Application Note



Alarmhandling at Festo Controllers

The Application Note describe the limitation of Alarm-configuration on Festo PLC with Codesys runtime 3.5.15.x

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1 Components/Software used

Type/Name	Version Software/Firmware	Date of manufacture
Codesys	3.5.15.40	

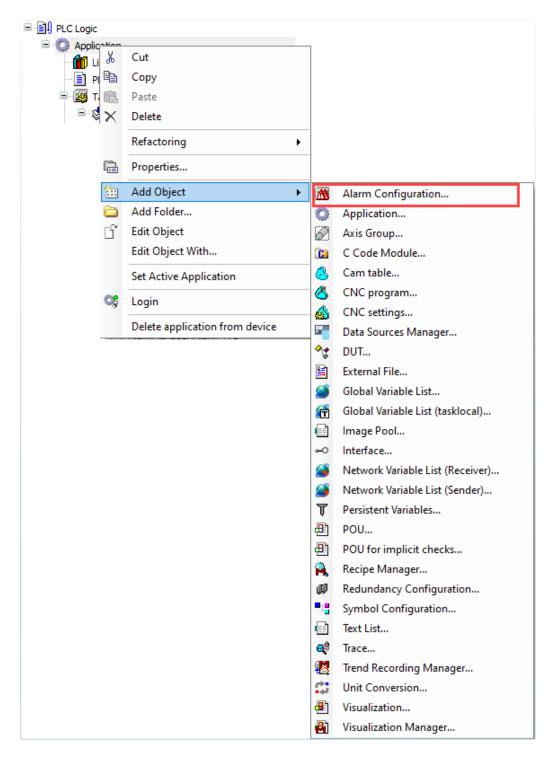
Table 1.1: 1 Components/Software used

2 Introduction

The *Alarm Configuration* on Festo Controllers is available since Codesys V3.5 SP15 Patch 4. On Festo controllers the usage of the *Alarm Configuration* option doesn't support the complete functionality. The storage option is disabled, because this option uses a lot of flash memory not only for the storage database but also for the storage functionality in the runtime. In the following the supported functions and the limitations will be described. The *Alarm Configuration* itself works without limitations, but no history can be saved. The visualisation elements of the *Alarm Manager* cannot be used, because these elements needs the storage functionality of the *Alarm Configuration*.

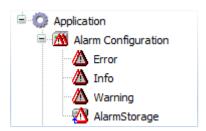
2.1 Add Alarm Configuration

The Alarm Configuration is an option which can be activated in a Codesys project. In a Codesys project, open the context menu by right mouse click on the Application, choose: *Alarm Configuration*.



2.1.1 Full functionality

The picture shows the full basic *Alarm Configuration* with *AlarmStorage* option.



2.1.2 Functionality on Festo controllers

The picture shows the limited *Alarm Configuration* without the *AlarmStorage* option



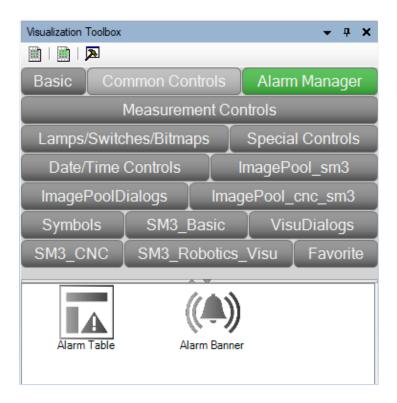
2.2 Usage on Festo controllers

On Festo Controllers the Alarm handling can only be used **without** the storage option. Mainly the Alarm handling is used by the OPC UA-Server. The OPC UA-Server uses the Alarm handling for error messaging.

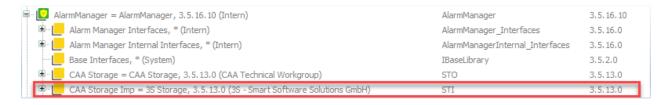
3 Limitations

The *AlarmManager* visualisation elements are using the *Alarm Configuration* functionality. The *AlarmManager* has two Elements:

- AlarmTable
- AlarmBanner



The visualisation elements of the *AlarmManager* can't be used on Festo Controllers. If one of these two elements is used in a visualisation, an error occurs at downloading the project to the controller. These two elements using implicitly the functions of the CAA Storage library.



The counterparts of these functions are not implemented in the runtime. This leads to the following error message:

