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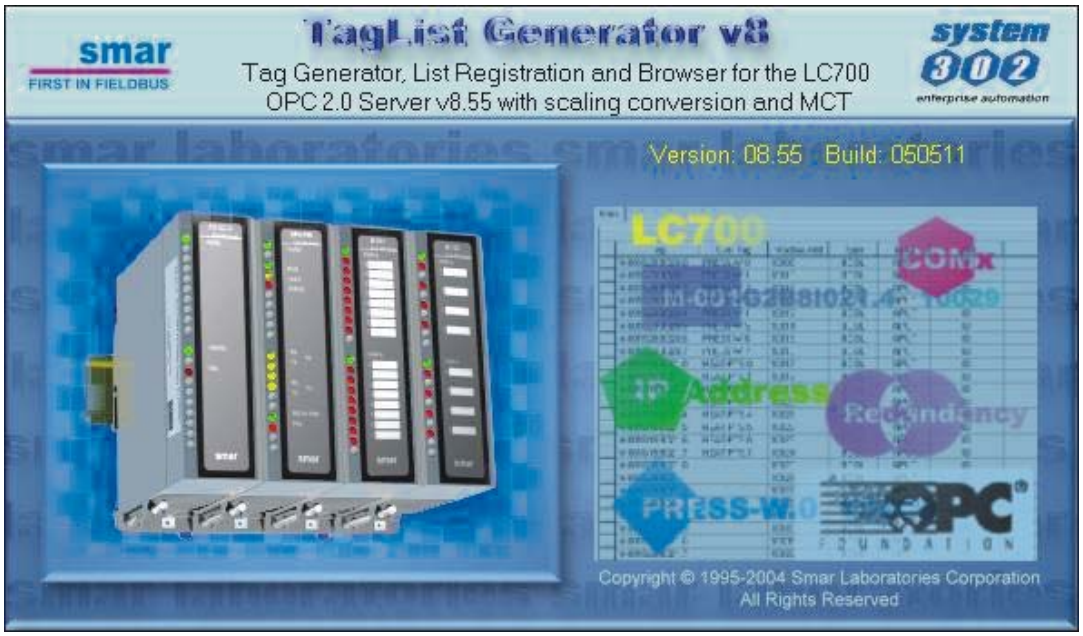

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Required System

- Operating System → Windows NT 4.0 – Service Pack 6, Windows 2000 (Service Pack 2), or Windows XP.
- Computer → PC –Pentium Processor 400 MHz or higher.
- RAM → 64 Mbytes (128Mbytes for Windows XP)
- Disk Space → 10 Mbytes

Preparing the Installation

Using the Smar installation CD "LC700 Software Tools", click on the OPC Server V8 and Tag List Generator V8 to install the LC700 OPC Server and Tag List generator respectively.

Introduction

The software Tag List Generator for the LC700 OPC Server is developed to generate an information Table to the LC700 OPC Server telling which are the Tags for each Modbus Address.

In the HMI side, just configure using links to Tags, in this way, if the user changes the LC700 configuration (the Modbus address will change), but the Tags will not. The OPC Server will be able to read the new Tag List generated after the changes made with the CONF700.

Tag List enables the USER to enter scaled values for Tag values in engineering units. The Tag Scaling allows the user to convert a raw value (unscaled value from the Device) to a given numeric range (in engineering units).

Using the TreeView the USER can select, add, create, delete, and edit the List of Communications Connections (Ports), List of Devices, Types of Conversions.

Under the Controller (Device) Level, a list of Tags will be shown, and the Properties for this Tag will be visualized on the right Frame of the Main Application Frame.

For each Tag, the user can select if this Tag Value will have Conversion or Not and the Type of Conversion that will apply for this Tag Value.

The versions 8.54 and later of the Tag List support the configuration of the MCT for the LC700. MODBUS Cross Table (MCT) is a technique to optimize variable MODBUS addresses that can significantly increase the speed of MODBUS drivers when accessing variables in a Smar LC700 or DF65 system.
Note: This function is only available for systems with CPU-700-E3 or CPU-700-E3R.

Using the Tag List Generator

Creating a New Project

To create a *New Project*, click on the *File* menu, then click *New*, or click on *New* button, on the toolbar.'

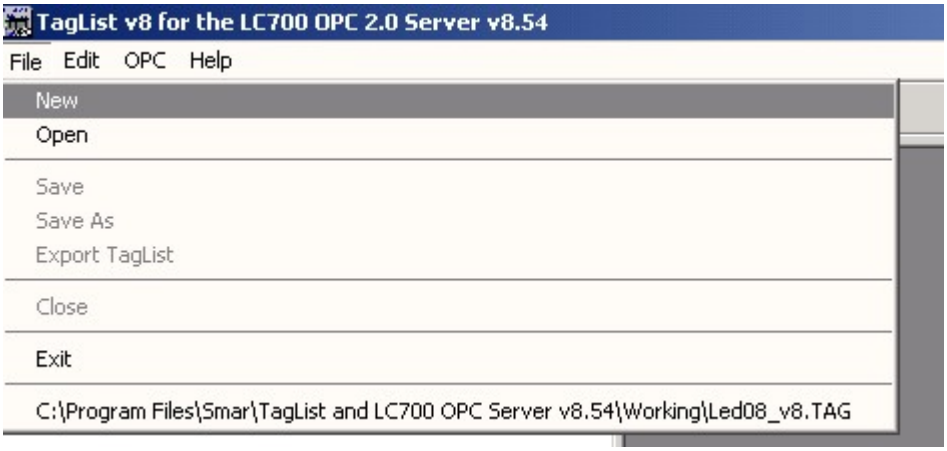


Figure 1- Creating a new project

To open an existing project, to save a project or to close the current project just click on the *File* menu then click on *Open , Save* or *Close* respectively, or click on the icons Open, Save or Close (Windows standard) on the toolbar.

Adding and Removing ports

The LC700 OPC Server supports all types of port combinations (COM1,COM2, Ethernet) having serial and Ethernet communication on the same configuration.

Once the user starts a new project, the TagList will open a window similar to Figure 2. Next, by right clicking the Communication item, Tag List will display a window where the user can configure the parameters described below.

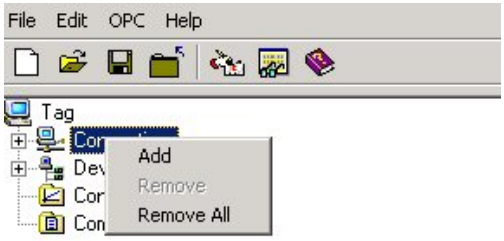


Figure 2- Adding a new port

Note
The user must certify that the chosen configuration option (Baud Rate, or IP address) is the same as the LC700 configuration, which will be monitored.

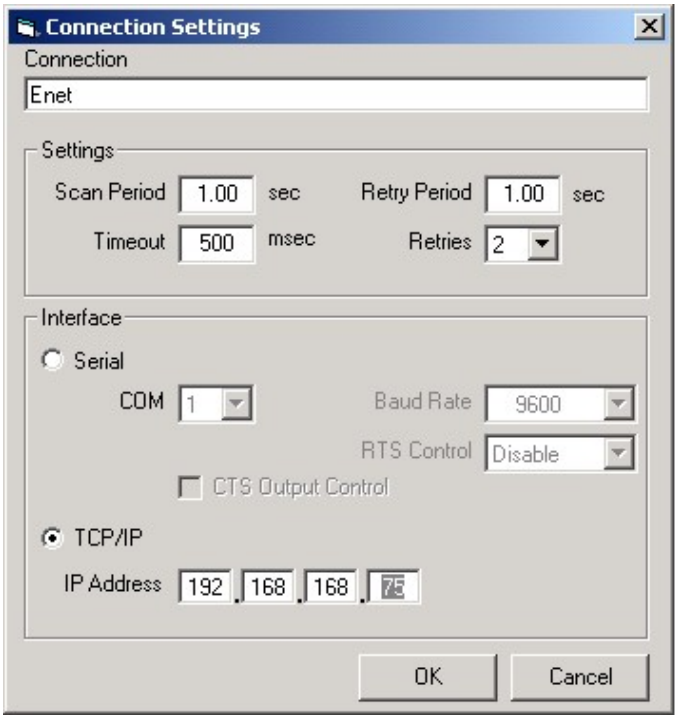


Fig 3- Communication Parameters

Port Settings

Port Name (Connection)
The user must create a Tag for the port to be configured on the TagList. This tag will be used to define the first Browser level on the TagList OPC Server.

Scan Period
It is the time it takes for the LC700 OPC Server to read the Tags (OPC Points) from all slave devices, that is, the time between cyclic questions.

Retry Period
When the OPC Server Client runs out of configured tries in Retries, it verifies each time interval established by Retry Period whether or not the connection is active.

Timeout
Waiting time for a response after a message from the LC700 Server is being sent to the slave. After this period of time, the LC700 OPC Server retries to establish communication, based on the number configured on Retries.

Retries
Number of times the LC700 OPC Server software will try a new communication after waiting for the specified value on the Timeout parameter.

Specific Configuration for the serial physical mean

If the user chooses to use serial communication, it can be through EIA-232 or EIA-485. The connection and cable specification are the same used in the communication between the LC700 e o CONF700 and are described in the "LC700 Manual".

Com
Allows the user to choose which serial port will be used for communication.

CTS Output Control
When this parameter is enabled, the OPC Server will transmit only when the CTS is active.

RTS Control
The options of this parameter are:
Disable: RTS inactive (off)
Enable: RTS active (on)

Handshake: Activates the RTS, if the receiver buffer is ¾ occupied and disables when the receiver buffer is less than half occupied.
Toggle: RTS will be activated if there are bytes to be transmitted, and RTS will be disables after every byte is transmitted.

Specific configurations for communication via Ethernet

IP Address
In case of Ethernet TCP/IP communication, the user should set the logic controller Ethernet card's IP address (MB700 or ENET700) which should be communicated.

