

# Unity Loader

a SoCollaborative software  
User Manual

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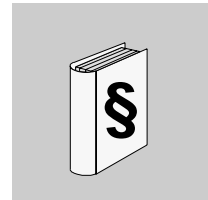
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## Safety Information



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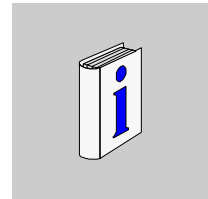
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## About the Book



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### At a Glance

#### Document Scope

This document describes the Unity Loader stand-alone tool.

The Unity Loader transfers Unity Pro applications bidirectionally between a PC and a Modicon M340, Premium or Quantum PLC. It also transfers firmware (FW) unidirectionally from a PC to a Modicon M340 PLC.

#### Validity Note

This documentation is valid for the Unity Loader.

#### User Comments

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# Unity Loader General Information

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## Overview

This chapter comprises general information about the Unity Loader and the dedicated hardware platforms M340, Premium and Quantum.

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## General

### Overview

The Unity Loader is a stand-alone software tool dedicated to the M340, Premium and Quantum hardware platforms. A Unity Pro license is not required to use the loader.

The Unity Loader software provides the following transfer features:

- transfer of a Unity Pro application from a PC to a Modicon M340, Premium or Quantum PLC.
- transfer of a Unity Pro application from a Modicon M340, Premium or Quantum PLC to a PC.
- transfer of firmware (FW) from a PC to a Modicon M340 PLC or to a module with firmware of the Modicon M340 platform.

**Note: The Unity Loader software requires one of the following operating systems:**

- Microsoft Windows XP Professional
- Microsoft Windows Vista Business
- Microsoft Windows 7 Professional

## Installation

### Overview

Insert the CD **Unity Loader** in the CD-ROM drive.

*Autorun* launches the setup automatically. If not, double-click *Setup.exe*.

The Unity Loader Installation Wizard will guide you through the installation.

## Preconditions

### Before FW Transfer

**NOTE:** Save the PLC program and other data before transferring firmware (FW) from a PC to a PLC or to a module with firmware.

### **WARNING**

#### **RISK OF UNINTENDED EQUIPMENT OPERATION**

Before transferring data to a PLC or to a module with firmware make sure that you have selected the correct project and firmware files and entered the correct target address. Verify the address by comparing the MAC address printed on the device with the MAC address shown in the **Firmware** tab.

**Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.**

### PLC in Stop Mode

Stop the PLC before you start firmware (FW) transfer.

If you do not stop the PLC before trying to transfer firmware (FW), you will be informed by the Unity Loader that the PLC must be stopped.

After confirming this message, the Unity Loader will stop the PLC automatically.

**NOTE:** A firmware (FW) transfer is only possible on a M340 hardware platform.

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# Communication

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## Target Devices

### Overview

The Unity Loader target devices are as follows:

- processors (CPUs) of the Modicon M340 platform
- Ethernet modules of the Modicon M340 platform
- other modules (with firmware) of the Modicon M340 platform
- processors (CPUs) of the Modicon Premium platform
- processors (CPUs) of the Modicon Quantum platform

### Run/Stop Command

The Unity Loader can send a run or stop command to the processor.

## **WARNING**

### **RISK OF UNINTENDED EQUIPMENT OPERATION**

Before starting/stopping a PLC make sure that you are connected to the correct target address. Verify the address by comparing the MAC address printed on the device with the MAC address shown in the **Firmware** tab.

**Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.**

** WARNING**

**UNKNOWN OPERATIONAL STATE OF EQUIPMENT**

Evaluate operational state of equipment before starting or stopping a PLC. Unintended situations can occur if system state is not confirmed prior to starting or stopping a PLC.

**Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.**

**Communication**

- M340 CPUs are accessible through their USB or Ethernet ports
- M340 Ethernet modules are accessible through their own Ethernet port (crossover cable, point to point)
- Other modules (with firmware) of the Modicon M340 platform are accessible through the CPU (connection on a CPU port).  
These modules can not be accessed through Ethernet modules.
- Premium CPUs are accessible through their Unitelway (UNTLW) ports.
- Quantum CPUs are accessible through their Modbus ports.

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# Unity Loader Dialog Box

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## Overview

This chapter comprises information about the tabs of the Unity Loader dialog box.

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## General Description of the Dialog Box

### Overview


The user interface of the Unity Loader is a dialog box with 4 different tabs:

- **Project** tab  
transfer of a Unity Pro application (program, data, user files) from a PC to a PLC or vice versa
- **Firmware** tab  
transfer of firmware (FW) from a PC to a PLC or to a module with firmware
- **Options** tab  
general settings for the Unity Loader
- **About** tab  
information about your Unity Loader (version, copyright, etc.)

### Transfer FW or Transfer Project

 <b>WARNING</b>
<b>RISK OF UNINTENDED EQUIPMENT OPERATION</b> Before transferring data to a PLC or to a module with firmware make sure that you have selected the correct project and firmware files and entered the correct target address. Verify the address by comparing the MAC address printed on the device with the MAC address shown in the <b>Firmware</b> tab. <b>Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.</b>

### Start PLC / Stop PLC

 <b>WARNING</b>
<b>RISK OF UNINTENDED EQUIPMENT OPERATION</b> Before starting/stopping a PLC make sure that you are connected to the correct target address. Verify the address by comparing the MAC address printed on the device with the MAC address shown in the <b>Firmware</b> tab. <b>Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.</b>



**⚠ WARNING****UNKNOWN OPERATIONAL STATE OF EQUIPMENT**

Evaluate operational state of equipment before starting or stopping a PLC. Unintended situations can occur if system state is not confirmed prior to starting or stopping a PLC.

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**Launching the Unity Loader**

Launch the Unity Loader via **Start →All Programs →Schneider Electric →SoCollaborative →Unity Loader.**

