

TAS (Tecnosoft Alarm System)

User Manual

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Introduction

TAS software is a module that works with some Tecnosoft software, like the *FridgeLog* and its wireless part, the *WTLS2FL*. It is used to manage alarms for the different monitoring point controlled and let you configure the different alarms available for each point.

There are three possible alarms: local, on PC speaker and monitor, E-mail and SMS.

TAS is intended to be used along with a wireless systems, i.e. with a real time monitoring of the spots. If used with a manual system you'll get alarms only after downloading data from the logger and so only after the real alarm occurred.

N.B.: we suggest to install and configure the software after the *Fridgelog*. It must always running in order to receive data.

System Requirements

Hardware

Description	Minimum	Recommended
Processor	Pentium 1 GHz	Pentium 2 GHz
Memory	128 MB	256 MB
Display Resolution	800x600 at 256 colours	1024x768 at 16 million colours

² free USB ports

Software

Description	Supported
Operating System	Windows 2000 / XP / Vista

Ethernet Connection (Wireless System Only)

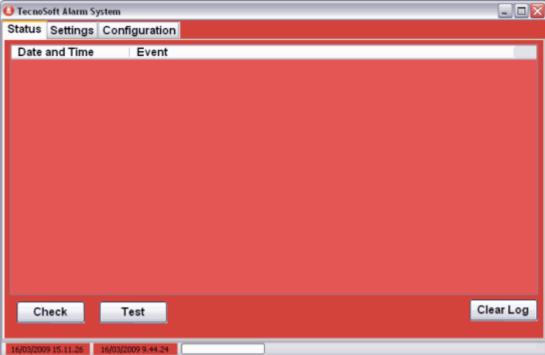
1 free serial port for the GSM Modem (Wireless system – TAS module subscribers only)

Main Functions



Launching the program

To launch the program navigate to **Start – Programs** (or **All programs** in Win XP) – **Tecnosoft – TAS – TAS**. Alternatively double click the **TAS** icon on the desktop. In the main window you can see three folders: *Status*, *Settings* e *Configuration*.



The Main Window

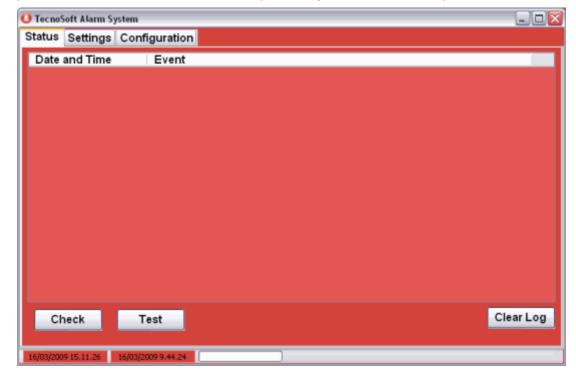
The main window displays a status bar on the bottom where are shown the time when bext test alarm will be sent, the second when the data will be checked next and the third, a bar, shows the GSM signal strength.

Closing the program

To close the program click on the **X** button in top right corner of the window.

Status

Here all operations made with the *TAS* are shown, particularly the alarms. Three operations can be made.



Check

Pressing it you force the software to check downloaded data for alarms.

Test

A default message to test if the system is working properly is sent..

Clear Log

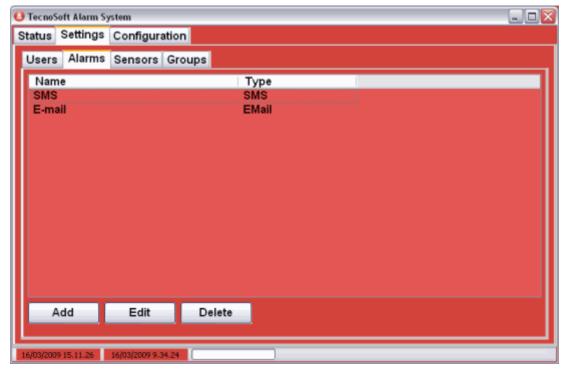
Clear the log of operations. A confirmation will be requested; the operation cannot be undone.

Settings

Here there are 4 tabs to set up the database of the software. Here they are presented in the suggested order on how to fill them. The Fridge log setting should already have been completed.

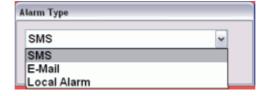
Alarms

Set here the different type of alarms, which are three: local, E-mail and SMS. For each record you can specify for which category of alarm is it used for (you can choose all, too). For example, you can set if that alarm is for temperature only, or for test, and so on. You can create more than three alarms, i.e. More than one for each kind, using this tab. For example, if you create a local alarm, you can specify the .wav (audio format) file to assign to it. You can create two local alarms with two different audio files for two different alarm category (for example, temperature and time without data).



