

Fatek OPC Server

User's Manual

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1. Overview

OPC Server is a standard software application and is widely used in field applications. The Fatek OPC Server is the classic OPC server for connecting to the FBs/B1z PLC series from FATEK. It is based on Fatek communication protocol, and includes serial (FatekSerialOPC) and ethernet (FatekNetOPC) servers for different communication interface of PLC. SCADA and customize applications with OPC client can directly access the registers of PLC through Fatek OPC Servers.

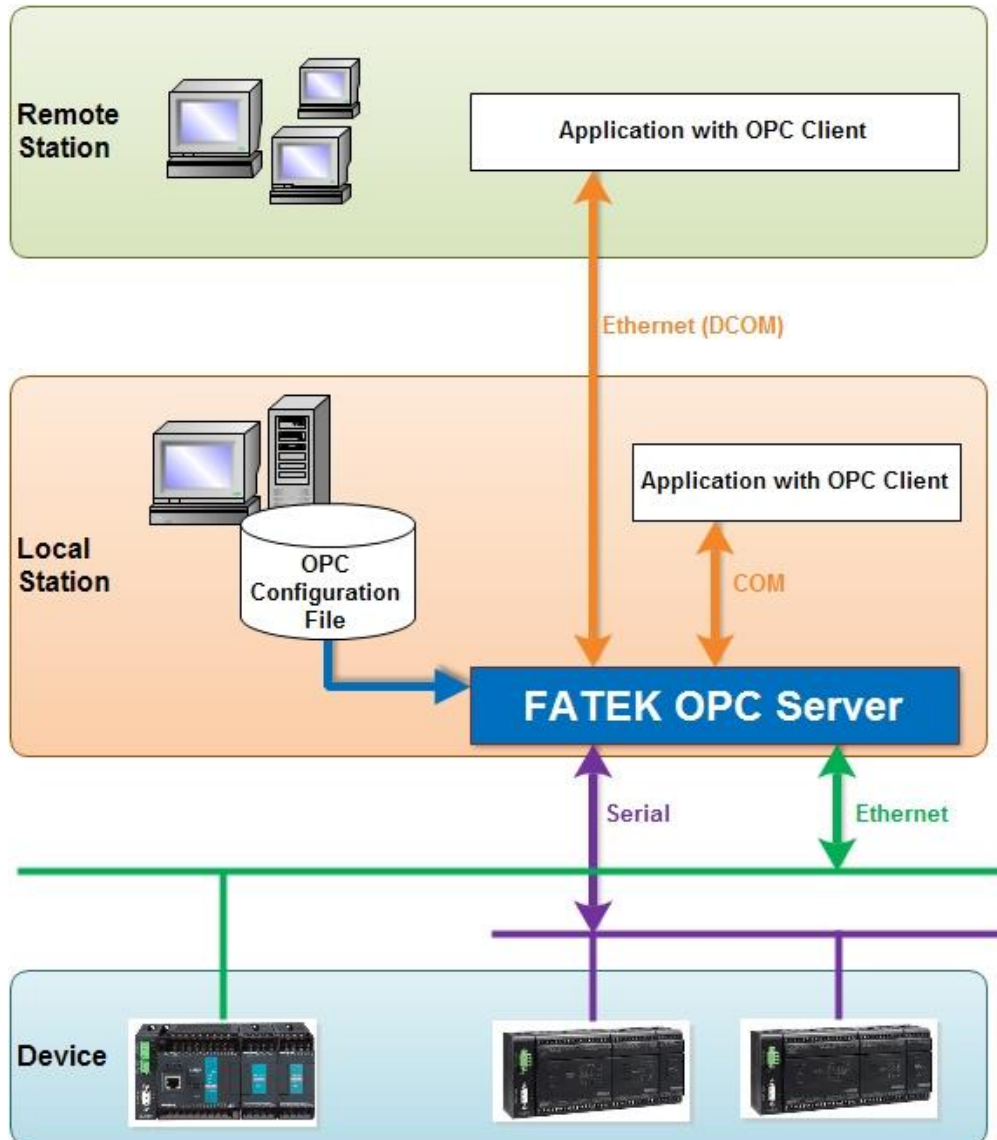




Figure 1: Fatek OPC Server System Structure

Key features of the Fatek OPC Server include:

- Supports OPC Data Access (DA) and OPC Alarm and Event (AE) specifications.
- Supports engineering data conversion to client’s request.
- Supports value simulation for all data items.
- Supports multiplier to create tags quickly.
- Tags can be grouped in logical folders.
- Remote tag browsing and access from OPC Client.
- Supports read and write Fatek PLC registers.
- User could define high/low Alarm and digital alarm condition.
- Easy to monitor the values of PLC registers after configuring the tags.

2. Specification

Table 1: Fatek OPC Server specification

Item	Characteristics	
Compliance with	OPC Data Access (DA) Version 1.0 OPC Data Access (DA) Version 2.05A OPC Data Access (DA) Version 3.0 OPC Alarm and Event(AE) Version 1.10 OPC Complex Data Version 1.0 OPC Common Definitions and Interfaces Version 1.0	
Communication	 Serial	FatekSerialOPC
	 Ethernet	FatekNetOPC
Support PLC	FBs Series B1/B1z Series	
Support Registers	Input discrete	X/WX/DWX
	Output relay	Y/WY/DWY
	Internal relay	M/WM/DWM
	Step relay	S/WS/DWS
	Timer discrete	T/WT/DWT
	Counter discrete	C/WC/DWC
	Timer register	RT/DRT
	Counter register	RTC/DRTC
	Data register	R/DR
	Data register	D/DD
	File register	F/DF

3. Installation

System requirements:

- CPU: 233 MHz processor
- RAM: 64 MB
- OS: Microsoft Windows 2000
Windows-XP
Windows7
- .NET Framework 3.5 or latter version

The Fatek OPC Server runs on PC with Windows operation system. First please launch the setup.exe to start the installation wizard. Step by step to finish the installation process.