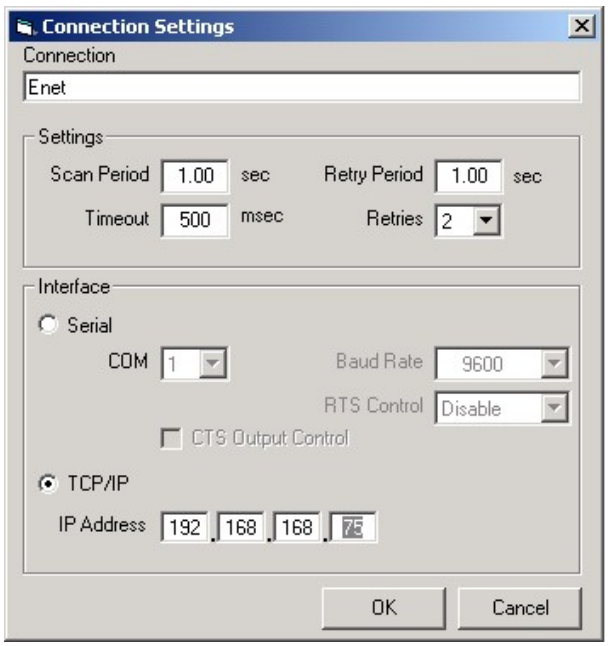


Figure 4- Adding an Ethernet Port

Adding a New Port

The user can add more serial ports or Ethernet if required. To add a new port, right-click at Communication Connections and select Add.

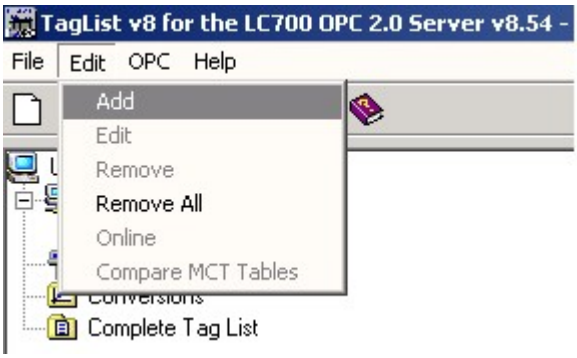


Figure 5- Adding a New Port

Editing/ Removing Ports

The user can edit or remove a communication Port, for that, just right click on the added port. So, it is possible to change its current settings, or remove the desired port, clicking on *Remove* button.

Redundancy

The LC700 OPC Server supports system redundancy. The OPC redundancy follows a main path philosophy and a redundant path (backup). When the system detects the main path is not communicating, the redundant path takes over communication. When communication on the main path returns, again, it becomes the active path and the redundant gets back to being the backup. The redundant path, even in a state of backup, it tests itself if everything is OK. Each port (main or backup) notifies its current status through Status.

Redundancy could take place even in different physical means/data link layer: MODBUS TCP and MODBUS RTU. For example, two Ethernet networks or even one Ethernet network and one EIA 485 network. The user can configure an existing redundant network on the system.

Application Example

Consider an application example shown in Figure A where the LC700 OPC Server monitors points from 3 LC700 in an Ethernet network. In this case it is used path redundancy for the LC700's, which in case of main path fails, the LC700 OPC Server uses an alternative path for supervision.

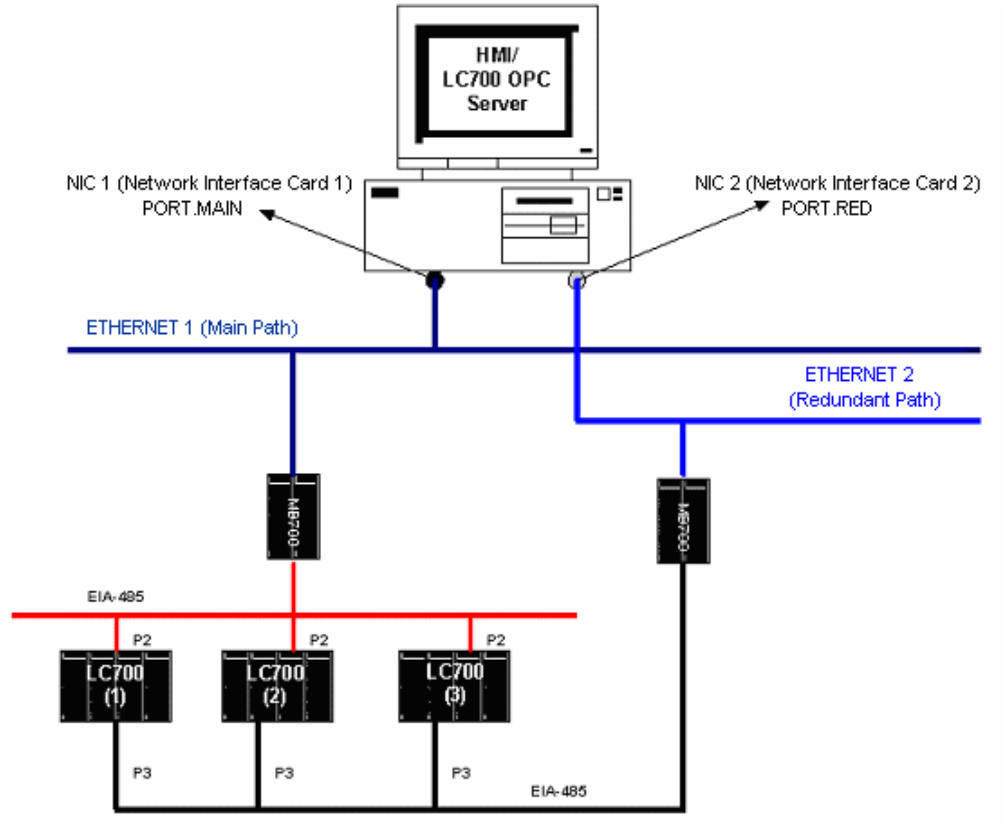


Figure 6- An application involving an LC700 OPC Server, LC700 and MB700.

The main path

Right after a new project is created, the Tag List Generator will ask how the LC700 OPC Server and the LC700 will communicate. The LC700 supports the communication via serial port (232 or 485) or via Ethernet (TCP/IP). In the case of the next figure, the main path is through the Ethernet port ("Main_Port")

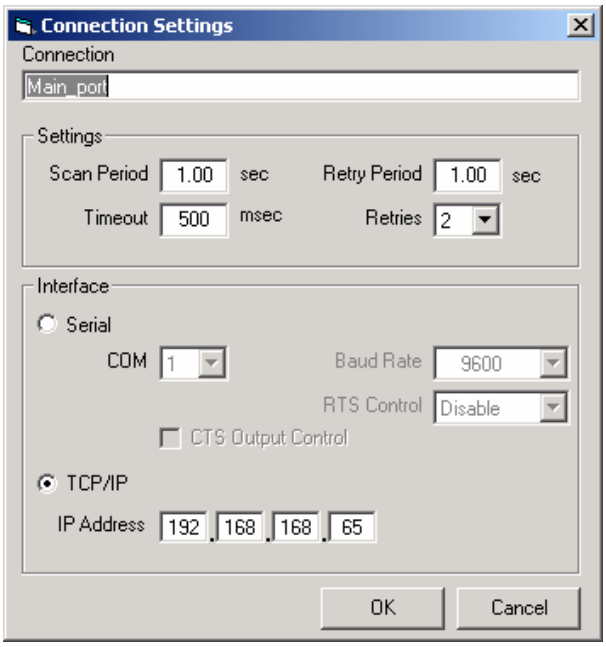


Figure 7- Choosing a communication channel

The redundant path

After configuring the main path, the user should add a new port (channel) which will be the redundant (backup).

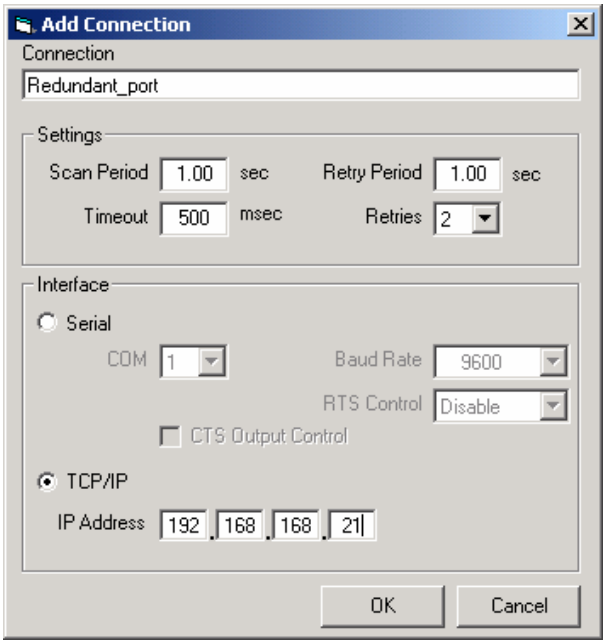


Figure 8- Adding a redundant port

Adding or Removing a Configuration

Before adding a new configuration, the user is supposed to create a configuration in the CONF700 *software*.

Note
If the user has several LC700's with different addresses, a configuration file should be generated (*.PL7, *.PL8) with a different name for each LC700 used in the project.

Adding a Configuration

The configuration must be a valid configuration generated by CONF700 from Smar.

To add a new configuration the user should open the menu **Edit → Add** or in the left pane of the Tag List Application.

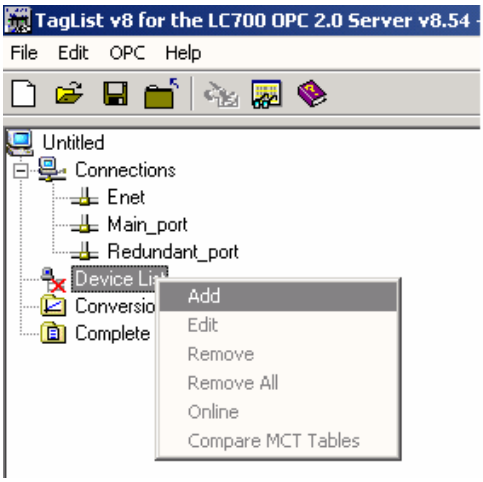


Figure 9- Adding a new configuration

After the user adds a configuration, the TagList will open a window (Figure 10) where the user should choose the file which contains the desired configuration.

