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CODAC Core System Version 4 Release Notes

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1 INTRODUCTION

This note is a supplementary document for the CODAC Core System (CCS) that applies to the 4.0 major version and to any derived minor releases.

It introduces the main new features and changes with respect to the previous releases (3.0 and 3.1). It will be updated to describe the features and changes introduced with the minor release(s) and the bug fixes distributed via the maintenance release(s), if any.

This version of the document has been produced for the release of the 4.2.0 version.

This document is complemented with the exhaustive list of changes, enhancements and bug fixes introduced in each official releases. This was previously included as an appendix.

References:

[RD1] Changes in 4.0.0 from Bugzilla (HTLSJS)

[RD2] Changes in 4.1.0 from Bugzilla (HTNBUB)

[RD3] Changes in 4.2.0 from Bugzilla (LYJDMG)

2 NEW FEATURES AND CHANGES IN 4.0 & 4.1

Note: Features and changes that have been introduced after the release of the version 4.0.0 are indicated with the version from which they are present.

2.1 System changes

The 4.x versions are based on RHEL 6.3. RHEL MRG-R 2.1 (kernel 3.0) is optionally available for fast controllers, in case high determinism is required.

The latest releases (3.14.12.3) of the EPICS 3.14 base have been included: 3.14.12.3 with v4.0 and v4.1 and 3.14.12.4 with CCS v4.2.

The new minor release of the RHEL does not require the re-installation of the existing CCS v3.0 or higher development or target systems but they will receive an operating system upgrade together with CCS v4.0.

Still, it is recommended to re-install the development systems with new versions instead of upgrading an existing installation, whenever possible, to avoid the coexistence of multiple versions where that is not explicitly required.

2.2 SDN support

The Application Programing Interface (API) for the Synchronous Databus Network (SDN) has been included in version 4.0 with the associated libraries and tools.

The SDN API allows software programs distributed over Fast Controllers and High-Performance Computers to exchange data over SDN with guaranteed performance. The API is implemented as a C++ library.

This library operates with the selected SDN media, i.e. Ethernet. The library functions on any Ethernet port; yet, the performance requirements are only achieved through use of compliant boards and switches.

The main features are the following:

- Configuration of the messages, identified as topics, i.e. named logical communication channels, exchanged over the SDN network.
- Provision of C++ classes implementing the communication following an anonymous publish-subscribe pattern, and isolating the calling programs from any deployment and technological considerations.
- Generation of the C++ header files for topics data type definition and topic-specific communication classes for each participant role.
- Implementation of performance and health assessment features transparently to the calling application.
- Discovery and monitoring of the connected nodes and of the data exchange by an external dedicated program (***v4.1***) to support fault and failure detection and isolation.
- Distribution of critical messages, i.e. event topics, with acknowledgment from receiver and timeout detection. (***v4.1***).

Participating programs can publish and subscribe to multiple topics; multi-threading is also fully supported.

From version 4.1

- the configuration is done with SDD tools: declaration of the SDN topics data types and SDN programs, and association between topics and programs.

From version 4.2

- subscriber nodes can receive data synchronously over multiple topics in one blocking API call
- the API has been further simplified to make it more user-friendly
- the interaction between SDN participants and the optional monitoring node has been made more robust.

Remark: The draft SDN API that has been distributed in previous versions, up to v3.1, is now deprecated and will cease to exist with v5.0.

2.3 DAN support

From v4.2, a draft version of the DAN API and of the associated services for development and tests is included in the distribution. It implements the basic features for DAN data archiving. These components are under development and not yet stable. The CODAC support can be contacted for information and details.

2.4 Maven commands

From version 4.0:

- C++ programs have been added into I&C projects. A `newprog` command allows adding programs developed in C++ or C. The other commands for building, testing, packaging and installing the application code have been extended to include C/C++ programs.
- The inclusion of SNL programs in IOC process is now automated by the `compile` command so build files edition is not anymore required.
- Configuring archiving and alarm handling can be done by means of dedicated commands: `beauty` and `beast`.

From version 4.1:

- Support for SDN programs has been introduced

From version 4.2:

- IOCs as well as C/C++ programs can be tested on target hosts different than the development system on which they are built. The `run`, `status`, `stop` and `connect` commands have been extended with a `remote` option to execute the command on the indicated remote host.
- A `readlog` command has been added to allow reading IOCs and programs logs on the remote hosts on which these processes are running.
- The `remote` option is also supported by the `beauty` and `beast` commands allowing the activation of archiving and alarm handling on remote servers.

2.5 Maven Editor

A component has been added in v4.0 to provide the user with graphical interfaces for building, testing and packaging applications.

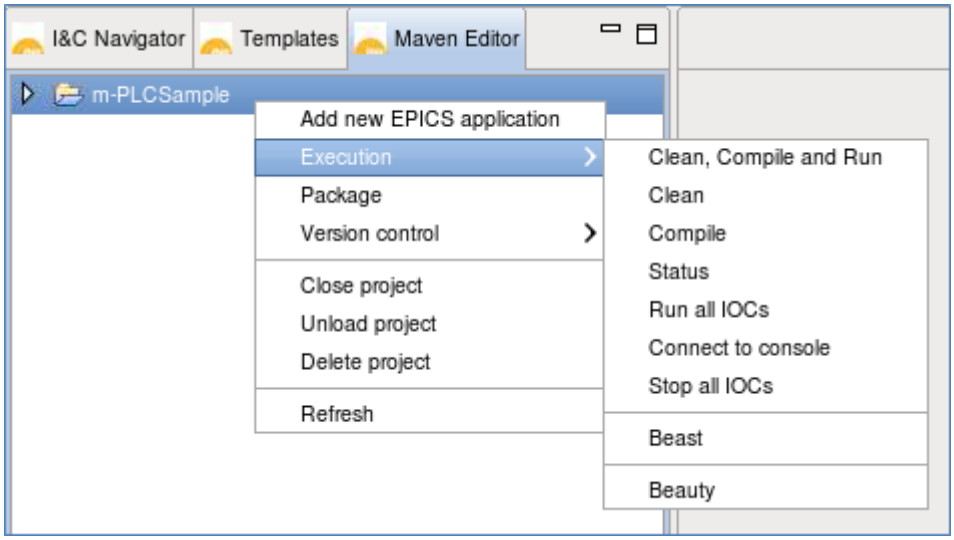
This component can be used as a stand-alone tool or from the SDD editor and web application, as a dedicated view.

This component allows the execution of all the steps for building and testing the application with a graphical user interface. When using the SDD editor, this is integrated in the same tool.

The following actions are implemented:

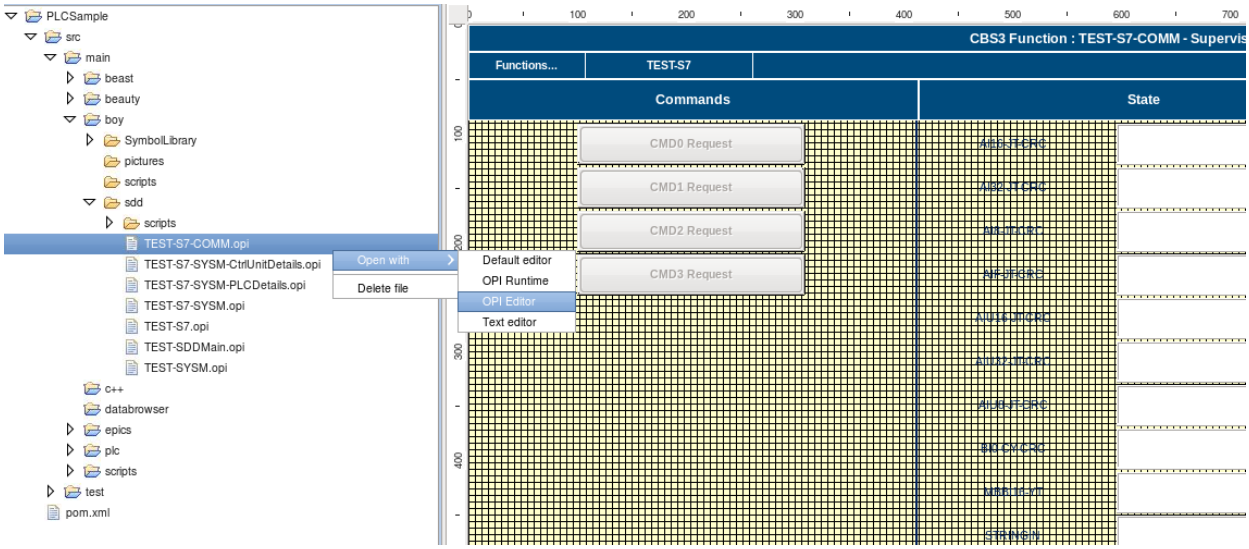
- Generate the configuration files
- Clean, compile, run (one click)
- Connect to an EPICS console
- Get status of the project's IOCs
- Import the configuration files for alarms (BEAST) and archives (BEAUTY) and activate these (restart option)
- Create a new epics app, and reassign IOCs
- Monitor the execution of the commands in the console view.

A Maven Editor view in SDD editor replaces the File Navigation view and allows the execution of the Maven commands from pop-up menus associated with the software unit.



Additions in v4.1:

- Integration of BOY editor: now you can create, develop and launch BOY HMIs from maven editor. It allows a faster development cycle.

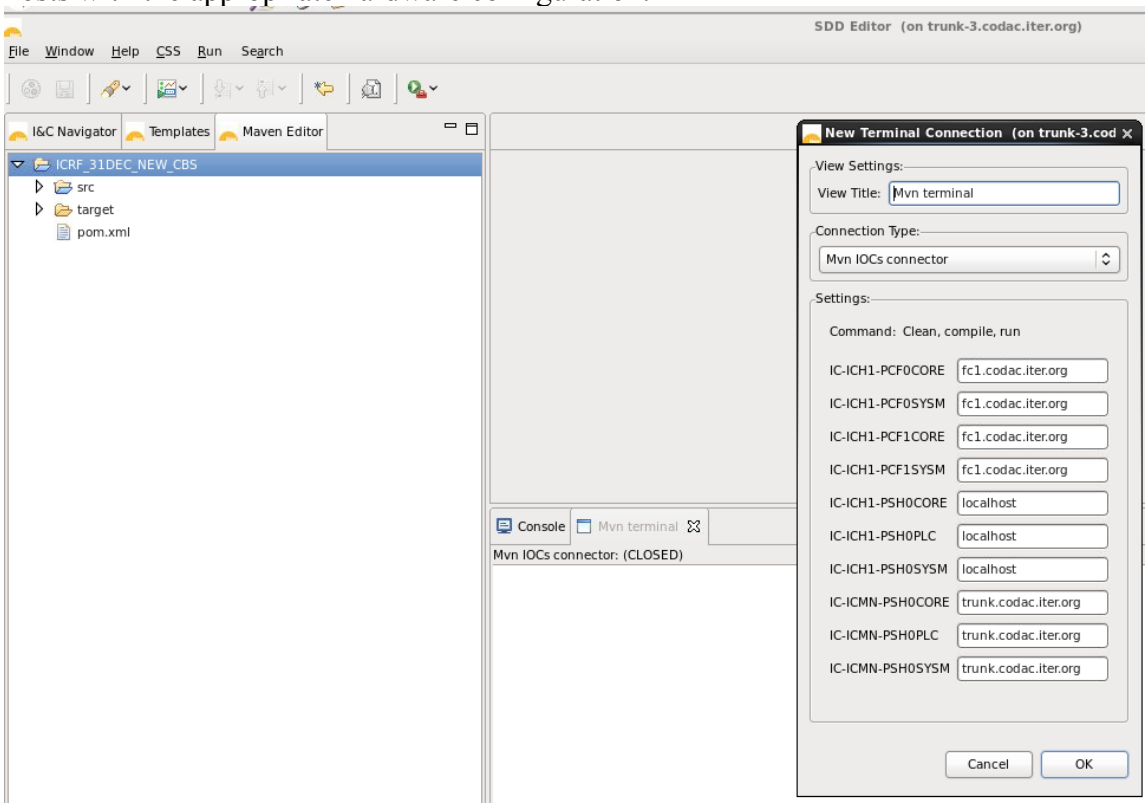


- Integration of SNL compiler : now when saving a SNL file, it actually triggers SNL compilation: the behaviour is the same as one as in SNL editor;
- Starting IOC in debug mode : now you can start IOC in debug mode;
- Integration of mvn retrofit and mvn commands related with SVN (checkout, update, generate)
- Integration of C/C++ editors to allow C/C++ development for SDN applications
- Performance improvement of mvn compile

Addition in 4.2

- Support of remote execution: EPICS IOCs and C/C++ programs can be started on target hosts different from the Mini-CODAC system that is used for SDD configuration. The target hosts are either the control units that are defined in the SDD configuration or some test systems selected by the user. This allows testing the application on remote

hosts with the appropriate hardware configuration.



- The `checkout` command now saves a copy in the SDD database if none was existing.

2.6 PLC integration

From v4.0:

- The support for redundant configuration (ex: interlock PLCs) has been introduced in the driver to allow the PSH to communicate with the active CPU and switch to the other one in case of a fail-over.
- The handling of abnormal communications has been improved.
- The PLC data blocks can be ordered by data type (a new option in SDD) to allow more compact network packets.

From v4.1:

- The SDD toolkit (editor and webapp) now supports the configuration of redundant PLCs with two IP names and the Translator generates the proper initialization for redundant PLCs.