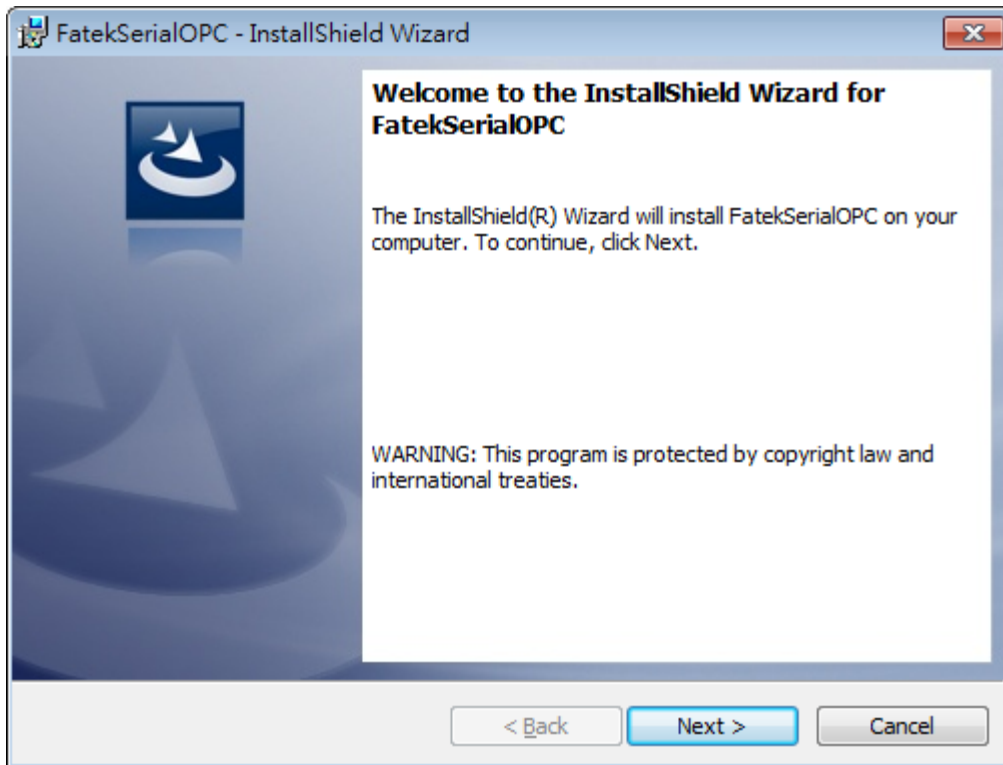


Figure 2: Installation Welcome

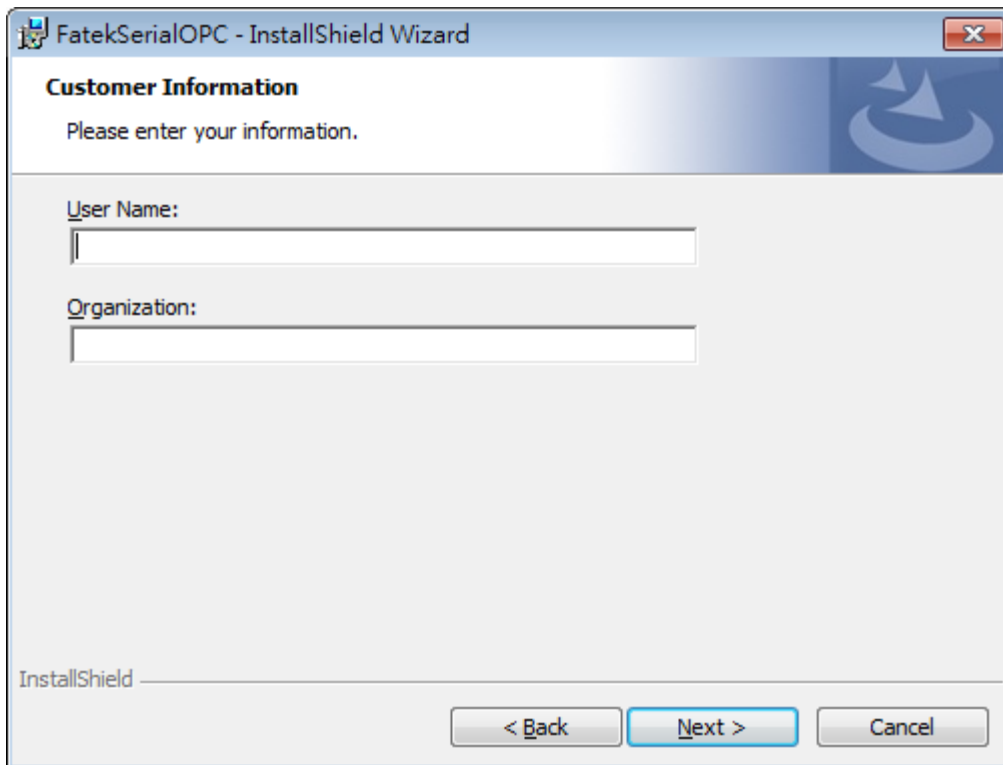


Figure 3: User Information

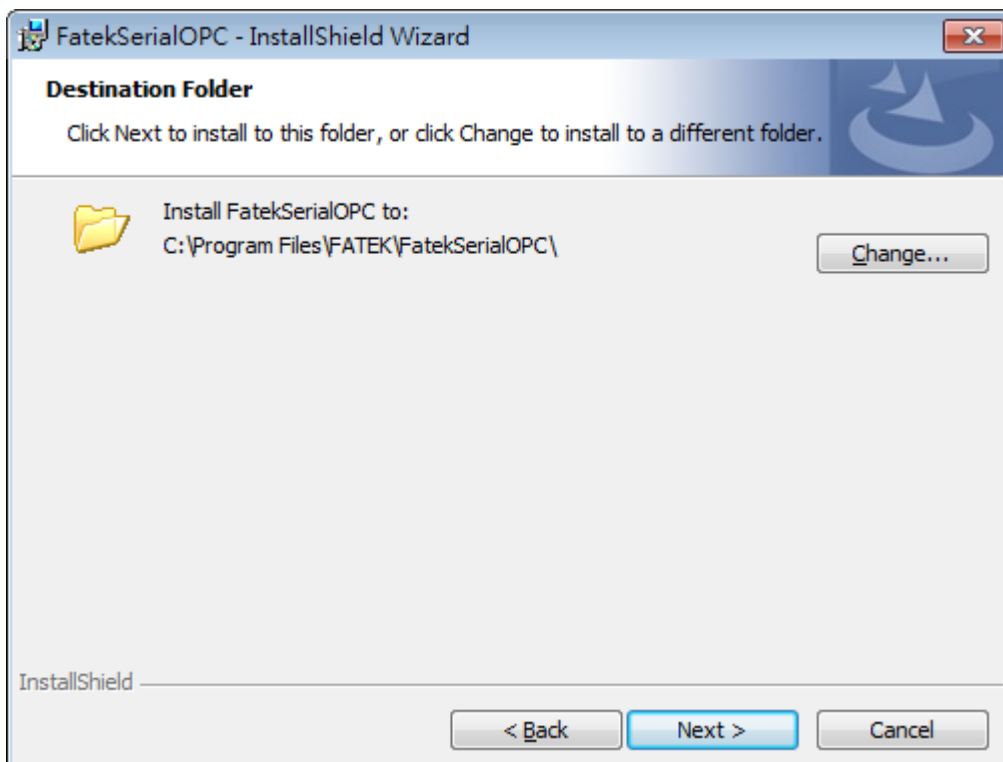


Figure 4: Choosing Destination Folder

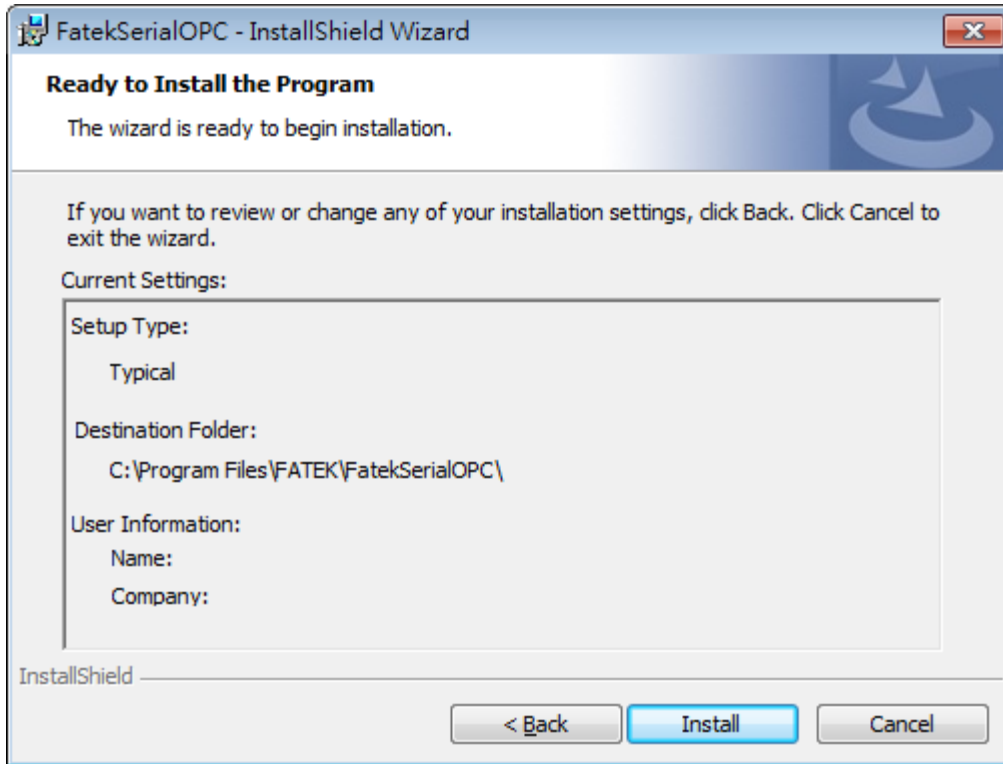


Figure 5: Ready to Install

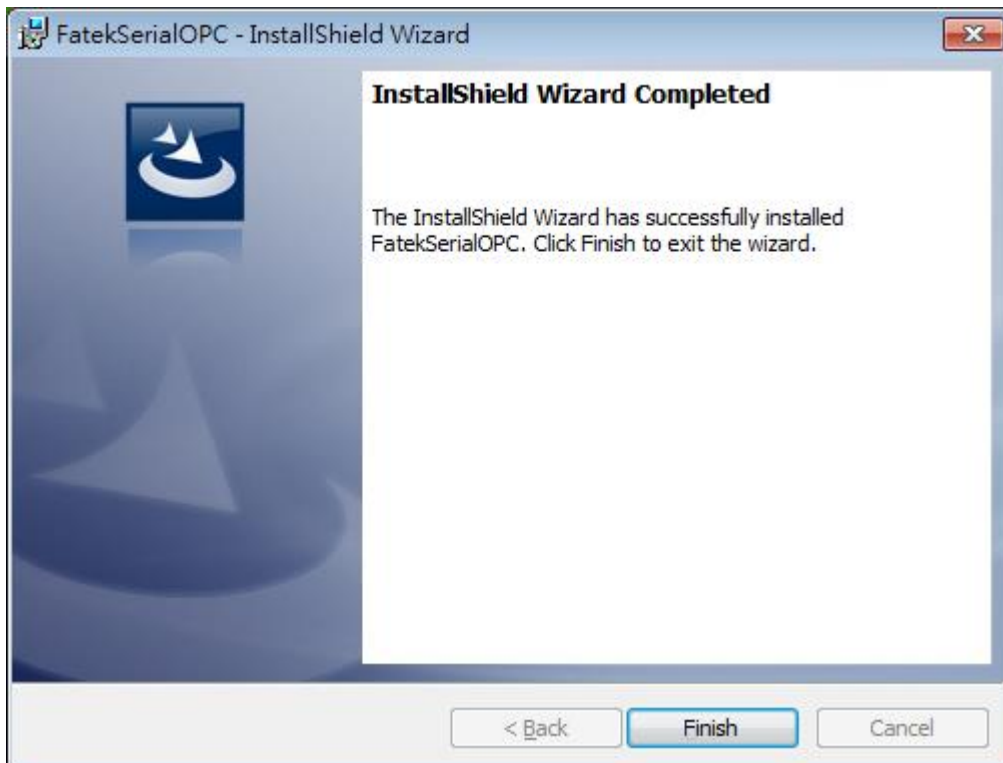


Figure 6: Setup Completed

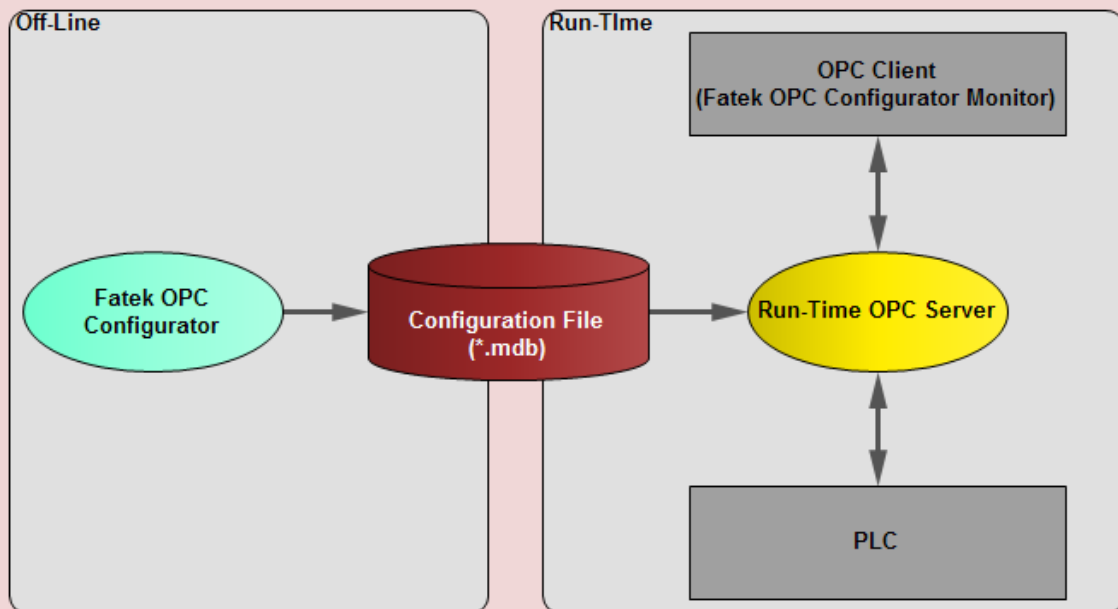
ATTENTION:

There are two application included in each Fatek OPC Server:

- **Fatek OPC Configurator**
- **Run-Time OPC Server**

Before connecting with Fatek OPC Server by using SCADA or OPC Client, please launch the Fatek OPC Configurator to off-line configure the database(*.mdb) for Run-Time OPC Server first. Then “Active” (5.1.4) the mdb file after setting and close the configurator tool.

Run-Time OPC Server is registered on Windows System after installation. When OPC Client connects with the server, user does not need to launch the configurator. Run-Time OPC Server will launch automatically, and access the register data of PLC according to the Active mdb database.



After installation, please open the Fatek OPC Configurator from the Windows **Start Menu > Fatek PLC > FatekSerialOPC Configurtor (or FatekNetOPC Configurator)**.

The **License Info Dialog** will show first if the legal License Key (*.flk) is not installed. Click “Trail” button, user could evaluate the trial version directly to test without the License Key. The License Key is generated by Fatek, and it is according to the machine registration file (*.frk) from the PC device which Fatek OPC server will run on.

If you have purchased the product, please generate the machine registration file first. Then email the file to Fatek for requesting the License Key. When you get the key from Fatek, please install the key. The standard version will unlock the limitation and functions.

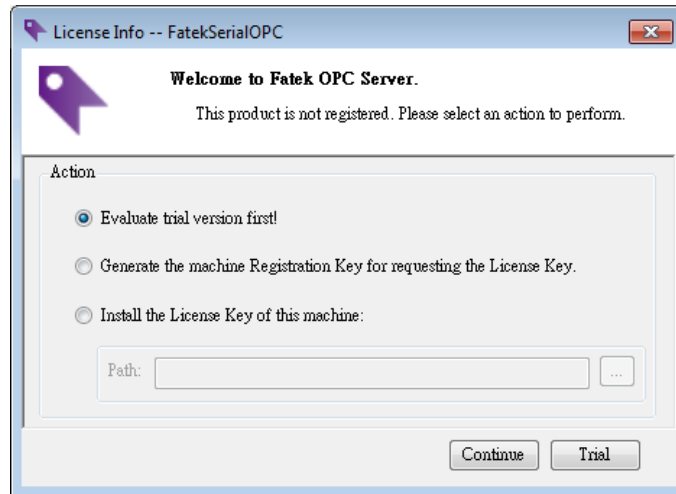


Figure 7: License Info dialog

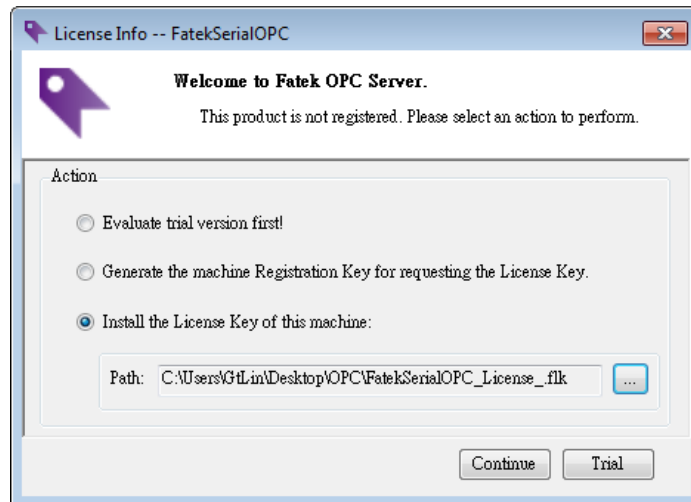


Figure 8: Install License Key dialog

4. Quick Start

4.1 Data Access

Read the R0 register of Fatek FBs PLC device through Fatek Serial OPC Server. System condition and setting steps are as follows.

Local Port: COM1

FBs PLC Settings:

Station Number: 1

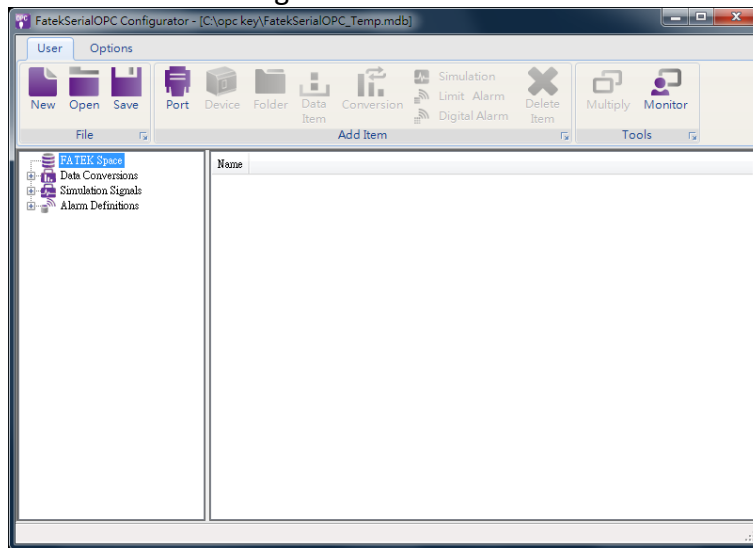
Baud rate: 9600

Parity: Even

Data bits: 7

Stop bits: 1

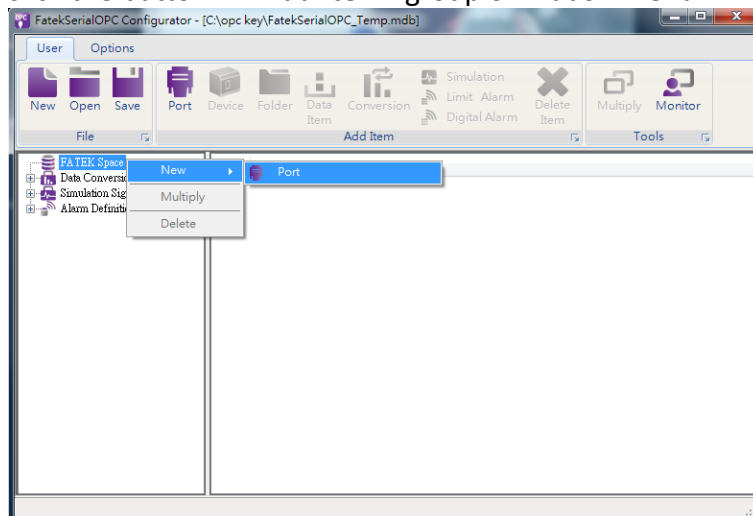
- Launch FatekSerialOPC Configurator



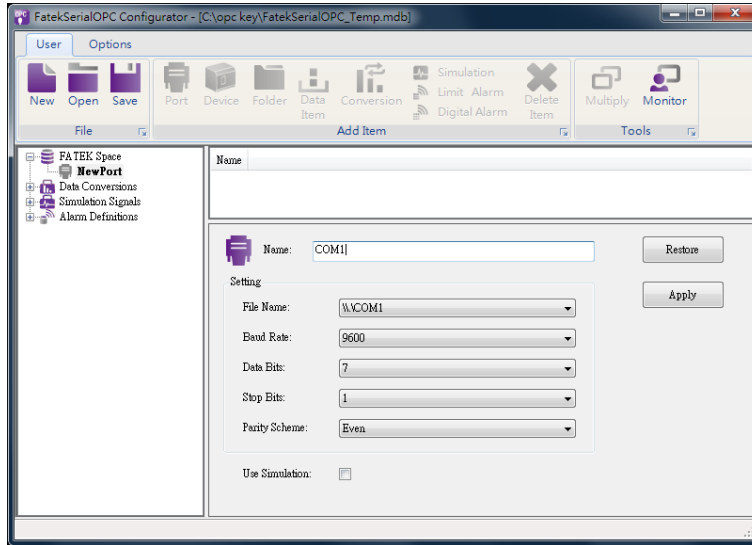
- How to add item

Select the target tree node in tree view area.

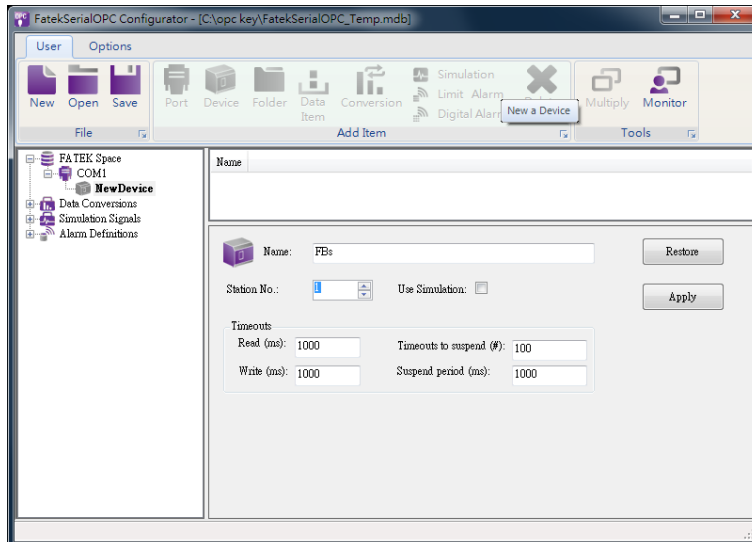
- 1). Right-Click and choose a **New** item in menu.
- 2). Or click the button in “**Add Item**” group of Ribbon menu.



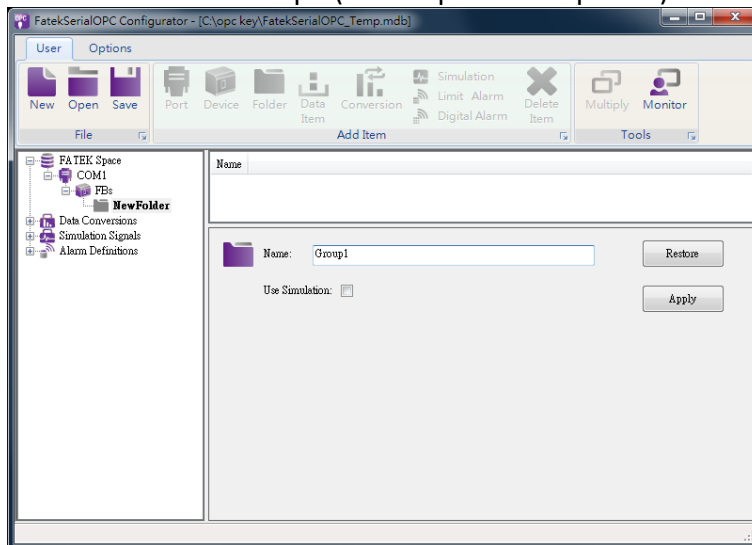
- Add a port named COM1



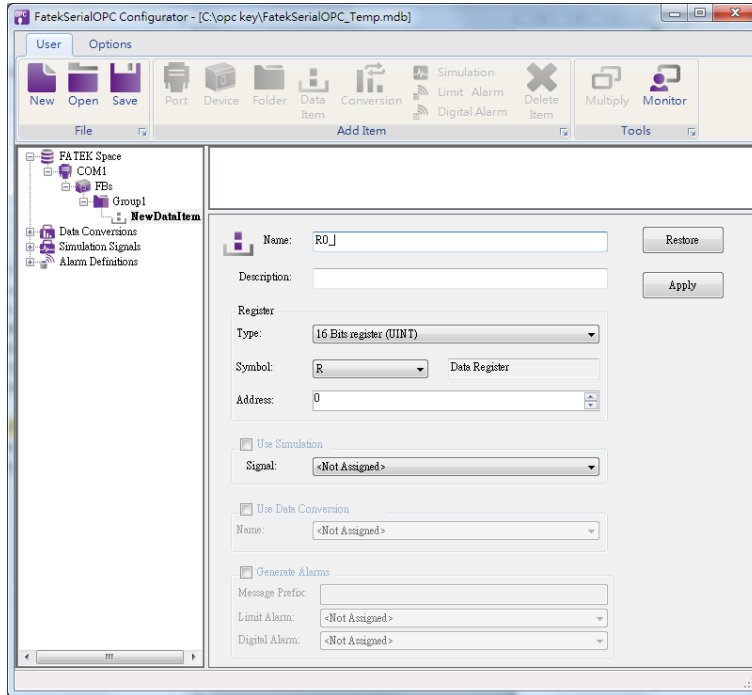
- Add a new device named FBs



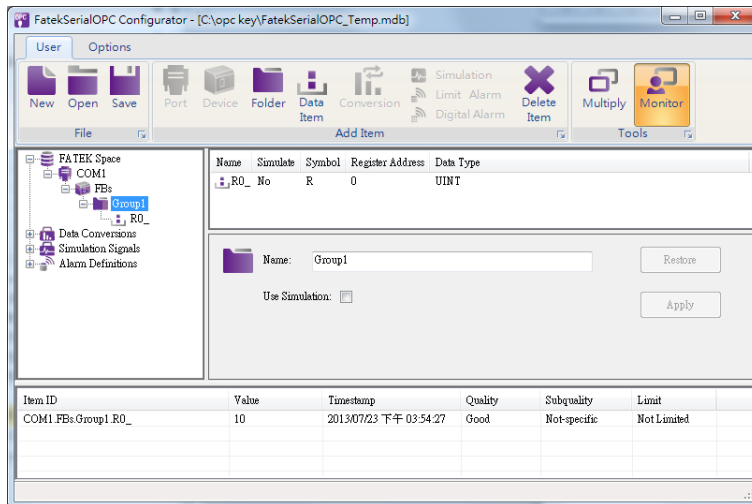
- Add a new folder named Group1 (The step is not required.)



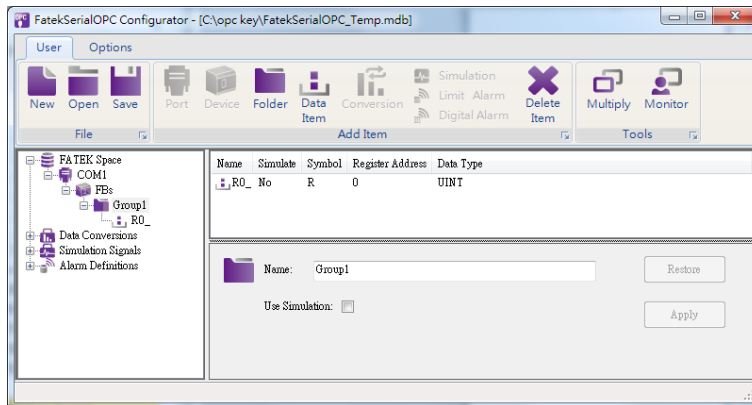
- Add a new data item.



