

# **The DockablePluginPythonQt for EL Console**

User's Manual: Software

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# 1. Overview

## 1.1 Features

This document describes how to setup and use the Plugin (DockablePluginPythonQt\_API6.dll).

We create three demos for the Plugin, they will help you how to use the basic controls, change axis value for 1D/2D Table and change cell value for 1D/2D Table. We are using Visual Studio 2013, XML, Python and Qt 5.4.0 to develop the Plugin.

For the first requirement, the XML format will store all information relating UI in one file, each model only has one XML resource script file. By modifying code of this file and reload the Plugin, you can change your Model UI at run-time without shutdown the EL Console application.

For the second requirement, read data from XML resource file, using the Qt to create the controls on main window.

For the third requirement, the Plugin supports two ways for setting or getting value of channels, using XML script and Python script.

- With the XML script way, you only need to define information of channel variable type (not all variable types are supported) in resource file and the Plugin will do the rest for you. This approaching is really useful in case you only need to set/get value for your channel. However in case your channel variable type is not supported or you want to do anything else, further than set/get action? Python script is your choice!
- With the Python script way, the Python script will run when there is an event raised from Win32 Control of your Model UI. We also support some exported functions from the Plugin, so you can use them to interact with your model through ctypes module in Python or you can add more code for your purpose.

## 1.2 Scope

This project has three demos, the developer can custom the Plugin for their purposes.

Following the task requirement, the Plugin is designed with two purposes:

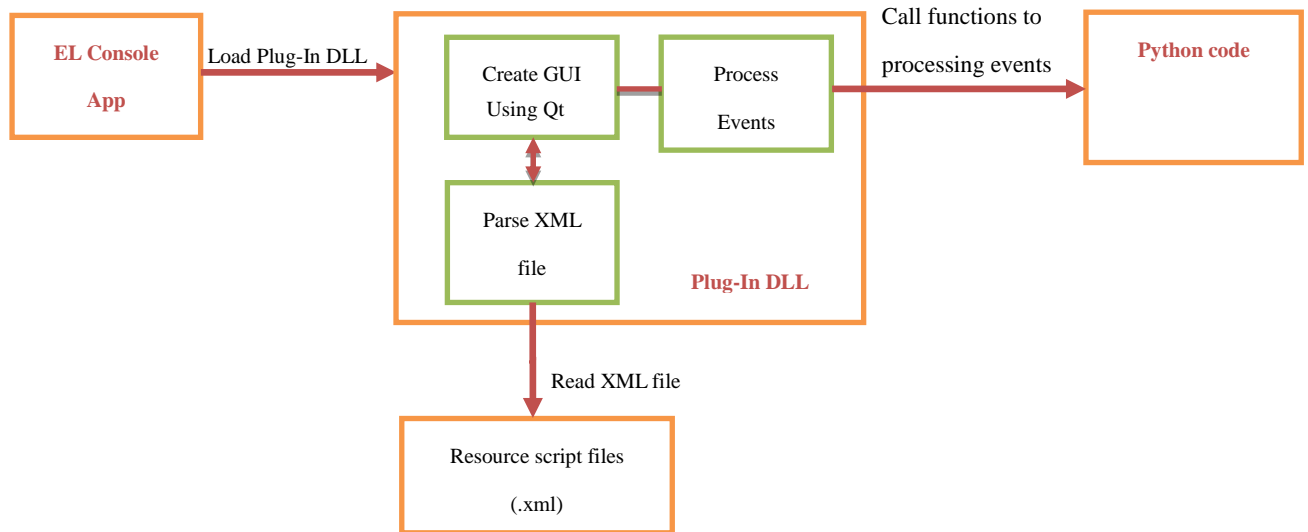
- Allow developer to create a customizable UI.
- Allow developer to handle their task, they can modify XML resource file and Python code.
- Allow developer to debug through a debugging dialog.

### 1.3 Environmental Requirement

**Table 1.1 Environment Requirement**

Equipment	Explanation
Windows Host PC	Windows 7 (32bit or 64bit) Windows 8 (32bit or 64bit)
Python	Python-2.7.8
EL Console	EL Console V97.8427
Installer	Installer for the Plugin

## 2. Plugin block diagram



**Figure 1-Plugin Block Diagram**

- **Resource script file (.xml):**

- a) Store all information relating UI.

- **Plug in dll:**

- a) Use QtXmlParser to parse XML file, resource data will be stored in data structure.
- b) From resource data, using QWinWidget and Qwidget to create a main window for custom interface.
- c) Hook the events were defined in XML to the control, and call the event functions in the python code.
- d) Re direct debug information to debugging dialog.

- **Python code:**

- a) Program behavior of Model.
- b) Support the functions to handle the developer task.

### 3. Set up the Plugin for testing

#### 3.1 Install EL Console version 97.8427

Make sure that you install right the EL console **version 1.97.8427**, this version supports API `el_dockable_dll`. To install the EL Console version version 1.97.8427, you can find `setup.exe` file on the SVN at the location:

...\\el-public-qa\\trunk\\Apps\\Builds\\EL Console\\V97\_Version6API

After install EL Console app and launch the app, the screen will be displayed as below.

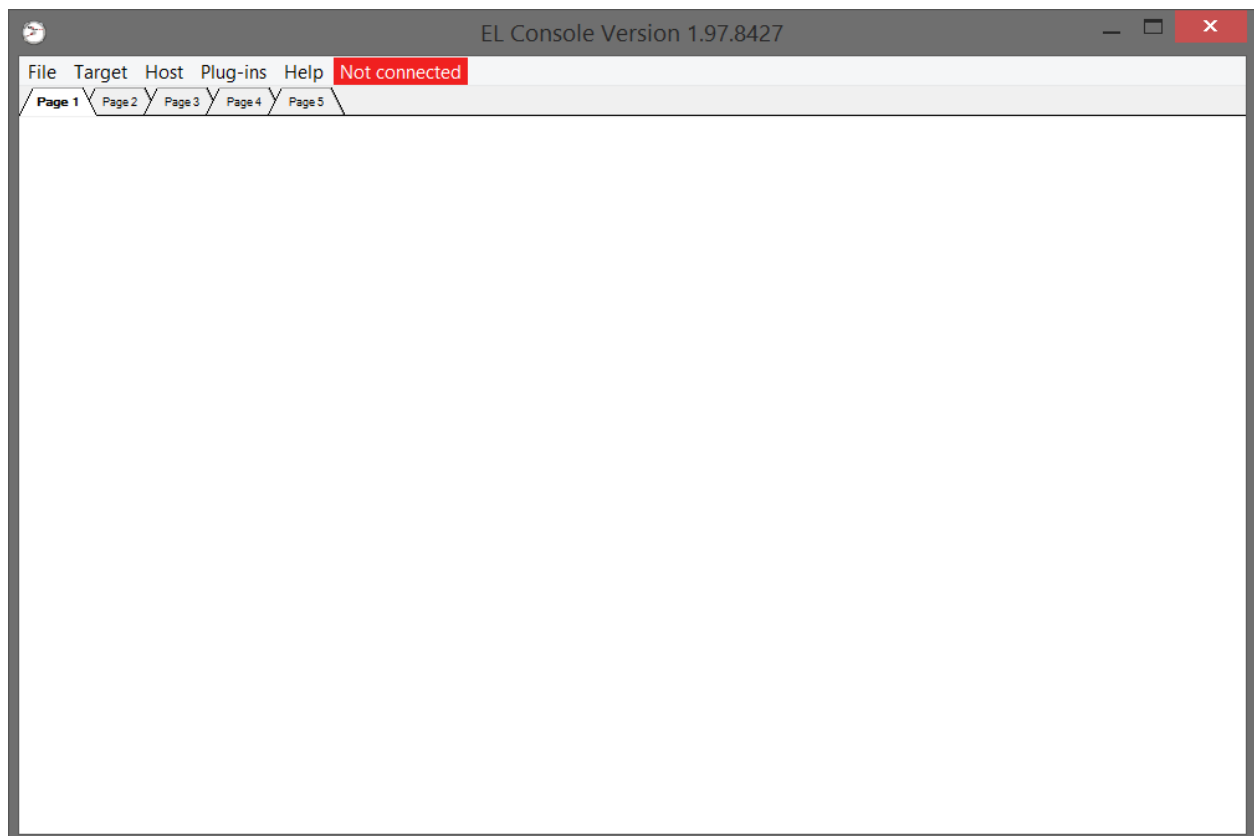


Figure 2-The screen of the EL Console

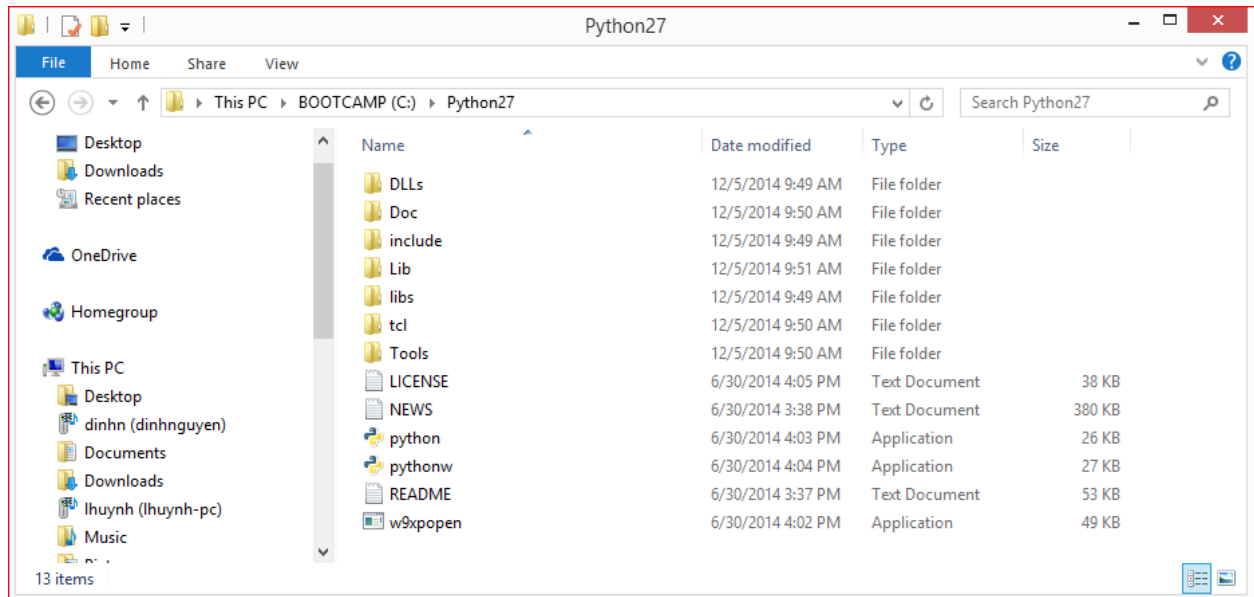


### 3.2 Install the python-2.7.8

To install python-2.7.8, you can find file (python-2.7.8 .msi) in the Python-2.7.8 folder on the SVN at the location:

...\el-external-shc\trunk\Apps\Tools

You should install python with default path (ex: C:\Python27), if you did this step before, you skip this step.



**Figure 3-Python Installed**

### 3.3 Install the Plugin

To install the Plugin, you can find the files (setup.exe, Plugin Installer.msi) in the Installer folder on the SVN at the location:

...\el-external-shc\trunk\Apps\Plugins\ DockablePluginPythonQt\_API5\Testing.

- a) Click on setup.exe file, the screen will be displayed as below.



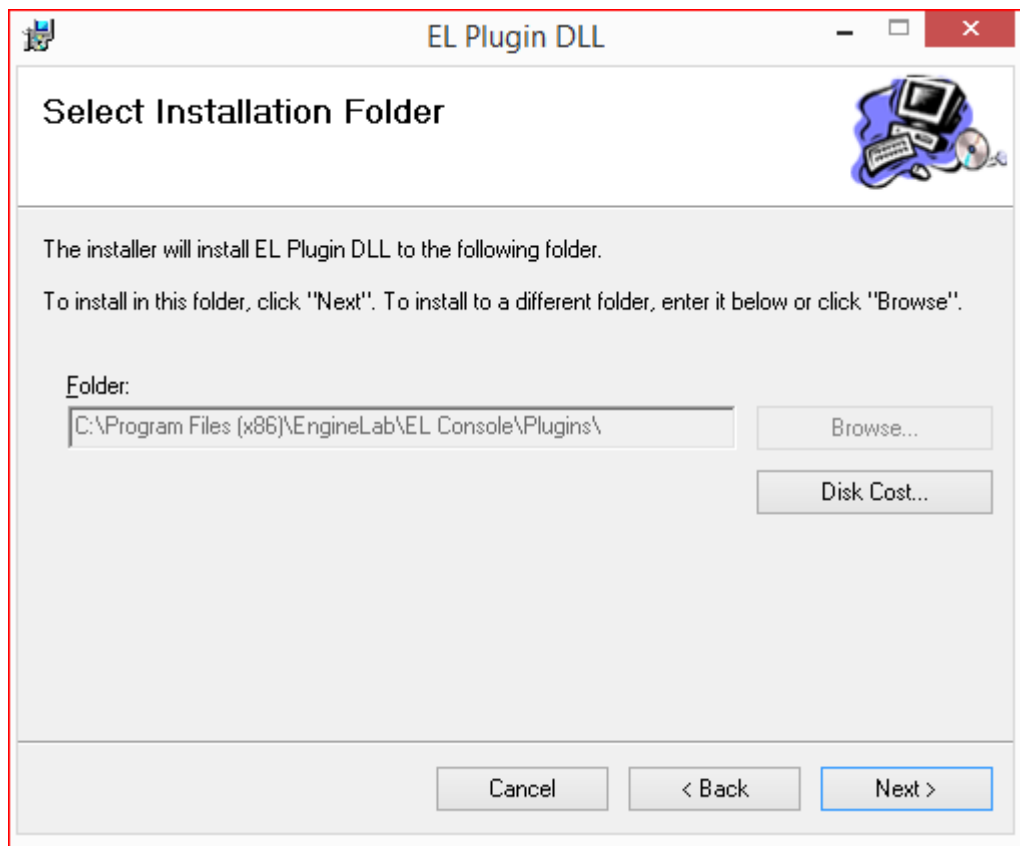
**Figure 4-Main Installer**

- b) Click on Next -> I agree.



**Figure 5-License Agreement**

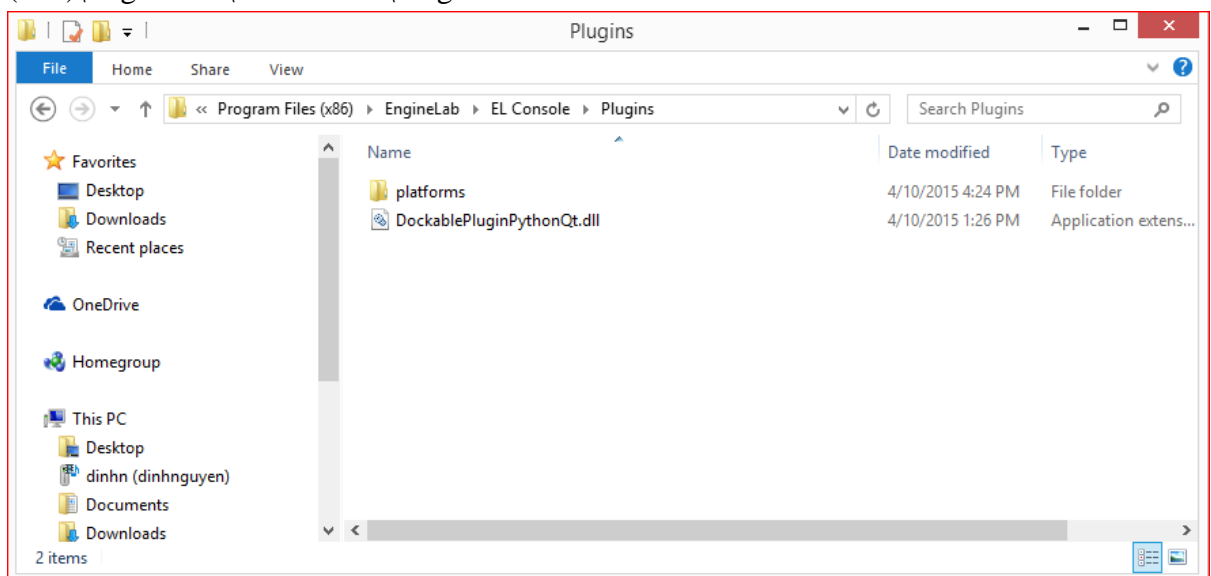
c) Click on Next, the screen will be displayed as below.



**Figure 6-Select Installation Folder**

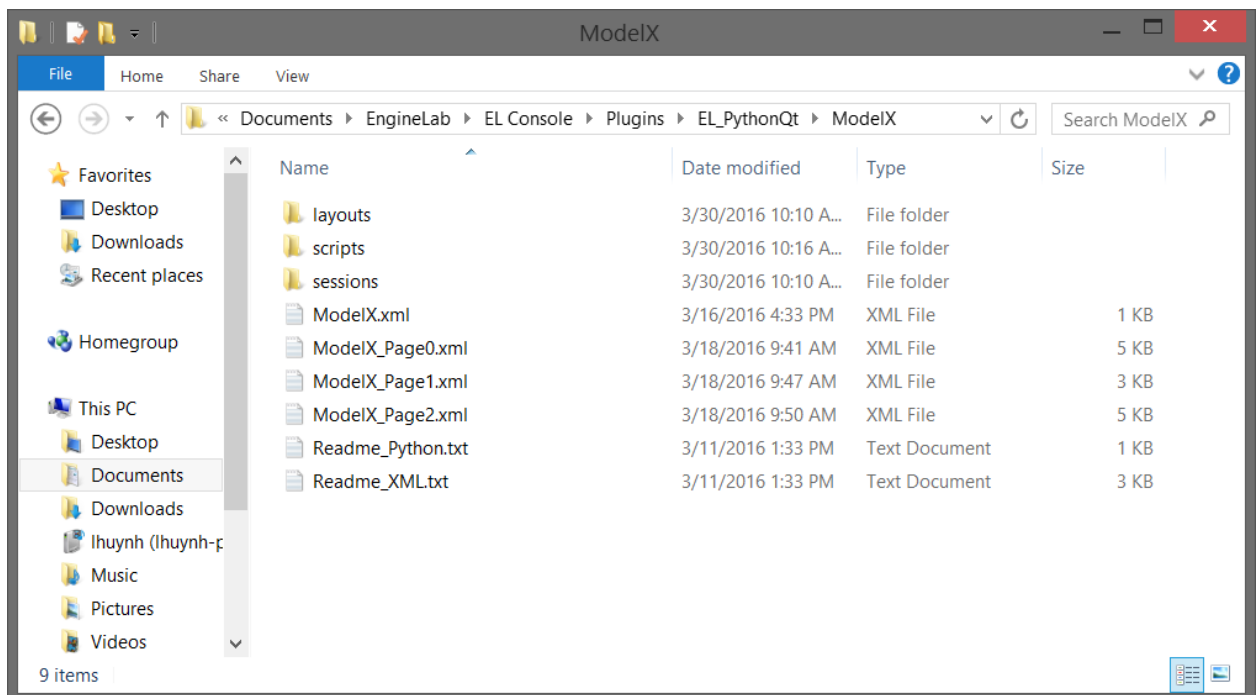
d) And Click on Next to complete installing.

e) After install the Plugin, the Plugin dll is placed at the location: C:\Program Files (x86)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins



**Figure 7-Place of the plugin dll**

- f) After install the Plugin, the files (.xml, .py) are placed at the location: \$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugin\EL\_PythonQt
- The PluginPythonQt.xml file is a XML script. You can modify this file for your testing.
  - The **session** folder contains session file (...“ModelID”\sessions\“ModelID”.elcfg) of your model, you should load this file before you start the plugin.
  - The folder Script contains Python script files, each model will have an entry folder which have same name with XML resource file. Also this folder contains a python file “init.py” use to configure Qt control on the first display. For demo purpose, we already created an entry folder named **scripts** and place many sample script file in it.
  - The **layouts** folder contains layout file (...“ModelID”\layouts\“ModelID”.ellyt) of your model, you should load this file before you start the plugin.

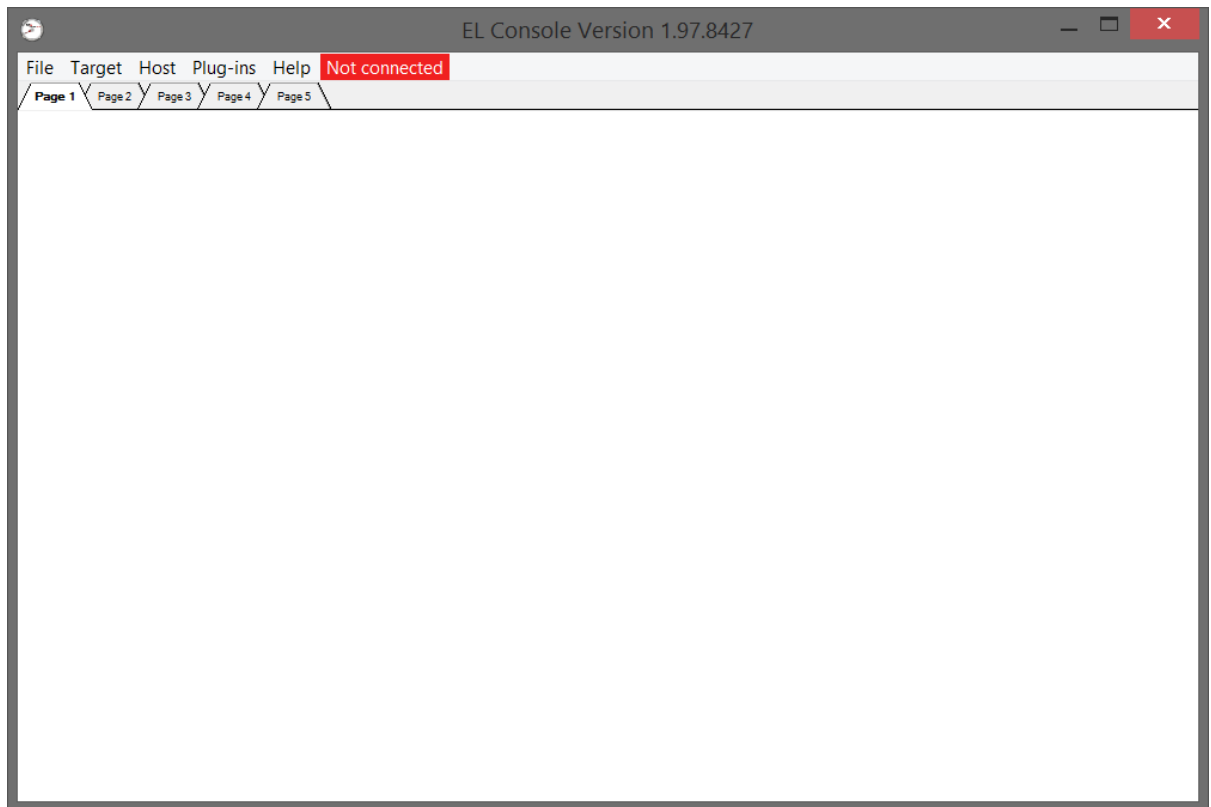


**Figure 8-Folder Organization of Plugin**

## 4. Start the demos for testing

### 4.1 Launch the EL Console application

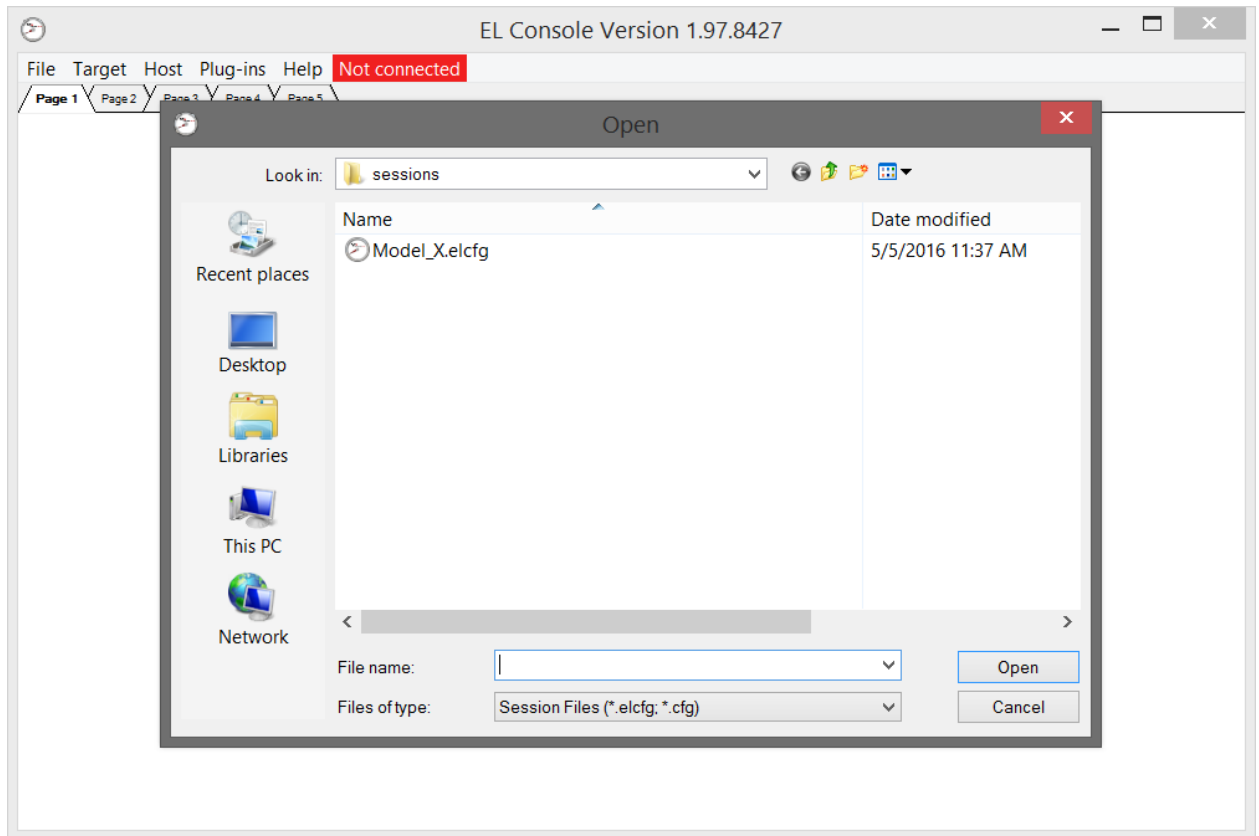
Launch the EL console app, the screen will be displayed as below.



