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About this Guide

This topic contains important information about the purpose, content, context, and intended audience for this document.

Product Documentation

This document is part of the Niagara technical documentation library. Released versions of Niagara software include a complete collection of technical information that is provided in both online help and PDF format. The information in this document is written primarily for Systems Integrators. To make the most of the information in this book, readers should have some training or previous experience with Niagara software, as well as experience working with JACE network controllers.

Document Content

This document describes the initial Niagara 4 software installation and configuration for a controller, using Workbench (versions Niagara 4.1 and later).

The information in this document is intended for an engineer, technician, or service person who is performing control system installation. All information in this document is also available in the in Workbench help system. For physical mounting and wiring details for any controller, please refer to its specific hardware installation document. This document does not cover station configuration or Niagara 4 components. For more information on these topics, please refer to online help and various other Niagara 4 software documents.

Document change log

Updates (changes and additions) to this document are listed below.

August 4, 2023

- Added mention of JACE-9000.
- Removed topic "Commissioning differences in Niagara 4".

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- Minor edits regarding required releases in the section, "N4-to-AX conversion".
- Edits in the topic, "Secure storage and the SD card", providing added details on handling a system passphrase mismatch error.

October 8, 2019

In the topic, "Overview", added a caution note alerting customers to restrict access to all computers, devices, field buses, components, etc., that manage their building model.

May 2, 2019

Updates related to the Niagara 4.8 release:

- In the "Overview" section in chapter 1, and in the "About Platform Services" section in chapter 5, included a note on added support for the IEEE 802.1X wired authentication standard for JACE-8000 platforms.
- Added a note to the commissioning step, "Install/upgrade core software".
- Edited the following topics to add information related to module signing: "Commissioning differences in Niagara 4" (chapter 1) and "Selecting modules for installation" (chapter 4).
- Added a note in Chapter 1 explaining that the Niagara 4.8 upgrade includes a QNX OS upgrade which affects certain log files.

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- In the topic, "Configuring TCP/IP settings", added a bulleted item on connecting IP devices to the controller's secondary LAN port.
- In the procedure, "Starting the Commissioning Wizard", added a note about Workbench FIPS Options.
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In the topic "Configuring system passphrase" added information about new default passphrase behavior and wizard in Niagara 4.4.

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In the topic "Restoring Factory Defaults" rewrote misleading statement about USB ports being disabled when controller is converted to run NiagaraAX.

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Corrected references to the NiagaraAX license in several topics.

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Minor changes in step 2 of the procedure, "Restoring factory defaults", to clarify functionality.

July 27, 2016

In step 2 of the "Configuring TCP/IP settings" topic in the chapter titled, Run the Commissioning Wizard, added a cautionary note alerting users that each enabled LAN port (LAN1, LAN2, and WiFi) must be configured on a different subnet.

May 17, 2016

Many changes throughout related to the JACE-8000 running AX.

December 3, 2015

Added a cautionary note to the topic titled, "Provide power and connectivity", describing JACE-8000 incompatibility with POE networks.

November 2, 2015

Initial document release.

Related documents

Following is a list of related guides.

- JACE-8000 Backup and Restore Guide
- JACE-8000 WiFi Guide
- Niagara Platform Guide

Chapter 1 Overview

Topics covered in this chapter

- ♦ SSL/TLS commissioning notes
- ♦ Limitations to NiagaraAX platform operations
- ◆ Factory-shipped state

JACE-8000 controllers are shipped from the factory with a bare minimum of Niagara 4.1 software to run a platform daemon, along with a Tridium certificate, but not all items needed to run any type of station. Using Niagara 4.1 Workbench, you can open a platform connection to the controller to begin the commissioning process.

NOTE: Starting in Niagara 4.2, licensing the JACE-8000 controller for NiagaraAX enables the N4 platform to run AX-3.8U1. This is a powerful solution for customers with existing AX systems who want to replace older controllers with JACE-8000 units running AX and plan for a later upgrade to Niagara 4. However, note that the following features are not supported when running AX: IEEE 802.1X wired authentication, USB backup/restore, and WiFi (access point/client) functionality.

After booting the controller, establish a platform connection to the new controller and commission it to install the necessary Niagara 4 core software (or AX-3.8U1 software if converting to AX), selected modules, licenses, and to perform other platform configuration. Some important related tasks include setting the controller's:

- IP network address, and related IP networking parameters
- Platform daemon user(s), for platform login
- Time and date (or simply sync with your PC's time)

To do this you use the platform Commissioning Wizard.

NOTE: The Commissioning Wizard is the only way to install the needed core software in the controller. Most steps in the **Commissioning Wizard** are also available as separate platform views. For example, there is a **Software Manager**, **License Manager**, and many others. Using these views individually may be useful after commissioning the controller. For more details see the *Niagara Platform Guide*.

However, always use the Commissioning Wizard to commission a new controller for Niagara, as well as to upgrade any controller from one Niagara point release to another—and make sure a license file is available!

NOTE: When upgrading a JACE-8000 from an installed older release, the persistent log files under /var/slog are not preserved. The reason is that Niagara contains an OS upgrade from QNX6.5 to QNX7.0, which uses a different log file format. During the upgrade the old QNX6.5 log files are deleted and new QNX7.0 files are created.

NOTE: In Niagara, there is added support for the IEEE 802.1X wired authentication standard for the JACE-8000, JACE-9000, Niagara Edge 10 and Edge platforms. For more details, see the *Niagara IEEE 802.1X Configuration Guide*.

CAUTION: Protect against unauthorized access by restricting physical access to the computers and devices that manage your building model. Set up user authentication with strong passwords, and secure components by controlling permissions. Failure to observe these recommended precautions could expose your network systems to unauthorized access and tampering.

SSL/TLS commissioning notes

Note that in Niagara 4, SSL is always implemented using the TLS (Transport Layer Security) protocol, supporting TLS versions 1.0, 1.1. and 1.2. See the *Niagara Station Security Guide* for complete details.

When using Workbench, note that default **Open Platform** and **Open Station** operations initially assume **Platform TLS Connection** and **Fox TLS Connection** types, respectively. This is intended to encourage this TLS usage for all Niagara 4 platforms and stations. If necessary, you can change either connection type, and Workbench remembers this type to use on your next connection. As needed, change back again.

Limitations to NiagaraAX platform operations

Workbench does not support NiagaraAX commissioning of controllers, i.e. you cannot use the N4 Commissioning Wizard to configure AX JACE platforms. Instead, you must use the AX-3.x Workbench, and run the Commissioning Wizard on such platforms.

NOTE: This is true for the JACE-8000 that you have downgraded to run AX-3.8U1. You must then use the AX-3.8U1 Workbench and configure the platform with the **Commissioning Wizard**.

Workbench is generally recommended for all platform operations with AX-3.x JACE controllers. If needed, however, you can use Workbench to perform some platform operations on AX JACE controllers. Examples include modifying TCP/IP configuration, or installing AX software modules. Note the latter requires you to import the software database of a recent (AX-3.8) Supervisor or engineering workstation into your Niagara 4 software database.

Other platform views/operations that are unavailable using Workbench for a platform connection to the AX-3.x JACE controller are:

- DDNS Configuration
- GPRS Modem Configuration
- WiFi Configuration (for JACE-700 with installed WiFi option)
- Also unavailable are following operations from the Platform Administration view:
 - Update Authentication
 - FTP/Telnet
 - Set Module Filter

Use the appropriate Workbench to perform such NiagaraAX platform configuration.

Factory-shipped state

The factory-shipped state of a controller has the following default settings for IP address, HTTP port and Platform credentials.

IP address

When shipped, a new JACE-8000 controller is pre-configured with an IPv4 address in the range:

192.168.1.140 (primary LAN1 port; the LAN2 port is disabled).

The default subnet mask is: 255.255.255.0

You change these IPv4 network settings during your startup commissioning of the controller.

HTTP port for platform access

When shipped the controller's, platform daemon is configured to listen on HTTPS port 5011. Often, this is left at default. However, if a different port is needed for a platform connection (perhaps for firewall reasons), you can change this during the commissioning of the controller.

Platform daemon credentials

Controllers are shipped with default platform daemon (administrator) username and password credentials.

Initially, you use the factory default credentials to open (login) a platform connection to the controller. Like the factory-assigned IP address, default credentials are temporary. During your startup commissioning, you must replace this platform admin account with at least one different platform admin user. Be sure to guard the credentials for such platform users closely..

NOTE: The Niagara 4 Commissioning Wizard does not allow you to commission and startup a controller while retaining the factory platform user.

Secure storage and the SD card

On the JACE-8000, the SD card is the primary storage media for all data and configuration related to the software installation. Since the SD card can be easily removed and the data duplicated, the sensitive data is encrypted when stored on the card. Files are stored in encrypted format, but decoded on the fly as they are accessed.

Sensitive data includes the following:

- Credentials for accessing a WiFi network
- Niagara key material
- Private key files
- OS account credentials

The system is designed in a way that protects this data, while at the same time allowing you to move an SD card from a unit that suffered a hardware failure to a new unit with minimal effort.

In this scenario, the SD card inserted into the replacement unit contains the system passphrase for the original unit, which does not match the one in the replacement unit. This results in the boot sequence failing due to the passphrase mismatch (indicated by Stat LED flashing with a 50% duty cycle with a 1 second period).

If you are monitoring the debug port (see "Connecting to the serial system shell" in the "Reference information" section of this guide), you will be presented with the following notification banner in the serial shell.

Figure 1 System Passphrase Mismatch warning in serial shell

Note that the warning message prompts you to login (using platform credentials) and update the system passphrase (i.e. enter the system passphrase for the original unit) via serial connection.

After logging in you will see the System Decrypt Failure Menu with the following options:

- 1. Update system passphrase
- 2. Remove all encrypted data
- 3. Reboot
- 4. Logout

Update system passphrase, is the recommended choice but it requires that you know the system passphrase (for the original unit) that was used to encrypt the SD card. While selecting Remove all encrypted data invokes the following warning which requires you to confirm that you understand the consequences of choosing that option.

Figure 2 Warning on removing encrypted data

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WARNING - about to remove all encrypted data on system!

Removing encrypted data will prevent Niagara station from accessing certain types of credentials. These credentials will need to be re-entered into Niagara station.

It will also remove any WiFi configuration data.

If you have forgotten the system passphrase, removing encrypted data will allow boot to proceed normally (with warnings above)

Are you sure you want to proceed? [y/N]:
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NOTE: Pre-configuring (via serial connection) the replacement JACE-8000 unit with a system passphrase matching the one stored on the SD card (swapped out of the original unit) facilitates commissioning the replacement unit. In this situation, the commissioning process does not prompt for a passphrase since it detects a passphrase match.