**General Structure**

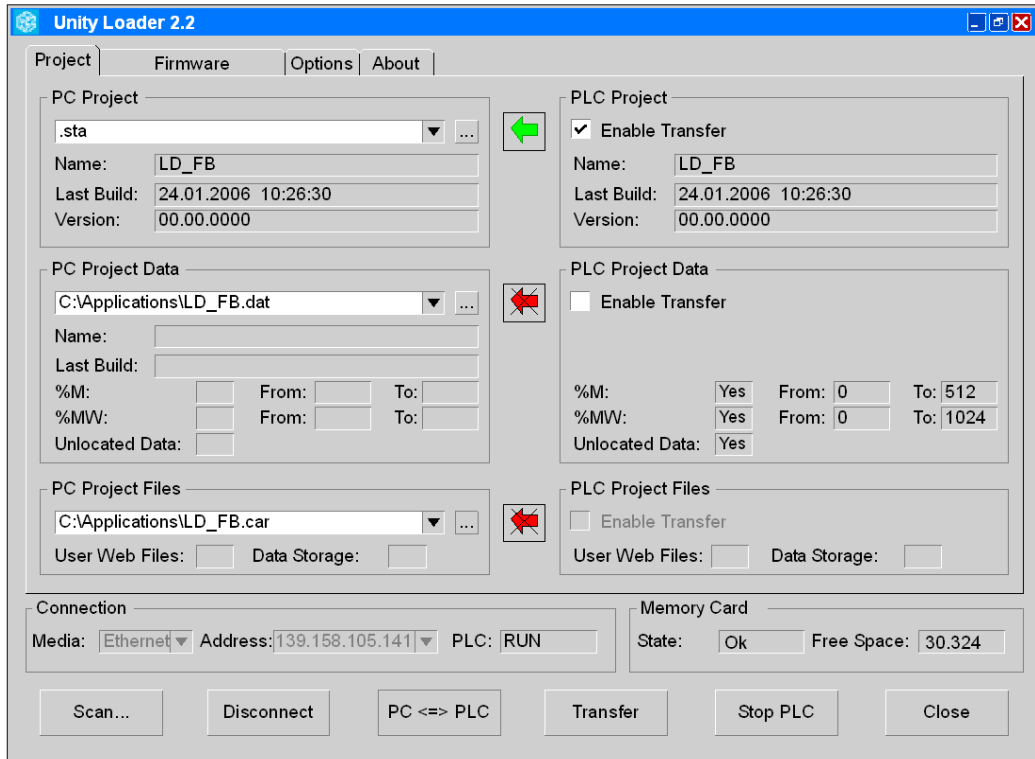
The following areas are included in each of the 4 tabs:

- tab selection (at the top of the dialog box)
- tab specific area
- **Connection**
- **Memory Card**

**NOTE:** If Unity Loader is connected to a CRA module the caption **Memory Card** is changed to **Internal Memory**.

- command buttons (at the bottom of the dialog box)

After launching the Unity Loader 2.2, the dialog box will open with the **Project** tab.



## Tab Selection

To select a tab click the respective tab selector (**Project, Firmware, Options, About**).

## Tab Specific Area

The content of the tab specific area depends on the individual tab. For more information see the respective tab description

- **Project** tab (refer to the Project Tab (see page 22))
- **Firmware** tab (refer to the Firmware Tab (see page 29))
- **Options** tab (refer to the Options Tab (see page 38))
- **About** tab (refer to the About Tab (see page 38))

## Connection

**NOTE:** If Unity Loader is connected to an Ethernet Remote I/O header (BMX CRA 312 •• or 140 CRA 312 ••), a few information is different compared to standard CPU. It is not possible to start or stop this module as it does not contain an application. For this reason it is not possible to download or upload applications or application-related data.

The connection area comprises the following elements:

Element	Description
<b>Media</b>	<p>This list box displays one of the 4 possible connections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ethernet</li> <li>● USB (default)</li> <li>● UNTLW</li> <li>● Modbus</li> </ul> <p>To select a connection, click the arrow and select the respective connection in the list.</p>
<b>Address:</b>	<p>This list box displays the address of the target device e.g. SYS (USB or UNTLW), 139.158.105.141 (Ethernet) or 31 (Modbus).</p> <p>To select another address click the arrow and select the respective address in the list or type the address you want to connect to.</p>
<b>PLC:</b>	<p>This box indicates the state of the PLC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● RUN</li> <li>● STOP</li> <li>● HALT</li> <li>● LOADING</li> <li>● NOCONF</li> <li>● ERROR</li> </ul>

**NOTE:** Devices are addressed by TCP/IP addresses, Modbus addresses, Unitelway addresses or through point-to-point connection via USB (default). The address can either specify a CPU or an Ethernet module.

## Memory Card

The memory card area comprises the following elements:

Element	Description
<b>State:</b>	<p>This box indicates the state of the memory card installed in the connected module:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● OK</li> <li>● Absent</li> <li>● Read only</li> <li>● Access error</li> </ul>
<b>Free Space:</b>	<p>This box indicates the free space available on the memory card file system partition of the connected PLC.</p>

The following data are stored in the file system partition of the memory card on the M340 hardware platform:

- **User Web Files** (CPUs with Ethernet and NOEs)
  - the Factory Cast default Web site
  - potentially custom web pages
  - some user files relative to the Web site
- **Data Storage** (CPUs only)
  - user files managed by the application with the file management function blocks or
  - files transferred by the user with FTP
- Firmware (FW)
  - files transferred by the Unity Loader for FW upgrade

**NOTE:** If no memory card is installed in the M340 PLC, the firmware (FW) can not be transferred to the M340 PLC, because the FW is temporarily stored on the memory card.

**NOTE:** The **Free Space** shown for **Memory Card** is relative to the whole file system partition. Please refer to the memory card characteristics to see what is the size that can be allocated to the user files. FW update will not be possible in case of insufficient free space.

**Note:** The memory card at the Premium hardware platform is structured in the following way:

- Program and symbols
- Constants
- Additional data storage


## Command Buttons

The text of some buttons changes depending on the actual situation (e.g. Connect/Disconnect). Grayed buttons are disabled.

The command button area comprises the following buttons:

Button	Description
<b>Scan...</b>	Click this button to open the <b>Scan Network</b> dialog box. Network scanning is used to detect IP addresses available in the network. For more information refer to Scan Network Dialog Box ( <i>see page 42</i> ).
<b>Connect / Disconnect</b>	Click this button to connect/disconnect the Unity Loader to/from the selected PLC.
<b>PC&lt;=&gt;PLC</b>	Click this button to select the data transfer from PC to PLC or from PLC to PC, depending on the selected transfer direction. The current transfer direction is indicated by transfer signs (arrows) in the tab specific area of the <b>Project</b> tab and the <b>Firmware</b> tab. The transfer direction can only be selected for all 3 transfer signs (arrows) at the same time. <b>Note:</b> It is not possible to transfer the FW from PLC to PC. For the <b>Firmware</b> tab the <b>PC&lt;=&gt;PLC</b> button is disabled.
<b>Transfer</b>	Click this button to start the transfer between the PC and the PLC. The transfer direction depends on the previous executed selection. The <b>Transferring data</b> dialog box opens (refer to the Transferring Data Dialog ( <i>see page 44</i> )).
<b>Start PLC / Stop PLC</b>	Click this button to start/stop the PLC ( <i>see page 16</i> ). <b>NOTE:</b> If Unity Loader is connected to a CRA module the button <b>Start PLC / Stop PLC</b> is disabled.
<b>Close</b>	Click this button to close the Unity Loader dialog box. The <b>Close</b> button is disabled during transfer.

## Help Button

**NOTE:** There is no **Help** button available in the dialog box. To launch online help press F1 or click the  button in the title bar.

