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Monitoring the Process using OPC UA

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1 The OPC UA Information Model Notation

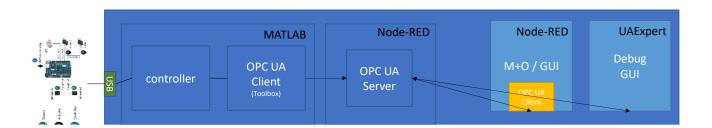


Figure 1.1: Architecture of the practicum task [1]

In Fig. 1.2 is shown the diagram of the designed OPC UA node set in the OPC UA notation.

Table 1.1 content is mapped into OPC UA notation as variable attributes.

Name	Data Type	Range	Unit	Initial Value
Input: Temperature_1	Double	30 - 60	$^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$	40
ControllerError_1	Double	(-60) - 60	$^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$	na
ManipulatedVariable_1	Double	0 - 80	%	na
Output: actualTemperature_1	Double	30 - 60	$^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$	na
LED	Boolean	true, false	na	false
Integral: Ki	Double	na	na	0.0088
Proportional: Kp	Double	na	na	1.6
Temperature_1_High_Limit	Double	na	na	60
ManufacturerName	String	na	na	Byu Prism
ManufacturerProductDesignation	String	na	na	Arduino Temperature Control Lab
ManufacturerProductFamily	String	na	na	Educational Equipment
SerialNumber	String	na	na	F7DH4HJ
YearOfConstruction	String	na	na	2020
Address	String	na	na	Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602

Table 1.1: Parameters of the device which are defined in the OPC UA server [1]

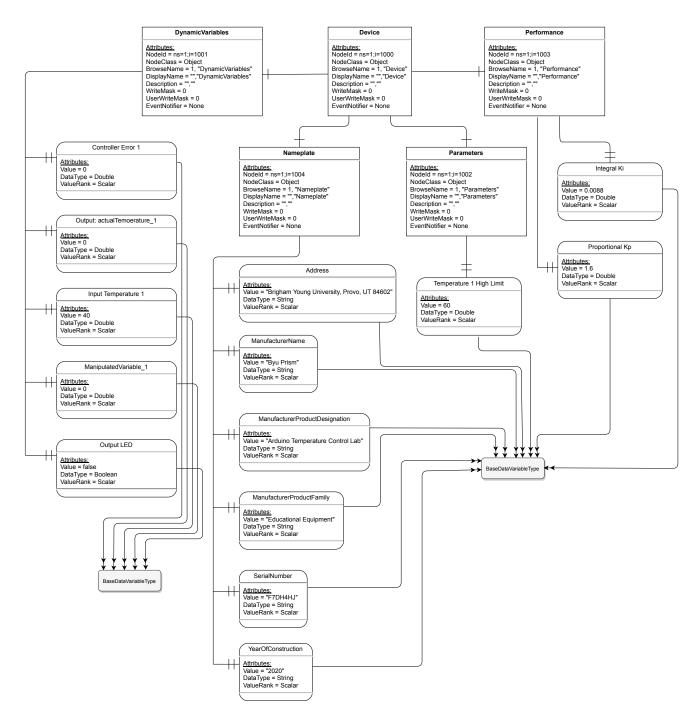


Figure 1.2: Description of the designed OPC UA node set in the OPC UA notation

2 Configuration of the OPC UA server

The java script code of the OPC UA server configuration is given in Appendix A and is based on the handout which was provided [1]. The variables that are received from the client to the server-side are: temperature of sensor 1, controller output, proportional controller gain, integral controller coefficient, error signal. These variables are updated on each iteration of the loop. The variables which are sent from the server-side to the client-side are command signal, controller gain, and integral controller coefficient.

Detailed description of the variables functionality:

- temp1 with "browseName": "Output: actualTemperature_1" is used to store the temperature value of sensor 1 and it is updated on every iteration of the control loop.
- tempinput with "browseName": "Input: Temperature_1" is used to store the value of the command signal 1 and is fed to the control loop on each iteration.
- heater1 with "browseName": "ManipulatedVariable_1" is used to store the value of the controller output and it is updated on every iteration of the control loop.
- controller_error1 with "browseName": "Controller Error 1" is used to store the value of the error signal and it is updated on every iteration of the control loop.
- led with "browseName": "Output: LED" is used to store the current value of the LED.
- temp1_limit with "browseName": "Temperature_1_High_Limit" is used to store the value of the temperature 1 upper boundary, and it is displayed in the graphical user interface.
- kp with "browseName": "Proportional: Kp" is used to store the value of the proportional controller gain and is fed to the control loop on each iteration.
- ki with "browseName": "Integral: Ki" is used to store the value of the integral controller gain and is fed to the control loop on each iteration.
- manufacturer_name, manufacturer_product_designation, address, serial_number, manufacturer_product_family, year_of_construction have string datatype and are displayed in the graphical user interface.

3 Screenshots

3.1 The GUI root

In Fig. 3.1 is shown the root of the graphical user interface. The user interface contains 3 pages:

- Temperature 1, which displays the plot of the output of sensor 1 and the command signal in one graph.
- Heater 1, which displays the output of the PI controller.
- LED, which displays the output of the LED.