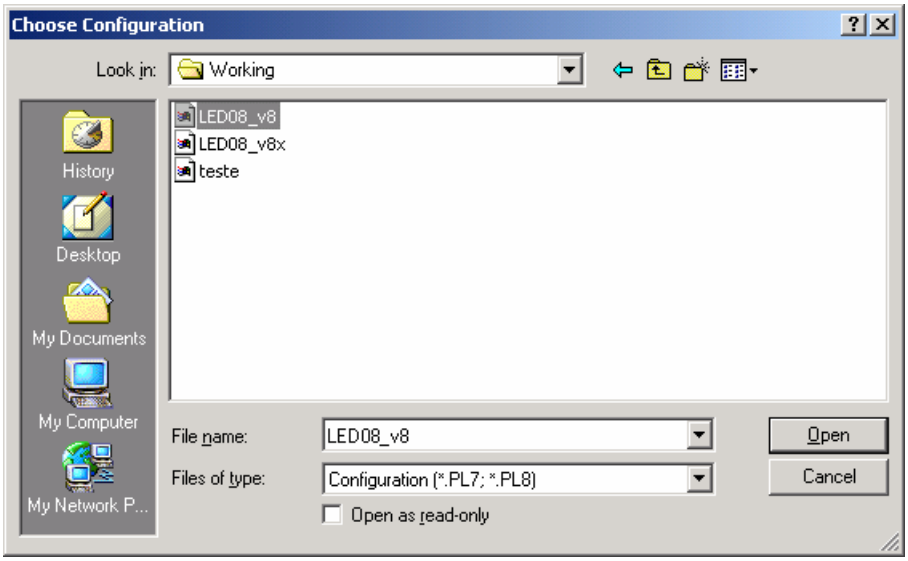


Figure 10- Locating the configuration to be added

Note
The user will not be able to include duplicate configuration names, even if in different sub-directories.

Next the TagList will open a window for the user to configure a few parameters regarding the chosen configuration. This configuration is present in the LC700 memory, so a reference is made to the device.

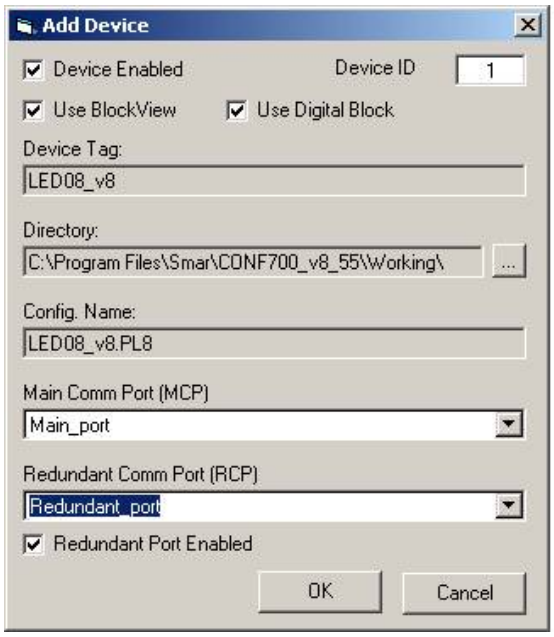


Figure 11- Device Configuration

Note:

The Block View and Digital Block features are only available for Smar devices.

In the window above (Figure 11) the user must configure a few parameters regarding configuration and the recently added device.

- **Device Enabled:** Enables/disables the device. In case this parameter is not selected, the OPC Server will not monitor it.
- **Device ID:** Device address in the MODBUS network.
- **Use Block View:** Enabling this parameter the user can compact the commands of the OPC Server, increasing communication speed.
- **Use Digital Block:** Enabling this parameter the user can read all digital points using only one command of the OPC Server, increasing communication speed.
- **Redundant Enabled:** Enabling this parameter, the user will have enabled the redundant channel.

The Redundant Enable ICON is displayed as (In GREEN) :  when it is enabled.

Redundancy:

Just enable the *Redundant Enabled* and inform which one is the redundant channel/port.

Redundant Disabled ICON is displayed as (In RED) :  when it is disabled.

- **Main Comm Port:** the user should inform which port previously configured will be the main channel.
- **Redundant Comm Port:** In case redundancy is used, the user should inform which configured port will be used as **redundant channel.**

- **Directory:** Directory where the added configuration is located. Clicking in  is possible change this directory. This procedure is useful when the configurations (.tag and .pl8) are transferred from any computer to another.

- **Configuration Name:** Name of the configuration associated as a device (for example, LC700).
- **Device Tag:** Is the Tag in which the device is referred by the OPC Server

After the ports are added and configured, the user should view a screen similar to the following picture. Two ports were included, a main serial port, a redundant port, through an Ethernet port.

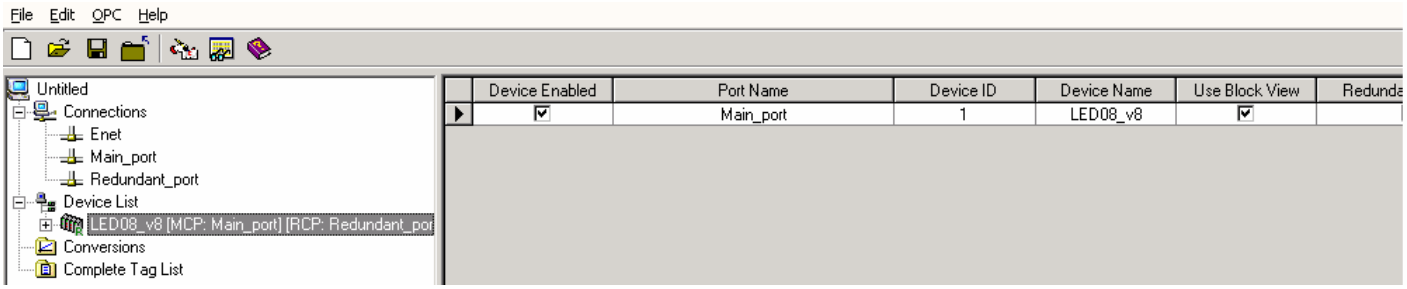


Figure 12 - OPC Connection through a Serial Port/Ethernet port configured via TagList

Editing/Removing a Configuration / Device

To edit or remove a configuration, it is necessary to select the configuration on the main screen. Right click it, the edit/remove configuration dialog will appear, then just change the desired settings and click on OK for the changes to take place, or click on the *Remove* to remove the configuration.

Saving the Project

To compile the project (to generate the Tag List) it is necessary, first, to save the current project.

To save the project using the menu, click on *File,* then *Save* (if the project has already a name) or *Save As* (if a new you wish to save the project with a new name), or on the icon *Save (windows standard*) on the toolbar.

The OPC Menu

The OPC Menu has the following options:

- OPC Monitor
- Show Active TagList
- Register Active TagList

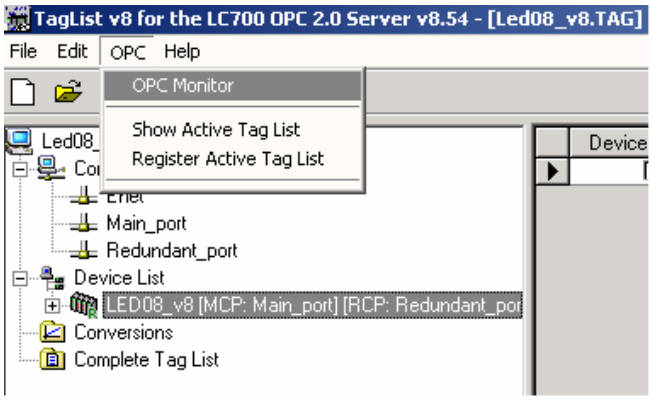


Figure 13- Accessing the OPC Menu

Registering the Project

After the project name is chosen, it should be registered in Windows, in order for the reading software of the LC700 OPC Server to recognize which configuration to search for. So every time a new project or project name is changed, it should be registered, to be indicated as the current project.

To register a project, click on the *OPC* menu and on *Register Tag List*. Or click on *Register Configuration*, on the Toolbar, as shown in the next figure.

Fig 14- Registering the current TagList

Generating the TagList Table

The program will generate the points monitored by the LC700 OPC Server. The Tag List Table associates the address/Tag in the LC700 with the name/Tag given to it by the OPC server.

Note

Each change done in the configuration in the CONF700, a new TaglList Table must be generated. The user needs to open the current TagList project and execute the command to generate the TagList Table again.

While the tag List is being generated, the "Tag OPC" (name of the LC700 point that will appear for the user on the OPC client) is assembled as follows:

- If the user defined a User Label on the CONF700 for the point, then this will be defined as a name for the Tag OPC of the point.

- If the user did not define a User Label, then the Tag OPC will be the point's Default Label.

To generate the TagList Table, click on *OPC* and then *Register Tag List,* or click on the option *Register Tag List* on the Toolbar.

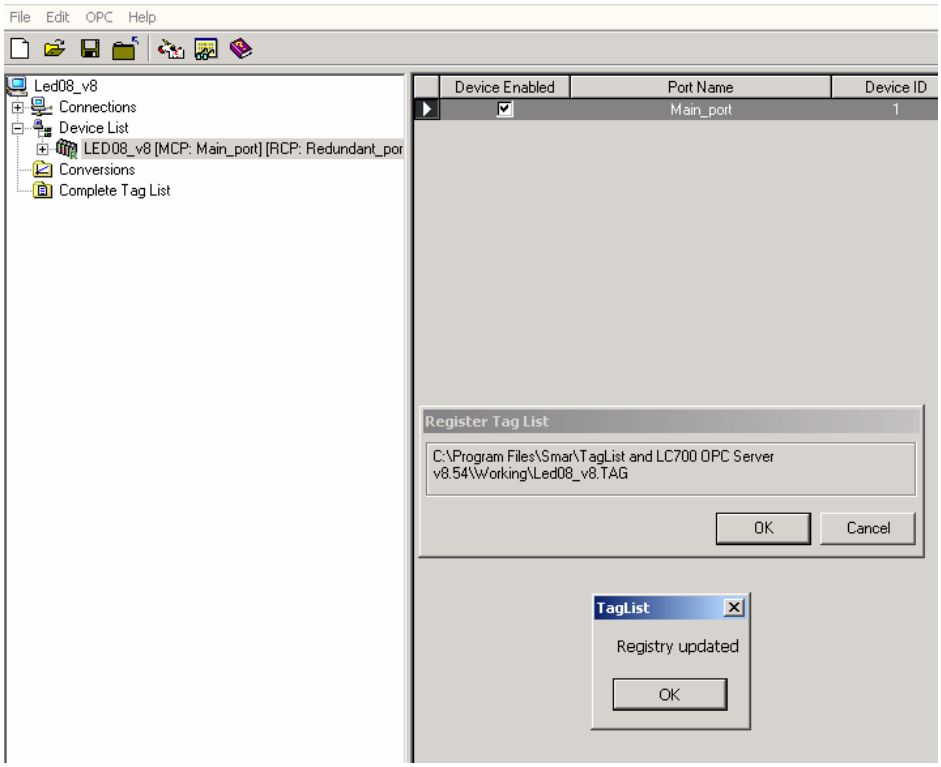


Figure 15- Generating the TagList Table

After the project registration and the Tag List generation, the system is ready to monitor the LC700 points using the LC700 OPC Server. So, the Tag List program can be closed. The operational system automatically locates the current configuration for the LC700 OPC Server when activated by a HMI Software (OPC Client).

