

# openCONFIGURATOR v1.4.0

Quick Start Guide v1.07

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## **Abbreviations**

API	Application Process Interface	
CAN	Controller Area Network	
CDC	Concise Device Configuration	
CiA	CAN in Automation	
CN	POWERLINK Controlled Node (slave)	
DLL	Dynamic Link Library	
EPL	Ethernet POWERLINK	
EPSG	Ethernet POWERLINK Standardization Group	
GUI	Graphical User Interface	
ID	Identifier	
IEC	International Electro-technical Commission	
MN	Managing node	
MNOBD	Object Dictionary of the Managing Node	
NMT	Network Management	
PDO	Process Data Objects	
PReq	Poll Request (POWERLINK frame type)	
PRes	Poll Response (POWERLINK frame type)	
RPDO	Receive Process Data Object	
SWIG	Simplified Wrapper and Interface Generator	
TCL	Tool Command Language	
TPDO	Transmit Process Data Object	
XAP	Extend Application Process variables	
XDC	XML Device Configuration file	
XDD	XML Device Description file	
XML	Extensible Markup Language	



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### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1. Context

The purpose of this document is to help users to setup openCONFIGURATOR, quickly create and edit a sample network configuration project with a CN having one RPDO and one TPDO.

#### 1.2. Intended audience and reading suggestions

A common knowledge of POWERLINK and/or CANopen technology is assumed throughout this document.

## **1.3.** Scope

This document limits its scope with explaining how to create the demo project using openCONFIGURATOR.

### 1.4. References

- openCONFIGURATOR user manual v1.0.6
- Ethernet POWERLINK Communication Profile Specification 301 Version 1.2.0

## 1.5. Terminology used in this document

To make reading the docs easier, the names of all the screens and Menus from openCONFIGURATOR are marked up in a different font. The Build Project for instance.

A menu choice is indicated with an arrow. View  $\rightarrow$  Advanced view means: select Advanced view from the openCONFIGURATOR View menu.

User Interface buttons are indicated like this: Press Ok to continue.



#### **Important:**

Important notes are indicated with this icon.

#### Warning:



Very important warnings are indicated with this icon. If such warnings are ignored, it might lead to data corruption or unpredictable behavior in the application.



# 2. Setup

Download latest version of openCONFIGURATOR from <a href="http://www.sourceforge.net/projects/openconf">http://www.sourceforge.net/projects/openconf</a> and refer openCONFIGURATOR user manual v1.0.6 for installation instructions.



## 3. What is openCONFIGURATOR?

openCONFIGURATOR is an open-source configuration tool for easy setup, configuration and maintenance of any POWERLINK network. It ideally complements openPOWERLINK, the open source POWERLINK protocol stack for master and slave.

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## 4. Sample project

This sample project will be used to create a network configuration having one CN with one byte TPDO & one byte RPDO mapped to the MN.

### 4.1. Create a sample project

The user can use the wizard to create a sample project.

To create a project, choose Create New Project option from the Wizard and click Ok as shown in Figure 1: Project wizard

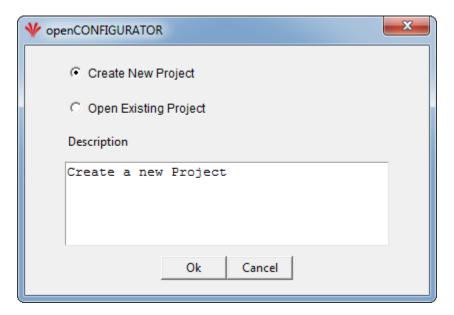


Figure 1: Project wizard

Alternatively, the user can create a new project by selecting File  $\rightarrow$  New Project or by using the keyboard shortcut CTRL + N.

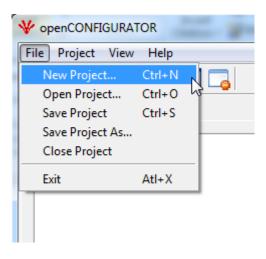


Figure 2: New project menu



After clicking on the Ok button the tool will guide you through a project creation wizard:

- Set the 'Project Name' for the project.
- Choose the project location by clicking on Browse.
- Choose the 'Save' option as required.