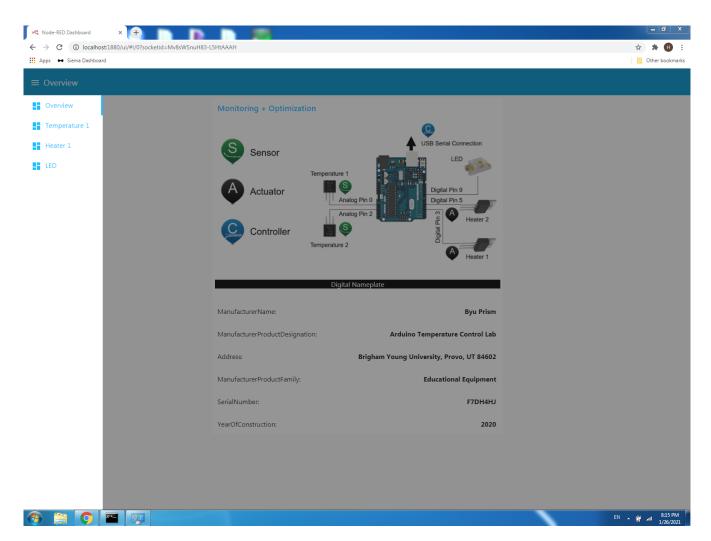


Figure 3.1: Root of the GUI

3.2 The signal curve

Fig. 3.2 displays the signal curve of the sensor 1 output as well as the command signal in the same graph.



Figure 3.2: Signal curve of temperature 1

3.3 Variable description

Fig. 3.3 displays the "Compact Context Server" address space field. Formatting the address space is performed through java script code given in Appendix A.

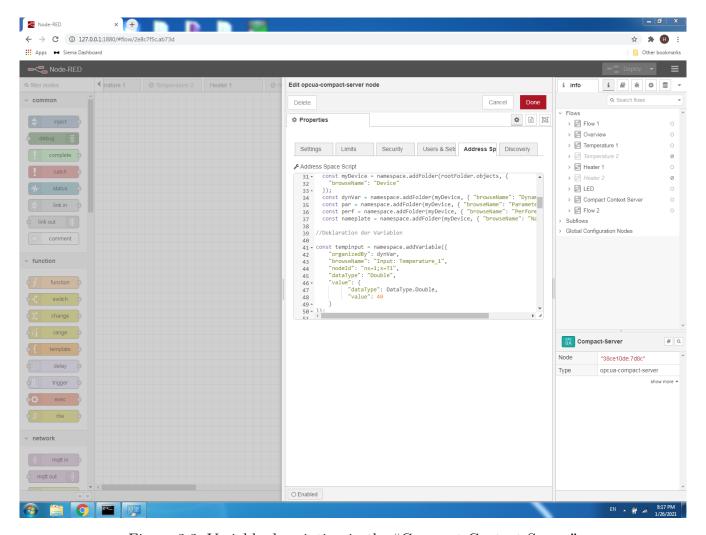


Figure 3.3: Variable description in the "Compact Context Server"

4 Changing thresholds

Initially, the threshold was set $30 - 60 \,^{\circ}C$ and was later updated to $30 - 50 \,^{\circ}C$. This was done by changing the condition which prints a message in the GUI from "(msg.payload>=30 msg.payload<=50)" to "(msg.payload>=30 msg.payload<=50)". In the presented setup an optimization algorithm was not used, so by changing the thresholds the operator in that case would only get an error message through the graphical user interface which indicates that the value of the temperature is not within the specified boundaries. An optimization algorithm can be developed in order to automate the process and to define new controller parameters automatically in order to keep the output value between the specified boundaries or to perform other control actions. However, as this was not part of the task it was not implemented in our project.

References

[1] Handout-Temperature Control Lab 4.