- Click Monitor button to test the data item R0.



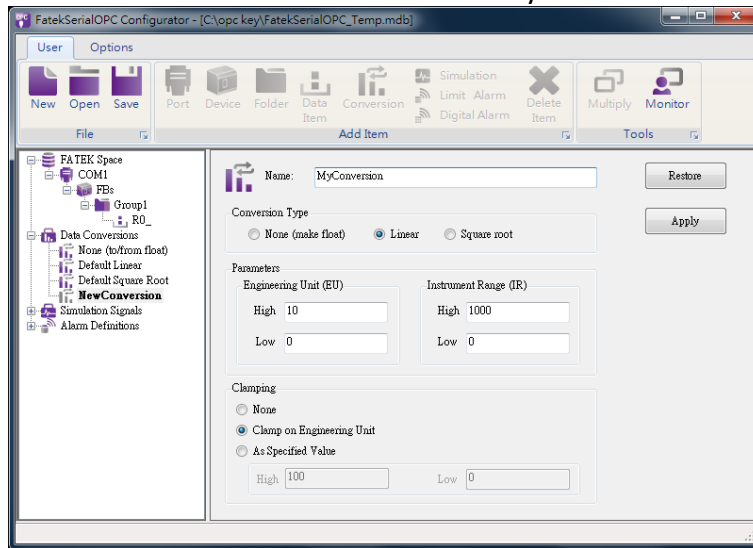
- After testing, please close the monitor view to disconnect Fatek Serial OPC Server. Then you can still edit the database.



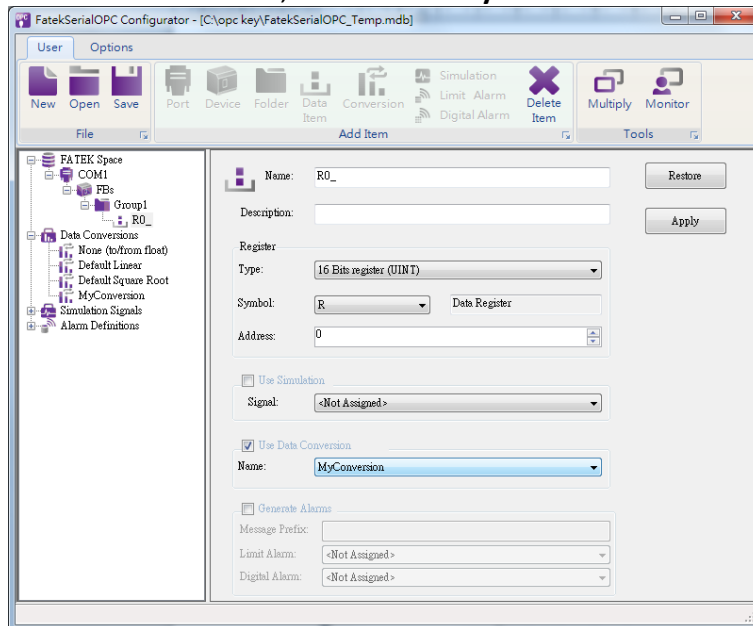
4.2 Data Conversion

By 4.1 conditions, if you would like to scale the R0 data value, the steps show how to do.

- Add a new Data Conversion definition named MyConversion.



- Check "Use Data Conversion", and choose MyConversion

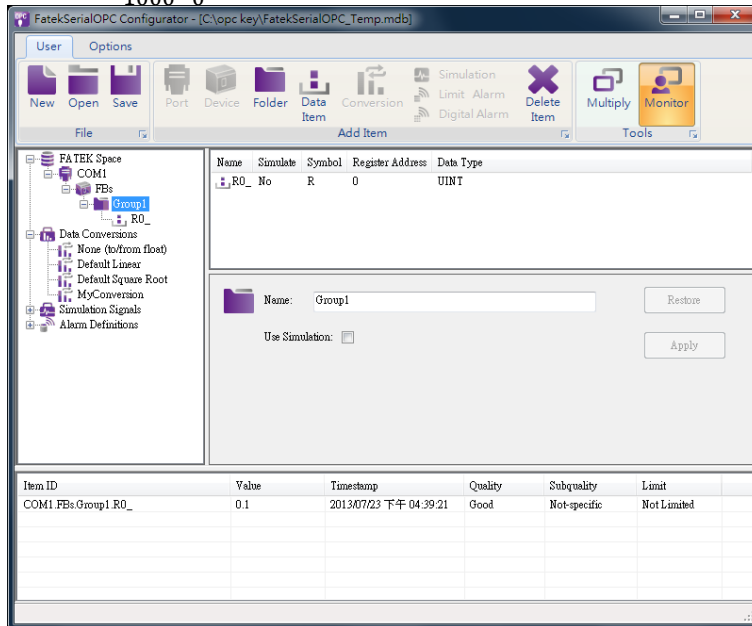


- Open Monitor to test and you could see the converted value of R0.

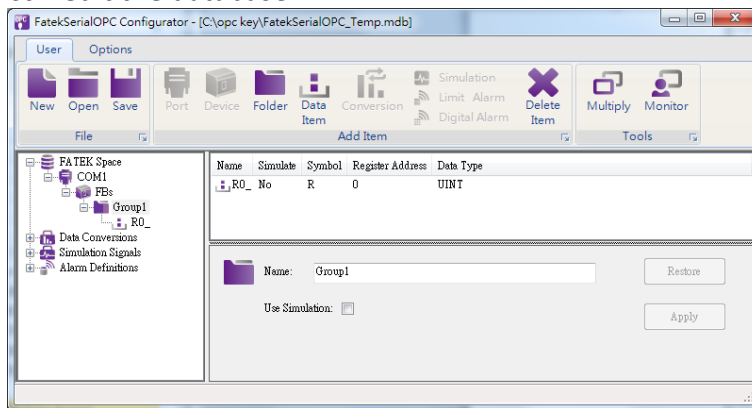
Before converting: R0 = 10

After converting: R0' = 0.1

$$\text{Formula: } R0' = \frac{R0-0}{1000-0} \times (10 - 0) + 0 = 0.1$$



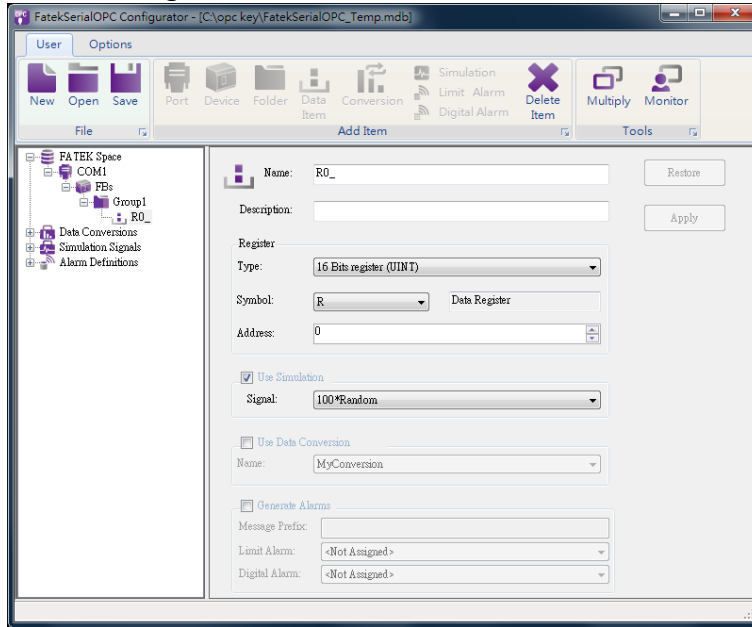
- After testing, please close the monitor view to disconnect Fatek Serial OPC Server. Then you can still edit the database.



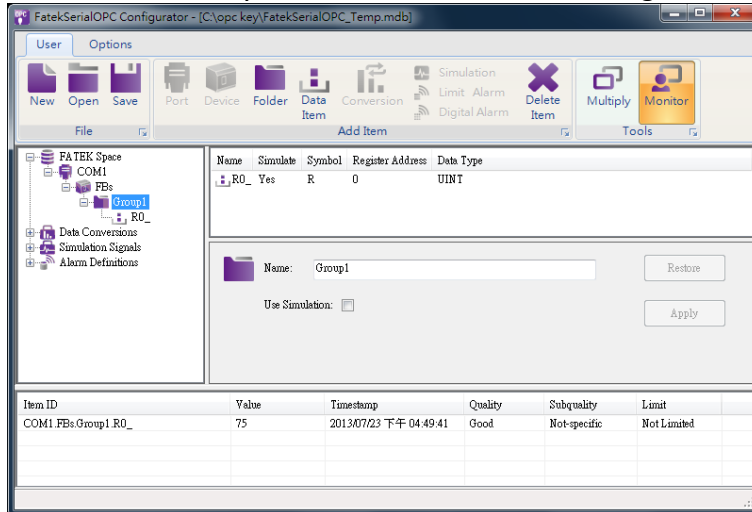
4.3 Simulation Signal

By 4.1 conditions, if you would like to test R0 before connecting with PLC physically, the steps show how to do.

- Check “Use Simulation”, and choose one of the simulation signals in the list. Beside default simulation signals, user also could create a new one. Please refer to 5.4.



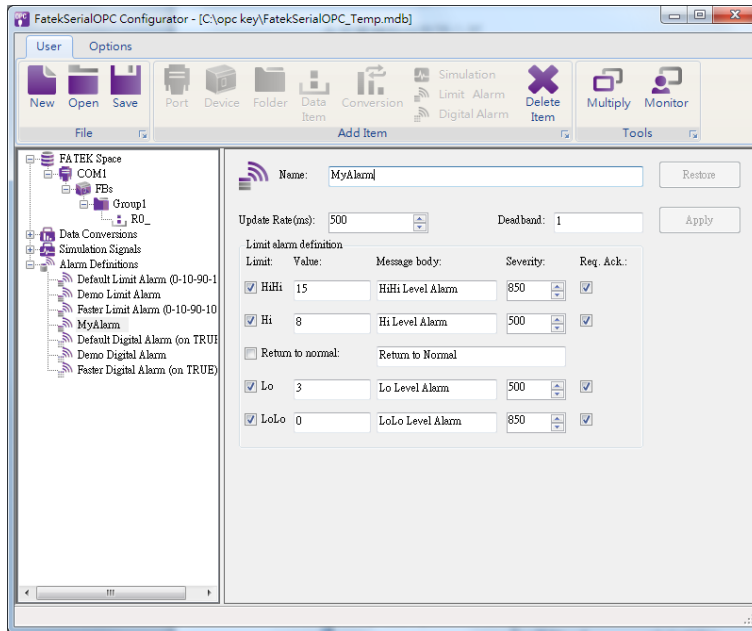
- Open Monitor to test and you could see the simulation signal value.



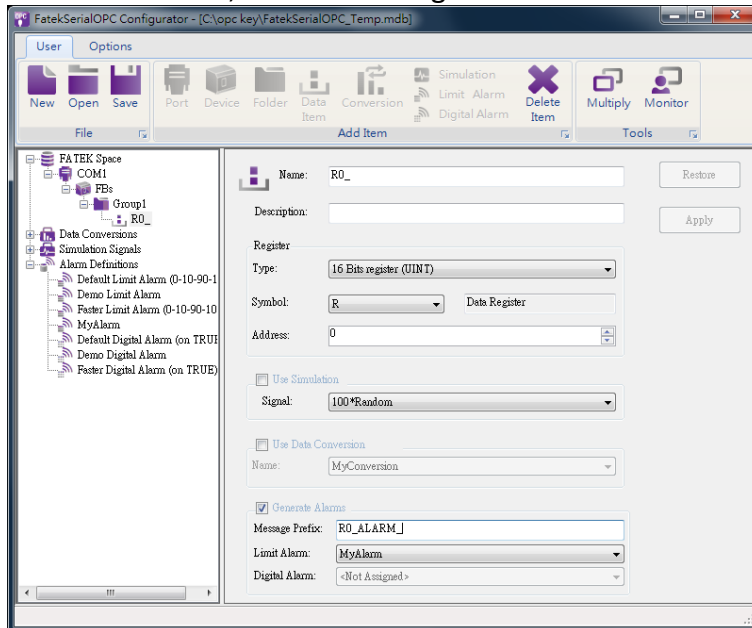
4.4 Alarm and Event

By 4.1 conditions, if you would like to use OPC Alarm and Event function, the steps show how to configure the settings.

- Add a new Limit Alarm definition.



- Check "Generate Alarms", define "Message Prefix" and choose an alarm condition.



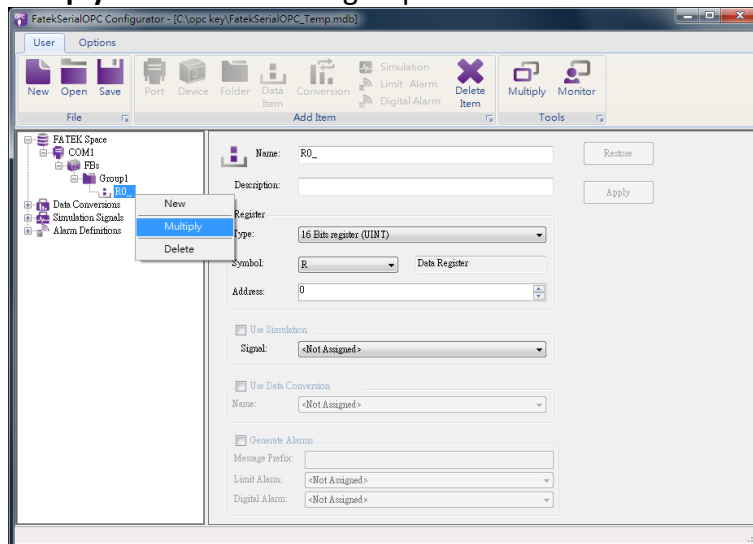
- By using 3rd party OPC Alarm and Event Client, the client would get alarm messages from Fatek OPC Server when R0 value achieved the alarm conditions.

Source	Message	Severity	Time	Quality
COM1.FBs.Group1.R0_	R0_ALARM_ Hi Level Alarm	500	07/23/2013 5:16:39.69...	192
COM1.FBs.Group1.R0_	R0_ALARM_ Hi Level Alarm	500	07/23/2013 5:16:34.96...	192
COM1.FBs.Group1.R0_	R0_ALARM_ HiHi Level Alarm	850	07/23/2013 5:16:27.13...	192
COM1.FBs.Group1.R0_	R0_ALARM_ LoLo Level Alarm	850	07/23/2013 5:15:43.06...	192
COM1.FBs.Group1.R0_	R0_ALARM_ Hi Level Alarm	500	07/23/2013 5:14:37.50...	192

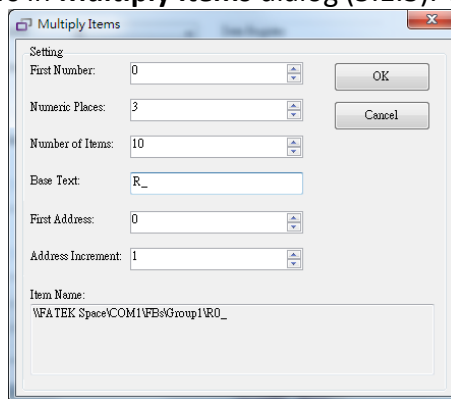
4.5 Mutiply

By 4.1 conditions, if you would like to create huge items by a template quickly (Ex:R0-R9), the steps show how to configure the settings.

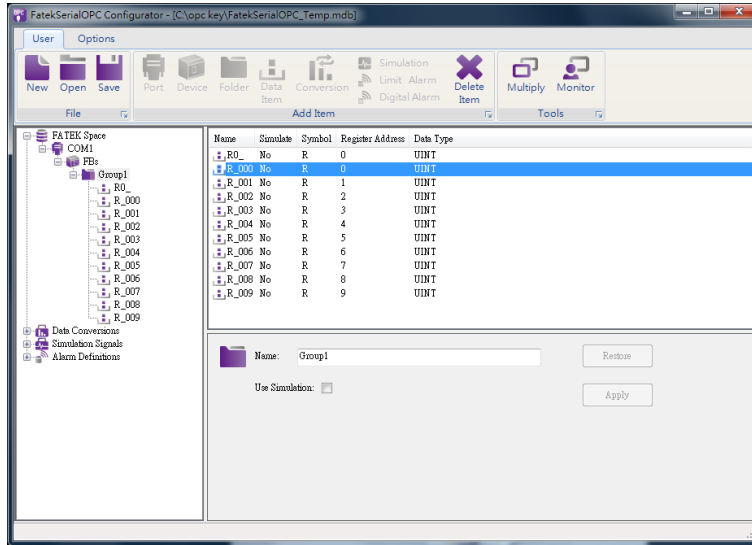
- Select the target tree node in tree view area. Right-Click and choose a **Mutiply** in menu or click the **Mutiply** button in “Tools” group of Ribbon menu.



- Configure all parameters in **Mutiply Items** dialog (5.1.3). Then click OK.



- The 10 items (R0-R9) have been created in Group1.



5. Fatek OPC Configurator

Fatek OPC software system includes database configurator and run-time OPC server. Before connecting to OPC Server, you need to configure the OPC data structure first. The run-time server will create its data item space according to the structure when started.

The configurator utility includes four regions.

- Database Space View: It is shown as tree view in left region. The database structure can be configured by mouse pop-up menu.

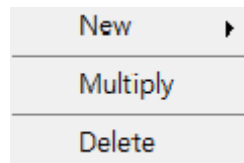


Figure 9: Pop-up Menu of Tree View

New: Create a subitem into the selected item.

Multiply: Trigger the Multiply function to duplicate the selected item.

Delete: Delete the selected item and all its subitems.

- Subitems View: The list view is located in right region. It shows the subitems of the selected tree node information. Double click the item in list view, the configuration view will show its setting page.

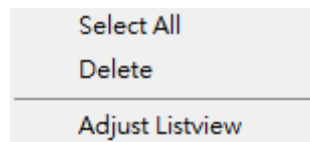


Figure 10: Pop-up Menu of List View

Select All: Select all items of list view.

Delete: Delete the selected item and all its subitems.

Adjust Listview: Adjust the column width to fit the contents.

- Properties View: It shows detail properties setting of the selected item. There are two buttons in each configuration view.
 - Restore:** Click the Restore button to reset current setting.
 - Apply:** Click the Apply button to confirm the setting.
- Monitor View: Start Fatek OPC Server and monitor the values of data items under the selected device node or folder node.

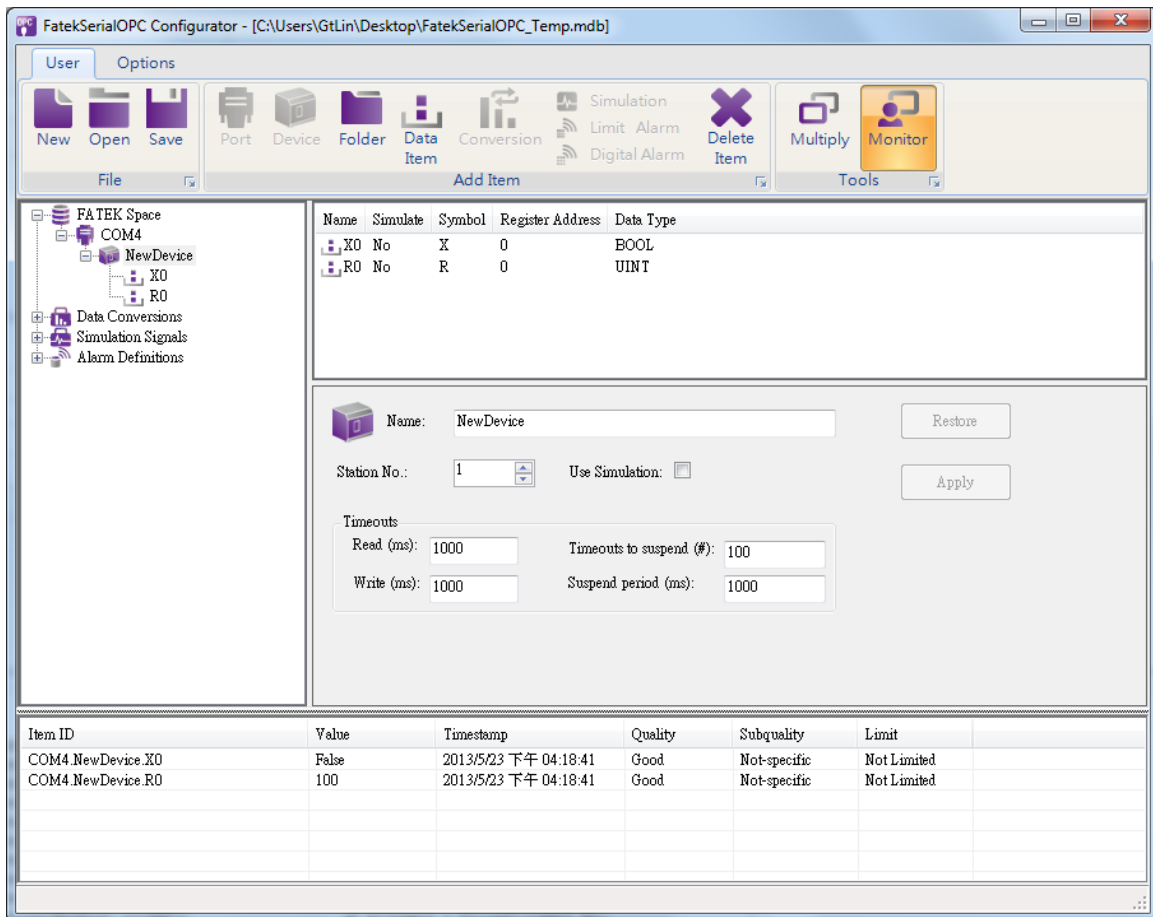


Figure 11: Fatek OPC Configurator

5.1 Ribbon Menu

5.1.1 File

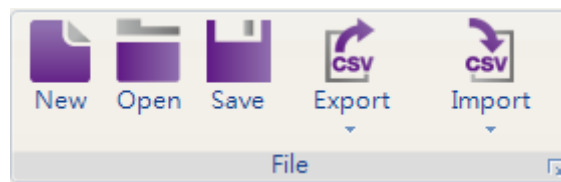


Figure 12: File Group

- **New:** Create a new configuration database (*.mdb).
- **Open:** Opens an existing database (*.mdb).
- **Save As:** Save current database under different name (*.mdb).
- **Export:** Export the items from mdb database to csv file.
- **Import:** Import the items from csv file to mdb database.

5.1.2 Add Item

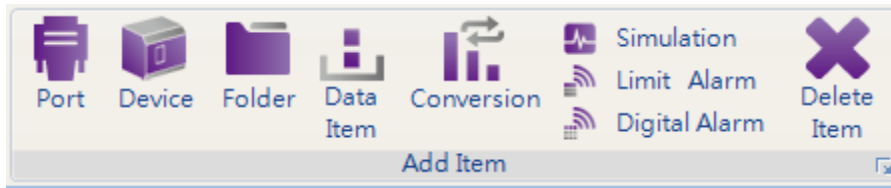


Figure 13: Add Item Group

- **Port:** Add a Port interface. (5.2.1)
- **Device:** Add a Device.(5.2.2)
- **Folder:** Add a Folder. (5.2.3)
- **Data Item:** Add a Data Item. (5.2.4)
- **Conversion:** Add a Conversion definition. (5.3)
- **Simulation:** Add a Simulation definition. (5.4)
- **Limit Alarm:** Add a Limit Alarm definition. (5.5.1)
- **Digital Alarm:** Add a Digital Alarm definition. (5.5.2)
- **Delete:** Delete the selected item which includes its all subitems.

5.1.3 Tools

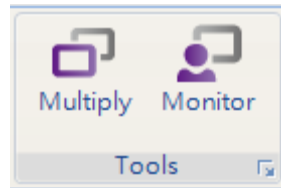


Figure 14: Tools Group

- **Multiply**
Duplicate the selected item into database. It is a simple way to configure the database where there are many similar items.

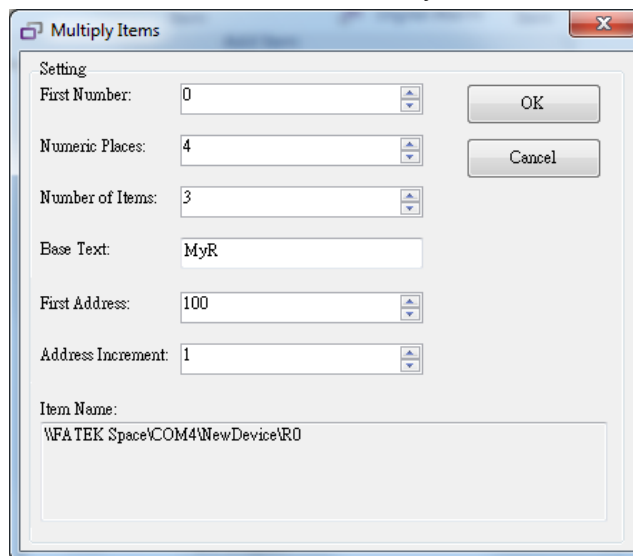
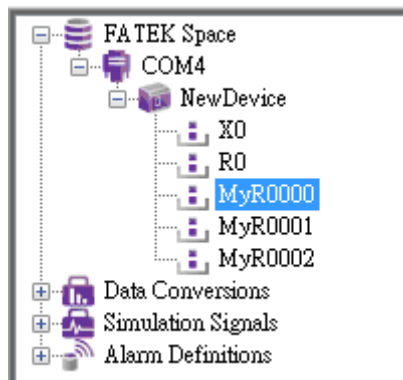


Figure 15: Multiply Item Dialog

- **First Number:** Specify the number to appear next to the first multiplied item.
- **Numeric Places:** Specify the minimum length of each number to append to Base text.
- **Number of Items:** Specify how many items to be generated.
- **Base Text:** The starting name of generated item.
- **First Address:** Register address assigned to the first item generated
- **Address Increment:** Increment count for each new address
- **Item Name:** Path to data item in the tree view.

The result of the example shown in Multiply Item Dialog is as the following:

- 1). MyR0000: Register Address=100
- 2). MyR0001: Register Address=101
- 3). MyR0002: Register Address=102



- **Monitor**

Show the monitor window and start to connect the OPC Server. Monitor will get the value of data items under the selected tree node.

Item ID	Value	Timestamp	Quality	Subquality	Limit
COM4.NewDevice.X0	False	2013/5/23 下午 04:29:06	Good	Not-specific	Not Limited
COM4.NewDevice.R0	100	2013/5/23 下午 04:29:06	Good	Not-specific	Not Limited
COM4.NewDevice.MyR0000	66	2013/5/23 下午 04:29:06	Good	Not-specific	Not Limited
COM4.NewDevice.MyR0001	77	2013/5/23 下午 04:29:06	Good	Not-specific	Not Limited
COM4.NewDevice.MyR0002	234	2013/5/23 下午 04:29:06	Good	Not-specific	Not Limited

5.1.4 Options

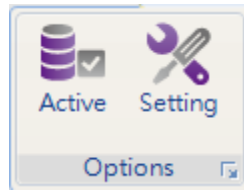


Figure 16: Options Group

- **Active**

Once the current edited configuration database is complete; user has to make sure that it is set to active. Next time the run-time server will use the database for all of its operations.

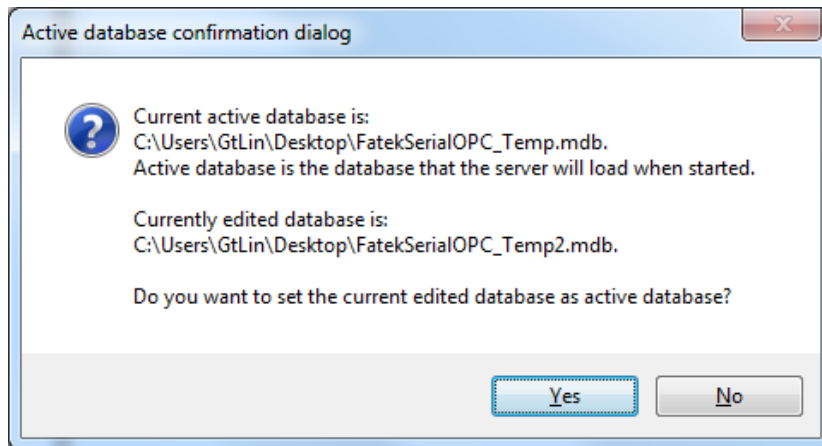


Figure 17: Active Database Confirmation

- **Setting**

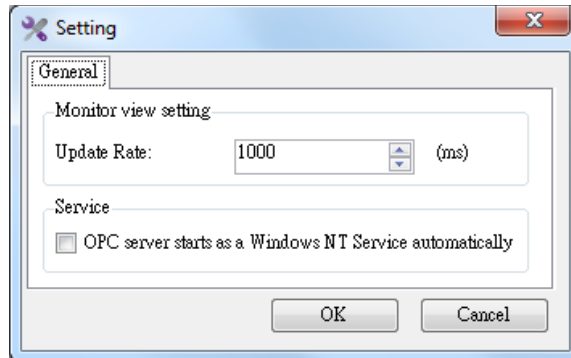


Figure 18: Options Dialog

Update Rate: Set the update frequency of the monitor view items.

OPC server starts as a Windows NT Service automatically: The option allows you to configure the OPC server for operation as a Windows NT Service. You could use the service manager to start or stop the server manually. By default the option is unchecked, and the server runs as normal stand-alone program operation.

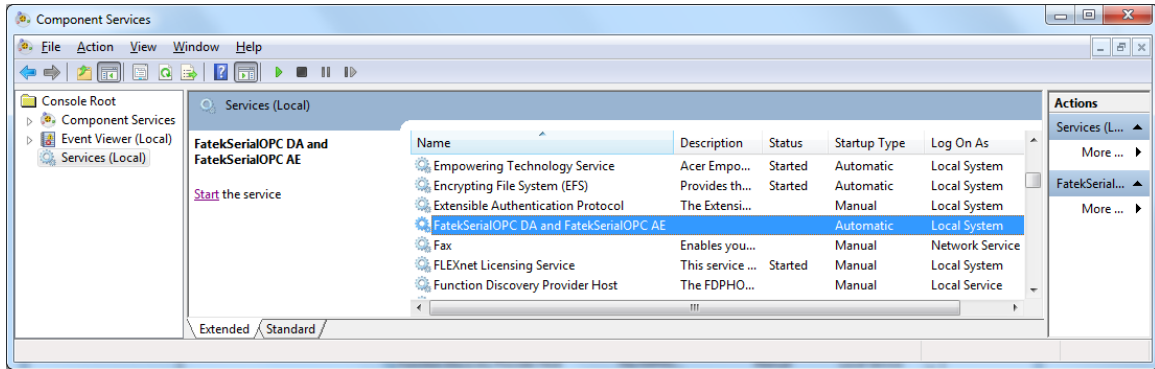


Figure 19: Windows Service Manager

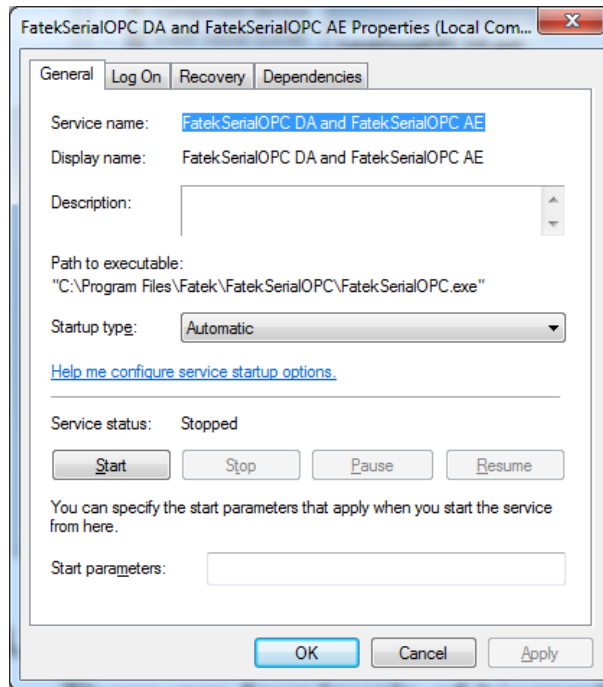


Figure 20: FatekSerialOPC Service Properties

5.2 Fatek Space

There are four levels of hierarchy in the Fatek Space. It is organized by the following terms.

- **Ports** (FatekNetOPC does not have the feature.)
- **Devices**
- **Folders**
- **Data items**

To configure Fatek Space is similar to organized directories and files on PC. A folder can contain additional folders and also data items. The data items are always the branches in the tree control hierarchy. What you should note here is that the Ports hierarchy only exists in FatekSerialOPC configurator.

5.2.1 Ports

Port is equivalent to a physical serial port in the computer. To correctly configure port means to setup serial port as a file name, baud rate, data bits, stop bits and parity scheme.

The screenshot shows a configuration window for a port. At the top, there is a purple printer icon and a text field labeled 'Name:' containing 'COM4'. Below this is a section titled 'Setting' which contains five dropdown menus: 'File Name:' with '\\.\COM4', 'Baud Rate:' with '115200', 'Data Bits:' with '7', 'Stop Bits:' with '1', and 'Parity Scheme:' with 'Even'. At the bottom of the window, there is a checkbox labeled 'Use Simulation:' which is currently unchecked.

Figure 21: Ports Setting

5.2.2 Devices

For different communication Fatek OPC Server, the devices hierarchy and setting have a little difference in each configurator.

- For Serial Devices (FatekSerialOPC)
Every device is connected to particular port, so it logically creates second level in the Fatek Space tree.

Name:

Station No.: Use Simulation:

Timeouts

Read (ms): Timeouts to suspend (#):

Write (ms): Suspend period (ms):

Figure 22: Serial Devices Setting

- For Ethernet Devices (FatekNetOPC)

A device represents a hardware device that communicates with the FatekNetOPC server over TCP/IP. A device is directly communicating with its socket, so it is logically under the first level in the Fatek Space tree.

IP: The device IP address is a 32-bit value represented as four numbers separated by periods that indicate the location of the device on a TCP/IP network. Each number in the address can range from 0 to 255.

Port: The default TCP port for Fatek communication is 500.