**Figure 9-EL Console application**

## 4.2 Testing for ModelX

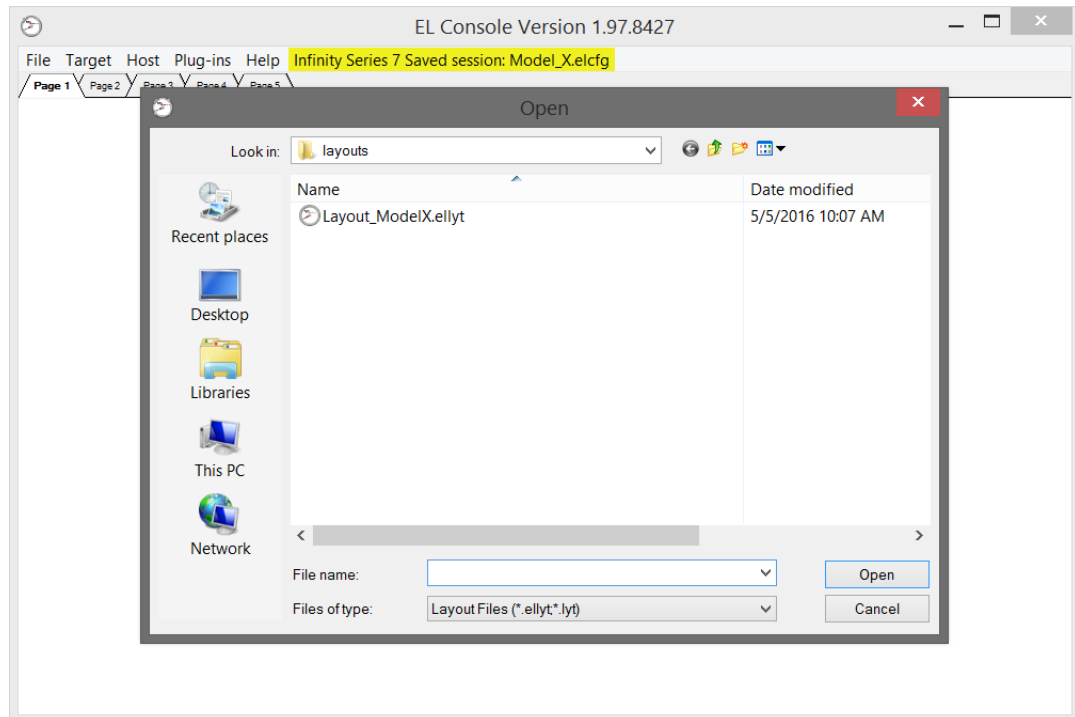
- a) From File menu, select File -> select Open Session -> browse to the Model\_X.elcfg file.  
(Path: \$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\sessions).



**Figure 10-Open sample session file**

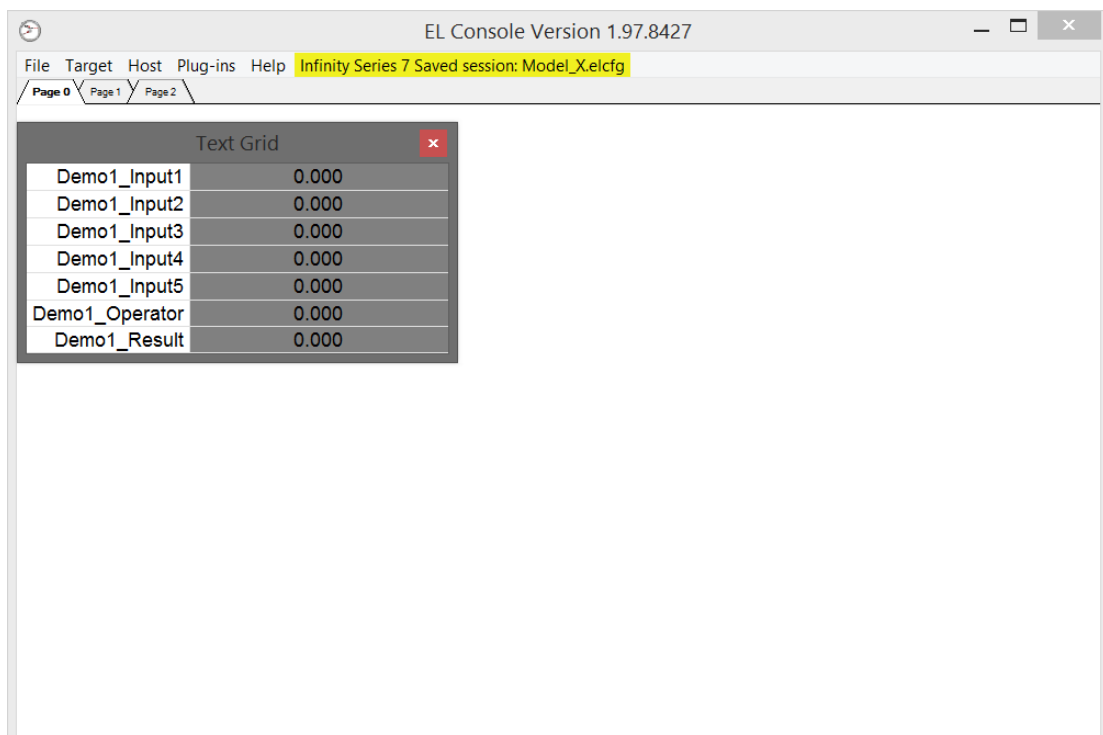
- b) From Layout menu, select Host -> Layout -> select Open Layout -> browse to the Layout\_ModelX.ellyt file.

(Path: \$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\layouts)



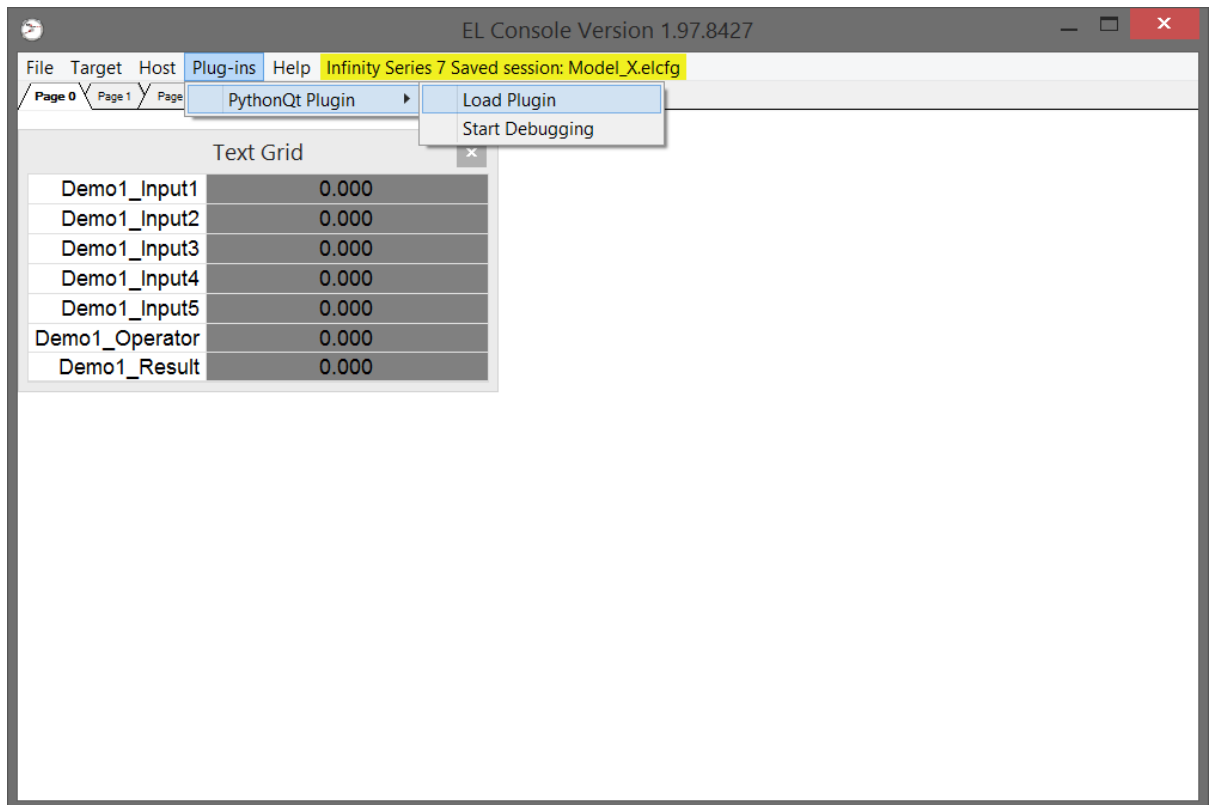
**Figure 11-Browse to layout file**

- c) After load the layout is successful, the screen is displayed as below.



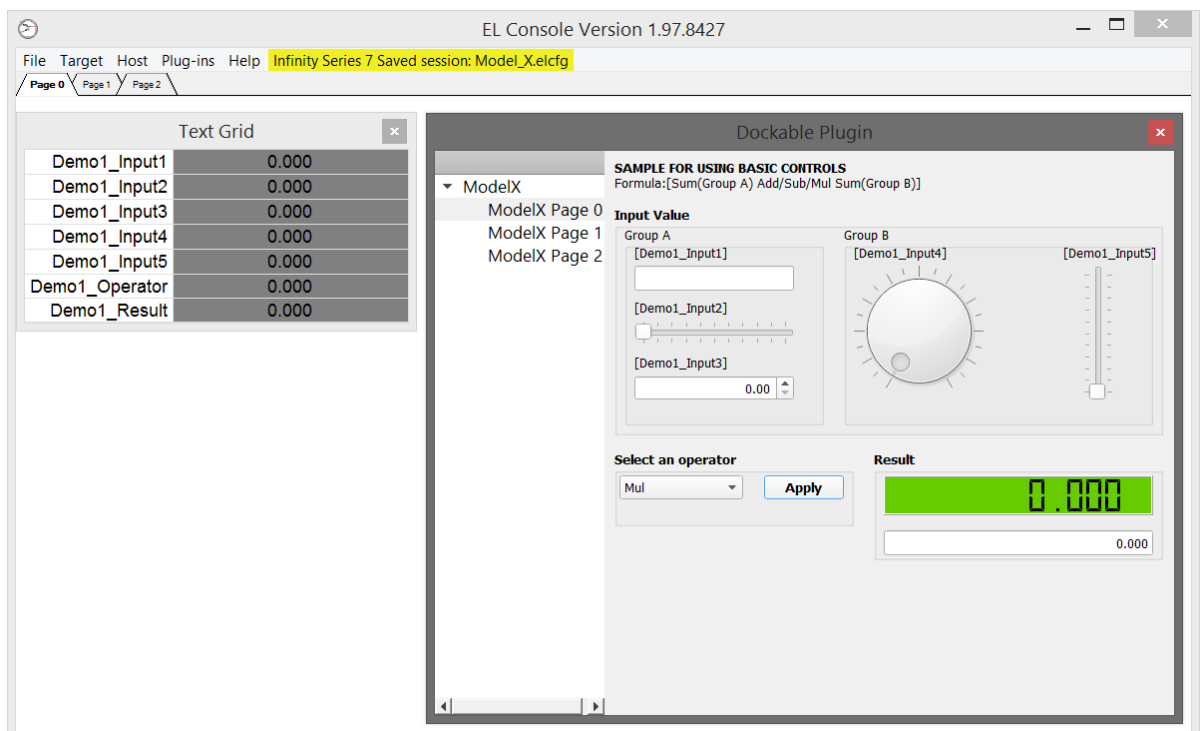
**Figure 12-The screen of Plugin**

- d) Select Plug-ins-> PythonQt Plugin->Load Plugin, the screen will be displayed as below



**Figure 13-Load the Plugin**

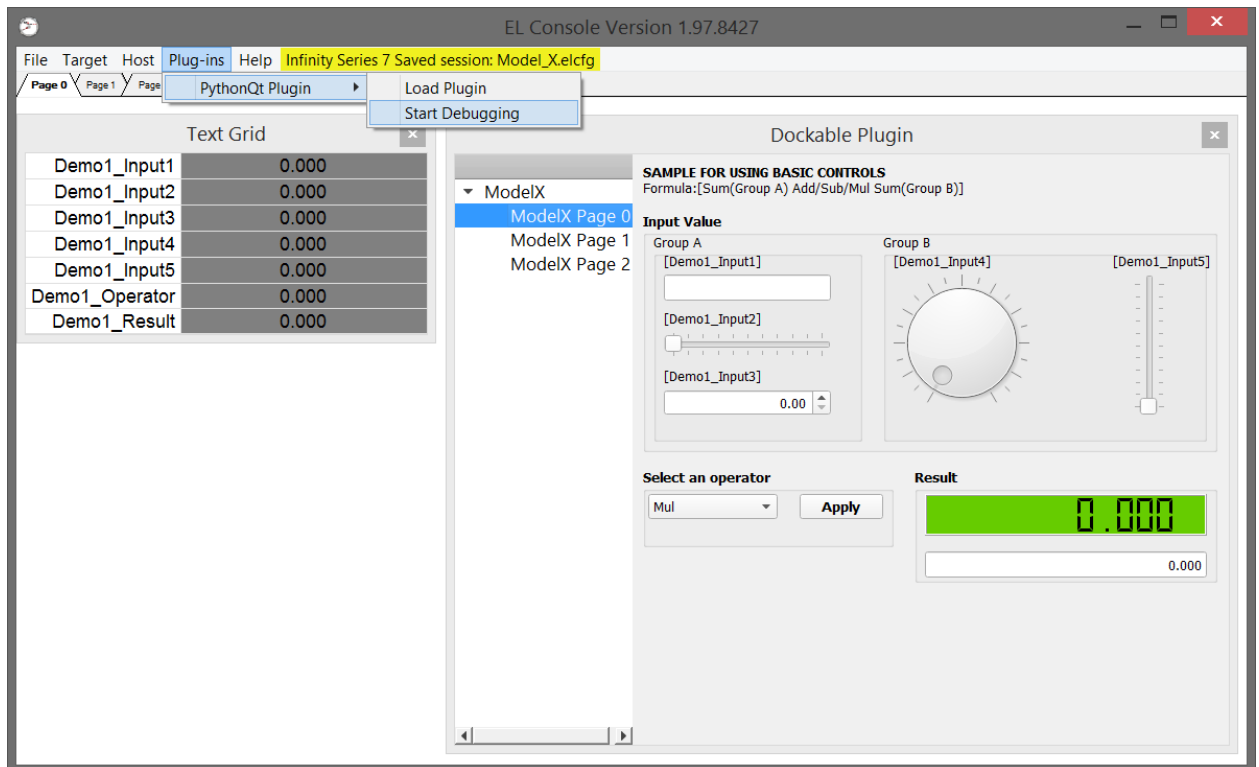
- e) After load the Plugin, you can move the main window of the Plugin as below.



**Figure 14- The Plugin**

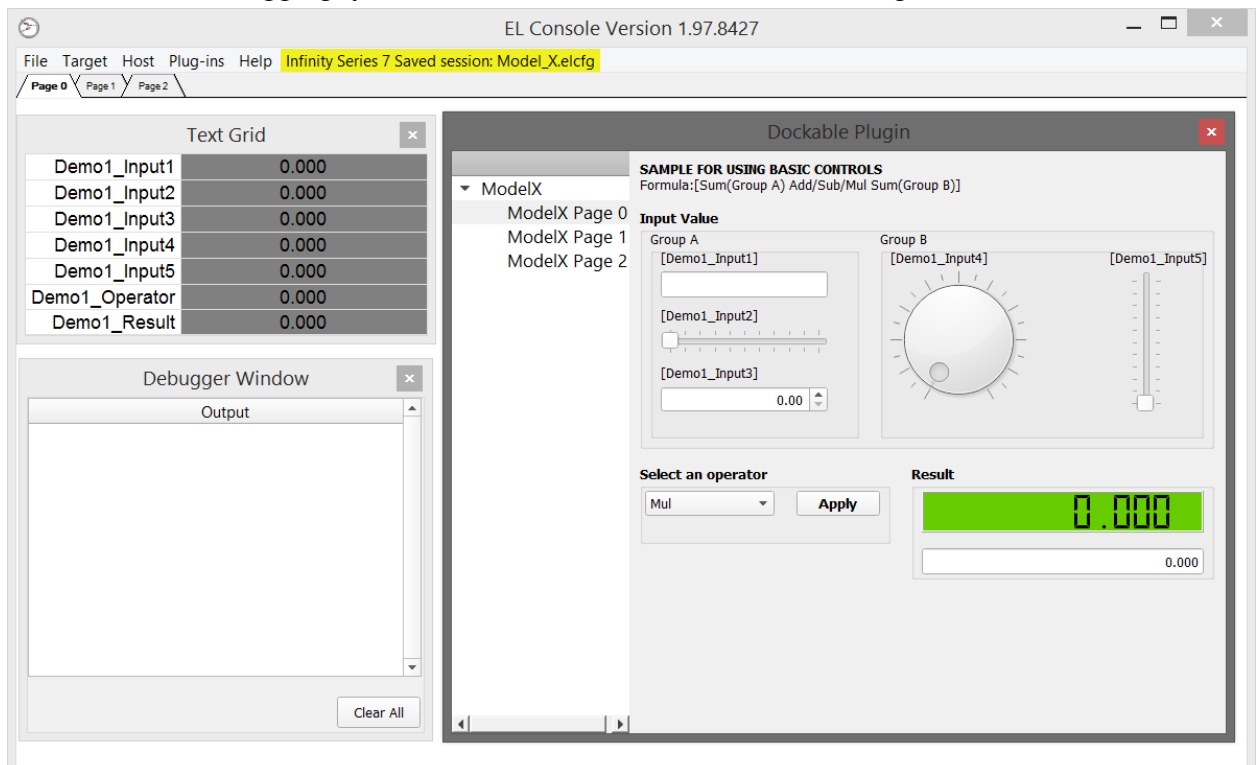


f) Select Plug-ins-> PythonQt Plugin->Start Debugging.



**Figure 15- Start the Debugging**

g) After load the Debugging, you can move the main window of the Plugin as below.



**Figure 16- The Debugging**

### 4.2.1 Testing for ModelX Page 0

For more details, refer to

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX.xml

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX\_Page0.xml

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\scripts\Py\_ModelX\_Page0.py

The demo is example for using the basic controls, so you can change code in XML file or Python code for testing.

- Set value for the basic controls as picture below.
- Note: If control is a “read\_channel” control, it will render the value of real channel, so if you want to change the value of that control you have to change the value of real channel.