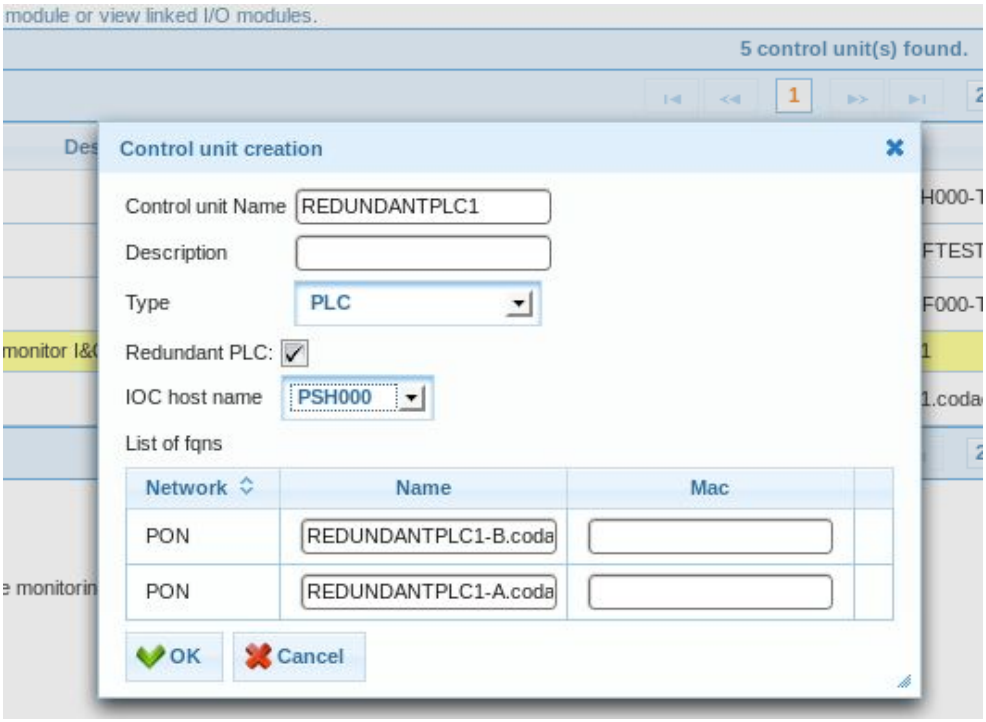


Figure 1 - Redundant PLC edition

- The Standard PLC Software Structure (SPSS) has been updated to allow communication with either the CPU or the Communication Processor of a PLC.

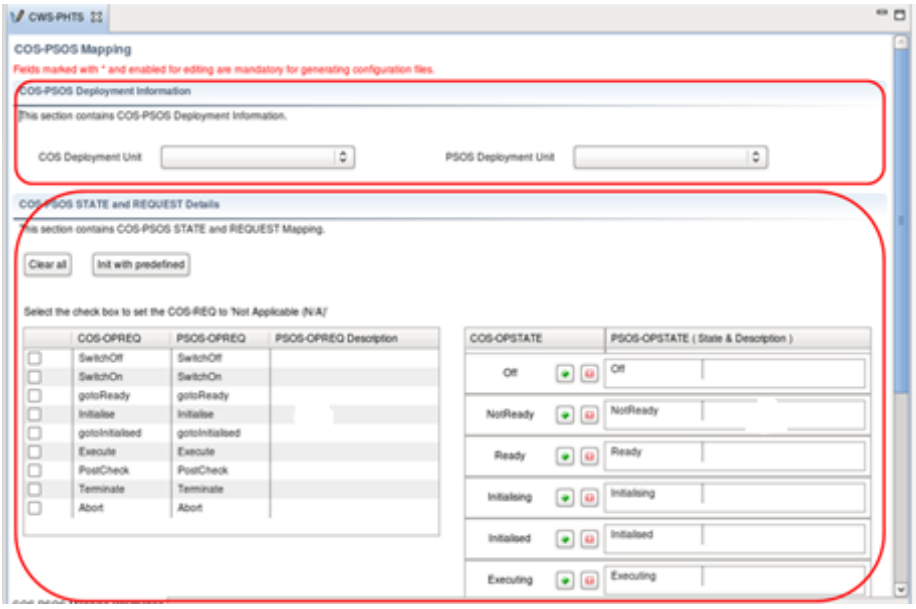
2.7 SDD

2.7.1 COS-PSOS support

Common Operating State (COS) and Plant System Operating State (PSOS) are part of the standard interface each plant system I&C should implement. COS is generic (unique definition for all plant systems). PSOS is plant system specific.

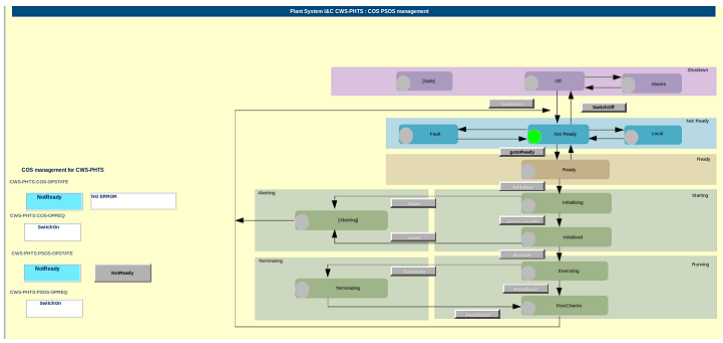
The SDD tools now support the implementation of the standard COS variables: <CBS1>-<CBS2>:COS-OPSTATE and <CBS1>-<CBS2>:COS-OPREQ, as defined in the PCDH.

The editors allow creating a mapping table between the generic values of the COS variables and the plant system specific ones of the PSOS variables. Predefined mapping tables illustrating different category of plant systems can also be copied and edited.



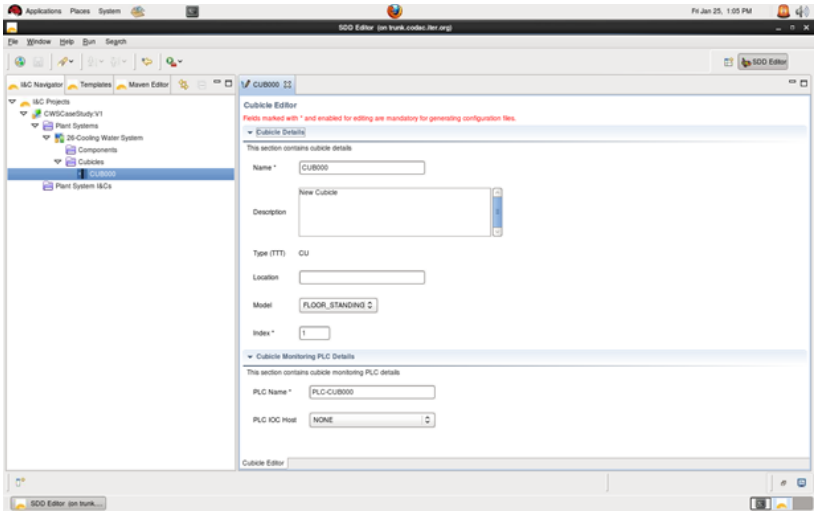
For COS variables implementation, the translator generates:

- The SNL program that implements the COS state machine in the PSH.
- The PSOS variables in the selected controller.
- A BOY HMI for interacting with the COS state machine.



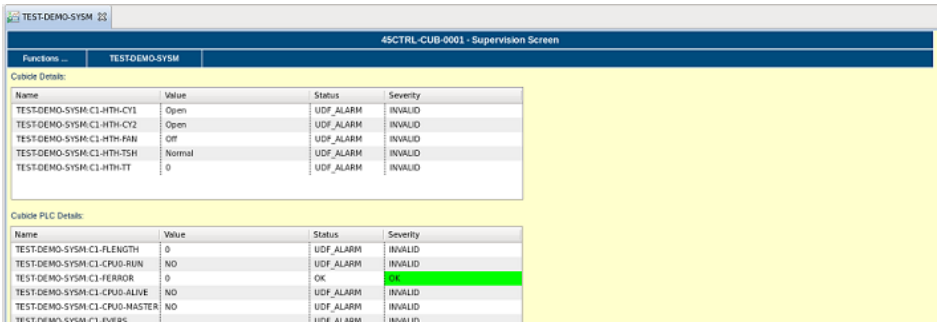
2.7.2 Cubicle monitoring

The cubicles that are part of an I&C installation can now be declared in the project and the cubicle environment variables (temperature, door status…), implemented in a dedicated PLC, monitored from a PSH.



For cubicles, the translator generates:

- The PVs that implements the cubicle state in the PSH.
- A BOY HMI for visualizing the cubicles state.



2.7.3 Common Excel and csv format between Editor and webapp

From v4.2

- Now Editor and Webapp support the same Excel format for component and signals, control units and variables.
- It also share common CSV format for importing several instances of templates.

2.7.4 Breakpoints table

From v4.0

- Support for EPICS breakpoint tables both in Editor and webapp: import your breakpoint table and it will appear in the LINR menuc choice of your PV if applicable

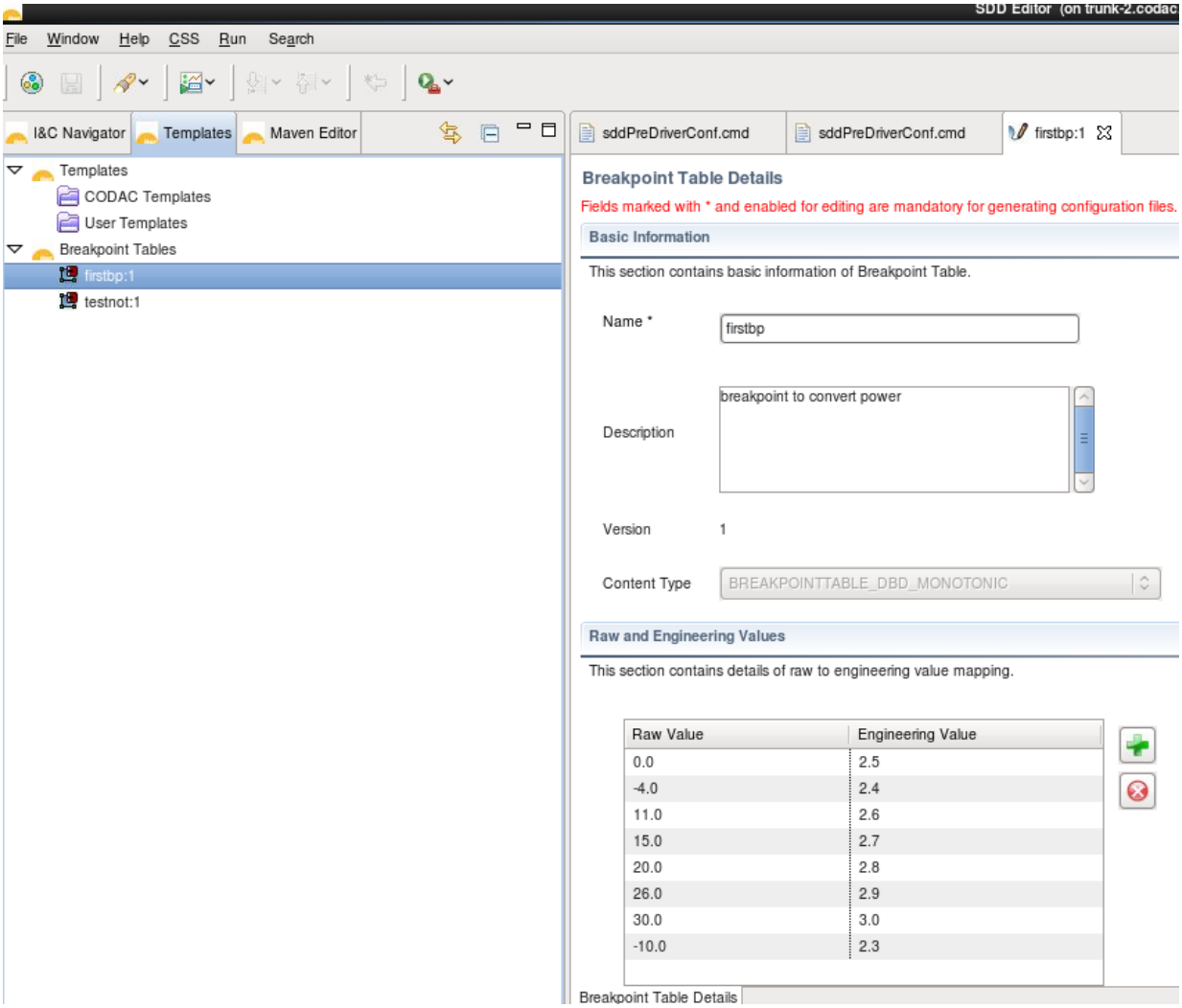
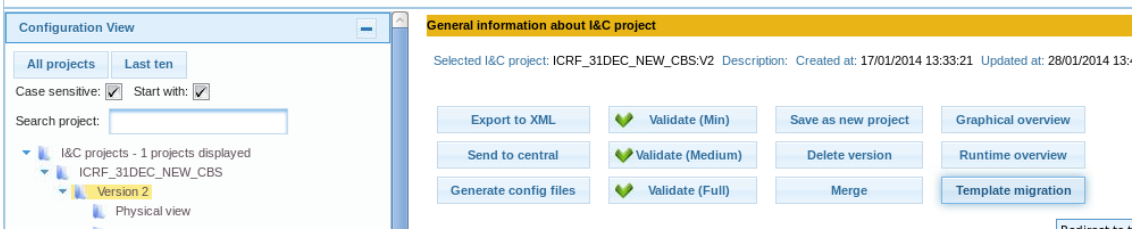


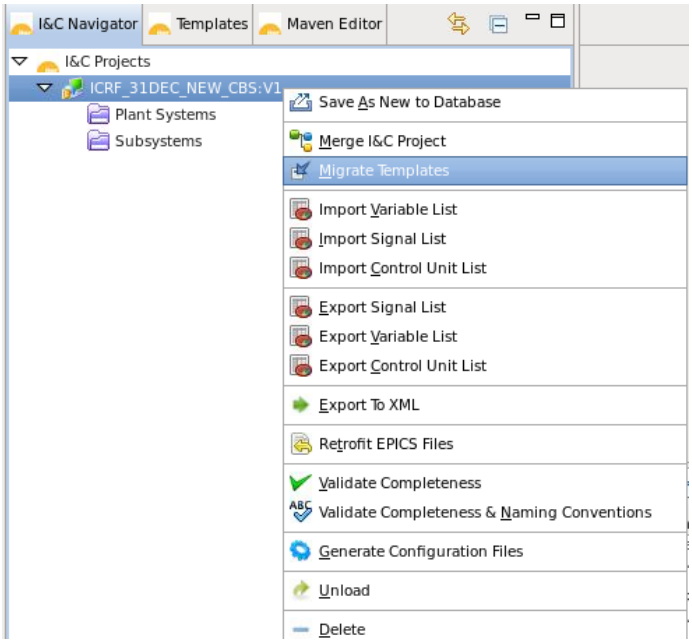
Figure 2 - Breakpoint table edition

2.7.5 Migration of templates

From v4.2

- The SDD Editor and Webapp offer a function to cope with changes made in the EPICS templates, either system templates (ex: PXI-6259 board) or user-defined ones. Conversion features allow updating the variables that have been instantiated with a template that has been modified.