Name:

Station No.: Use Simulation:

IP Setting

IP: Port:

Timeouts

Read (ms): Timeouts to suspend (#):

Write (ms): Suspend period (ms):

Figure 23: Ethernet Devices Setting

Station No.: Every station has the only number from 1~254. OPC server communicates with PLC according to the station number.

Timeout: Timeout parameters specify the period of time the server will wait for a response from the device:

- **Read/Write:** Amount of time the OPC server will wait for a response from the device.
- **Timeouts to suspend:** The number of consecutive read/write attempts that timeout before the OPC server will suspend communication with the device.

- **Suspend Period:** Amount of time the OPC server will wait before attempting to reconnect to the device.

5.2.3 Folders

Folders can be used to group data items logically. Each folder can have subfolders. You could design and use folders any way that is suitable to your application.

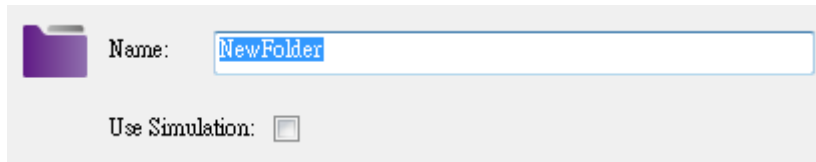


Figure 24: Folders Setting

5.2.4 Data Items

Data Item represents a register in the PLC. An OPC client can obtain the data item description. New data item creation requires configuration of the following properties:

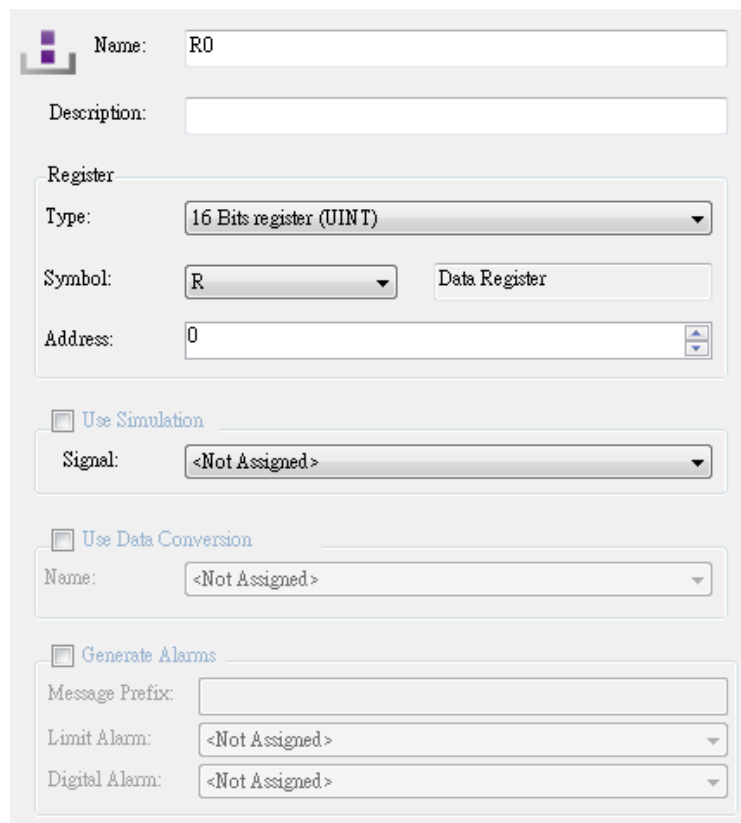


Figure 25: Data Items Setting

- **Name:** A logical name for the data item.
- **Description:** A descriptive comment for the data item.
- **Register:** Assign the register address of PLC.

Table 2: Register Address Assignment

Component	Name	Discrete	16 bits register	32 bits register
The status of discrete	Input discrete	X	WX	DWX
	Output relay	Y	WY	DWY
	Internal relay	M	WM	DWM
	Step relay	S	WS	DWS
	Timer discrete	T	WT	DWT
	Counter discrete	C	WC	DWC
The data of register	Timer register	-	RT	DRT
	Counter register	-	RC	DRC
	Data register	-	R	DR
	Data register	-	D	DD
	File register	-	F	DF

Type: Specify the register type such as “Discrete (BOOL)”, “16 bits register (INT/UINT)” and “32 bits register (DINT/UDINT)”.

Symbol: Specify the register symbol such as X, WX and DWX. It depends on what kind of register type you would like to access.

Address: Specify the register address.

- Use Simulation: To test the client functionality, check the **Use Simulate** check box and choose a Simulation Signals from the Signal drop-down list. See the "Simulation Signals" section for information about creating simulation signals.

All levels in the Fatek Space (Port, Device, Folder, Data Item) support the process of simulation (Use Simulation check box). The parent list in the tree is superior; it has a higher priority when deciding to simulate the data item or not. In other words, a data item is simulated, if it itself has a simulation selected, or if any of its parents has the Use Simulate check box checked. (It may be simulated even if its Use Simulation check box stays unchecked.)

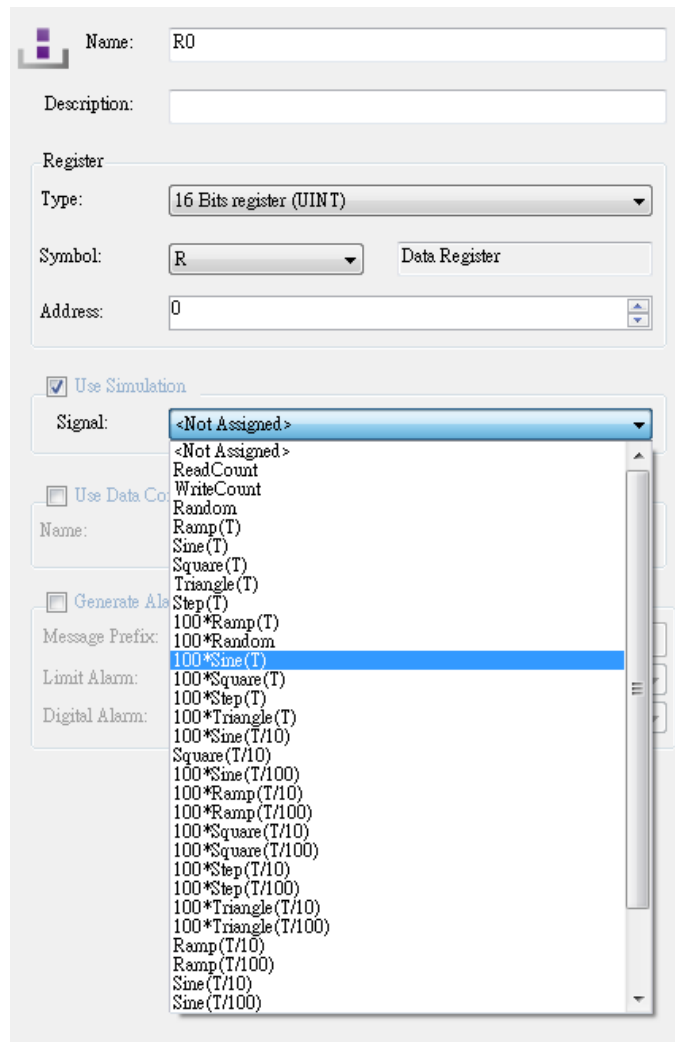


Figure 26: Choosing a Simulation Signal

- **Use Data Conversion:** To get the data value converted according to a prescribed form, choose one of the predefined or user-defined conversions. See the "Data Conversions" section for more details.

Note: If the data item use Data Conversion function, the data type of the data item change to **Double Float**. The OPC client with data type filtering has to choose Double Float Filtering or Disable Filtering, otherwise the client cannot browse the data item.

The screenshot shows a configuration window for a data item named 'R0'. The 'Register' section is expanded, showing 'Type' as '16 Bits register (UINT)', 'Symbol' as 'R', and 'Address' as '0'. Below this, the 'Use Simulation' checkbox is checked, and the 'Signal' dropdown is set to '<Not Assigned>'. The 'Use Data Conversion' checkbox is also checked, and its dropdown menu is open, displaying the following options: '<Not Assigned>', '<Not Assigned>', 'None (to/from float)', 'Default Linear', and 'Default Square Root'. The 'Default Linear' option is highlighted in blue. At the bottom, the 'Generate Alarms' checkbox is unchecked, and the 'Message Prefix', 'Limit Alarm', and 'Digital Alarm' dropdowns are all set to '<Not Assigned>'.

Figure 27: Choosing a Data Conversion

- **Generate Alarms:** Check the Generate Alarms check box to make the server generate alarms based on the data item value. ; it will be followed by the text configured for a particular alarm type. The second part of the alarm message will contain the Message Body string (see Alarm Definitions). The server allows having any number of alarm definitions predefined. You can then combine one of them with the specific tags.

Alarm parameters are set up in the Configurator under the **Alarm Definitions** tree control, shown in the figure below, which is divided into two alarm template types: **Digital Alarm Definitions** and **Limit (analog) Alarm Definitions**. Digital alarms can be defined for a data item of “Discrete” (BOOL) type only, while Limit alarms can be defined for all other types.

Figure 28: Choosing a Digital Alarm

5.3 Data Conversions

The original data item value from PLC register can be converted by server. OPC client will get the converted value of data item directly without any calculation. Before using conversion, you should create a Data Conversion, as shown in the figure below.

Figure 29: Data Conversions Setting

- Name: Specifies the name of the conversion definition.
- Conversion Type: For each conversion definition, select one of the following conversion types:

None (make float): Converts the data into float data type, but does not change the value itself. When this option is selected, the Engineering Unit (EU) and Instrument Range (IR) fields are disabled.

Linear: Keeps a linear relation between EU and IR.

$$CVal = \frac{RVal - LowIR}{HighIR - LowIR} \times (HighEU - LowEU) + LowEU$$

Square Root: Keeps a square root relation between EU and IR.

$$CVal = \sqrt{\frac{RVal - LowIR}{HighIR - LowIR}} \times (HighEU - LowEU) + LowEU$$

- Engineering Unit (EU): Client scale; specify low and high values for the engineering unit. The OPC client will get the converted value (**CVal**) in EU range.
- Instrument Range (IR): Device scale; specify low and high values for the instrument range. The raw data value (**RVal**) is in IR range.
- Clamping: If clamping is enabled, the data value will be limited to its High Value (EU High Value when it exceeds the upper limit), and similarly to its Low Value (Low EU Value parameter when it exceeds the bottom limit). Select one of the following clamping types from the list:

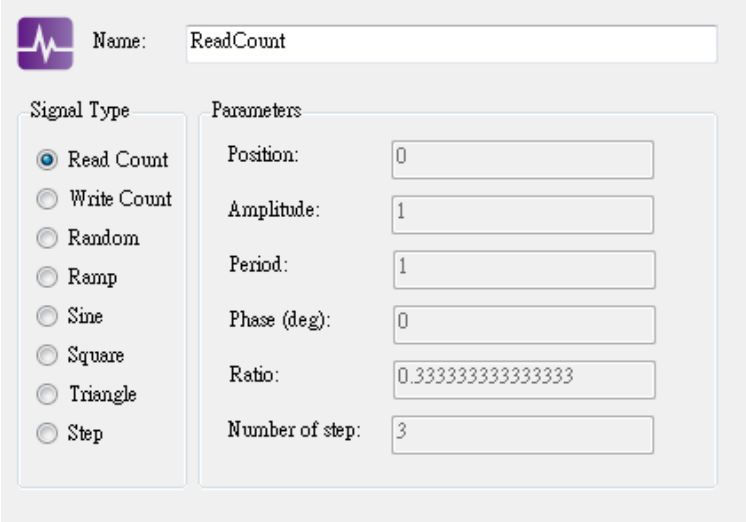
None: No clamping type is specified.

Clamp on EU: Clamps on the specified low and high engineering units (EU) values.

As Specified Value: Clamps on a specified range of low and high values.

5.4 Simulation Signals

The Configurator offers various OPC data items in the **Simulation Signals** tree control, as shown in the figure below. To test the client functionality, choose a simulation signal from the tree control. All levels in the **Fatek Space** folder support the process of simulation. The parent list in the tree control is superior; it has higher priority when deciding to simulate the data item or not.



The screenshot shows a configuration window for a simulation signal. At the top, there is a purple icon with a white pulse line and a text field labeled 'Name:' containing the text 'ReadCount'. Below this, there are two main sections: 'Signal Type' and 'Parameters'. The 'Signal Type' section contains a list of radio buttons: 'Read Count' (selected), 'Write Count', 'Random', 'Ramp', 'Sine', 'Square', 'Triangle', and 'Step'. The 'Parameters' section contains several input fields: 'Position:' with '0', 'Amplitude:' with '1', 'Period:' with '1', 'Phase (deg):' with '0', 'Ratio:' with '0.3333333333333333', and 'Number of step:' with '3'.

Figure 30: Simulation Signals Setting

Each Simulation Signal type has specific parameters, as shown below.

- Name: Specifies the name of the selected simulation signal.
- Signal Type: For each signal, you can select one of the following signal types from the list:
 - **Read Count** is incremented by one every time when the item is read.
 - **Write Count** increments when the item is written.
 - **Random** generates random value within the Amplitude range starting with **Position**.
 - **Ramp, Sine, Square, Triangle** and **Step** are periodical signals. Their time behavior is influenced by **Period** and **Phase** parameters. **Period** specifies the signal frequency (in milliseconds), while **Phase** moves the signal origin on the time axis (in degrees).
 - **Square** and **Triangle** have one additional parameter: **Ratio**. Ratio defines Triangle signal steepness, or **Square** signal H/L proportions.
 - The **Number of Steps** parameter of the **Step** signal defines the number of steps into which the signal amplitude will be divided.

5.5 Alarm Definitions

The Fatek OPC Server is also an OPC Alarm and Events server that supports the following alarm types:

5.5.1 Limit Alarms

To create a new limit alarm definition, right-click the Alarm Definitions folder on the tree control of the Configurator and select **New - Limit Alarm Definition** from the pop-up menu.

A limit alarm sets the values for four levels of alarms: LoLo, Lo, Hi, and HiHi. Limit alarm parameters can have subranges within the data item amplitude. Every subrange definition includes a Message Body that will be appended to the alarm message (includes **Message Prefix** and **Message Body**), the Severity (Priority) of the alarm, and the Req. Ack. flag for alarm acknowledgement.

In the Limit Alarm Definition Properties dialog box, shown below, configure the following settings:

- **Name:** Specify a name for the new limit alarm.
- **Update Rate:** It defines the frequency of checking the data item value (in milliseconds), and possibly responding by sending the alarm message.
- **Deadband:** It prevents the server from generating a huge amount of alarm messages and overloading the clients when the signal oscillates around one of the limits specified. The deadband value extends the limit zone. It results in sending only one alarm message even if the signal oscillates. Deadband indicates the deadband value to apply to the converted analog values. The deadband value is required and is calculated on borderline alarming limit values to prevent repeated alarm cycles.
- **Value:** It is used to calculate the state of the input fields. For example, a value of 10 for LoLo is compared with the value of the input to determine if the alarm is in LoLo state.
- **Message Body:** Enter the warning message that will appear when the alarm is sent.
- **Return to Normal:** Check the check box will generate a separate alarm message when the data item gains the normal value which is between Hi and Lo values.
- **Severity:** It is the OPC-defined value for alarm Priority. The valid OPC severity range is 0 (lowest) to 1000 (highest).
- **Requires Ack:** It is used for OPC condition alarms to determine whether the alarm needs a user acknowledgement. If the Requires Ack field is checked, then the alarm requires a user acknowledgement. If the value is not checked, then the alarm is posted as already acknowledged.

Name: Default Limit Alarm (0-10-90-100)

Update Rate(ms): 2000 Deadband: 1

Limit alarm definition

Limit:	Value:	Message body:	Severity:	Req. Ack.:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HiHi	100	HiHi Level Alarm	850	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hi	90	Hi Level Alarm	500	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Return to normal:	Return to Normal			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lo	10	Lo Level Alarm	500	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LoLo	0	LoLo Level Alarm	850	<input type="checkbox"/>

Figure 31: Limit Alarm Definitions Setting

5.5.2 Digital Alarms

A digital alarm sets an alarm if the comparison between the Alarm State Value and the input state is TRUE. To create a new digital alarm definition, right-click the Alarm Definitions folder on the tree control of the Configurator screen and select **New - Digital Alarm Definition** from the pop-up menu. The default digital alarm definition is shown below. In the Digital Alarm Definition Properties dialog box, shown below, configure the following settings:

- **Name:** Specify a name for the new digital alarm.
- **Update Rate:** It defines the frequency of checking the data item value (in milliseconds), and possibly responding by sending the alarm message.
- **Enable:** Check the check box will enable the digital alarm definition.
- **Value:** Specify a value for the digital alarm (True or False).
- **Message Body:** Enter the warning message that will appear when the alarm is sent.
- **Return to Normal:** Check the check box will generate a separate alarm message when the data item gains the opposite value.
- **Severity:** It is the OPC-defined value for alarm Priority. The valid OPC severity range is 0 (lowest) to 1000 (highest).
- **Requires Ack:** It is used for OPC condition alarms to determine whether the alarm needs a user acknowledgement.