Inserting or removing a microSD card

Typically, the microSD card that ships with a new controller is inserted in the unit prior to the mounting process. However, it is possible to move an SD card from one unit to another. For example, you might want to remove the SD card from a unit that suffered a hardware failure and use it in a replacement unit.

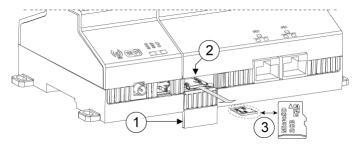
Prerequisites:

- Turn off all power sources to the controller before inserting/removing the microSD card. Otherwise, equipment damage may occur.
- The controller is unmounted from any DIN rail or screw tab mounting, as accessing the card uses space behind the mounting base.
- Discharge any static electricity that you may have accumulated by touching a known, securely grounded object.

NOTE: Data on the microSD card is encrypted by a system passphrase stored in the controller base. The passphrase on the card must match the passphrase stored in the controller. If swapping in a card from a previously configured unit, you must provide the passphrase (of the previously configured unit which is stored on this SD card) using a serial connection to the unit's Debug port.

Step 1 To insert the SD card, slide the microSD card shutter to open or close.

The shutter should remain captive in the base, revealing the microSD card socket.



1	Shutter access to MicroSD card	
2	Card socket	
3	MicroSD card	

Step 2 Make either of the following changes, as needed:

- Insert the microSD card by sliding the card into the card socket, label side up, until the spring catch engages. If properly inserted, the card is behind the shutter track.
- Remove the microDS card by pushing the card in, until the spring release pushes the card partially out of the card socket. Grasp the card and pull it completely out of the unit. Store the microSD card in a static free protective case.
- Step 3 Carefully slide the card shutter back over the card socket opening, until it clicks into place.

 When properly closed, the shutter should not protrude behind the mounting base.

Chapter 2 Preparation

Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Provide power and connectivity
- ◆ Software version and Host Platform requirements
- ♦ Opening a platform connection to the controller

Consider the following areas to prepare before proceeding with commissioning: Power, connectivity, software and PC requirements.

Provide power and connectivity

In most cases, you perform the initial Niagara 4 software installation and startup of the controller (as described in this document) in your office, before physically mounting it in place at a job site. Please refer to the "Wiring Details" section of the appropriate JACE-xxx Mounting and Wiring Instructions document for details on making (temporary) power wiring and Ethernet wiring connections.

CAUTION: The JACE-8000 is not compatible with a Power-Over-Ethernet (POE) network. Connecting the controller on a network segment which carries power causes the unit to fail (lockup). In that event, you must disconnect it from the POE network segment and cycle power to the unit.

The remainder of this document assumes that you have the controller nearby, and are able to power it on and off as needed. After you complete the commissioning process described in this document, you can mount and wire the controller at the job site, making permanent mounting and wiring connections.

Software version and Host Platform requirements

These instructions assume that you have a PC running a licensed copy of Niagara 4.1 Workbench or later, installed with the installation tool. That option copies distribution files needed for commissioning various models of controllers. This PC is referred to as your PC.

NOTE: Your PC must meet minimum hardware/operating system requirements for the Workbench workstation. This includes a working Ethernet adapter with TCP/IP support (browser capable). An Ethernet TCP/IP connection to the JACE is required to install Niagara software and establish other parameters.

For this initial Ethernet connection, you can use either:

- An Ethernet patch cable connected directly between your PC and the controller (if your PC Ethernet port is not auto-sensing, you will need an Ethernet crossover cable), or
- A normal LAN connection, meaning that both your PC and the controller are physically connected to the same Ethernet hub or switch.

Preparing for new JACE commissioning

To prepare for new controller commissioning, do the following steps:

- Step 1 If not already installed, install the Niagara 4.1 or later software on your PC, including its permanent license.
- Step 2 Typically, the license file for the controller already resides on the licensing server, where (if you have Internet connectivity) it is automatically retrieved during the licensing step of the Commissioning Wizard.

NOTE: If you were emailed a license archive (.lar file) or .license file for the controller, and you wish to use it instead of the online license server (for some reason, for example your Workbench PC will not have Internet connectivity when you are commissioning the JACE), make the file available to Workbench first, as follows:

- Copy the file to your !security/licenses/inbox folder, then restart Workbench. For more details, refer to the section "Local license inbox" in the *Platform Guide*.
- Step 3 Attach one end of a standard category-5 Ethernet unshielded twisted pair (UTP) patch cable to the RJ-45 Ethernet connector for LAN1 (labeled PRI) on the JACE.
- Step 4 Attach the other end of the patch cable to a network port or directly to an Ethernet hub.
- Step 5 Power up the controller.
- Step 6 Record your PC's current IP settings, then re-assign your PC's IP address for its Ethernet NIC (network interface card). If necessary, refer to Windows online Help for details on configuring TCP/IP settings.

NOTE: As an alternative to re-assigning your PC's IP address, you can do one of the following:

- Obtain a USB-to-Ethernet network adapter (second network interface card, or NIC), and use it
 with an Ethernet crossover cable to commission controller. In this case, configure this second
 NIC to use the settings in the remainder of this step.
- Use a serial shell mode connection to the controller to re-assign its factory IP address settings.
 After making this change and rebooting the controller, you can continue commissioning using
 Workbench. This requires a USB-to-MicroUSB adapter cable, VCP driver, and a special powerup mode for the controller.

VCP (Virtual COM Port) drivers cause a USB device to be shown as an additional COM port available to the PC. Using terminal emulation software, such as PuTTY or ClearTerminal, the PC can access the USB device in the same way as it would access a standard COM port. VCP driver downloads are available at www.ftdichip.com and other sites.

For this initial connection to a factory-shipped JACE, configure your PC's NIC to use an IP address in the same subnet as the JACE, as well as a matching subnet mask.

Set the IP address in the range: 192.168.1.1 to 192.168.1.254.

With a subnet mask of 255.255.25.0.

NOTE: Do not assign your PC the identical IP address as the JACE's factory-assigned IP address.

Step 7 From your PC, start Workbench. The Nav tree should be visible in the side bar area (left pane).

If not, from the menu bar, select Window→Side Bars→ Nav.

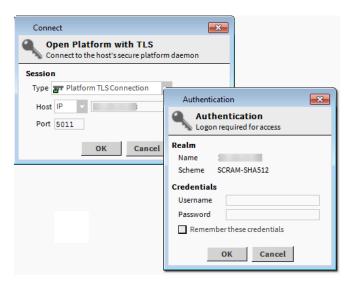
Opening a platform connection to the controller

A platform connection to any controller is required for most host-level operations. This includes installing Niagara core software and modules and performing various other platform tasks.

Prerequisites: The JACE has been powered up.

Step 1 From the menu bar, select File→Open→Open Platform.

The Open Platform window opens.



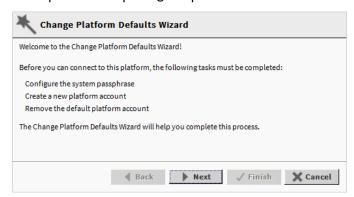
- Step 2 Complete the properties in the **Open Platform** window and click **OK**.
 - Type defaults to Platform TLS Connection.
 - Host defaults to IP. Do not change this, but enter the new controller's IP address.
 - Port defaults to 5011. Leave it at this default setting.

The Authentication window opens.

Step 3 Enter the Platform's default Username and Password and click OK.

For example, Username may default to admin. Password may default to admin.

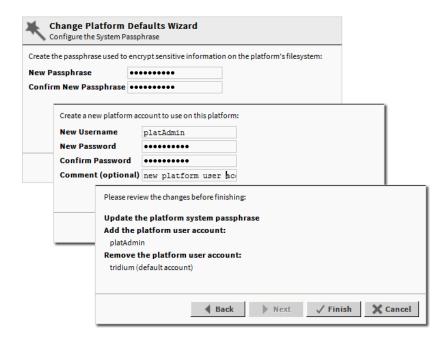
If Workbench detects factory default credentials when connecting to a remote platform it launches the **Change Platform Defaults Wizard** (shown here) which forces you to change the factory defaults prior to completing the platform connection.



If this wizard does not display the platform connection completes.

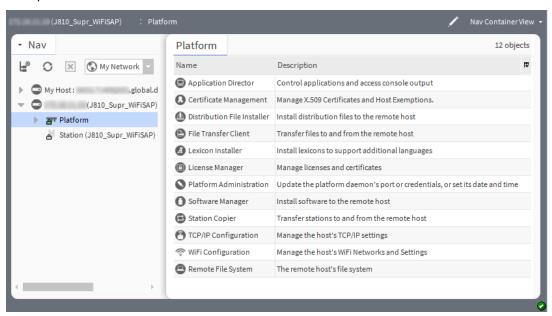
Step 4 Do one of the following:

• If the Change Platform Defaults Wizard displays, click Next and step through creating a system passphrase, creating a new platform account, and removing the default platform account.



Click Finish to complete these changes.

On completion, the platform opens in the Nav tree, and its **Nav Container View** displays in the view pane.



After you open a platform connection, you can run the Commissioning Wizard.

Chapter 3 N4-to-AX conversion

Topics covered in this chapter

Converting the controller to AX

In Niagara 4.2 and later, licensing the JACE-8000 controller for NiagaraAX enables the N4 platform to run AX-3.8U1. This allows you to upgrade an existing AX system with the latest model controller and have the capability to upgrade to Niagara 4 later.

Use case scenarios

The following are some typical use cases for running AX on the JACE-8000:

- Customers with an existing AX system and a planned system extension (a new controller required for a new floor or building addition) who want to upgrade to Niagara 4.x at a later time. These customers can add to their existing system with the JACE-8000 running AX. At a future date the controller can be upgraded to Niagara 4.x, once the supervisor is upgraded.
- Customers with an existing AX system and a planned system extension (desire new functionality but the current controller is out of resources). In this case, customers can replace the existing controller with the JACE-8000 running AX and use new features.
- Customers with an existing AX system and an older model controller (now obsolete) that needs to be replaced. In this case, customers can use the JACE-8000 running AX and plan for a later upgrade to Niagara 4.x.

CAUTION: For any AX-3.6U4 station with CryptoService that you attempt to upgrade to AX-3.8U1, once you commission the controller the station will fail to start after the <code>successful</code> upgrade. The same is true if you attempt to move an AX-3.6U4 supervisor to an AX-3.8U1 station and start it. As a preparatory step, manually remove CryptoService from the station's Services directory before attempting to commission it.

