

Manual

TC3 PLC HMI Web

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1 Foreword

1.1 Notes on the documentation

This description is only intended for the use of trained specialists in control and automation engineering who are familiar with the applicable national standards.

It is essential that the documentation and the following notes and explanations are followed when installing and commissioning the components.

It is the duty of the technical personnel to use the documentation published at the respective time of each installation and commissioning.

The responsible staff must ensure that the application or use of the products described satisfy all the requirements for safety, including all the relevant laws, regulations, guidelines and standards.

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1.2 Safety instructions

Safety regulations

Please note the following safety instructions and explanations!
Product-specific safety instructions can be found on following pages or in the areas mounting, wiring, commissioning etc.

Exclusion of liability

All the components are supplied in particular hardware and software configurations appropriate for the application. Modifications to hardware or software configurations other than those described in the documentation are not permitted, and nullify the liability of Beckhoff Automation GmbH & Co. KG.

Personnel qualification

This description is only intended for trained specialists in control, automation and drive engineering who are familiar with the applicable national standards.

Description of symbols

In this documentation the following symbols are used with an accompanying safety instruction or note. The safety instructions must be read carefully and followed without fail!

 DANGER	<p>Serious risk of injury! Failure to follow the safety instructions associated with this symbol directly endangers the life and health of persons.</p>
 WARNING	<p>Risk of injury! Failure to follow the safety instructions associated with this symbol endangers the life and health of persons.</p>
 CAUTION	<p>Personal injuries! Failure to follow the safety instructions associated with this symbol can lead to injuries to persons.</p>
 Attention	<p>Damage to the environment or devices Failure to follow the instructions associated with this symbol can lead to damage to the environment or equipment.</p>
 Note	<p>Tip or pointer This symbol indicates information that contributes to better understanding.</p>

2 PLC HMI Web

PLC HMI Web enables the visualization to be displayed in any web browser. It is realized as a Java script, which queries the display information from the web server. Only changes in the display are transferred cyclically. When a visualization project is downloaded, all files required for the PLC HMI Web are transferred to directory `C:\TwinCAT\3.1\Boot\Plc\Port_851\Visu`. This includes the Java script, the basic HTML page (HTM file) for the visualization, and all images required in the visualization.



Note

PLC HMI Web can currently only be configured for PLC projects that can be reached via port 851.

The following topics are described below:

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- [Commissioning of the PLC HMI Web \[▶ 7\]](#)
- [Editor of the WebVisualization object \[▶ 8\]](#)

Requirements

- On the server side the web server must be configured accordingly.
- On the client side, as a minimum Microsoft Internet Explorer 10 or the latest version of Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome or Safari must be available.



Note

Data security violations

In order to minimize the risk of data security violations, the following organizational and technical measures are recommended for the system, on which your applications run:

- Exposure of the PLC and the control network to open networks and the Internet should be avoided, as far as possible.
- Use additional data link layers such as a VPN for remote access and install firewall mechanisms for protection.
- Restrict access to authorized persons, change any default passwords during first commissioning and then at regular intervals.

Commissioning the PLC HMI Web

Step 1: Configure Internet Information Services (IIS)

The PLC HMI Web uses the Microsoft IIS as web server. The IIS has to be configured accordingly. The configuration is handled by the [TF1810 | TC3 PLC HMI Web](#) installation, which is available for download from the Beckhoff website.

Step 2: Enable PLC HMI Web

The "WebVisualization" object () enables the PLC HMI Web. You add it to the "Visualization Manager" object in the PLC project tree via the context menu command **Add > WebVisualization** (see also PLC documentation: [Creating a visualization > Visualization object](#)).

With the WebVisualization object a visualization task "VISU_TASK" is created in the Solution and a reference to this task in the project. The reference is used to call the visualization code. Therefore, you have to reactivate the configuration after adding the object.



Note

Deleting a WebVisualization object

If you delete a WebVisualization object and have not added an additional TargetVisualization object, you have to delete the task "VISU_TASK" under **System > Tasks** in the Twin-CAT project tree. This task is not required in the integrated visualization. (See also Editor of the TargetVisualization object and Integrated visualization)

Step 3: Call PLC HMI Web

In order to call the start page of the visualization, enter the following address in the web browser: `http://device_name/Tc3PlcHmiWeb/Port_851/Visu/webvisu.htm`

