used at the same time as any other PLC communications. The project and PLC will automatically be opened if required. This function is for advanced users only.

### Example:

The first parameter is the PLC name.

The second parameter is the source file name. To upload the current program this should be an empty string, but may also be set to the name of a file in the root directory of a memory card, e.g. "Example.obj".

The third parameter is the name of the local file to store the program. A '.bin' file extention is typical for a binary file.

Note: The 4th and 5th parameters are reserved, and should always be 1 and 0 respectively

# **B.28 DownloadProgram**

The DownloadProgram function can be used to write a program to a PLC. This function should not be used at the same time as any other PLC communications. The project and PLC will automatically be opened if required. This function is for advanced users only.

Note:

Care should be taken with this function to ensure that the program written is valid for the PLC to which it is downloaded.

# Example:

```
bValid =CXServer.DownloadProgram "PLC1", "c:\test2.bin", "", 1, 0
```

The first parameter is the PLC name.

The second parameter is the local source file name. A '.bin' file extention is typical for a binary file.

To download the current program the third parameter should be an empty string, but may also be set to the name of a file to download to the root directory of a memory card, e.g. "Example.obj".

Note:

The 4th and 5th parameters are reserved, and should always be 1 and 0 respectively

# **B.29 Protect**

The Protect function can be used to protect (or remove protection from) PLC program memory. This function should not be used at the same time as any other PLC communications. The project and PLC will automatically be opened if required. This function is for advanced users only.

Example 1 (sets protection for CS series PLC)

```
Dim SetProtection
Dim PasswordString
Dim PasswordNumber
EnableProtection = true
```

### Example 2 (unsets protection for C series PLC)

The parameters of this command are, in order:

- · PLC Name of PLC.
- EnableProtection true to set password protection, false to unset it
- PasswordString Password as a string. For CS series PLCs this should be a string of up to 8 characters. For CV PLCs this should be a string of up to 8 characters containing a hexadecimal number, e.g. "12345678". For C series PLCs this should be a string of up to 4 characters containing a hexadecimal number, e.g. "1234".
- PasswordNumber currently this is only used for C and CV series PLCs, and only when the password string is empty. In those circumstances it is simply a number representing the value of the 4 or 8 digit password. Please note that the password is entered in CX-Programmer as a hexadecimal string (as with the PasswordString parameter above), and that, for example, the value 1234 in decimal is the equivalent to "04d2" as a hexadecimal password string.

Additional C Series PLC notes: For C series the PLC program needs code (the first line of the application) in the PLC to enable password setting/release, and this fixes the password value.

```
e.g. LD AR10.01
FUN49 0 0 #1234 (#1234 - password value in Hex)
```

When setting the password this value is used rather than the value passed - i.e. the password string or number is ignored. The correct password must be provided, however, when disabling the password protection.

# **B.30 LastErrorString**

This property, which can be set as well as read, is a textual description of the last error that occurred. If none have occurred, it is blank.

#### Example:

```
txtError = CXServer.LastErrorString
CXServer.LastErrorString = ""
```



# Appendix C OMRON FH Vision Controls

This appendix provides details of the ActiveX properties, events and methods available on each Omron FH Vision control. For basic information about using these controls refer to User Manual chapter 19 Integrating FH Vision systems.

# C.1 OMRON FH Image Window

The 'OMRON FH Image Window' control displays the image view from the main FH display. This shows the camera input live stream or last failure, and may overlay each unit measurement or response.

# **C.1.1 Properties**

The following ActiveX properties are available with the 'OMRON FH Image Window' control. These can be accessed via CX-Supervisor's 'ActiveX Property Browser' and can be used in script code.

### C.1.1.1 ConnectMode

### Description

Set a connection target.

0 or Local: connected to FH/FZ5 simulation software.

1 or Remote: connected to FH/FZ5 Sensor Controller.

# C.1.1.2 DisplmageTransferSize

### Description

Set the resolution of the display image.

When ConnectMode property is Remote, this setting is valid.

When ConnectMode property is Local, this setting is invalid.

The default value is 320.

Update of the image is not done after setting this property.

To reflect the change you need to update the image separately.

### C.1.1.3 FzPath

# Description

The folder location of where the Vision simulation software is installed (e.g. C:\Program Files (x86)\OMRON\FZ\_FH\_FJ).

When connecting to Sensor Controller, this setting must be specified.

Note: The CX-S

The CX-Supervisor application is 32 bit, so ensure you specify the folder to the 32 bit version of the simulator. The components will not work with the 64 bit version of the simulator.

### C.1.1.4 ImageOrigin

### Description

Set the upper left coordinate of a display image to window upper left coordinate.

# C.1.1.5 ImageVisible

### Description

Set a display presence of the window of image display.

0: window nondisplay

1: window display

# C.1.1.6 IpAddress

### **Description**

Set IP address of Sensor Controller of FH/FZ5 of connection target. When connecting to simulation software of FH/FZ5, it's ignored.

### **C.1.1.7 LineNo**

### **Description**

Where a vision controller is using multiple camera inputs to process multiple production lines, set the line number which becomes connection target.

The line number which can be connected will be as follows by operation mode.

- \* Multi-line random trigger mode: 0-7
- \* High-speed logging mode: 0

# C.1.1.8 Magnification

### **Description**

Set the display magnification of the image display.

The display magnification is designated by real number.

# Example

- -Set "0.5" when indicating it reducing half.
- -Set "2.0" when expanding to double.
- -When designating -1, It'll be the automatic magnification added to the window size.

### C.1.1.9 SubNo

### **Description**

Set the sub-number of the display unit. When designating "-1", it'll be location list timer mode from the designated processing unit to the processing unit just before the next image input relation, and made the display target.

### C.1.1.10 UnitNo

### **Description**

Set processing unit number (program step) of display item.

When designating "-1", the processing unit chosen at present on FH/FZ5 of connection item is displayed.

### Note:

UnitNo should be set at Design time (using ActiveX Property Browser) or at runtime only before ConnectStart method is called. Setting UnitNo property is not permitted after connection is started.

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### Tip:

To change the Unit number of display after connection is started, execute the "SetDisplayUnitNo" macro.

### Example to change to Unit 1 (VBScript):

if (PAGE\_ImageWindow1.IsConnected()) then

'Once connected, must set with Macro

PAGE\_ImageWindow1.Macro\_DirectExecute("SetDisplayUnitNo ""1""")

else

'Before connected, set start up property

PAGE\_ImageWindow1.UnitNo = 1

end if

# C.1.1.11 UpdateImage

### Description

Set the timing of a renewal of a display image.

The time of FREEZE: it is renewd each measurement time (freeze display)

NG\_IMAGE: it is renewed when it's overall judgment result is NG.

THROUGH: It is always renewed (It's indicated through.)

### C.1.1.12 WindowNo

### **Description**

Set the window number of 0-63.

It's necessary to establish the peculiar number in the form.

Note:

When the OMRON FH Panel Window and OMRON FH Image Window controls are used in combination a different 'WindowNo' should be used.

### C.1.2 Methods

The following ActiveX methods are available with the 'OMRON FH Image Window' control. These can be accessed via the 'ActiveX | Execute' script function.

### C.1.2.1 ConnectStart

# Description

Connection is tried to FH/FZ5 simulation software ahead of the connection or Sensor Controller with setting factors of a property.

ImageWindow and TextWindow control components indicate measurement factors of FH/FZ5 after connection success.

### **Returns**

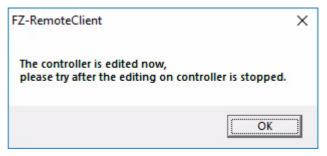
Connection enforcement:Success = 0

Designated FzPath does not exist:DirectoryNotFoundError = 1

Failed by connection processing:InvalidArgumentError = 3

#### Note:

ConnectStart may fail with the following error. This can occur if the vision controller is running in "Continuous Measurement" mode. Stop the "Continuous Measurement" function on the vision controller in order to allow remote connection.



ConnectionStart may also fail if the target controller is not on the same IP network, even if the controller can be successfully pinged so make sure you are connecting from the same subnet.

### C.1.2.2 Macro DirectExecute

### Description

Described macro in argument commandline is carried out on FH/FZ5.

When it connected to the plural lines by the same process, this method cannot use.

### **Arguments**

Commandline: The macro description which carries out.

Note:

For full details of the macro commands available on the FH Vision system and their operation refer to the FH/FZ5 User Manual and/or the .NET Control Components Operation Manual, which includes details of the macro command list that can be used in conjunction with the 'Macro' methods.

### C.1.2.3 Macro GetVariable

### **Description**

The value of the macro symbol designated in argument variableName is acquired as a character string. It is used when acquiring the value of the macro symbol carried out in Macro\_DirectExecute.

### **Arguments**

variableName: Macro variable (name) of data acquisition target (input argument)

data: Acquisition result character string (output argument)

maxLength: The number of elements of the string array for acquisition result acquisition (input argument)

### C.1.2.4 Macro\_SetVariable

# **Description**

Value is established to the value of the macro symbol designated in argument variableName.

### **Arguments**

variableName: Macro variable (name) of data acquisition target (input argument)

data: setting subject data character string (input argument)

# C.1.3 Events

The following ActiveX events are available with the 'OMRON FH Image Window' control. These can be accessed via CX-Supervisor's 'ActiveX Property Browser' and can be used to trigger script execution.

### C.1.3.1 ErrorProc

# **Description**

It occurs when the following error occurred on the FH/FZ5. Notified error contents and error code are as follows.

- 0: System error
- 1: System error (Fan voltage error)
- 10: Camera connection error
- 11: Connected camera has been changed
- 12: Detection of camera over current
- 13: Configuration error of light device connection
- 20: Loading error of image logging dick
- 30: Time out of parallel output
- 31: PLC link communication error
- 32: Detection of parallel I/O camera over current
- 40: Data load error
- 41: Data transfer error
- 42: Incorrect number of start-up Scene group
- 43: Incorrect number of start-up Scene

# C.1.3.2 FzPathChanged

### Description

It occurs when the FzPath property was changed.