A Appendix

```
function constructAlarmAddressSpace(server, addressSpace, eventObjects,
      done) {
2
3
     const opcua = coreServer.choreCompact.opcua;
4
     const LocalizedText = opcua.LocalizedText;
6
     const namespace = addressSpace.getOwnNamespace();
7
     const Variant = opcua.Variant;
8
     const DataType = opcua.DataType;
9
     const DataValue = opcua.DataValue;
10
11
     var flexServerInternals = this;
12
13
     coreServer.debugLog("init dynamic address space");
14
     const rootFolder = addressSpace.findNode("RootFolder");
15
16
17
     node.warn("construct new address space for OPC UA");
18
19
20
     const myDevice = namespace.addFolder(rootFolder.objects, {
       "browseName": "Device"
21
22
     });
     const dynVar = namespace.addFolder(myDevice, { "browseName": "
23
        DynamicVariables" });
24
     const par = namespace.addFolder(myDevice, { "browseName": "Parameters"
         });
     const perf = namespace.addFolder(myDevice, { "browseName": "
25
        Performance" });
26
     const nameplate = namespace.addFolder(myDevice, { "browseName": "
        Nameplate" });
27
28
29
30
   const tempinput = namespace.addVariable({
       "organizedBy": dynVar,
31
       "browseName": "Input: Temperature_1",
32
       "nodeId": "ns=1;s=T1",
33
       "dataType": "Double",
34
       "value": {
35
```

```
36
              "dataType": DataType.Double,
37
              "value": 40
38
       }
   });
39
40
   const temp1 = namespace.addVariable({
41
42
        "organizedBy": dynVar,
       "browseName": "Output: actualTemperature_1",
43
44
       "nodeId": "ns=1;s=T3",
       "dataType": "Double",
45
       "value": {
46
              "dataType": DataType.Double,
47
              "value": undefined
48
49
       }
   });
50
51
52
53
54
55
56
   const heater1 = namespace.addVariable({
57
       "organizedBy": dynVar,
58
       "browseName": "ManipulatedVariable_1",
59
       "nodeId": "ns=1;s=H1",
60
       "dataType": "Double",
61
62
       "value": {
63
              "dataType": DataType.Double,
64
              "value": 0
65
66
   });
67
68
69
70
71
72
73
74
   const controller_error1 = namespace.addVariable({
       "organizedBy": dynVar,
75
       "browseName": "Controller Error 1",
76
77
       "nodeId": "ns=1;s=CE1",
       "dataType": "Double",
78
79
       "value": {
80
              "dataType": DataType.Double,
              "value": 0
81
       }
82
```

```
83
    });
84
 85
86
87
    const led = namespace.addVariable({
        "organizedBy": dynVar,
88
 89
        "browseName": "Output: LED",
        "nodeId": "ns=1;s=led",
90
91
        "dataType": "Boolean",
        "value": {
 92
93
               "dataType": DataType.Boolean,
               "value": false
94
        }
 95
96
    });
97
98
    const temp1_limit = namespace.addVariable({
99
        "organizedBy": par,
        "browseName": "Temperature_1_High_Limit",
100
101
        "nodeId": "ns=1;s=T1_limit",
102
        "dataType": "Double",
103
        "value": {
104
               "dataType": DataType.Double,
105
               "value": 60
106
107
    });
108
109
110
111
    const kp = namespace.addVariable({
112
        "organizedBy": perf,
113
        "browseName": "Proportional: Kp",
114
        "nodeId": "ns=1; s=kp",
        "dataType": "Double",
115
        "value": {
116
117
               "dataType": DataType.Double,
118
               "value": 1.6
119
        }
    });
120
121
122
    const ki = namespace.addVariable({
123
        "organizedBy": perf,
124
        "browseName": "Integral: Ki",
125
        "nodeId": "ns=1; s=ki",
        "dataType": "Double",
126
        "value": {
127
128
               "dataType": DataType.Double,
               "value": 0.0088
129
```

```
130
        }
   });
131
132
    const manufacturer_name = namespace.addVariable({
133
134
        "organizedBy": nameplate,
        "browseName": "ManufacturerName",
135
136
        "nodeId": "ns=1; s=manufacturer_name",
137
        "dataType": "String",
138
        "value": {
139
               "dataType": DataType.String,
               "value": "Byu Prism"
140
141
              }
142
   });
143
    const manufacturer_product_designation = namespace.addVariable({
144
145
        "organizedBy": nameplate,
        "browseName": "ManufacturerProductDesignation",
146
        "nodeId": "ns=1;s=manufacturer_product_designation",
147
148
        "dataType": "String",
        "value": {
149
150
               "dataType": DataType.String,
151
              "value": "Arduino Temperature Control Lab"
152
              }
153
   });
154
155
    const address = namespace.addVariable({
156
        "organizedBy": nameplate,
157
        "browseName": "Address",
158
        "nodeId": "ns=1;s=address",
159
        "dataType": "String",
160
        "value": {
161
               "dataType": DataType.String,
162
               "value": "Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602"
163
        }
   });
164
165
166
    const manufacturer_product_family = namespace.addVariable({
        "organizedBy": nameplate,
167
        "browseName": "ManufacturerProductFamily",
168
169
        "nodeId": "ns=1;s=manufacturer_product_family",
170
        "dataType": "String",
        "value": {
171
172
               "dataType": DataType.String,
173
              "value": "Educational Equipment"
174
        }
175
    });
176
```

```
const serial_number = namespace.addVariable({
177
178
        "organizedBy": nameplate,
179
        "browseName": "SerialNumber",
180
        "nodeId": "ns=1; s=serial_number",
        "dataType": "String",
181
182
        "value": {
183
              "dataType": DataType.String,
184
              "value": "F7DH4HJ"
185
        }
   });
186
187
188
    const year_of_construction = namespace.addVariable({
189
        "organizedBy": nameplate,
        "browseName": "YearOfConstruction",
190
191
        "nodeId": "ns=1; s=year_of_construction",
192
        "dataType": "String",
193
        "value": {
194
              "dataType": DataType.String,
195
              "value": "2020"
196
        }
197
   });
198
199
200
      coreServer.debugLog("create dynamic address space done");
201
      node.warn("construction of new address space for OPC UA done");
202
203
      done();
204
   }
```