Verifying the Active Tag List table

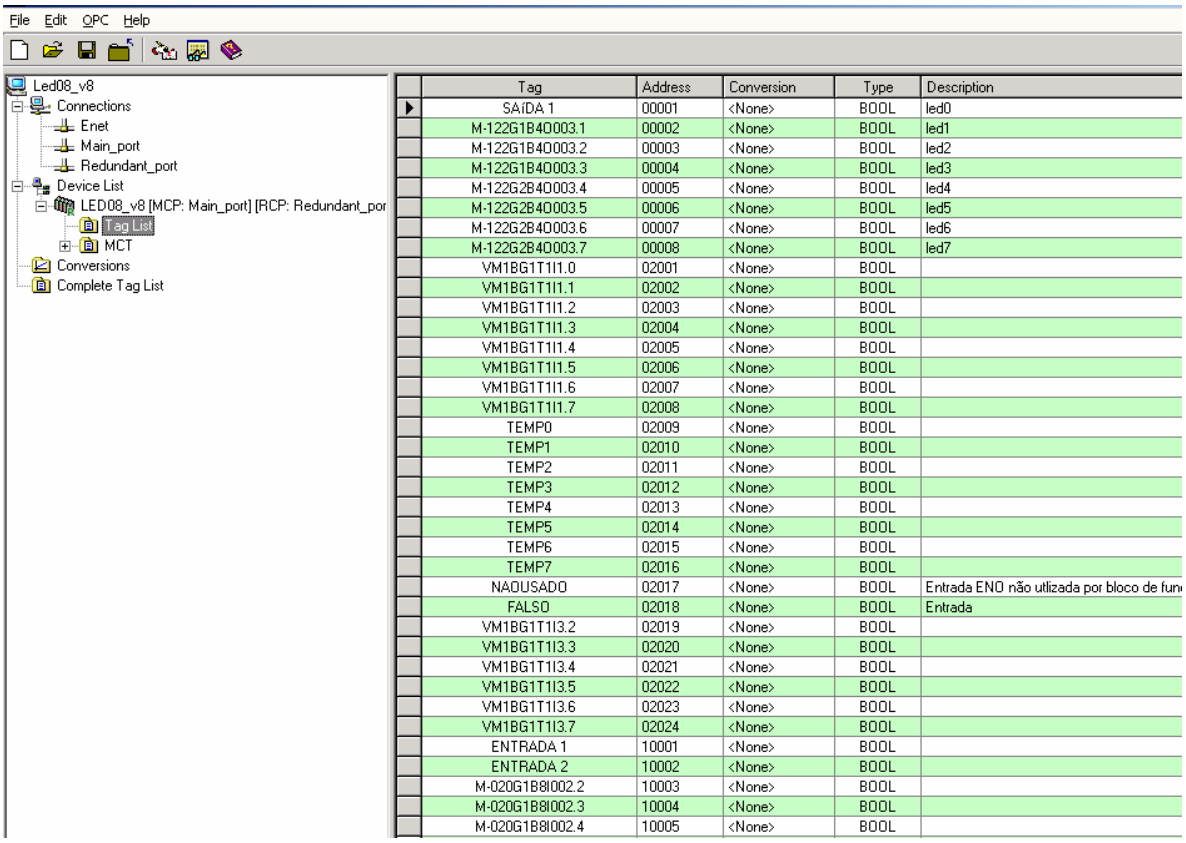
In case the user wishes to check which Tag List Project is registered on the computer, click on the *OPC* menu, then click on *Show Active Tag List*, then the program will show which is the active Tag List.

Viewing the Tag List Table

The user can check the table generated by the Tag List. In order to make it, click on (+) of the added configuration, two options are available: Tag List and MCT.

Tag List

The figure below shows the Tag List table generated for the current configuration.



Tag	Address	Conversion	Type	Description
SAíDA 1	00001	<None>	BOOL	led0
M-122G1B4O003.1	00002	<None>	BOOL	led1
M-122G1B4O003.2	00003	<None>	BOOL	led2
M-122G1B4O003.3	00004	<None>	BOOL	led3
M-122G2B4O003.4	00005	<None>	BOOL	led4
M-122G2B4O003.5	00006	<None>	BOOL	led5
M-122G2B4O003.6	00007	<None>	BOOL	led6
M-122G2B4O003.7	00008	<None>	BOOL	led7
VM1BG1T1I1.0	02001	<None>	BOOL	
VM1BG1T1I1.1	02002	<None>	BOOL	
VM1BG1T1I1.2	02003	<None>	BOOL	
VM1BG1T1I1.3	02004	<None>	BOOL	
VM1BG1T1I1.4	02005	<None>	BOOL	
VM1BG1T1I1.5	02006	<None>	BOOL	
VM1BG1T1I1.6	02007	<None>	BOOL	
VM1BG1T1I1.7	02008	<None>	BOOL	
TEMP0	02009	<None>	BOOL	
TEMP1	02010	<None>	BOOL	
TEMP2	02011	<None>	BOOL	
TEMP3	02012	<None>	BOOL	
TEMP4	02013	<None>	BOOL	
TEMP5	02014	<None>	BOOL	
TEMP6	02015	<None>	BOOL	
TEMP7	02016	<None>	BOOL	
NAOUSADO	02017	<None>	BOOL	Entrada ENO não utlizada por bloco de fun
FALSO	02018	<None>	BOOL	Entrada
VM1BG1T1I3.2	02019	<None>	BOOL	
VM1BG1T1I3.3	02020	<None>	BOOL	
VM1BG1T1I3.4	02021	<None>	BOOL	
VM1BG1T1I3.5	02022	<None>	BOOL	
VM1BG1T1I3.6	02023	<None>	BOOL	
VM1BG1T1I3.7	02024	<None>	BOOL	
ENTRADA 1	10001	<None>	BOOL	
ENTRADA 2	10002	<None>	BOOL	
M-020G1B8I002.2	10003	<None>	BOOL	
M-020G1B8I002.3	10004	<None>	BOOL	
M-020G1B8I002.4	10005	<None>	BOOL	

Figure 16- Viewing the Tag List table

In the above table, it can be seen:

- **Tag:** configuration point names.
- **Address:** Modbus addresses of the configuration points.
- **Conversion:** filed to convert the data types.
- **Type:** data type.
- **Description:** description done in the CONF700 through the Global Table (it can be done also in the Tag List).

MCT

In this option the user can choose which points will be monitored by the device that uses the Modbus protocol. Clicking on (+) at left of MCT, two folders will be showed:

- Working
- Device

Type	Discrete Outputs (0x)	Discrete Inputs (1x)	Analog Inputs (3x)	Analog Outputs (4x)
Nº of points	250 points	250 points	250 points	500 points

Working
Clicking on this folder, four Address Ranges will be open. This folder becomes available the points which are done download.
- 0x – Digital Outputs and Virtual Points.
- 1x – Digital Inputs.
- 3x – Analog Inputs.
- 4x – Analog Outputs, Function Blocks and Special Registers.

Device
Clicking on this folder, four Address Ranges will become available to visualize the configuration points.
- 0x – Digital Outputs and Virtual Points.
- 1x – Digital Inputs.
- 3x – Analog Inputs.
- 4x – Analog Outputs, Function Blocks and Special Registers.

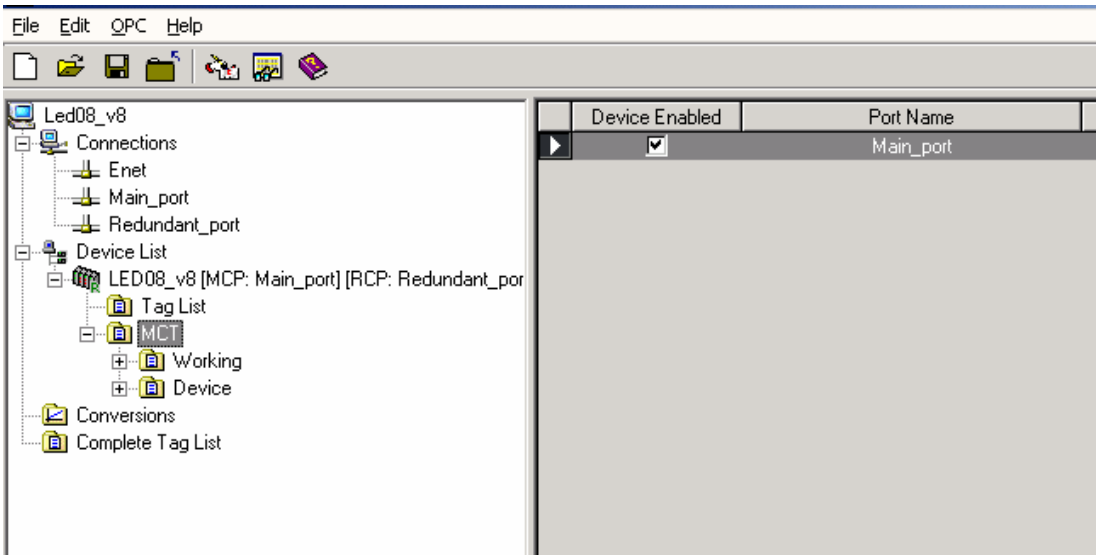


Figure 17- MCT Option

Using the MCT
When one of the address ranges is selected in the Working folder, a table at left of the Address table appears. In this table the addresses are added which must be configured. Four buttons also appear below the screen to do the Tag List table.