Options	Description	
Auto Save	Saves the configuration automatically without prompting the user	
Prompt	Prompt the user with the option to save before exiting from the	
(Default)	project	
Discard	Requires the user to manually save the configuration by clicking	
Discard	save button	

Table 1: Save options

In this sample project, enter 'Sample' as the 'Project Name' and select 'Prompt' as the save option and click Next button as shown in Figure 3: Project wizard - settings

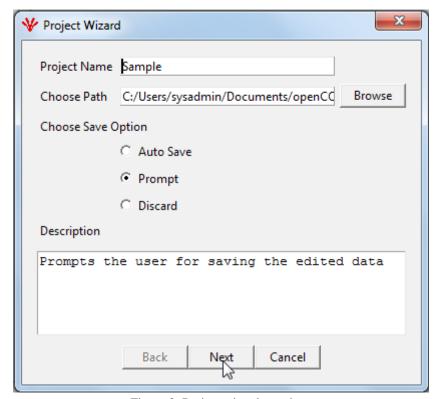


Figure 3: Project wizard - settings



After clicking on the Next button the tool will guide you through the next step of MN configuration.

Configuration option	Description
Default	Default MN XDD which will be available with the installation
Detault	package.
Import XDD/XDC	User defined MN configuration.

Select the relevant 'Auto Generate' option.

Auto generate option	Description	
Yes	The MN configuration will be auto generated with the	
168	available CN's configuration.	
No	The MN configuration will have to be manually	
NO	generated/updated by the user.	

In this sample project, select the 'default' MN XDD and 'Yes' for Auto Generate options and then click Ok as shown in

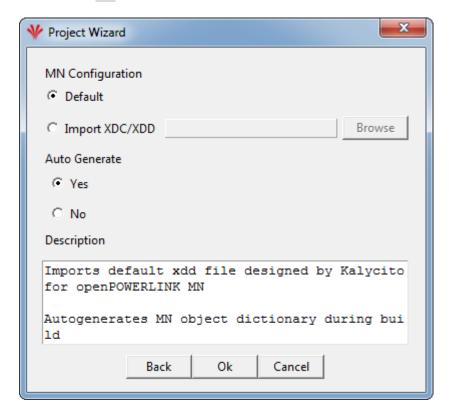


Figure 4: Project wizard - MN configuration



Now the MN node will be created and the project window will look similar to Figure 5: Initial view of the tree

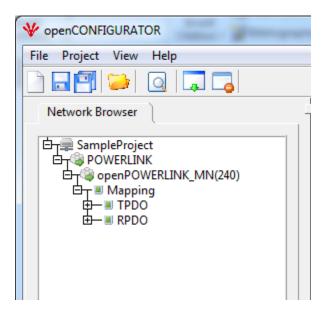


Figure 5: Initial view of the tree



#### 4.2. Add a CN

To add a Controlled Node, right click on POWERLINK in the tree browser and choose Add CN option as shown in Figure 6: Add a CN

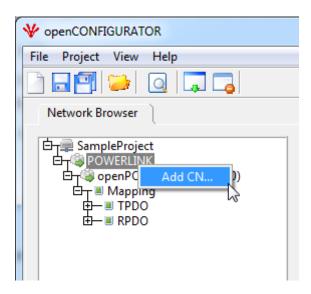


Figure 6: Add a CN

Now the 'Add New Node' dialog box will pop prompting the user to give the required configuration for the CN.

In this sample project, enter Name as 'CN\_1' and NodeID as '1' and select 'Import XDC/XDD' to import the XDD from the openPOWERLINK source code.

Click Browse button and import the 00000000\_POWERLINK\_CiA401\_CN.xdd as the configuration as shown in Figure 7: Add CN window

#### **Important:**



The sample XDD 00000000\_POWERLINK\_CiA401\_CN.xdd is present in openPOWERLINK source directory.