Add, Edit, Delete an Alarm

Click on **Add** to create an alarm and choose the type you want. To edit it, select it from the list and click on **Edit**. To remove it, select it and click on **Delete**.



Alarm categories

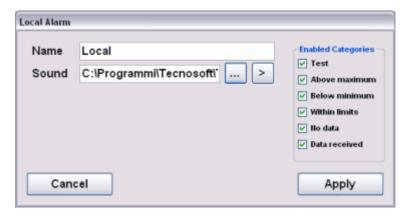
As written above, you can assign that specific alarm to a category. If an alarm set for SMS sending is enabled for just one category, for example the one for above max temperature, when a monitored point reaches above that temperature, an SMS is sent, but when it goes back into limits, no alarm is sent. The categories are (you can select all):

Test: the test alarm is sent;

- Above maximum: just the above max temperature alarm is sent;
- Below minimum: just the below min temperature alarm is sent;
- Within limits: an alarm is sent when temperature goes back into the set limits;
- No data: an alarm is sent when no data is received for a set period;
- Data received: an alarm is set when data are received again from a point where a No data alarm occurred.

Local Alarm adding

Select *Local alarm* from the drop down list and click on **Apply**. Type in a *Name* for this alarm in the proper field and select the .wav file from the **Sound** field. Click on > to listen to the selected file. Click on **Apply** to add the alarm to the list.



E-mail alarm adding

Select *E-mail* from the drop down list and click on **Apply**. Set the E-mail account parameters and give it a name. Enable the *Authentication* option fill in the proper fields, if a password is needed in order to send an email with the chosen account.



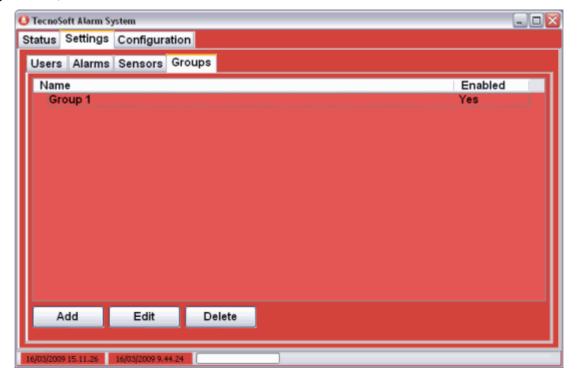
SMS alarm sending

Select *SMS* from the drop down list and click on **Apply**. Give a name to this alarm, set the proper COM port where the GSM is connected and type in the PIN number for the used SIM if needed, plus the number of the message centre of your SIM provider (ask it if you don't know this number).



Groups tab

Create here different Groups for several Sensors with alarms. These groups can be useful because, for example, two or more sensors can be in the same fridge cell and you might want to receive a single alarm, whether it's one of the sensors in it that have an alarm on. In this way, the sensors of a group are treated like a single sensor, for the alarms.



As, Edit, Delete a Group

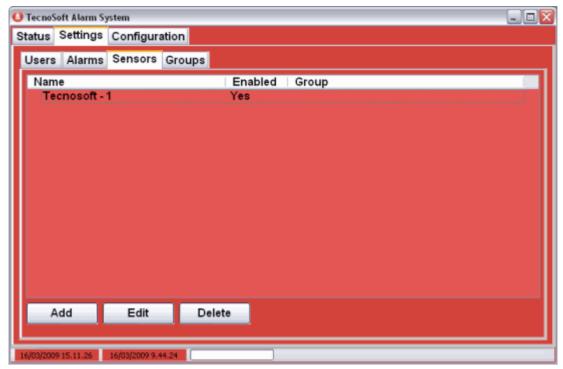
Click on **Add** to create a new **Group**. Give it a name and if you want to receive alarms from it, check the *Enabled* option. Click on **Apply** to add it to the list. To edit or remove it, select it and click on **Edit** or **Delete**.



Sensors tab

Here you can set for to the different Sensors in the FridgeLog archive an alarm.

The monitoring points archive must be created in the *FridgeLog* software yet. Check that in the *Configuration* tab you set the proper path for the *FridgeLog* archive.



Add, Edit or Delete a Sensor

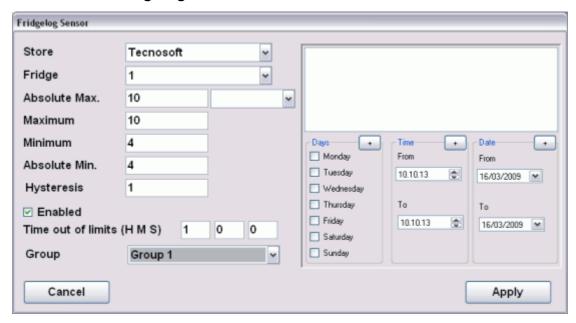
Click **Add** to create a new *Sensor*. To edit or remove it select it from the list and click on **Edit** or **Delete**.