Button	Description
▲ ▼	Move the Tags between the lines up and down
Remove Tag	Remove Tag from the table
Add Cell	Add lines in the table
Add All Cells	Add the whole table at once
Delete Cell	Delete lines

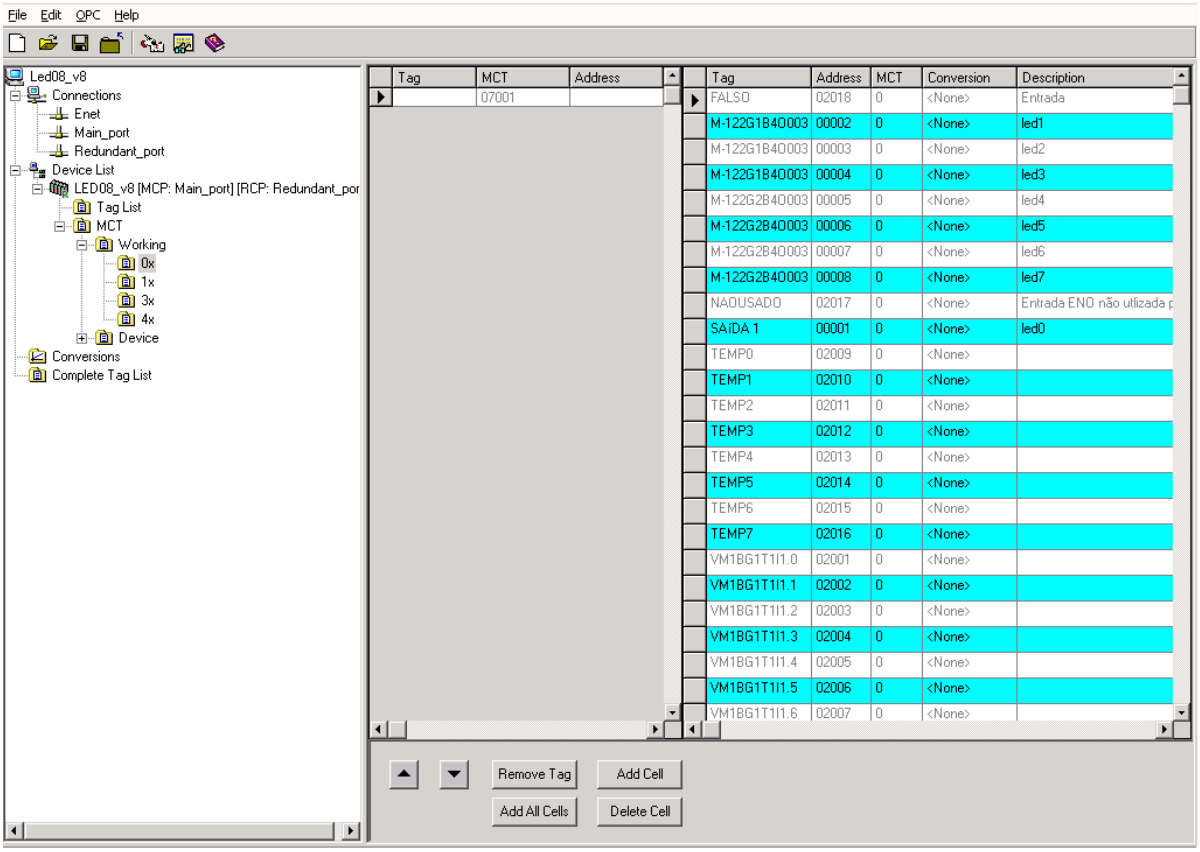


Figure 18- MCT Option

Description of the Address Table Columns

- Tag: Name of the point
- Address: Point Address
- MCT: Counter of how many times the Tag was added in the MCT table
- Conversion: Allows scale conversion
- Description: Point description

Configuring the MCT table

To configure the MCT table, follow the steps:

1) Click on the *Add Cell* button.

One line will be added in the table.

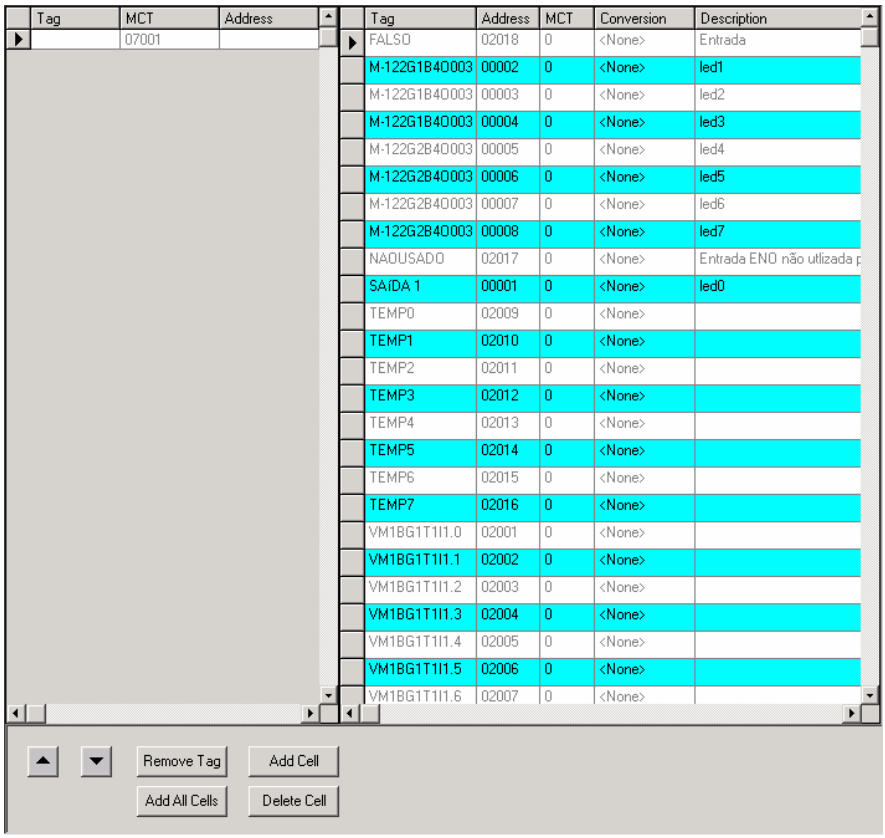


Figure 19- Configuring the MCT table

2) Click with the left button on the point which will be added in the table.

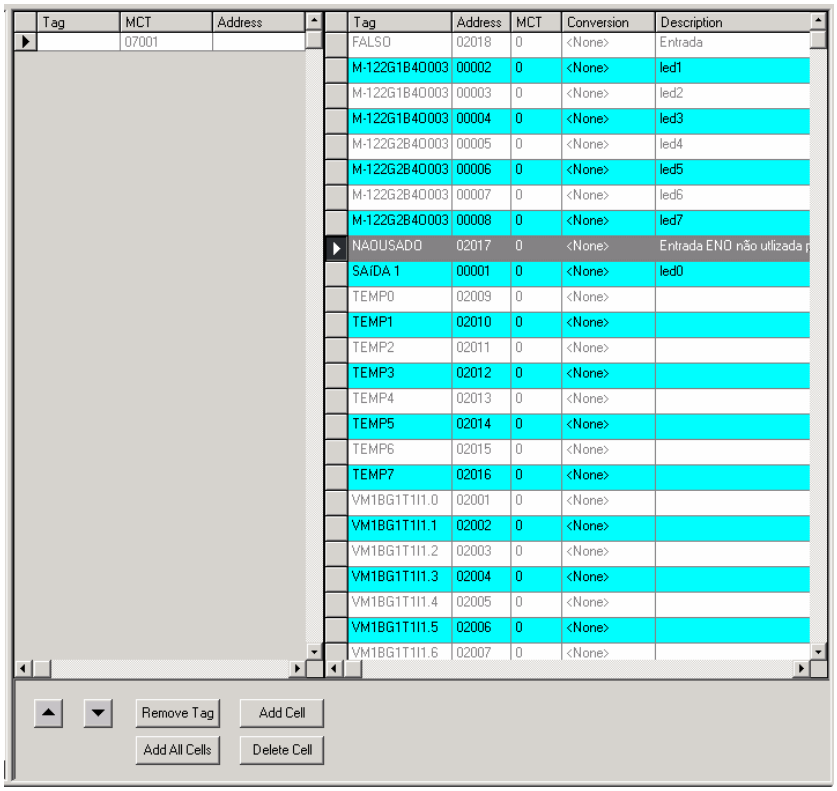


Figure 20- Selecting the points for the Tag table

3) Click with the right button on the line and drop to the added cell.

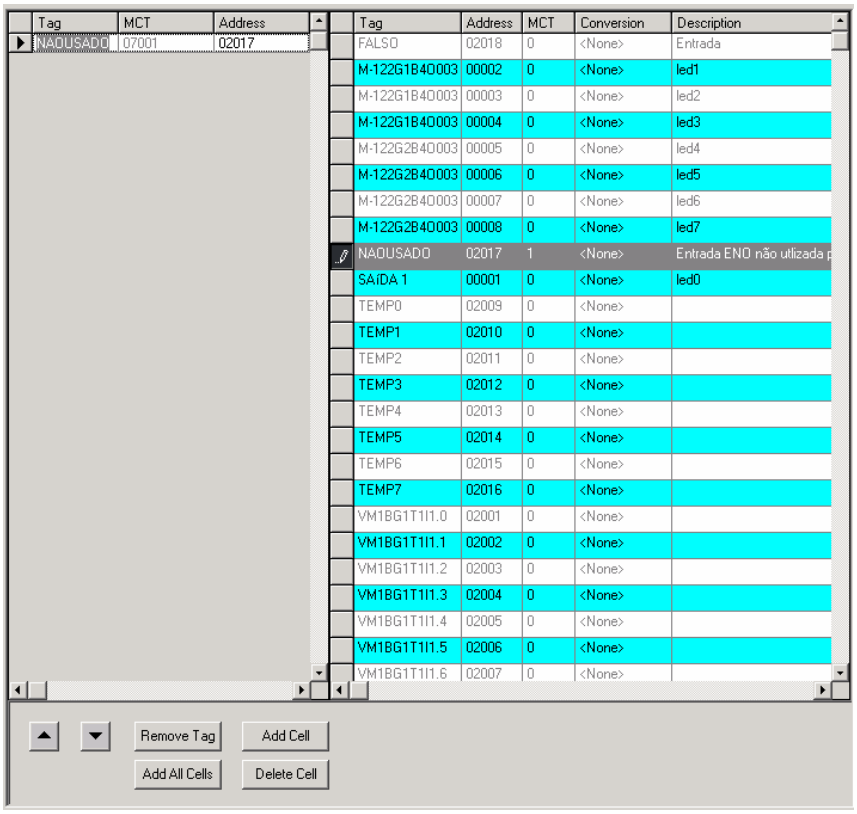


Figure 21- Adding points in the Tag table

4) Repeat the steps above to add all the points which must be monitored.

Note
The TagList configuration must be the same which is running in the LC700.