Path: openPOWERLINK2/objdicts/CiA401\_CN



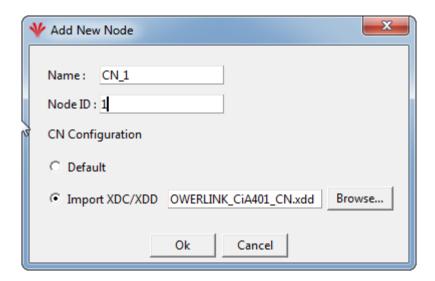


Figure 7: Add CN window

After adding a CN the project window will look similar to Figure 8: CN properties

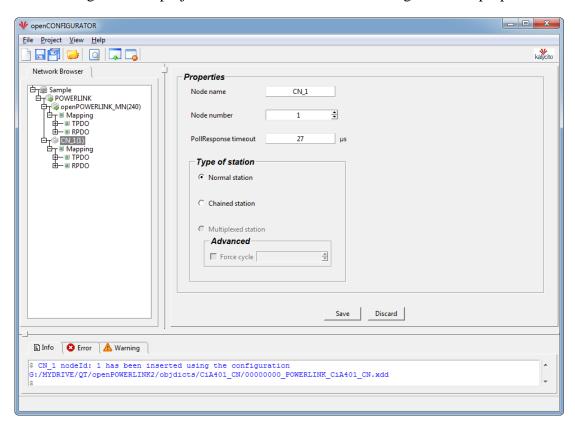


Figure 8: CN properties



## 4.3. PDO Mapping for the CN process variables

A PDO (Process Data Object) is used to exchange process variables between the managing node (MN) and the controlled nodes (CN) of the POWERLINK network.

The two types of PDO are Receive PDO (RPDO) and Transmit PDO (TPDO). (For more information, refer section 6.4 of Ethernet POWERLINK Communication Profile Specification Version 1.2.0).

Click on TPDO-00 from the "Tree Browser". A PDO mapping table will be loaded on the right pane as shown in Figure 9: PDO mapping table

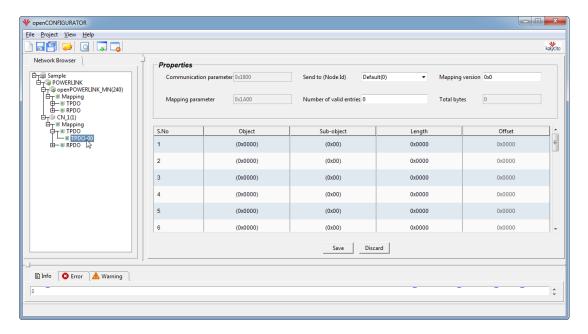


Figure 9: PDO mapping table

Select the appropriate 'Send to (Node ID)' as shown in Figure 10: Select target node ID

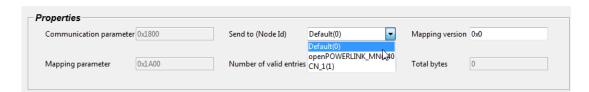


Figure 10: Select target node ID



Select an 'Object' value available in that list as shown in Figure 11: PDO mapping table - Select object

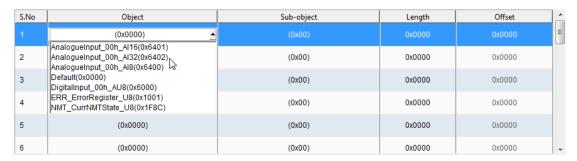


Figure 11: PDO mapping table - Select object

Select a 'Sub-object' value available in the list as show in Figure 12: PDO mapping table - Select sub-object

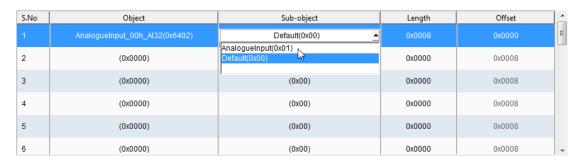


Figure 12: PDO mapping table - Select sub-object

The 'Length' and 'Offset' values will be updated automatically after the 'Object' or 'Sub-object' is selected as shown in Figure 13: PDO mapping table - Overview