Requirements

The following software is required for the N4-to-AX conversion:

- Niagara 4.2 (or later) licensed and installed on your PC
- NiagaraAX-3.8U1 licensed and installed on your PC
- NiagaraAX license for the controller
- N4-to-AX conversion distribution file (N4toAX-qnx-jace-titan-am335x-clean.dist). Located in the !conversion directory in the N4.2 installation.

NOTE: It is possible to use N4.1 for the conversion however you need to obtain the conversion dist file and copy it into the !conversion directory.

Converting the controller to AX

In order to convert the N4 controller to AX you must run a conversion distribution file that leaves the controller in the AX clean state. At that point, you commission the unit via AX-3.8U1 Workbench. This procedure describes the steps to convert the controller.

Prerequisites:

- NiagaraAX license for the JACE-8000 controller (in order to commission after the conversion)
- N4.2 (or later) and AX-3.8U1 releases licensed and installed on your PC.

You can use N4.1 but it does not contain a clean.dist file. You must obtain the clean.dist file and manually copy it into the !conversion directory.

- Step 1 In the Workbench, open a platform connection to the controller and click **Distribution file**Installer.
- Step 2 In the Distribution File Installer view, click Conversion.

A table displays a list of .dist files located in the !conversion directory.

Step 3 Select the file: N4toAx-qnx-jace-titan-am335x-clean.dist, (as shown) and click Install.

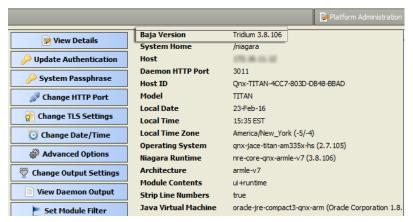
CAUTION: If converting the JACE-8000 that has an existing Niagara 4 configuration, these data will be lost. This includes configuration, alarm and history information, server certificates, licenses, and files.

On successful completion of the conversion, the controller is returned to the AX clean state.

- Step 4 In AX-3.8U1 Workbench, open a platform connection to the controller and click **Platform Administration**.
- Step 5 In the Platform Administration view, click Commissioning.

NOTE: For more information refer to the "Run the Commissioning Wizard" procedure in either the *JACE NiagaraAX Install & Startup Guide* or the *NiagaraAX Platform Guide*.

On commissioning completion, the controller reboots. At this point, you can reconnect to the platform using AX-3.8U1 and in the **Platform Administration** view confirm that the Baja Version is 3.8. xxx, as shown here.



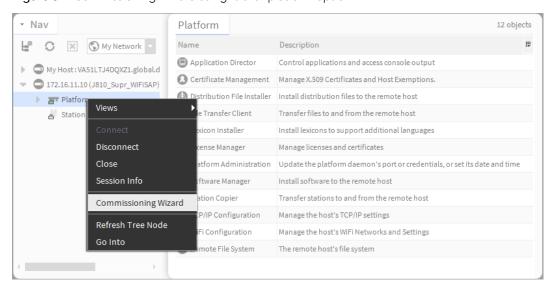
Chapter 4 Run the Commissioning Wizard

Topics covered in this chapter

- ♦ Starting the Commissioning Wizard
- ♦ Installing the controller licenses
- Preparing software to install
- ◆ Configuring TCP/IP settings
- ◆ Configuring the system passphrase
- ♦ Setting up platform users
- ◆ Reviewing and finishing the Commissioning Wizard

As shown below, the Commissioning Wizard is a right-click option on any connected controller platform in the Nav tree. You can also launch the wizard from the **Platform Administration** view.

Figure 3 Commissioning Wizard as right-click platform option



Use this wizard when installing a new controller, as it provides a checklist method to perform essential (and often one time) platform tasks. Also use this wizard whenever you upgrade the core Niagara 4 software in the JACE, at some future time. See the *Niagara Platform Guide* for more details.

NOTE: If performing the N4-to-AX conversion use the Commissioning Wizard in the AX-3.8U1 Workbench. Before starting the commissioning process, note the following points:

- Throughout the wizard's windows, use the buttons Back and Next, as needed, to retrace (or skip) steps.
 Also, the Cancel button exits the wizard after your confirmation—no operations are performed as a result.
- Before committing to the final sequence of steps, the wizard provides a summary for you to review.

Commissioning steps include:

- Request or install software licenses—preselected for any new controller.
- Set enabled runtime profiles—preselected and read-only for any new unit.
- Install a station from the local computer—recommended. Optionally, you can install station(s) at a later time.

- Install lexicons to support additional languages—option to install file-based lexicon sets (alternative to lexicon modules). Typically, you leave this cleared—lexicon modules are required in N4.
- Install/upgrade modules—always preselected when you run the wizard. Used to select the software modules, and optionally any lexicon modules.
- Install/upgrade core software from distribution files—preselected and read-only for any new unit.
- Sync with my local system date and time—preselected in most cases (new JACE for example, where controller time may greatly differ from actual time).
- Configure TCP/IP network settings—recommended.
- Remove platform default user account—preselected and read-only for a new unit. You cannot commission a unit with the factory default platform user.
- Configure additional platform daemon users—recommended option if you require additional platform admin user accounts, with unique user names and passwords (all have full equal privileges).

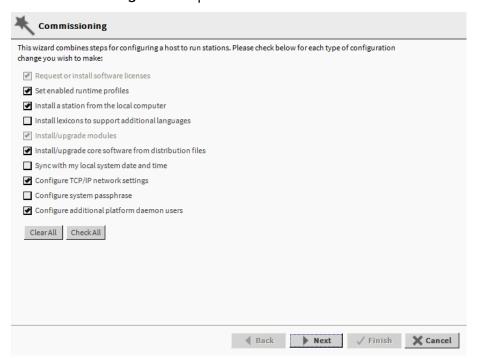
Starting the Commissioning Wizard

This topic explains how to run the Commissioning Wizard using series of steps to configuring a host to run the stations.

Prerequisites: You are using Workbench and have opened a platform connection to the controller.

- Step 1 To open the Commissioning Wizard, do one of the following.
 - In the Nav tree, right-click Platform-Commissioning Wizard.
 - In the Nav tree, expand Platform Administration and click Commissioning.

The **Commissioning** window opens.



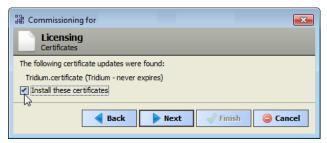
The screen capture shows the default selections for a new controller. By default, few steps are preselected. Steps are executed in the order listed in the wizard.

NOTE: If the Workbench FIPS property **Show FIPS Options** is set to true certain FIPS options become visible in this window. If selected, the framework enforces FIPS-strength password requirements.

Step 2 Select Check All or Clear All to include or omit steps and click the Next to continue.

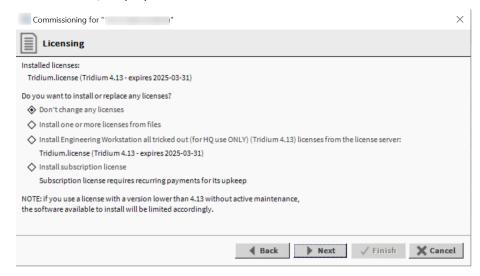
For a new controller, you typically accept all default selections.

During the license install step, the wizard checks to see if a default certificate is installed. This certificate is required by any Niagara host, to verify the license file. If other licenses are installed, additional certificates may also be required.



Step 3 Select Install these certificates and click Next.

The **Licensing** step opens.



For license files validated against the Tridium certificate, installation can be automated from Workbench. All such purchased licenses, including controller, Supervisor and Workstation-only, are stored and available to Workbench through the licensing server.

If your PC currently has Internet connectivity while running a platform connection to any Niagara host, Workbench provides an install option to get and install the licenses for the host from the license server. When selected, Workbench silently searches the license server for a license with a matching Host ID of the target platform. When found, it selects the license(s) and advances to the next wizard step. For more details, refer to the *Niagara Platform Guide*.

Installing the controller licenses

Each controller requires at least one unique license that authorizes it to use Niagara. Other license files are not needed unless you use third-party module(s). If the PC doing the commissioning is connected to the Internet, the **Commissioning Wizard** can install all licenses automatically from the licensing server. This is the recommended method to install or update a license.

Prerequisites: You have at least one license file, specific to this controller, which is stored on the license server or you received a license for this controller via email. To install from the license server, you have Internet connectivity.

- Step 1 Select the licensing option for the wizard to implement.
 - Don't change any licenses This is the default choice.
 - Install one or more licenses from files
 - Install licenses from the license server
 - Install licenses from the workbench license database
 - Install subscription license
- Step 2 To install a license from the server, select Install licenses from the license server and click Next to continue.

If the Install licenses from the license server option is not available in the wizard, Workbench has not detected Internet connectivity, and so cannot contact the licensing server.

When you select the license from the server, Workbench silently searches the license server for a license with a Host ID that matches the Host ID of the target platform. When found, it selects the license(s) and advances to the next wizard step. For more details, refer to the section "About the licensing server" in the *Niagara Platform Guide*.

Step 3 To install a license from your local Workbench database, select Install licenses from the workbench license database.

This option is not available if your local license database does not include a license for this controller.

Workbench locates the license, and the wizard advances to the next step.

Step 4 To install a license from a file, select Install one or more licenses from files and click Next.

The Licensing window opens.



Step 5 Click the Add button.

The **Select File** window opens. If a license is not listed, navigate to its location using the Nav tree on the left.

The licensing tool prevents the selection of the wrong license (one with a different Host Id) when installing a license in the controller.

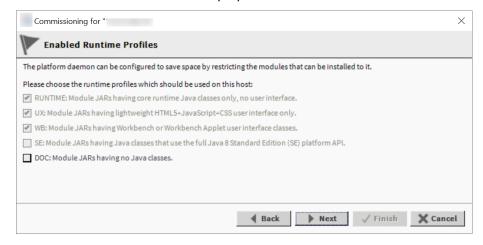
- Step 6 Select the license file and click **OK**.
- Step 7 To add additional licenses, click **Add** again or, if all licenses are listed, click **Next** to continue.
- Step 8 To install subscription license, Select Install subscription license.

The info window opens.



Step 9 To continue, click OK and click Next

The Enable Runtime Profiles step opens.



Preparing software to install

The topic explains installing software by stepping through the Commissioning Wizard. The next five wizard steps relate to installing software and a station.