## Project Tab

### Overview

This tab comprises the following services:

- project transfer
  - transfer of a Unity Pro application from a PC file (\*.STU, \*.STA, \*.STM) to a PLC
  - transfer of a Unity Pro application from a PLC to a PC file (\*.STA, \*.STM)
- project data transfer
  - save application data values from a PLC to a PC file (\*.DAT)
  - restore application data values from a PC file (\*.DAT) to a PLC
- project files transfer
  - save user files (data storage files and/or user files in the embedded Web site) from a PLC to a PC file (\*.CAR)
  - restore user files from a PC file (\*.CAR) to a PLC

### Main Parts

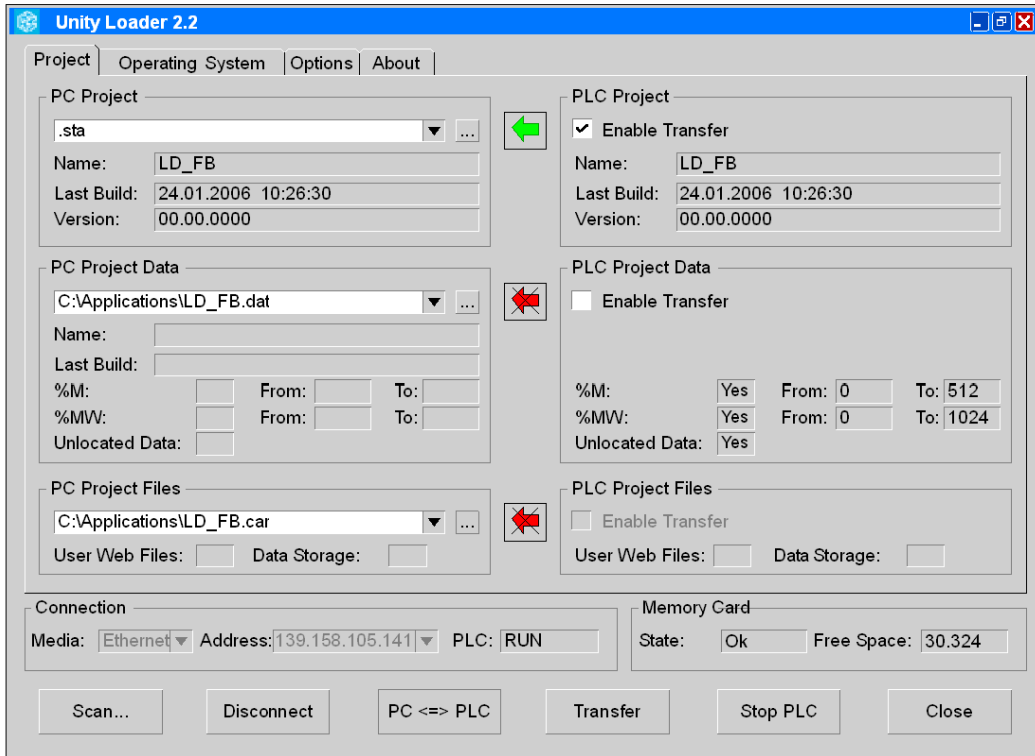
The specific area of the project tab consists of 2 main parts:

- **PC Project** properties on the left specify the content of the files stored on the PC.
- **PLC Project** properties on the right specify the current status of the files stored on the connected PLC.

The transfer signs (arrows) between the 2 property areas indicate the transfer direction and significant comparison results between PC project and PLC project.

## Representation

After launching the Unity Loader 2.2, the dialog box will open with the **Project** tab.



### NOTE:




If Unity Loader is connected to a CRA module it is not possible to upload or download:

- **PC Project**
- **PC Project Data**
- **PC Project Files**

Therefore the checkboxes are disabled and direction arrows are crossed.

## PC Project Properties

The PC Project section consists of the following elements:

Element	Description
<b>PC Project</b>	<p>The list box at the top displays the current project file with its path. To select a prior transferred project file click the arrow and select the respective project file.</p> <p>To select any other project file click the ... button (  ). This opens the dialog box <b>Select application file</b> where you can select the desired Unity Pro project file.</p> <p>Further project file information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Name:</b> name of the Unity Pro project (default is STATION)</li> <li>● <b>Last Build:</b> date and time of the last Unity Pro project build</li> <li>● <b>Version:</b> version of the Unity Pro project</li> </ul>
<b>PC Project Data</b>	<p>The list box at the top displays the current project data file with its path. To select a prior transferred project data file click the arrow and select the respective project data file.</p> <p>To select any other project data file click the ... button (  ). This opens the dialog box <b>Select a data file</b> where you can select the desired Unity Pro project data file.</p> <p>Further project data file information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Name:</b> name of the Unity Pro project data file</li> <li>● <b>Last Build:</b> date and time of the last Unity Pro project build</li> <li>● <b>%M:</b> located variables (bits)</li> <li>● <b>%MW:</b> located variables (words)</li> <li>● <b>Unlocated Data:</b> data of function blocks and application</li> </ul>
<b>PC Project Files</b>	<p>The list box at the top displays the current project files archive with its path. To select a prior transferred project files archive click the arrow and select the respective project files archive.</p> <p>To select any other project files archive click the ... button (  ). This opens the dialog box <b>Select a storage file</b> where you can select the desired Unity Pro project files archive.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The project files archive (*.CAR) is a backup file only and can not be edited with other tools.</p> <p>The following files are stored as parts of the *.CAR file, if existent on the PLC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>User Web Files:</b> user web files stored on the memory card of the M340 PLC</li> <li>● <b>Data Storage:</b> user files stored on the memory card of the M340 PLC via special function blocks</li> </ul>



## PLC Project Properties

The PLC Project section consists of the following elements:

Element	Description
<b>PLC Project</b>	<p><b>Enable Transfer</b> see below.</p> <p>Project file information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Name:</b> name of the Unity Pro project (default is STATION)</li> <li>● <b>Last Build:</b> date and time of the last Unity Pro project build</li> <li>● <b>Version:</b> version of the Unity Pro project</li> </ul>
<b>PLC Project Data</b>	<p><b>Enable Transfer</b> see below.</p> <p>Project data file information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Name:</b> name of the Unity Pro project data file</li> <li>● <b>Last Build:</b> date and time of the last Unity Pro project build</li> <li>● <b>%M:</b> located variables (bits)</li> <li>● <b>%MW:</b> located variables (words)</li> <li>● <b>Unlocated Data:</b> data of function blocks and application</li> </ul>
<b>PLC Project Files</b>	<p><b>Enable Transfer</b> see below.</p> <p>The following files are stored as parts of the *.CAR file, if existent on the PLC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>User Web Files:</b> user web files stored on the memory card of the M340 PLC</li> <li>● <b>Data Storage:</b> user files stored on the memory card of the M340 PLC via special function blocks</li> </ul>

### Enable Transfer (Check Boxes)

The specific area of the project tab provides the possibility to transfer 3 different parts of a Unity Pro project:

- project (\*.stu, \*.sta, \*.stm)
- project data (\*.dat)
- project files (\*.car)

By default all parts are selected, which allows a transfer of a project in one operation.

Each part of a project can be excluded from transfer by clearing the respective **Enable Transfer** check box. A deselected part is grayed and its transfer sign (arrow) is red and crossed out.

Even for excluded parts the available information is displayed to provide the context information.

**NOTE:** For the following reasons, the check boxes are disabled and the color of the arrows is switched to red:

- invalid files (e.g. files not created with Unity, but with valid extension)
- PLC in NOCONF state (not configured)
- file not supported by the hardware platform (\*.car is not supported by the Premium CPU)

## Transfer Signs (Arrows)

Transfer signs (arrows between the PC's and PLC's property areas) indicate:

- the transfer direction
- significant comparison results between the PC and the PLC projects

The transfer direction can be changed by clicking the **PC<=>PLC** button. The transfer direction can only be changed for all 3 signs (arrows) at the same time.