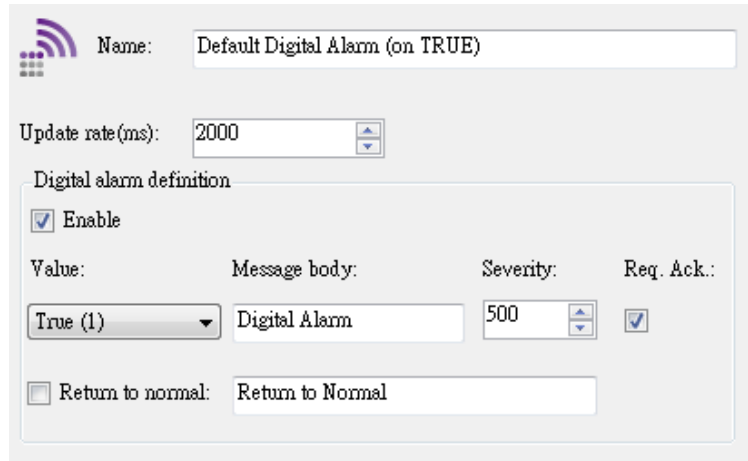


Figure 32: Digital Alarm Definitions Setting

5.6 Monitor View

The Fatek OPC configurator provides a monitor view function with OPC client function for viewing server data. When push the **Display Monitor View** button on toolbar, the monitor view will show in the bottom of screen. It will connect to OPC server and scan the data items under the selected tree node. The monitor view displays the data item values and OPC quality information such as timestamp, quality status and limit field. User can easily and instantly test the configuration. Pop the Display Monitor View button will disconnect the OPC server after monitoring.

Note: Please close the Monitor View before editing. It makes sure that the OPC server will use the newest setting before starting.

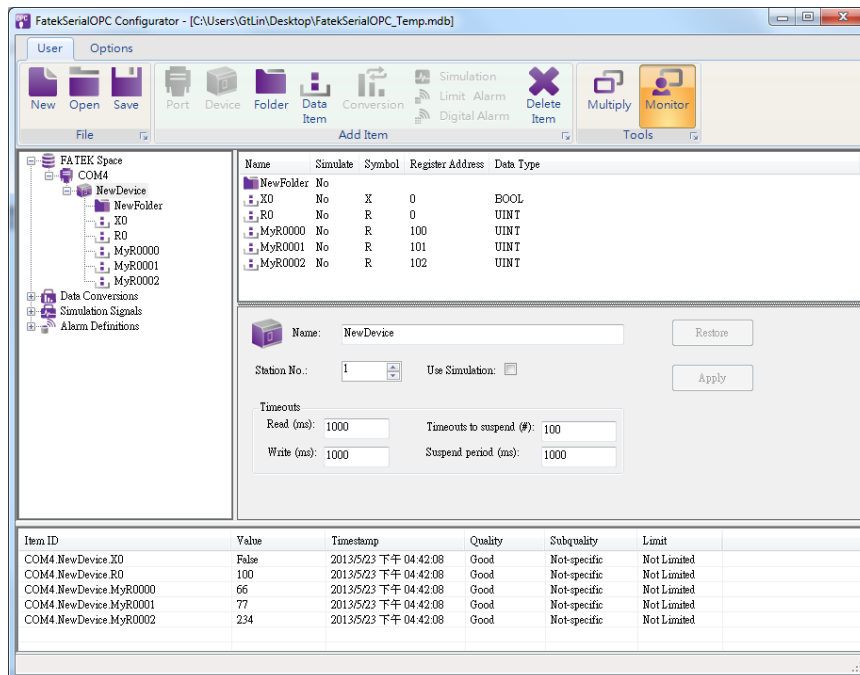


Figure 33: Monitor View

Appendix A – Remote OPC Server Setting

1. DCOM Setting for OPC Server

This chapter walks through the DCOM configuration and security setting of the Windows7. Before establishing the OPC connection between local client and remote server, user must configure the settings both local and remote PC. To avoid troubling and multifarious setting procedure, this tutorial specifies the following steps to configure the security settings and make sure the OPC DCOM communication can be established.

2. Configuration steps at both server site and client site.

2.1 Turn-Off the Windows Firewall

The first step is to disable the Windows Firewall. Click on the Windows Start button; select the Control Panel->Windows Firewall. Choose the “Turn off Windows Firewall (not recommended)” radio button.

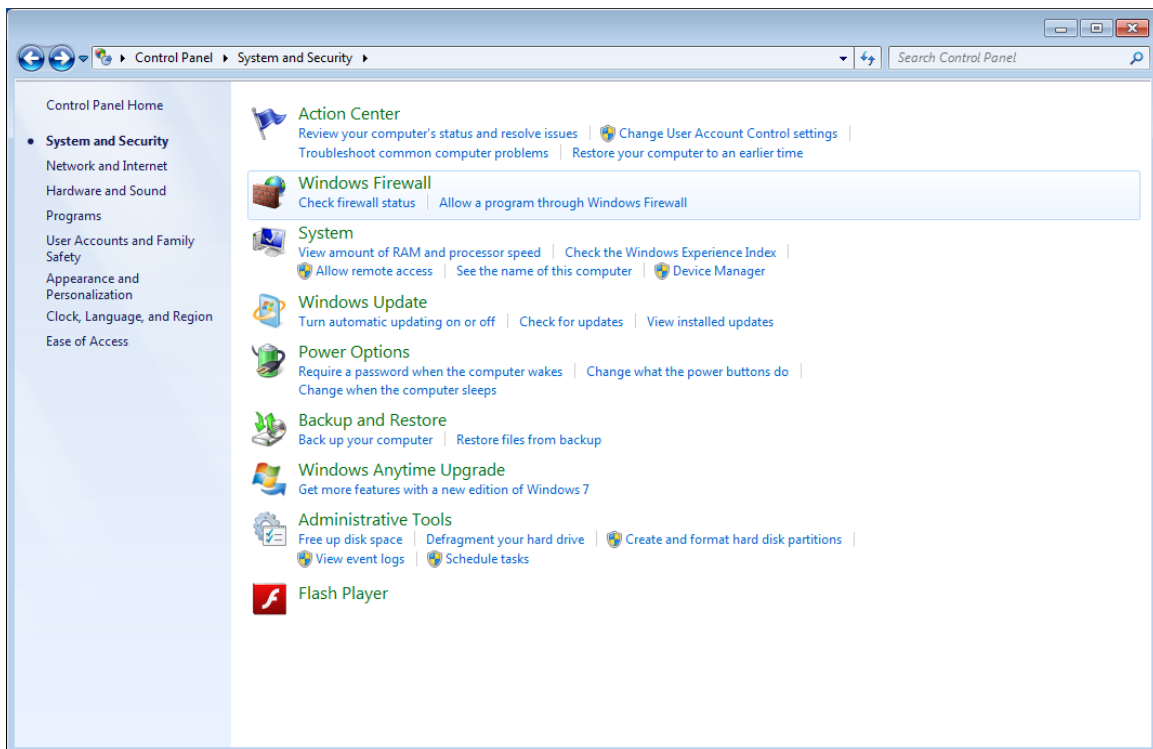


Figure 34: Windows Firewall

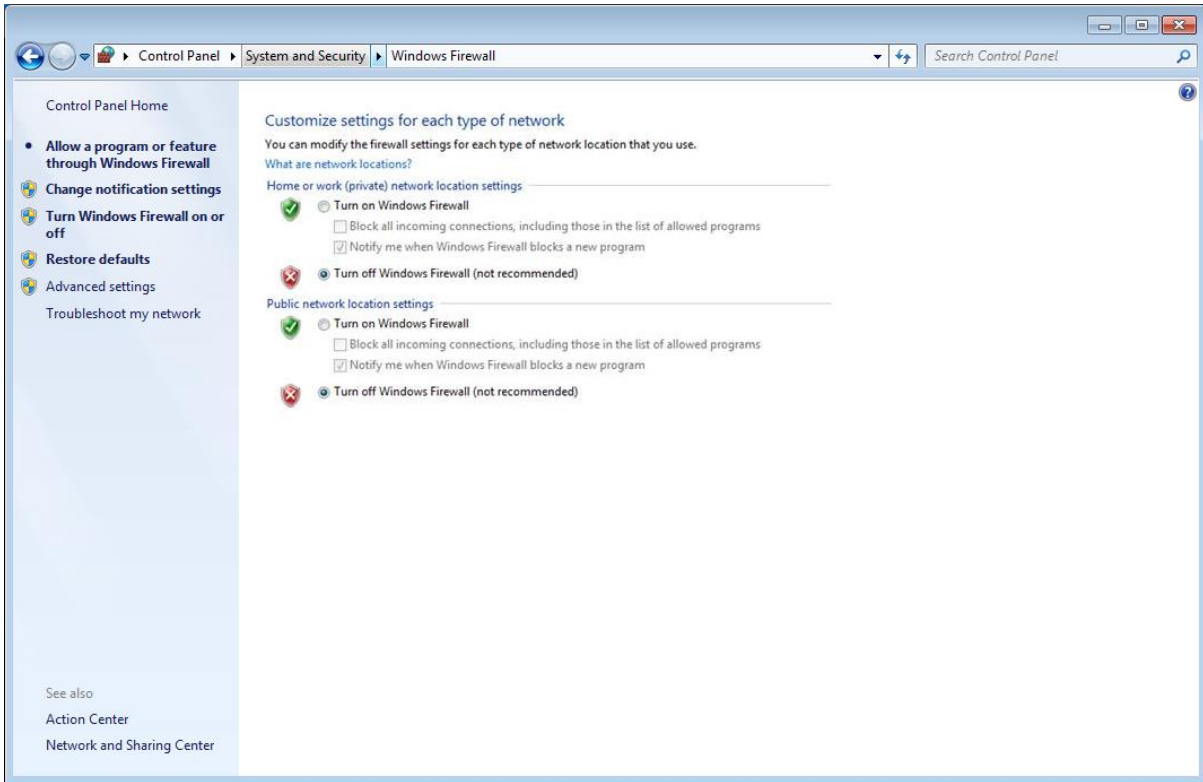
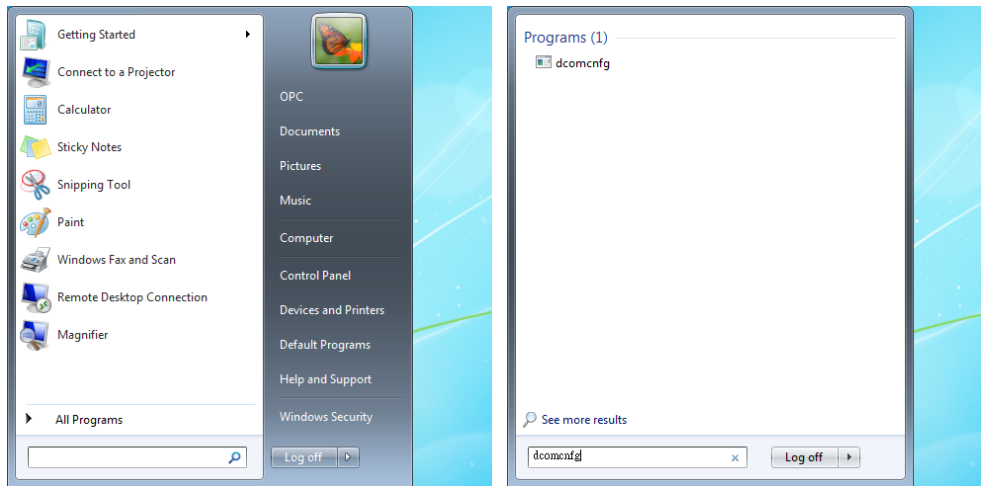


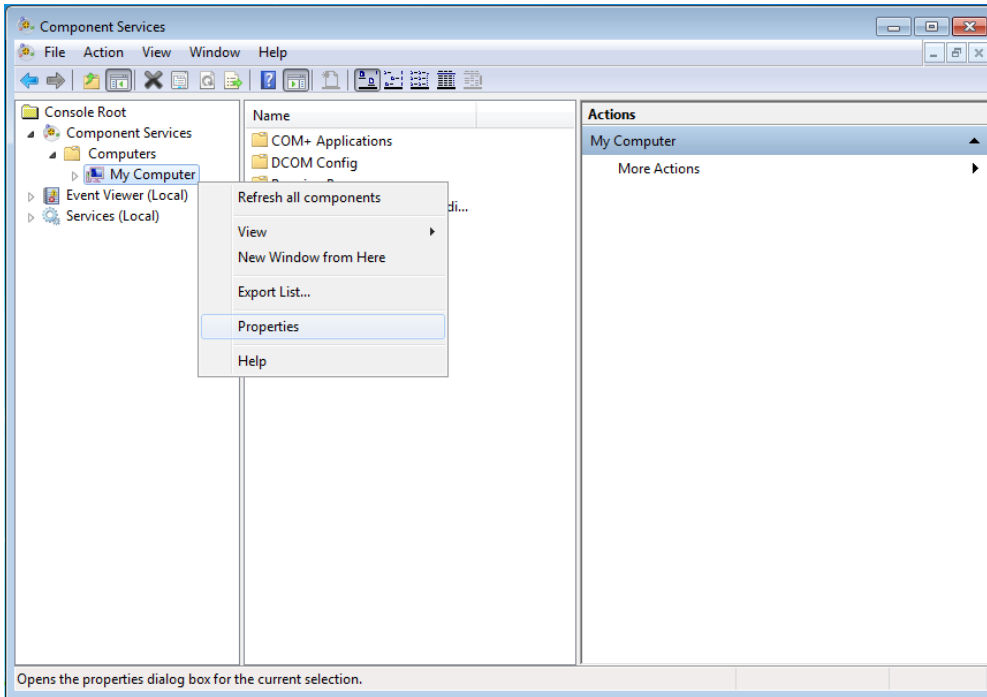
Figure 35: Turn-Off the Windows Firewall

2.2 My Computer settings

Click on the Windows Start button; enter “dcomcnfg” in the “Search programs and files” and press ENTER to open the Component Services window.

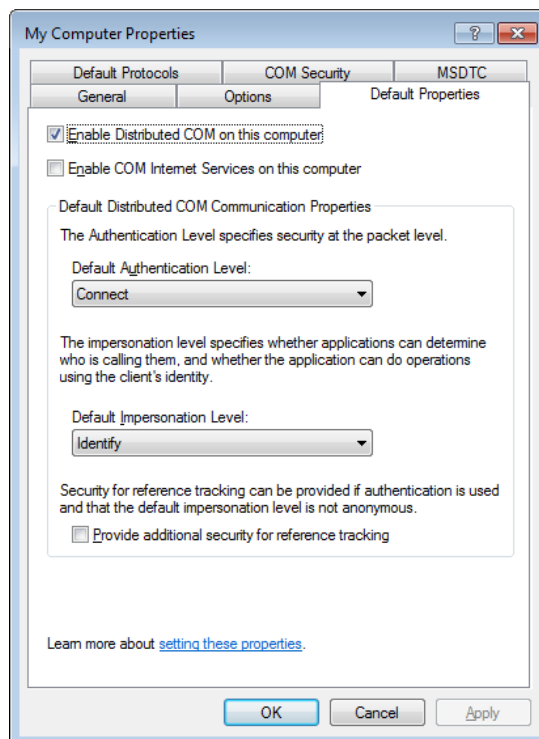


Right-click on “My Computer” and choose the “Properties” from the menu.



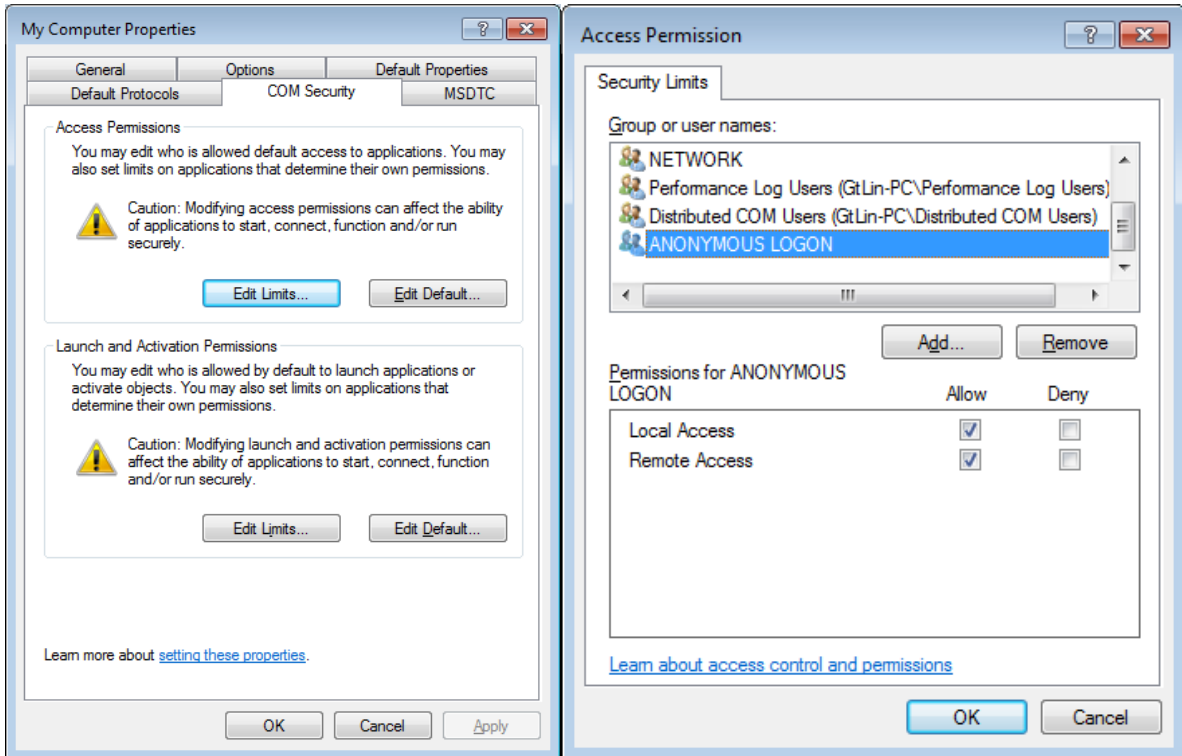
Click “Default Properties” tab and apply the setting as the following figure.