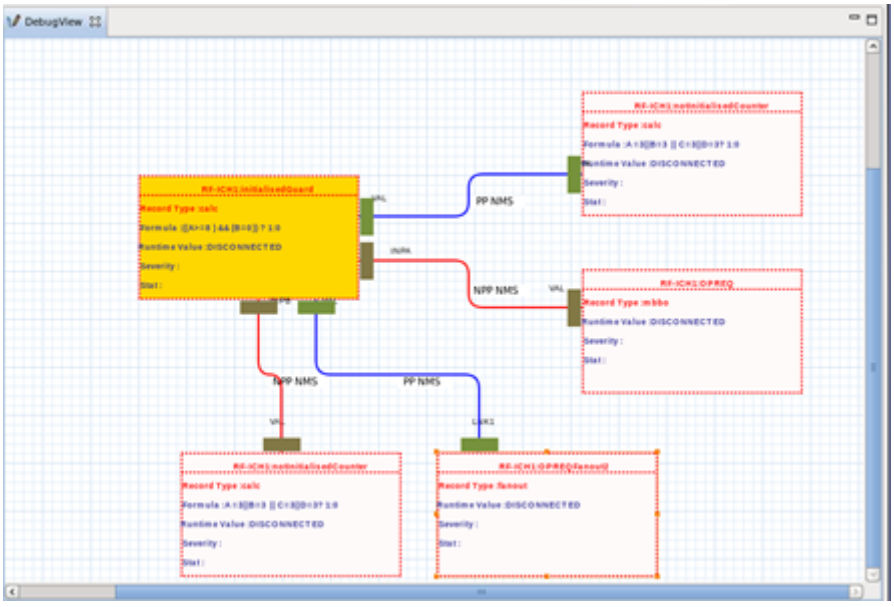




2.7.6 SDD Editor

From v4.0:

- The editor is now loading and saving data from/to the DB automatically, the explicit "Save to DB "have been suppressed. The "lazy loading" behavior has been implemented: data is retrieved when displayed/edited and saved back transparently.
- A debug view with PV links and dynamic value display and control has been added.



- The support for system templates (CODAC templates) and user-defined templates has been improved with a dedicated view (the Template view).
- The support for the timing board has been completed with templates for boards and terminals.

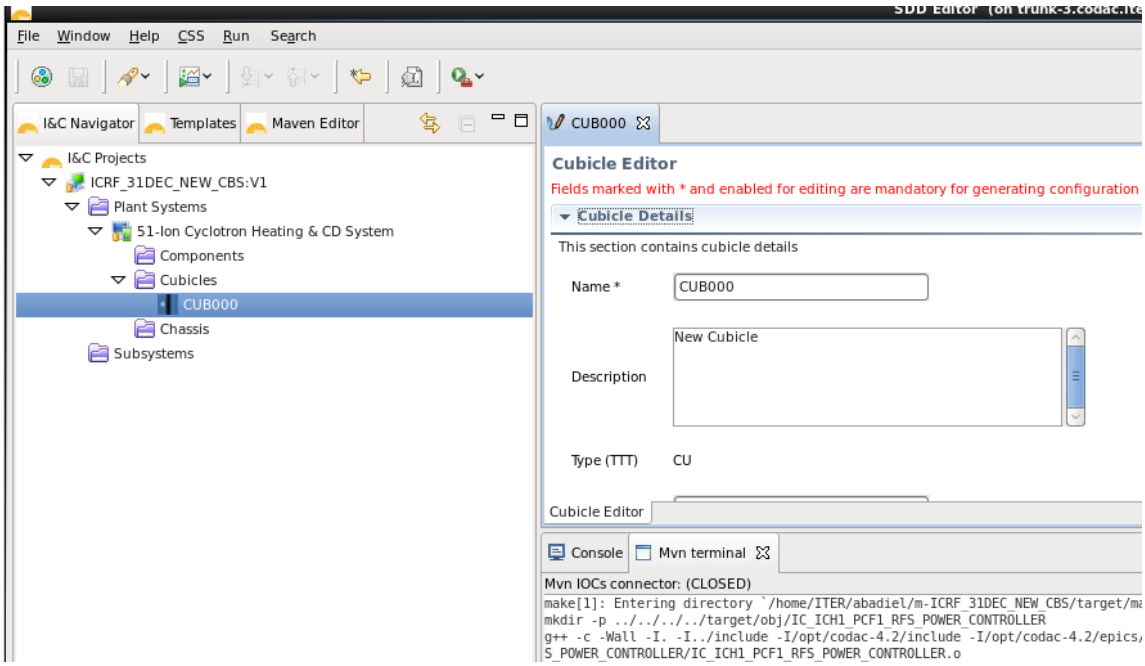
From v4.1:

- Editor now supports the selection of asyn reason for I/O boards as in the web application

- Editor supports deletion of single user template instance

From v4.2:

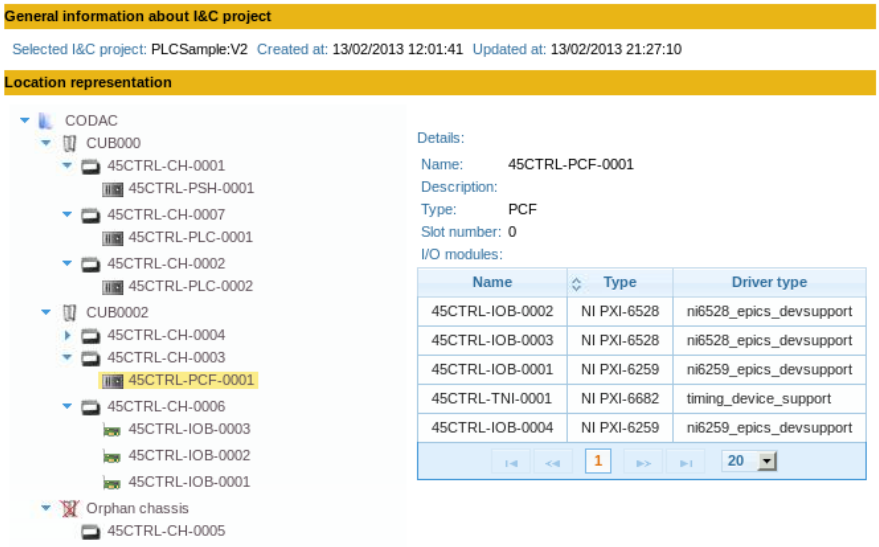
- Support of import/export XML: projects can be saved and loaded from/to XML files from the editor.
- Support of cubicles and chassis



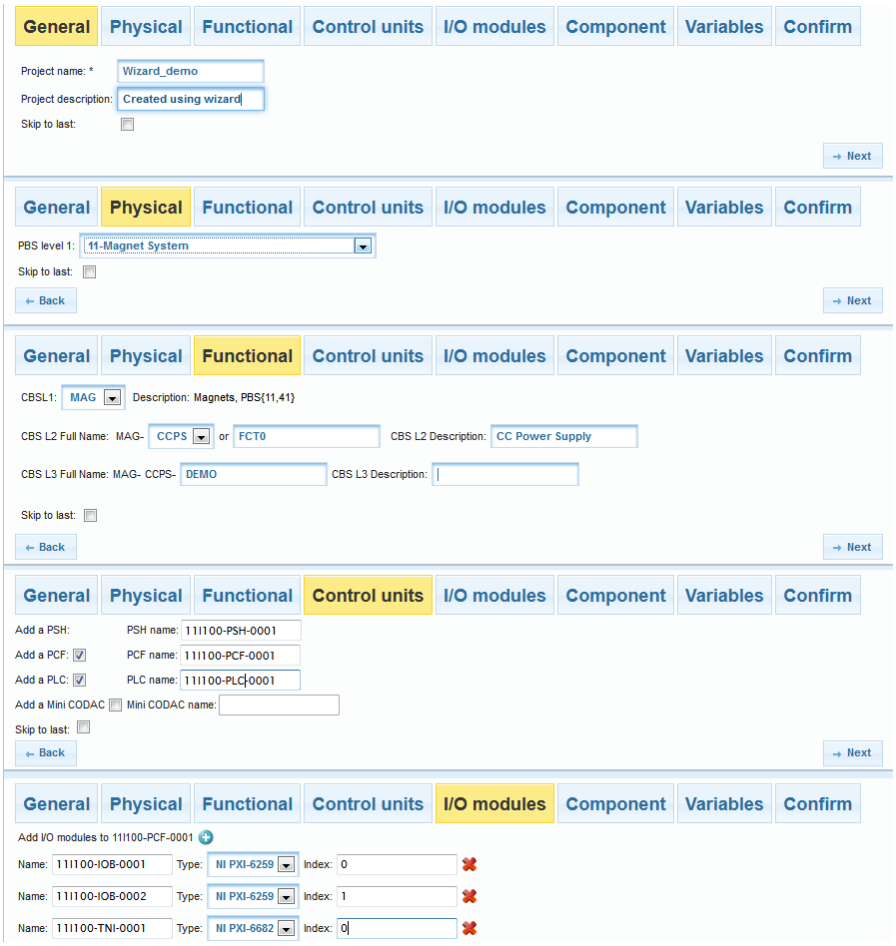
2.7.7 SDD Web application

From v4.0:

- A `Location` view allows visualization and navigation using the physical layout (cubicles/chassis/controller/board)



- A wizard for I&C project declaration guides the user and reduces navigation.



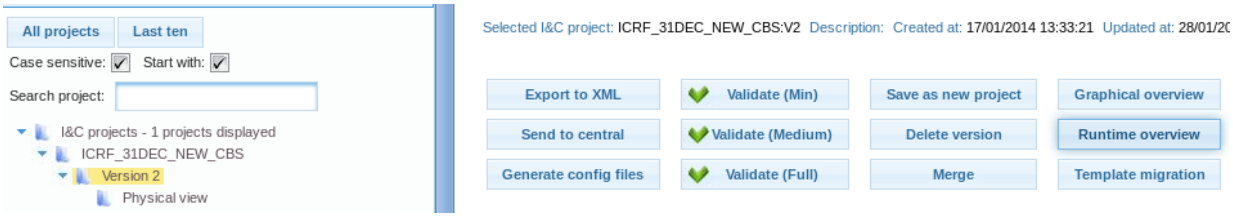
- The search/query have been improved
- The central repository can now be accessed.

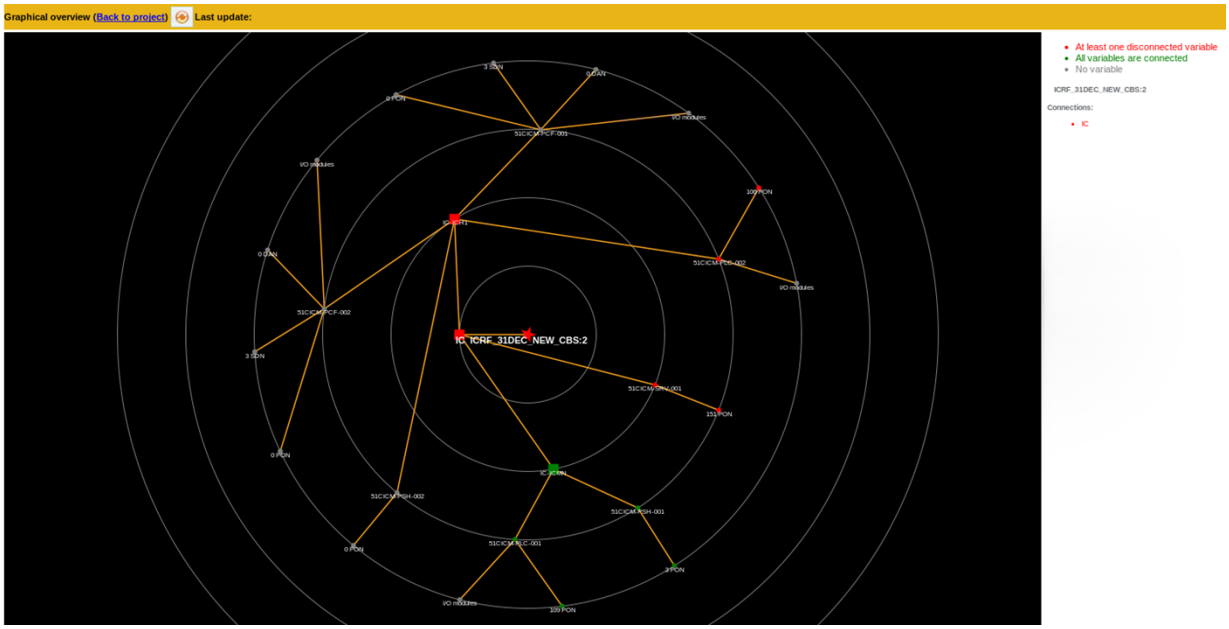
From v4.1:

- Support for import/export of XML for selected topics: very useful to share and exchange topics between local and central database

From v4.2

- Check that all PVs are properly connected





2.7.8 SDD migration

From v4.0:

- The SDD migration tool on version 4.0 allows transferring the I&C projects in the local SDD database when a development system is upgraded from version 3 to version 4.