Example: `http://localhost/Tc3PlcHmiWeb/Port_851/Visu/webvisu.htm`

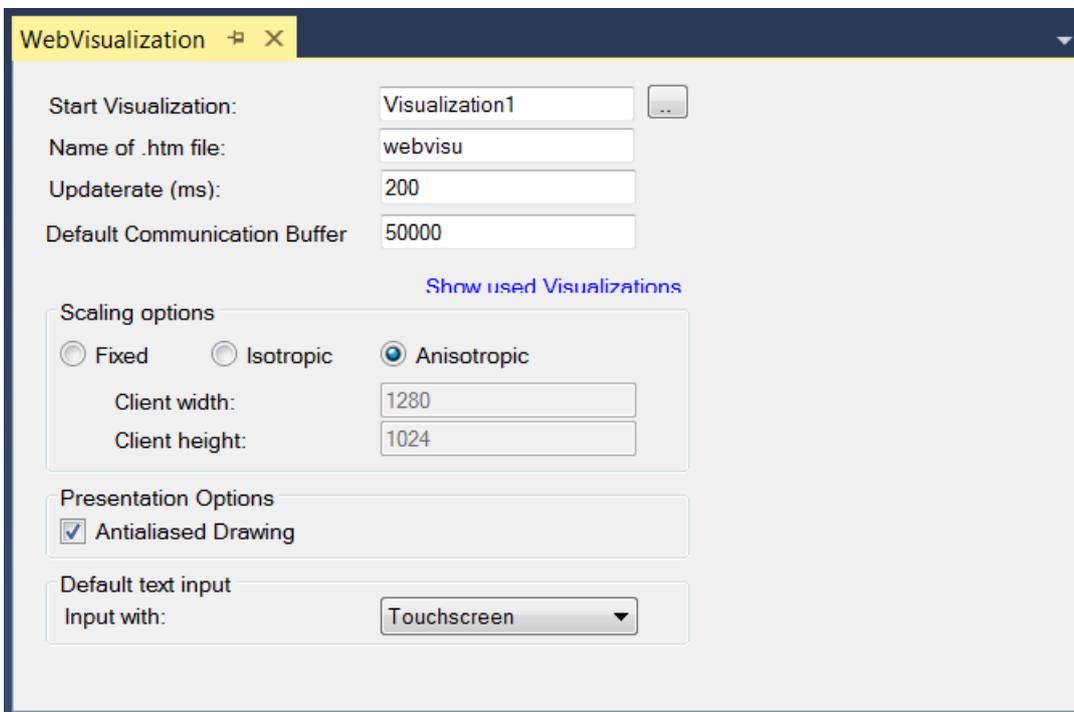
"webvisu" is the HTML start page of the visualization defined in the PLC HMI Web settings. After the call this is used to display the start visualization, which is also defined in the manager, in the browser. The visualization can then be operated in the browser.

Optionally you can give the PLC HMI Web a name on calling it in order to be able to address it specifically in the application later on. To do this, enter the parameter `ClientName=<Name>` after the URL.

Example: `http://localhost/Tc3PlcHmiWeb/Port_851/Visu/webvisu.htm?Clientname=V_ClientXY`

Editor of the WebVisualization object

The "WebVisualization" object (), which you can add in the PLC project tree below the "Visualization Manager" object, enables the PLC HMI Web and contains the settings for the web visualization. Double-click on the object in order to edit the settings in an editor window.



Start Visualization	Name of the visualization to be displayed automatically when the PLC HMI Web is started. "Visualization" is to be entered here as standard. The input assistant can be used to select a different visualization.
Name of .htm file	Name of the basic HTML page of the visualization, which must also be entered as the address in the web browser. Example: <code>http://localhost/Tc3PlcHmiWeb/Port_851/Visu/webvisu.htm</code>
Updaterate (ms)	Update rate in milliseconds, with which the data in the web browser are updated.
Default Communication Buffer	Size of the communication buffer in bytes. Specifies the maximum available memory for the data transfer between web client and web browser.
Show used Visualizations	Button for opening the standard dialog of the Visualization Manager: Here you can select the visualizations that are to be used for the PLC HMI Web. (See also PLC documentation: Creating a visualization > Visualization Manager > Visualizations)

Scaling options

Fixed	The size of the visualization is retained, irrespective of the size of the browser window.
Isotropic	The size of the visualization depends on the size of the browser window. The visualization retains its proportions, however.
Anisotropic	The size of the visualization depends on the size of the browser window. The visualization does not retain its proportions.
Client size	The display size of PLC HMI Web is defined through the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client height: height in pixels • Client width: width in pixels

Presentation options

Antialiased Drawing	Activate this option, if antialiasing is to be used when the visualizations are drawn in the visualization editor window of the programming system. (Offline or online)
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Default text input

This setting is only then active if the input type “Standard” is selected in the input configuration of the visualization element. In this case, the default text entries defined in the Visualization Manager are used.

Touchscreen	Select this option if the web clients are operated with a touchscreen by default.
Keyboard	Select this option if the web clients are operated with a keyboard by default.