The user can upload the configuration points without do the download previously, in order to check the LC700 configured points. If the configurations have the same name, it is impossible.

Consistency Check
If any point is configured in the MCT Table, in the Working folder, and it is not in the Total Point Table, its address will be red.

If any address in the MCT Table, in the Device folder, is red, it means this address is not in the configuration that is running in the CPU-700.

Download to the Device
To configure the MCT Table, it is necessary to do the download of the added points. In order to make it, click with the right button on each one of the address ranges in the Working folder. A popup menu will be opened, select the *Download to Device* option. Or click on the toolbar **Edit → Download to Device**. See the following picture:

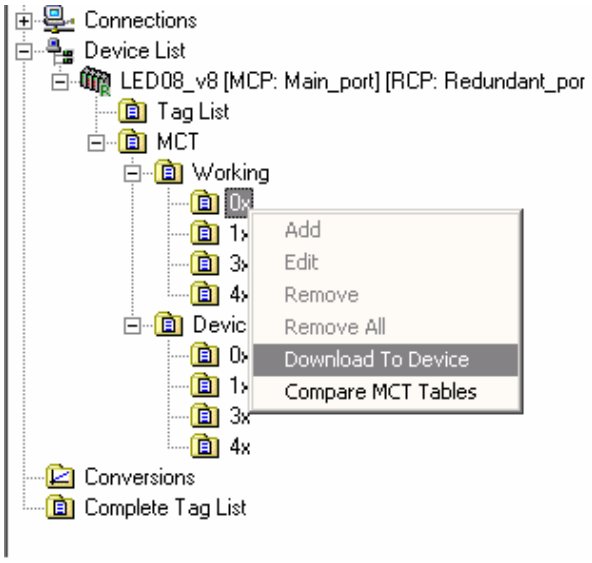


Figure 22- Doing the Download to Device

After doing the download of the all points that were added in the MCT Tag Table, a message about the Successful Download will appear.

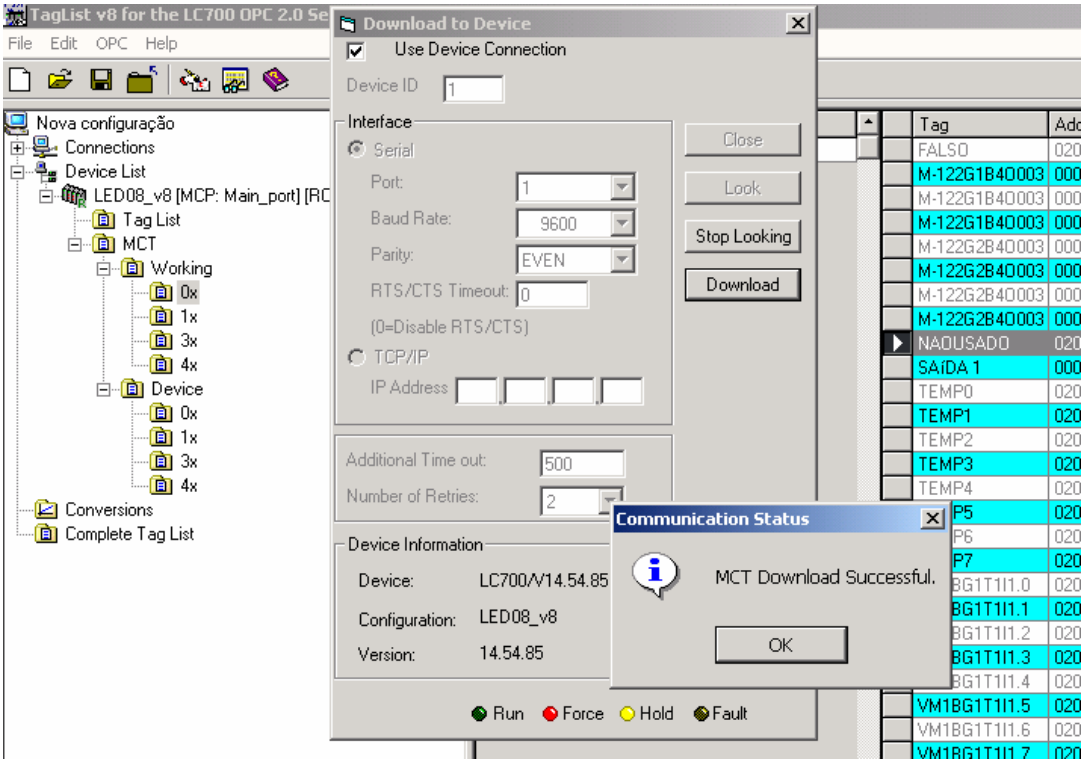


Figure 23- MCT Download Successful

Note
The Upload function can not be done successful if the TagList and LC700 configuration is not the same.

Upload from Device
After all points of the MCT Tags Table have been sent to device, the upload of these points must be done in order to compare them. In order to make it, click with the right button on the Address ranges in the Device folder, a popup menu will be open, choose *Upload from Device*. Or click on the toolbar **Edit → Upload from Device.**

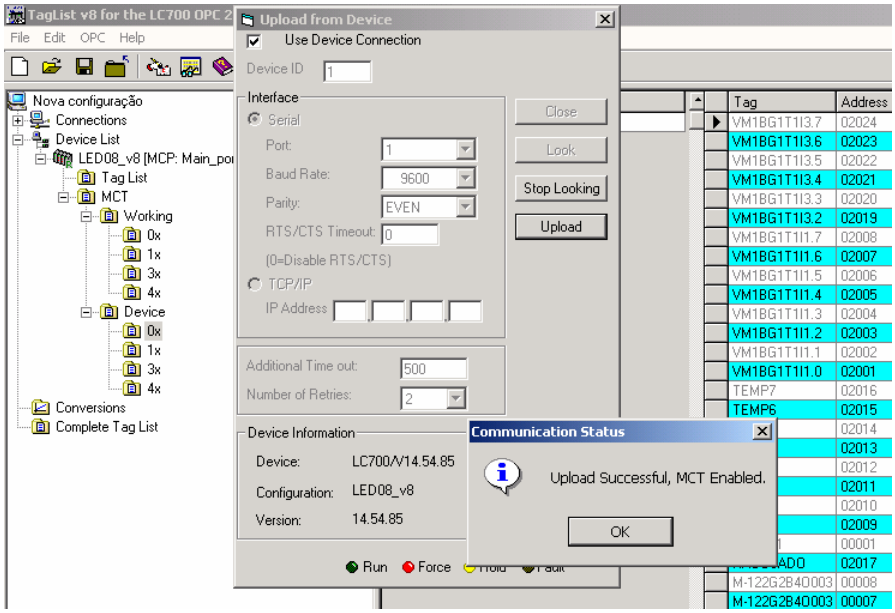


Figure 24- Upload Successful

Do the Upload for all Addresses ranges.

Comparing the Tag Tables

Finishing the Upload for all points, it is possible to compare the Working and Device Tables. Click with the right button on one of the address ranges in the Working or Device folder, a popup menu will be opened, choose the *Compare MCT Tables* option, or do this clicking on the toolbar **Edit → Compare MCT Tables**.

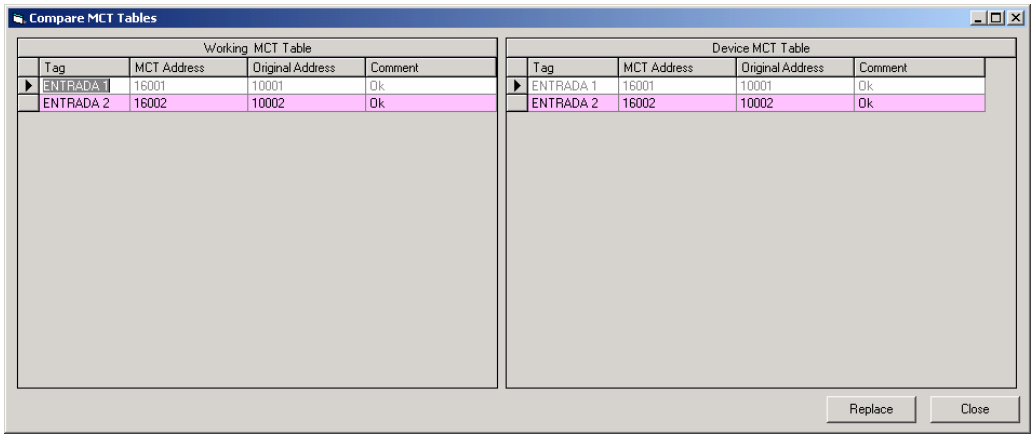


Figure 25- Comparing the Tag Tables

It can observe:

- **OK:** The Device and Working original addresses are the same.
- **Tag Mismatch:** The Device and Working original addresses are different.
- **Not found in Device:** the original address was in Working was not found in Device.

There are also two buttons on the right lower corner:

- **Replace:** replace all points from the Device table to Working table.
- **Close:** close the active window.

Conversions

For each Tag, the user can select if this Tag Value will have Conversion from Device Range to Engineering Units, or Not. First the USER needs to create a "Conversion Type" that will apply for a Tag Value. After having created a Conversion Type, the USER needs to assign this Conversion to a Tag, or assign to a group of Tags, that use the same conversion type.

When the OPC reads the value from the Device, it will convert this value using the conversion rules created, and provide the converted value to the OPC Client.

Note
Only Tags with DATA TYPES: WORD, DWORD, INT, and REAL, are allowed to have CONVERSION, the Other DATA TYPES are NOT allowed. Only Tags that can be represented in Eng. Units (EU) can be converted.

The Tags with DATA TYPE: BOOL and BYTE do not allow conversion to EU.

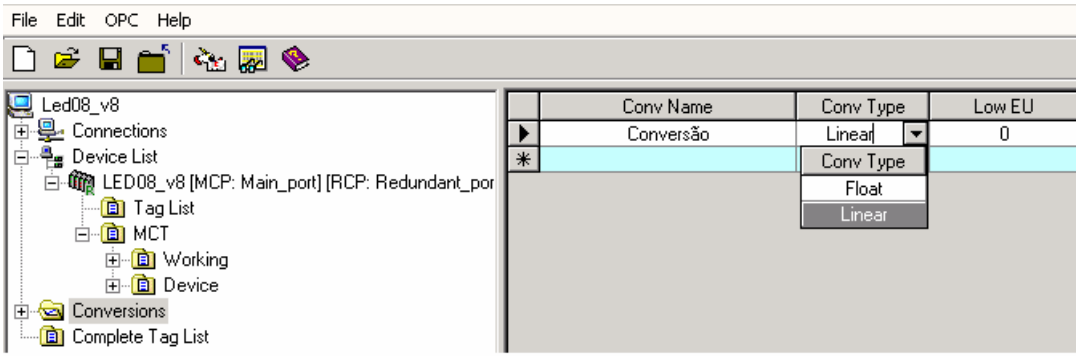


Figure 26- Conversions

Type of conversion

There are three types of Conversion:

Floating Point Conversion

If the USER checks the Option: "Floating Point Conversion", the OPC Server will convert the data into float data type, but will not change the value itself.