### C.1.3.3 MeasureDisp

### Description

It occurs when a measuring result was displayed on the FH/FZ5. This event is triggered each time the controller completes a "Measurement". This is either a manual "Measure" action or "Continuous Measurement" setting.

### C.1.3.4 MeasureInit

### **Description**

It occurs when a measurement initializing process was carried out.

When BUSY signal becomes OFF from ON in the center such as the opening and shutting of setting screen and the execution time of command, a measurement initializing process occurs. But, it doesn't occur when measurement command was executed.

### C.1.3.5 MeasureOut

# **Description**

It occurs when measuring result was output.

### C.1.3.6 OptionEvent

### Description

When an optional event occurred on FH/FZ5 of the connection, it occurs.

### C.1.3.7 ProcessStarted

### **Description**

It occurs when connection with FH/FZ5 succeeded by the ConnectStart. This event is triggered after the "FZ-CoreRA" process has been successfully started on the host machine.

# C.1.3.8 SceneChange

# **Description**

It occurs when scene change processing was carried out on FH/FZ5. This event is triggered when the vision controller scene is changed on the controller. It is also triggered on first connection when the scene is updated.

# C.2 OMRON FH Panel Window

The 'OMRON FH Panel Window' control provides remote controlling capability for the whole main screen. **NOTE**: the 'OMRON FH Panel Window' control and 'OMRON FH Text Window' control cannot be used together.

# C.2.1 Properties

The following ActiveX properties are available with the 'OMRON FH Panel Window' control. These can be accessed via CX-Supervisor's 'ActiveX Property Browser' and can be used in script code

### C.2.1.1 FzPath

### **Description**

The folder location of where the Vision simulation software is installed (e.g. C:\Program Files (x86)\OMRON\FZ\_FH\_FJ).

When connecting to Sensor Controller, this setting must be specified.

Note:

The CX-Supervisor application is 32 bit, so ensure you specify the folder to the 32 bit version of the simulator. The components will not work with the 64 bit version of the simulator.

### C.2.1.2 lpAddress

### Description

Set IP address of Sensor Controller of FH/FZ5 of connection target.

### C.2.1.3 LineNo

### Description

Where a vision controller is using multiple camera inputs to process multiple production lines, set the line number which becomes connection target.

The line number which can be connected will be as follows by operation mode.

- \* Multi-line random trigger mode: 0-7
- \* High-speed logging mode: 0

# C.2.2 Methods

The following ActiveX methods are available with the 'OMRON FH Panel Window' control. These can be accessed via the 'ActiveX | Execute' script function

### C.2.2.1 ConnectStart

### Description

Connection is tried to FH/FZ5 simulation software ahead of the connection or Sensor Controller with setting factors of a property.

ImageWindow and TextWindow control components indicate measurement factors of FH/FZ5 after connection success.

#### Returns

Connection enforcement:Success = 0

Designated FzPath does not exist:DirectoryNotFoundError = 1

Failed by connection processing:InvalidArgumentError = 3

#### Note:

ConnectStart may fail with the following error. This can occur if the vision controller is running in "Continuous Measurement" mode. Stop the "Continuous Measurement" function on the vision controller in order to allow remote connection.



ConnectionStart may also fail if the target controller is not on the same IP network, even if the controller can be successfully pinged so make sure you are connecting from the same subnet.

### C.2.3 Events

There a no events available for the 'OMRON FH Panel Window' control.

# C.3 OMRON FH Text Window

The 'OMRON FH Text Window' control indicates the textual measured result of the designated FH Vision unit. **NOTE**: the 'OMRON FH Panel Window' control and 'OMRON FH Text Window' control cannot be used together.

# C.3.1 Properties

The following ActiveX properties are available with the 'OMRON FH Text Window' control. These can be accessed via CX-Supervisor's 'ActiveX Property Browser' and can be used in script code

### C.3.1.1 ConnectMode

### Description

Set a connection target.

0 or Local: connected to FH/FZ5 simulation software.

1 or Remote: connected to FH/FZ5 Sensor Controller.

# C.3.1.2 DisplmageTransferSize

### Description

Set the resolution of the display image.

When ConnectMode property is Remote, this setting is valid.

When ConnectMode property is Local, this setting is invalid.

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The default value is 320.

Update of the image is not done by setting this property.

To reflect the change you need to update the image separately.

### C.3.1.3 FontSize

### **Description**

As for these present conditions property, setting is ignored...

### C.3.1.4 FzPath

### Description

The folder location of where the Vision simulation software is installed (e.g. C:\Program Files (x86)\OMRON\FZ FH FJ).

When connecting to Sensor Controller, this setting must be specified.

Note:

The CX-Supervisor application is 32 bit, so ensure you specify the folder to the 32 bit version of the simulator. The components will not work with the 64 bit version of the simulator.

### C.3.1.5 lpAddress

### **Description**

Set IP address of Sensor Controller of FH/FZ5 of connection target. When connecting to simulation software of FH/FZ5, it's ignored.

### C.3.1.6 LineNo

### **Description**

Where a vision controller is using multiple camera inputs to process multiple production lines, set the line number which becomes connection target.

The line number which can be connected will be as follows by operation mode.

- \* Multi-line random trigger mode: 0-7
- \* High-speed logging mode: 0

### C.3.1.7 UnitNo

# **Description**

Set processing unit number (program step) of display item.

When designating "-1", the processing unit chosen at present on FH/FZ5 of connection item is displayed.

**Note:** UnitNo should be set at Design time (using ActiveX Property Browser)

or at runtime only before ConnectStart method is called. Setting UnitNo

property is not permitted after connection is started.

**Tip:** To change the Unit number of display after connection is started, execute the

"SetDisplayUnitNo" macro.

### Example to change to Unit 1 (VBScript):

if (PAGE\_ImageWindow1.IsConnected()) then

'Once connected, must set with Macro

PAGE\_ImageWindow1.Macro\_DirectExecute("SetDisplayUnitNo ""1""")

else

'Before connected, set start up property

PAGE\_ImageWindow1.UnitNo = 1

end if

# C.3.2 Methods

The following ActiveX methods are available with the 'OMRON FH Text Window' control. These can be accessed via the 'ActiveX | Execute' script function

### C.3.2.1 ConnectStart

### Description

Connection is tried to FH/FZ5 simulation software ahead of the connection or Sensor Controller with setting factors of a property.

ImageWindow and TextWindow control components indicate measurement factors of FH/FZ5 after connection success.

#### Returns

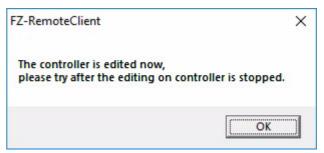
Connection enforcement: Success = 0

Designated FzPath does not exist:DirectoryNotFoundError = 1

Failed by connection processing:InvalidArgumentError = 3

#### Note:

ConnectStart may fail with the following error. This can occur if the vision controller is running in "Continuous Measurement" mode. Stop the "Continuous Measurement" function on the vision controller in order to allow remote connection.



ConnectionStart may also fail if the target controller is not on the same IP network, even if the controller can be successfully pinged so make sure you are connecting from the same subnet.

### C.3.2.2 Macro\_DirectExecute

### Description

Described macro in argument commandline is carried out on FH/FZ5.

When it connected to the plural lines by the same process, this method cannot use.

### **Arguments**

Commandline: The macro description which carries out.

#### Note:

For full details of the macro commands available on the FH Vision system and their operation refer to the FH/FZ5 User Manual and/or the .NET Control Components Operation Manual, which includes details of the macro command list that can be used in conjunction with the 'Macro' methods.

### C.3.2.3 Macro\_GetVariable

Description

The value of the macro symbol designated in argument variableName is acquired as a character string. It is used when acquiring the value of the macro symbol carried out in Macro\_DirectExecute.

### **Arguments**

variableName: Macro variable (name) of data acquisition target (input argument)

data: Acquisition result character string (output argument)

maxLength: The number of elements of the string array for acquisition result acquisition (input argument)

# C.3.2.4 Macro SetVariable

### **Description**

Value is established to the value of the macro symbol designated in argument variableName.

### **Arguments**

variableName: Macro variable (name) of data acquisition target (input argument)

data: setting subject data character string (input argument)

### C.3.3 Events

The following ActiveX events are available with the 'OMRON FH Text Window' control. These can be accessed via CX-Supervisor's 'ActiveX Property Browser' and can be used to trigger script execution.

### C.3.3.1 ErrorProc

### Description

It occurs when the following error occurred on the FH/FZ5. Notified error contents and error code are as follows.

- 0: System error
- 1: System error (Fan voltage error)
- 10: Camera connection error
- 11: Connected camera has been changed
- 12: Detection of camera over current
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- 32: Detection of parallel I/O camera over current
- 40: Data load error
- 41: Data transfer error
- 42: Incorrect number of start-up Scene group
- 43: Incorrect number of start-up Scene

### C.3.3.2 FzPathChanged

### **Description**

It occurs when the FzPath property was changed.

# C.3.3.3 MeasureDisp

### **Description**

It occurs when a measuring result was displayed on the FH/FZ5. This event is triggered each time the controller completes a "Measurement". This is either a manual "Measure" action or "Continuous Measurement" setting.

### C.3.3.4 MeasureInit

### Description

It occurs when a measurement initializing process was carried out.

When BUSY signal becomes OFF from ON in the center such as the opening and shutting of setting screen and the execution time of command, a measurement initializing process occurs. But, it doesn't occur when measurement command was executed.

### C.3.3.5 MeasureOut

### Description

It occurs when measuring result was output.

# C.3.3.6 OptionEvent

### Description

When an optional event occurred on FH/FZ5 of the connection, it occurs.

### C.3.3.7 ProcessStarted

### Description

It occurs when connection with FH/FZ5 succeeded by the ConnectStart. This event is triggered after the "FZ-CoreRA" process has been successfully started on the host machine.

# C.3.3.8 SceneChange

### **Description**

It occurs when scene change processing was carried out on FH/FZ5.