Prerequisites: You are running the Commissioning Wizard and just completed the licensing step. If you plan to ask the wizard to install a station from your PC, you must know the station's passphrase.

The Enabled Runtime Profiles step saves space in the controller by restricting the modules that can be installed.

Step 1 Do one of the following.

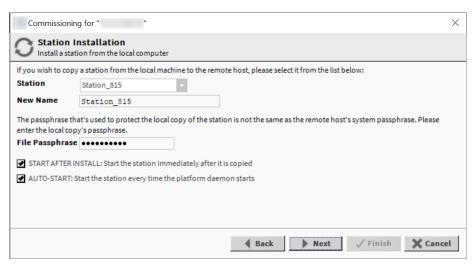
- To install the documentation JAR files, leave the DOC: Module JARs having to Java classes box selected and click Next to continue.
- To save space on the controller, remove the check mark from this option box and click Next.

The other options are pre-configured for best results.

All Niagara 4 platforms require run time profiles. These runtime profiles should be used in the host:

- RUNTIME identifies the core modules with runtime Java classes only. These modules do not support the user interface.
- UX identifies bajaUX modules that support the user interface only.
- WB identifies the modules that support the Workbench user interface.
- SE identifies modules that support the full Java 8 Standard Edition. These are not available for QNX-based controllers.
- DOC identifies documentation modules. These are not recommended for file space reasons on a controller.

The Station Installation (Install a station from the local computer) window opens.



Step 2 Do one of the following:

- If this is a new controller and no station exists for it yet, click Next.
- If you are upgrading and the station already exists in the controller, select Don't transfer station.
- If you have the station on your PC, select the Station name and possibly give it a New Name.

Listed are station subfolders under in your Workbench User Home.

Step 3 If the station is on your PC, enter its File Passphrase.

If the passphrase for the local copy of the station is different from the remote host's system passphrase, you are prompted to enter the local copy's passphrase. If there is no passphrase mismatch, you are not prompted to enter one.

When you select the station, it automatically prompts to enter a passphrase.

- Step 4 Select or clear the check boxes START AFTER INSTALL, AUTO-START and click Next to continue.
 - START AFTER INSTALL starts the station immediately after it is copied. When you select this
 check box, the station is restarted at the end of commissioning, even if you do not reboot the
 controller.
 - AUTO-START starts the station every time the platform daemon starts. In some commissioning
 scenarios, you may wish to disable (clear) both start options when installing a station, especially
 if commissioning ends in a reboot. This way the Commissioning Wizard installs the software
 modules needed by the station, along with all station files, but leaves the station idle.

In this case, to start the station you must open a platform connection to the controller following the reboot and start the (now idle) station from the **Application Director** view. This allows you to see all standard output messages from the station as it transitions from idle to starting to started.

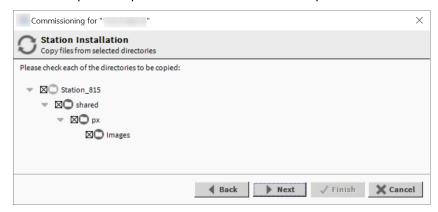
If doing this, in the **Application Director** be sure to enable AUTO-START for the selected station. Otherwise, it will remain idle after the next controller reboot.

The Station Installation (Which station files are to be copied?) window opens.



This window shows different options from which to copy station files.

• Copy files from selected directories specifies which subfolders under that local station that are copied. It opens a tree selection window upon Next button.



- If you choose this, click folder controls to expand and contract as needed.
- Selected folders are shown as X and unselected folders show an empty folder check box.
- Copy every file in the station directory and its subdirectories

The default, and most typically used.

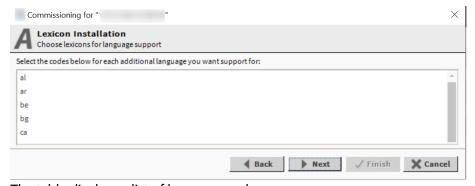
NOTE: Copying identical alarm/history data to multiple controllers is not recommended. For this reason, Alarm and History data are not included (by default) in the station copying process.

• Copy only the config.bog station database file

Copies only the station configuration (components), and not any supporting folders/files like px files, html files, and so forth.

Step 5 Select one of the options and click **Next**.

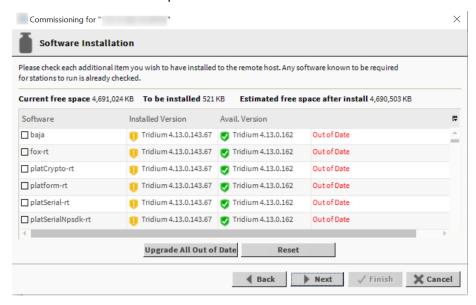
The Lexicon Installation step opens.



The table displays a list of language codes.

Step 6 To use a language other than English, select the language code from the list and click **Next**.

A popup **Rebuilding software list** window briefly displays the dependencies of the controller compared with the available software modules in your PC's software database. Then it opens the **Software Installation** step.



This table lists the available modules including their status, for example Out of Date. During commissioning, you add to the software modules that are preselected for installation. Sometimes you may not make any changes, as the wizard preselects all necessary core modules, plus any additional modules needed by the station you previously specified in the Install Station step.

A red text descriptor qualifies each core module:

- Install required platform module
- Install required for runtime profile
- Install module required by station

By default, these modules are at the top of the list. You cannot deselect them.

You can select additional modules to install by clicking selection boxes. The description for each is in blue text, and displays as either:

- Not Installed (if not selected)
- Install (if selected)

You can select additional modules, including a few not directly related to the contents of the station selected for installation. Examples include lexicon module(s) and some modules related to **Platform Services**. Or, you may know that the controller will need one or more modules in the future (say for a driver), and you wish to install them now.

In general, do not select modules if you are not sure they are needed. You can manage software modules later, using the **Software Manager**. Also, if you install a station later, the **Station Copier** will automatically prompt for confirmation to install any additional modules deemed necessary.

For cases described below, install the following additional module(s) to enable options.

- Select either (or both) theme-related modules: themeLucid-ux, themeZebra-ux, depending on how station users are assigned to Web Profiles (for example, Default Hx Profile, Hx Theme=Lucid).
- If a station requires the Hardware Scan Service in its PlatformServices, select the appropriate platHwScanType modules. For example, select platHwScanTitan-rt and -wb modules.

• Standard lexicon modules are listed using a module name with this convention:

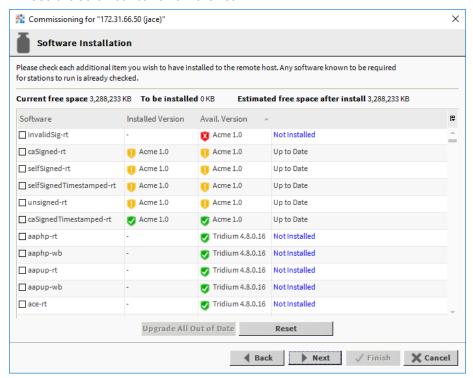
niagaraLexiconLc-rt

where Lc is a two-character language code, such as Fr for French or Es for Spanish. It is also possible to make custom lexicon modules using Workbench lexicon tools (which can have different names).

To reset the selection of modules to the original collection, click the **Reset** button.

Step 7 Do one of the following:

- To sort the list alphabetically, click the Module header in the table. To return to the default sort order, click the table's (blank) description header.
- To review the list of modules, click each module's check box to be updated (\boxtimes) and click **Next**.
- Click Upgrade All Out of Date to upgrade all the modules at a time and click Next.
- To reset the selection of modules to the original collection, click the Reset button and click Next.
- Use the scroll bar to review the list.

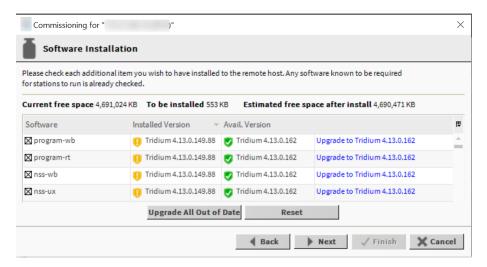


NOTE: The **Software Manager** view and **Commissioning Wizard**'s **Software Installation** step include signature status icons in the Installed Version and Available Version columns indicating the signature status of the installed and available modules. Attempting to install modules with signa-

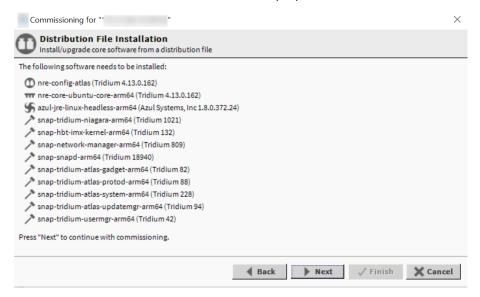
ture warnings (indicated by a yellow $rac{1}{2}$ icon) opens a signature warning window, and attempting

to install modules with signature errors (indicated by a red icon) causes the installation to fail. For details refer to, the *Niagara Third Party Module Signing* guide.

When you click **Upgrade All Out of Date**, the status of the selected modules changes to identify the software version to be installed.

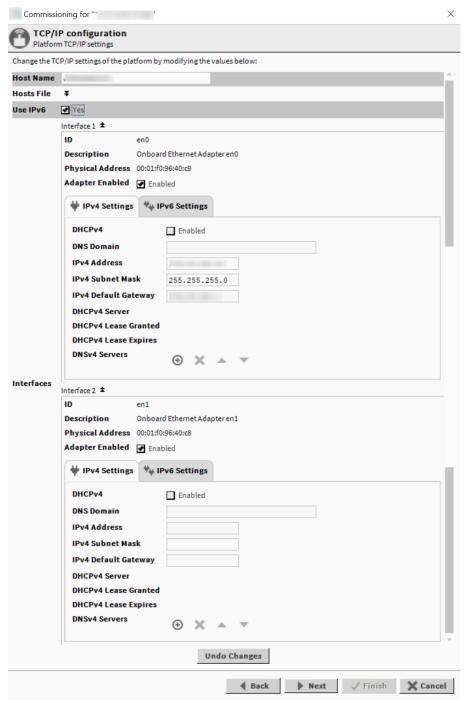


Next, the Distribution File Installation step opens.



Step 8 Review the file installation list and click **Next** to continue.

The TCP/IP Configuration step opens.



Host Name defaults to the name of the remote controller.

Configuring TCP/IP settings

These steps allow changes in the TCP/IP settings for the platform to configure the IP address and TCP port parameters for the remote controller.