Linear Conversion

The OPC Server will use linear conversion between EU and Device scale, if the option: "Linear Conversion" is checked.

There are two types of units:

EU Engineering Unit (client scale)
Device Device range (device scale)

Square Root Conversion

This conversion performs the following operations:

$$Ri = \sqrt{Y} = \sqrt{(Y - y1)} * \sqrt{(y2 - y1)}$$

$$Rf = LowEU + \left[\frac{(HighEU - LowEU) * (Ri - y1)}{(y2 - y1)} \right]$$

Where:
Ri: Intermediate Result
Rf: Final Result after the linear conversion
Y: Tag value
y1: Value defined for Low Device
y2: Value defined for High Device

For this conversion, there is the Cut Off parameter. When the Tag value (Y) is lower than the value defined for Cut Off, the result of the conversion is zero. When the Tag value is higher or equals to, the result of the conversion is obtained according to the equations showed above. The linear conversion is applied to the obtained result, considering the values defined in High Device, Low Device, High EU and Low EU.

If **Y < Cut Off**
Then Ri=0

$$Rf = LowEU + \left[\frac{(HighEU - LowEU) * (Ri - y1)}{(y2 - y1)} \right]$$

If **Y ≥ Cut Off**

Then $$Ri = \sqrt{Y} = \sqrt{(Y - y1)} * \sqrt{(y2 - y1)}$$

$$Rf = LowEU + \left[\frac{(HighEU - LowEU) * (Ri - y1)}{(y2 - y1)} \right]$$

Example:
For the Square Root conversion, it considers the values below:
Low Device: 0
High Device: 10000
Low EU: 10
High EU: 50
Cut Off: 10

It has the following results according to the tag values showed below, and the equations presented above:

Y (Tag value)	Ri (Intemediate result)	Rf (in Engineering Unit)
11	331.6625	11.3267
10	316.2278	11.2649
9	0*	10

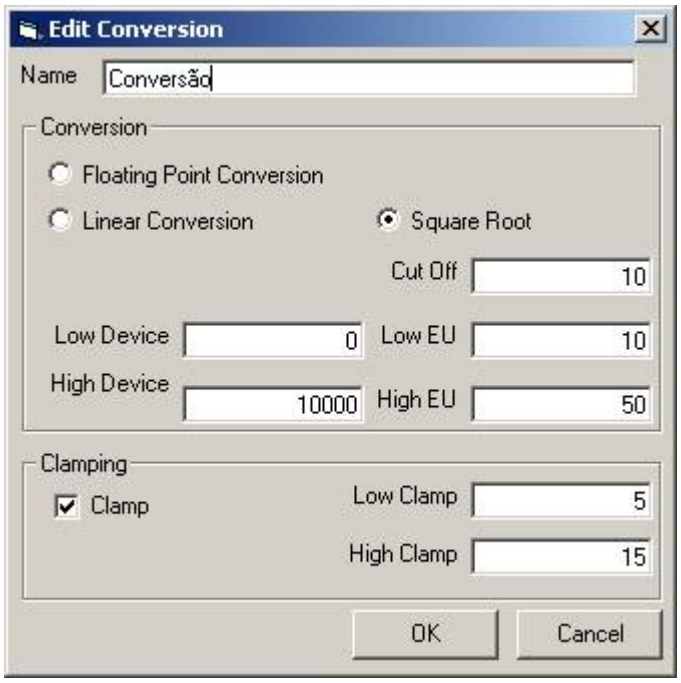


Figure 27- Conversion Types

Note
If the "Clamp" option is selected, the data value will be limited by High Clamp and Low Clamp. The Clamp occurs after the conversion.

After setting a conversion type, the user can set the conversion for the specific TAG directly in the Device Tag List. Just choose the TAG, and in the conversion FIELD, click at it and choose the type of conversion in a drop down list as the following picture shows:

Tag	Address	Conversion	Type	Description
TON7.CTA	42520	<None>	INT	
TON7.PST	42521	<None>	INT	
TON1.STS	42522	<None>	WORD	
TON1.CTA	42523	<None>	INT	
TON1.PST	42524	<None>	INT	
TP1.STS	42525	<None>	WORD	
TP1.CTA	42526	<None>	INT	
TP1.PST	42527	<None>	INT	
TP3.STS	42529	<None>	WORD	
TP3.CTA	42530	Conv Name	INT	
TP3.PST	42531	<None>	INT	
TP4.STS	42532	Conversão	WORD	
TP4.CTA	42533	<None>	INT	
TP4.PST	42534	<None>	INT	
TP5.STS	42535	<None>	WORD	
TP5.CTA	42536	<None>	INT	
TP5.PST	42537	<None>	INT	
TP6.STS	42538	<None>	WORD	
TP6.CTA	42539	<None>	INT	
TP6.PST	42540	<None>	INT	
TP7.STS	42541	<None>	WORD	

Figure 28-Using The Conversion

Status provided by the LC700 OPC Server

After generating the Tag List table, the OPC Client (an HMI interface for example) can read the variables referred by the Tags. Also, the OPC Server provides some status which contains additional information.

■ **Status_Port.<Configured Port Tag >**

- **CommID:** A number is attributed to the configured port by the TagList.
- **CommPortStatus:** Shows the status on the port.
  1 - Normal Communication on the port.
  0 - Communication failure on the port.
- **ActualScan:** It is the period the LC700 OPC Server takes to read all devices connected to the configured port.
- **ScanPeriod:** It is the value of the Scan Period parameter configured for the port.
- **RetryPeriod:** It is the value of the Retry Period parameter configured for the port.
- **Timeout:** It is the value of the Timeout parameter configured for the port.
- **Retries:** It is the value of the Retries parameter configured for the port.

■ **Status_Device.<Device Tag containing the configuration>**

- **MainPortStatus:** Indicates the main path's communication status for the device.
  1 - Communication without problems
  0 - Failure on the main channel
- **RednPortStatus:** Indicates the redundant path's communication status for the device.
  1 - Communication without problems
  0 - Failure on the Redundant channel
- **UseBlockView:** Indicates if the user has configured the "Block View" option.

0 - the user disabled this option
1 - the user enabled this option

- **UseDigitalBlock:** Indicates if the user has configured the "Digital Block" option.

0 - the user disabled this option
1 - the user enabled this option

- **MainPortID:** Indicates the main port number where the device is connected. This value is equal to CommID for the specified port.
- **RednPortID:** Indicates the redundant port number where the equipment is connected. This value equals to CommID for the specified port.
- **ActivePort:** Indicates which path is active.

0 - the Main Path is active
1 - the Redundant Path is active
2 - no path is being used or reading failure

- **Enabled:** Indicates if the user has enabled or not the device.
- **MainScanInterval:** Indicates the real time interval between cyclic readings of all Tags/variables from the current device, through the main path.
- **RednScanInterval:** Indicates the real time interval between cyclic readings of all Tags/variables from the current device, through the redundant path.
- **MainActualScan:** it indicates the real time taken to read all tags/variables from the current device, through the main path.
- **RednActualScan:** it indicates the real time taken to read all tags/variables from the current device, through the redundant path.
- **NbrCommCmmd:** it indicates the number of Modbus commands that the OPC Server is sending in order to supervise the requested points.
- **ViewStatus:** Indicates the current status of the Block View current used by the OPC for scanning the device. The status composition is as follows:
  - ViewStatus0x:
    0 = Block View not being used
    1 = Block View is being used
    > 1 = Error on view assembly or view is still being assembled by the OPC.

Where ViewStatus0x:

- ViewStatus01 - Block View Status 01
- ViewStatus02 - Block View Status 02
- ViewStatus03 - Block View Status 03
- ViewStatus04 - Block View Status 04
- ViewStatus01 - Block View Status 05
- ViewStatus02 - Block View Status 06
- ViewStatus03 - Block View Status 07

- ViewStatus04 - Block View Status 08

If the ViewStatus value is greater than 1, an error occurred on the assembly or ViewStatus is still being assembled. The value is a BIT combination, and to know what the status means, the configured BIT should be known according to the table below:

Block View Status

BIT	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (DEC)	COMMENTS
0	Block View OK	1	If the block view is OK the other Bits should be zero.
1	NEED ASSEMBLY	2	OPC has received a new configuration, and will assemble a new Block View.
2	IS ASSEMBLING	4	OPC Server is assembling the Block View.
3	USE COMMAND LIST	8	An error has occurred during the assembly. OPC is using MODBUS commands.
4	ASBL RSP CNF FAIL	16	Failure on Block View assembly – CONFIGURATION ERROR (Response Code 07(hex)). A possible cause would be an inexistent Modbus point. In this case the OPC Server is using individual commands.
5	ASBL RSP BVW FAIL	32	Failure on Block View Assembly - BLOCK VIEW IS FULL (Response Code 0B(hex)) A possible cause would be that there are other Modbus Masters (other servers for example) accessing the same slave device using view. In this case the OPC Server is using MODBUS command standards and as soon as one of the views is available, it will be read by VIEW.
6	------		
7	ASSEMBLY FAIL	128	Failure on Block View assembly- (communication failure) – This BIT will be 1, when the bits 4 and 5 fail.

The OPC Monitor Software

The TagList has a software that helps the configuration test and can be used to monitor points using the LC700 OPC Server, and check for errors in the configuration. It is the **OPC Monitor**. It is accessed through the OPC menu (see figure 12). Just access the menu **OPC→ OPC Monitor.**

The **OPC Monitor** is an OPC client that can work with any OPC Server. In case of LC700 OPC Server monitoring, it allows the user to view the values of the Configured variables/Tags and the status described on the previous item.

In case the LC700 OPC Server is used, initially the **OPC Monitor** will show the screen below, which the user should choose the Server Smar.LC700Server.1.