From v4.1:

- The SDD migration tool on version 4.1 allows transferring the I&C projects in the local SDD database when a development system is upgraded from version 3 to version 4.1.
- Upgrade from 4.0 to 4.1 is also supported

2.7.9 Other new SDD features

From v4.1:

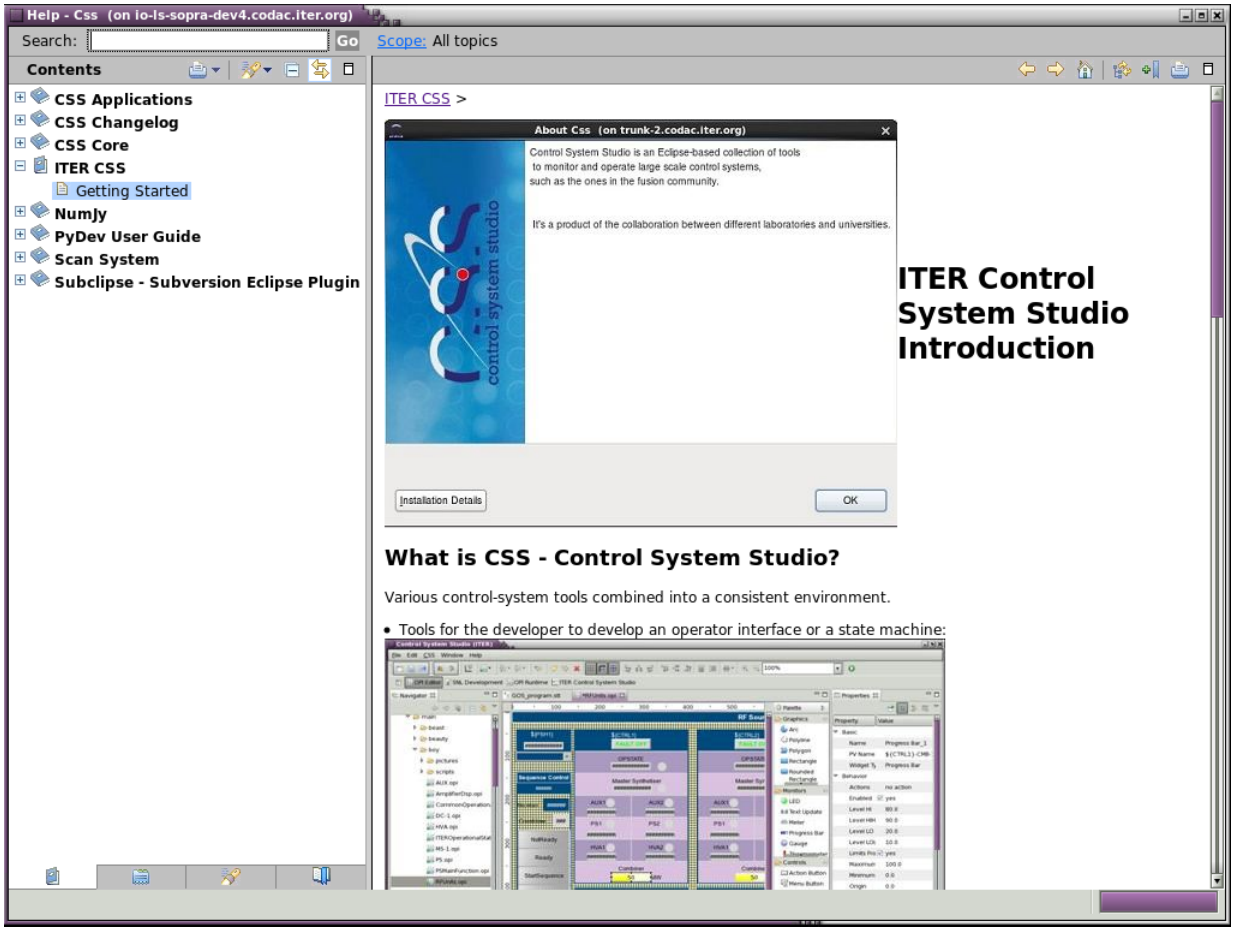
- Support for redundant PLCs both in editor and webapp
- Support for SDN both in editor and webapp
- Support for merging two I&C projects both in webapp and editor to alllow merging separate deliverables for the same plant system I&C or importing/exporting SDN topics shared by different teams.
- Support for declaring network interfaces and mac address on control unit level;
- Support for declaring variables coming from interlock;

2.8 Control System Studio additions

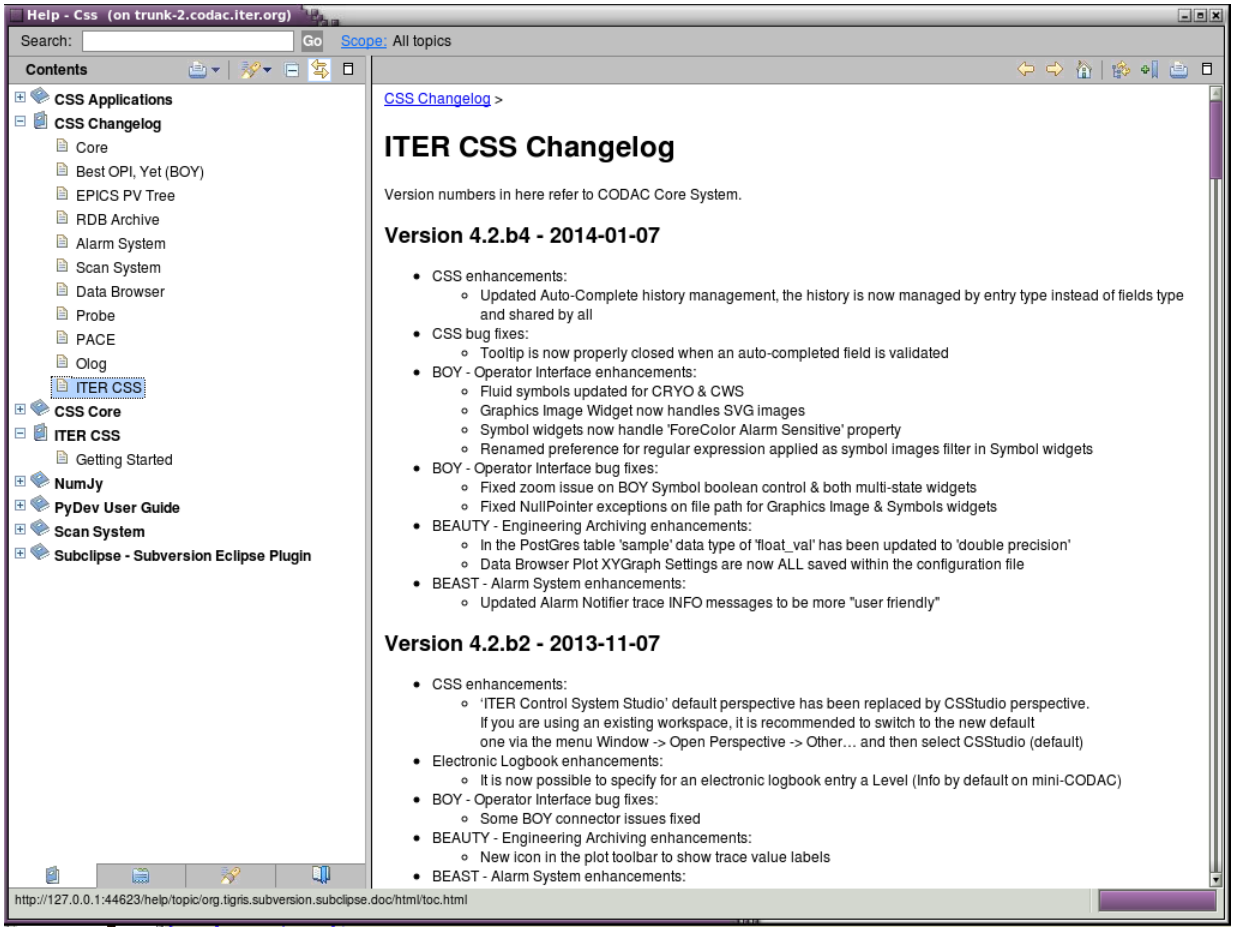
From v4.2, ITER Control System Studio default perspective has been replaced by CSStudio perspective. If you are using an existing workspace, it is recommended to switch to the new default one via the menu Window -> Open Perspective -> Other and then select CSStudio (default).

2.8.1 On-line help (v4.1)

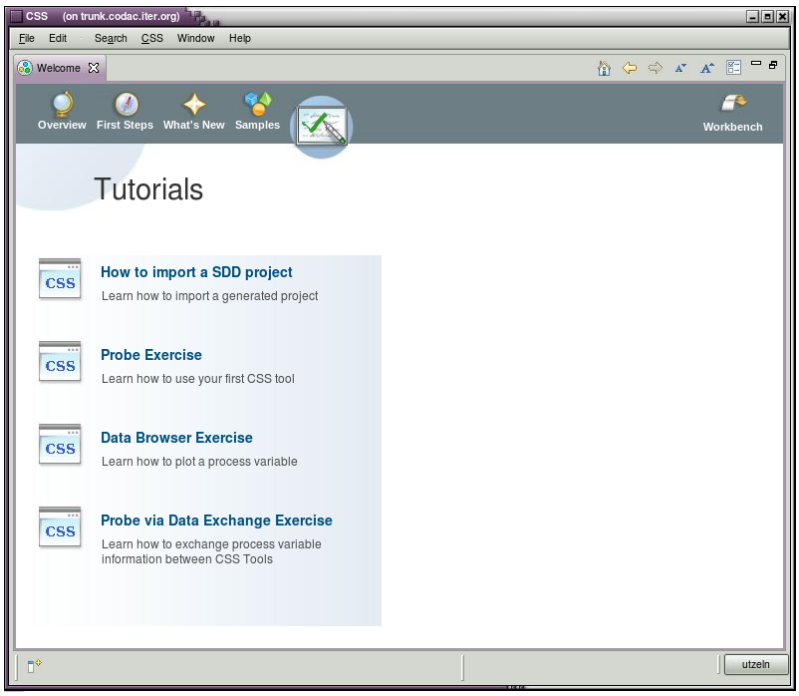
- ITER CSS Getting Started section on the online Help:



- CSS Changelog – new ITER CSS section that lists the main newly integrated enhancements and bug fixes

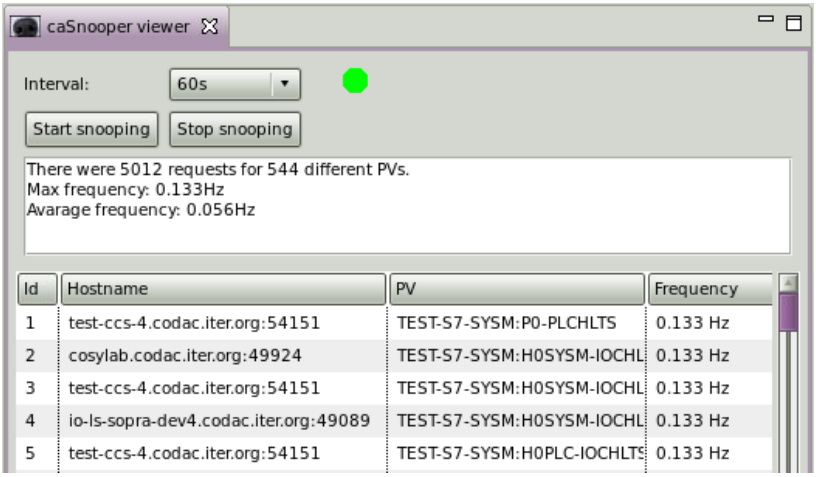


- ITER CSS Tutorials – the exercises are also demonstrated during CSS training sessions:



2.8.2 CaSnooper

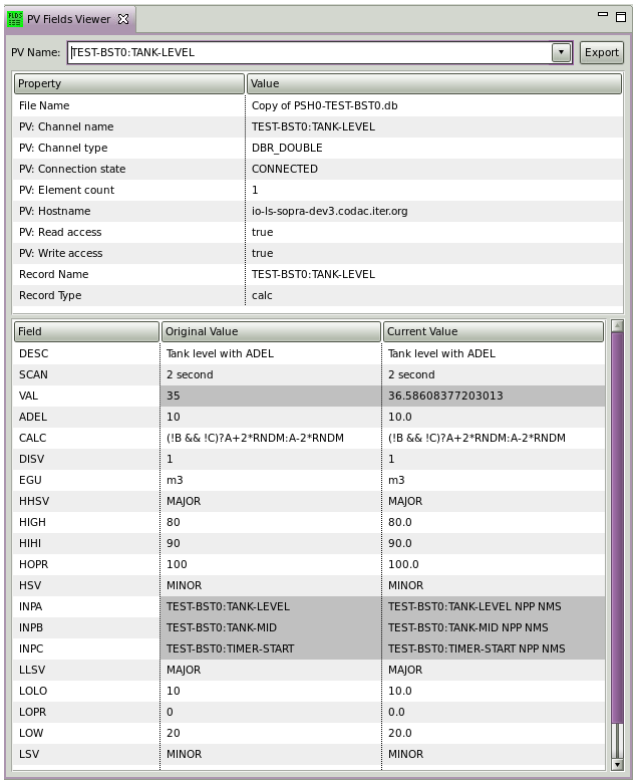
The CaSnooper is a simple program to display statistics of EPICS broadcasts on the network



2.8.3 PV Fields viewer

The PV Fields viewer is a diagnostic tool to display information about a Process Variable.

By default it displays information obtained by connecting to the life control system channel, which includes the name of the host that serves the channel, the underlying data type etc. ITER Site-specific extensions include information from EPICS db files about the original value of fields, the record type and more.



2.8.4 PACE Editor

The PACE editor provides a tabular view of Process Variables (PV) names and their current values. The user can edit the values, change multiple values at once, review the changes and revert them if needed

*ich-setpoints.pace

ICH Sample Setpoints - Values were edited. Save to write them to the control system!