# Appendix D Obsolete Script Functions

This appendix provides a summary of script functions that are obsolete and have been removed from the standard documentation. Details are included here to assist maintaining old projects still using these features. These features should not be used in development of new solutions as it is likely support for the following features may and will be removed from the next or future releases. Please also refer to User Manual Appendix G for full details of all obsolete features.

# D.1 Sleep

Description

Pause execution of a script for specified duration.

Syntax

Sleep (duration)

#### Remarks

| Argument | Туре | Description                           |
|----------|------|---------------------------------------|
| Duration |      | Number of milliseconds to wait before |
|          |      | continuing.                           |

Typical Example

Sleep (1000)

CX-Supervisor waits 1 second.

**Note:** The sleep statement should be used with caution, as some other parts of the

system may not be updated while a script is sleeping. It also uses

multithreading which means some tasks like PLC communication may occur in

parallel and behave unpredictably.

**Note:** In a well designed, truly event driven system use of the Sleep() statement should never be required. Always consider if the statements after the Sleep

should be in their own script, executed when a Condition occurs.

Note: The Granularity (or intervals) differs between Operating Systems. In Windows

NT (and 2000) expiration is checked every 10ms, so 'Sleep(100)' actually pauses for any time between 100.00 to 109.99 milliseconds depending on when it was started. For Windows 98 (and ME) the granularity is 55ms so 'Sleep(100)' actually pauses for 110 (2 times 55) to 164.99 milliseconds (nearly 3 times 55). For this reason, Sleep statements can act differently on different

Operating Systems making the application OS dependent.

**Note:** Sleep should never be used as a delay for timing processes, for the following reasons:

- The actual time delay depends on the OS as described above
- There is always an error of 0 to 1 granularity, depending on when the action is started.
- The frequency can not be guaranteed as the OS may be busy, or handling other processes.

# **D.2 DDE Commands**

DDE as a means for exchanging data has now been obsolete for some years. In fact for so long even its successor, OLE Automation is obsolete. DDE has also proved to be a poor technology, suffering from unfixed memory leaks both

in the native Operating Systems, and tools like Microsoft Excel. This technology has now been replaced and the CX-Supervisor Communications Control should be used instead.

The following DDE script commands are obsolete.

# **D.2.1 DDEExecute**

### Syntax

returnstate = DDEExecute(channel, {command})

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре             | Description   |
|-------------|------------------|---|
| returnstate | Bool             | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.   |
| channel     | Integer<br>point | This is an integer point which contains the return value of the DDEInitiate() command. Both server and topic parameters applied to the channel based on the DDEInitiate() command must be open or an error is reported. |
| command     | String           | This is a command as recognised by the server application specified within the channel.   |

### Typical Example

```
channelname = DDEInitiate("Excel", "Sheet1.xls")
DDEExecute(channelname,
{[OPEN("C:\EXCEL\WORK\SHEET2.XLS")]})
```

The file 'SHEET2.XLS' within path 'C:\EXCEL\WORK' is opened in Microsoft Excel, as specified by the Integer point 'channelname'. The file 'SHEET1.XLS' is already open in Microsoft Excel

# **D.2.2 DDEInitiate**

### Syntax

```
channel = DDEInitiate("server", topic")
```

## Remarks

| Argument | Туре             | Description   |
|----------|------------------|---|
| channel  | Integer<br>point | This is an integer point which contains the return value of the DDEInitiate() command.  |
| server   | String           | This contains the application that supports DDE as a DDE server. Typically, this is the name of the applications' *.EXE executable file without the filename extension. At runtime, the server application must be open or a value cannot be returned and an error is reported. |

| Argument | Туре   | Description   |
|----------|--------|---|
| topic    | String | This contains the name of the topic recognised by the server application. Typically, a topic is a document within an application. At runtime, the topic must be open or a value cannot be returned and an error is reported.  |
|          |        | The topic may be left empty, which enables documents to open remotely prior to making a specified connection. The topic name 'System' may be used to find out which other topics within the server application are available. However, this is dependent on the server application supporting this topic. |

### Typical Example

```
channelname = DDEInitiate("Excel", "Sheet1.xls")
```

The Integer point 'channelname' is provided with a DDE link to the application Microsoft Excel which is run by the executable filename 'EXCEL.EXE', and to the file 'SHEET1.XLS' within that application.

# D.2.3 DDEOpenLinks

### Syntax

returnstate = DDEOpenLinks(channel)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре             | Description   |
|-------------|------------------|---|
| returnstate | bool             | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.   |
| channel     | Integer<br>point | This is an integer point which contains the return value of the DDEInitiate() command. Both server and topic parameters applied to the channel in the DDEInitiate() command must be open or an error is reported. |

### Typical Example

```
channelname = DDEInitiate("Excel", "Sheet1.xls")
DDEOpenLinks(channelname)
```

The DDEOpenLinks command enables points which have been configured to communicate via DDE to begin data transfer. Data transfer between CX-Supervisor and the application Microsoft Excel is automatically maintained until the channel is closed either by Microsoft Excel or by the command DDETerminate() using the Integer point 'channelname', or the command DDETerminateAll().

# D.2.4 DDEPoke

### Syntax

returnstate = DDEPoke(channel, "item", pointname)

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |

| Argument  | Туре             | Description   |
|-----------|------------------|---|
| channel   | Integer<br>point | This is an integer point which contains the return value of the DDEInitiate() command. Both server and topic parameters applied to the in the DDEInitiate() command must be open or an error is reported.                                   |
| item      | string           | This is an item as recognised by the server application. For instance, a cell is an item within a spreadsheet application. Likewise, a page is an item for a word processing application. It is wholly dependent on the server application. |
| pointname | point            | This is a point whose attributes must include a DDE Access of 'Read/Only' or 'Read/Write'. The contents of this point are assigned to the server application.   |

### Typical Example

```
channelname = DDEInitiate("Excel", "Sheet1.xls")
DDEPoke(channelname, "R2C5", data)
```

The content of point 'data' is sent to row 2, column 5 of 'SHEET1.XLS' in the Microsoft application. The Microsoft Excel application, and 'SHEET1.XLS' are specified by Integer point 'channelname'.

# **D.2.5 DDERequest**

### Syntax

```
pointname = DDERequest(channel, "item")
```

### Remarks

| Argument  | Туре             | Description   |
|-----------|------------------|---|
| channel   | Integer<br>point | This is an integer point which contains the return value of the DDEInitiate() command. Both server and topic parameters applied to the channel in the DDEInitiate() command must be open or an error is reported.                           |
| item      | string           | This is an item as recognised by the server application. For instance, a cell is an item within a spreadsheet application. Likewise, a page is an item for a word processing application. It is wholly dependent on the server application. |
| pointname | point            | This is a point whose attributes must include a DDE Access of 'Read/Write'.   |

### Typical Example

```
channelname = DDEInitiate("Excel", "Sheet1.xls")
cellref = DDERequest("channelname", "R2C5")
```

The point 'cellref' is filled from a specific item, row 2, column 5 from 'SHEET1.XLS' from the Microsoft Excel application, specified by the Integer point 'channelname'.

# **D.2.6 DDETerminate**

### Syntax

returnstate = DDETerminate(channel)

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре             | Description   |
|-------------|------------------|---|
| returnstate | bool             | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.   |
| channel     | Integer<br>point | This is an integer point which contains the return value of the DDEInitiate() command. Both server and topic parameters applied to the channel in the DDEInitiate() command must be open or an error is reported. |

# Typical Example

DDETerminate(channelname)

The server and topic specified by Integer point 'channelname' is closed.

# **D.2.7 DDETerminateAll**

### Syntax

returnstate = DDETerminateAll()

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate |      | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |

### Typical Example

DDETerminateAll()

All previously initiated DDE links are closed.

# D.2.8 EnableDDE

## Syntax

returnstate = EnableDDE(pointname)

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| Pointname   |      | A Boolean point that holds the required enable/ disable state       |

# Typical Examples

EnableDDE(result)

DDE functions are enabled based on the value of point 'result'. If 'point' is 'TRUE', then DDE is enabled, if 'point' is 'FALSE', then DDE is disabled.

EnableDDE(TRUE)

DDE functions can also be enabled directly without using a point to hold the desired status.

# **D.3 Graph Commands**

# D.3.1 ClearGraph

### **Syntax**

returnstate = ClearGraph("graphid", "pagename")

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.      |
| graphid     | string | The identifier of the trend or scatter graph to be cleared.              |
| pagename    | string | Optional parameter indicating the name of the page that the graph is on. |

### Typical Examples

```
ClearGraph("Graph_1", "TestPage1")
```

The trend or scatter graph on 'TestPage1' with the identifier 'Graph\_1' has its data cleared.

```
ClearGraph ("Graph_2")
```

The trend or scatter graph on the current page, with the identifier 'Graph\_2', has its data cleared.

# D.3.2 StartGraph

### **Syntax**

returnstate = StartGraph("graphid", "pagename")

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.      |
| graphid     | string | The identifier of the trend or scatter graph to be started.              |
| pagename    | string | Optional parameter indicating the name of the page that the graph is on. |

### Typical Examples

```
StartGraph("Graph_1", "TestPage1")
```

The trend or scatter graph on 'TestPage1' with the identifier 'Graph\_1' has its data logging started.

```
StartGraph("Graph_2")
```

The trend or scatter graph on the current page with the identifier 'Graph\_2' has its data logging started.

Note:

This command is provided for compatibility with SCS v2.0 applications. For newer applications the data logging facilities should be used in preference.

# D.3.3 StopGraph

### **Syntax**

```
returnstate = StopGraph("graphid", "pagename")
```

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.      |
| graphid     | string | The identifier of the trend or scatter graph to be stopped.              |
| pagename    | string | Optional parameter indicating the name of the page that the graph is on. |

### Typical Examples

```
StopGraph("Graph_1", "TestPage1")
```

The trend or scatter graph on 'TestPage1' with the identifier 'Graph\_1' has its data logging stopped.

```
StopGraph("Graph_2")
```

The trend or scatter graph on the current page with the identifier 'Graph\_2' has its data logging stopped.