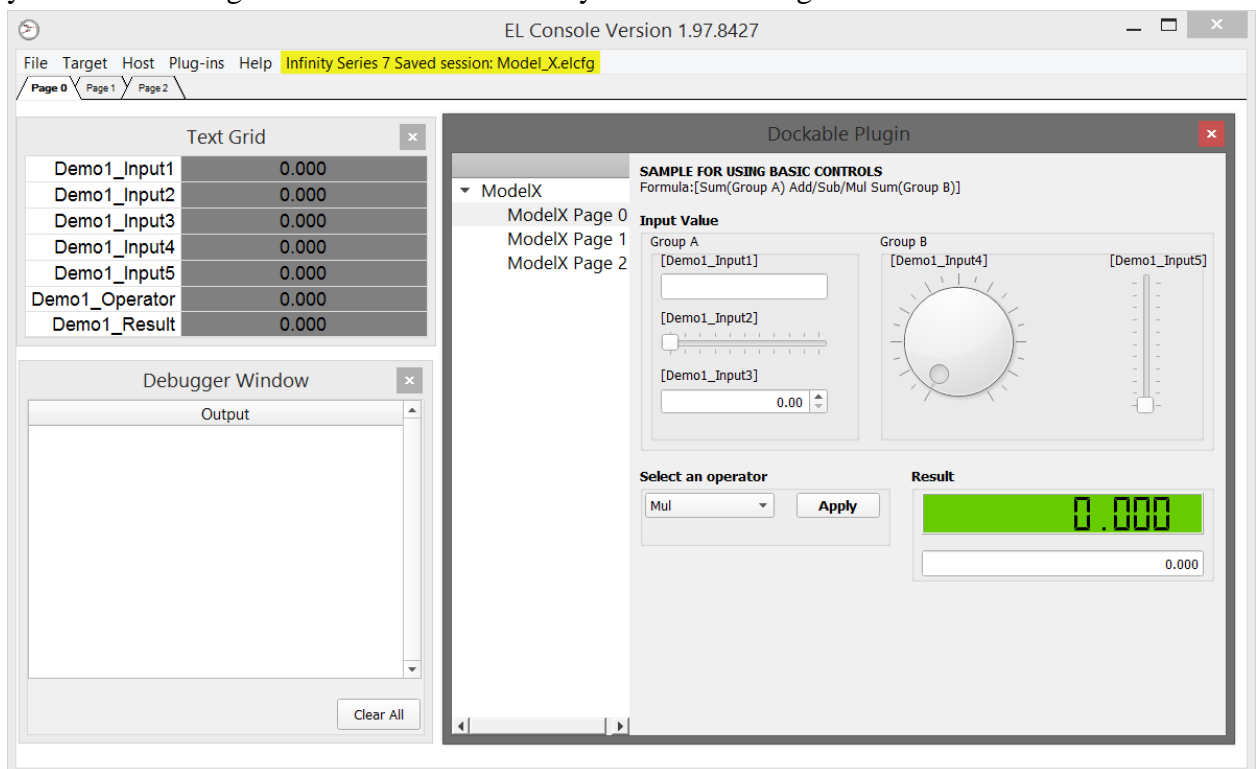
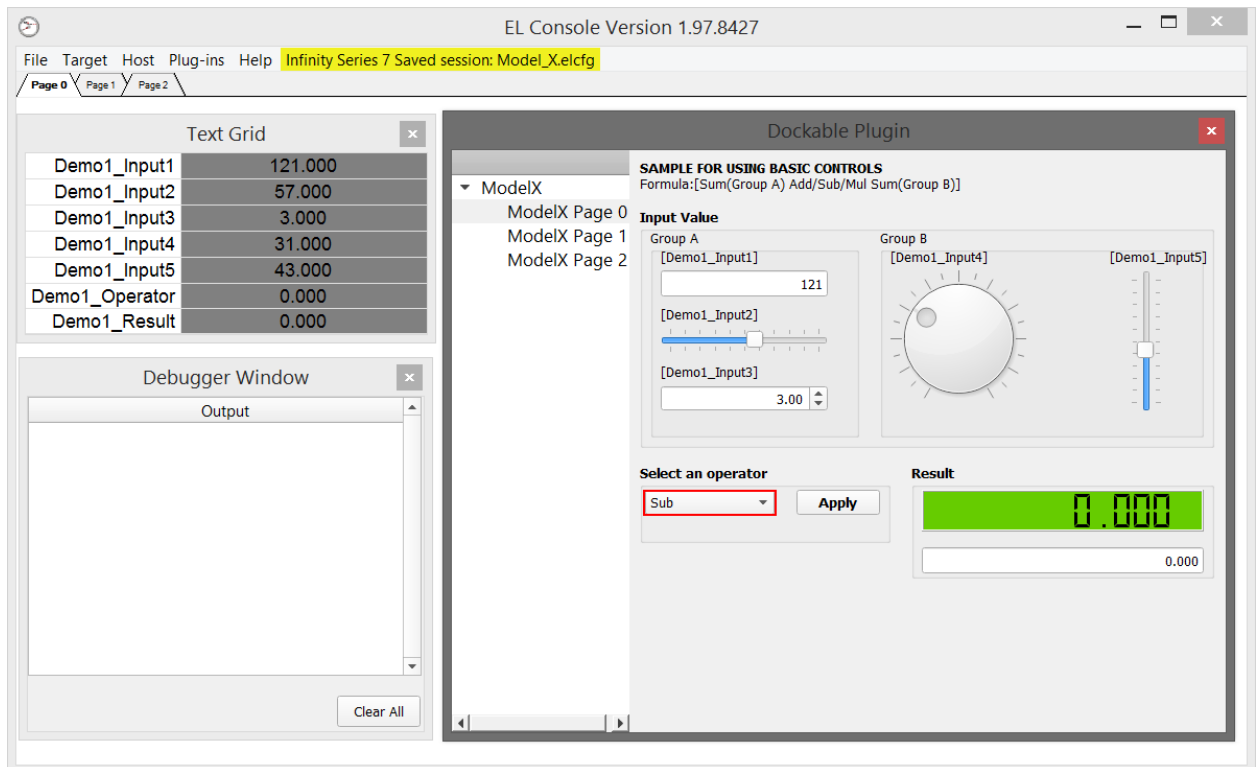


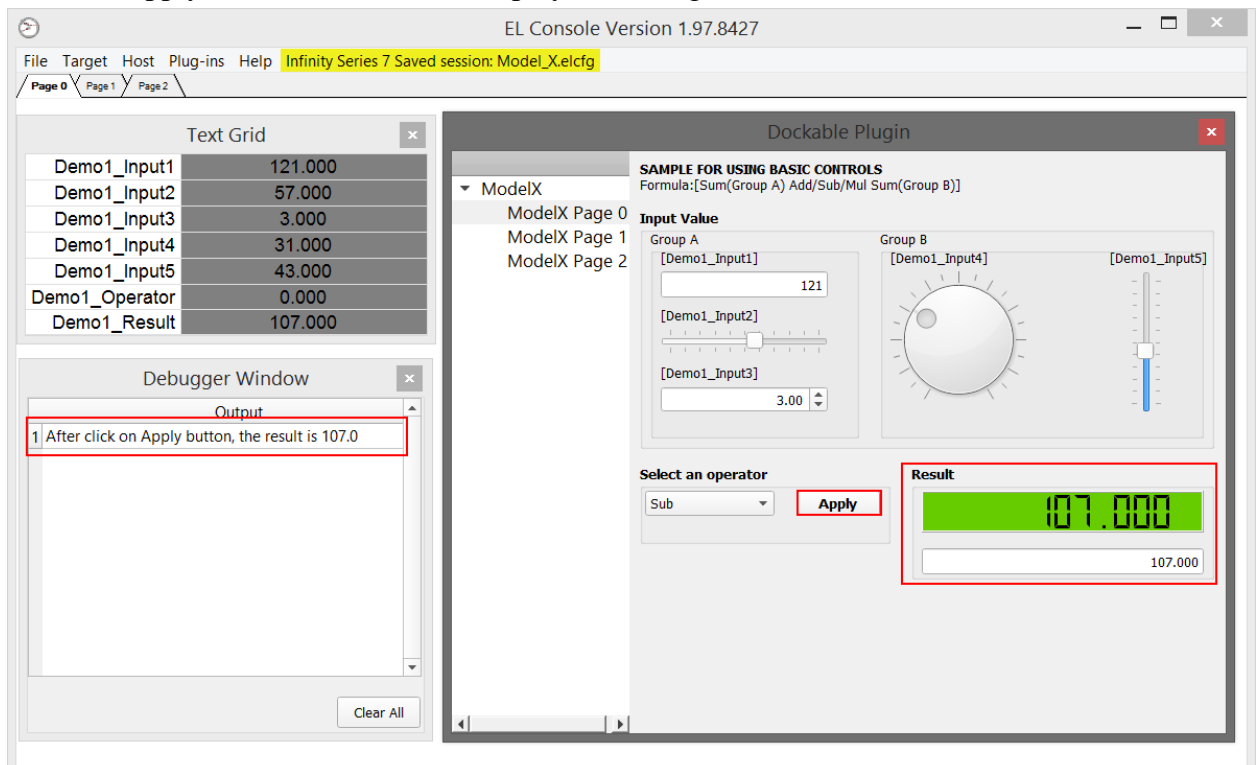
Figure 17-Setting for the controls

b) Select an operator as picture below.



**Figure 18-Select operator**

c) Click on Apply button, the screen is displayed as image below.



**Figure 19-The result for testing**

## 4.2.2 Testing for ModelX Page 1

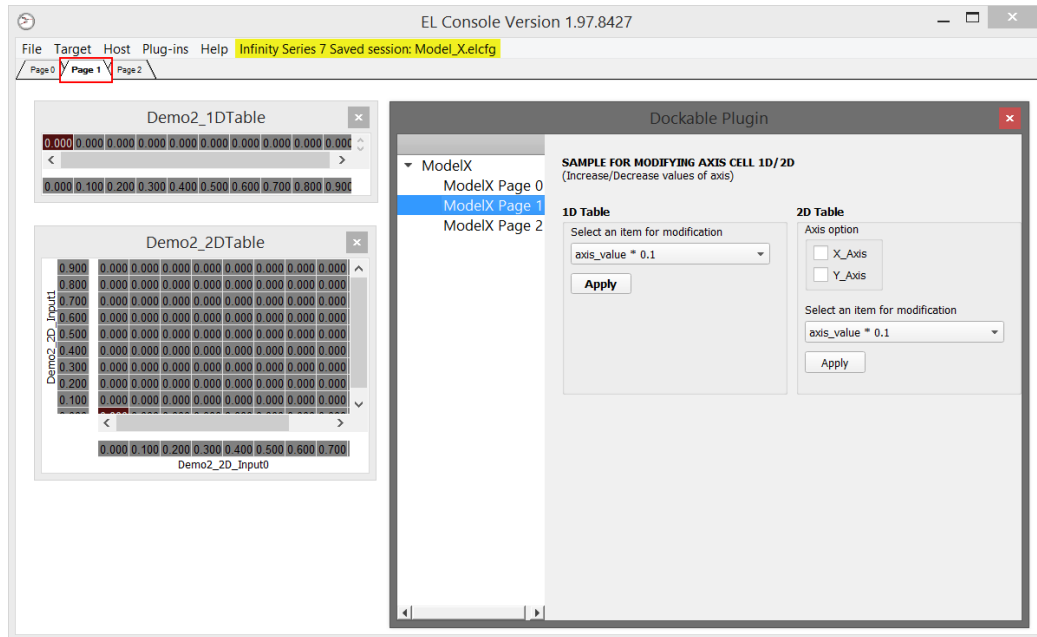
For more details, refer to

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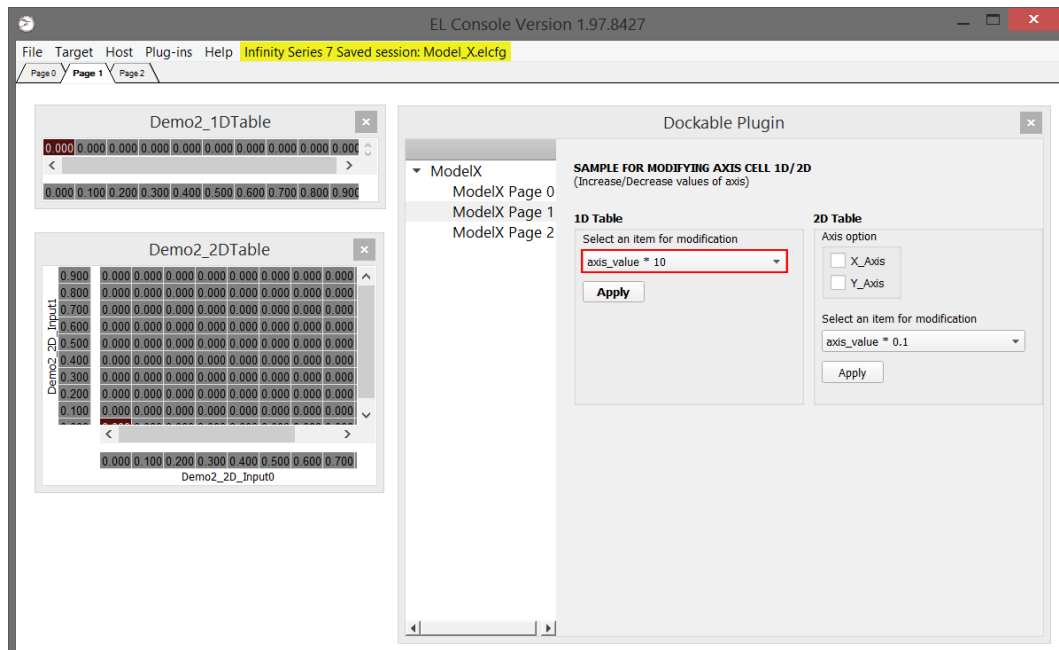
\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\scripts\Py\_ModelX\_Page1.py

- Click on ModelX Page 1 as picture below.



**Figure 20-Loading ModelX Page 1**

- Increase values of axis cell of 1D Table, select an item as picture below.



**Figure 21-Setting for the controls 1D Table**

- c) Click on Apply button, check update values as picture below.

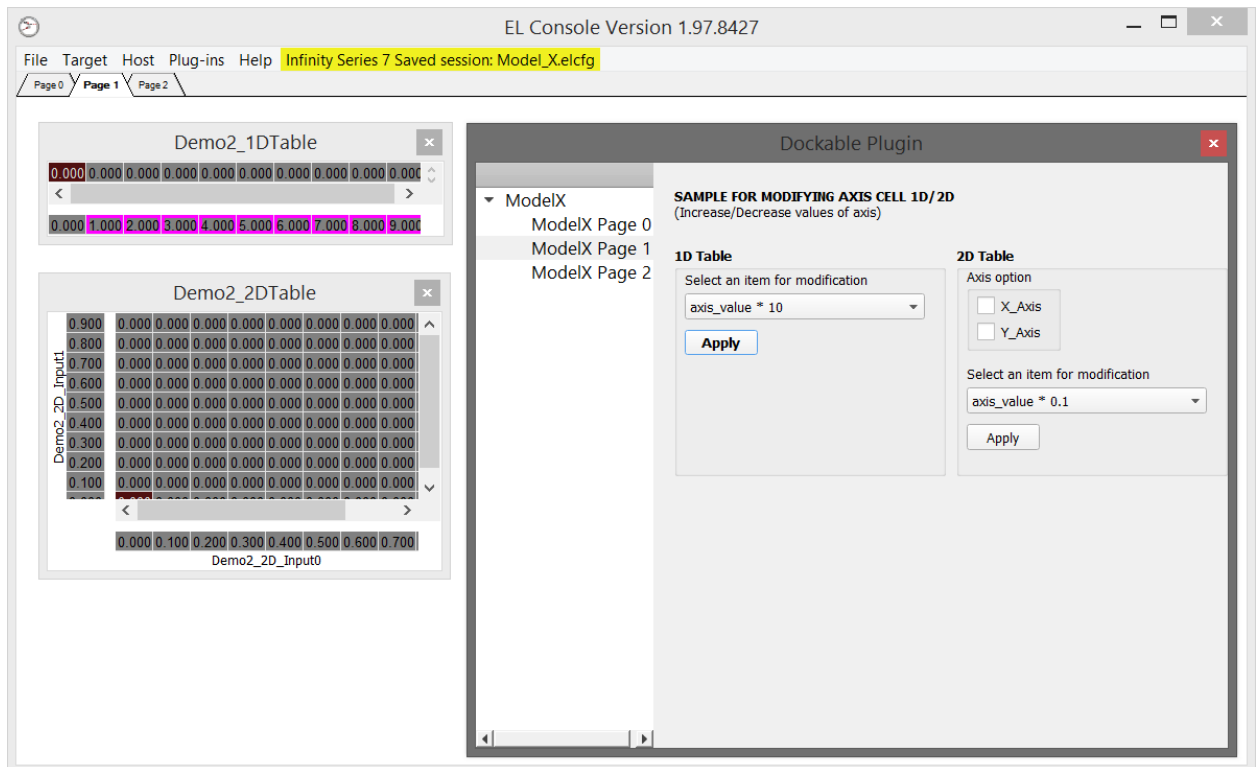


Figure 22-The result for testing 1D Table

- d) Increase values of axis cell of 2D Table, setting for the controls as picture below.

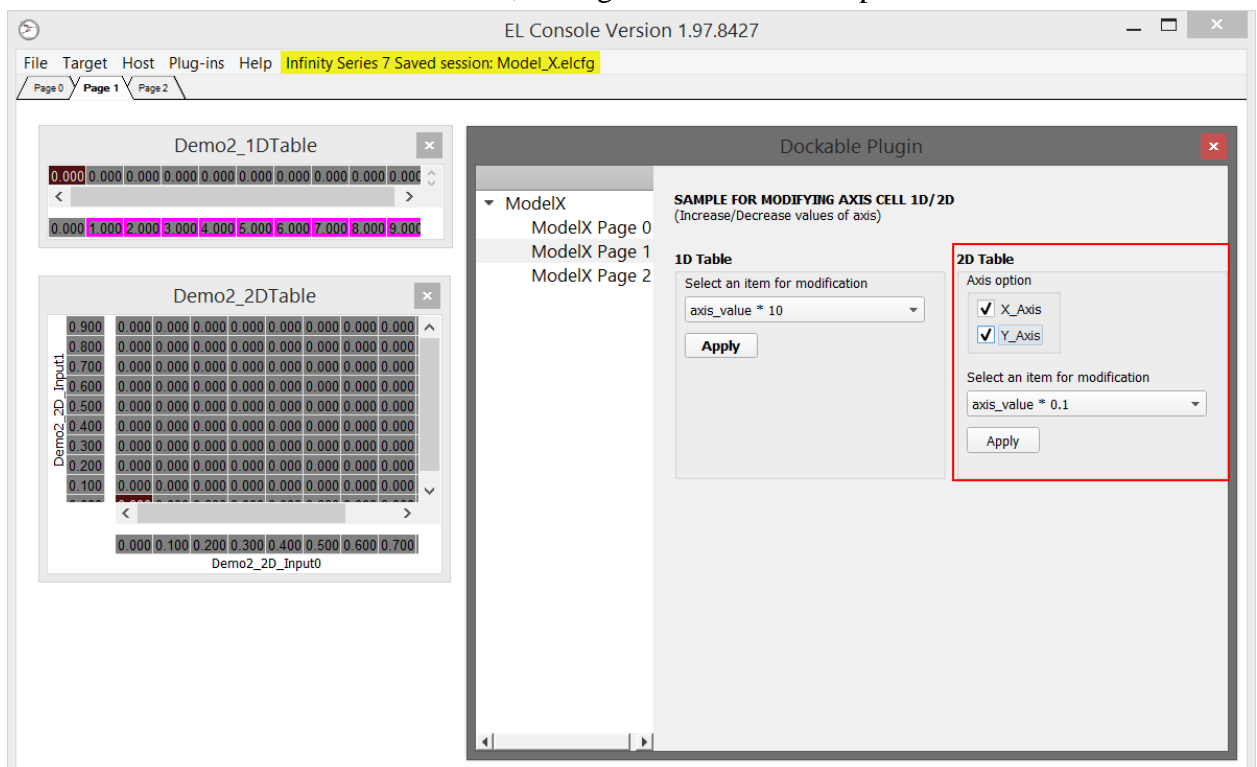


Figure 23-Setting for the controls 2D Table

The screenshot displays the EL Console interface. At the top, the title bar reads "EL Console Version 1.97.8427". Below it is a menu bar with "File", "Target", "Host", "Plug-ins", and "Help". The main window has a tab labeled "Infinity Series 7 Saved session: Model\_X.elcfg".

On the left side, there are two table windows:

- Demo2\_1DTable**: A 1D table with 10 columns. The first row contains 10 zeros. The second row contains values from 1.000 to 9.000. The first column is labeled "Demo2\_2D\_Input1".
- Demo2\_2DTable**: A 2D table with 10 rows and 10 columns. The first column is labeled "Demo2\_2D\_Input1". The first row contains values from 0.090 to 0.010. The first column is labeled "Demo2\_2D\_Input0".

On the right side, there is a dockable plugin window titled "Dockable Plugin". It contains a sidebar with a tree view showing "ModelX" and its sub-items "ModelX Page 0", "ModelX Page 1", and "ModelX Page 2". The main area of the plugin is titled "SAMPLE FOR MODIFYING AXIS CELL 1D/2D (Increase/Decrease values of axis)". It has two sections:

- 1D Table**: A section for modifying a 1D table. It has a dropdown menu labeled "Select an item for modification" with the value "axis\_value \* 10". Below it is an "Apply" button.
- 2D Table**: A section for modifying a 2D table. It has a section titled "Axis option" with two checked checkboxes: "X\_Axis" and "Y\_Axis". Below this is another dropdown menu labeled "Select an item for modification" with the value "axis\_value \* 0.1". Below it is an "Apply" button.

**Figure 24-The result for testing 2D Table**

### 4.2.3 Testing for ModelX Page 2

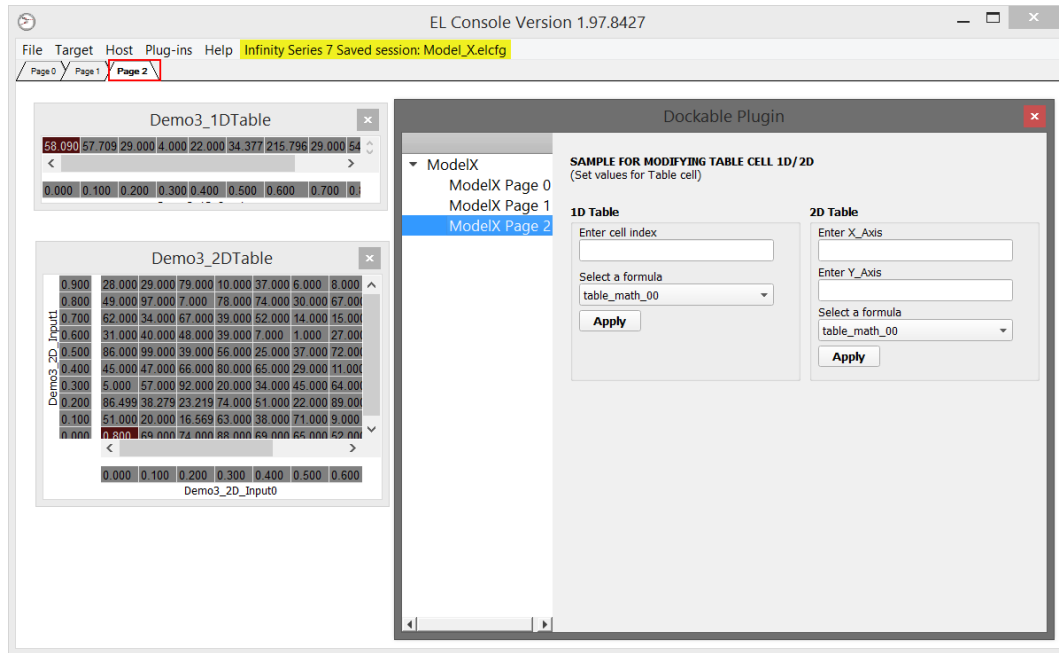
For more details, refer to

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\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX\_Page2.xml

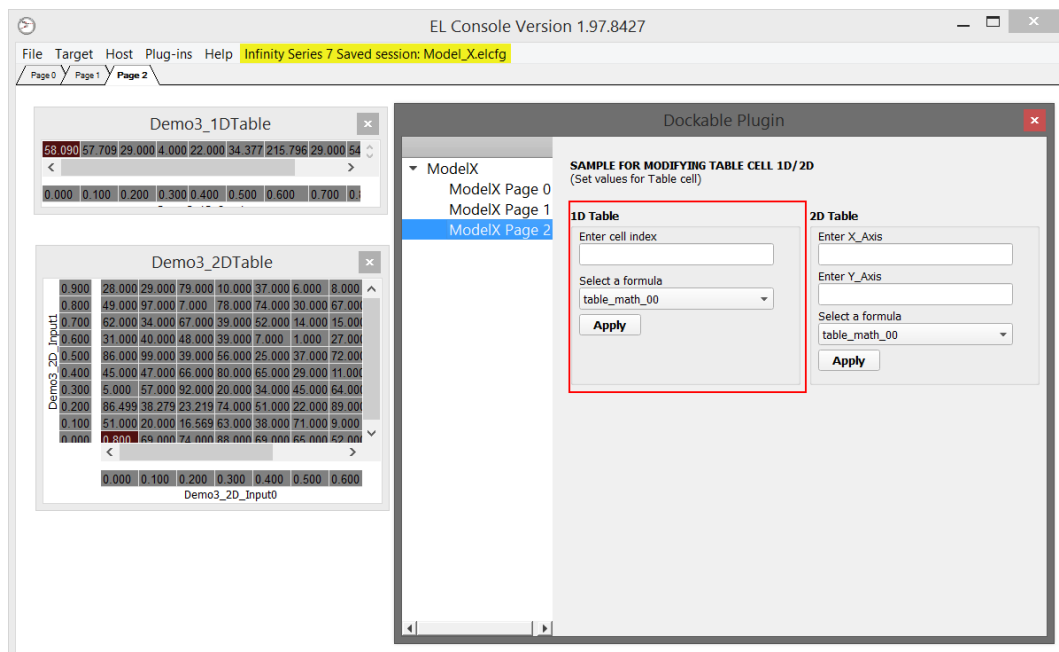
\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\scripts\Py\_ModelX\_Page2.py

- Click on ModelX Page 2 as picture below.



**Figure 25-Loading ModelX Page 2**

- Set values for Table cell 1D, setting for the controls as picture below.



**Figure 26-Setting for the controls 1D Table**

- c) Click on Apply button, check update value as picture below.