When adding a sensor you'll be asked from which software you want to retrieve data: WTLSM (a software no more available) or FridgeLog.

There are two types of parameters to set: for temperature thresholds and for time validity. Once the parameters are set, click on **Apply** to continue.



Set a Sensor for the FridgeLog



Set the following parameters:

- Store: select from the drop down list the Store where the Fridge is;
- Fridge: select the Fridge you want to add here;
- select from the right menu the profile from the *Fridgelog* database. The left fields will be automatically filled but you can still change them if you want. Alarms are sent according to the *Absolute* thresholds, not the standard ones:
- Hysteresis: set here the hysteresis for the alarm;
- Enables: check this option to enable this fridge for alarms;
- Time out of limits: set here the time, expressed in Hours, Minutes and Seconds, for the temperature to be out of threshold before an alarm is set;
- Group: select the Group to which this sensor belongs.

The parameters for time validity are used to set when a certain alarm must be ignored; for example, you may exclude the weekends, or a week of holiday, and so on. These parameters are set in the right part of the window.

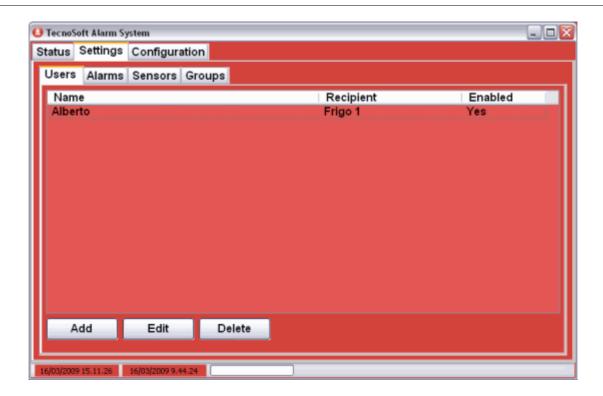
Above there is the list of exclusions: to remove one, right click on it and select **Remove**.

The possible exclusions are:

- exclude some week days: exclude some days of the week, from midnight till 23:59:59 of the chosen day
 by selecting them from the first list and click on + to add them to the list above;
- exclude a range within two hours: to exclude every day a range chosen between two hours, select the starting time in the *From* field and the finishing time in the *To* field from the *Time Span* box. Click on + to add the new range to the list above. If you want to exclude the night, for example, from 8:00 pm, till 8:00 am, select a time range from 20:00 till 23:59:59 and another time range from 0:00 till 8:00;
- exclude a series of days: if you want to exclude a range of days, select it from the calendar on the right, both the date *From* and *To* (start and end of the range) and click on + to add it to the list above. Selected days are included in the exclusion.

Users tab

Here is the list of the receivers of the alarms.



Add, Edit and Remove a User

Click on **Add** and give the user a *Name*, the kind of *Alarm* (from the drop down list) and the *Address*.

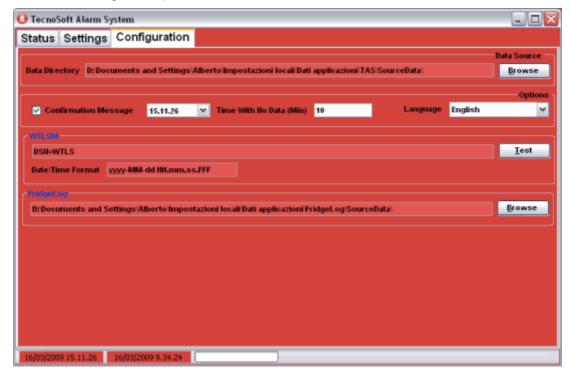
The address is both the e-mail account and the mobile number to which send the SMS, according to the *Alarm* you select.

Check *Enabled* to activate this user. Click on **Apply** to add it to the list; to edit or remove, select it and click on **Edit** or **Delete**.



Configuration tab

Here you can set the configuration parameters for TAS.



Data Path

Set here, using the **Browse** button, the folder where to save the *TAS* archives.

Test message

Enable this option and set a time when you want to receive the test message to all enabled receivers, so to know that the system is working properly.

Time without data

Set here the time needed before for *TAS* to send an alarm for a fridge that is not receiving data (minimum is 10 minutes; it should be higher then the time set as acquisition step on the *WTMC* and as checking step on the *WTLS2FL*).

WTLSM

In the above field set the parameters for the WTLSM database and below the date format used.

FridgeLog

Set here the folder where the archives of the *FridgeLog* are saved. If it is not correct, you won't be able to add properly new *Sensors* here.



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