# D.3.4 EditGraph

### Syntax

returnstate = EditGraph("graphid")

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise. |
| graphid     | string | The identifier of the trend or scatter graph to be edited.          |

### Typical Example

```
EditGraph("Graph_1")
```

The Edit Graph dialog is displayed offering options to view historical data for the chosen trend graph.

- Display Data loads the currently selected data sample i.e. either the current screen data or a snapshot of the data, into the trend graph.
- Snapshot stores the current data buffer associated with the trend graph. The snapshot is given a time stamped default description.
- Description provides the ability to change the description associated with the snapshot.
- Import Data provides the ability to load in a previously saved trend graph file.
- Export Data provides the ability to store a snapshot to a file, either in internal CX-Supervisor format, or as a text file that can be imported into other applications.
- · Delete removes the currently selected snapshot.

Note:

This command is provided for compatibility with SCS v2.0 applications. For newer applications the data logging facilities should be used in preference.

**Note:** This command can only be used if the trend is set to log to a file.

# D.3.5 SaveGraph

### **Syntax**

returnstate = SaveGraph("graphid")

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.      |
| graphid     | string | The identifier of the trend or scatter graph to be saved.                |
| pagename    | string | Optional parameter indicating the name of the page that the graph is on. |

### Typical Examples

SaveGraph("Graph\_1", "TestPage1")

The trend graph on the page 'TestPage' with the identifier 'Graph\_1' has its data saved to disc.

SaveGraph("Graph\_2")

The trend graph on the current page with the identifier 'Graph\_2' has its data saved to disc.

# **D.3.6 Snapshot**

### Syntax

returnstate = Snapshot("graphid", "pagename")

### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре   | Description  |
|-------------|--------|--|
| returnstate | bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.      |
| graphid     | string | The identifier of the trend or scatter graph to have the snapshot.       |
| pagename    | string | Optional parameter indicating the name of the page that the graph is on. |

### Typical Examples

Snapshot("Graph\_1", "TestPage1")

The current data in trend graph 'Graph1' on 'TestPage1', is stored and is able to be viewed via the EditGraph command.

Snapshot("Graph\_2")

The current data in trend graph 'Graph1' on the current page, is stored and is able to be viewed via the EditGraph command.

Note:

This command is provided for compatibility with SCS v2.0 applications. For newer applications the data logging facilities should be used in preference.

# **D.4 Printer Commands**

# **D.4.1 GetSpoolCount**

### Syntax

returnstate = GetSpoolCount()

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description  |  |
|-------------|------|--|--|
| returnstate |      | Number of messages queued up waiting to be printed on Alarm/Message printer. |  |

### Typical Example

```
NumberMessages = GetSpoolCount()
```

The count of the number of messages (typically printed alarms) that are queued up waiting to be sent to the CX-Supervisor Alarm/Message printer is returned.

# **D.4.2 SetPrinterConfig**

### Syntax

returnstate StePrintConfig(Driver, Device, Port)

#### Remarks

| Argument        | Туре   | Description  |
|-----------------|--------|--|
| returnstate     | Bool   | Returnstate is '1' if the function is successful, or '0' otherwise.          |
| Driver          | String | Name of printer device (e.g. "Epson9" for 9 pin Epson printers.              |
| Device          | String | Name of specific device (e.g. "Epson FX-870"). This is optional.             |
| Port            | String | Name of port or file(e.g. "LPT1.").  |
| Line Terminator | String | Optional. Sets terminator (e.g. cr) to be added to end of each printed line. |

### Typical Examples

```
SetPrinterConfig("SCSPRN", "", "LPT1:")
```

This uses standard CX-Supervisor line print driver.

```
SetPrinterConfig("", "", "")
```

This uses default Windows printer driver.

```
SetPrinterConfig("Epson9", "", "LPT2:")
```

This uses Epson printer driver, attached to LPT2.

```
SetPrinterConfig(DriverNamePoint, DeviceNamePoint,
PrintNamePoint)
```

This uses text points.

```
Terminator = FormatText("%c%c",13,10)
```

Character 10 is 'lf' (newline), character 13 is cr (carriage return).

```
SetPrinterConfig("Epson9","","LPT1:",Terminator)
```

# **D.5 JScript**

The JScript script commands have been deprecated in CX-Supervisor 3.5. However, JScript code will continue to function in the same way it did in earlier versions of CX-Supervisor.

The following JScript script commands are obsolete.

# **D.5.1 ExecuteJScript**

#### Description

Creates aliases allowing Java Script to be executed in line. See Appendix C for a list of supported functions and details of the Windows Scripting Host.

#### Syntax

@JSCRIPT @ENDSCRIPT

### Typical Examples

```
@JSCRIPT
    Point("PointName") = OLE_1.Height;
@ENDSCRIPT
```

This Java Script will write the value of the property 'Height' from the OLE object 'OLE1' into the Point named 'PointName'.

Note:

The Java Script can not include the { or } characters. To use these, put the script in a text file and use the ExecuteJScriptFile function.

# D.5.2 ExecuteJScriptFile

### Description

Allows Java script stored in a text file to be executed. This uses the windows scripting host which must be installed. See Appendix C for a list of supported functions.

### Syntax

```
returnstate = ExecuteJScriptFile(scriptfile)
```

#### Remarks

| Argument    | Туре | Description   |
|-------------|------|---|
| returnstate | bool | 1 if the function is successful otherwise 0.          |
| scriptfile  | Text | The name of the file with the Java Script to execute. |

### Typical Examples

```
returnstate = ExecuteJScriptFile("c:\jscript.txt")
```

This will execute the Java Script stored in "c:\jscript.txt".

# D.6 Atan

CX-Supervisor Script function 'Atan' is obsolete and has been replaced by VBScript equivalent 'Atn' function.

# D.7 Sqrt

CX-Supervisor Script function 'Sqrt' is obsolete and has been replaced by VBScript equivalent 'Sqr' function.

# D.8 GetPointValue / SetPointValue

The GetPointValue and SetPointValue functions, to get or set the element of an array, have been replaced by the use of square brackets which allows access within both scripts and now expressions. See section "4-6 Point Arrays within Script Commands and Expressions" for details on how to use.

### Syntax

```
returnpoint = GetPointValue(pointname,offset)
```

# Remarks

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| Argument    | Туре    | Description  |
|-------------|---------|--|
| pointname   | point   | This is the name of the point whose contents are to be returned.   |
| offset      | integer | This specifies the offset into an array point. 0 if the point is not an array point.                     |
| returnpoint | point   | Point that contains the return value. The type of data returned is dependent on the pointname specified. |

# Typical Example

pointname = 10; returnpoint = GetPointValue(pointname,0)

The point 'returnpoint' contains the value 10. The offset is added to any offset specified for pointname. For example:

returnpoint = GetPointValue(a[10],10)

Causes the 21st element (offsets begin at zero) of array 'a' to be retrieved.

**Note:** It is often simpler to access an array element directly, e.g. returnpoint = a[20].

# D.9 Colour Palette (ARGB Values Used in Script Code)

The new colour palette, described in section 1 of the User Manual, replaces the old colour palete, which is shown in the table below. When an older project is loaded into CX-Supervisor 3.4, or later, any references to a colour palatte index will be converted to the appropriate ARGB value.

| No. | Colour     | No.   | Colour     |
|-----|------------|-------|------------|
| 0   | black      | 12    | purple     |
| 1   | blue       | 13    | olive      |
| 2   | green      | 14    | dark_grey  |
| 3   | cyan       | 15    | light-grey |
| 4   | red        | 16    | pale-green |
| 5   | magenta    | 17    | light-blue |
| 6   | yellow     | 18    | off-white  |
| 7   | white      | 19    | grey       |
| 8   | dark_blue  | 20    | cherry     |
| 9   | dark_green | 21    | silver     |
| 10  | blue-green | 22    | apple      |
| 11  | brown      | 23    | orange     |
|     |            | 24-65 | Not used   |

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# Appendix E CX-Supervisor Script Language

This chapter describes the CX-Supervisor script language syntax. It provides a detailed definition of the syntax of CX-Supervisor scripts that drive project, page and object actions, and CX-Supervisor expressions as used by objects and scripts. In conjunction with the script functions and methods described in Chapter 6, the CX-Supervisor script language provides a very powerful, compiled, fast and full featured programming language.

The following table describes the script language syntax at a glance.

| Function Name                  | Function Type        | Туре | Remarks  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|------|--|
| &,  , ^, <<, >>                | bitwise operators    | All  | Applies bitwise expressions                        |
| (objects)                      | statement            | OP   | Specifies an object name for modification or test. |
| (points)                       | statement            | All  | Specifies a point name for modification or test.   |
| +, -, *, /, %, =, ++,          | arithmetic operators | All  | Applies arithmetic expressions.                    |
| <, >, <=, >=, !=               | relational operators | All  | Applies relational expressions.                    |
| AND                            | logical operators    | All  | Applies logical expressions.                       |
| CALL                           | statement            | All  | Call a subroutine                                  |
| DO LOOP WHILE<br>UNTIL EXIT DO | statement            | Scr  | Script segment to be repeated                      |
| FALSE                          | Boolean state        | Scr  | Applies Boolean expression.                        |
| FOR TO STEP<br>NEXT EXIT FOR   | statement            | Scr  | Script segment to be repeated                      |
| IFTHEN<br>ELSE\ELSEIF<br>ENDIF | statement            | Scr  | Applies a test to a script.                        |
| OR                             | logical operators    | All  | Applies logical expressions.                       |
| NOT                            | logical operators    | All  | Applies logical expressions.                       |
| REM                            | statement            | Scr  | Remarks on line or lines of script.                |
| RETURN                         | statement            | Scr  | Stops sequential execution of script.              |
| SELECT CASE/<br>END SELECT     | statement            | Scr  | Applied to complex tests.                          |
| TRUE                           | Boolean state        | Scr  | Applies Boolean expression.                        |

The 'Type' column refers to the types of script and expression the function can be applied to. 'All' refers to both expressions and scripts. 'Scr' refers to scripts only. 'OP' refers to Object and Page scripts only.