- Check the “Enable Distributed COM on this computer”.
- Set the “Default Authentication Level” to Connect.
- Set the “Default Impersonation Level” to Identify.

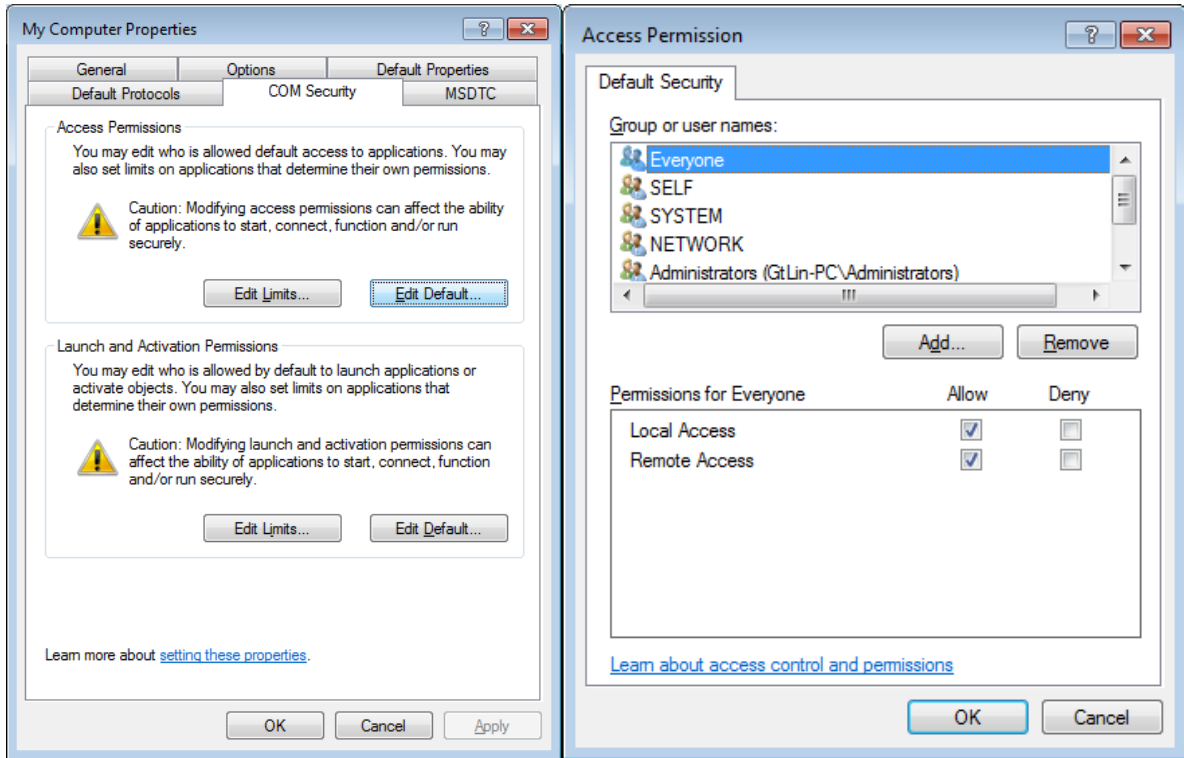


Click “COM Security” tab. Step by step to configure permissions as the follows.

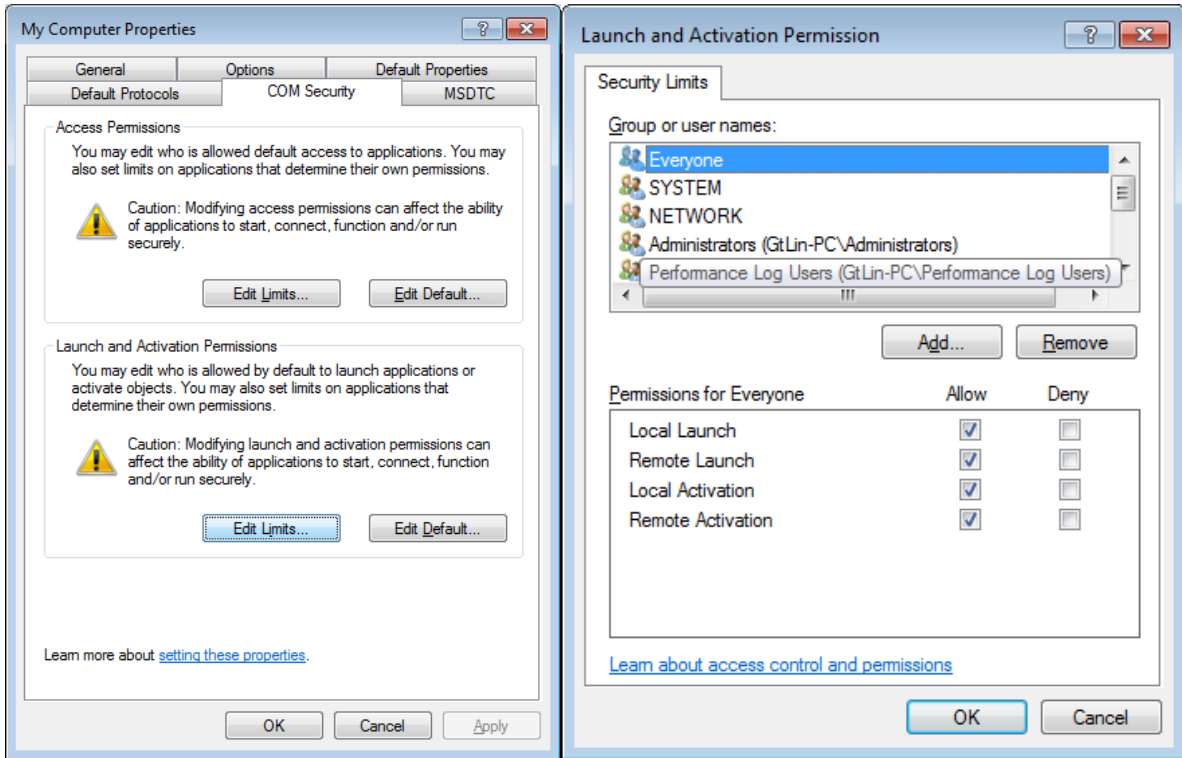
- 1). In the Access Permissions group, click the “Edit Limits...” button. Add **ANONYMOUS LOGON** 、 **Everyone** 、 **SYSTEM** 、 **NETWORK** and **INTERACTIVE** to the list of “Group or user names”. Check Local Access and Remote Access to “Allow” status for all added items.



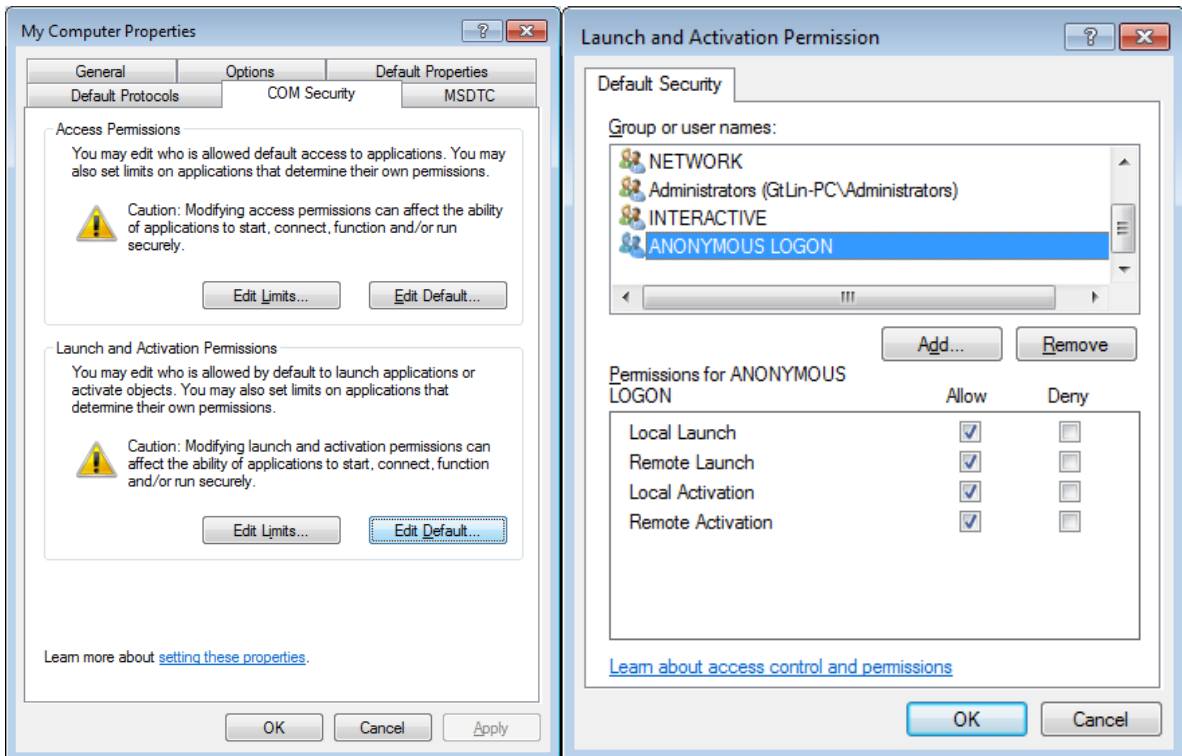
- 2). In the Access Permissions group, click the “Edit Default...” button. The setting is the same as step 1).



- 3). In the Launch and Activation Permissions group, click the “Edit Limits...” button. Add **ANONYMOUS LOGON** 、 **Everyone** 、 **SYSTEM** 、 **NETWORK** and **INTERACTIVE** to the list of “Group or user names”. Set the Allow checkboxes of Local Launch, Remote Launch, Local Activation and Remote Activation checked for all added items. Check Local Launch, Remote Launch, Local Activation and Remote Activation to “Allow” status for all added items.

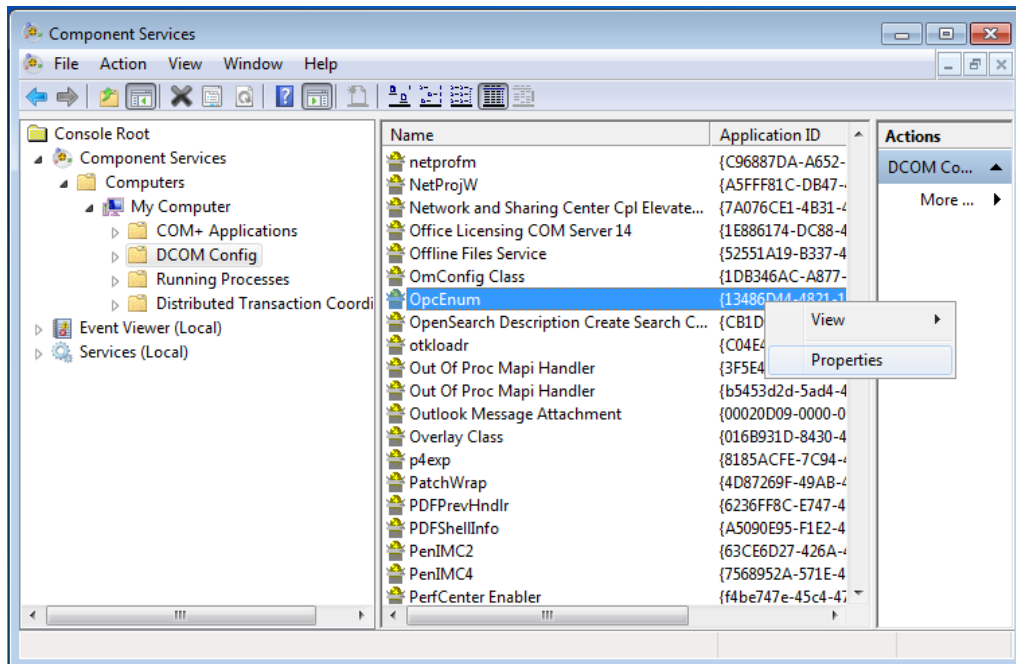


- 4). In the Launch and Activation Permissions group, click the “Edit Default...” button. The setting is the same as step 3).

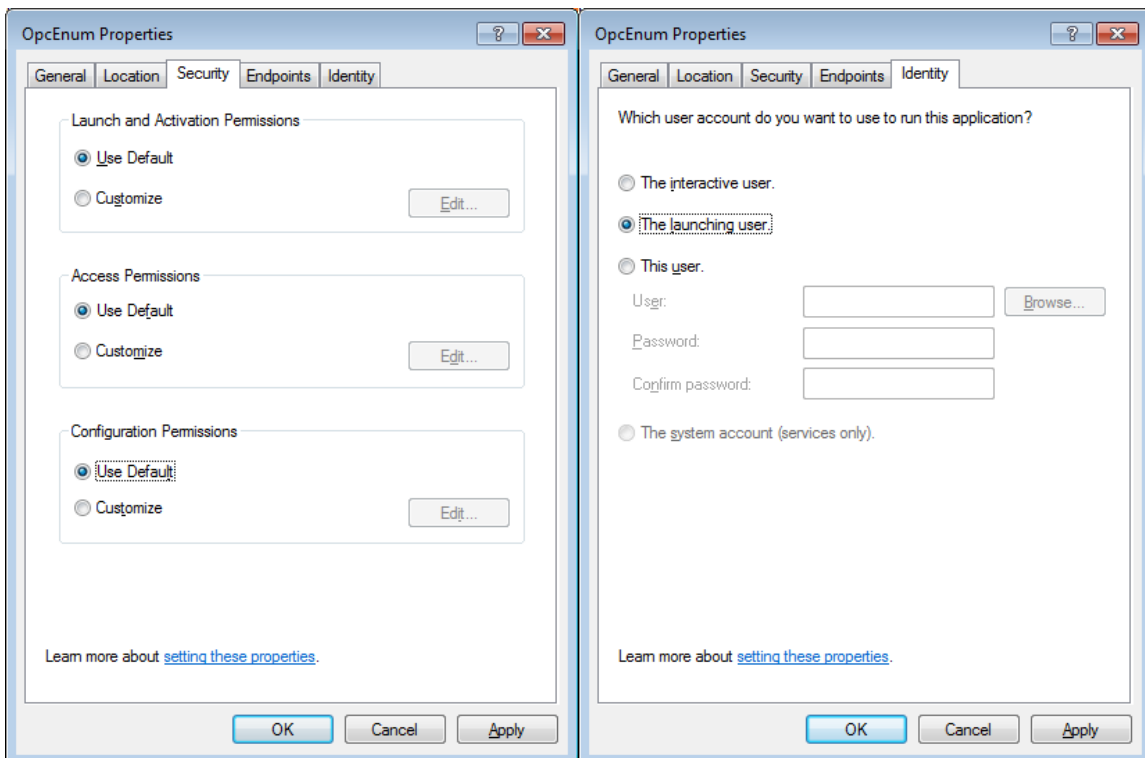
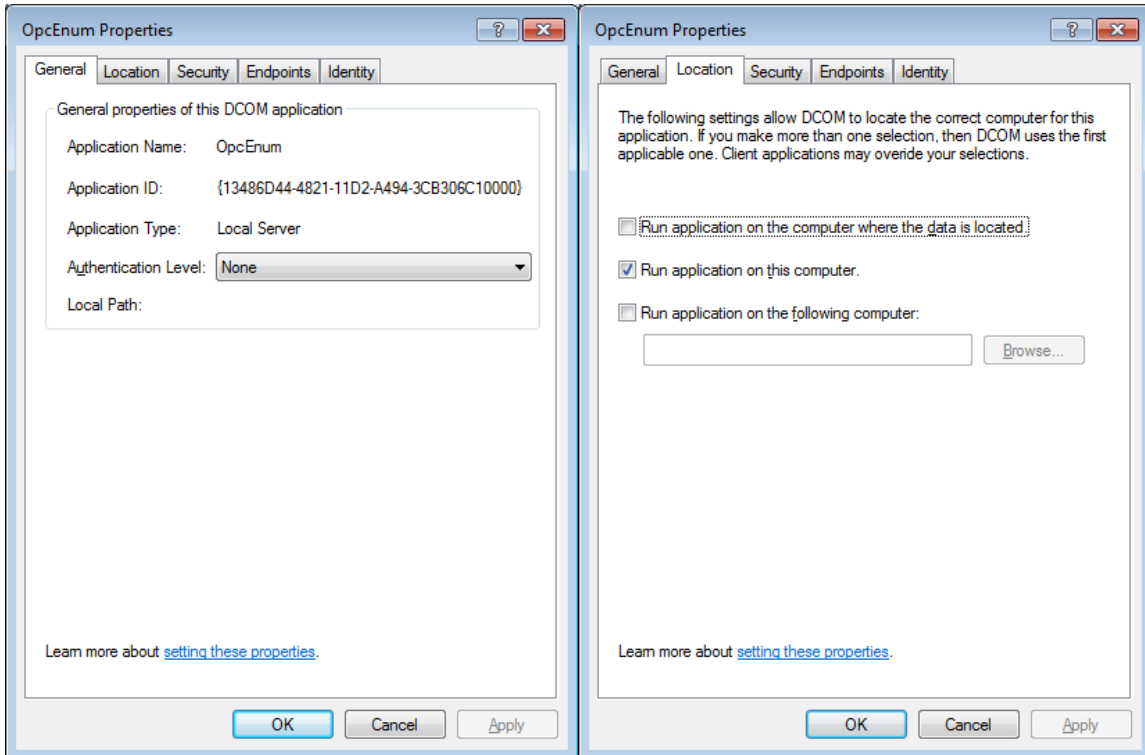


3. Configuration steps at server site
3.1 OpcEnum Setting

Select OpcEnum that is under “**Component Services > Computers > My Computer > DCOM Config**”, and right –click it and choose “Properties”.