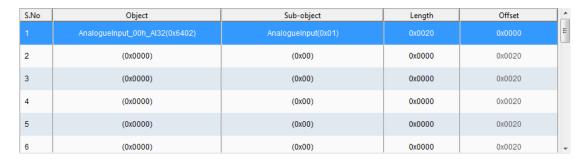


Figure 13: PDO mapping table - Overview

Save the changes by clicking on the Save button or discard the changes by clicking on the Discard button.



Similarly, create the PDO mapping for the input process variable with the Object (0x6200 - Digital\_Output), Sub-object (0x01 - Digital\_Output\_01) as shown in Figure 14: PDO mapping table - RPDO mapping values

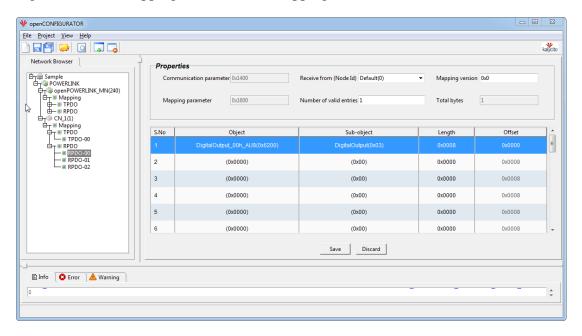


Figure 14: PDO mapping table - RPDO mapping values



## 4.4. Build the sample project

The user can build the project by selecting Project  $\rightarrow$  Build Project as shown in Figure 15: Build project or by using the keyboard shortcut F7 or by clicking on build project icon.

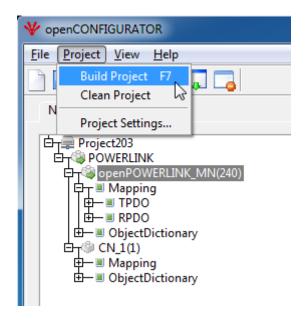


Figure 15: Build project

After selecting the 'Build Project' option, a message pop-up will indicate that the user edited values for MN will be lost since PDO mapping will be calculated automatically. Click Yes as shown in Figure 16: Build project - Auto generate MNOBD since Auto Generate MN OBD is enabled. This will automatically generate MN PDO mapping.

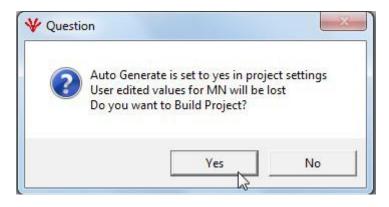


Figure 16: Build project - Auto generate MNOBD



The files listed in Figure 17: Output files will be created after a successful build of the project. These files will be present in <Project location >/<Project Name>/output directory.

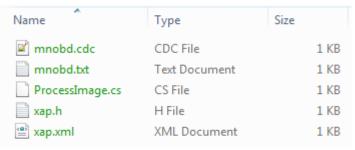


Figure 17: Output files

Output files		Description
1 10 11 100 101 100	mnobd.cdc	Concise Device Configuration - binary file used with the openPOWERLINK stack
TXT	mnobd.txt	Text version of the binary CDC file
h	XAP.h	ANSI C header file that describes the process image for C projects
C#	ProcessImage.cs	C# class that describes the process image for .NET projects
XML	XAP.xml	XML file that describes the process image generally