System	X1	Y1	X2	Y2	X3	Y3	X4	Y4	X5	Y5	X6	Y6	X7	Y7	X8	Y8
RF-ICH1-RS1	0.0	0.00	5.0	1.6	15.0	1.50	20.0	1.15	30.0	1.15	35.0	2.00	50.0	2.00	59.0	0.00
RF-ICH1-RS2	0.0	0.00	5.0	1.6	15.0	1.50	20.0	1.15	30.0	1.15	35.0	3.00	50.0	2.00	59.0	0.00
RF-ICH1-RS3	0.0	0.00	5.0	1.6	15.0	1.50	20.0	1.15	30.0	1.15	35.0	2.00	50.0	2.00	59.0	0.00
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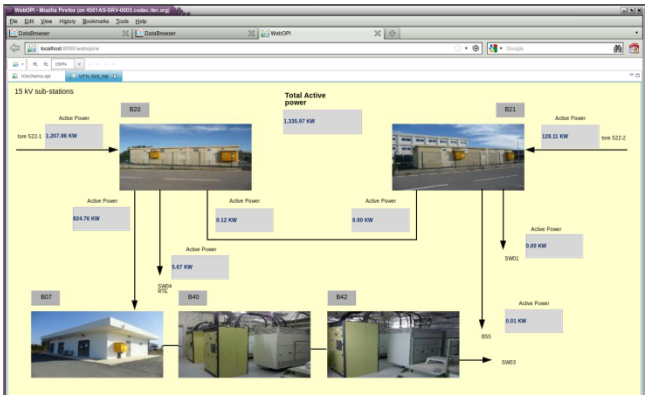
2.8.5 Web OPI

Web OPI aims at providing web access to Operator Interfaces (OPI) that were created in CSS BOY. With WebOPI, the user can seamlessly access to their OPIs from anywhere in the world at any time via a web-browser-equipped device such as a PC, laptop, tablet or smart phone:

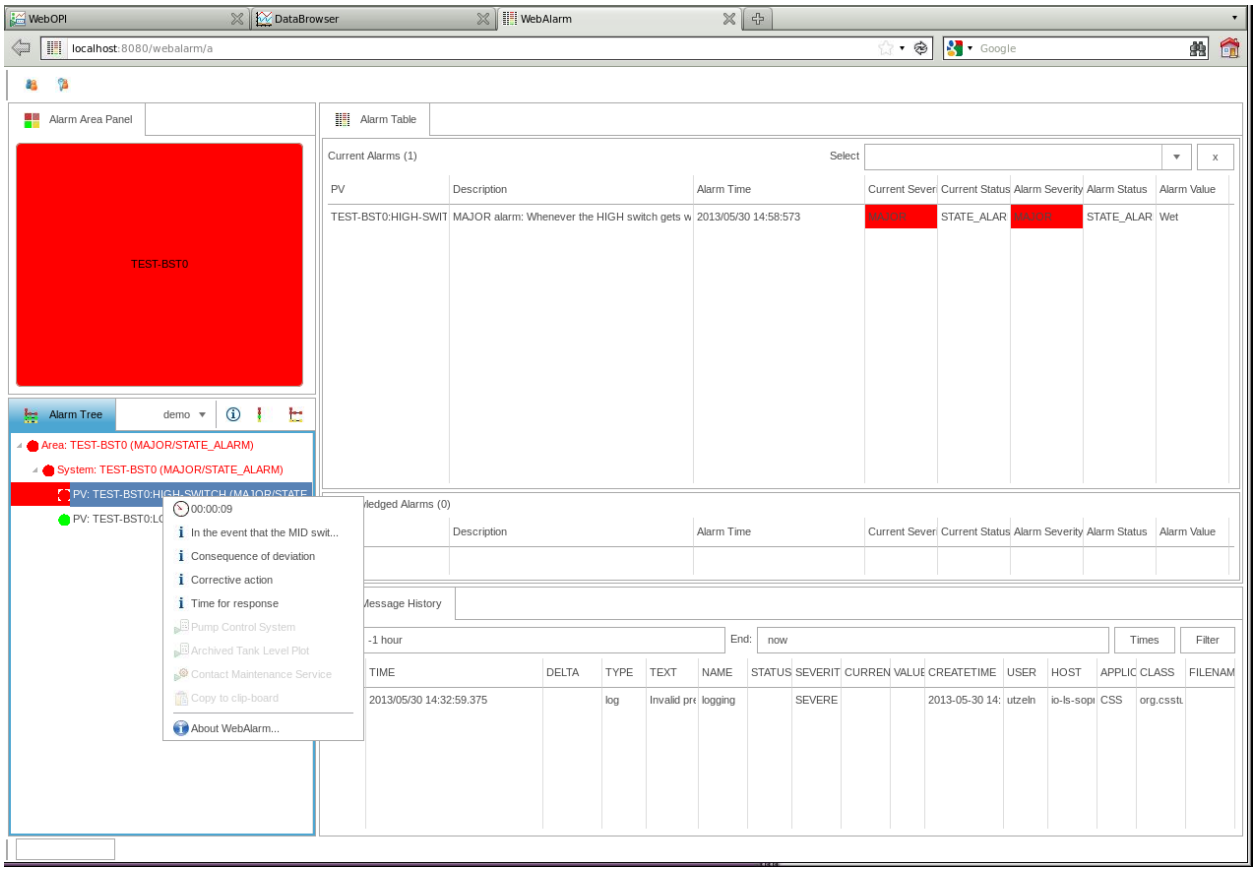


2.8.6 Web Data Browser

With the Web Data Browser, It is now possible to access plotted data from a Web Navigator

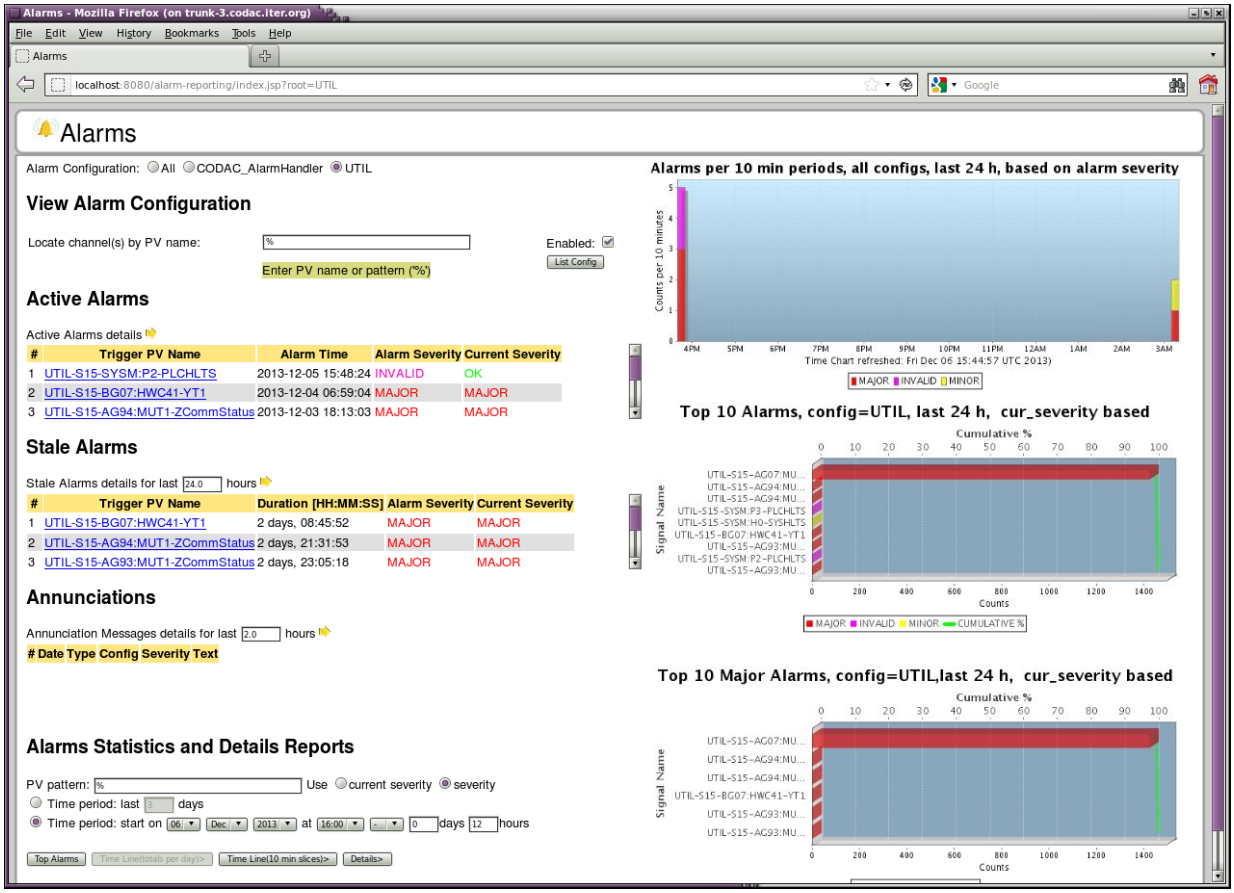
From v4.1, the Search view is hidden by default. The vertical and horizontal zoom cursors have different shapes

2.8.7 Web Alarm Interface (v4.1)



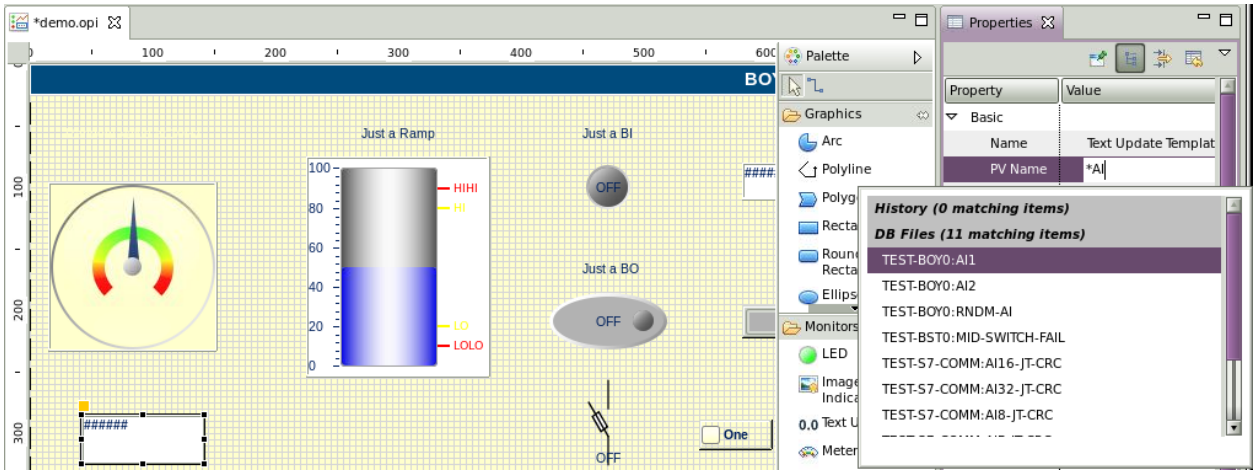
2.8.8 Alarm Web Reporting Tool (4.2)

The online reporting tool – http://localhost:8080/alarm-reporting/ – allows you to check what are the active alarms? What are the stale alarms? And what is the top 10 alarms?



2.8.9 PV Name Lookup (v4.1)

Auto completion based on History and DB files parsing. Example of auto completion in BOY Editor in the PV Name field of a PV widget:

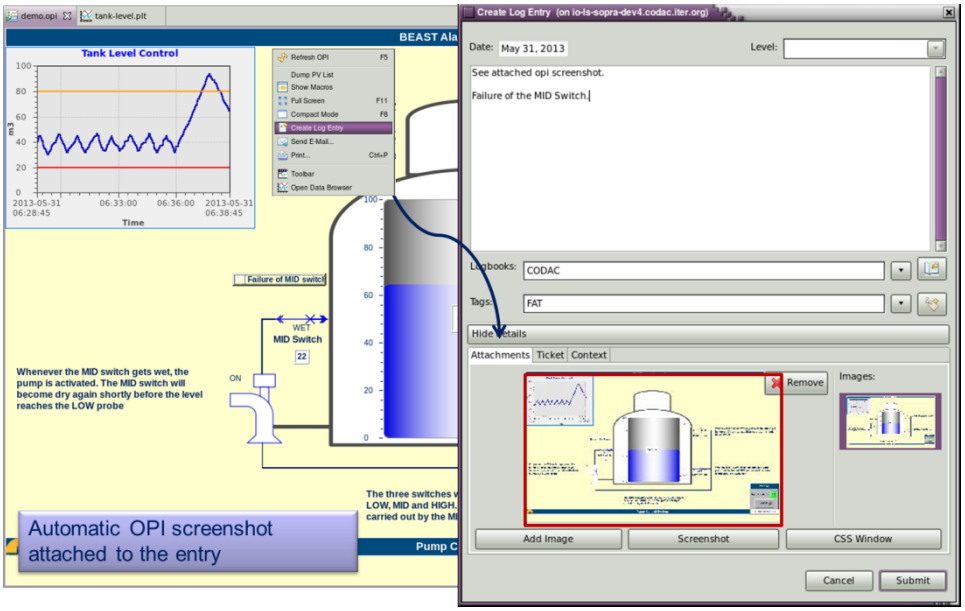


From v4.2:

- You can get some help entering loc, sim and sys PV

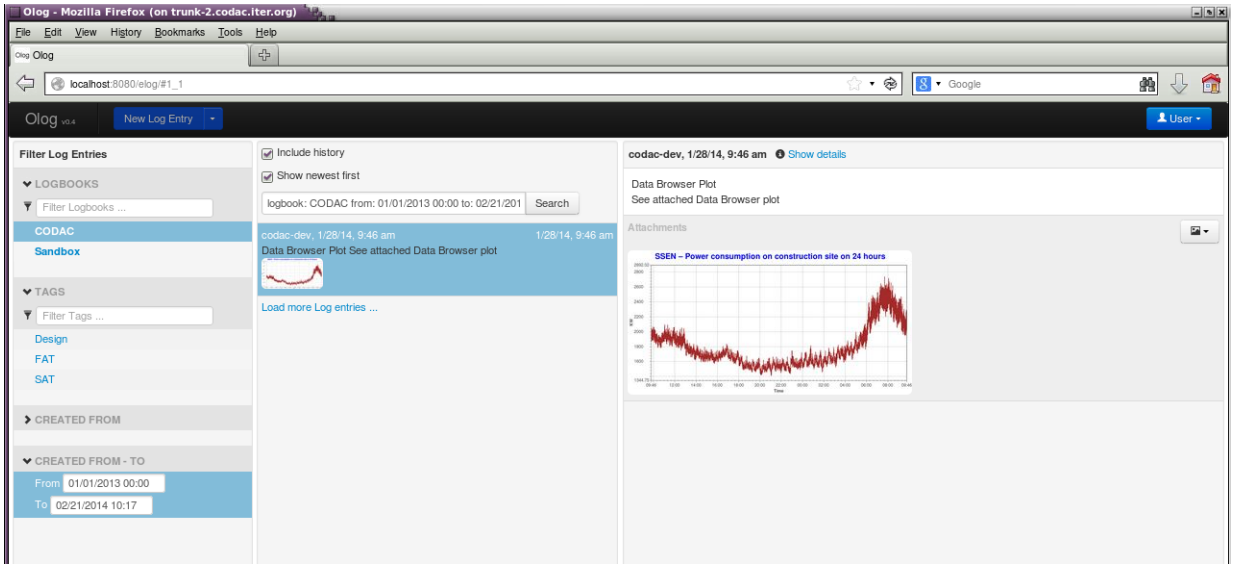
2.8.10 ELog - Electronic Logbook (v4.1)

Logbook with automatic content from OPI, plot and alarm views. Example of the creation of a log entry from an OPI:



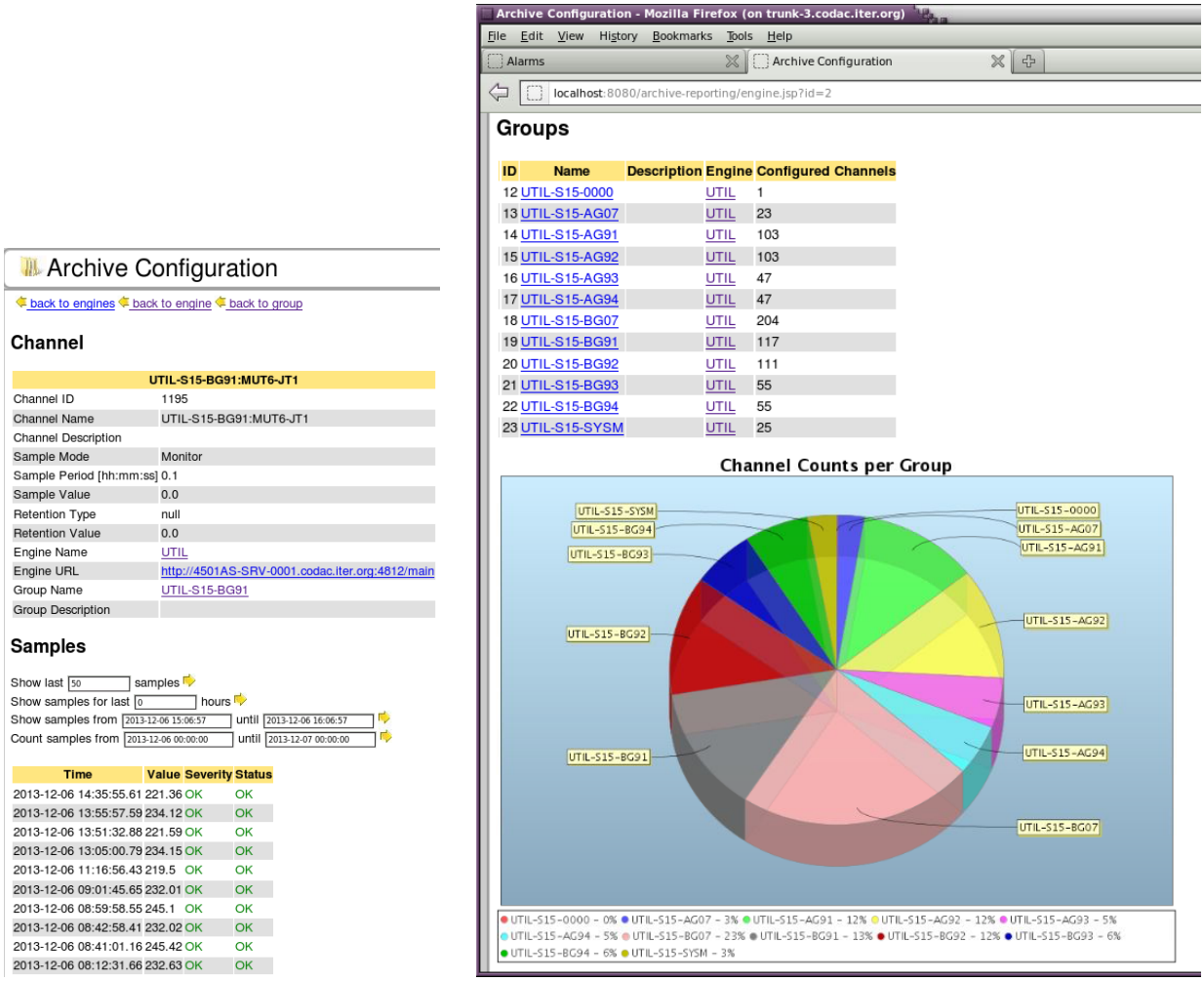
From v4.2:

- Web Interface to the Electronic Logbook – http:// http://localhost:8080/elog - another way to create and search for entry



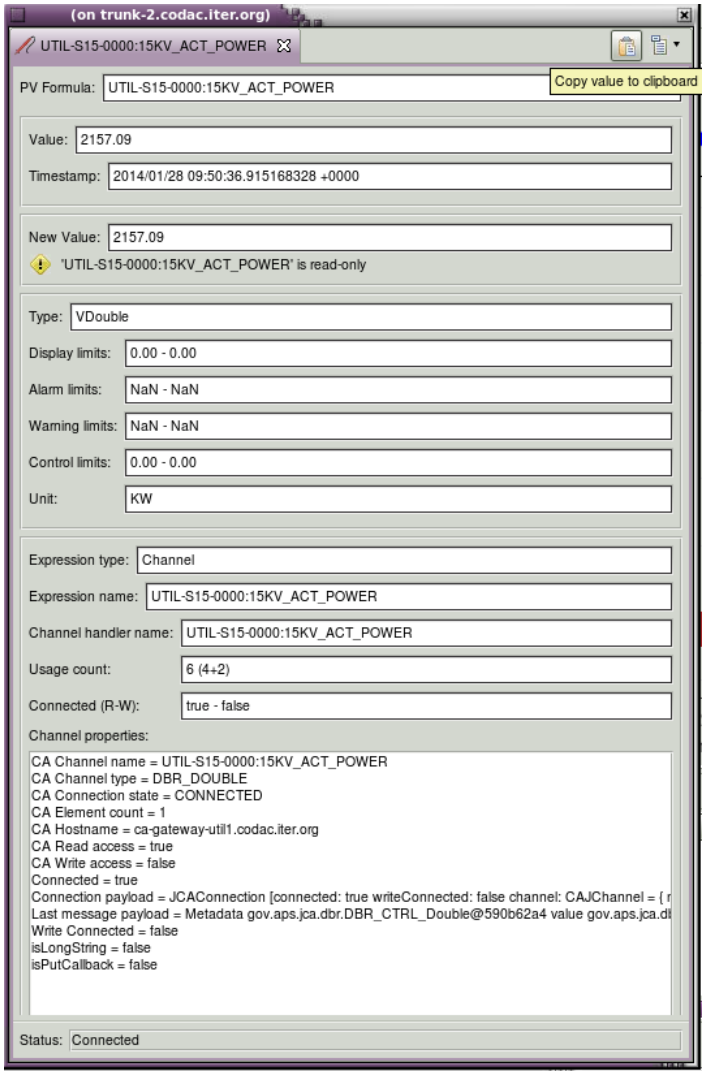
2.8.11 Archive Web Reporting Tool (4.2)

The online reporting tool - http://localhost:8080/archive-reporting/ - shows you how many PVs are archived and can extract for instance the last 50 samples of an archived PV.



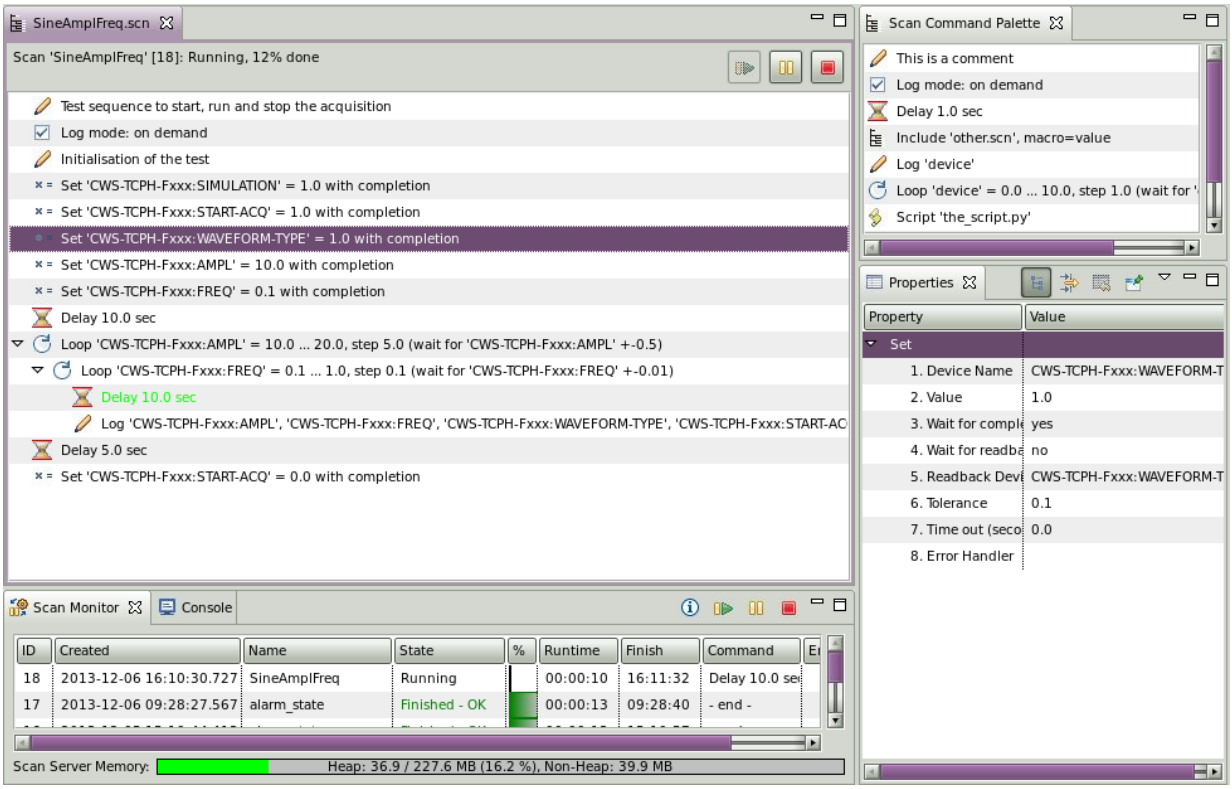
2.8.12 PV Manager Probe (4.2)

This new Probe tool dedicated to PV Manager access layer provides detailed information on the PV and allows you to copy the value to the clipboard.



2.8.13 Automation of Sequence of commands (4.2)

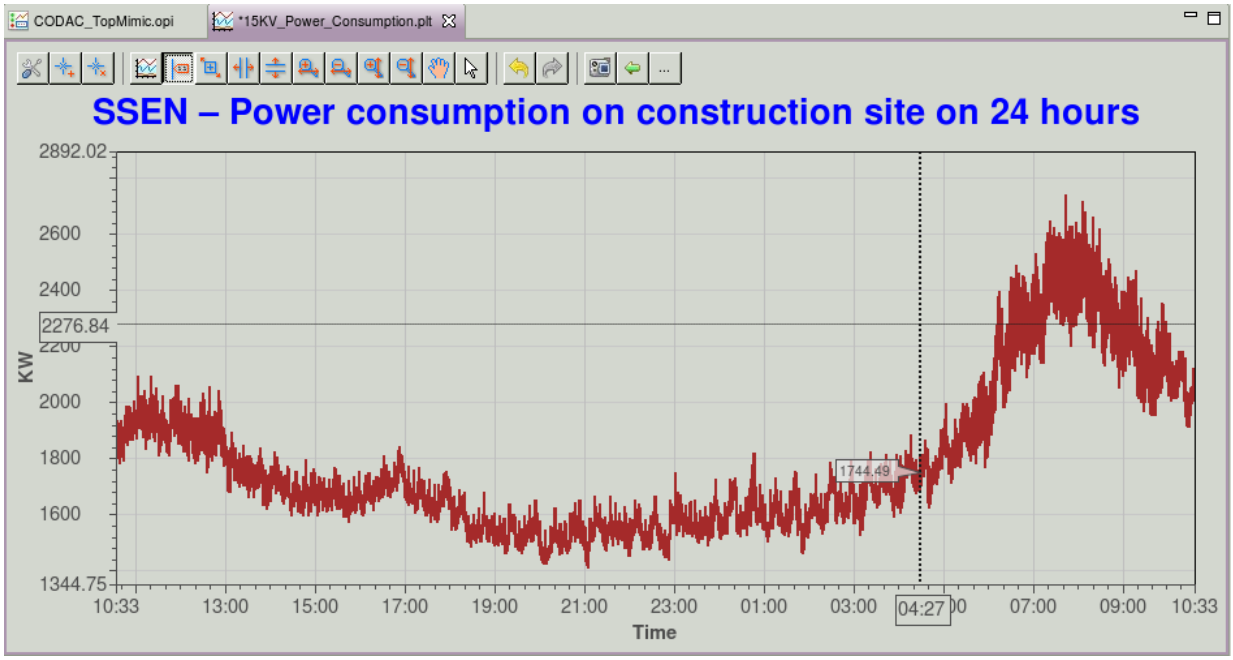
- From v4.2, CSS integrates a Scan Editor Perspective that allows you to edit interactively a sequence of commands, simulate it, submit it for execution and monitor it.



