



User Documentation CoDeSys V 2.3 Excel Macros for Working with Dynamic Texts

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1 Introduction

Up to now the translation of language files for dynamic texts was not easy to handle, because these files need XML format. The structured view in a xml-document may be easy to read by executable programs, for a human translator however the handling is not very comfortable. So a set of macros has been developed for simplifying the work with xml language files in Excel.

See in the following how to use these macros.

2 Installation

The macros for editing dynamic text files are provided via an Excel add-in named "dyntextmakros.xla". This add-in is not signed, thus Excel – depending on the security settings – might refuse the execution of the macros resp. always might prompt for enabling.

2.1 Preconditions for using the Add-In

The add-in "dyntextmakros.xla" expects two components to be installed on the PC:

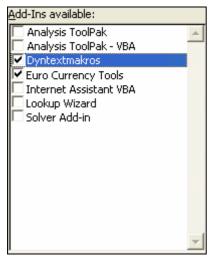
- 1. Microsoft XML-Parser 6. If this is not yet installed on your PC, you can download it from the Microsoft web page, free of charge: Use the following URL: MSXML6
- 2. "Microsoft Scripting Runtime". If this is not yet installed on your PC, you can download it from the Microsoft web page, free of charge: Use the following URL: Microsoft Scripting Runtime

If these components are not available, errors might occur when executing the macros.

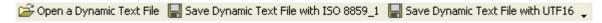
2.2 Installation of the Add-In

The add-in must be installed in Excel:

- 1. Copy Add-In file dyntextmakros.xla to the Excel Add-In folder: <Windows-drive>\Documents and Settings\<user>\Application Data\ Microsoft\AddIns
- 2. Start Excel and in the menu bar click on Extras→Add-Ins.
- 3. Click on Search.
- 4. In the appearing Search-dialog move to the Excel Add-In folder and select file "dyntextmakros.xla". Confirm with <OK>.
- 5. The new Add-In "Dyntextmakros" now will have been inserted In the Add-Ins-window. Check and make sure that the add-in is also activated.



6. Close the Add-Ins window with OK. Now the following toolbar has been installed:



This toolbar is also available in "View→Toolbars→3S Dynamic Text Tool".

3 Working with the macros

The current chapter describes how to use the macros for dynamic texts in Excel. First activate toolbar "3S Dynamic Text Tool" (View → Toolbars)

3.1 Importing a file with dynamic texts

For importing a text file containing dynamic texts, use toolbar button "Open a Dynamic Text File". A dialog for selecting a file will be opened. Select the desired xml-file and confirm with <OK>.

A new Excel file will be created containing the content of the xml-file in the following three worksheets:

- 1. General: General information
- 2. Header: Header section of the dynamic texts
- 3. Text list: Particular texts with their respective translations

3.2 Working with the generated worksheets

In the tables generated by the import you can work as usual. The following operations are possible:

- Editing existing texts (Prefix/Id as well as the particular translations)
- Inserting new texts (new Prefix/Id combinations)
 Make sure not to generate empty lines. New texts might be inserted by inserting new lines at the end or within the text list.
- Inserting new languages
 Make sure not to generate empty columns.
- Deleting texts resp. languages
 Also here make sure not to generate empty lines or columns.

3.3 Saving the modifications

The modifications of the xml-file, done in Excel, can be saved by a mouse-click on the toolbar items "Save Dynamic Text File with ISO 8859_1" resp. "Save Dynamic Text File with UTF16". In doing so please regard that the original xml-file will be overwritten without any message!

The command "Save Dynamic Text File with ISO 8859_1" saves the file in the attached Encoding ISO-8859-1. In contrast the command "Save Dynamic Text File with UTF16" saves the file in Unicode-able format Utf16.

If you need other formats for your xml-files, you might define an own macro, calling the procedure "SaveTableToDynamicFile" and thereby passing the appropriate Encoding as parameter. Subsequently you can create a corresponding toolbar item for this specific macro.

See in the following a VBA example for such a procedure call:

Public Sub SaveTableAsDynamicTextFileUtf8()

SaveTableToDynamicFile ("UTF-8")

End Sub

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