Prerequisites: You are stepping through the Commissioning Wizard.

Step 1 To change the Host Name, enter the new name.

If a Host Name is entered, typically the name is unique for the domain. In some installations, changing Host Name may result in unintended impacts on the network, depending on how the DHCP or DNS servers are configured. If in doubt, leave Host Name at its default setting.

Step 2 To change the contents of the Hosts File, click the control ₹.

The file opens.

The format of this file is a standard TCP/IP hosts file, where each line associates a particular IP address with a known Hosts File. Each entry should be on an individual line. The IP address should be placed in the first column, followed by the corresponding Host Name. The IP address and the Host Name should be separated by at least one space. The Undo Changes button resets all settings (all Interfaces) back to the original pre-step values.

- Step 3 To add a new line, click at the end of the last line, press **Enter** and type the required data on the new line.
- Step 4 To enable use of IPv6, click the check box and configure any applicable IPv4 and IPv6 settings.

 Use IPv6 limits the station to receive only IPv6 requests.
- Step 5 Review the **Interface 1** settings and do one of the following:

If you are enabling more than one LAN port (applicable to LAN1, LAN2, and WiFi) then the IP address for each must be configured on different subnets, otherwise the ports will not function correctly. For example, with a typical Class C subnet mask of 255.255.255.0, setting Interface 1= 192.168.1.99 and Interface 2=192.168.1.188 is an invalid configuration, as both addresses are on the same subnet.

- Click IPv4 Settings tab, which includes the temporary factory-shipped IP address. Assign the
 JACE a unique IPv4 address for the network you are installing it on. No other device on this network should use this same IP address. Include the appropriate subnet mask used by the
 network.
- If the network supports DHCP, you can enable it (click DHCP Enabled). In this case, the IP address and subnet mask properties become read only. in general (for stability, static IP addressing is recommended over DHCP. If DHCP is preferred, an IP Address Reservation should be entered for the controller in the DHCP Server. The controller IP address should not change.

CAUTION: Do not enable DHCP unless you are certain that the network has DHCP servers! Otherwise, the controller may become unreachable over the network.

If your JACE has a wireless option that you plan to use for enterprise network connections, do not enable DHCP here. Instead, you need to configure the WiFi adapter for JACE DHCP as described in the appropriate controller WiFi Guide, for example JACE-8000 WiFi Guide.

Step 6 Review the Interface 2 details.

JACE-8000 and JACE-9000 controllers have two Ethernet ports, where **Interface 2** is available for configuring the secondary (LAN2) Ethernet port. By default, this port is disabled, that is without a default address. The intended usage for this port, as for the secondary LAN port, as follows:

- To isolate a driver's Ethernet traffic from the primary (LAN1) interface, or
- To create a private network by daisy chaining multiple IP devices off of the controller's secondary LAN port. This scenario requires that you configure the LAN2 port as a DHCP server in the DHCPDv4 Settings tab.
- In some cases, LAN2 may be set up with a standard, fixed, IP address that is used only by a company's service technician, when on site. This allows access to the controller without disconnecting it from the customer's network, or without connecting the technician's service PC to the customer's network (which might go against local IT security policies).

If enabling LAN2, you must specify another (network) static IP address and the appropriate subnet mask, that is a different subnet mask for each enabled LAN port IP address.

- The controller does not provide IP routing or a bridging operation between different Interfaces (LAN ports or WiFi).
- Step 7 To enable the secondary Ethernet port Interface 2, expand Interface 2 and select the Adapter Enabled check box.
- Step 8 To set up the secondary Ethernet port (Interface 2) as a DHCP client, select the Enabled check box on the IPv4Settings tab.

Make sure that the DHCPDv4 is not enabled on the DHCPDv4 Settings tab.

Step 9 To set up the secondary Ethernet port (Interface 2) as a DHCP server, make sure that the DHCP check box is not selected on the IPv4 Settings tab, configure the port with a static IP address, and configure the properties in DHCPDv4 Settings.

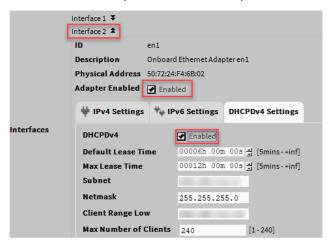
For example:

Subnet: 192.168.111.0Netmask: 255.255.255.0

Client range low: 192.168.111.15

• Max. number of clients: 10

Based on the example above, client IP pool is 192.168.111.15 to 192.168.111.24



- Default Lease Time (in hours, minutes, and seconds) configures the a DHCPIP address lease. Before it expires, the lease must be renewed.
- Max Lease Time (in hours, minutes, and seconds), configures a DHCPIP address lease.
- Subnet defines the subnet of IP addresses assigned by the DHCP server. Configure this to assign addresses on a different subnet than that used in other LAN or Access Point configurations, otherwise the ports will not function correctly.
- Netmask defines the IP addresses assigned by the DHCP Server.
- Client Range Low defines the lowest IP address for the range. The order of assigning IPs from the Access Point DHCP is indeterminate.

The adapter IP should be in the same subnet, but not in the range of addresses defined here.

• Max Number of Clients defines the maximum number of clients that can attach at a given time.

Step 10 Under IPv4 Settings tab, enter the IPv4 address and subnet mask.

For example,

• IPv4 Address: 192.168.111.1

• IPv4 subnet mask: 255.255.255.0

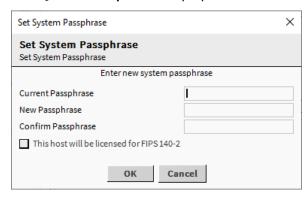
Make sure that the secondary Ethernet port's (Interface 2) IP address is outside the DHCP server's client IP pool.

Step 11 To disable a DHCP server running on the secondary Ethernet port (Interface 2): Under DHCPDv4 Settings Tab, uncheck the DHCPDv4 check box. For the network settings to take effect, save and reboot the controller.

These network settings will take effect when you finish the Commissioning Wizard and reboot the controller.

Step 12 To continue, click **Next**.

The **System Passphrase** step opens.



Configuring the system passphrase

All Niagara platforms have a system passphrase used to protect and encrypt the system information in the platform's file systems. Using the **Platform Administration** view or runing through the Commissioning Wizard, you can set up this passphrase.

Prerequisites: You are stepping through the Commissioning Wizard. You know the controller's current passphrase.

- Step 1 To set up a new passphrase, enter the default Current Passphrase for the controller.
- Step 2 Enter the **New Passphrase** and confirm it.

Create a strong passphrase with a minimum of 10 characters including: at least one uppercase character, at least one lowercase character, and at least one digit. Entry characters display only as asterisks (*). An error popup window reminds you if you attempt to enter a passphrase that does not meet the minimum rules:

- Use both upper and lower case.
- Include numeric digits (a minimum of one).
- Include special characters.
- Don't use dictionary words.
- Don't use company name.
- Don't make the passphrase the same as the user name.
- Don't use common numbers like telephone, address, birthday, and so on.
- Step 3 Make a note of the new passphrase and guard it carefully!

CAUTION: If you lose the system passphrase, you will lose access to the controller's encrypted data.

You can change the system passphrase using the **Platform Administration** tool.

Step 4 Click **Next** to continue.

The Create a new platform user account window opens.



Setting up platform users

The Commissioning Wizard prevents commissioning a controller that retains the factory-default platform user account. In this Commissioning Wizard step, you specify platform login credentials (user name and password) to replace the factory-default platform user in this controller.

Prerequisites: You are stepping through the Commissioning Wizard.

Step 1 Enter the desired User Name with which to log in to the platform.

This name must be different from the default name. It can have a maximum of 14 alphanumeric characters (a - z, A - Z, 0 - 9), where the first character must be alphabetic and following characters either alphanumeric or an underscore ().

Step 2 Enter and confirm the Password.

Create a strong password with a minimum of 10 characters including: at least one uppercase character, at least one lowercase character, and at least one digit. Entry characters display only as asterisks (*). An error popup window reminds you if you attempt to enter a passphrase that does not meet the minimum rules:

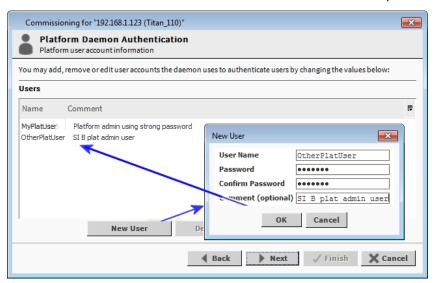
- Use both upper and lower case.
- Include numeric digits (a minimum of one).
- Include special characters.
- Don't use dictionary words.
- Don't use company name.
- Don't make the password same as the user name.
- Don't use common numbers like telephone, address, birthday, and so on.

User name and password entries are case sensitive. If you are not changing the controller's IP address during commissioning, the credentials for your replacement platform user are remembered in the current session. This can simplify platform reconnection to the controller after it reboots from commissioning. This is useful in a migration scenario. However, if you are changing the IP address during commissioning, you need to remember/re-enter the new credentials for a platform user in order to reconnect. Always make careful note of any changed platform credentials, and guard them closely—as they provide the highest security level access to any Niagara platform.

Step 3 In the (optional) Comment property, enter an alphanumeric descriptor for this platform admin user and click **Next**.

This alphanumeric descriptor displays in the **Users** table and helps differentiate users if you have more than one platform user. You cannot edit this property after adding a user, unlike with a user's password.

If, at the beginning of commissioning, you selected to Configure additional platform daemon users, the Platform user account information window opens.



The Users table in this window shows the replacement user you just created.

Step 4 To create another user, click **New User**, fill in this user's credentials, click **OK**.

You can also use this step to delete users and change user passwords. You can access this same configuration via the **User Accounts** button in the **Platform Administration** view, which is available any time after commissioning.

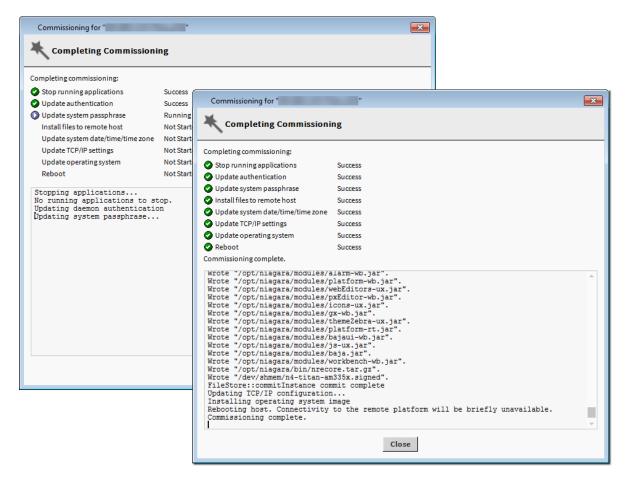
- Step 5 To add another user, repeat these steps or else click the **Next** button for the final commissioning step.
- Step 6 Make a note of all platform user credentials and guard them carefully.