Table 2: openCONFIGURATOR output files



#### **mnobd.txt** will be generated as below

```
00000011
//// NodeId Assignment
       01 00000004
                      0000007
1F81
1600
       00 00000001
                      00
1A00
       00 00000001
                      00
1C02
       01 00000004
                      00000028
1C02
       03 00000004
                      00000028
1C09
       01 00000004
                      00000028
1F26
       01 00000004
                      00002bfa
1F27
       01 00000004
                      034be328
1F92
       01 00000004
                      00006978
1400
       01 00000001
                      01
1600
       01 00000008
                      00200000001A640
1800
       01 00000001
                      01
1A00
                      000800000001A040
       01 00000008
1600
       00 00000001
                      01
1A00
       00 00000001
                      01
////Configuration Data for CN-1
       01 00000079
1F22
000000C
1600
       00 00000001
                      00
1A00
       00 00000001
                      00
1006
       00 00000004
                      00000190
1020
       01 00000004
                      00002bfa
1020
       02 00000004
                      034be328
1C0B
       03 00000004
                      00000050
1C0D
       03 00000004
                      00000050
1600
       01 00000008
                      0008000000036200
1A00
       01 00000008
                      0020000000016402
1600
       00 00000001
                      01
1A00
       00 00000001
                      01
//// NodeId Reassignment
1F81
       01 00000004
                      8000007
```



#### **XAP.h** will be generated as below

```
/* This file was autogenerated by openCONFIGURATOR-1.4.0 */
#ifndef XAP_h
#define XAP_h

# define COMPUTED_PI_OUT_SIZE 4
typedef struct
{
    unsigned CN1_M02_AnalogueInput_00h_AI32_AnalogueInput:32;
} PI_OUT;

# define COMPUTED_PI_IN_SIZE 4
typedef struct
{
    unsigned CN1_M00_DigitalOutput_00h_AU8_DigitalOutput:8;
    unsigned PADDING_VAR_1:24;
} PI_IN;

#endif
```

#### **XAP.xml** will be generated as below



#### ProcessImage.cs will be generated as below

```
using System;
using System.Runtime.InteropServices;
/// <summary>
/// This file was autogenerated by openCONFIGURATOR-1.4.0
/// </summary>
namespace openPOWERLINK
   /// <summary>
    /// Struct : ProcessImage Out
    /// </summary>
    [StructLayout(LayoutKind.Explicit, Pack = 1, Size = 4)]
    public struct AppProcessImageOut
        [FieldOffset(0)]
        public Int32 CN1_M02_AnalogueInput_00h_AI32_AnalogueInput;
    }
    /// <summary>
    /// Struct : ProcessImage In
    /// </summary>
    [StructLayout(LayoutKind.Explicit, Pack = 1, Size = 4)]
    public struct AppProcessImageIn
        [FieldOffset(0)]
        public byte CN1_M00_DigitalOutput_00h_AU8_DigitalOutput;
        [FieldOffset(1)]
        public byte PADDING_VAR_1;
        [FieldOffset(2)]
        public byte PADDING_VAR_2;
        [FieldOffset(3)]
        public byte PADDING_VAR_3;
}
```



## 5. Conclusion

The project creation, configuration setup and generation of CDC, XAP & C# namespace ouputs has been demonstrated for a project having a CN with one RPDO and one TPDO. These outputs can be used as an input to openPOWERLINK MN for running the application.



## 6. References

- EPSG Draft Standard 301 v1.1.0\_01 available at http://www.ethernet-powerlink.org
- XML Device Description Implementation Guidelines v1.0.0 available at <a href="http://www.ethernetpowerlink.org">http://www.ethernetpowerlink.org</a>
- openCONFIGURATOR High level design document v1.3 available at http://www.sourceforge.net/projects/openconf
- openCONFIGURATOR User quick start guide v1.3 available at http://www.sourceforge.net/projects/openconf
- openPOWERLINK wiki pages available at http://sourceforge.net/p/openpowerlink/wiki/
- Complete openPOWERLINK guide is available at http://openpowerlink.sourceforge.net/



# 7. Support

## 7.1. Sourceforge forum

For more information on using openCONFIGURATOR, please post on the help forum at <a href="http://sourceforge.net/p/openconf/discussion/help/">http://sourceforge.net/p/openconf/discussion/help/</a>

### 7.2. Readme

The Readme.txt present in the openCONFIGURATOR installation directory lists the feature additions, bug fixes and known issues for that version.