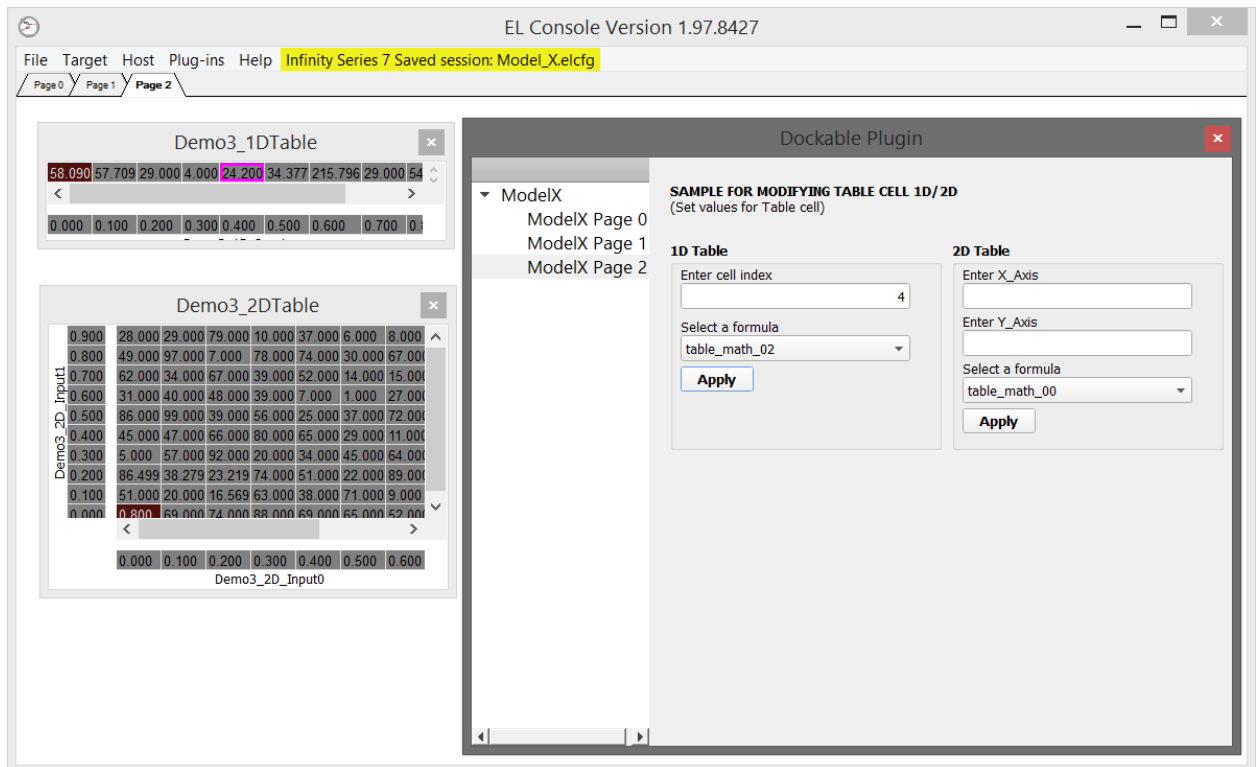


Figure 27-The result for testing 1D Table

- d) Set values for Table cell 2D, setting for the controls as picture below.

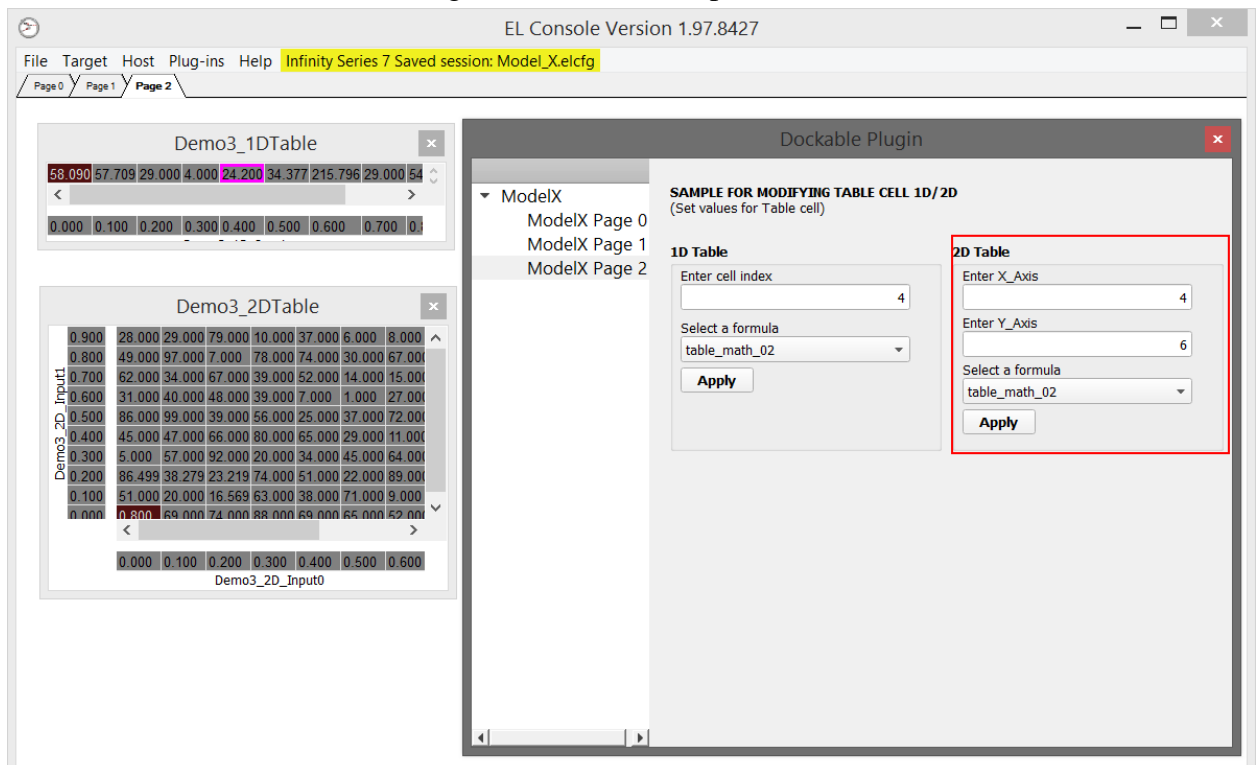


Figure 28-Setting for the controls 2D Table



e) Click on Apply button, check update value as picture below.

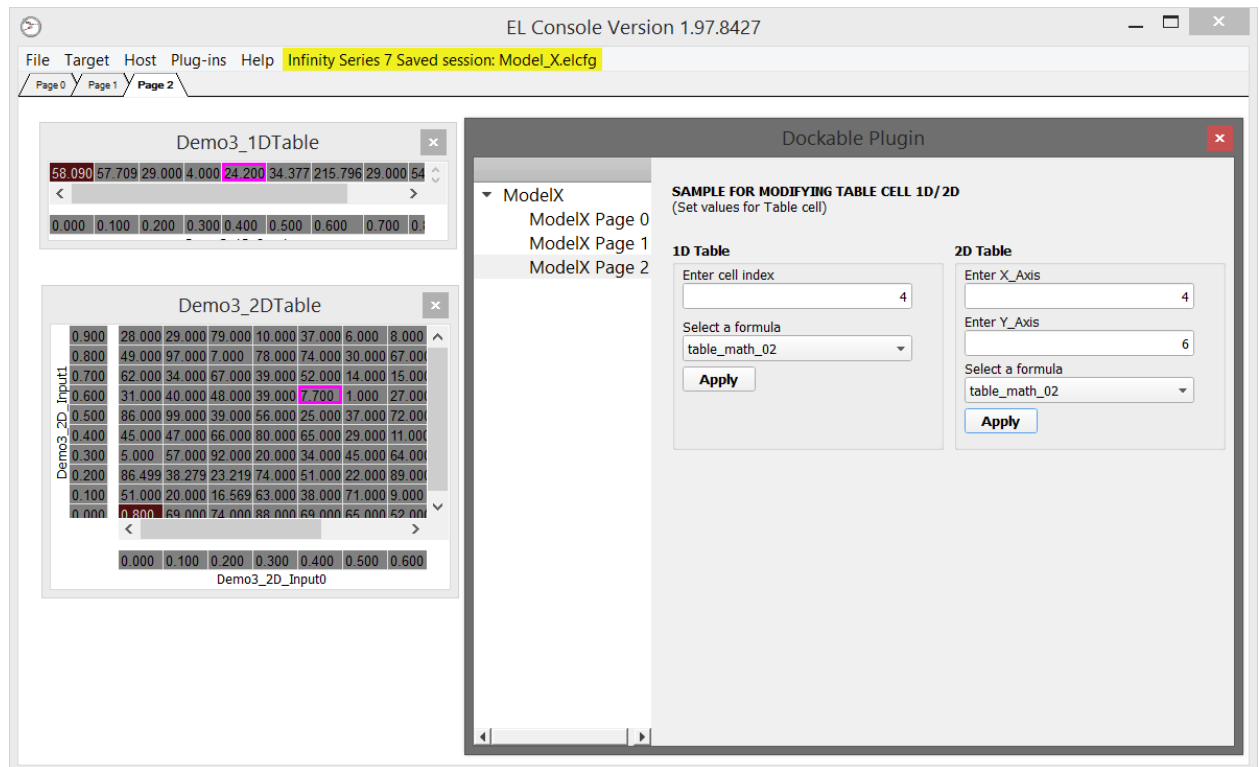
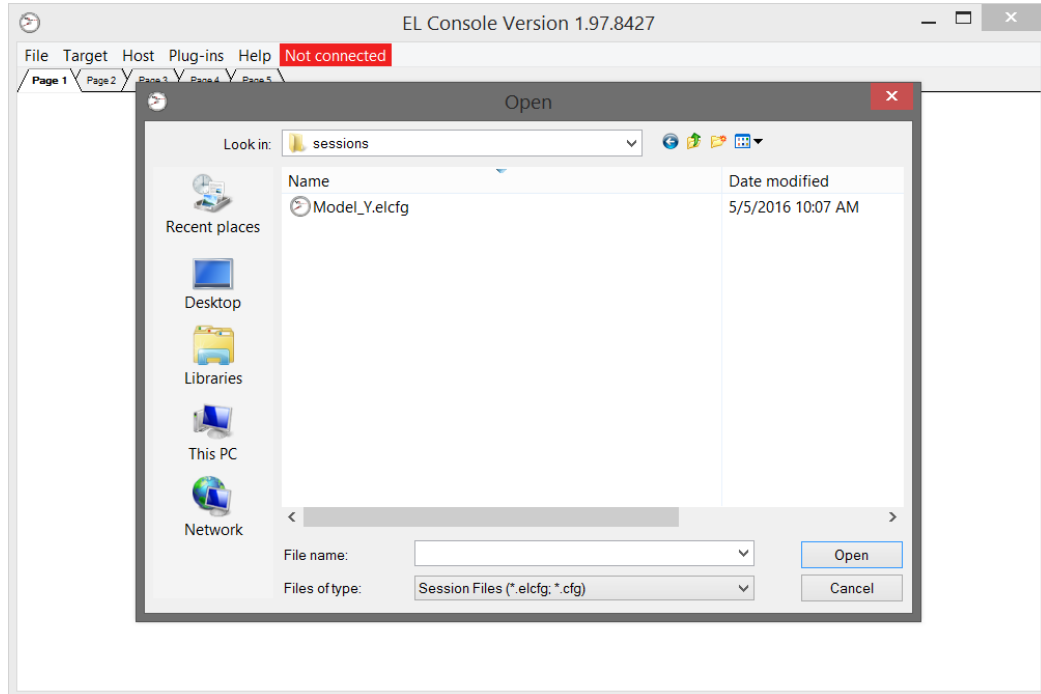


Figure 29-The result for testing 2D Table

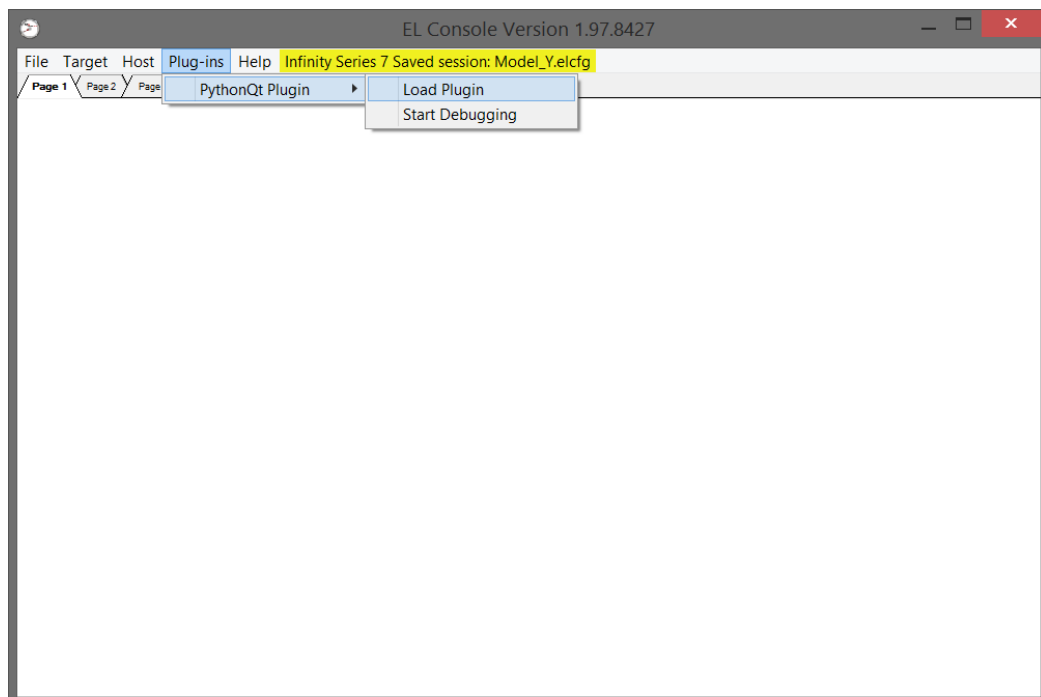
### 4.3 Testing for ModelY

- a) From File menu, select File -> select Open Session -> browse to the Model\_Y.elcfg file.  
(Path: \$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelY\sessions).



**Figure 30-Open sample session file**

- b) Select Plug-ins-> PythonQt Plugin->Load Plugin, the screen will be displayed as below



**Figure 31-Load the Plugin**

c) After load the Plugin, you can move the main window of the Plugin as below.

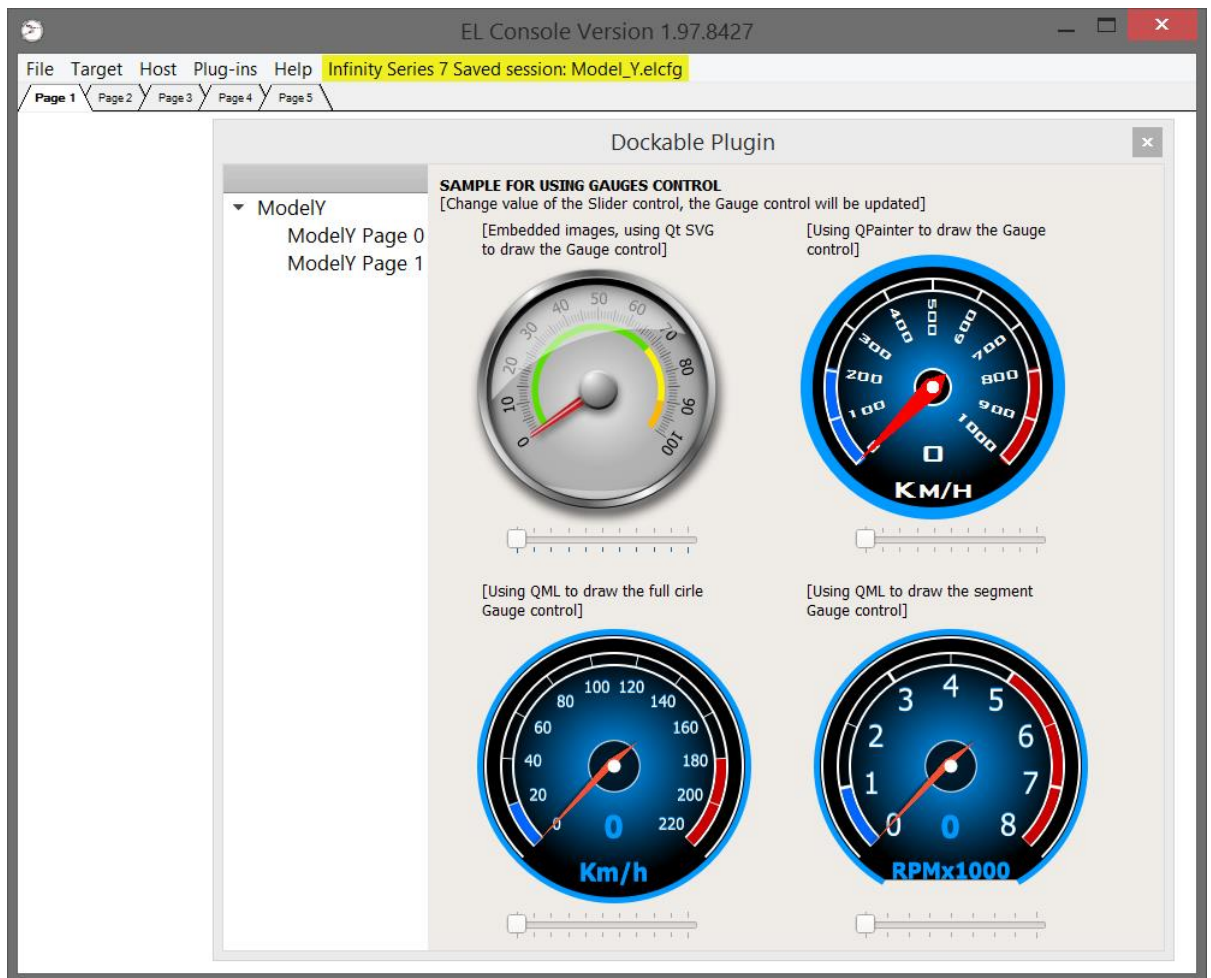


Figure 32- The Plugin

### 4.3.1 Testing for ModelY Page 0

For more details, refer to

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelY\ModelY.xml

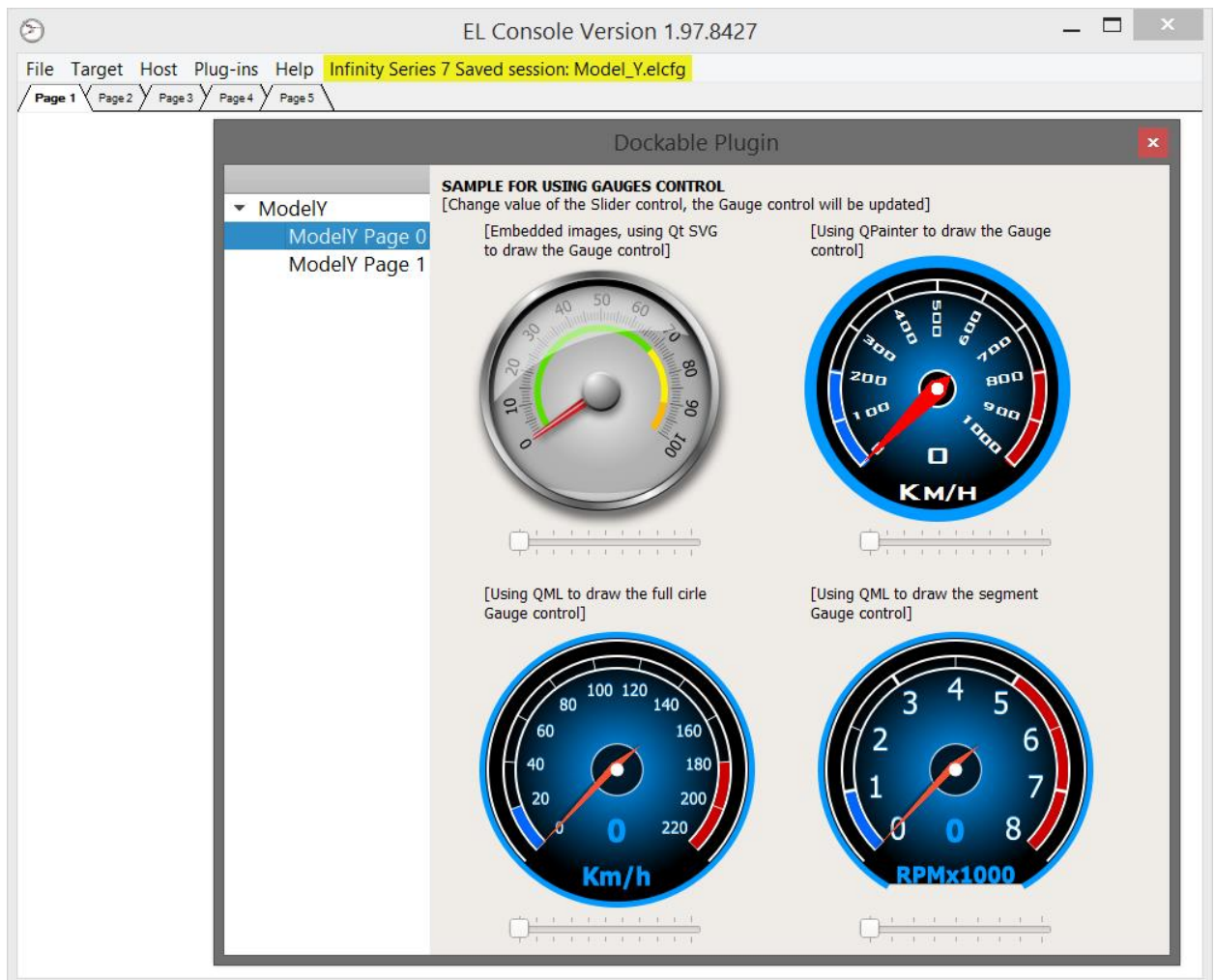
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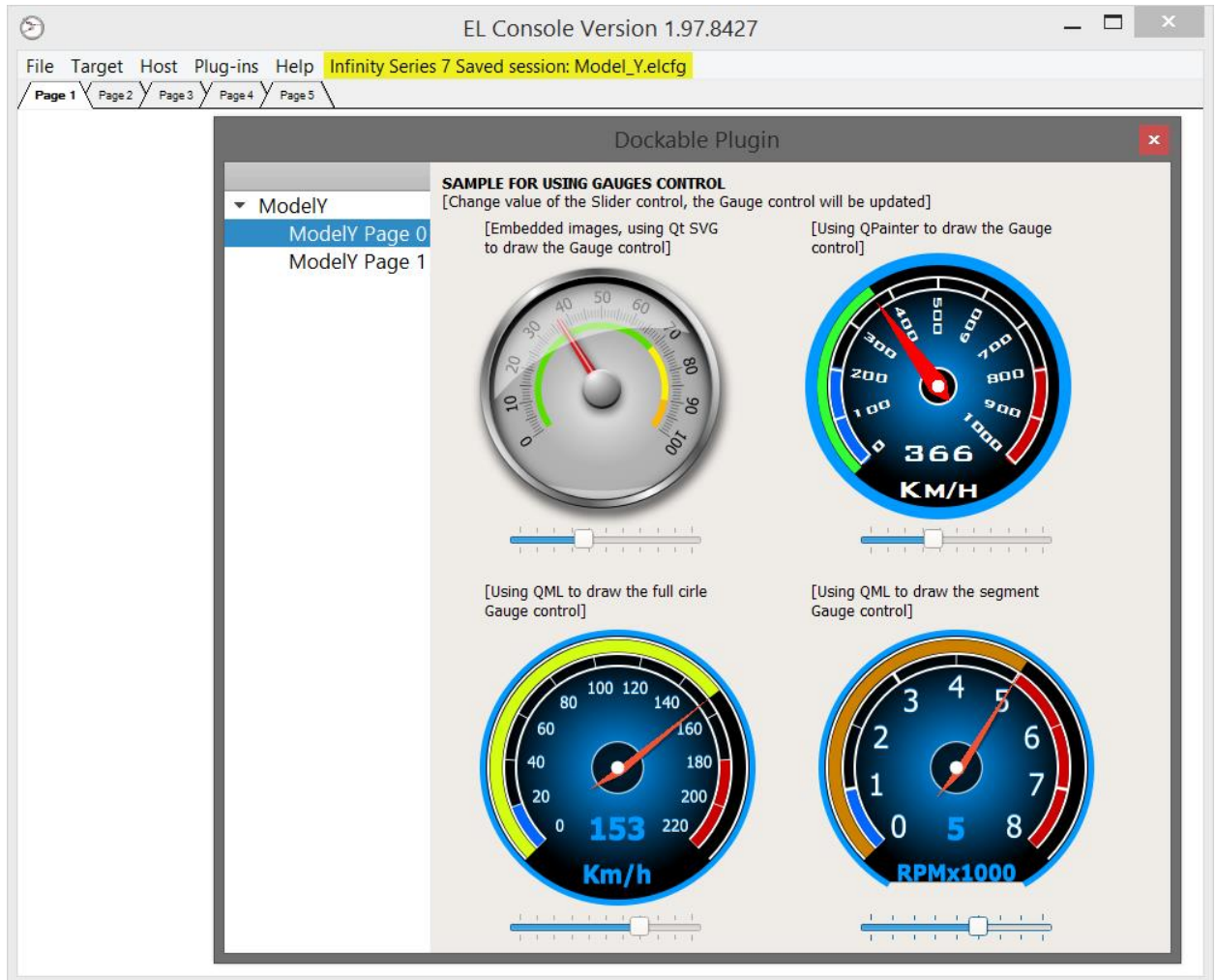
❖ **Note:** There are three types of Gauge. Refer to [5.1.4 Table controls](#) for more details.

a) Click on ModelY Page 0 as picture below.