Consider the platform daemon as the highest-level of access to the controller.

If you lose or forget these credentials, you may be unable to complete commissioning and start up this controller. In this case, you can restore the factory default platform user, provided you can serially connect to the controller (make a serial shell connection), then press and hold the **SHUT DOWN** button as you power up the device.

Step 7 To continue, press **Next**.

The Completing Commissioning window opens.



Reviewing and finishing the Commissioning Wizard

The Commissioning Wizard displays a summary of all the actions to be performed by the wizard.

Prerequisites: You are stepping through the Commissioning Wizard.

- Step 1 Read through the summary of changes, using the scroll bar to see the steps near the end.
- Step 2 If any change is needed, click the **Back** button until the step window to change opens, make the change and click the **Next** button until this review window opens again.
- Step 3 If no change is needed, click Finish.

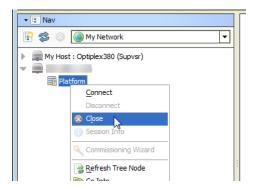
The Commissioning Wizard commissions the controller. While the wizard works it posts progress updates in a **Completing Commissioning** widow. When completed, the wizard reboots the controller, and makes a **Close** button available.

Do not remove power from the controller during this reboot, which may take up to seven or more minutes to complete. Removing power could make the unit unrecoverable. If desired (and convenient), you can use a serial shell connection to the controller to monitor progress as files are installed and the unit is prepared.

Note that firmware upgrades occur before the platform daemon starts in the controller. Therefore, it is safe to interrupt power any time after you can re-open a platform connection to the controller.

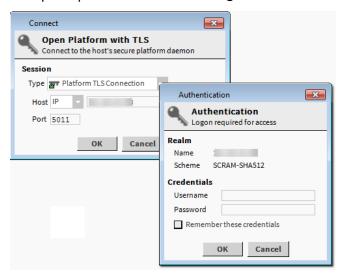
Step 4 To exit the wizard, click the **Close** button.

When the controller reboots, your platform connection to it closes.



Notice that in the Nav tree, the platform instance for that JACE is now dimmed.

- Step 5 Assuming that you changed the JACE's IP address during commissioning, right-click and close that platform instance, as this would make that connection instance invalid.
- Step 6 Do one of the following:
 - If you did not change its IP address, after several minutes you should be able to double-click the platform instance again to reconnect.
 - Open a platform connection using the controller's new (changed) IP address.



Going forward, you must access the controller by its new (assigned) IP address. Workbench keeps a history of TCP/IP changes made.

Use the credentials for the new platform user you created to replace the factory-default platform user, or if you created additional platform users, log in with the credentials you created for one of them.

Step 7 If you changed your PC's IP address to commission the controller, be sure to reconfigure your PC's TCP/IP settings back to appropriate settings to communicate with it. Otherwise, you will be unable to connect to the PC to commission another controller.

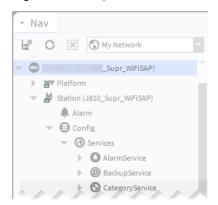
Chapter 5 Platform services and administration

Topics covered in this chapter

- ♦ Changing the date, time and time zone using PlatformServices
- ♦ Enabling and disabling SRAM support in the DataRecoveryService
- ◆ Performing platform administration

A few platform configuration features are not directly accessible in the Workbench platform connection via the **Commissioning Wizard**. Instead, to access these features, you must install a station on the controller (any station). The **Commissioning Wizard** also performs most, but sometimes not all, needed configuration for a new controller platform. There are several items you should review (and optionally change) in a follow-up platform connection to each controller, using the **Platform Administration** view.

Figure 4 Example of a controller station's Platform Services





PlatformServices are different from all other components in a station in the following ways:

- The **PlatformServices** node acts as the station interface to specifics about the host platform (whether controller or a PC).
- Niagara builds these services dynamically at station runtime—you do not see PlatformServices in an
 offline station.
- Any changes you make to **PlatformServices** or its child services are not stored in the station database. Instead, changes are stored in other files on the host platform, such as its platform.bog file.

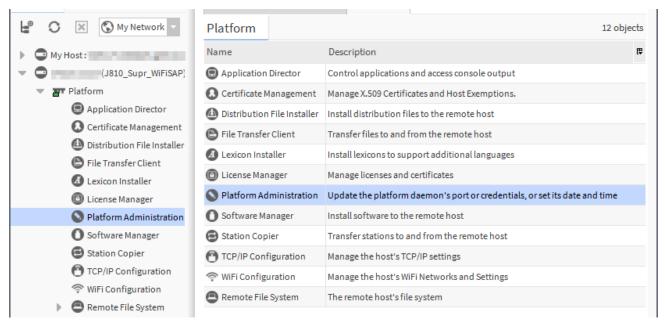
NOTE: Do not attempt to edit the platform.bog directly; always use PlatformServices views.

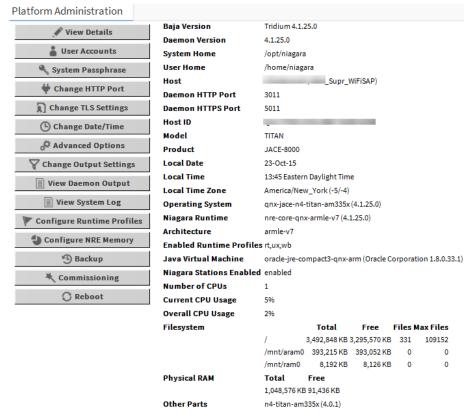
These services support installations where all configuration must be possible using only a browser connection (and not Workbench connected to the controller platform daemon). Included services are:

- TcpIpService provides station (Fox) access to windows used to configure TCP/IP settings.
- LicenseService for managing platform licenses.
- CertManagerService for managing PKI certificate stores and/or allowed host exceptions, used in certificate-based (TLS) connections between the station/platform and other hosts. For details, see the Niagara Station Security Guide.
- DataRecoveryService for the operation and monitoring of ongoing SRAM backups for most (SRAM-equipped) JACE controllers. It includes a Service Enabled configuration property, which you can disable, if needed. This is viable only if a backup battery is installed, or the unit is powered by an external UPS.

The **Platform Administration** view is one of several views for any platform, listed under the **Platform** node in the Nav tree and in the platform's **Nav Container View**. This view provides a text summary of the JACE's current software configuration, including its model number, OS level, JVM version, installed modules, lexicons, licenses, certificates, and so on.

Figure 5 Platform Administration is one of several platform views





You may wish to review and configure the parent container's **PlatformServices** and **PlatformAdministration** properties using Workbench.

The Niagara Platform Guide documents the PlatformServices and PlatformAdministration properties.

Changing the date, time and time zone using PlatformServices

You may change the date, time and time zone using Platform→PlatformAdministration→Change Date/Time. This procedure, however, uses the station's PlatformServices instead. Access to PlatformServices properties is useful if the installation requires access using a browser only.

Prerequisites: You are running Workbench and are connected to the controller station.

Step 1 In the Nav tree, double-click Config→Services→PlatformServices.

The Platform Service Container Plugin opens.

Some properties in this view are read-only. Other configuration properties can be edited. A group of three config properties adjust the time, date, and time zone settings for the host controller.

Step 2 Configure System Time, Date, Time Zone and click Save.

You should leave the remaining properties at their default values, unless otherwise directed by systems engineering.

The framework writes any configuration changes to the host controller platform.

The Niagara Platform Guide documents all PlatformServices properties.

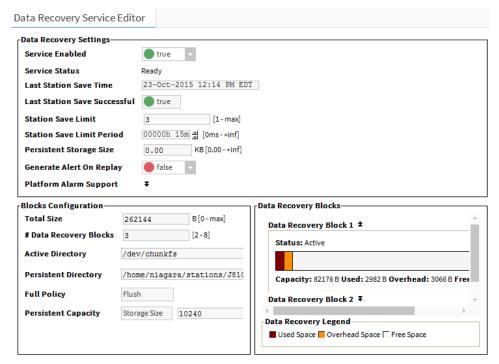
Enabling and disabling SRAM support in the DataRecoveryService

SRAM support is provided by the **DataRecoveryService**, a platform service that applies to SRAM-equipped JACE controllers.

Prerequisites: You are using Workbench and are connected to a remote station.

Step 1 In the Nav tree, expand the station's **Services→PlatformServices**, and double-click **DataRecoveryService**.

The Data Recovery Service Editor window opens.



By default, the **Service Enabled** property is true. This is appropriate since the controller has no backup battery installed.

Step 2 If a battery-less controller is powered from a battery-backed UPS, you could also choose to set **Service Enabled** to false.

If you set Service Enable to false, the DataRecoveryService no longer records runtime database changes to SRAM but depends entirely on its backup battery to preserve station data upon a power loss!

- Step 3 To write the configuration to the host platform, click **Save**.
 - You are prompted to reboot now to apply the changes.
- Step 4 To reboot with the change in the **DataRecoveryService** (disabled or enabled) made effective, click **Yes**.

Performing platform administration

The Commissioning Wizard performs most platform configuration tasks. After running the wizard, you may review and change configuration options using the Platform Administration view.

Prerequisites:

The JACE controller is already commissioned using the Commissioning Wizard. You have admin rights to configure the platform.

You have admin rights to configure the platform.

- Step 1 Using Workbench, open a platform connection to the JACE controller. Use the platform credentials you specified when creating a platform user while commissioning the controller.
- Step 2 Right-click Platform, double-click Platform Administration and enter your platform credentials.

The Platform Administration view opens.

Step 3 Click one of the buttons.

Included in this view are commands and related windows in which you can:

- Set the date and time in the controller.
- Change the HTTP port used by the controller for the platform daemon (platform server). The default port is 3011.
- Change TLS settings used by the controller for secure platformssl access, including configured state, platformssl port (HTTPS Port), PKI certificate, and TLS protocol. The default port is 5011.
 Refer to the Niagara Station Security Guide for complete details.
- Enable or disable SFTP (Secure File Transfer Protocol) and SSH (Secure Shell) access to the JACE controller. By default, such access is disabled, where both protocols use TCP port 22.