## Comparison Results

Comparison is only done for transfer from PC to PLC.

The comparison results are represented by different colors of the arrows:

- Green indicates that these parts of the PC and the PLC projects are compatible.
- Yellow indicates that these parts are partially compatible but a faultless transfer can not be assured.
- Red indicates that these parts are not compatible. In this case the transfer sign is additionally crossed out.

**NOTE:** If the **Unlocated Data** part is not compatible with the project embedded inside the PLC, only the located variables (%M, %MW) are transferred. A warning message is displayed and the arrow color switches to yellow.

## Transfer from PLC to PC

**NOTE:** For transferring a project from PLC to PC no comparison is done and therefore color indication is not available. If you try to transfer a file that already exists, you have to confirm to overwrite it.

If you transfer a project from PLC to PC the appropriate boxes at PC side (**PC Project, PC Project Data, PC Project Files**) are filled automatically by the Unity Loader.

- If a history exists for the selected project, the boxes are filled with historic input.
- For new projects the names are generated from the **Default backup directory** (to be set on the **Options** tab) and the project name on PLC.

If, for example, the project name on PLC is *Motor\_01* and the default backup directory is *C:\Applications*, the following names will be generated:

- **PC Project:** *C:\Applications\Motor01.sta*
- **PC Project Data:** *C:\Applications\Motor01.dat*
- **PC Project Files:** *C:\Applications\Motor01.car*

## Entering File Names

The dialog box supports you in entering file names:

- If you already specified names, the respective boxes are automatically filled with historic input.
- If you enter new names in one of the list boxes, a proposed entry is automatically entered in the next list box. Example: If you enter *C:\Applications\Motor\_01.stu* in the **PC Project** box and you click the empty **PC Project Data** box afterwards, it will automatically be filled with *C:\Applications\Motor\_01.dat*. You can confirm this proposal or overwrite it.

## File Format

File Format	Description	Comment
*.STU	Unity Pro project file	project including source code and Unity Pro workspace data
*.STA	Unity Pro archive file	project including source code but without Unity Pro workspace data This archive file is very compressed.
*.STM	Unity Loader specific project file	binary project data only, required for execution on PLC It contains no source code and can therefore not be read by Unity Pro. <b>Note:</b> This file format can be used to backup the PLC project data.

To transfer a project from PC to PLC you can select a file in one of the three formats.

The Unity Loader will save a project, transferred from PLC to PC in \*.STA or \*.STM format, depending on the project settings in Unity Pro (Upload Information Include/Without Upload Information). See table below.

### Upload Information Included

Unity Pro		Unity Loader		PLC
Via <b>Tools</b> → <b>Project Settings</b> → <b>General</b> → <b>PLC embedded data</b> the checkbox <b>Upload Information</b> is selected. A project is saved/archived in *.STU or *.STA format	->	Such a binary project can be transferred to PLC with the Unity Loader.	->	The binary project runs on the PLC.
Such a file in *.STA format can be opened with Unity Pro (but without the former workspace data.)	<-	Such a binary project can be transferred from PLC to PC with the Unity Loader and is saved in *.STA format.	<-	The binary project runs on the PLC.

**Without Upload Information**

Unity Pro		Unity Loader		PLC
Via <b>Tools</b> → <b>Project Settings</b> → <b>General</b> → <b>PLC embedded data</b> the checkbox <b>Upload Information</b> is not selected. A project is saved/archived in *.STU or *.STA format	->	Such a binary project can be transferred to PLC with the Unity Loader.	->	The binary project runs on the PLC.
Such a file in *.STM format can <b>not</b> be opened with Unity Pro.	<-	Such a binary project can be transferred from PLC to PC with the Unity Loader and is saved in *.STM format.	<-	The binary project runs on the PLC.
-	-	A file in *.STM format can be transferred from PC to PLC with the Unity Loader.	->	The binary project runs on the PLC.

**NOTE:** To save space on the PLC, it is recommended not to select the checkbox **Upload Information**.

For detailed information about \*.STA format and Upload Information please refer to the *Unity Pro Operating Modes Manual*.

**File Format After Online Modification**

Online modifications of a project via Unity Pro can result in \*.STM file format.

- In Unity Pro you built a project with the checkbox **Upload Information** selected.
- With the Unity Loader you transferred such a binary project to PLC.
- With Unity Pro you online modified the program in the PLC.  
(The upload information is no longer up-to-date).

**NOTE:** Either Unity Pro or the Unity Loader can be connected to a PLC at the same time.

- Now you try to disconnect the PLC from Unity Pro and a dialog box informs you, that the upload information is not up-to-date.
- If you confirm to update the upload information (with **Yes**) it is updated.
- If you negate to update the upload information (with **No**) it is **not** updated.
- Trying to transfer such a **not** updated project from PLC to PC with the Unity Loader, you will be informed that the upload information is not up-to-date and the project will be stored in \*.STM format.

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## Firmware Tab

### Overview

This tab comprises the following services:

- immediate firmware (FW) upgrade (or downgrade) of the target device (CPU, NOE or other modules with firmware)
- generating a memory card to be used later for firmware upgrade of another PLC

**NOTE:** A firmware (FW) transfer is only possible on an M340 hardware platform.

### Main Parts

The specific area of the **Firmware** tab consists of 2 main parts:

- **PC** firmware properties on the left specify the content of the files stored on the PC.
- **PLC** firmware properties on the right specify the content of the files stored on the PLC.

The transfer sign (arrow) between the 2 property areas indicates the transfer direction and significant comparison results between PC and PLC firmware (FW).

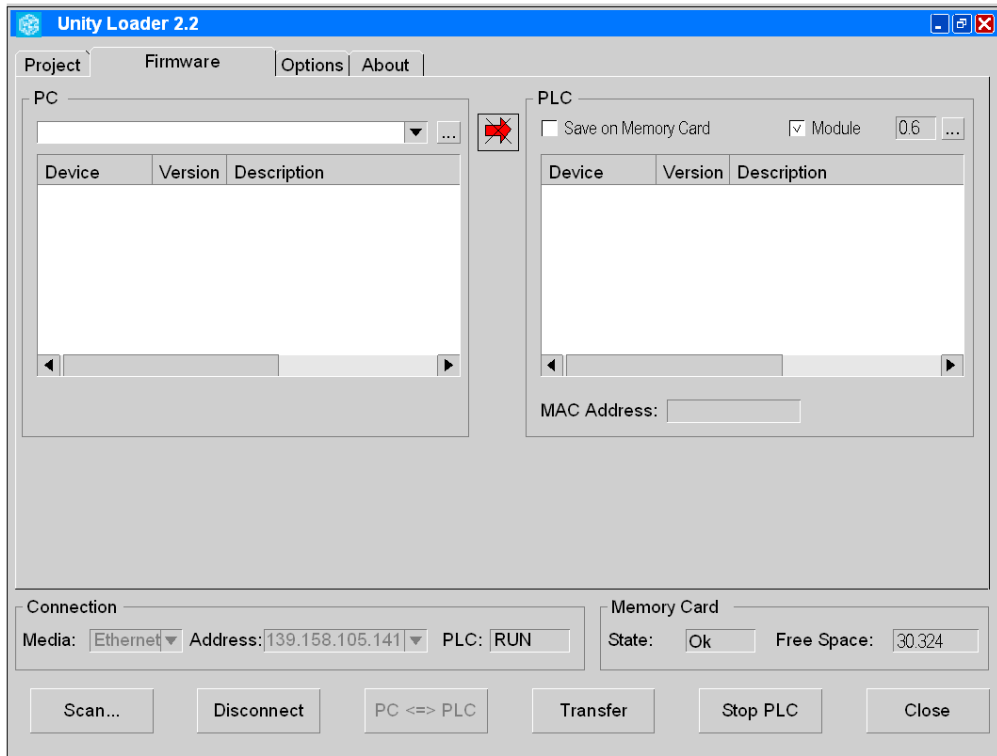
**NOTE:** It is not possible to transfer FW from PLC to PC.