**Figure 33-Loading ModelY Page 0**

- b) Pull slider to change value of EL Console channel and therefore the gauge will show the value of that channel.



**Figure 34-Loading ModelY Page 0**

### 4.3.2 Testing for ModelY Page 1

For more details, refer to

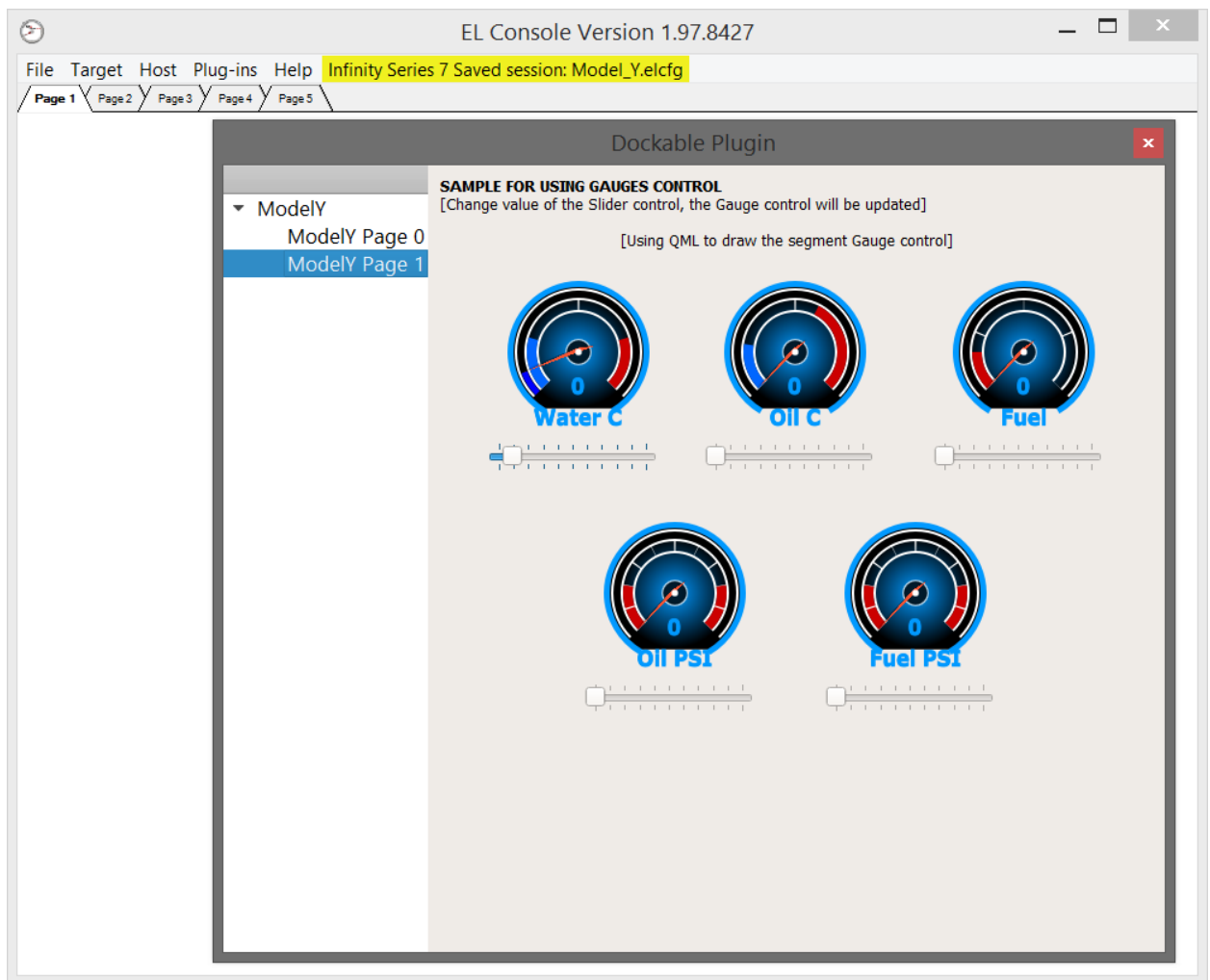
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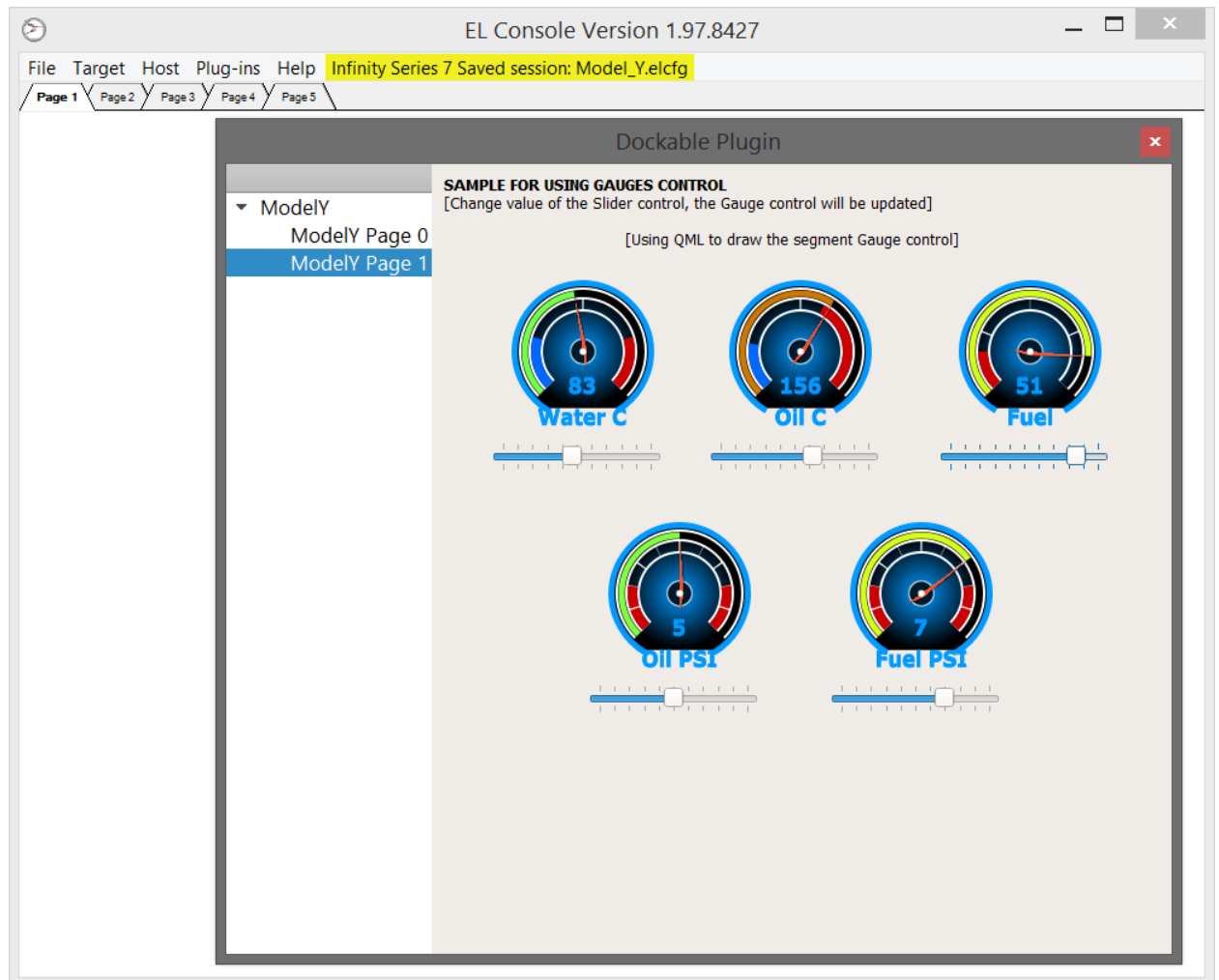
\$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL\_PythonQt \qml\main.qml

- a) Click on ModelY Page 1 as picture below.



**Figure 35-Loading ModelY Page 1**

- b) Pull slider to change value of EL Console channel and therefore the gauge will show the value of that channel.



**Figure 36-Loading ModelY Page 1**

## 5. How to use XML script file

You can use a text editor such as Notepad++ to open XML resource files below:

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX.xml

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX\_Page0.xml

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX\_Page1.xml

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX\_Page2.xml

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelY\ModelY.xml

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelY\ModelY\_Page0.xml

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelY\ModelY\_Page1.xml

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelY\ModelY\_Page2.xml

From resource XML file, when the plugin is loaded, the screen will be displayed as below.

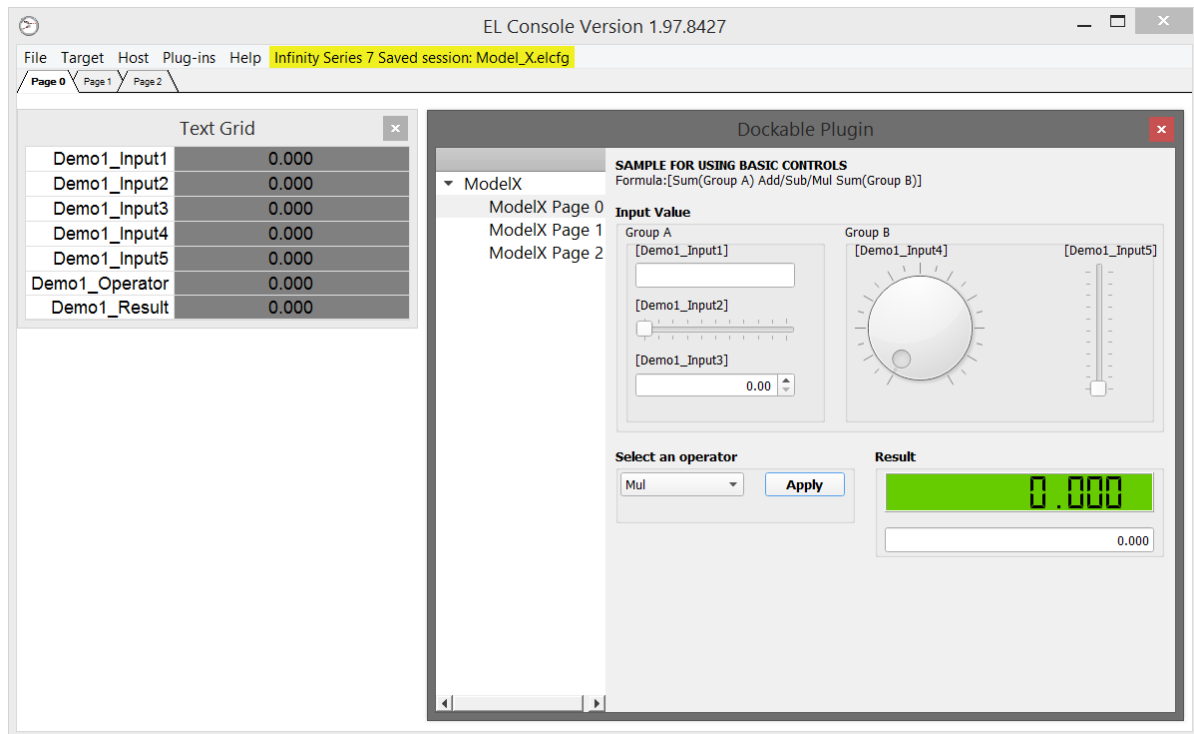


Figure 37-Main window of the Plugin



## 5.1 How to using XML file

We organize content of resource file (XML format) as below:

```
<plugin>
  <section name="ModelX">
    <page name="ModelX Page 0">
      <attr name=" filename" value="ModelX_Page0.xml" />
    </page>
    ...
  </section>
  ...
</plugin>
```

First we need to define the section of pages. Next are all pages in each section with the name of xml file which will contain the xml defined of each page. Then define separate page with its xml defined and put it into correct file name has been defined before. For example: Section “Model X” contains page “ModelX Page 0” and its xml defined of page “ModelX Page 0” will be place in file “ModelX\_Page0.xml”.

```
<page>
  <control type="text" rect="10 5 400 24">
    <attr name="caption" value="SAMPLE..." />
    ...
  </control>
</page>
```

XML resource file is designed base on Hierarchy Theory, with `< plugin >` block represent for main window of Plugin. In `<plugin>` block, we see that it has more `<section>` blocks. In `<section>` block, there are more `<page>` blocks. In `<page>` block, there are more `<control >` blocks. In `<control>` block, there are more `<attr>` blocks.

How to define parameter for each block type:

### 5.1.1 Section block

a) Format

```
<section name="Name of Section">  
    ...  
</section>
```

b) Usage

Define parameter for menu window. It is name of corresponding menu on it.

c) Example

Define name for the items in menu, with their name is "Section 1".

```
<plugin>  
    <section name="ModelX">  
        <page name="Model X Page 0">  
            <attr name=" filename" value="ModelX_Page0.xml" />  
            ...  
        </page>  
        ...  
    </section>  
    ...  
</plugin>
```

You can add more `< section >` blocks in `< plugin >` block.

### 5.1.2 Page block

a) Format

```
<page>
...
</page>
```

b) Usage

Define parameter for page. It is name of corresponding page on it.

c) Example

Define name for the items in page, with their name is "Page1"

```
<page >
    <control type="text" rect="10 5 400 24">
        <attr name="caption" value="SAMPLE..." />
        ...
    </control>
    ...
</page>
```

You can add more `< control >` blocks in `< page>` block.

### 5.1.3 Control block

#### a) Format

```
<control type="type of the controls" rect="x y width height">
```

...

```
</control>
```

#### b) Usage

Define parameter for each window control of a window page, include two basic parameters, which is control type, rect(x, y, width, height).

About rect parameter, this is relative coordinate and size, compare with original coordinate – upper left corner of page window.

About control type parameter, value of this parameter must be referred from first column of Table in the [section 7.1.4](#).

#### c) Example

Define the controls for a Page, with their control type is “text”, “dial”.

```
<page >
```

```
  <control type="text" rect="10 5 400 24">
```

```
    <attr name="caption" value="SAMPLE..." />
```

...

```
  </control>
```

```
  <control type="text" rect="10 20 400 24">
```

```
    <attr name="caption" value="Formula: ..." />
```

...

```
  </control>
```

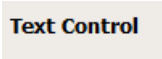
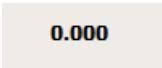
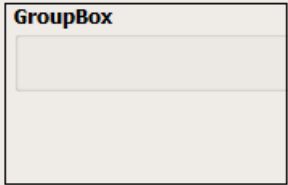

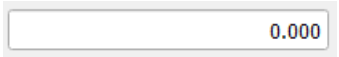

...


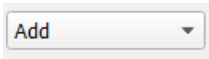

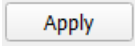
```
</page>
```


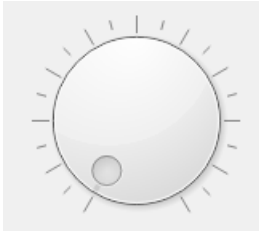




You can add more `<attr>` blocks in `<control>` block.

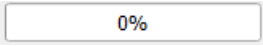




You already understand how to use XML resource file to custom UI and set value for channel variable, now it's time to build a new page on your own.

### 5.1.4 Table controls

TYPE	Example code	SAMPLE IMAGE
<b>Text Control</b>		
<b>Text Input</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="text" rect="10 5 400 24"&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="1" /&gt; &lt;attr name="caption" value="Text Control" /&gt; &lt;attr name="style" value="bold" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Text Output</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="text" rect="10 5 400 24"&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="1" /&gt; &lt;attr name="style" value="bold" /&gt; &lt;attr name="read_channel" value="Demo1_Input1" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Groupbox Control</b>		
<b>Groupbox</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="groupbox" rect="10 300 240 56"&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="1" /&gt; &lt;attr name="caption" value="GroupBox" /&gt; &lt;attr name="style" value="bold" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Editbox Control</b>		
<b>Editbox Input</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="editbox" rect="30 115 200 25"&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="1" /&gt; &lt;attr name="textChanged_event" value="demo1 OnEdit" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Editbox Output</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="editbox" rect="30 115 200 25"&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="1" /&gt; &lt;attr name="read_channel" value="Demo1_Result" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; &lt;attr name="textChanged_event" value="demo1 OnEdit" /&gt; </pre>	
<b>Slider Control</b>		
<b>Slider Input</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="slider " rect="30 170 200 25"&gt; &lt;attr name="style" value="horizontal" /&gt; </pre>	

	<pre> &lt;attr name="id" value="8" /&gt; &lt;attr name="range" value="0 100 1" /&gt; &lt;attr name="valueChanged_event" value="demo1 OnSliderHorizontal" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Slider Output</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="slider " rect="480 115 30 135"&gt; &lt;attr name="style" value="vertical" /&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="8" /&gt; &lt;attr name="range" value="0 100 1" /&gt; &lt;attr name="read_channel" value="Demo1_Input2" /&gt; &lt;attr name="valueChanged_event" value="demo1 OnSliderVertical" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Combobox Control</b>		
<b>Combobox Input</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="combobox" rect="15 325 124 24"&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="16" /&gt; &lt;attr name="item" value="Add" /&gt; &lt;attr name="item" value="Sub" /&gt; &lt;attr name="item" value="Mul" /&gt; &lt;!--&lt;attr name="highlighted_event" value="demo1 test" /&gt;--&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Combobox Output</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="combobox" rect="15 325 124 24"&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="16" /&gt; &lt;attr name="item" value="" /&gt; &lt;attr name="read_channel" value="Demo1_Operator" /&gt; &lt;!--&lt;attr name="highlighted_event" value="demo1 test" /&gt;--&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Button Control</b>		
<b>Button</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="button" rect="160 325 80 24"&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="17" /&gt; &lt;attr name="caption" value="Apply" /&gt; &lt;attr name="clicked_event" value="demo1 apply" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Dial Control</b>		

<b>Dial Input</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="dial" rect="250 115 130 130"&gt;   &lt;attr name="id" value="13" /&gt;   &lt;attr name="range" value="0 100 1" /&gt;   &lt;attr name="valueChanged_event" value="demo1 OnDial" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Dial Output</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="dial" rect="250 115 130 130"&gt;   &lt;attr name="id" value="13" /&gt;   &lt;attr name="range" value="0 100 1" /&gt;   &lt;attr name="read_channel" value="Demo1_Input4" /&gt;   &lt;attr name="valueChanged_event" value="demo1 OnDial" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>LCD Control</b>		
<b>LCD input</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="lcd" rect="20 435 220 40"&gt;   &lt;attr name="id" value="19" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>LCD output</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="lcd" rect="20 435 220 40"&gt;   &lt;attr name="id" value="19" /&gt;   &lt;attr name="read_channel" value="Demo1_Result" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Table Control</b>		
<b>Table</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="table" rect="20 435 220 40"&gt;   &lt;attr name="id" value="19" /&gt;   &lt;attr name="cellClicked_event" value="demo1 test" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>ProgressBar Control</b>		
<b>ProgressBar Input</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="progressbar" rect="480 115 30 135"&gt;   &lt;attr name="style" value="vertical" /&gt;   &lt;attr name="id" value="8" /&gt;   &lt;attr name="range" value="0 100 1" /&gt;   &lt;attr name="valueChanged_event" value="demo1 OnProgressbar" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	

<b>ProgressBar Output</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="progressbar" rect="30 170 200 25"&gt; &lt;attr name="style" value="horizontal" /&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="8" /&gt; &lt;attr name="range" value="0 100 1" /&gt; &lt;attr name="read_channel" value="Demo1_Input2" /&gt; &lt;attr name="valueChanged_event" value="demo1 OnProgressBar" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Spinbox Control</b>		
<b>Spinbox Input</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="spinbox" rect="30 225 160 25"&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="10" /&gt; &lt;attr name="range" value="0 100 1" /&gt; &lt;attr name="valueChanged_event" value="demo1 OnSpinbox" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Spinbox Output</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="spinbox" rect="30 225 160 25"&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="10" /&gt; &lt;attr name="range" value="0 100 1" /&gt; &lt;attr name="read_channel" value="Demo1_Input3" /&gt; &lt;attr name="valueChanged_event" value="demo1 OnSpinbox" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>RadioButton Control</b>		
<b>RadioButton Control</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="radiobutton" rect="160 325 80 24"&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="17" /&gt; &lt;attr name="caption" value="Apply" /&gt; &lt;attr name="clicked_event" value="demo1 apply" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Gauge Control</b>		
<b>Gauge Control (Using Qt SVG render)</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="gauge" rect="30 80 230 230"&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="55" /&gt; &lt;attr name="range" value="0 100" /&gt; &lt;attr name="read_channel" value="Gauge_Test1" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	



<b>Gauge Control (Using QPainter)</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="cargauge" rect="305 70 230 -1"&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="57" /&gt; &lt;attr name="caption" value="Km/h" /&gt; &lt;attr name="range" value="0 1000 200 800" /&gt; &lt;attr name="read_channel" value="Gauge_Test2" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Gauge Control (Using QML)</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="qmlcargauge" rect="25 380 250 250"&gt; &lt;attr name="style" value="full" /&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="60" /&gt; &lt;attr name="caption" value="Km/h" /&gt; &lt;attr name="range" value="0 1000 200 800" /&gt; &lt;attr name="read_channel" value="Gauge_Test3" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	
<b>Gauge Control (Using QML)</b>	<pre> &lt;control type="qmlcargauge" rect="305 370 260 260"&gt; &lt;attr name="style" value="segment" /&gt; &lt;attr name="id" value="63" /&gt; &lt;attr name="color" value="#0066FF #cc0000" /&gt; &lt;attr name="caption" value="RPMx1000" /&gt; &lt;attr name="text_size" value="15 15 11" /&gt; &lt;attr name="range" value="0 8 1 5 7 10" /&gt; &lt;attr name="read_channel" value="Gauge_Test4" /&gt; &lt;/control&gt; </pre>	

- b) **Note:** If you want to access and configure a control, you will have to define attribute “id” to that control. Later you will find that control through its id and use suitable function to configure it.