# **E.1 Points**

# **E.1.1 Basic Point Assignment**

Syntax

pointname = expression

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| pointname  | The point name to be assigned a value.   |
| expression | The value to be assigned to pointname. The expression may be of type Boolean, Integer, Real or Text. |

Typical Examples

count = 100

The Integer or Real point 'count' is assigned the value 100.

result = TRUE

The Boolean point 'result' is assigned the state "TRUE".

name = "Valve position"

The Text point 'name' is assigned the associated text, contained within quotation marks.

Note:

When assigning Real (floating point) values to an Integer point the assignment uses the 'Symetrical Rounding Down' (towards 0) standard. This means a value of 4.1 would be assign a value 4. A value of -4.1 would asign a value of -4.

References

Refer to chapter 4, Punctuation for details of the use of quotation marks.

# **E.1.2 Further Point Assignment**

**Syntax** 

pointname = expression

# Remarks

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| pointname  | The point name to be assigned a value.   |
| expression | The value to be assigned to pointname. The expression may be of type Boolean, Integer or Real and can include other points, logical or arithmetical expressions.  Mathematical precedence is applied as follows: |
|            | Parenthesis (highest).   |
|            | <ul> <li>Unary minus and NOT logical operator.</li> </ul>  |
|            | <ul> <li>Multiplication, division and modulus.</li> </ul>  |
|            | Addition and subtraction.  |
|            | <ul> <li>Greater than, less than, greater than or equal to, and<br/>less than or equal to relational operators.</li> </ul>   |
|            | <ul> <li>Shift Left (SHL) and Shift Right (SHR).</li> </ul>  |
|            | <ul> <li>Equal to and not equal to relational operators.</li> </ul>  |
|            | Bitwise AND, XOR, OR.  |
|            | <ul> <li>AND logical operator, OR logical operator (lowest).</li> </ul>  |

### Typical Examples

```
lift = height + rate/5.0
```

The Integer or Real point 'lift' is assigned the value calculated by the value of point 'rate' divided by 5, plus the value of point 'height'. Precedence can be changed by the introduction of parenthesis.

```
lift = lift - 0.2
```

The Integer or Real point 'lift' is assigned the value calculated by the current value of point 'lift' minus 0.2.

```
distance = distance * time
```

The Integer or Real point 'distance' is assigned the value calculated by the current value of point 'distance' multiplied by point 'time'.

#### References

Refer to chapter 4, Logic and Arithmetic for details of the use of arithmetic and logic functions. Refer to chapter 4, Punctuation for details of the use of parenthesis.

# **E.2 Logic and Arithmetic**

# **E.2.1 Arithmetic Operators**

#### Syntax

pointname = expression

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Description   |
|------------|---|
| pointname  | The point name to be assigned a value based on an arithmetical expression.  |
| expression | The value to be assigned to pointname. The expression may include the following operators with points and constants:  • Addition '+'.  • Subtraction '-'.  • Multiplication '*'.  • Division '/'.  • Modulus '%'.  • Increment '++'.  • Decrement ''. |

### Typical Examples

```
result = 60 + 20/5
```

The Integer or Real point 'result' is assigned the value calculated by the value of 20 divided by 5, plus 60.

```
lift = height + rate/5.0
```

The Integer or Real point 'lift' is assigned the value calculated by the value of point 'rate' divided by 5, plus the value of point 'height'. Precedence can be changed by the introduction of parenthesis.

### References

Refer to chapter 4, Punctuation for details of the use of parenthesis.

# **E.2.2 Bitwise Operators**

#### Syntax

```
pointname = expression

or
    IF expression

or
    DO WHILE expression

or
    DO UNTIL expression
```

### Remarks

| Argument   | Description   |
|------------|---|
| pointname  | The pointname to be assigned a value based on the bitwise operation.  |
| expression | The value to be assigned to pointname, or to be evaluated as a Boolean expression. The expression can include the following operators with points and constants:  • Bitwise AND, 'BITAND' or '&'.  • Bitwise OR, 'BITOR' or ' '.  • Bitwise XOR, 'XOR' or '^'.  • Bitwise Shift Left, 'SHL' or '<<'.  • Bitwise Shift Right, 'SHR' or '>>'. |

### Typical Examples

```
MSB = value \& 128
```

The Boolean point 'MSB' is set 'TRUE' if the binary representation of 'value' has the bit set which is worth 128.

```
Pattern = value << 2
```

The binary representation of 'value' is shifted left twice, and stored in 'pattern'. Each Shift Left operation has the effect of doubling the value, so two shifts quadruple the value.

# **E.2.3 Logical Operators**

### Syntax

```
pointname = expression

or
    IF expression

or
    DO WHILE expression

or
    DO UNTIL expression
```

#### Remarks

| Argument | Description  |
|----------|--|
|          | The point name to be assigned a value based on a logical expression. |

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| Expression | The Boolean value to be assigned to pointname or the Boolean value forming a conditional statement. The expression includes the following operators with points and constants:  • And 'AND'.  • Or 'OR'.  • Not 'NOT'. |

### Typical Examples

```
flag = temp AND speed
```

The Boolean point 'flag' is assigned a value based on the logic of point 'temp' AND point 'speed'. If 'temp' and 'speed' are both not zero, 'flag' is set to 1, or "TRUE". A value of zero in either 'temp' or 'speed' supplies 'FALSE' or 0 to 'flag'.

```
IF flag AND temp AND speed THEN
    flag = FALSE
ENDIF
```

The Boolean point 'flag' is assigned 'FALSE', on the condition that 'flag' AND point 'temp' AND point 'speed' are all not zero. If the condition fails, then 'flag' is not assigned 'FALSE'.

### References

Refer to chapter 4, Control Statements for details of the use of the IF THEN ELSE/ELSEIF ENDIF statements.

# **E.2.4 Relational Operators**

### Syntax

```
or

DO WHILE expression

or

DO UNTIL expression
```

### Remarks

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| Expression | The value forming a conditional statement. The expression may include the following operators with points and constants: |
|            | Greater than '>'.  |
|            | Less than '<'.   |
|            | <ul> <li>Greater than or equal to '&gt;='.</li> </ul>  |
|            | <ul> <li>Less than or equal to '&lt;='.</li> </ul>   |
|            | Not equal to '!='.   |
|            | Equal to '=='.   |

# Typical Example

```
IF fuel < 0 THEN
    fuel = 0
ENDIF</pre>
```

The point 'fuel' is assigned the value 0 on the condition that currently, 'fuel' is less than 0. If 'fuel' is not less than 0, then it is not assigned the new value.

### References

Refer to chapter 4, Control Statements for details of the use of the IF THEN ELSE/ELSEIF ENDIF statements.

# **E.3 Control Statements**

# **E.3.1 Simple Conditional Statements**

### Syntax

```
IF condition THEN statementblock1
ENDIF

Or

IF condition THEN statementblock1
ELSE statementblock2
ENDIF
```

### Remarks

| Argument        | Description   |
|-----------------|---|
| Condition       | The condition is made up of points and constants, using relational, logical or arithmetical notation as a test. The condition can evaluate Boolean state 'TRUE' and 'FALSE', Integer or Real numbers, or a text string. |
| Statementblock1 | One or more statements which are performed if the condition is met.   |
| Statementblock2 | One or more statements which are performed if the condition is not met.   |

### Typical Examples

```
IF fuel < 0 THEN
   fuel = 0
ENDIF</pre>
```

Provided Integer point 'fuel' is less than 0, then it is assigned the value 0.

```
IF burner THEN
   fuel = fuel - rate
ENDIF
```

Provided Boolean point 'burner' is "TRUE", then Integer point 'fuel' is assigned a new value. It is also possible to apply 'IF burner == TRUE THEN' as the first line, with identical results.

```
IF distance > 630 AND distance < 660 AND lift >= -3
THEN
   winner = TRUE
   burner = FALSE
ENDIF
```

Provided that Integer point 'distance' is greater in value than 630 AND 'distance' is less in value than 660 (i.e. 'distance' is a value between 630 and 660) AND point 'lift' is greater than or equal to -3, then Boolean points 'winner' and 'burner' are assigned new values.

```
IF burner AND fuel > 0 AND rate > 0 THEN
   fuel = fuel - rate
ELSE
   lift = 0
   altitude = 0
ENDIF
```

Provided that Boolean point 'burner' is "TRUE" AND points 'fuel' and 'rate' are greater in value than 0, then 'fuel' is assigned a new value. Otherwise points 'lift' and 'altitude' are assigned a new value.

References

Refer to chapter 4, Punctuation, Indentation for details on the layout of code.