### Precondition

If no memory card is installed in the M340 PLC, the firmware (FW) can not be transferred to the M340 PLC, because the FW is temporarily stored on the memory card.


## Representation

### Firmware tab



### PC FW Properties

The PC firmware (FW) properties area consists of the following elements:

Element	Description
PC	<p>The list box at the top displays the selected FW file with its path. To select a prior transferred FW file click the arrow and select the respective FW file.</p> <p>To select any other FW file click the ... button (  ). This opens the dialog box <b>Select a Firmware File</b> where you can select the desired FW file. Further information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Device:</b> name of the device</li> <li>● <b>Version:</b> version of the FW</li> <li>● <b>Description:</b> description of the FW</li> </ul>

## PLC FW Properties

The PLC firmware (FW) properties area consists of the following elements:

Element	Description
PLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Device:</b> name of the device</li> <li>● <b>Version:</b> version of the FW</li> <li>● <b>Description:</b> description of the FW</li> <li>● <b>MAC Address:</b> MAC address of the PLC</li> </ul>

## Firmware (FW) Information

There may be more than 1 FW to be displayed and compared for 1 device. This information is displayed in additional rows.

By default, main information (device name and version) is displayed. Use the horizontal scroll bar to display the entire information.

Position the mouse pointer on a listed FW to display the related information (tool tip).

## Firmware (FW) File

The FW file (\*.ldx) is a zip file that contains:

- a script for the Unity Loader defining the information and the way it will be transferred
- several FW parts for each device, which have to be kept consistent

So you have to select only 1 file to guarantee consistency.

## MAC Address

The MAC address is displayed for Ethernet devices.

This helps you to identify the device more securely.

The MAC address is not available for intelligent modules (see below).

**NOTE:** If Unity Loader is connected to a CRA module, the MAC address of the CRA will be displayed in the MAC Address field.

## Hardware ID

The hardware ID must match. If not, the transfer sign is marked red and crossed out. Transfer is disabled.

## FW Version

The firmware (FW) version to be transferred should be later than the current one. If not, the transfer sign is marked yellow.

### Transfer Sign (Arrow)

Transfer sign (arrow between the PC's and PLC's property areas) indicates:

- the transfer direction
- significant comparison results between the PC's and the PLC's FW

### Comparison Results

Comparison is only done for transfer from PC to PLC.

The comparison results are represented by colors:

- Green indicates that the FWs of the PC and the PLC are compatible.
- Yellow indicates that the FW of the PC is earlier than the FW of the PLC.
- Red indicates that the FWs are not compatible. In this case the transfer sign is additionally crossed out.

### FW Partial Transfer

If not all parts inside the selected firmware (FW) file (\*.ldx) are compatible, the Unity Loader offers a partial download of the compatible FW parts.

A warning message is displayed that must be confirmed before partial download.


### FW Transfer from PLC to PC

It is not possible to transfer the FW from PLC to PC.

In the **Firmware** tab the **PC<=>PLC** button is disabled.

### Addressing Modules

The **Module** check box enables you to upgrade other modules (with firmware) of the Modicon M340 (e.g. BMX ART 0414).

Step	Action
1	Activate the <b>Module</b> check box to display <b>Rack.Slot</b> of the device connected via Ethernet (e.g. <b>0.6</b> ).
2	Click the ... button (  ) right beside the <b>Module</b> check box to open the <b>Module Address</b> dialog where you can enter <b>Rack Index</b> and <b>Slot Index</b> of the module you want to upgrade.
3	Enter <b>Rack Index</b> and <b>Slot Index</b> and subsequently clicking <b>OK</b> .
4	Now you can upgrade the specified module.



### Constraints for Upgrading Modules

The following constraints apply to the upgrading modules feature:

- This feature is not applicable to M340 Ethernet modules. M340 Ethernet modules can be upgraded by direct connection only (same as for CPUs).
- After upgrading a module (with firmware), the FW version displayed in Unity Loader is not refreshed automatically.  
To display the FW properties after upgrading you must perform a hardware reset of the PLC by pressing the reset button of the power supply or by power cycling the PLC.
- After upgrading a module (with firmware) by using the **Save on Memory Card** feature, you must perform a hardware reset of the M340 PLC by pressing the reset button of the power supply or by power cycling the M340 PLC (else the module remains blocked in a non operational state).

### Save on Memory Card

Please refer to *Save on Memory Card*, page 34.

## Save on Memory Card

### Overview

**NOTE:** If Unity Loader is connected to a CRA module the checkbox **Save on Memory Card** is disabled and the text is changed to **No Memory Card**.

The **Save on Memory Card** feature provides the possibility to generate a memory card that can be used later for firmware (FW) upgrade of another M340 PLC.

As an upgrade by means of the memory card does not require the presence of Unity Loader, this option could be useful to upgrade M340 PLCs that can not be connected to the Unity Loader directly.

**NOTE:** The Save on Memory Card feature is only possible for M340 hardware platforms.

### Save on Memory Card Unchecked

By default **Save on Memory Card** is unchecked.

The Unity Loader sends a request to upgrade the PLC immediately after the firmware (FW) is transferred to the memory card.

The FW files are stored only temporarily on the memory card and will be removed after upgrade is completed.

### Save on Memory Card Checked

If **Save on Memory Card** is checked, the unzipped firmware (FW) files are transferred to the memory card of the PLC.

The files are marked for automatic upgrade.

At the end of the transfer you are asked to perform a manual reset of the PLC.

A reset will upgrade the FW of the PLC automatically, if the current version of the PLC is earlier than the version on the memory card and the FW on the memory card is compatible to FW on the PLC.

The files related to FW will be removed after upgrade.

**NOTE:** As it is not possible to display the data on the memory card, it is recommended to label the card after saving FW on the card.

## Source/Target PLC

You can use a memory card for firmware (FW) upgrade of another PLC.

- Source PLC  
On the source PLC you generate a memory card, remove it from the PLC and send it to the target PLC (e.g. to another site/country).
- Target PLC  
On the target PLC you insert the memory card and upgrade the FW.