## 5.2 Change name of control in XML file

Suppose we change name of the lable control, you follow the steps as below

- You find the first control in XML file as image below.

```
<control type="text" rect="10 5 400 24">
    <attr name="caption" value="SAMPLE FOR..." />
    <attr name="style" value="bold" />
</control>
```

- You replace text: “**SAMPLE FOR USING BASIC CONTROLS**” to “**SAMPLE FOR ...**”
- Save the file and reload the Plug-in, the screen is display as below.

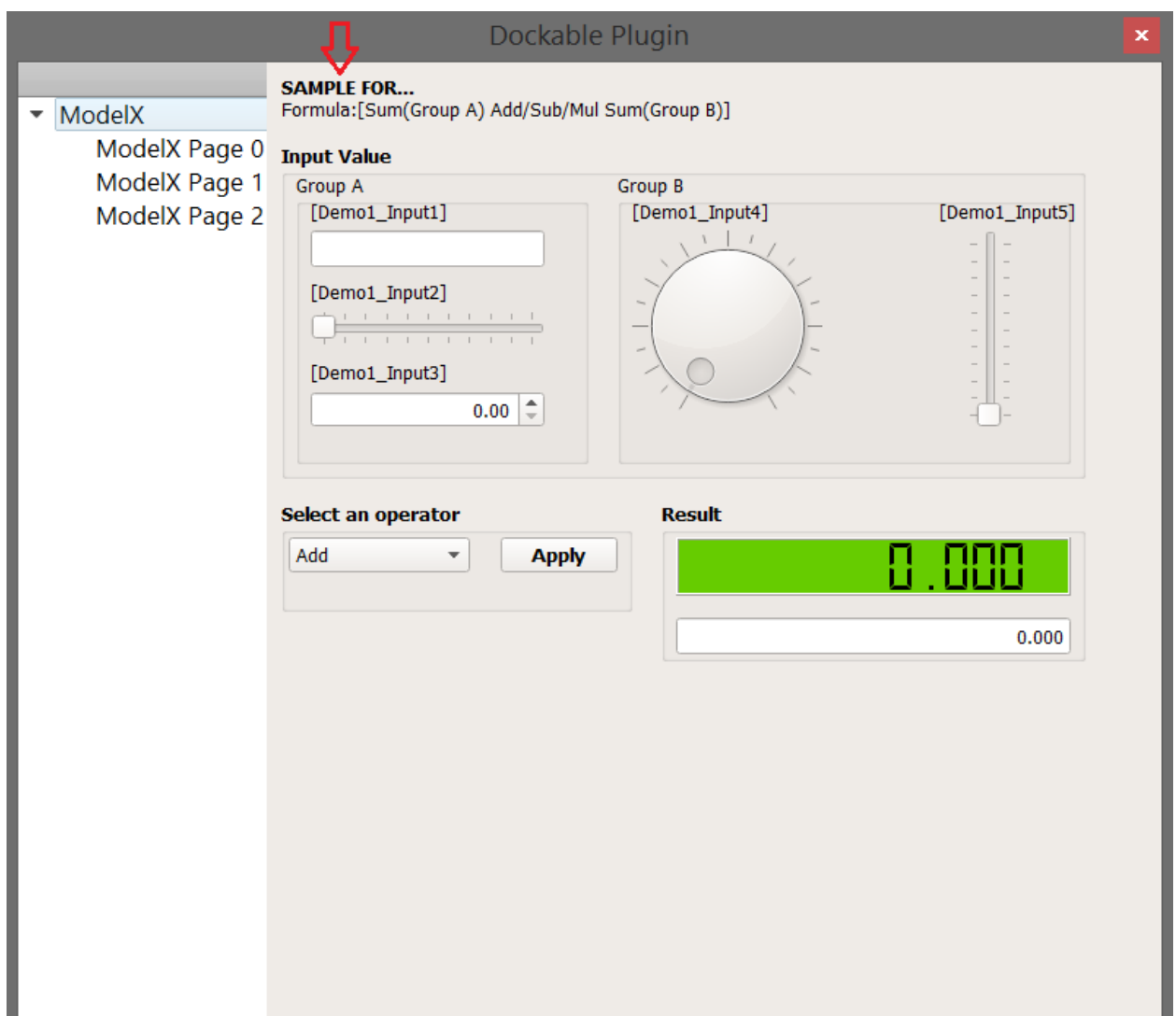


Figure 38-Change name of control

### 5.3 Change the control by other control

Suppose we replace the control of [Demo1\_Input1], you follow the steps as below.

- a) You find code in .xml file as below.

```
<control type="edit" rect="30 115 160 25">
    <attr name="id" value="6" />
    <attr name="read_channel" value="Demo1_Input1" />
</control>
```

- b) You replace code above by code as below.

```
<control type="slider" rect="30 115 160 25">
    <attr name="id" value="6" />
    <attr name="style" value="horizontal" />
    <attr name="read_channel" value="Demo1_Input1" />
</control>
```

- c) Save the file and reload the Plug-in, the screen will be displayed as below.

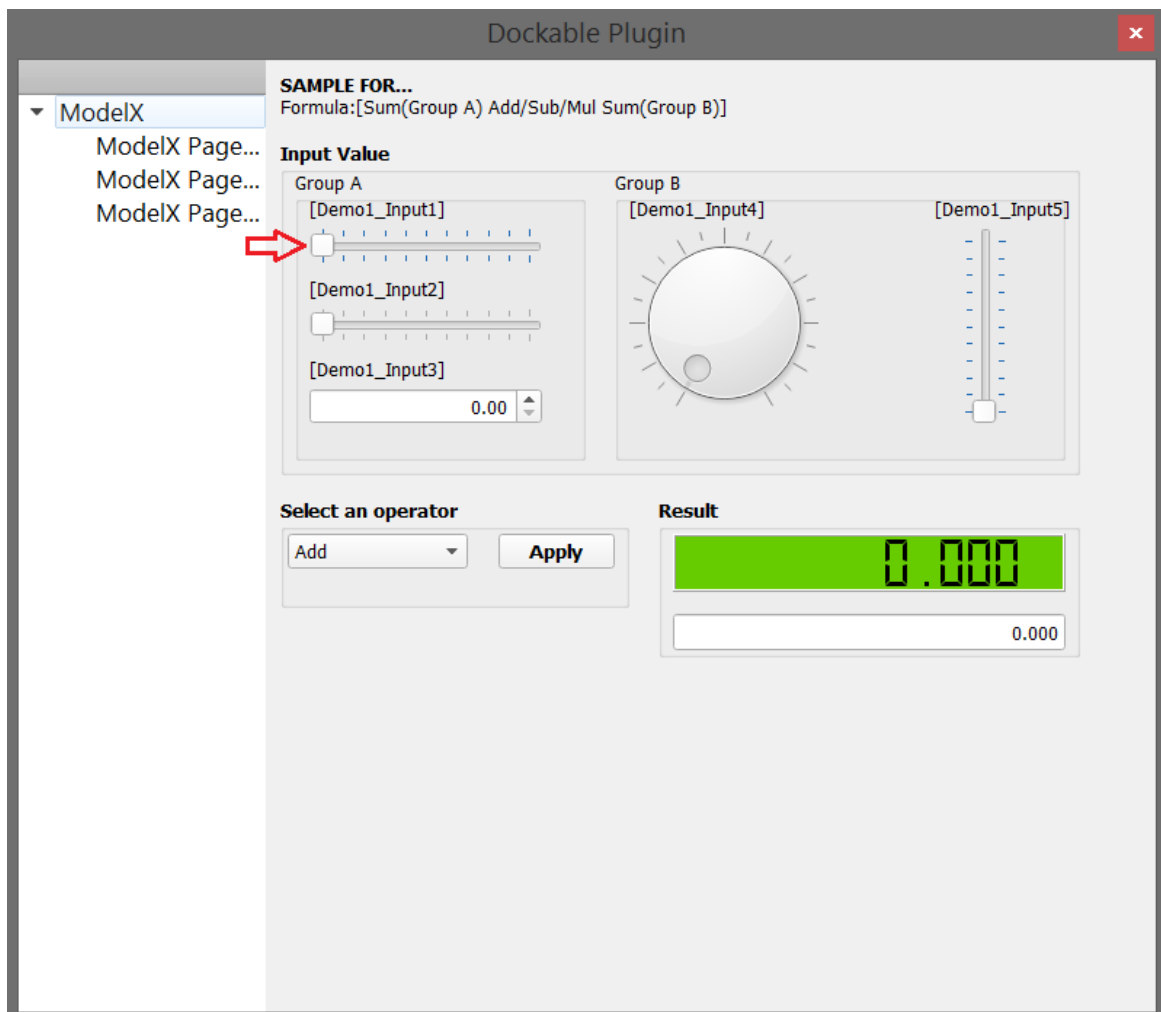


Figure 39-Replace control

## 5.4 Change name of section

Suppose we change name of section, you follow the steps as below.

- a) You find code in .xml file as below.

```
<section name="ModelX">
```

- b) You replace code above by code as below.

```
<section name="Section 1">
```

- c) Save the file and reload the Plug-in, the screen will be displayed as below.

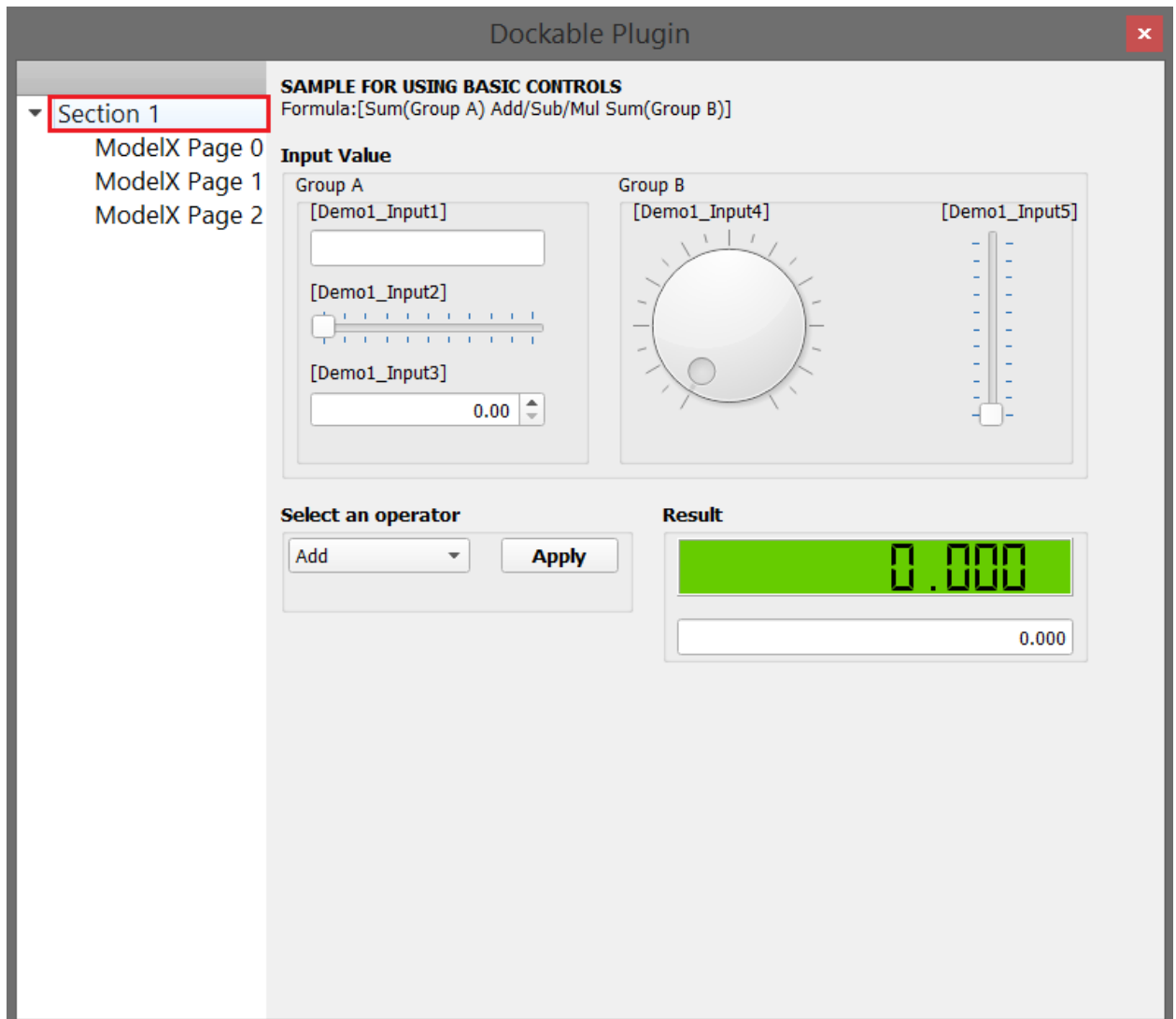


Figure 40-Change name of session

## 5.5 Change name of page

Suppose we change name of Page, you follow the steps as below.

- a) You find code in .xml file (find by page, each page has its xml defined code) as below.

```
<page name="ModelX Page 0">
```

- b) You replace code above by code as below.

```
<page name="Demo ABC">
```

- c) Save the file and reload the Plug-in, the screen will be displayed as below.

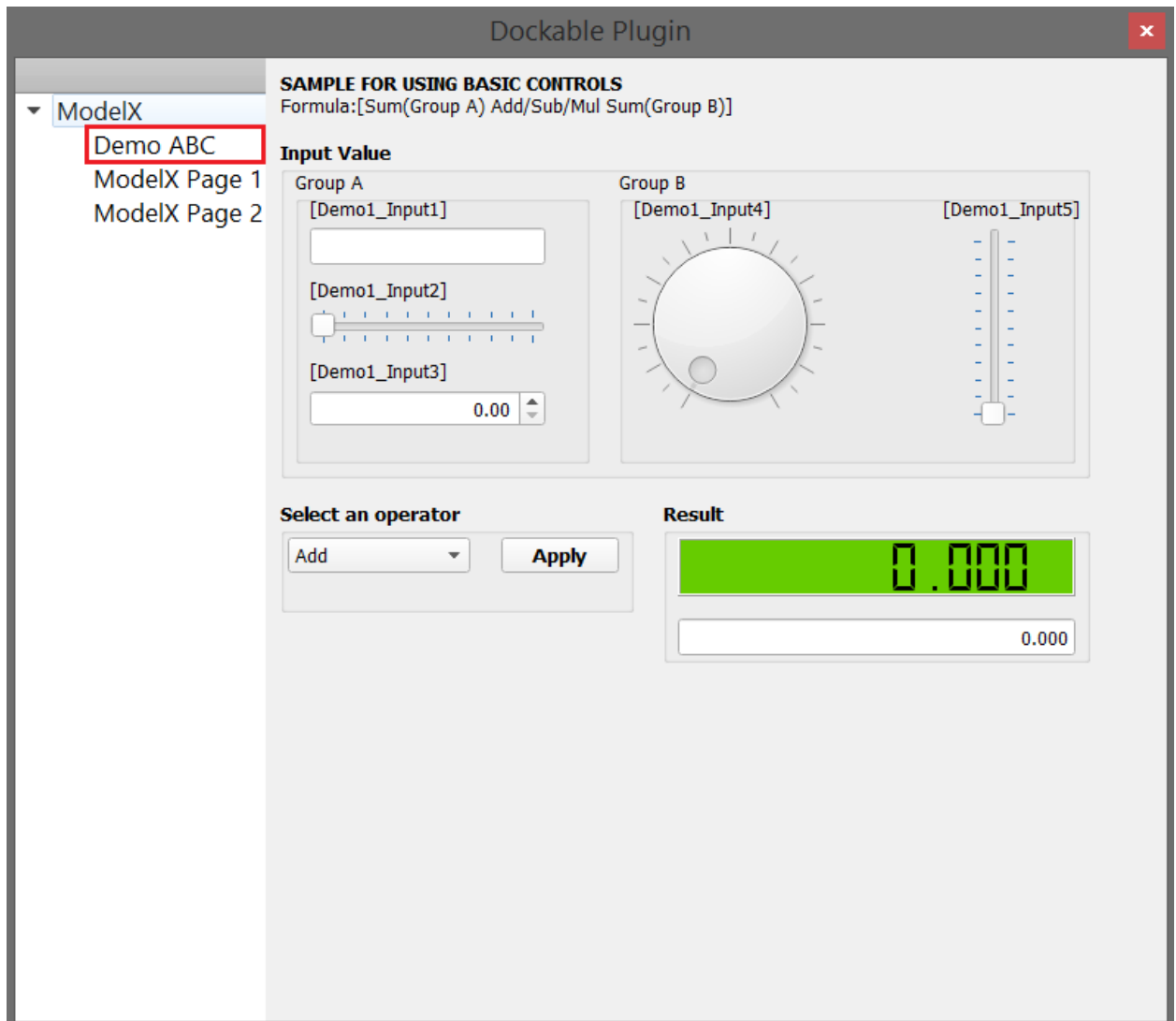


Figure 41-Change name of Page

## 5.6 Add a section to main windows

Suppose we add section to main windows, you follow the steps as below

- Define a new section as below. This xml code shows that section “Section” has a page, this page xml defined code will be place in file” ModelX.xml”.

```
<section name="Section">
    <page name="Page 1">
        <attr name="filename" value="ModelX_Page0.xml" />
    </page>
</section>
```

- Then open file “ModelX\_Page0.xml” and define attribute of page “Page 1”

```
<page >
    <control type="text" rect="20 20 300 24">
        <attr name="id" value="37" />
        <attr name="caption" value="SAMPLE FOR MODIFYING TABLE CELL 1D/2D" />
        <attr name="style" value="bold" />
    </control>
    <control type="text" rect="20 35 300 24">
        <attr name="id" value="38" />
        <attr name="caption" value="(Set values for Table cell)" />
    </control>
    ...
</page>
```

- Save the file and reload the Plug-in, the screen will be displayed as below.

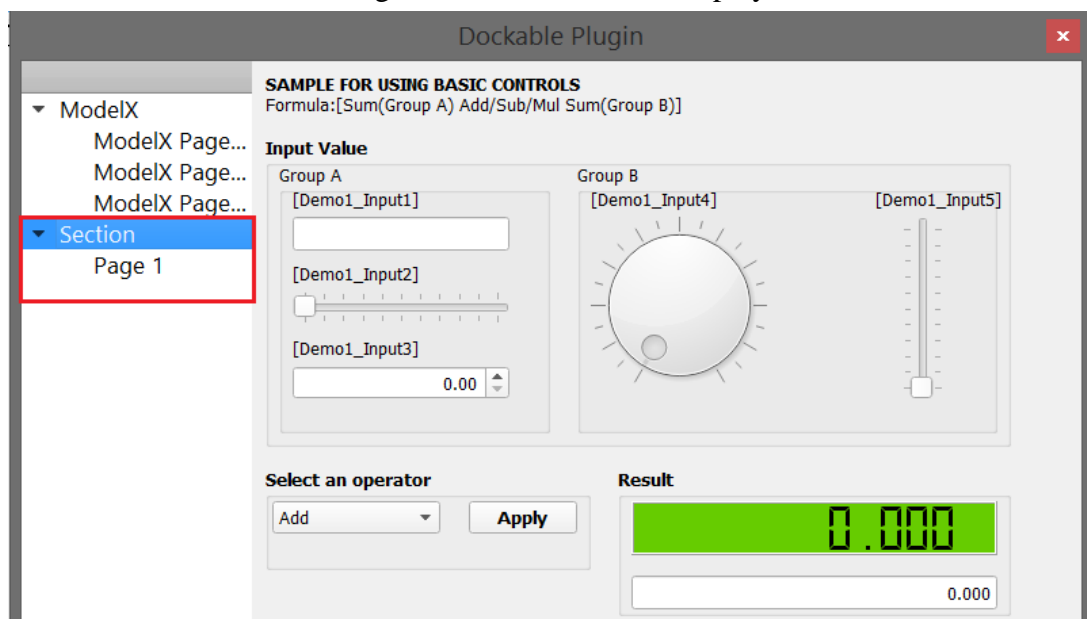


Figure 42-Add section to main window

## 6. How to use Python script file

### 6.1 How to modify Python code

Make sure you already had all necessary files for the plugin, then start the EL Console and load the Plugin as described in the [Section 4](#).

You can use a text editor such as Notepad++ to open XML resource files below:

```
$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX.xml
$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX_Page0.xml
$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX_Page1.xml
$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX_Page2.xml
$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL_PythonQt\ModelX \scripts\common.py
$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL_PythonQt\ModelX \scripts\init.py
$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL_PythonQt\ModelX \scripts\Py_ModelX_Page0.py
$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL_PythonQt\ModelX \scripts\Py_ModelX_Page1.py
$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL_PythonQt\ModelX \scripts\Py_ModelX_Page2.py
$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL_PythonQt\ModelX \scripts\PyScriptTestQtControl.py
$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL_PythonQt\ModelY\ModelY.xml
$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL_PythonQt\ModelY\ModelY_Page0.xml
$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL_PythonQt\ModelY\ModelY_Page1.xml
$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL_PythonQt\ModelY\ModelY_Page2.xml
$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL_PythonQt\ModelY \scripts\common.py
$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL_PythonQt\ ModelY \scripts\init.py
$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL_PythonQt\ ModelY \scripts\Py_ ModelY _Page0.py
$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL_PythonQt\ ModelY \scripts\Py_ ModelY _Page1.py
$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL_PythonQt\ModelY \scripts\ PyScriptTestQtControl.py
```

### 6.1.1 The functions for the Python script

Look into source code in **common.py** file, this supports 5 primary functions and 14 Qt control classes.

- **printfString(text):** (1)
- **EL\_CreateNoOpChannel** (2)
- **EL\_WriteNoOpChannel(name, value):** (3)
- **EL\_NoOpChannelValue(name):** (4)
- **EL\_WriteTableChannel(name, info\_select, x\_axis, value):** (5)
- **EL\_TableChannelValue(name, info\_select, x\_axis):** (6)
- **class CommonControl:** (7)
- **class EditControl(CommonControl):** (8)
- **class RichEditControl(CommonControl):** (9)
- **class ComboboxControl(CommonControl):** (10)
- **class SliderControl(CommonControl):** (11)
- **class SpinBoxControl(CommonControl):** (12)
- **class TextControl(CommonControl):** (13)
- **class CheckboxControl(CommonControl):** (14)
- **class ButtonControl(CommonControl):** (15)
- **class DialControl(CommonControl):** (16)
- **class LCDControl(CommonControl):** (17)
- **class ProgressbarControl(CommonControl):** (18)
- **class QTableControl(CommonControl):** (19)

FUNCTION OR CLASS	USAGE
(1)	Print string text to debugging dialog. Passed argument is text need to be display.
(2)	Create “NoOp” channel in current model. Passed arguments are name of the channel.
(3)	Set a value of a “NoOp” channel in current model. Passed arguments are name and value of the channel.
(4)	Return a value of a “NoOp” channel in current model. Passed arguments are name of the channel.
(5)	Set a value of a “Table” channel in current model. Passed arguments are name, info_select (type of value), x_asix (coordinate of value in the table) and value of the channel.



(6)	Return a value of a “Table” channel in current model. Passed arguments are name, info_select (type of value), x_asix (coordinate of value in the table) value of the channel.
(7)	Provide common functions to access and configure all kind of Qt control.
(8)	Inherit all common functions of class CommonControl and provide common functions to access and configure all Editbox Control.
(9)	Inherit all common functions of class CommonControl and provide common functions to access and configure all RichEditbox Control.
(10)	Inherit all common functions of class CommonControl and provide common functions to access and configure all Combobox Control.
(11)	Inherit all common functions of class CommonControl and provide common functions to access and configure all Slider Control.
(12)	Inherit all common functions of class CommonControl and provide common functions to access and configure all Spinbox Control.
(13)	Inherit all common functions of class CommonControl and provide common functions to access and configure all Text Control.
(14)	Inherit all common functions of class CommonControl and provide common functions to access and configure all Checkbox Control.
(15)	Inherit all common functions of class CommonControl and provide common functions to access and configure all Button Control.
(16)	Inherit all common functions of class CommonControl and provide common functions to access and configure all Dial Control.
(17)	Inherit all common functions of class CommonControl and provide common functions to access and configure all LCD Control.
(18)	Inherit all common functions of class CommonControl and provide common functions to access and configure all Progressbar Control.
(19)	Inherit all common functions of class CommonControl and provide common functions to access and configure all Table Control.