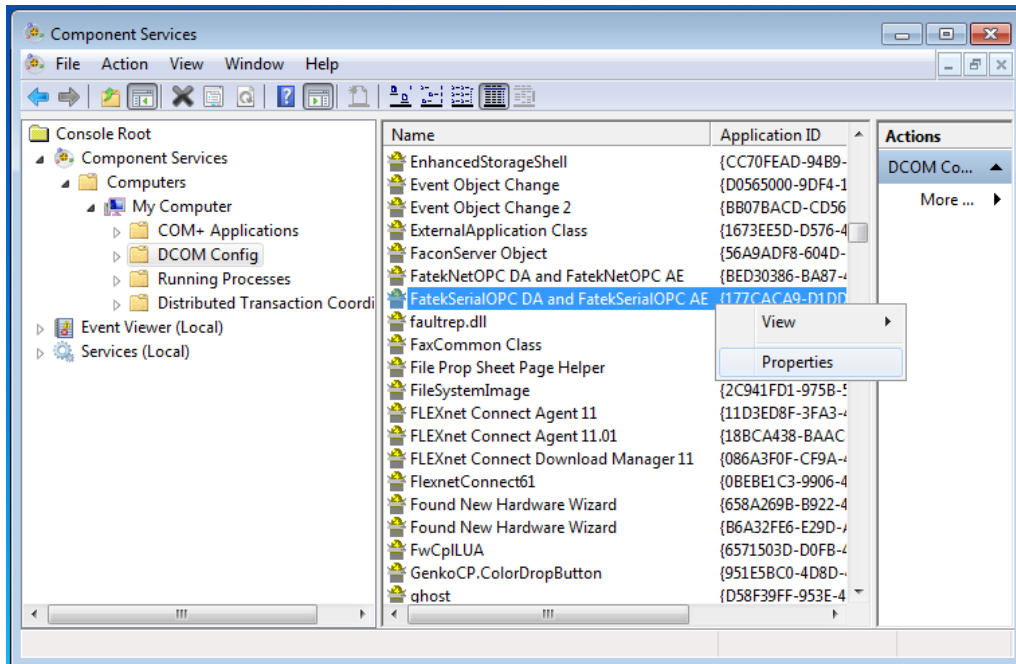


- At General tab, set “Authentication Level” as **None**.
- At Location tab, check “**Run application on this computer**”.
- At Security tab, set “Launch and activation Permissions” and “Access Permissions” as **Use Default**.
- At Identity tab, set “**The launching user**”.

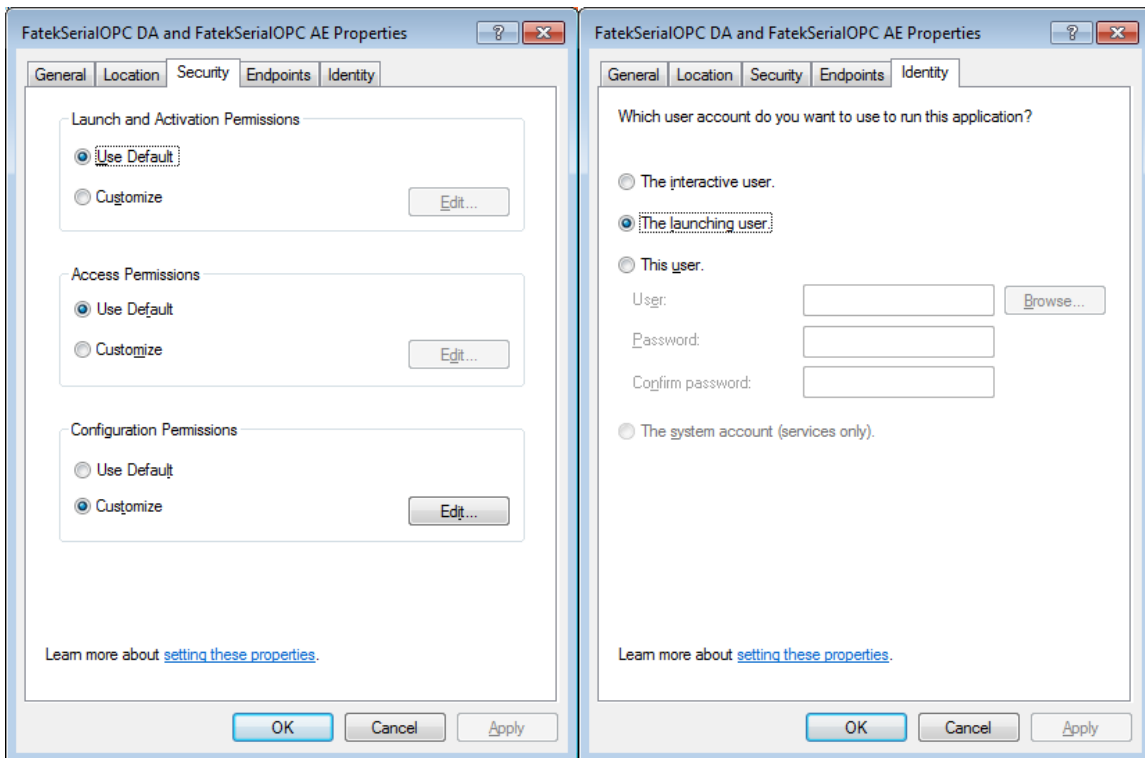
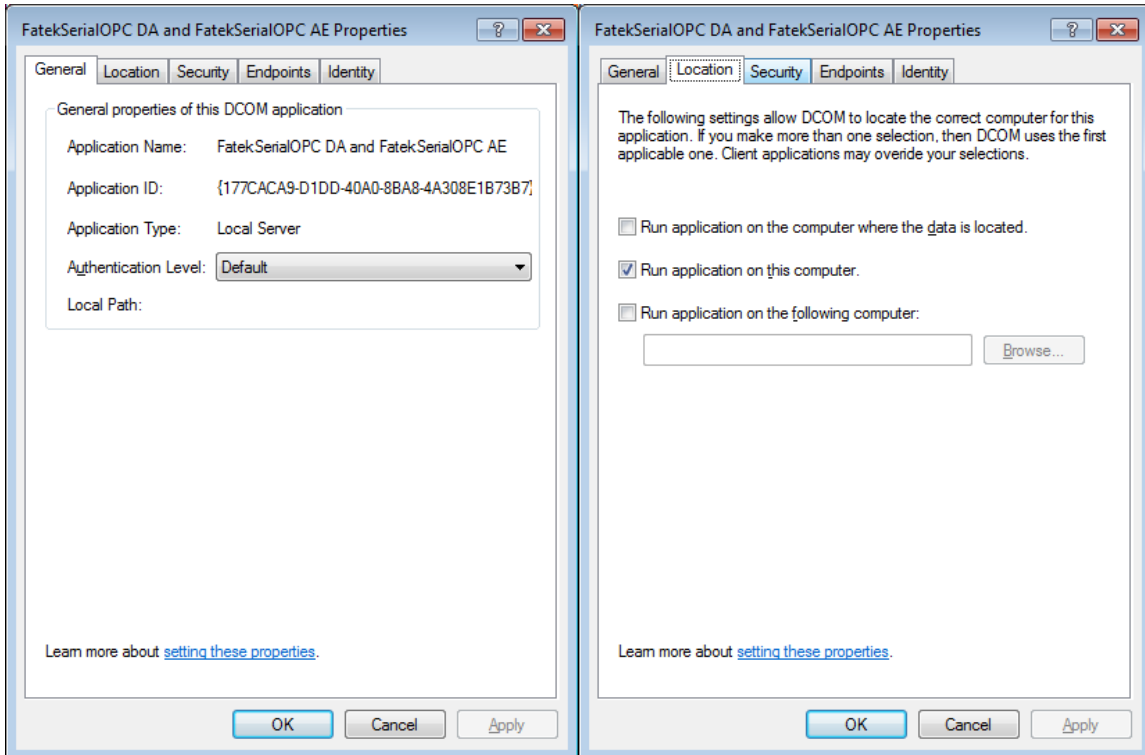


3.2 Fatek OPC Server Setting

Select the Fatek OPC Server that is under “**Component Services->Computers->My Computer->DCOM Config**”, and right –click it and choose “Properties”.



- At General tab, set “Authentication Level” as **Default**.
- At Location tab, check “**Run application on this computer**”.
- At Security tab, set “Launch and activation Permissions” and “Access Permissions” as **Use Default**.
- At Identity tab, set “**The launching user**”.



Appendix B -- How to Install License Key

1. Install Fatek OPC Server

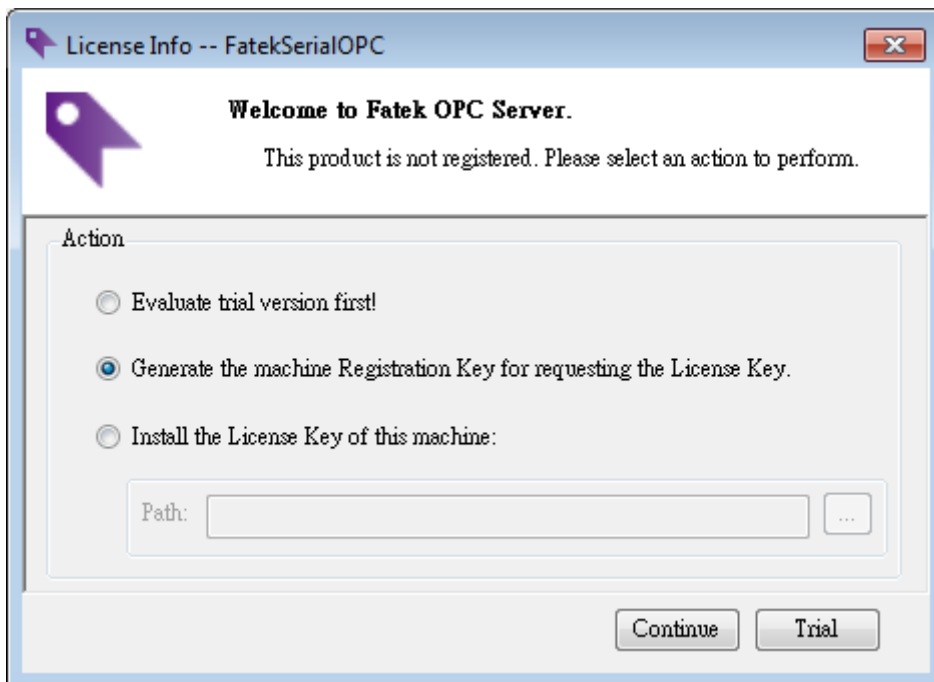


2. Launch Configurator Utility

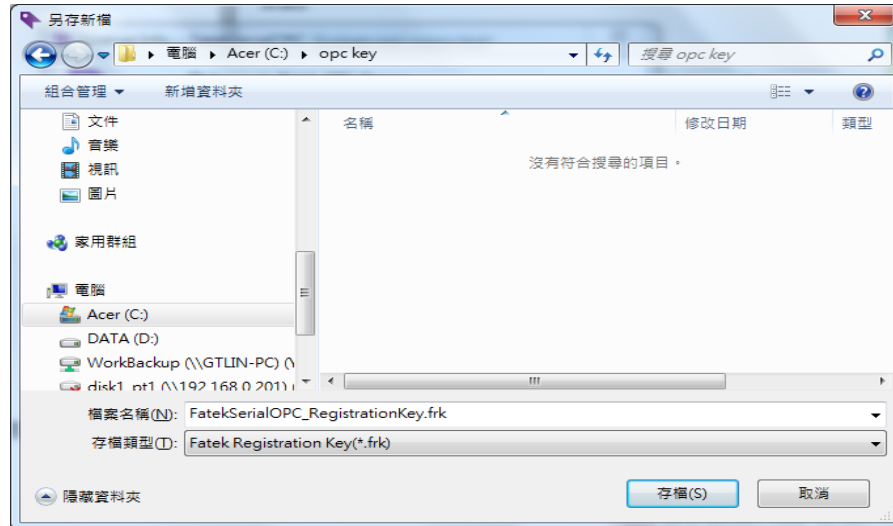
Take FatekSerialOPC for example, open the Fatek OPC Configurator from the Windows **Start Menu > Fatek PLC > FatekSerialOPC Configurtor (or FatekNetOPC Configurator)**.

3. Generate the machine Registration Key

Select **“Generate the machine Registration Key for requesting License Key”**. Click **“Continue”** button.

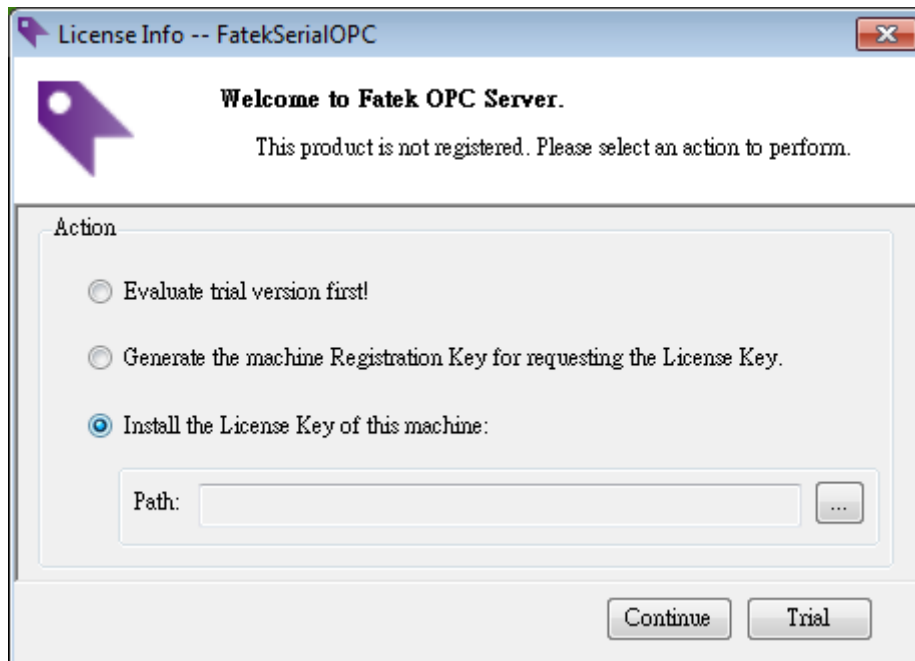


Save as the **Registration Key (*.frk)**

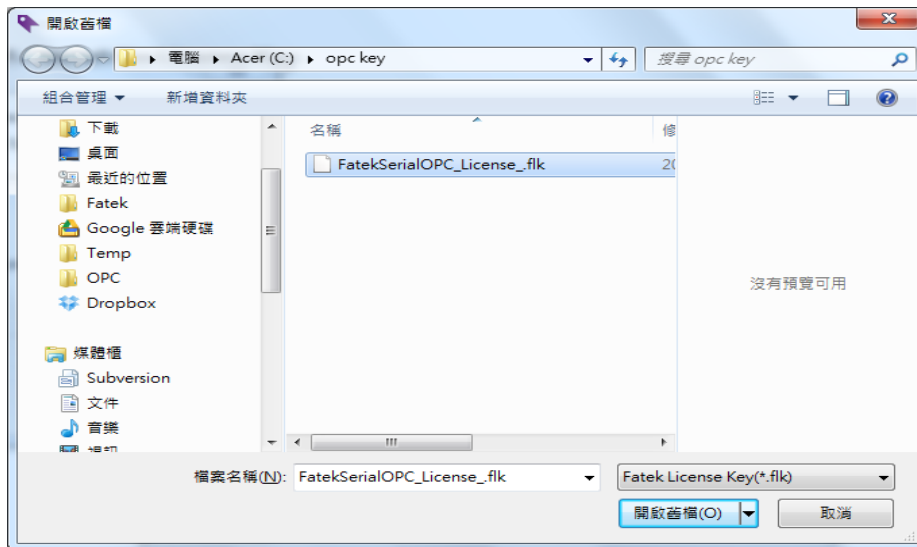


Note: One License Key can only be used to activate one machine and can not be transferred to another machine. Please make sure to generate the Registration Key from the machine which FATEK OPC server will run on.

4. E-Mail the Registration Key and “FatekOPC LicenseKey Application Form” to FATEK (sales@fatek.com) for requesting License Key
5. Install the License Key
Select “Install the License Key of this machine”



Click “...” button to choose License Key file (*.flk).



Click “Continue” button to install the License Key.