CAUTION: Although SFTP and SSH are more secure than FTP and Telnet access, enabling still poses security risks. We strongly recommend you keep this access disabled, unless otherwise directed by Systems Engineering. Upon completion of any use, such access should be disabled once again.

- View daemon output and change logging levels.
- Enable debug access for temporary browser access to platform daemon diagnostic tools
- Perform other platform tasks initially performed with the Commissioning Wizard, such modifying platform admin users (User Accounts), configuring runtime profiles, and so on.

The Niagara Platform Guide documents each object.

Step 4 What to do next depends on the object you selected.

Chapter 6 System shell

Topics covered in this chapter

- ♦ About the system shell menu
- ◆ Connecting to the controller system shell
- ♦ Updating network settings using JACE-9000 system shell
- ♦ Updating system time using the system shell (JACE-9000)

All controllers have a system shell that provides low-level access to a few basic platform settings. Using a special power-up mode and a serial connection via an appropriate type USB cable connected to the controller, you can access this system shell from your PC. System shell is also available via SSH (Secure Shell) provided that SSH is enabled in the controller.

NOTE: The JACE-8000 can be converted (downgraded) to run with some feature limitations. For example, for any JACE-8000 running AX the USB functionality is not supported. In this configuration the USB port on the device is not monitored for insertion/removal of devices. This does NOT apply to the JACE-9000.

Typical usage is for troubleshooting or to create or restore a backup. Also, in the case of IP address misconfiguration, you can use the serial system shell to regain access to the unit.

Depending on your preference, you may wish to use the serial shell to set the JACE's IP address as an alternative to reconfiguring your PC's IP address in Windows (to initially connect to a new controller). If done as the first step, afterwards you could connect normally (Ethernet/IP) and perform all the other Niagara software installation and platform configuration using Workbench and the **Commissioning Wizard**. This method would save you from having to re-configure your PC's IP address settings in Windows: first to connect to the controller as shipped from the factory, and then back again to its original settings.

The following sections provide more details.

About the system shell menu

The system shell of the controller provides simple, menu-driven, text-prompt access to basic Niagara platform settings, including IP network settings, platform credentials, system time, and enabling/disabling SFTP/SSH and Telnet, as well as creating or restoring system backups. Also, you can use it to perform a TCP/IP ping from the controller to another host.

Changes issued in the system shell become immediately effective, except for IP address settings (Update Network Settings). You must reboot the controller for any changed network settings to become effective.

If SSH is enabled in the controller, you can also access the controller's system shell using a remote terminal session using SSH. Platform login is still required (just as with the controller powered up in serial shell mode).

CAUTION: Be careful when changing items from the system shell, in particular platform account (login credentials, system passphrase) and network settings. If you change platform login credentials and then lose or forget them, you may need to restore the factory default settings and possibly lose any non-backed up data.

Following, is an example of the system shell menu when connected to a JACE-8000.

Figure 6 System shell menu (serial shell or Telnet access)

```
TITAN System Shell
 hostid: Onx-TITAN-4CC7-803D-DB48-BBAD
 serial number: -1
 build version: 4.1.25.1.3
 build date: built on 2015-10-13 21:20:07
 system time: Fri Oct 23 19:52:14 UTC 2015
 niagara daemon port: 3011
 dm0: inet 172.16.11.12 netmask 0xfffffe00 broadcast 172.16.11.255
       inet6 fe80::5272:24ff:fe9c:8938%dm0 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x2
 1. Update System Time
 2. Update Network Settings
 3. Ping Host
 4. Enable/Disable SSH/SFTP
 5. Change Current User Password
 6. Change System Passphrase
 7. Enable Front Panel USB
 8. Configure WIFI
 9. Reboot
 L. Logout
Enter choice:
```

To select a menu option, type the associated number (1 to 9) or L for logout, then press Enter.

For example,

- type 2 (Update Network Settings) to recover IP access, or to set the IP settings of a new controller.
- type 6 (Change System Passphrase) to change the system passphrase of the unit. You might do this if swapping in a microSD card from a previously configured unit, in order to change the passphrase of the unit to match the passphrase that is already stored on the card.

Connecting to the controller system shell

The following procedure provides steps to use the system shell. Examples provided use the PuTTY terminal emulation program.

Prerequisites: You have physical access to the controller and you have a USB cable that connects to your PC and to a:

- MicroUSB port on a JACE-8000
- USB-C port on a JACE-9000
- Step 1 Connect the USB cable between the controller's DEBUG port and the USB port you are using on your PC.
- Step 2 On your PC, start your terminal emulation software.

For example to start PuTTY from the Windows Start menu, this is typically Programs PuTTY.

- Step 3 In the PuTTY Configuration tree, expand Connection and click Serial.
- Step 4 Set the serial line to connect to your PC's (USB) COM port, for example, COM3.

You can examine Ports in Windows Device Manager to determine which serial port is in use on the PC.

Step 5 Set the Configure the serial line properties as follows:

- Speed (baud): 115200
- Databits: 8

- Stop bits: 1
- Parity: None
- Flow control: None
- Step 6 In the **PuTTY Configuration** tree, click **Session** and then click the **Connection** type as Serial. (Optional) You can
 - When you start PuTTY again to serially connect to the JACE, select this name and click Load.
- Step 7 (Optional) To save this configuration and reuse (load) it in a future PuTTY to controller serial session, type in a connection name in the Saved Sessions property (for example, "SerialController-Connect", and click Save.
- Step 8 At the bottom of the **PuTTY Configuration** window, click **Open**.

A terminal window opens.

NOTE: If you do not see a login prompt, press the **Enter** key and it should display a login prompt in the window.

- Step 9 At the login prompt, enter a platform user name and password, and, if prompted, enter the platform's system passphrase.
- Step 10 When finished making platform changes from the system shell, do one of the following:
 - If no changes, or reboot is not necessary, type L to Logout.
 - If changes require rebooting, select the Reboot option, type y at the Are you sure you want to reboot [y/n] prompt, and press Enter.

The terminal (PuTTY) window displays shutdown-related text.

- Step 11 Click the **Close** control (upper right corner) in the terminal session (PuTTY) window and click **OK** in the **PuTTY Exit Confirmation** popup window.
- Step 12 Unplug the USB connector from the JACE's DEBUG port.

Updating network settings using JACE-9000 system shell

Using system shell to update network settings prompts you for each setting sequentially, starting with hostname.

Prerequisites: You have connected to the controller using the system shell.

Step 1 To access most of the same IP networking options available in the **Commissioning Wizard** step that configures TCP/IP settings, select system shell menu option 2.

The Network Configuration Utility displays. Following is an example of the flow with some fictional addresses:

```
Enter Choice : 2
Network Configuration Utility
Enter new value, '.' to clear the field or '' to keep existing value
Hostname < TechDocsJ9 > :
Save these settings [Y/n]? y
Committing to disk ...

NET1 Ethernet interface en0
    IPv4 address (clear to use DHCP) < nnn.nn.nn.nn > :
    IPv4 subnet mask < 255.255.252.0 > :
    IPv4 Domain :
    Primary IPv4 DNS Server :
```

```
Secondary IPv4 DNS Server :
  IPv4 Route < nnn.nn.nn.n > :
 Enable IPv6 addressing on this adapter [Y/n]?
  IPv6 address in CIDR notation address/prefix-length (clear to use DHCP) :
  IPv6 Domain :
  Primary IPv6 DNS Server:
  Secondary IPv6 DNS Server :
  IPv6 Route:
Configure Secondary Ethernet interface [Y/n]? n
Confirm new configuration
network:
   version: 2
    renderer: NetworkManager
    ethernets:
       en0:
            match:
                driver: imx-dwmac
            set-name: en0
            dhcp4: false
            dhcp6: true
            link-local:
                - ipv6
            addresses:
               - 172.31.66.14/22
            routes:
                - to: default
                  via: 172.31.64.1
        en1:
            match:
                driver: fec
            set-name: en1
            dhcp4: false
            dhcp6: false
            link-local: []
            activation-mode: manual
Save these settings [Y/n]?
```

Step 2 As each option displays, configure it and conclude by pressing Y to save the settings.

After you save the network settings, they do not become active until you perform a reboot of the controller.

Step 3 On the main system shell menu, selecting **Reboot**, option 6.

System shell reboots the controller.

Updating system time using the system shell (JACE-9000)

If the commissioning process has not been completed yet, it is often important to set the current date and time.

Prerequisites: You have connected to the controller using the system shell.

Step 1 To access date and time, select system shell menu option 1 Update System Time.

The screen displays the following controller current date/time and clock synchronization information:

Local time

- Universal time (UTC)
- RTC (real time clock) time
- Time zone
- System clock synchronization status
- NTP service status
- RTC in local TZ (time zone) status (yes/no)

A prompt dispays, asking for new UTC date and time in the following format:

- YYYY-MM-DD for year, month, and day
- HH: MM: SS for hour, minute, and second
- Step 2 Enter date and time in the required format and press **Enter** to save the changes.

If the time information is successfully changed, a confirmation message appears on the screen.

Step 3 Press Enter to return to the shell main menu.

Chapter 7 Troubleshooting

Topics covered in this chapter

- ♦ Shutting down the controller
- ◆ Resolving a passphrase mismatch
- ◆ Reviewing a controller's TCP/IP changes
- ◆ Reviewing a PC's TCP/IP changes
- ♦ Debug port
- Restoring factory defaults

During commissioning, it is possible to run into problems. For instance, you may type an IP address incorrectly when entering it, and as a result be unable to regain access. This chapter provides information that can help with troubleshooting or general controller operations.

Shutting down the controller

This procedure safely prepares the controller before you remove power.

Prerequisites: The controller is powered on. Any running devices (HVAC, boiler, meter, etc) have been set in a standby mode.

- Step 1 Press and hold the **SHUT DOWN** button on the controller until the **Backup** LED begins to flash.
 - When the controller detects that the **SHUT DOWN** button is being pressed, it enters the shutdown mode. The **Backup** LED flashes the alert mode pattern: on for 100 milliseconds, off for 100-milliseconds. In QNX 4.3, the heartbeat LED also turns off, and all Ethernet, USB, and console connectivity is lost.
- Step 2 Once the Backup LED begins to flash, release the SHUT DOWN button.
 - To verify the **SHUT DOWN** button is functioning and not in a failed state, the controller must detect the button release before proceeding. Once you release the button, the controller puts the software in a safe state. During this process, the **Backup** LED toggles with the work pattern: on for 1 second, off for 1 second. When the software has successfully completed its process, it notifies the controller that it is safe to shut down. The controller turns off the **Backup** LED indicating it is safe to remove power.
 - In the event that the software is unable to put the system into a safe state, the software notifies the controller that it could not complete the request. The controller then indicates this by toggling the **Backup** LED with the error pattern: on for 200 milliseconds, off for 200 milliseconds, on for 200 milliseconds, off for 3 seconds.
- Step 3 Once the Backup LED turns on (solid) and begins to blink, wait until the Backup LED turns off.
 - If you have a terminal connected to the controller, the following message displays when the shutdown process is complete and it is safe to remove power:
 - iomonitor: shutdown complete, safe to remove power
- Step 4 Remove power to the controller.