# **E.3.2 Nested Conditional Statements**

```
Syntax
```

```
IF conditionA THEN
       statementblock1
        IF conditionB THEN
           statementblock3
       ENDIF
   ELSE
       statementblock2
   ENDIF
or
   IF conditionA THEN
       statementblock1
       IF conditionB THEN
           statementblock3
       ELSE
           statementblock4
       ENDIF
   ELSE
       statementblock2
   ENDIF
or
   IF conditionA THEN
       statementblock1
   ELSEIF conditionB THEN
       statementblock3
   ENDIF
or
   IF conditionA THEN
       statementblock1
   ELSE
       statementblock2
        IF conditionB THEN
           statementblock3
       ELSE
           statementblock4
       ENDIF
   ENDIF
Remarks
```

| Argument        | Description   |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| conditionA      | The condition is made up of points and constants, using relational, logical or arithmetical notation as a test. The condition can evaluate Boolean state 'TRUE' and 'FALSE', Integer or Real numbers, or a text string.   |  |
| conditionB      | This condition is nested in the first condition, either on a successful or unsuccessful evaluation of conditionA. The condition is made up of points and constants, using relational, logical or arithmetical notation as a test. The condition can evaluate Boolean state 'TRUE' and 'FALSE', Integer or Real numbers, or a text string. There is no limit to the number of nested conditional statements. |  |
| statementblock1 | One or more statements which are performed if conditionA is met.  |  |
| statementblock2 | One or more statements which are performed if conditionA is not met.  |  |
| statementblock3 | One or more statements which are performed if conditionB is met.  |  |
| statementblock4 | One or more statements which are performed if conditionB is not met.  |  |

# Typical Examples

```
IF burner AND fuel > 0 AND rate > 0 THEN
    lift = lift + rate/5

ELSE
    count = 1
    IF altitude > 140 THEN
        lift = lift - 0.2
    ENDIF

ENDIF
```

Provided a successful evaluation has been made to points 'burner' AND 'fuel' AND 'rate', point 'lift' is updated with the current value of rate divided by 5 plus 'lift'. Otherwise, a further evaluation is required on point 'altitude'. If 'altitude' is currently greater than 140, then 'lift' is decremented by 0.2.

```
IF burner AND fuel > 0 AND rate > 0 THEN
    lift = lift + rate/5

ELSE
    IF altitude > 140 THEN
        lift = lift - 0.2
    ENDIF

ENDIF

IF burner AND fuel > 0 AND rate > 0 THEN
    lift = lift + rate/5

ELSEIF altitude > 140 THEN
    lift = lift - 0.2
```

These two examples are identical. The use of the ELSEIF statement combines the ELSE statement and the IF/ENDIF statements for brevity. It is acceptable to have more than one ELSEIF statement in an IF THEN ELSE/ELSEIF ENDIF construct.

#### References

Refer to chapter 4, Punctuation for details of the use of indentation.

# E.3.3 Case Select

## Syntax

```
SELECT CASE expression
       CASE expression
           statementblock1
       CASE expression
           statementblock2
        CASE expression
           statementblock3
    END SELECT
or
    SELECT CASE expression
       CASE expression
           statementblock1
       CASE expression
           statementblock2
        CASE ELSE
           statementblock3
    END SELECT
```

#### Remarks

| Argument        | Description  |
|-----------------|--|
| expression      | The expression may be a point, or a calculation of constants and/or points that produces a result. |
| statementblock1 | One or more statements that are only performed if the preceding CASE expression is met.            |
| statementblock2 | One or more statements that are only performed if the preceding CASE expression is met.            |
| statementblock3 | One or more statements that are only performed if the preceding CASE expression is met.            |

## Typical Examples

```
CASE 1
colour (blue)
CASE 2
colour (green)
CASE 3
colour (cyan)
CASE ELSE
colour (0)
END SELECT
```

This example shows the assignment of a colour according to the value of a point. The value of Integer point 'colourvalue' is evaluated and compared with each case until a match is found. When a match is found, the sequence of actions associated with the CASE statement is performed. When 'colourvalue' is 1, the colour given to the current object is blue, when 'colourvalue' is 2, the colour given to the current object is green, when 'colourvalue' is 3, the colour given to the current object is cyan. If 'colourvalue' falls outside the integer range 1-3, then the colour given is 0 (black). Like ELSE and ELSEIF, the CASE ELSE statement is optional.

```
SELECT CASE TRUE
    CASE temperature > 0 AND temperature <= 10
        colour (blue)
    CASE temperature > 10 AND temperature <= 20
        colour (green)
    CASE temperature > 20 AND temperature <= 30
        colour (red)
    CASE ELSE
        colour (white)
ENDSELECT</pre>
```

In this example, instead of using a point as the condition as with the previous example, the value is the condition - in this case Boolean state "TRUE" - with the integer point 'temperature' being tested at each case. If it is "TRUE" that 'temperature' is between 0 and 10, then the current object is set to blue, or if it is "TRUE" that 'temperature' is between 11 and 20, then the current object is set to green, or if it is "TRUE" that 'temperature' is between 21 and 30, then the current object is set to red. If none of these CASE statements are met, then the current object is set to white. Like ELSE and ELSEIF, the CASE ELSE statement is optional.

#### References

Refer to chapter 6, Object Commands for details of applying attributes to an object and for the use of the Colour object command. Refer to chapter 8, Colour Palette for details of the Colour Palette colour designation.

# E.3.4 FOR... NEXT Loop

#### **Syntax**

```
FOR pointname = startpt TO endpt STEP steppt
    statementblock1
NEXT
```

### Remarks

| Argument  | Description  |
|-----------|--|
| pointname | The pointname to be used as the loop counter.  |
| startpt   | The initial setting of pointname, and the first value to be used through the loop.   |
| endpt     | The last value to be used. The loop ends when pointname exceeds this value.  |
| steppt    | Amount to increase pointname by every pass of the loop. Steppt can be negative to count backwards providing startpt is larger than endpt. The STEP keyword and variable may be omitted in which case pointname is incremented at each pass of the loop (identical to adding STEP 1). |

## Typical Examples

```
FOR loopcount = 0 TO 100
        Ellipse_1.vertical%fill = loopcount
        NEXT

In this example, 'Ellipse_1' is gradually filled 100 times.

FOR loopcount = 100 TO 0 STEP -5
        Ellipse_1.vertical%fill = loopcount
        NEXT
```

In this example, the fill for 'Ellipse\_1' is gradually removed 20 times (100 times/-5).

Note:

Loop statements should be used with caution, as they consume processor time while they are running and some other parts of the system may not be updated.

# E.3.5 DO WHILE/UNTIL Loop

## Syntax

```
DO WHILE expression
statementblock
LOOP

Or

DO
statementblock
LOOP WHILE expression

Or

DO UNTIL expression
statementblock
LOOP

Or

DO
statementblock
LOOP

UNTIL expression
```

#### Remarks

| Argument       | Description  |
|----------------|--|
| expression     | The expression may be a point, or a calculation of constants and/or points that produces a result. |
| statementblock | One or more statements to be executed multiple times depending on expression.                      |

## Typical Example

```
DO WHILE dooropen == TRUE

Message ("You must shut the door before continuing")

LOOP

DO

nextchar = Mid (Mystring, position, 1)
position = position + 1

LOOP UNTIL nextchar = "A"
```

Note:

Loop statements should be used with caution, as they consume processor time while they are running and some other parts of the system may not be updated.

# **E.4 Subroutines**

# E.4.1 Call

#### **Syntax**

```
CALL subroutine (arguments)
```

#### Remarks

| Argument   | Description  |
|------------|--|
| subroutine | The name of the subroutine defined at project level.   |
| arguments  | The list of arguments required by the subroutine separated by commas. Each argument may be a pointname, constant, arithmetical or logical expression or any valid combination. |

## Typical Example

```
CALL MySub ($Second, "Default", 2 + Int1)
```

# E.4.2 Return

#### Syntax

```
RETURN

Typical Example

IF limit > 1000 THEN

RETURN

ELSE

value = limit

ENDIF

REM final part of script

POLYGON_1.COLOUR = red

ELLIPSE_5.WIDTH = value
```

The integer point 'limit' is tested for its value. If its value exceeds 1000, then the condition is met, and the RETURN command is executed. All statements after the RETURN command are ignored. If the value of integer point 'limit' does not exceed 1000, then the RETURN command is not executed, and statements after the RETURN command are performed.

#### References

Refer to the CX-Supervisor User Manual for the use of the RETURN statement for Recipe validation.

# E.5 Punctuation

# **E.5.1 Command String Delimiters**

## Description

Alternative string delimiters allowing string to contain quote " characters.

### Syntax

```
{Some "string" text}
Typical Example
    Message({Error: "Invalid Function" occurred})
```

The '{' and '}' braces inserted around the whole strings allows the actual text in the string to contain quotes which will be displayed normally. They can be used in any situation where quotes can be used whether or not embedded quotes are required. However, for clarity the quote characters should be used by preference.

# E.5.2 Indentation

# Typical Examples

```
IF burner AND fuel > 0 AND rate > 0 THEN
lift = lift + rate/5
```

```
ELSE
IF altitude > 140 THEN
lift = lift - 0.2
ENDIF
ENDIF
IF burner AND fuel > 0 AND rate > 0 THEN
    lift = lift + rate/5
ELSE
    IF altitude > 140 THEN
        lift = lift - 0.2
    ENDIF
ENDIF
```

Both examples provide identical functionality, but the use of indentation, either spaces or tabs to show the construction of the statements aids readability.

The use of the ELSEIF statement in this example was omitted for clarity.

# **E.5.3 Multiple Commands**

Typical Examples

```
count = 75
result = log(count)
count = 75 : result = log(count)
```

Both examples provide identical functionality, but the use of the colon between statements allows both to reside on the same line.

# E.5.4 Parenthesis

Typical Examples

```
result = 20 + 30 * 40

The result is 1220.

result = (20 + 30) * 40
```

The values in parenthesis are calculated first. The result is 2000.

References

Refer to chapter 4, Logic and Arithmetic, Arithmetric Operations for further details.

# E.5.5 Quotation Marks

Typical Examples

```
name = "Valve position"
```

The Text point 'name' is assigned associated text, contained within quotation marks. Quotation marks must be used in this instance.

```
Message("This text to be displayed as a message.")
```

Passing static text as arguments to functions.

```
BlueCarsAck = IsAlarmAcknowledged("BLUEPAINT")
```

The point 'BlueCarsAck' is assigned a Boolean state based on the alarm 'BLUEPAINT'. Quotation marks must be used for an alarm name.

# E.5.6 Remarks

```
Syntax
```

```
REM | rem comment
or
'comment
```

#### Remarks

| Argument | Туре | Description       |
|----------|------|-------------------|
| Comment  |      | Descriptive text. |

#### Typical Examples

```
REM The following statement adds two numbers result = 45 + 754 result = 45 + 754 'add two numbers
```

# E.6 Indirection within Script Commands and Expressions

It is possible to use text points directly or indirectly in place of literal string arguments within scripts and expressions. For instance, each of the following commands has the same effect:

Using a string literal;

```
PlayOLE("ole 1", 0)
```

Using a textpoint directly;

```
textpoint = "ole_1"
PlayOLE(textpoint, 0)
```

Using a textpoint indirectly via the '^' notation.

```
text = "ole_1"
textpoint = "text"
PlayOLE(^textpoint, 0)
```

Note:

This is only applicable to CX-Supervisor scripts and expressions, and is not supported by VBScript.