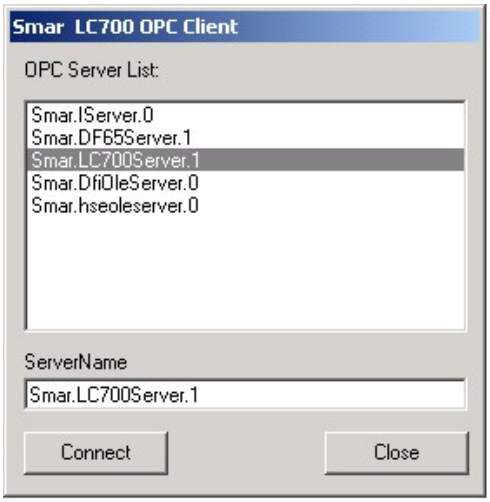


Figure 29- Choosing the OPC server for the OPC Monitor

Right after, the OPC Monitor automatically opens the screen shown in the next figure.

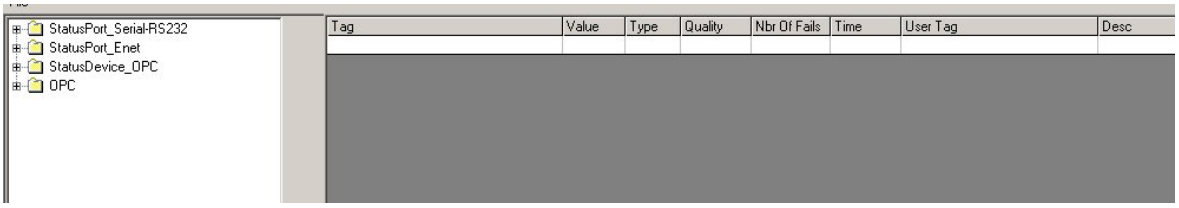


Figure 30- The OPC Monitor

On the column on the left, there are (in this order): the channel status, device status and variables/Tags values. Note that the devices have a specific MODBUS ID and this order must be respected. Clicking on each item, they are expanded in sub-items. For further details see the previous item "Status provided by LC700 OPC Server".

With a left click on the mouse button, the user can select which status, and which variable to monitor. The screen below shows a few selected status. To remove some status from the monitor page, just double-click the status or variable in the screen on the left.

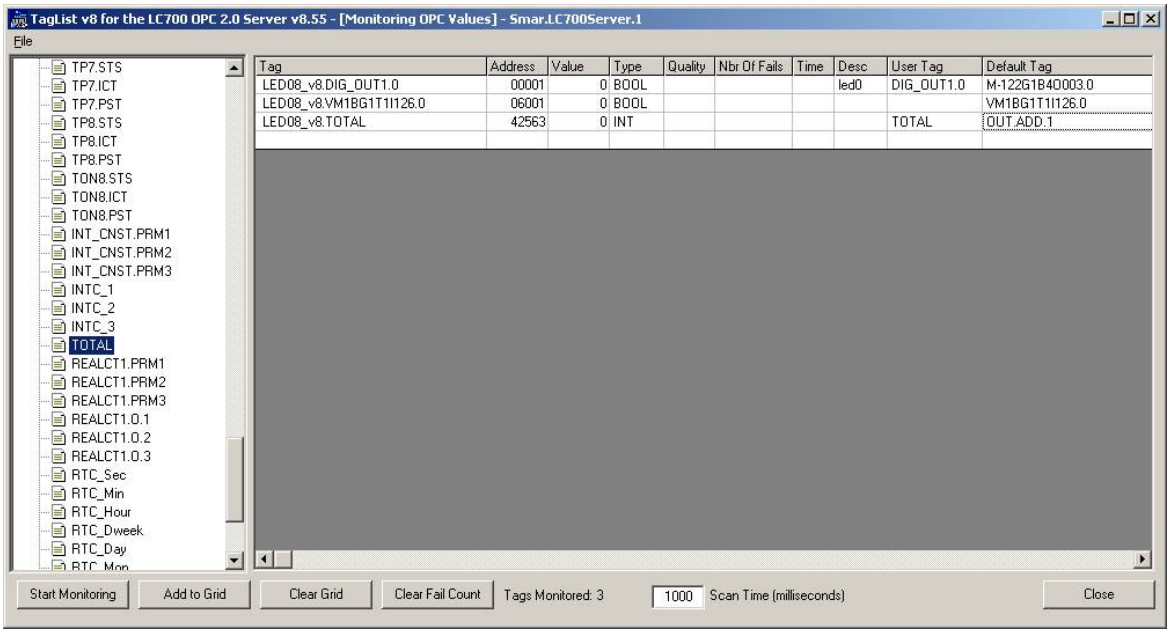


Figure 31- Viewing Status and Tags

The configurations are right below, and can be expanded. The user can choose which variables to monitor directly through this variable's Tag, without worrying about the MODBUS addresses. The OPC Monitor has some buttons on the lower screen. The "Start Monitoring" button starts the monitoring. "Add to Grid" means that the user can select only one tag or a group with tags (to select the initial tag uses Ctrl + left button of the mouse or just left-click, and to select the ending tag of the range uses Shift+ left button of the mouse) and then clicks in this button to add in the grid the tags will be monitored. "Clear Grid" erases the status selection and variables previously made. "Clear Fail Count" is used during monitoring to erase the failure messages on the communication. The "Close" button ends the program.

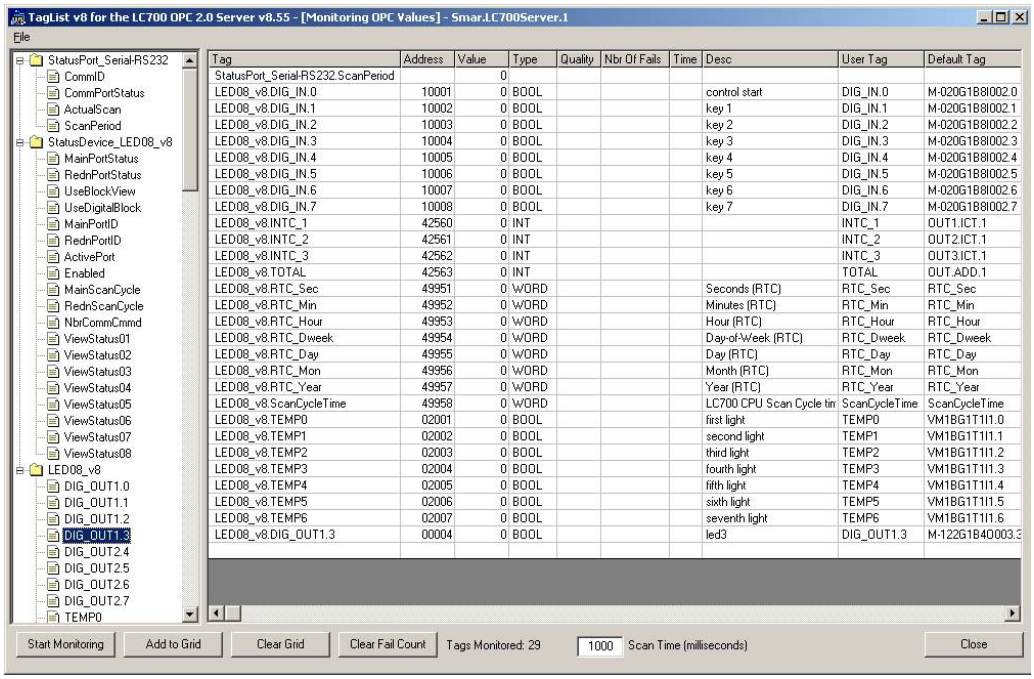


Figure 32- Adding and removing status and variables

To start the monitoring, click on "Start Monitoring". To end the monitoring, click on "Stop Monitoring".

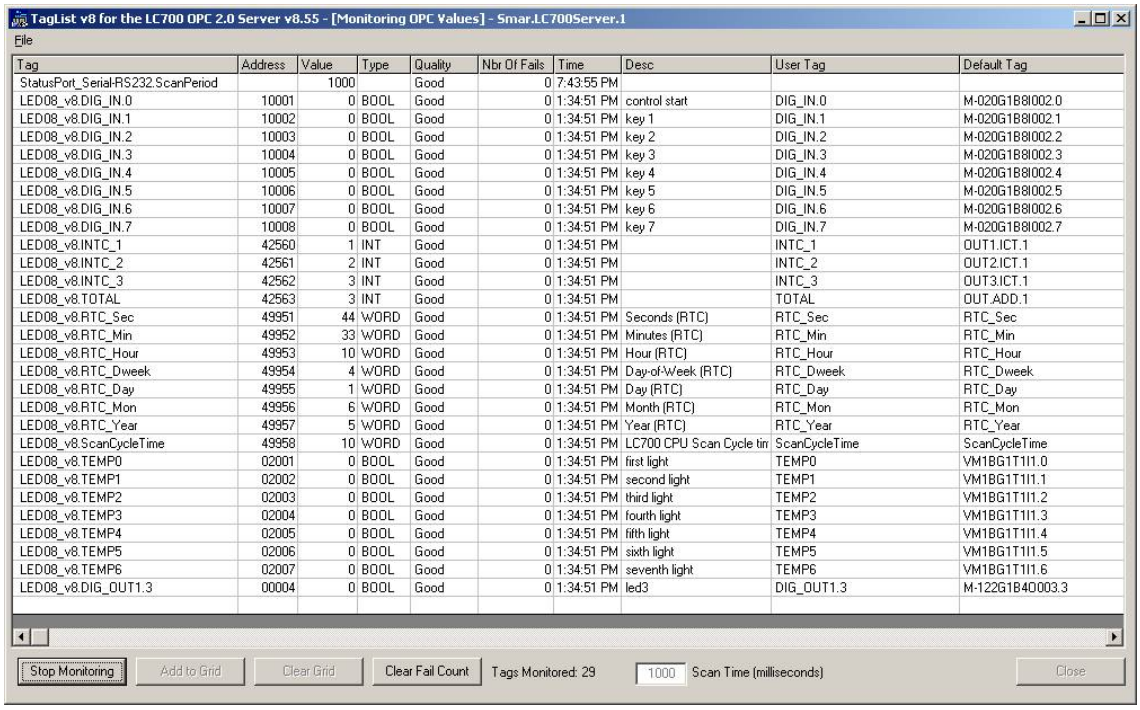


Figure 33-Monitoring example of the LC700 OPC Server using OPC Monitor