**NOTE:** The memory card must remain on the target PLC.

## Upgrading a PLC with Memory Card

To upgrade the target PLC using the memory card, created at the source PLC, proceed as follows:

Step	Action
1	Check <b>Save on Memory Card</b> and start the transfer. <b>Result:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The unzipped firmware (FW) files are transferred to the memory card of the PLC.</li> <li>● The files are marked for automatic upgrade.</li> </ul>
2	Remove the memory card from the source PLC.
3	Insert the memory card to the target PLC.
4	Perform a manual reset at the target PLC. <b>Result:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The firmware (FW) of the target PLC is upgraded automatically, if the current version of the PLC is earlier than the version on the memory card and the FW on the memory card is compatible to FW on the PLC.</li> </ul> <b>Note:</b> The files on the memory card related to FW <b>are removed</b> after upgrade. <b>Note:</b> The memory card must remain on the target PLC.

## Only 1 FW on Memory Card

Only 1 firmware (FW) can be saved on a memory card.

Each transfer, whether **Save on Memory Card** is checked or not, will erase the FW folder first.

## Memory Card Write Protect

**NOTE:** If the memory card is write protected, it is not possible to perform an upgrade using the memory card.

## Addressing Modules

For addressing modules (with firmware) please refer to Addressing Modules (*see page 32*).

## Project on Memory Card

If there is a memory card present at a Modicon M340 and you transfer data using the **Project** tab of the Unity Loader, the following data are stored on the memory card for backup reasons:

- **Project** (Unity Pro application)
- **Project Files**
  - **Data Storage** files
  - **User Web Files**

**NOTE:** Other user files (like Word, Excel, Adobe) and **Project Data** (%M, %MW, values of unlocated data) are not stored on the memory card.

## Project and FW at Once

If you transferred data to a memory card (on the **Project** tab) as described above and you are using the **Save on Memory Card** feature on the **Firmware** tab, both data are present at the memory card.

**NOTE:** It is also possible to upgrade a project only without upgrading the firmware (FW).

Inserting the memory card into another PLC and performing a manual reset, the project and the FW are updated.

The memory card must remain on the target PLC.

**NOTE:** Take care to have the appropriate project on the memory card.

## One Shot/Multi Shot

For using the memory card there are 2 modes:

- One shot  
With the one shot mode, you need 1 memory card for 1 upgrade.
- Multi shot  
With the multi shot mode, you can use a memory card, generated on a source PLC, to update several target PLCs (for Unity Pro applications only).

For the possible use cases of the memory card please refer to the table below.

Area	Description	One Shot	Multi Shot
System Area <b>(Firmware tab)</b>	1 firmware (FW) (including Web pages if available)	Need 1 memory card per FW and per machine.	not supported (The system removes the upgrade information after upgrade).
User's Area <b>(Project tab)</b>	<b>Project</b> (Unity Pro application)	No need to provoke a backup, the new memory card remains in the PLC.	You need to provoke a backup.
	<b>Data Storage</b> files	The new memory card remains in the PLC.	not supported
	<b>User Web Files</b>		
	other user files (like Word, Excel, Adobe)		
	<b>Project Data</b> (%M, %MW, unlocated data)	not supported	not supported

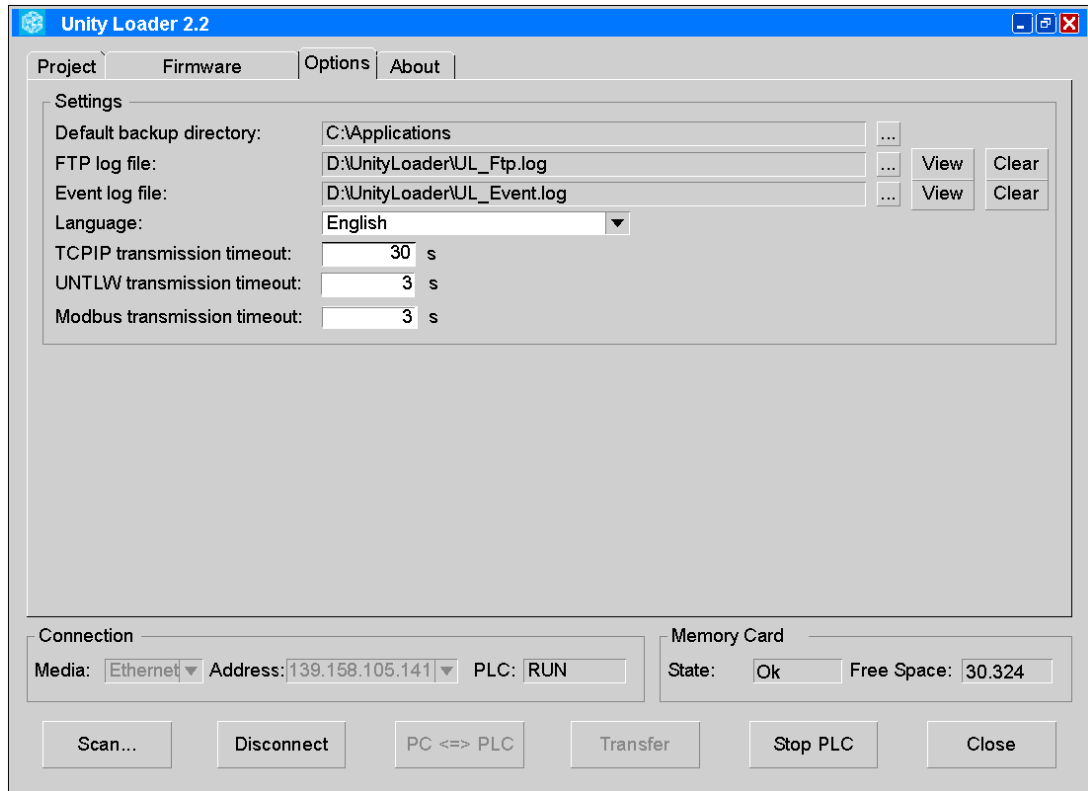
## Options Tab

### Overview

The **Options** tab comprises a set of general settings for the Unity Loader.

### Representation

#### Options tab



## Settings

Element	Description
<b>Default backup directory:</b>	backup directory for Unity Loader files (e.g. <i>C:\Applications</i> ) The default backup directory and the project name on the PLC are used to generate new project names (including path) automatically while transferring a project from PLC to PC (see page 26).
<b>FTP log file:</b>	name and path of the FTP log file In this file, requests and replies exchanged between the loader's FTP client and the PLC's FTP server are logged. Click the <b>View</b> button to look at the log file. Click the <b>Clear</b> button to empty the log file.
<b>Event log file:</b>	name and path of the event log file In this file, the major events, such as FW transfer, PLC start / stop or unexpected events are logged. Click the <b>View</b> button to look at the log file. Click the <b>Clear</b> button to empty the log file.
<b>Language:</b>	This list box displays the languages provided for the Unity Loader user interface. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● English</li> <li>● French</li> <li>● German</li> <li>● Italian</li> <li>● Spanish</li> <li>● Chinese</li> </ul> <p>To switch to another language click the arrow and select the respective language in the list.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> After switching to another language you have to close and launch again the Unity Loader.</p>
<b>TCP/IP / UNTLW / Modbus transmission timeout:</b>	delay used for self-recovery while TCP/IP / UNTLW / Modbus transmission (seconds)

## Transfer Button

In the **Options** tab the **Transfer** button is disabled.