It is possible to use text points indirectly in place of point name arguments within script commands. For instance, each of the following commands has the same effect:

Using a point name directly;

```
verbnumber = 0
PlayOLE("ole_1", verbnumber)
```

Using a textpoint indirectly via the '^' notation.

```
verbnumber = 0
textpoint = "verbnumber"
PlayOLE("ole_1", ^textpoint)
```

An example using Indirection

The value of point indirection can be seen in a situation where it is necessary to dynamically change the pointname that an object is linked to. In the following example a toggle button is configured to control the Boolean state of one of four points:

- The four Boolean points to be controlled are called 'motor1', 'motor2', 'motor3' and 'motor4'.
- The text point 'textpoint' is used to store the name of the Boolean point to be controlled.
- The text point 'text' is used to store the string value of the integer point 'index'
- The integer point 'index' (which has a range 1-4) is used to dynamically change the point being controlled.
- Access to any of the four Boolean points 'motor1', 'motor2', 'motor3', 'motor4' can be achieved by applying indirection to 'textpoint' using the '^' notation and changing the contents of 'textpoint'.

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For instance, in order to dynamically change the Boolean point a toggle button is linked to follow these steps.

- 1, 2, 3... 1. Link the toggle button to a textpoint using indirection e.g. ^textpoint.
  - 2. Link the following script code to run as required. e.g. on clicking a button.
    - Text = ValueToText(index)
    - TextPoint = "motor" + text
  - 3. The ValueToText function converts the integer value of the point 'index' into a string held in the textpoint 'text'. Therefore the point 'text' contains either '1', '2', '3' or '4'. The expression 'motor' + text appends the contents of the point 'text' to the literal string 'motor'. Therefore 'textpoint' contains either 'motor1', 'motor2', 'motor3' or 'motor4' dependent on the value of 'index'. Change the value of the 'index' to determine which Boolean point to control. e.g. via the Edit Point Value (Analogue) animation.

# E.7 Point Arrays within Script Commands and Expressions

It is possible to access the elements of a point array directly or indirectly from within scripts or expressions.

· Setting the value of an array point directly;

```
arraypoint[2] = 30
```

· Getting the value of an array point directly;

```
value = arraypoint[2]
```

"Setting the value of an array point using indirection;

```
textpoint = "arraypoint"
^textpoint[2] = 30
```

Getting the value of an array point using indirection;

```
textpoint = "arraypoint"
value = ^textpoint[2]
```

An example using Point Arrays

The value of array points can be seen in a situation where it is necessary to dynamically change the pointname that an object is linked to. In the following example a toggle button is configured to control the Boolean state of one of four elements of an array point.

The Boolean array point 'motor' is configured to contain 4 elements.

The integer point 'index' (which has a range 0-3) is used to dynamically change the element of the point being controlled.

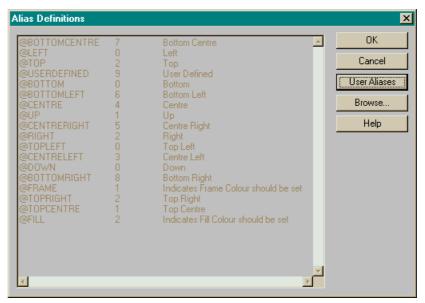
In order to dynamically change the element of a Boolean point that a toggle button is linked to follow these steps.

- 1, 2, 3... 1. Link the toggle button to an array point. e.g. 'motor[index]'.
  - 2. Change the value of the 'index' to determine which element of the Boolean point to control. e.g. via the Edit Point Value (Analogue) animation.

# E.8 Using Aliases

This facility is used to declare an alias - that is, to define a text string that can be used in place of another text string or a number within any script or expression. The Alias Definitions dialog is displayed by selecting the "Alias Definition..." option from the Project menu. It can also be displayed if "Aliases..." is selected from the script editor. The dialog displays either the User defined aliases or the preset System aliases and is toggled between these two displays by pressing the User/System Alias button.

The following illustration shows the Alias Definitions dialog displaying a number of User defined aliases. The System aliases are pre-defined and can not be edited or added to.



#### Syntax:

@AliasNameAlias definition 'optional comment

#### Remarks:

| Argument         | Туре   | Description  |
|------------------|--------|--|
| @AliasName       | string | The string name of the alias   |
| Alias definition | string | This is a string representing the actual text or expression of the expanded alias. |
| ' comment        | string | This is an optional comment.   |

The @ symbol at the beginning of each line initiates each alias command. For example, the text string @SomePoint could be used to represent any sequence of characters in a script or expression - e.g. it could be defined as:

```
@SomePoint = InArray[1]
or even
    @SomePoint = Inarray[1] + Inarray[2] / 2
```

This is an easy way of identifying the individual members of array points. It can also be used to associate names with numbers, for example,

```
@SecondsPerDay = 86400
```

```
@Test1 = InArray[12] * 10
```

i.e. an @ symbol followed by the name of the alias, then an equals sign (or space), followed by the definition of the alias. Anything that follows the last apostrophe ( ' ) symbol on a line is interpreted as a comment. Any line which does not start with the @ symbol is also assumed to be a comment.

### Typical Examples

```
Declare boiler temperatures
@BoilerTemp1 = InArray[0] ' for boiler room 1
@BoilerTemp2 = InArray[1] ' for boiler room 2
```

```
@SecondsPerMinute = 60 ' sets duration
```

Aliases may also be used to create a complicated expression such as

@HYPOTENUSEsqrt(Opposite \* Opposite + Adjacent \*
Adjacent) 'Calculates length of Hypotenuse

This can be used in a script in the following way:

Opposite = 8.45 Adjacent = 9.756 length = @HYPOTENUSE

where Opposite, Adjacent and length are all REAL points.

Note:

Changing an alias definition after it has been used in an expression or script will not automatically change the result in the script. The appropriate script or expression where that alias is used must be accessed and recompiled by pressing the OK button in order to apply the changes.

ADO ADO stands for Active Data Objects and is data access

technology which uses OLE-DB to access data sources in a uniform way e.g. MS-Access databases, MS-Excel spreadsheets and Comma Separated Variable files.

AND A logic operator used to interrogate Boolean type points.

AND returns 'TRUE' if all arguments are 'TRUE'. An example of AND is that if a is a statement and b is a statement, AND returns 'TRUE' if both a and b are 'TRUE'. If one or both statements return 'FALSE' then

AND returns 'FALSE'.

Application A software program that accomplishes a specific task.

Examples of applications are CX-Supervisor, CX-Server and Microsoft Excel. CX-Supervisor and its development environment allows the creation and testing of new applications through a Graphical User Interface (GUI).

Arguments Words, phrases, or numbers that can be entered on the

same line as a command or statement to expand or modify the command or statement within the CX-Supervisor script language. The command acts on the argument. In essence the command is a verb, and the argument is the object of the **verb**. An example of an

argument in CX-Supervisor is

"DDETerminate(channel)" where DDETerminate is a command within the script language, and channel is

the argument upon which the command will act.

ASCII An old standard, defining a set of characters. Officially

using only 7 bits allows definitions for only 127 characters, and does not include any accented

characters.

Bitmap The representation of an image stored in a computer's

memory. Each picture element (pixel) is represented by bits stored in the memory. In CX-Supervisor a bitmap

image can be installed as a single object.

Boolean type A type of point where the value of the point can be one of

two states. Essentially the two states are '0' and '1', but these states can be assigned a meaningful designation.

Examples are:

State Example Example Example

0 OFF FALSE OUT CLOSED

1 ON TRUE IN OPEN

COM COM is a Microsoft technology that allows components

used to interact.

Communications

Driver

The relevant communications management system for OMRON PLCs in conjunction with Microsoft Windows, providing facilities for other SYSMAC software to maintain PLC device and address information and to communicate with OMRON PLCs and their supported

network types.

Constant Within CX-Supervisor, a constant is a point within the

script language that takes only one specific value.

Control Object In CX-Supervisor, a control object is applied in the

development environment and can be a pushbutton, a toggle button, a slider, a trend graph, a rotational gauge or a linear gauge. Essentially a control object can be a complex graphic object consisting of a number of primitive graphic objects, which provides user interaction.

**CX-Server** An advanced communications management system for

> OMRON PLCs providing facilities for software to maintain PLC device and address information and to communicate with OMRON PLCs and their supported network types. CX-Server supports CS-Series PLCs.

Database A Database connection (or Connection for short) connection contains the details used to access a data source. This

can either be via Data Source Name (DSN), filename or

directory.

Database A Database Connection Level is a string which Connection Level

determines what level in the database tree hierarchy is to

be operated on. Some examples are listed below:

"Northwind" Connectionlevel "CSV.Result" Recordset level "Northwind.Order Details.OrderID" Field level Schema level "Invoice.Data Types"

Database A Database recordset (or Recordset for short) is a set of Recordset

records. This could either be an actual Table in the database, or a table that has been generated as a

consequence of running a Query.

Database Schema A Database Schema (or Schema for short) obtains

database schema information from a Provider.

**Database Server** 

Query

A Database Server Query (or Server Query for short) is a query that is stored in the actual Database. They are pre-defined and added by the database designer which means they are 'fixed' for the duration of a project. Server Queries may have pre-defined 'Parameters', which allow criteria to be passed to the guery at runtime e.g. values to filter, allowing one query to be used to produce different results. Each pre-defined parameter must have a Parameter Association defined. Because these queries are stored in a compiled and tested form they are more efficient and therefore preferential to running a SQL Query.