- ITER CSS also supports PyDev - Jython Editor and Debugger Support for Python scripts.

2.8.14 Plot Show value labels function

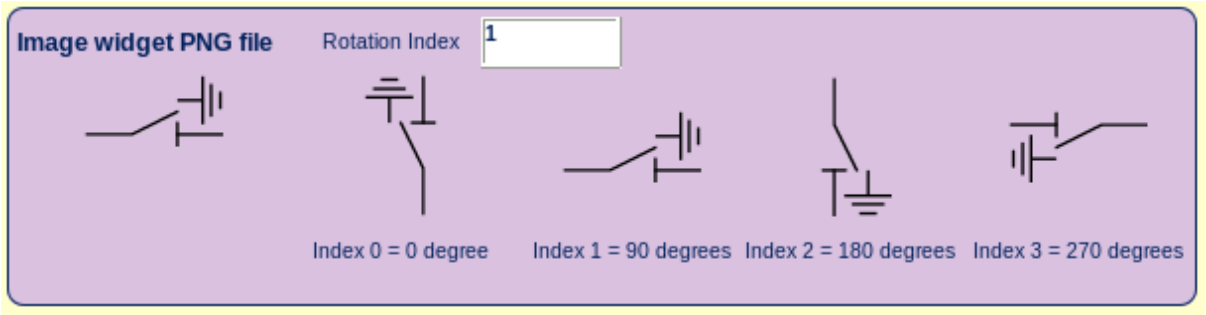
In the plot toolbar, a new icon  allows you to show the PV value when you mouse the mouse over the plot. Just try it!



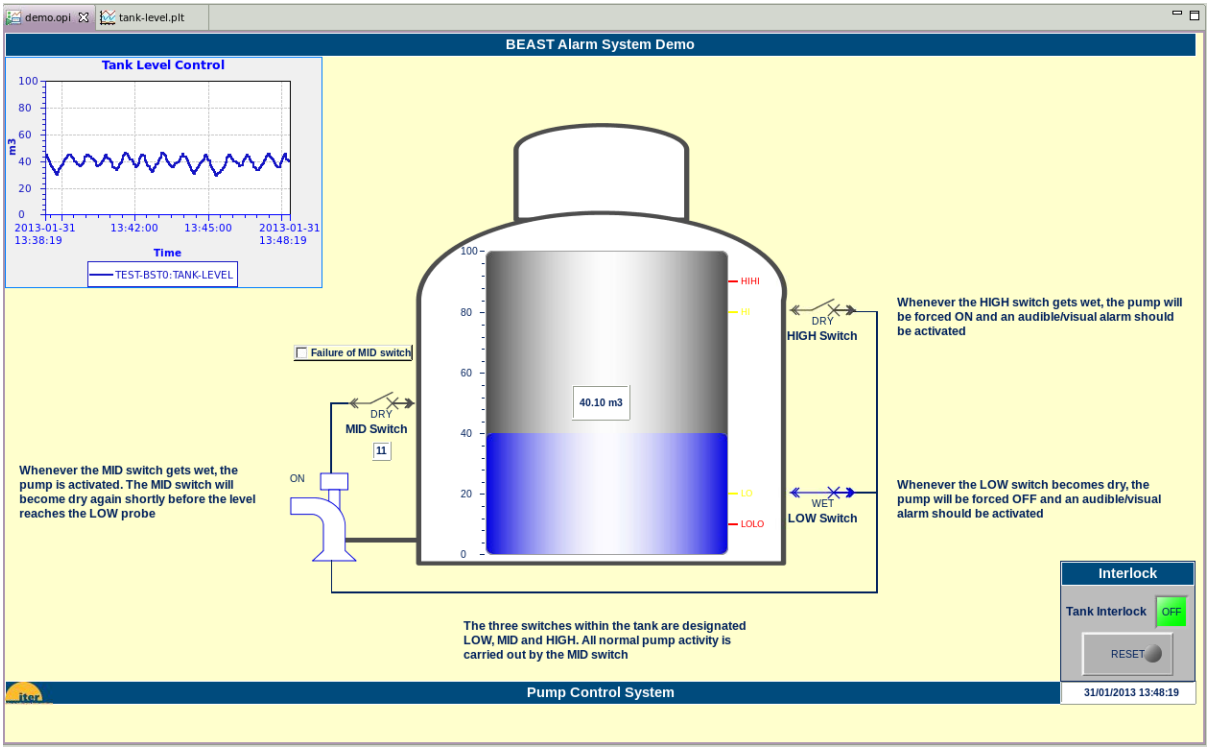
2.8.15 BOY enhancements

From v4.0:

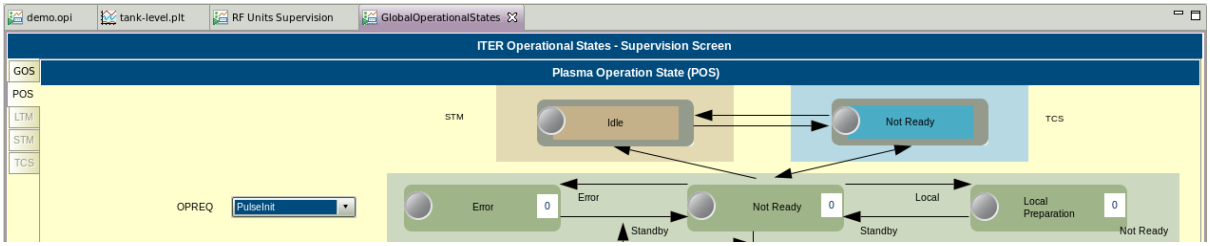
- Image widget rotation by 90 degrees:



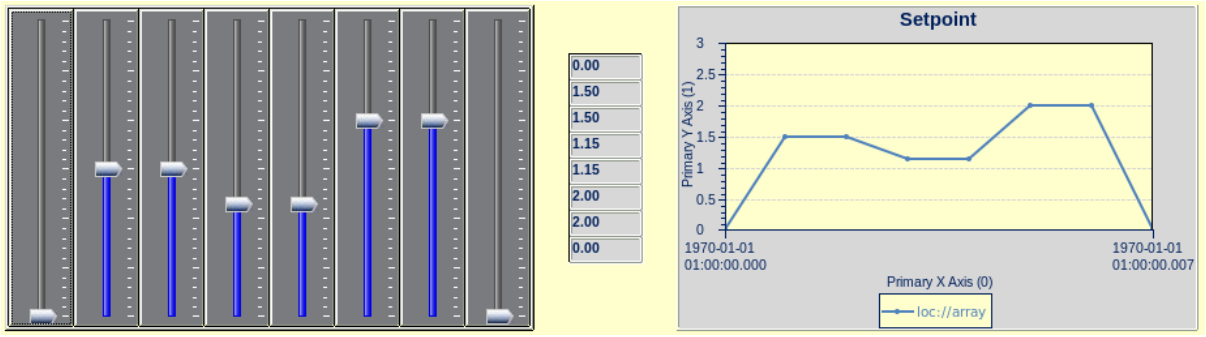
- Data Browser widget that allows to integrate a predefined plot .plt file into BOY and then access to historic data:



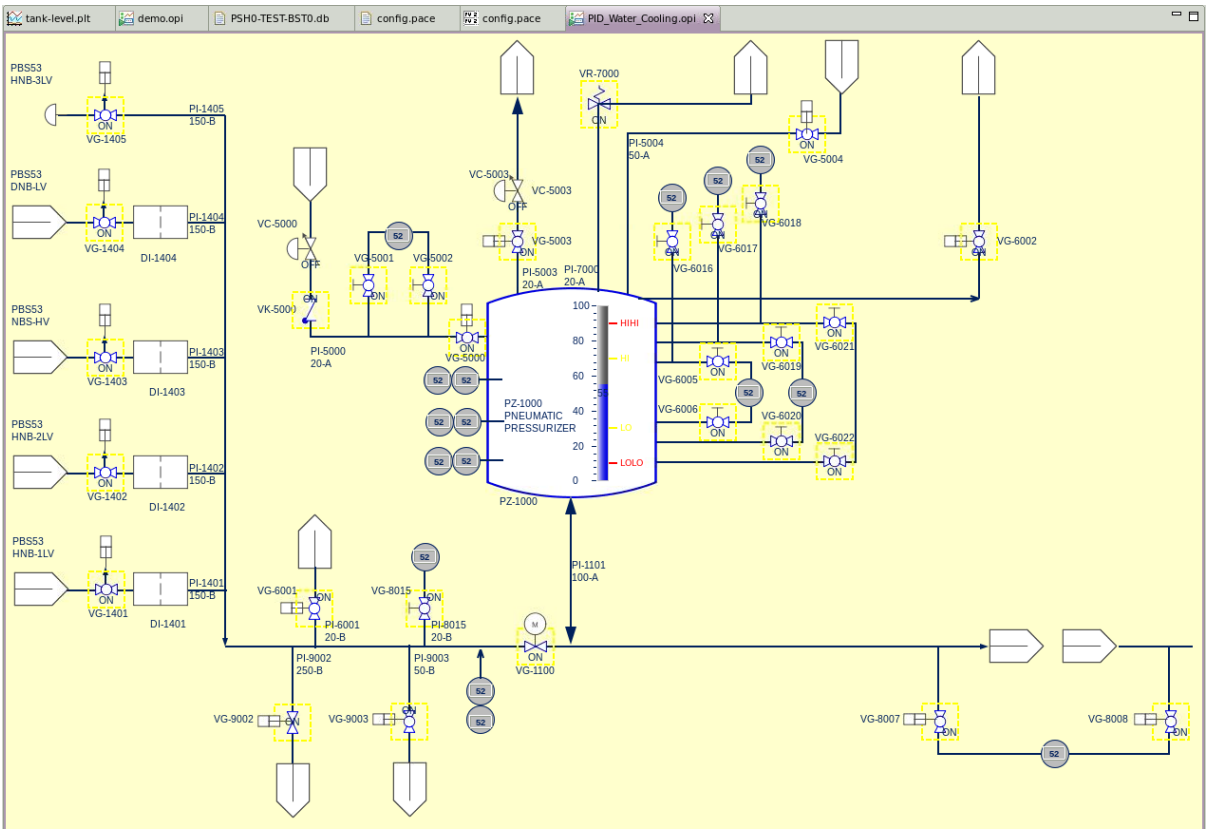
- Vertical Tabbed Container and possibility to enable/disable tab according to operational states:



- Support of waveform and setpoint via an Array Widget that allows to adjust the setpoint using sliders for example



- A PID example is provided at /opt/codac/opi/boy/resources/PID_Water_Cooling.opi

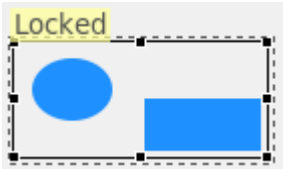


- It is now possible to open OPI file directly from command line
  css <unit_name>/src/main/boy/myScreen.opi

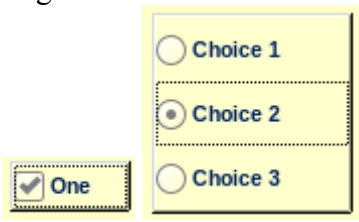
From v4.1:

- Addition of a small square handle on top left of PV widget to allow editing PV Name directly on widget. Hover mouse on the handle will show PV Name as tooltip. Handle color could be grey or orange, depending on if the PV name is empty or not

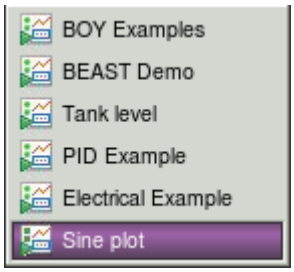
- Addition of a feedback to Grouping Container widget showing if it is locked. Click the handle can lock/unlock the container



- Change of the looking and colours of Check Box and Radio Box to have modern style and feeling

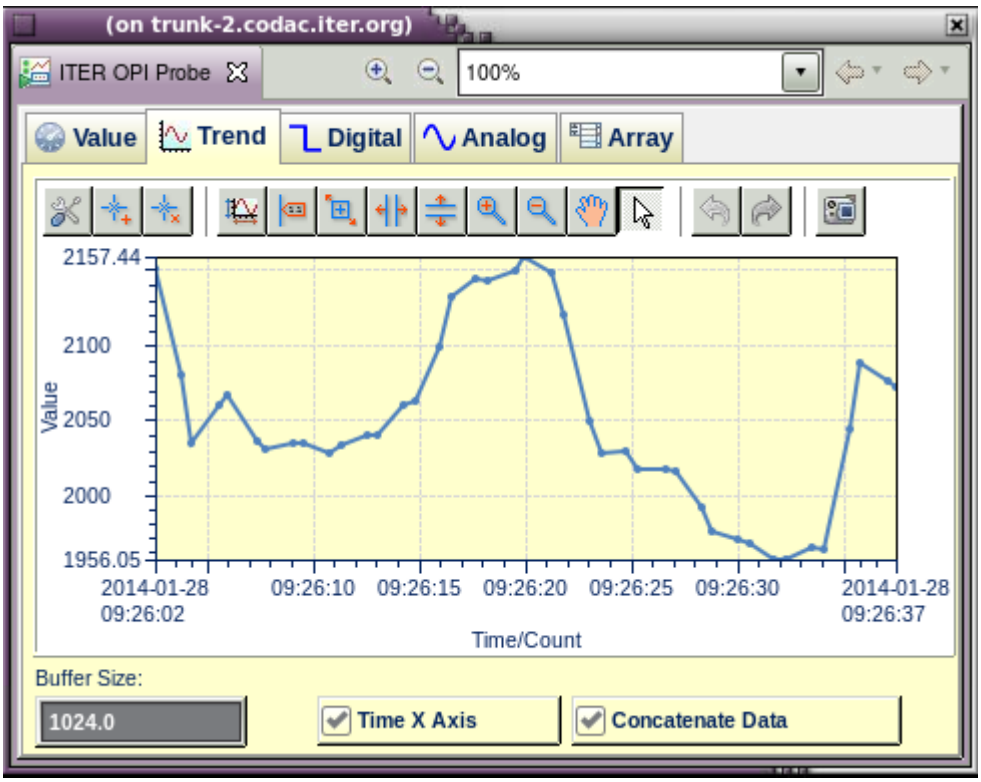


- Dump PV List context menu in Runtime to dump all PVs in the OPI including the ones for rules and scripts
- Top OPIs menu  allows now to open directly plot files:



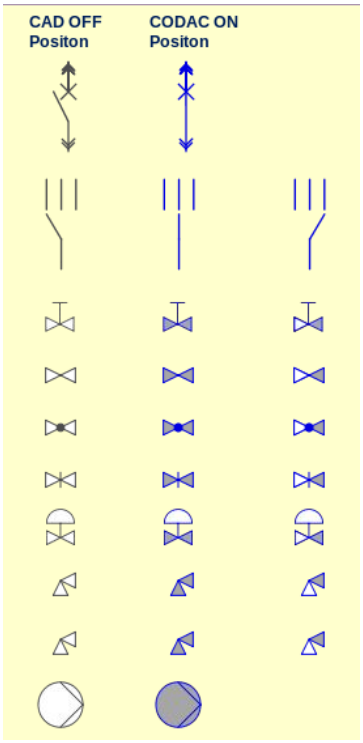
From v4.2:

- New ITER CSS OPI Probe that displays more details regarding a Digital and Analog PV (alarm thresholds, engineering units…)



- CSS/Display/OPI Examples have been moved to CSS/Utilities/Install Samples menu
- Add Open Navigator context menu entry to OPI Runtime to open Navigator View

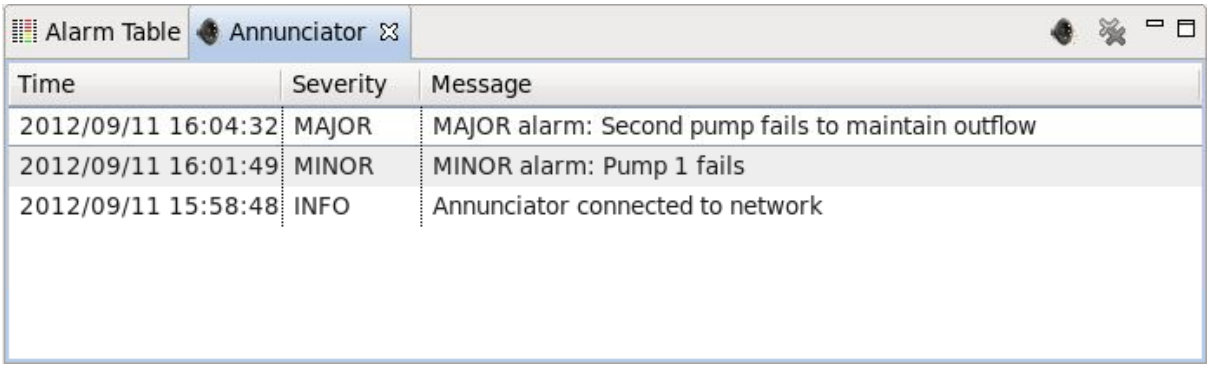
- Add OPI Editor Perspective context menu entry to OPI editor to open/reset OPI Editor Perspective
- Add OPI Runtime Perspective context menu entry to OPI Runtime to open/reset OPI Runtime Perspective
- New Fluid symbols for CRYO and CWS – in particular 3 positions valve symbols – closed, opened and partially opened



2.8.16 BEAST enhancements

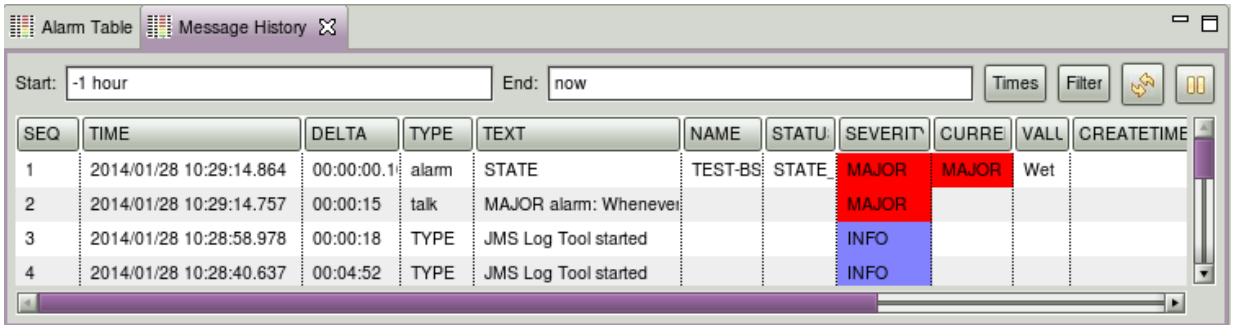
From v4.0:

- The Alarm Annunciator tool converts the alarm description into speech.



From v4.2:

- Message History auto-refresh every 30 seconds: The CSS -> Alarm -> Message History view is now automatically refresh every 30 seconds. You can change this preference: Edit -> Preferences -> CSS Applications -> Alarm -> Message History -> Auto refresh period [seconds].



2.9 I/O support

2.9.1 Timing boards

From v4.1:

- The timing boards support software has been updated to support the new board from NI. The model name is PXI-6683H. The users of this new board should contact the CODAC support to obtain an update of the Linux driver for using it.
- The Linux driver for timing boards has been replaced by a new one that not only support new boards but that also resolves some existing issues (see the list of changes [RD2]). This driver however requires the firmware of the board (FPGA revision) to be at a minimum level: 09031718 (YYMMDDHH).
- The user documentation has been updated for covering the new board and for clarifying the different time references used in the software (TAI vs. UTC).

2.9.2 NI PXI-6259 (multi-purpose)

From v4.1:

- Support for the finite acquisition mode from EPICS
- Addition of the EPICS interface for counters
- Correction of errors for the AI differential mode handling

From v4.2:

- Supporting DMA data transferring
- AI/AO Pause triggering is available
- Routing signals to PFI terminals is possible
- PFI direction can be changed during run time
- Calibration API is provided.
- Counter can detect Rising or Falling Edge

2.9.3 NI PXI-6528 (digital I/O)

- Extension of the EPICS interface (in existing templates) with PVs for the board status and for various configurations: digital filter, signals routing, change detection options, watchdog configuration.
- EPICS interface to individual signals with bi/bo records.
- I/O scan mode support in EPICS interface on level detection

2.9.4 NI RIO (4.2)

- Linux library for NI FlexRIO PXIe-796xR bundles 7966R/5791R ADC, 7961R/6581 DIO and 7966R/1483 Image Acquisition.
- Implements configuration, register level communication and data transfer between the host controller and the FPGA on the FlexRIO device.
- Downward compatible and performance wise matching with the proprietary binary version.

2.10 Samples

I&C application examples simulating some piece of equipment, such as: ICH sample, fast controller sample and health monitoring sample, have been suppressed from the CODAC Core System distribution.

Such examples are now made available for download at the following address
https://portal.iter.org/IPT/IC-IPT/Pages/IandC-Use-Cases.aspx

These will be updated independently from the CODAC Core System distribution.

3 USER DOCUMENTATION

The following list of documents composes the user documentation.

All the documents are included in the distribution and in IDM.

Document	ID	4.0	4.1	4.2
CURRENT DOCUMENTS				
OVERVIEW				
CODAC Core System Overview	34SDZ5	v4.0	v4.1	v4.2
CODAC Core System v4 Release Notes	DUHJ86	v1.2	v1.6	v1.7
INSTALLATION & SUPPORT				
CODAC Core System Installation Manual	33JNKW	v4.2	v4.4	v4.6
CODAC Core System Migration Manual	7JCFUD	v3.2	v3.5	v3.7
USER MANUALS				
CODAC Core System User Manual	43PSH9	v3.0	v3.1	v3.2
SDD Editor User Manual	32Z4W2	v6.1	v7.1	v7.3
SDD Web Application User's Guide	42NFCY	v4.3	v5.1	v6.2
SDD Synchronization Guide	46AAXR	v1.10	v1.11	v1.11
Maven Editor User Guide	7MT2YC	v1.0	v2.1	v3.1
PLC				
SPSS User Manual	G4UMX5			v1.2
S7 PLC EPICS Driver Extensions	6KFJEJ	v1.0	v1.0	v2.0
I/O DRIVERS				
NI PXI-6259 Linux Driver User's Guide	32GTJY	v1.16	v1.16	v1.17
NI PXI-6259 EPICS Driver User's Guide	3DEY52	v2.1	v2.2	v2.5
NI Sync Linux Device Driver User's Guide	2PLQ4P	v1.15	v2.1	v2.2
NI Sync EPICS Driver User's Guide	33Q5TX	v2.3	v2.3	v2.4
NI PXI-6528 Linux Driver User's Guide	3ZHXQ9	v1.7	v1.7	v1.7
NI PXI-6528 EPICS Driver User's Guide	433VEW	v1.5	v1.7	v1.10
NI-RIO Linux Device Driver User Manual	LW3UFH			v1.3
NDS User Manual	A6LWQ8			v1.2
DEVELOPMENT & TESTING				
CODAC Core System App Developer's Manual	33T8LW	v4.2	v4.4	v4.5
SDN Software User Manual	B7SKFU	v1.5	v1.9	v1.12
OPI - CSS BOY Edition & Runtime	7367JQ	v1.2	v1.3	v1.3
OPI - CSS BOY Symbol Library	A69URK	v1.2	v1.2	v1.2
SAMPLES				
PLC Sample Guide	2N8C3M	v3.0	v3.1	v3.1
Presentations for training				
CODAC Core System Overview	97W6QN	v2.0	v2.0	v2.1v2.1
CSS all in one	BFGP5Q	v1.2	v1.3	v1.5

4 KNOWN ISSUES

As usual, some remaining issues are left unresolved at the time of the release. Please contact the support in case you need details.

4.1 Known issues in version 4.0.0

The following ones are useful to know:

1. Some bug are remaining in the timing boards software:

3438	nisync driver may lock up after FIFO overflow
3473	PXI6682 FPGA reset may fail
3135	PXI6682 - Immediate events delay is out of specification: more than 1 micro-second
3602	PXI6682 - Clock frequency accuracy on PXI-TRIG lines does not comply with specifications (50 ns)
~~3199~~	~~Some 3.0 examples are missing for the nisync user library~~. (not relevant anymore)

   A new version of the driver is planned for 4.1
2. Triggered analog output with PXI-6259 cannot be reloaded (bug 3184).
3. The PXI-6259 analog input range -2V/+2V does not work correctly. (bug 3897)
4. Tomcat may not be initialized correctly after a reboot (bug 3070). This is documented in the troubleshooting section of the web app documentation.
5. Writing values to a PLC outside the supported range for the data type is not correctly handled (bugs 3858, 3859, 3860, 3861). But this does not occur when the limits (HOPR, LOPR) are properly set.
6. One more bug (3895) has been discovered after the release that prevents communication with more than one PLC from the same PSH.
7. A major issue in the SDD parser is preventing retrofitting modified db files (bug 4061).
8. The TCN daemon that sets the time on fast controllers from a timing board is using TAI instead of UTC. As a result, the time is wrong by 35 s (bug 4463).

Except for performance issues (3135 and 3602), all these issues have been resolved in v4.1.0.

4.2 Known issues in version 4.1.0

At the time of the release, the following significant issues haven't been resolved:

bug_id	component	short_desc
3543	PXI-6259	Introduce direct DMA buffer access to user space code for 6259
3953	NI Sync Driver	ni-sync drivers doesn't get the UTC time
4435	Drivers	Values set in output records at intialisation (VAL filed set from SDD) are ignored - all templates.

The consequences of these issues are:

1) The performances of the PXI-6259 for acquiring many signals is limited because the context switches.
2) Timing boards are using TAI time instead of UTC time (35 seconds difference as of today). This may change. Anyway, some conversion functions will be required.

3) Setting the VAL field in EPICS PV from SDD editor for configuring the PXI-6682 board doesn't work. IOC functions or setting PVs after IOC initialization should be used instead.

4.3 Known issues in version 4.2.0

The following is the list of known issues at the time of the 4.2.0 release. Please contact the CODAC support for details. None is qualified as a major issue with respect to usage.

bug_id	component	Description
5293	CSS BEAU	Databrowser plot Time Axis Auto Format issue
5278	CSS BOY	Plot Databrowser widget in WebOPI does not show value labels
2982	EPICS Base	org.csstudio.platform.libs.epics/use_pure_java=false generates WARNINGS
4346	NI Sync	Terminal status does not reflect the HW FIFO Overflow (TP-NSA-3032)
4442	NI Sync	Decimation count problem (TP-NSA-3023)
4916	NI Sync	Get board time delay less that 10µs instead of 1us
4630	NI Sync	TCN library does not work on multi-socket configuration.
5202	NI SYNC	PTPd does not support time past the beginning of 2038
2933	Packagin	EPICS IOC should not bind themselves to the TCN interface for CA
5107	PXI-6259	AO FIFO re-transmitted mode failure depending on the number of samples.
5128	PXI-6259	[EPICS] During PXI-6259 ioc long-term test, AI value was not updated on the 3rd day.
3837	SDD Data	plc datablock version does not get updated in case of template variables modif
3657	SDD Tran	sdd-translator consumes too much CPU even for small projects
4449	SDN API	IC unit cannot be compiled with multi arrays for SDN variable meta-data

Detailed performances results are also available on request.