Resolving a passphrase mismatch

If a controller fails, you can remove its SD or microSD card and insert it into a replacement unit and keep your business running. However, the removable card contains the system passphrase for the original unit, which does not match the passphrase for a replacement unit. This results in a boot sequence failing due to a passphrase mismatch indicated by a Stat LED flashing with a 50% duty cycle and a 1 second period.

Prerequisites: A controller has failed. You removed its memory card and inserted it into a replacement unit, but the replacement unit will not boot due to a passphrase missmatch. You are working in Workbench running on a PC that is on the same network as the controller. You know the passphrase for the original controller.

If you are monitoring the debug port, this notification banner opens in the serial shell.

Figure 7 System passphrase mismatch warning in the serial shell

NOTE: The following shows a JACE-8000 - shell connection. JACE-9000 message is similar.

This warning prompts you to log in using platform credentials and update the system passphrase via the serial connection.

- Step 1 Make a serial connection to the unit's DEBUG port.
- Step 2 Log in to the controller via the serial connection.

The **System Decrypt Failure Menu** opens with the following options:

- 1 Update system passphrase
- 2 Remove all encrypted data
- 3 Reboot
- 4 Logout
- Step 3 Choose Update system passphrase.
- Step 4 Enter the system passphrase for the original controller.

Pre-configuring (via a serial connection) the replacement controller with a system passphrase that matches the one stored on the removable memory card (which you swapped out from the original unit) facilitates commissioning the replacement unit. In this situation, the commissioning process does not prompt for a passphrase since it detects a passphrase match.

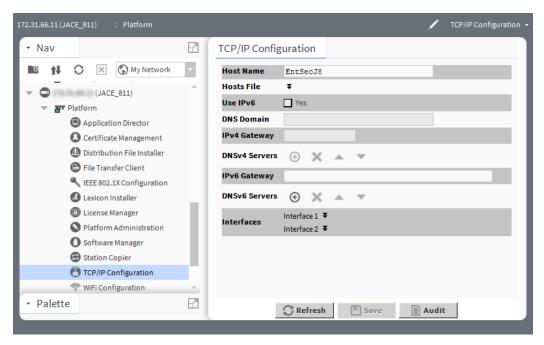
Reviewing a controller's TCP/IP changes

The Commissioning Wizard and platform's TCP/IP Configuration object configure controller TCP/IP settings. Workbench records TCP/IP before and after the change values in an ipchanges.bog file. If necessary, you can review these changes.

Prerequisites: You are working in Workbench with a connection to the remote controller.

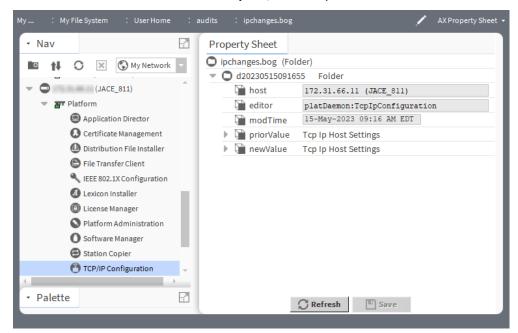
Step 1 Expand Platform and double-click TCP/IP Configuration.

TCP/IP Configuration view opens.



Step 2 Click the Audit button.

The ipchanges.bog folder's AX Property Sheet opens.



Child folders are date-named using the following convention:

<yyyymmddhhmmss>, where the variable name contains year, month, day, hours, minutes, seconds; for example, d20250113153640 for 2025 Jan 13 3:36pm and 40 seconds.

- priorValue reports the TCP/IP settings that existed before the change.
- newValue reports the TCP/IP settings that existed after the change.
- Step 3 Expand the folder and expand either priorValue or newValue.

The included decoded modTime value is easier to read. For example, 13-Jan-2024 03:36 PM EST instead of d20150113153640).

Reviewing a PC's TCP/IP changes

You configure a PC's TCP/IP settings using Windows. Workbench records TCP/IP before and after the change values in an ipchanges.bog file. If necessary, you can review these changes.

Prerequisites: You are working in Workbench with a connection to your PC.

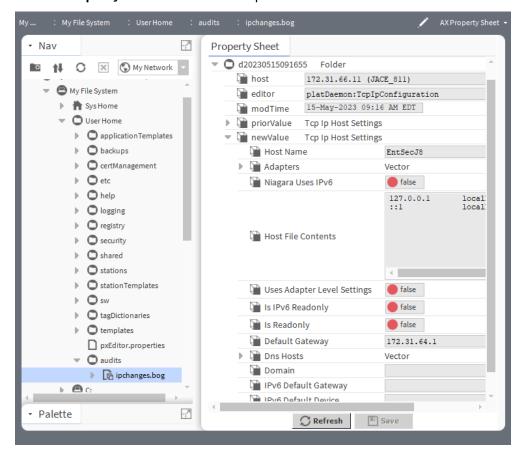
Step 1 In the Nav tree, expand My Host→My File System→User Home→ipchanges.bog.

Child folders are date-named using the following convention:

<yyyymmddhhmmss>, where the variable name contains year, month, day, hours, minutes, seconds;
for example, d20250113153640 for 2025 Jan 13 3:36pm and 40 seconds.

Step 2 To expand a folder, right-click and select Views→Property Sheet.

The AX Property Sheet for the folder opens.



The included decoded modTime value is easier to read. For example, 13-Jan-2024 03:36 PM EST instead of d20150113153640).

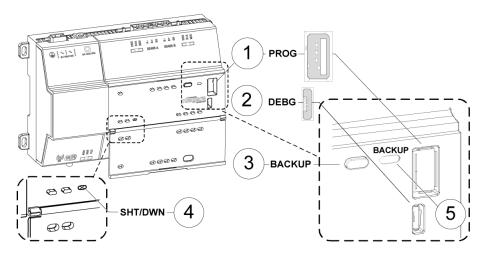
Under each folder are two properties:

- priorValue reports the TCP/IP settings that existed before the change.
- newValue reports the TCP/IP settings that existed after the change.
- Step 3 Expand a priorValue or newValue to see the reported settings.

Debug port

This micro-A USB port makes it possible to communicate with the controller before software is installed. You use this port to restore factory defaults, should it be necessary.

The figure with numbered call-outs, shown here, indicates the position of the USB ports and switches behind the access door.



1	PROG	USB 2.0 for use with a USB Flash (thumb) drive
2	DEBUG	Micro-A USB for serial debug communications
3	BACKUP	Push button switch to start a USB backup, or, if held in during power up/boot up, to initiate a factory recovery image
4	SHT/DWN	Recessed push button switch for initiating a controlled shutdown
5	BACKUP	LED to indicate that USB media present, or a backup, restore, or factory recovery image is in progress

NOTE: In Niagara 4.7U1 and later, the presence of a USB device inserted in the USB backup/restore port prevents you from accidentally launching the factory defaults recovery process while attempting to restore a backup. If a USB device, of any type, is inserted in the backup/restore port, recovery is skipped. Consequently, to recover factory defaults, no USB device can be inserted in the USB port.

If your JACE-8000 was converted to run NiagaraAX, the USB Backup/Restore function is not supported and USB Connector 1 (for a thumb drive) is disabled. USB Connector 2 for serial shell connections is still enabled in the JACE-8000 running NiagaraAX. And although holding down the Backup button during power up/boot up still functions to initiate a factory recovery image, it restores the controller to its factory ship state, which is N4.1 or later. You must repeat the conversion procedure to get it to AX-3.8U1.

Restoring factory defaults

The process of recovering factory defaults deletes all platform and station data, and returns the controller to the state it was in when it shipped from the factory. If you cannot commission the controller because you made an error when entering the default platform daemon credentials or passphrase, you can restore factory defaults and start again. When decommissioning a controller, a best practice is to recover the factory defaults, which removes the platform and station data from the controller. This procedure uses a terminal emulator program to access the controller's system shell menu.

Prerequisites: You have administrator-level platform credentials. You have backed up all data from the controller. The controller's Debug port is connected to your PC using a USB-to-micro USB cable (same cable as

that used to connect a smart phone to a computer). No USB device is in the USB port. A terminal emulator (system shell program), such as PuTTY, installed on your PC.

CAUTION: Recovering factory defaults removes all platform and station data from the controller. Make sure this is what you want to do before performing this procedure.

- Step 1 Ensure that the controller's power is off.
- Step 2 Press and hold down the **BACKUP** button as you power up the controller, and continue holding down the button throughout the boot-up process until the controller detects the button press and displays this confirmation banner:

During this step of the procedure, the Backup LED flashes at medium speed: 100 milliseconds on, 100 milliseconds off. Also, be aware that holding the button down too long results in the following message, which does not indicate a hardware fault. If this message is visible it is best to start the procedure over, beginning from step 1:

```
"WARNING - CHECK BACKUP BUTTON - POSSIBLE SHORT!"
```

Step 3 Release the BACKUP button once the banner displays.

On detecting the button release, the system begins a 10-second countdown, which displays as shown here:

```
Press any key to restore from USB backup.

If no key pressed, factory recovery will begin in 10 seconds
```

```
Recovery begins in 9 seconds
Recovery begins in 8 seconds
Recovery begins in....
```

Pressing any key during this 10-second countdown prevents the system from entering factory recovery mode. Instead, the system switches modes to restore from a USB backup.

When no key press is detected during the 10-second countdown, the factory recovery process begins at the moment the countdown finishes. Upon entering recovery mode, the boot process overwrites the controller with a default factory image. During this process the **Backup** LED blinks at slow speed (one second on, then one second off).

CAUTION: Once in recovery mode—the **BACKUP** LED is flashing in slow blink—do not interrupt this process. Allow the recovery to complete or the controller could be left in an inoperable state.

Step 4 When the Backup LED stops flashing, turn the controller's power off and back on again to reboot.

After recovering factory defaults the initial controller reboot process takes longer than usual. On completion, the controller is restored to a factory default state.

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