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Database SQL

Query

A Database SQL Query (or SQL Query for short) is interpreted dynamically at runtime. The SQL Text can be modified at runtime, enabling different Queries to be run for varying situations however, the SQL Text has to be compiled on the fly every time it is executed and consequently is less efficient than a Server Query.

**DBCS** 

DBCS stands for Double Byte Character Set and is a Microsoft extension of ASCII which uses 2 bytes (16 bits) to define character codes. With this larger range it can include accented characters, extended ASCII characters,

Nordic characters and symbols.

**DCOM** DCOM is a distributed version of COM that allows

components on different PCs to interact over a network.

DDE Dynamic Data Exchange. A channel through which

correctly prepared programs can actively exchange data and controls other applications within Microsoft

Windows. DDE technology was notoriously unstable and

was replaced with OLE technology.

See also Item, Server, server application and Topic.

Development Environment

SCADA applications are created and tested using the development environment within CX-Supervisor. On completion, the finished application can be delivered as a final customer application to be run by the run-time

environment.

DLL Dynamic Link Library. A program file that although

> cannot be run stand-alone as an executable, can be utilised by one or more applications or programs as a common service. DLL files have a \*.DLL extension. DLL's comprise a number of stand-alone functions. In CX-Supervisor, a DLL containing icons can be accessed to represent the display part of an OLE object. One such DLL, 'MORICONS.DLL', is provided in the standard

Microsoft Windows installation.

Download A recipe is downloaded during runtime. This process

involves identifying the appropriate recipe and executing the validation code, if any exists. The download is complete when each ingredient has set its point to the

target value.

Executable A file that contains programs or commands of an

> application that can be executed by a user or another application. Executable files have a \*.EXE file extension. CX-Supervisor provides two executable files, one for the development environment (CXSUPERVISORDEV.EXE),

and one for the run-time environment (SCS.EXE).

**Expressions** In the CX-Supervisor script language, expressions are a

construct for computing a value from one or more operands. For instance, in the example "lift = height + rate", the expression is "height + rate" where the result yielded from the expression is used for

the value of "lift".

Outside of the script language, expressions consisting of operators and operands can be used to control objects,

through actions.

Field association A field association enables a link to be made between a

CX-Supervisor Point and a particular field (i.e. column)

within a recordset.

**Graphic Object** In CX-Supervisor, a graphic object is created in the

> development environment, and can be a line, an arc, a polygon (including a square and rectangle), a round rectangle, an ellipse (including a circle), or a polyline. A complex object can exist as a combination of two or more

graphic objects.

**GUI** Graphical User Interface. Part of a program that

> interacts with the user and takes full advantage of the graphics displays of computers. A GUI employs pulldown menus and dialog boxes for ease of use. Like all Microsoft Windows based applications, CX-Supervisor

has a GUI.

I/O type Input/Output type. An attribute of a point that defines the

origin and destination of the data for that point. The data for a point can originate (be input from) and is destined (is output to) to the internal computer memory or PLC.

Icon Pictorial representations of computer resources and

functions. The CX-Supervisor development environment

and run-time environment are run from icons.

Ingredient Each recipe consists of at least one ingredient. Each

ingredient must be related to an existing point.

Integer type A type of point where the value of the point can only be a

whole positive or negative number.

Item Within the CX-Supervisor script language. Item is a

generic term for a point, OPC item or Temperature

Controller item.

**JScript** A Java style scripting language supported by Microsoft's

Windows Scripting Host.

JVM Java Virtual Machine.

Microsoft Excel A spreadsheet application.

Microsoft Windows A windowing environment that is noted for its GUI, and

for features such as multiple typefaces, desk accessories (such as a clock, calculator, calendar and notepad), and the capability of moving text and graphics from one

application to another via a clipboard.

CX-Supervisor will run only under Microsoft Windows. DDE functions communicating with other applications supported by CX-Supervisor use Microsoft Windows as a

basis.

Windows

Microsoft Word for A word processing application.

Nesting To incorporate one or more IF THEN ELSE/ELSEIF

ENDIF statements inside a structure of the same kind.

Network 1 - Part of the PLC configuration, based on the device type. The number of Networks available is dependent on

the device type.

2 - A number of computers linked together with a central processing point known as a Server which is accessible to all computers. Networks affect CX-Supervisor in that further Network associated options are available if the

computer is Network connected.

Non-Volatile A point that is designated as 'non-volatile' is a point

whose value is saved on disk and automatically reloaded

when CX-Supervisor resumes execution.

A logic operator used to interrogate Boolean type points

which produces the Boolean inverse of the supplied argument. An example of NOT is that if a is a statement and is 'FALSE', then NOT returns 'TRUE'. If a is a

statement and is 'TRUE', then NOT returns 'FALSE'.

In CX-Supervisor, an object can be text, graphics, a control, a bitmap, or ActiveX object as created in the development environment. A complex object can exist as a combination of two or more objects of any of the above types. Specifically, graphical objects can be categorised as a line, an arc, a polygon (including a square and rectangle), a round rectangle, an ellipse (including a circle), or a polyline. A control is essentially a complex graphic object and is specifically either a pushbutton, a toggle button, a slider, a trend graph, a

rotational gauge or a linear gauge.

OLE-DB is the underlying database technology, on which

ADO relies. OLE-BD is designed to be the successor to

ODBC.

The term used for constants or point variables.

Operator A symbol used as a function, with infix syntax if it has two

> arguments (e.g. "+") or prefix syntax if it has only one argument (e.g. NOT). The CX-Supervisor script language uses operators for built-in functions such as

arithmetic and logic.

A logic operator used to interrogate Boolean type points.

OR returns 'TRUE' if any of the supplied arguments are 'TRUE'. An example of OR is that if a is a statement and b is a statement, OR will return 'TRUE' if either a and b are 'TRUE'. If both statements return 'FALSE' then OR

will return 'FALSE'.

The combination and manipulation of pages containing **Pages** 

objects within projects forms the basis of CX-Supervisor. More than one page can exist for each project. The pages in a project provide the visual aspect of CX-Supervisor corresponding to a display with the objects

contained in each page providing a graphical representation of the system being monitored.

NOT

Object

**OLE-DB** 

Operand

OR

Parameter Association enables values, either constant or stored in a point, to be passed to a Server Query.

Pixel A single displayable point on the screen from which a

displayed image is constructed. The screen resolution of the computer's Visual Display Unit (VDU) is defined by the number of pixels across and the number of pixels

down (e.g. 1024 x 768).

See also SVGA mode and VGA mode.

PLC Programmable Logic Controller.

Point variable A point within the CX-Supervisor script language that

stores a value or string assigned to that point.

Point A point is used to hold a value of a predefined type -

Boolean, Integer, Text, etc. The contents of a point may be controlled by an object or I/O mechanism such as PLC communication. The contents of a point may control the action or appearance of an object, or be used

for output via an I/O mechanism.

See also Boolean type, Integer type, point variable, Real

type and Text type.

Project A CX-Supervisor application will consist of one or a

number of pages linked together. The pages may contain passive or active graphics, text or animations, and may be grouped together logically to form a project. A project may consist of many pages, or simply a single page. Projects may be built and tested within the CX-Supervisor development environment, and run standalone under the CX-Supervisor run-time environment.

Only one project at a time may be open for editing within

the CX-Supervisor development environment.

Real type A type of point where the value of the point can be any

number, including those containing a decimal point.

Recipe A recipe is a set of pre-defined steps used to perform a

particular task. A CX-Supervisor project may contain zero or more number of recipes. Recipes are defined in the development environment and executed, or

downloaded, in the run-time environment.

Run-Time SCADA applications are run using the run-time

Environment of CX-Supervisor, following creation of the

application in the CX-Supervisor development

environment.

SCADA Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition.

Server A Server is the central processing point of a Network that

is accessible to all computers. Networks affect CX-Supervisor in that further associated options are available if the computer Network is connected.

Server Application An application that can be used to view or interact with,

whilst currently within CX-Supervisor.

Statement Within the CX-Supervisor script language, a statement is

a command understood by the run-time environment.
Statements are constructed of commands and

arguments, which when combined, help to formulate a

finished application to be used in the run-time

environment.

String The contents of a Text type point that can only contain

literal alphanumeric characters. A string starts following an opening quotation mark, and ends before a closing question mark; in the example "name = "spot"", the point

"name" holds the string spot.

SVGA mode A mode of video display that provides 800 600 pixel

resolution (or higher) with 16 or more colours and is supported on Super Video Graphics Adapter systems.

CX-Supervisor A SCADA software application which creates and

maintains graphical user interfaces and communicates

with PLCs and other I/O mechanisms.

Target Value An ingredient must specify a target value for its related

point. This is the value to which the point will be set in

runtime when the recipe is downloaded.

Taskbar An integral part of Microsoft Windows which allows

Microsoft Windows based applications to be started. CX-

Supervisor is run from the Taskbar.

Text Object In CX-Supervisor, a text object is a string on a page.

Attributes such as typeface, point size, embolden, italicise, underline, left justify, flush right, and centre can

be applied to enhance its presentation.

Text Type A type of point that holds a string.

Unicode A Multi-Byte Character Set, which not only includes

European Characters like DBCS, but can also include global support including for Japanese, Chinese and Cyrillic fonts. However, Unicode is not supported on all

Windows platforms.

Validation Code Recipe validation code is VBScript or CX-Supervisor

Script language which is used to check point values

before downloading a recipe.

VBScript A Visual Basic style scripting language supported by

Microsoft's Windows Scripting Host.

VGA mode A mode of video display that provides 640 480 pixel

resolution with 16 colours and is supported on Video

Graphics Adapter systems.

Windows Desktop An integral part of Microsoft Windows which allows

Microsoft Windows based applications to be started from icons and for all applications to be organised. CX-Supervisor can be run from Windows Desktop.

Windows Scripting

Host

A scripting engine supplied by Microsoft to run VBScript

or JScript. See http://msdn.microsoft.com/scripting

Wizard

Wizards are dialogs used by the CX-Supervisor development environment to take the user through complex operations in a simplified step-by-step process.

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