## About Tab

### Overview

The **About** tab comprises information about your Unity Loader:

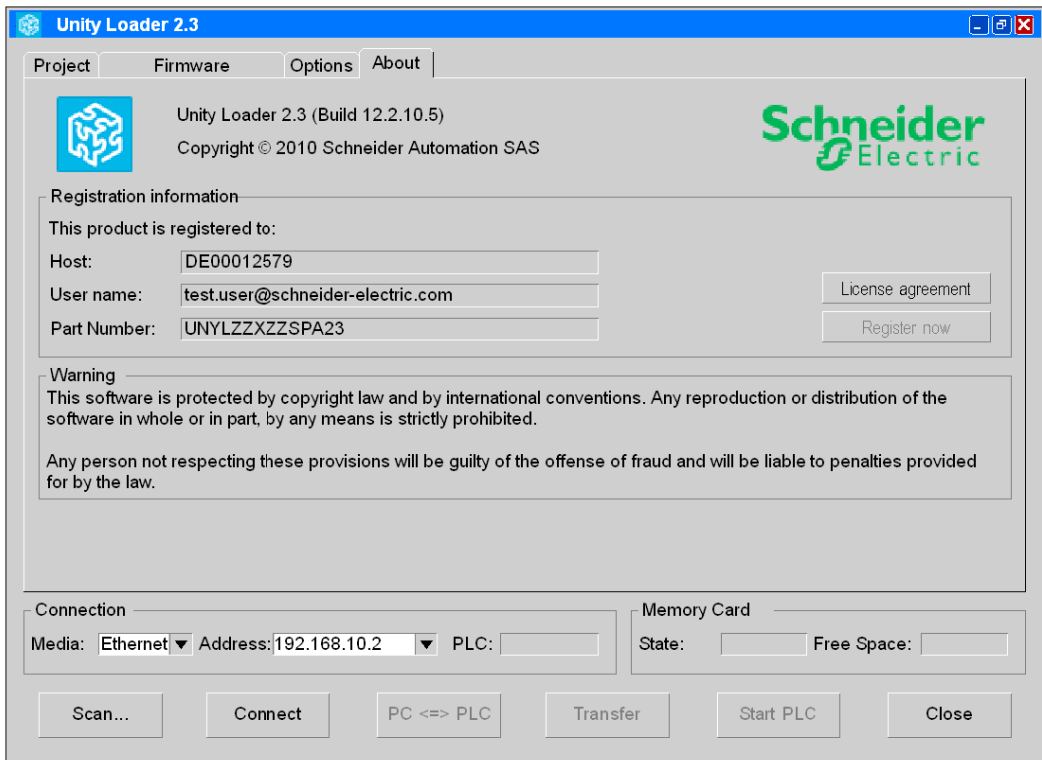
- version
- build
- copyright information
- license agreement
- registration information

### Representation

Unity Loader is a FreeTool which runs without registration.

Unity Loader checks the registration data according to the OneLicensing mechanism.

#### About tab





### **License Agreement**

Click the **License agreement** button to display the license agreement for your Unity Loader software.

### **Register Button**

Click the **Register now** button to register your Unity Loader software.

### **Transfer Button**

In the **About** tab the **Transfer** button is disabled.

## Scan Network Dialog Box

### Overview

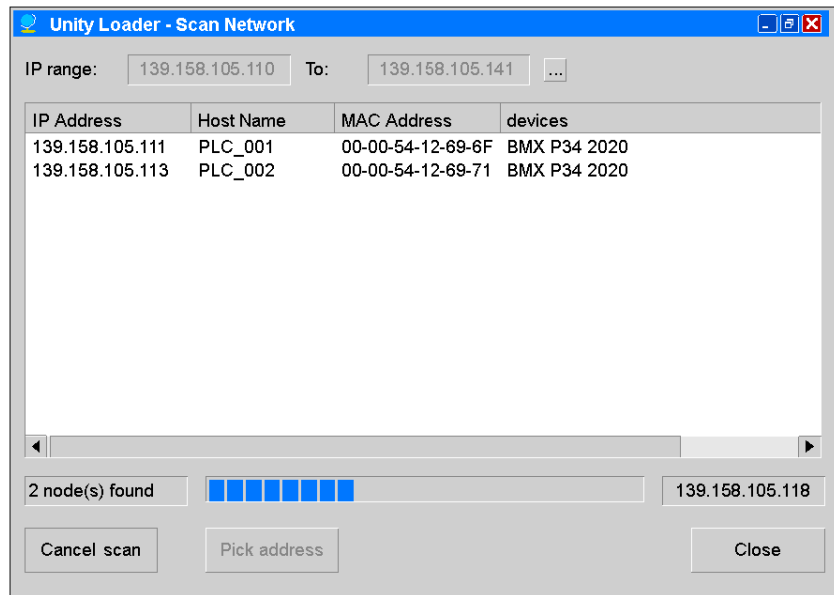
Clicking the **Scan...** button opens this dialog box.

Network scanning helps you to detect IP addresses of M340 PLCs in the network.

The **Scan Network** dialog box is modeless, i.e. the dialog box does not keep the input focus so scanning can be done in parallel.

### Representation

#### Scan Network dialog box



### IP Range

Specify the range of IP addresses, in which the hosts is searched after clicking the

**Start scan** button. You can also click the auto-detect button (...). to fill in the maximum range of the PC's network segment.

## IP Address Properties

The IP Address properties comprise the following elements:

Element	Description
<b>IP Address</b>	IP address found in the network
<b>Host Name</b>	host name of the found IP address
<b>MAC Address</b>	MAC address of the found IP address
<b>devices</b>	device assigned to the found IP address

## Command Buttons

The text of some buttons changes depending on the actual situation (e.g. Start Scan / Cancel Scan). Grayed buttons are disabled.

The command button area comprises the following buttons:

Button	Description
<b>Start scan / Cancel scan</b>	Click this button to start/cancel network scan. The status of the scan process is displayed above the command buttons.
<b>Pick address</b>	Click this button to fill the IP address of a selected host into the address box of the main dialog box. See <i>Connection, page 19</i> .
<b>Close</b>	Click this button to close the <b>Scan Network</b> dialog box.

If the Unity Loader is connected the **Pick address** button is disabled.

## Transferring Data Dialog Box

### Overview

Clicking the **Transfer** button opens this dialog box.

The **Transferring data** dialog box displays a status report of the data transfer.

The dialog box is modal, i.e. you cannot return to the previous dialog box until the **Transferring data** dialog box is closed.

### **WARNING**

#### **RISK OF UNINTENDED EQUIPMENT OPERATION**

Before transferring data to a PLC or to a module with firmware make sure that you have selected the correct project and firmware files and entered the correct target address. Verify the address by comparing the MAC address printed on the device with the MAC address shown in the **Firmware** tab.

**Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.**

### **WARNING**

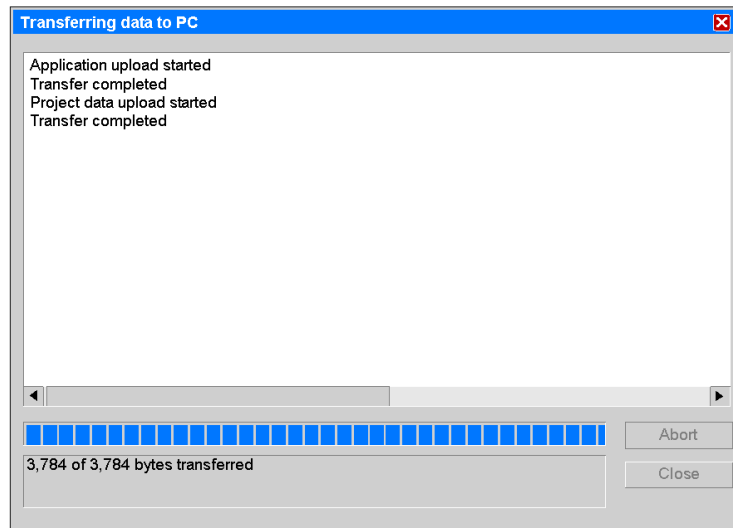
#### **RISK OF UNEXPECTED EQUIPMENT BEHAVIOR**

If the transfer of data failed (for example, if there was a power off of the PLC during the process), the PLC is in an undetermined state. In this case restart the transfer immediately to bring the PLC again in a defined state.

**Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.**

## Representation

### Transferring data dialog box



## Status Information

For application transfer the **Transferring data** dialog box comprises the following status information:

- transfer started
- number of bytes transferred
- transfer completed

A status bar displays the transfer status.

For firmware (FW) transfer the **Transferring data** dialog box comprises the following status information:

- transfer started
- free space on memory card
- required space
- available space
- directory information
- transfer completed
- writing files to flash memory
- FW upgrade successful

A status bar displays the transfer status.

**NOTE:** The **Transferring data** dialog comprises only the main events. For detailed information please refer to the log files (*Options Tab, page 38*).

### Required Space

The amount of required space is a little bit larger than the data that should be transferred, because the firmware (FW) needs additional space for file management.

### Available Space

The value of available space may be larger than the **Free Space** value displayed in the **Memory Card** status line because the calculation of available space takes into account the memory space of data that will be overwritten by new data.

### Command Buttons

Grayed buttons are disabled.

Button	Description
<b>Abort</b>	Click this button to abort the transfer.
<b>Close</b>	Click this button to close the <b>Transferring data</b> dialog box.

**NOTE:** During firmware (FW) transfer the **Abort** and the **Close** buttons are disabled.

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## Example: Transfer of an Application from PC to PLC

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### Transfer of an Application from PC to PLC

#### Procedure

The following table describes the procedure for transferring a Unity Pro application from a PC to a Modicon M340, Premium or Quantum PLC.

Step	Action
1	Connect the PC and the PLC to the network.
2	If you do not know the required IP addresses click the <b>Scan...</b> button. (See <i>Scan Network Dialog Box</i> , page 42).
3	Enter the connection data: <b>Media</b> and <b>Address</b> . (See <i>Connection</i> , page 19).
4	Click the <b>Connect</b> button. (See <i>Command Buttons</i> , page 21).
5	Select the required project files ( <b>PC Project</b> , <b>PC Project Data</b> , <b>PC Project Files</b> ). (See <i>PC Project Properties</i> , page 24).
6	Set/reset the required <b>Enable Transfer</b> check boxes. (See <i>Enable Transfer (Check Boxes)</i> , page 25).
7	If necessary set the transfer direction to PC->PLC by clicking the <b>PC&lt;=&gt;PLC</b> button. (See <i>Command Buttons</i> , page 21) and <i>Transfer Signs (Arrows)</i> , page 26).

### **WARNING**

#### **RISK OF UNINTENDED EQUIPMENT OPERATION**

Before stopping the PLC make sure that you are connected to the correct target address. Verify the address by comparing the MAC address printed on the device with the MAC address shown in the **Firmware** tab.

**Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.**

<b>Step</b>	<b>Action</b>
8	Click the <b>Stop PLC</b> button. (See <i>Command Buttons, page 21</i> ).
9	Click the <b>Transfer</b> button. (See <i>Command Buttons, page 21</i> ). <b>Result:</b> The <b>Transferring data</b> dialog box opens and displays a status report of the data transfer. (See <i>Transferring Data Dialog Box, page 44</i> ).
10	After transfer is completed, close the <b>Transferring data</b> dialog box and click the <b>Start PLC</b> button



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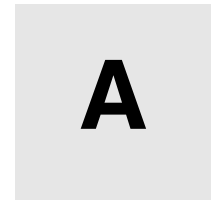
## Appendices





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# Transfer of Applications in Batch Mode



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## Batch Mode with the Unity Loader Command Line Interface

### Overview

The Unity Loader offers the command line interfaces *UIUmas.exe* for skilled users. *UIUmas.exe* provides commands for transferring applications and data files via UMAS protocol.

The main usage is to transfer applications to one or several PLCs by calling a script without running Unity Loader dialogs but you can also start and stop PLCs.

### Commands without Additional Checks

 <b>WARNING</b>
<b>RISK OF UNINTENDED EQUIPMENT OPERATION</b>
Before executing commands by means of the command line interface make sure that the commands will not result in unintended situations for men or equipment.
The command line interface executes commands on the PLC without additional checks.
<b>Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.</b>

## Transfer FW or Transfer Project

### **WARNING**

#### **RISK OF UNINTENDED EQUIPMENT OPERATION**

Before transferring data to a PLC make sure that you have selected the correct files and entered the correct target address. Verify the address by comparing the MAC address printed on the device with the MAC address shown by Unity Loader in the **Firmware** tab.

**Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.**

## Start PLC / Stop PLC

### **WARNING**

#### **RISK OF UNINTENDED EQUIPMENT OPERATION**

Before starting/stopping a PLC make sure that you are connected to the correct target address. Verify the address by comparing the MAC address printed on the device with the MAC address shown in the **Firmware** tab.

**Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.**

### **WARNING**

#### **UNKNOWN OPERATIONAL STATE OF EQUIPMENT**

Evaluate operational state of equipment before starting or stopping a PLC. Unintended situations can occur if system state is not confirmed prior to starting or stopping a PLC.

**Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.**

## UMAS

UMAS stands for Unified Messaging Application Service, a platform independent protocol for exchanging application data.

## Program

You can find the *UIUmas.exe* in the installation directory of your Unity Loader software.

## Documentation

You can find a detailed documentation (*UIUmas.doc*) in the installation directory of your Unity Loader software, too.

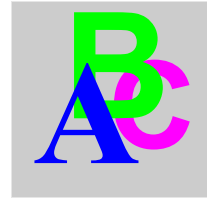
## Running the Program

On your PC select **Start** → **Run**, enter *UIUmas.exe* in the **Open** dialog and confirm with **OK**.



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