## 6.2 Example for modifying Python code in ModelX Page 0

Suppose you add a channel output “Demo1\_Input2\_Python” for edit box. You have to modify Python code and XML file; you follow the steps as below.

- a) Open **Py\_ModelX\_Page0.py** file to edit, you can find this file at the location as below.

\$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\scripts\Py\_ModelX\_Page0.py

Find lines of code in **Py\_ModelX\_Page0.py** file:

```
def OnSliderHorizontal():
    objSlider = SliderControl()
    EL_WriteNoOpChannel("Demo1_Input2", objSlider.value("8"))
```

- b) Change text “**Demo1\_Input2**” to “**Demo1\_Input2\_Python**” as image below

```
def OnSliderHorizontal():
    objSlider = SliderControl()
    EL_WriteNoOpChannel("Demo1_Input2_Python", objSlider.value("8"))
```

- c) Open **ModelX\_Page0.xml** file, you can find this file at the location as below.

\$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX\_Page0.xml

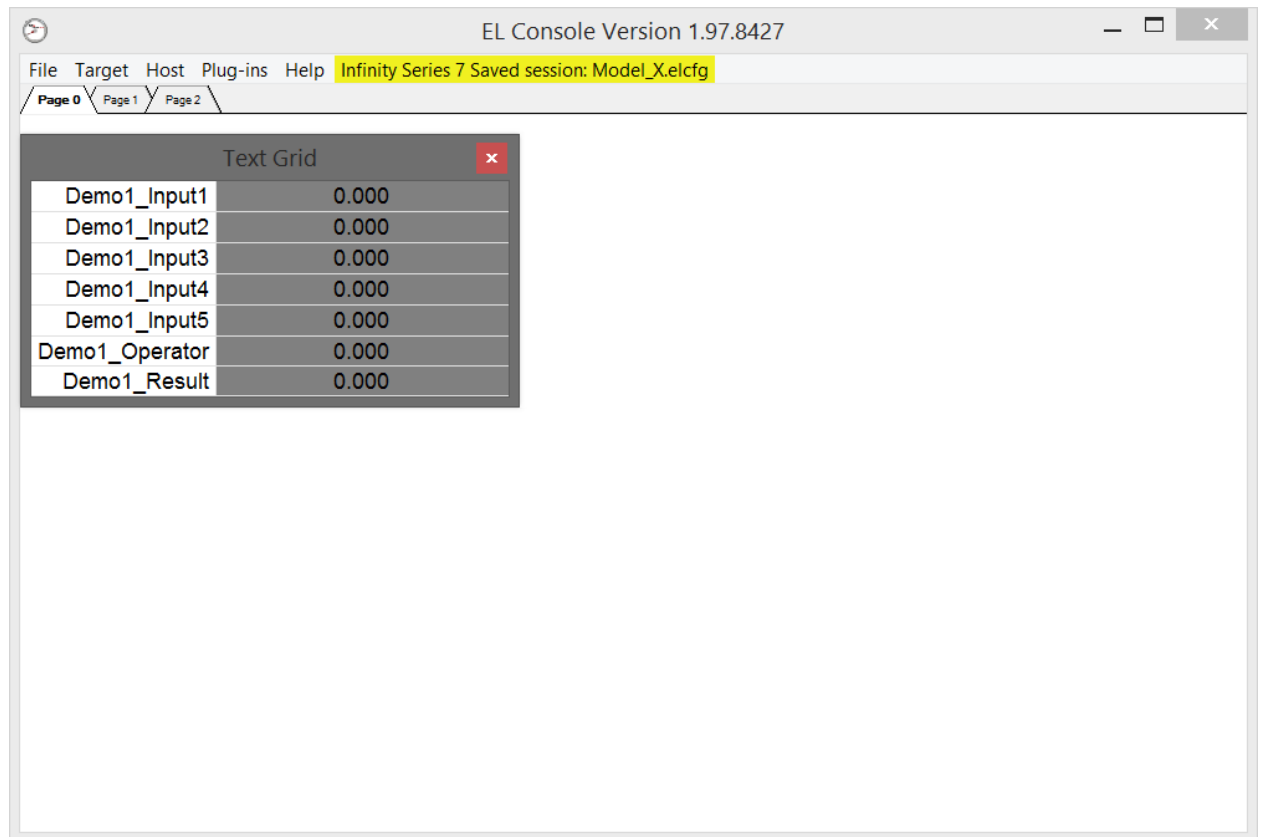
Find the lines of code in **ModelX\_Page0.xml** file:

```
<control type="editbox" rect="30 115 160 25">
    <attr name="id" value="6" />
    <attr name="textChanged_event" value="Py_ModelX_Page0 OnEditbox" />
</control>
```

- d) Add text “<attr name=“**read\_channel**” value=“**Demo1\_Input2\_Python**” />” as image below

```
<control type="editbox" rect="30 115 160 25">
    <attr name="id" value="6" />
    <attr name="read_channel" value="Demo1_Input2_Python" />
</control>
```

- e) Save the files (.xml and .py). Start EL Console, and load session and layout file, the screen is displayed picture as below.



**Figure 43-The main window of the Plugin**

- f) Select Plug-ins-> PythonQt Plugin->Load Plugin. When defined a “read\_channel” in xml file, if that channel did not exist it will be auto created. Select Targer -> Channel List, the screen is displayed as picture below.

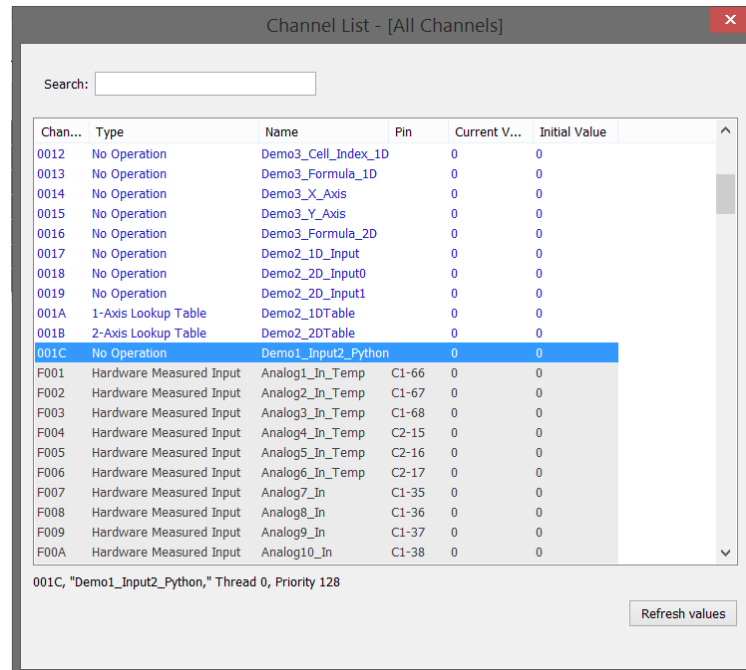


Figure 44-Channel list

- g) Click right mouse on TextGrid control -> set channel ->find and check on “**Demo1\_Input2\_Python**” channel, the screen is displayed as picture below.

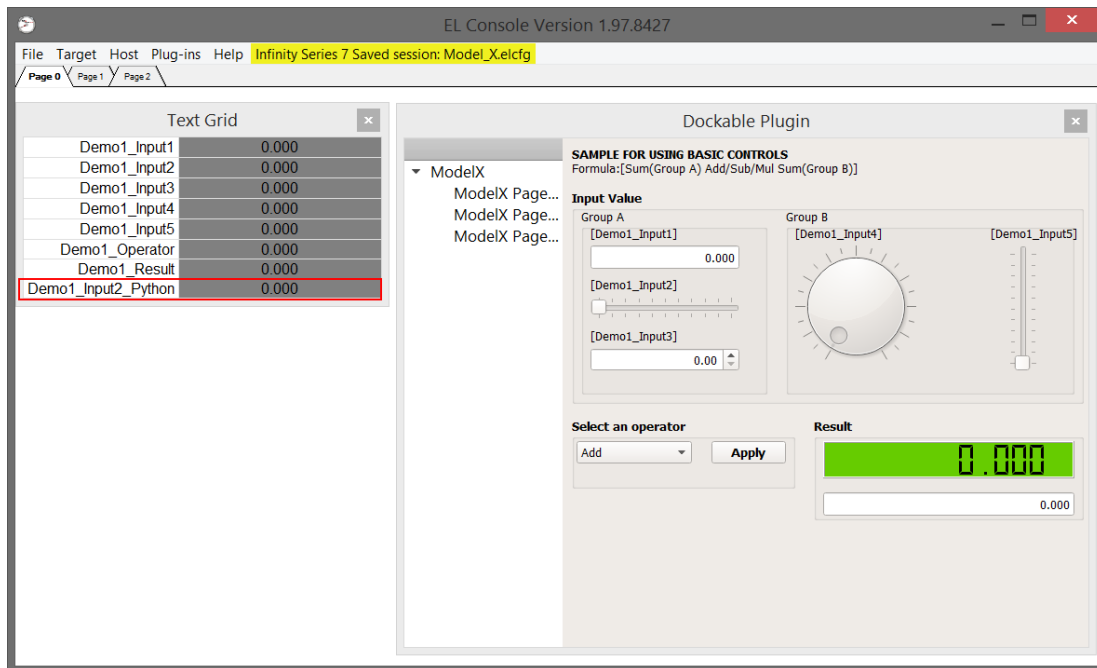
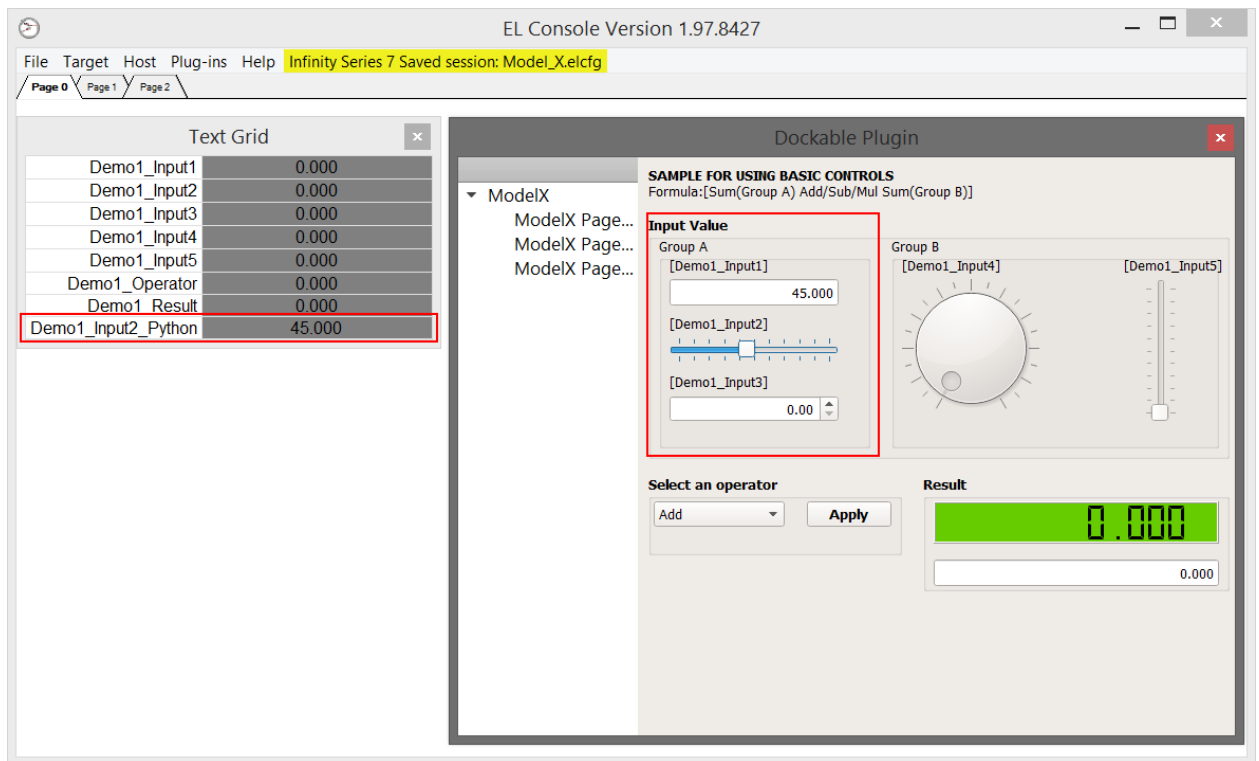


Figure 45-Set channel for the control

- h) Setting values of horizontal slider, the “**Demo1\_Input2\_Python**” channel and the edit control which define “read\_channel” “**Demo1\_Input2\_Python**” will be updated value as picture below.



**Figure 46-The result for modifying code**

### 6.3 Example for modifying Python code in ModelX Page 1

This is example for modify code in Python code. You can modify code for your purpose.

- a) Open **ModelX\_Page1.xml** file to edit, you can find this file at the location as below.

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX\_Page1.xml

Find lines of code in **ModelX\_Page1.xml** file:

```
<control type="combobox" rect="30 125 230 25">
    <attr name="id" value="28" />
    <attr name="item" value="axis_value * 0.1" />
    <attr name="item" value="axis_value * 10" />
</control>
```

- b) Modify code as below.

```
<control type="combobox" rect="30 125 230 25">
    <attr name="id" value="28" />
    <attr name="item" value="axis_value * 0.2" />
    <attr name="item" value="axis_value * 20" />
</control>
```

- c) Open **Py\_ModelX\_Page1.py** file to edit, you can find this file at the location as below.

\$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL\_PythonQt\ModelX \scripts\Py\_ModelX\_Page1.py

Find lines of code in **Py\_ModelX\_Page1.py** file:

```
...
if comboboxValue.value == "axis_value * 0.2":
    for x in range(0, 10):
        xAxisValue = EL_TableChannelValue("Demo2_1DTable", INFOSELECT_X_AXIS, x)
        EL_WriteTableChannel("Demo2_1DTable", INFOSELECT_X_AXIS, x, xAxisValue * 0.2)
elif comboboxValue.value == "axis_value * 20":
    for x in range(0, 10):
        xAxisValue = EL_TableChannelValue("Demo2_1DTable", INFOSELECT_X_AXIS, x)
        EL_WriteTableChannel("Demo2_1DTable", INFOSELECT_X_AXIS, x, xAxisValue * 20)
```

- d) Modify 0.1 -> 0.2 and 10 -> 20

e) Reload the plugin and check “Increase/Decrease values of axis”.

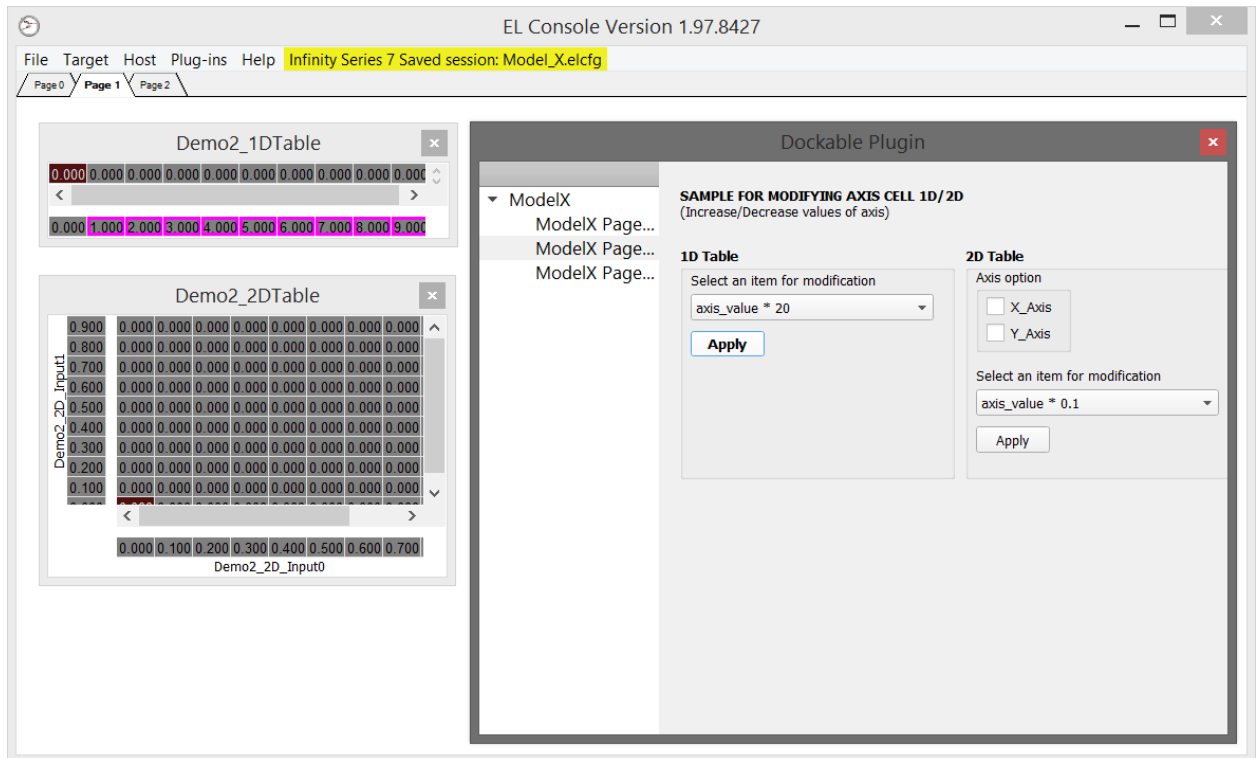


Figure 47-The result for modifying code

## 6.4 Example for modifying Python code in ModelX Page 2

This is example for modify code in Python code. You can modify code for your purpose.

- a) Open **ModelX\_Page2.xml** file to edit, you can find this file at the location as below

\$(DocumentPath)\ EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX\_Page2.xml

Find lines of code in **ModelX\_Page2.xml** file:

```
<control type="combobox" rect="30 170 220 25">

    <attr name="id" value="43" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_00" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_01" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_02" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_03" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_04" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_05" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_06" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_07" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_08" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_09" />

</control>
```

- b) Add an item (**table\_math\_10**) as code below

```
<control type="combobox" rect="30 170 220 25">

    <attr name="id" value="43" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_00" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_01" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_02" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_03" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_04" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_05" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_06" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_07" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_08" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_09" />

    <attr name="item" value="table_math_10" />

</control>
```



- c) Open **Py\_ModelX\_Page2.py** file to edit, you can find this file at the location as below.  
\$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX \scripts\Py\_ModelX\_Page2.py

Find lines of code in **Py\_ModelX\_Page2.py** file, and add code as below:

```
elif (comboboxValue.value == "table_math_07"):

    #Modify the current cell value(s) by 1

    primaryValue = primaryValue - 1

elif (comboboxValue.value == "table_math_08"):

    #Modify the current cell value(s) by 10

    primaryValue = primaryValue + 10

elif (comboboxValue.value == "table_math_09"):

    #Modify the current cell value(s) by 10

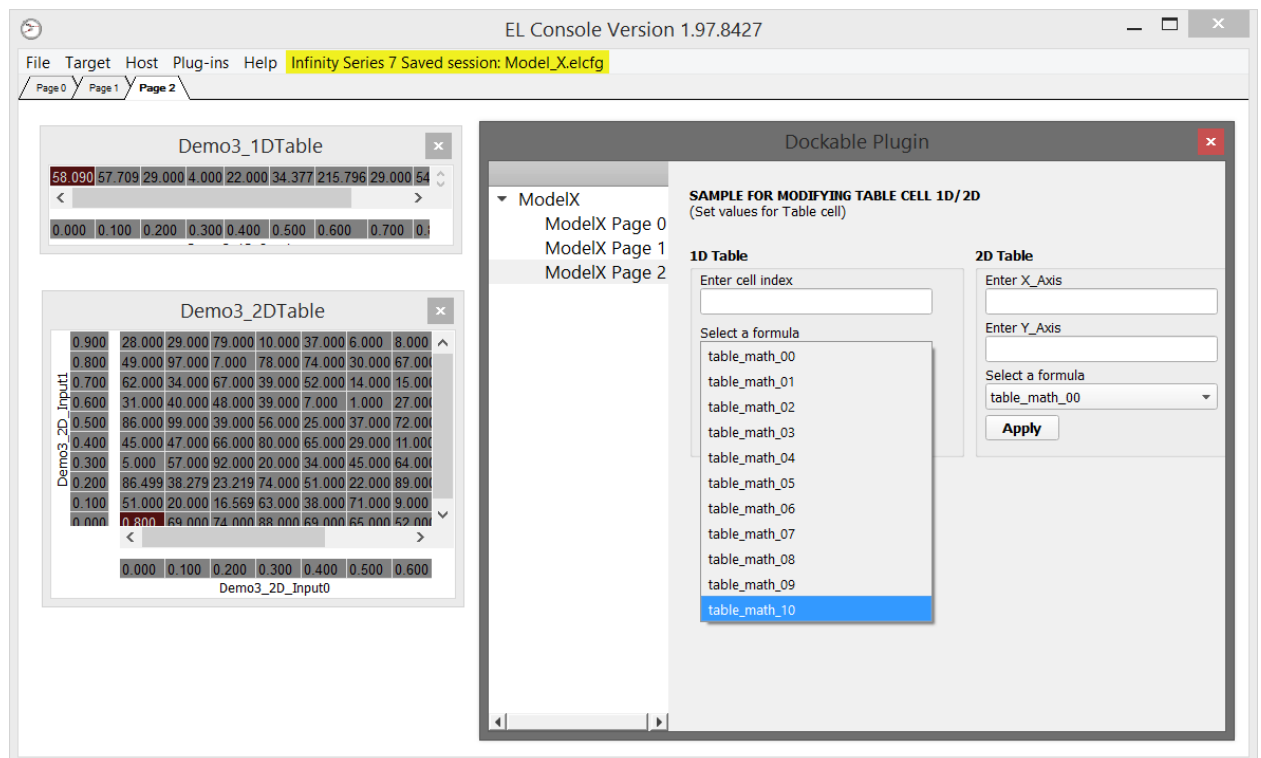
    primaryValue = primaryValue - 10

elif (comboboxValue.value == "table_math_10"):

    #Modify the current cell value(s) by 10

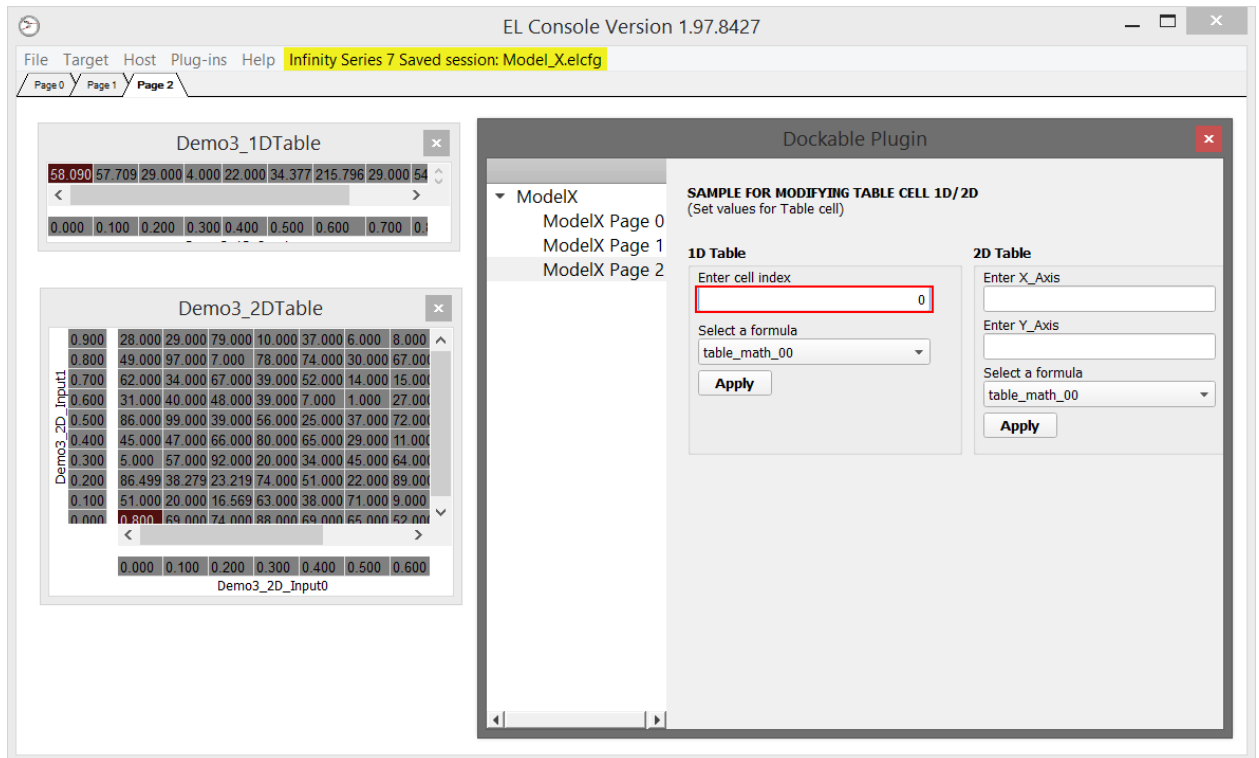
    primaryValue = primaryValue * 10
```

- d) Save the files (.xml and .py). Start EL Console -> load session and layout file -> click on combobox control, the screen is displayed picture as below.



**Figure 48-Loading EL Console and Setting for the controls**

e) Click on Apply button, check update value for table cell.



**Figure 49-The result for modifying code**

## 6.5 Example for modifying Python test Qt control functions

Suppose you want to access and configure Qt control. You have to modify Python code and XML file; you follow the steps as below.

- a) Open **PyScriptTestQtControl.py** file to edit, you can find this file at the location as below.

\$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\scripts\PyScriptTestQtControl.py

Find lines of code in **PyScriptTestQtControl.py** file:

```
g_idEditbox = "20"
```

```
def EditboxControlTest():
```

- b) Change text “20” to “6” as image below. This number is an attribute id you have defined for a Qt control.

```
g_idEditbox = "6"
```

```
def EditboxControlTest():
```

- c) Open **ModelX\_Page0.xml** file, you can find this file at the location as below.

\$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\EL\_PythonQt\ModelX\ModelX\_Page0.xml

Find the lines of code in **ModelX\_Page0.xml** file:

```
<control type="button" rect="160 325 80 24">
```

```
    <attr name="id" value="17" />
```

```
    <attr name="caption" value="Apply" />
```

```
    <attr name="style" value="bold" />
```

```
    <attr name="clicked_event" value="demo1 apply" />
```

```
</control>
```

- d) Change text “demo1 apply” to “PyScriptTestQtControl EditboxControlTest” as image below

```
<control type="button" rect="160 325 80 24">
```

```
    <attr name="id" value="17" />
```

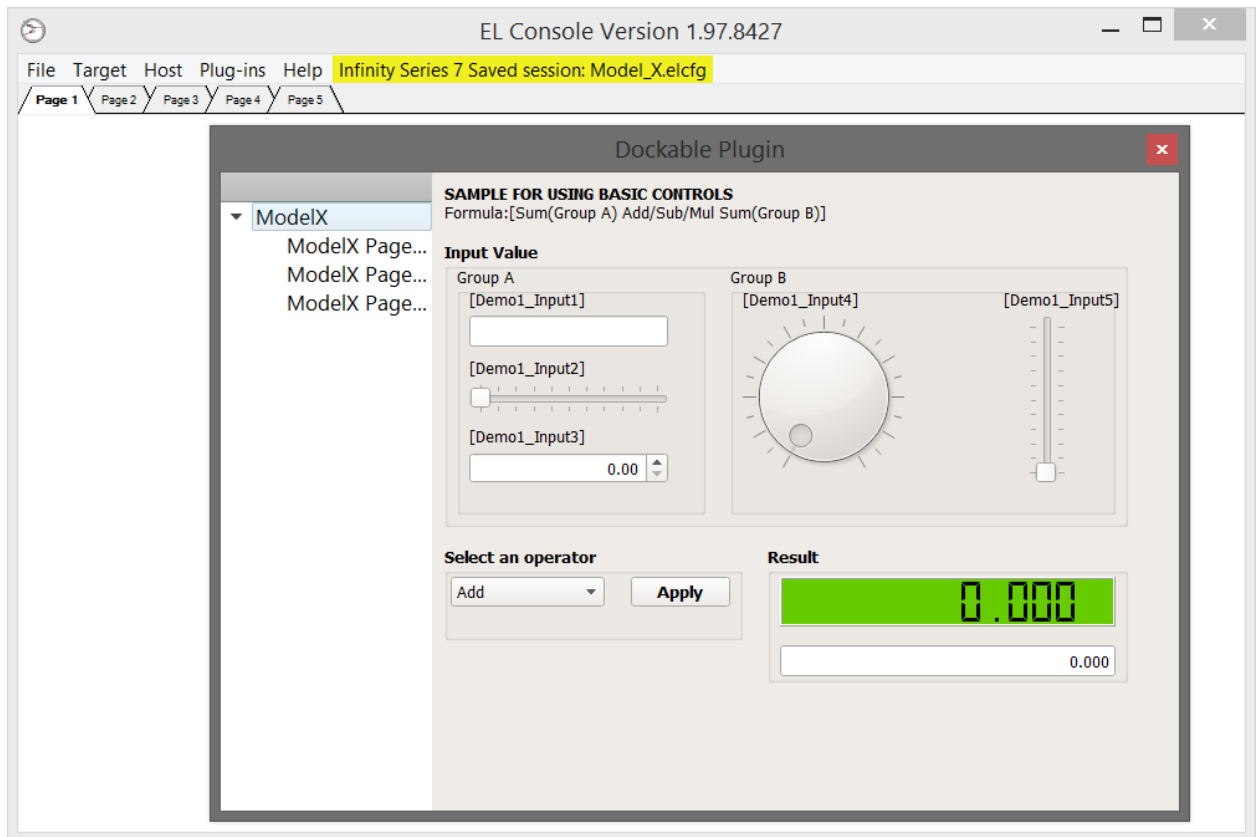
```
    <attr name="caption" value="Apply" />
```

```
    <attr name="style" value="bold" />
```

```
    <attr name="clicked_event" value="PyScriptTestQtControl EditboxControlTest " />
```

```
</control>
```

- e) Save the files (.xml and .py). Start EL Console, load session and plugin, the screen is displayed picture as below.



**Figure 50-The result for modifying code**

- f) Click on Apply button to execute all control function.

## 7. How to use debugger window

The plugin provides a debugging dialog which uses to re-direct error output and use to print string for debugging.

### 7.1 Re-direct error output

Whenever you modify and program python code, the plugin provide a way to inform if python code has error.

- Open **Py\_ModelX\_Page0.py** file to edit, you can find this file at the location as below.

\$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL\_PythonQt\ModelX \scripts\Py\_ModelX\_Page0.py

Find lines of code in **Py\_ModelX\_Page0.py** file:

```
objEdit = EditControl()
```

```
objSlider = SliderControl()
```

```
....
```

- Comment text “**objSlider = SliderControl()**” as image below

```
objEdit = EditControl()
```

```
#objSlider = SliderControl()
```

- Save the files (.xml and .py). Start EL Console. Select Plug-ins-> PythonQt Plugin->Load Plugin.

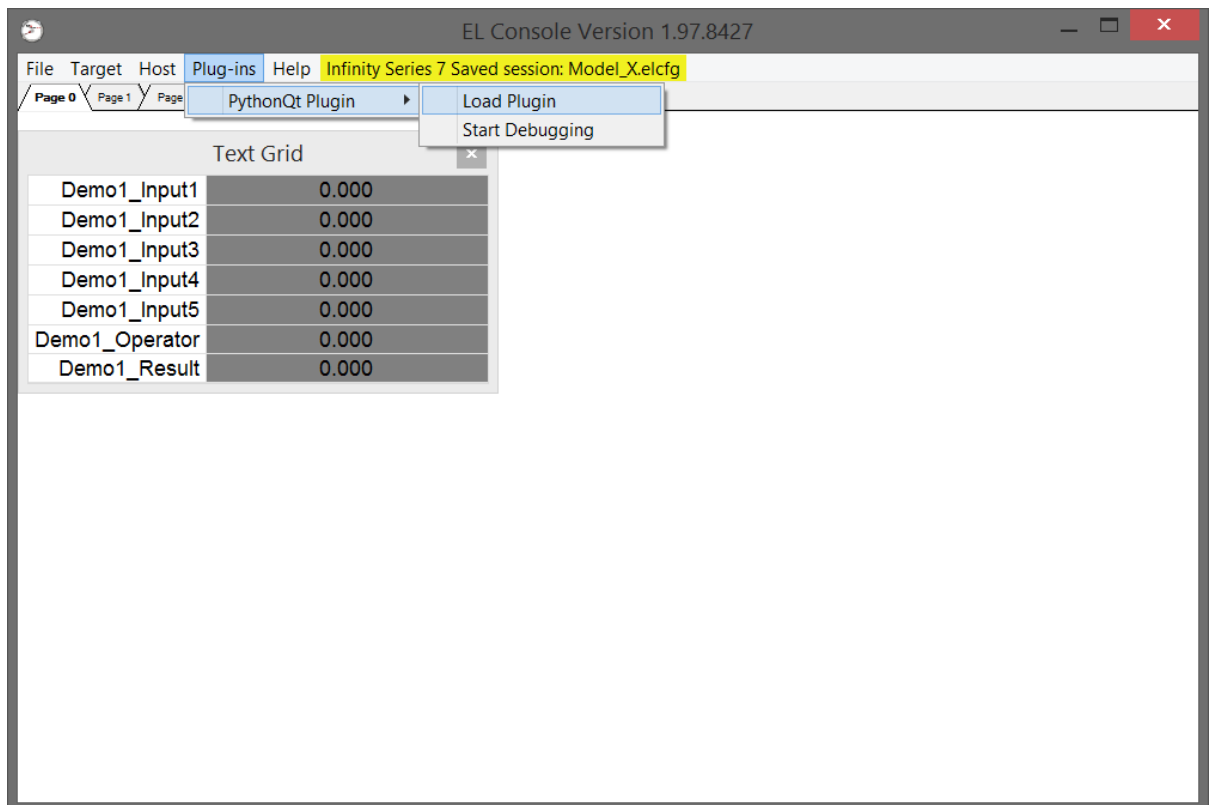


Figure 51-Load the Plugin

d) Select Plug-ins-> PythonQt Plugin->Start Debugging.

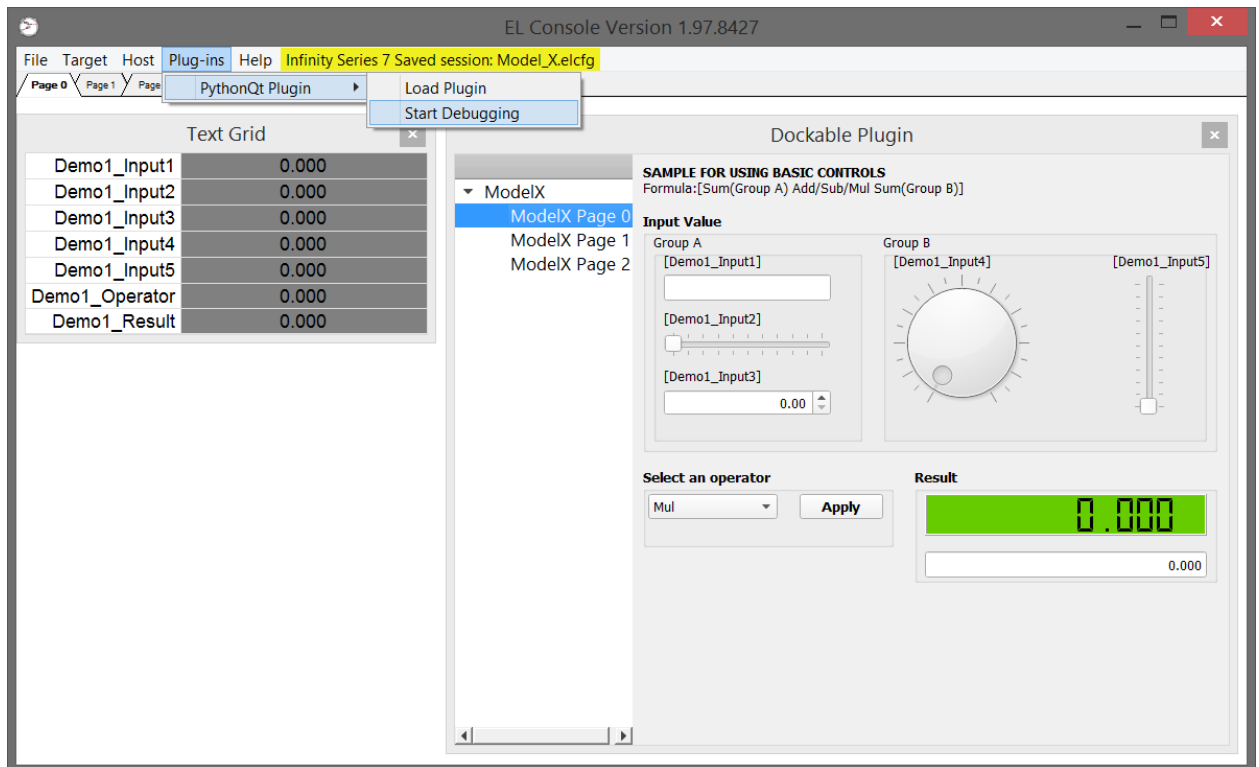


Figure 52- Start the Debugging

e) After load the plugin and the debugging.

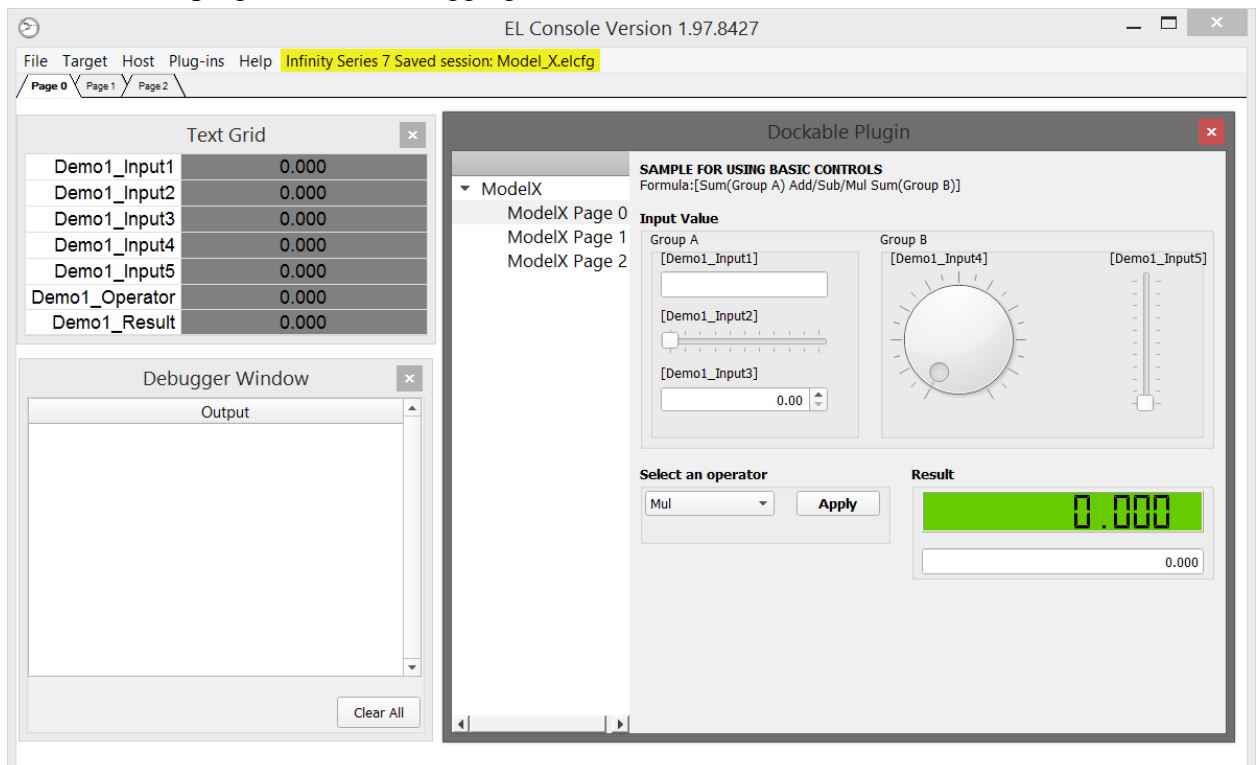


Figure 53- Start the Debugging

- f) Click on apply button. A message box will inform an error and also the debugger window will print out the same error.

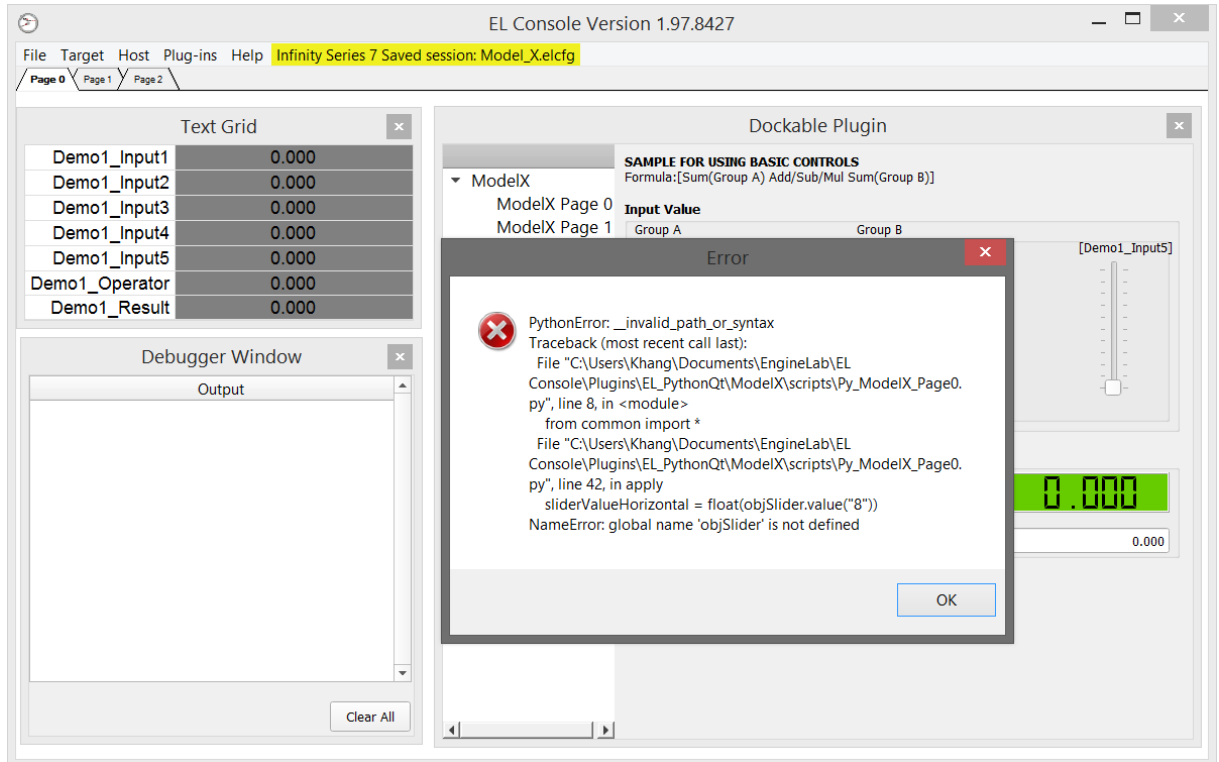


Figure 54- Message box error

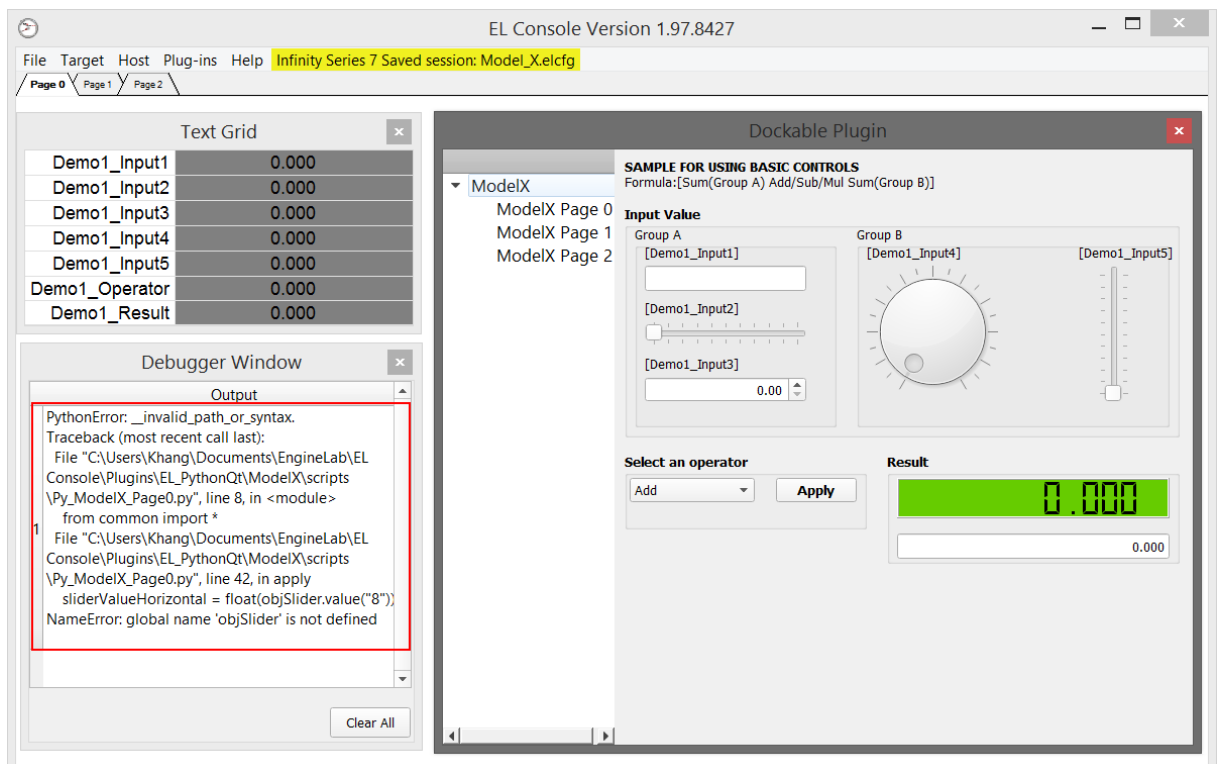


Figure 55- Error string in debugger window

## 7.2 Print string to debugger window

In python code the plugin provide a function “**printfString(text):**” to print string to debugger window. You can refer the operation of this function in [6.1.1 The functions for the Python script](#). To use this function you can refer to file “**Py\_ModelX\_Page0.py**”. You can find this file at the location as below.

\$(DocumentPath)\EngineLab\EL Console\Plugins\ EL\_PythonQt\ModelX \scripts\Py\_ModelX\_Page0.py

Find lines of code in **Py\_ModelX\_Page0.py** file:

```
....  
EL_WriteNoOpChannel("Demo1_Result", totalValue)  
printfString("After click on Apply button, the result is " + str(totalValue))  
....
```

Also refer in [4.2.1 Testing for ModelX Page 0](#) to see how it works.



## 8. How to build source code of the Plugin

When you want to change code and rebuild the .dll file for the Plugin, you refer the “*How to build the Plugin.doc*” file.

## 9. How to create the installer for the Plugin

When you want to create new an installer for the Plugin after you update .xml/Python code/plugin dll, you refer the “*How to create installer.doc*” file.

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