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## **User Manual (Original)**

Application Programming Interface  
for ARGES System Controller (ASC)

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# 1. How to use this document

## Symbols and signal words

Please be sure that you understand the meanings of the symbols and signal words described below before you move on.



### NOTICE

... indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in property damage and other problems, but not personal injury.

### IMPORTANT

... indicates an important information.

### TIP

... indicates a practice which facilitates work.

### Procedure

... indicates a call to action. One or more steps to be executed are following this signal word. An exception has been made for warning notices, where this signal word has been omitted.

**fct**

... shows the function syntax



If the function communicates with the firmware on the controller then this takes more time than usually. This is indicated by a clock symbol ⌚ in the box.

- par** ... lists the function parameters
- ret** ... lists the function returns
- see** ... cross references to related functions

## Notation conventions

This manual uses the following notation conventions that are given in the following table.

Table: Notation conventions

Notation	Meaning
Notation in body text:	
<i>Italic</i>	Emphasized text
Typewriter	File name or path; functions, parameters and returns
<u>Underlined</u>	Click-able cross reference or hyper link (only visible on-screen)
[<Number>]	Cross reference to the bibliography on page 320
Notation in procedures:	
<b>Bold</b>	Element in the graphical user interface that the user shall click
<i>Italic</i>	Name of element in the graphical user interface
Typewriter	Text to be typed in by the user or file name or path
Notation in program listings:	
Blue	Keywords
Gray	Comments
Green	Preprocessor commands
Red	Strings
®	... indicates a registered trademark; see also page 319. We omitted this notation for our own registered trademarks ARGES® and InScript® to improve readability



## 1. How to use this document

### Storage and replacement

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A replacement for this manual can be requested. The manual is available as a PDF-file.

#### Procedure

- Keep this manual with the controller to access it at any time during the controller's lifetime.
- This manual is part of the product. If the product ownership changes then this manual must accompany the product.

### Target audience, specifics and structure

This document addresses software developers.

For applications in automation most software developers favor the following approach to use the ARGES ControllerLib. They set up devices, pens, jobs, and fonts in the InScript software first and then use their own software application, they have developed with the ARGES ControllerLib, to control the functionality of the ARGES system controller.

It would indeed be possible to develop a software application that also covers the functionality necessary for the initial steps but this would not be cost-effective as this approach ignores functionality already at hand with the InScript software. Also keep in mind that the ARGES ControllerLib is just a *low-level* application programming interface and that you would have to develop the necessary functionality from scratch.

With this general approach in mind we structured the document as follows.

Chapter 2 describes in brief the interface and its concept.

Chapter 3 describes how to integrate the ARGES InScript software package with custom applications by using the ARGES ControllerLib.

## *1. How to use this document*

Chapter 4 describes the means to write code that drives the ARGES system controller. This chapter is a comprehensive reference to those means, namely typedefs, callback functions, supported states, constants and functions. As this chapter is the better part of the whole document there are 2 provisions that keep the main table of contents short, hence clear, and still provide means to find what you are searching for. Each subsection in this chapter holds a local table of contents. And an additional alphabetical Index is located at the end of this document.

Chapter 5 describes in basic examples how to write code that drives the ARGES system controller.

## 2. The interface and concept in brief

The ARGES ControllerLib is a low-level application programming interface for the ARGES system controller. It is a C-based library and DLL that gives you a collection of procedures and functions at hand to control the functionality of the ARGES system controller from within your own software application.

On an ARGES system controller all is represented by so called NodeObjects. There are different types of nodes. Each type has a function and properties. The nodes are arranged in a hierarchical tree structure where child nodes may inherit properties of their parent nodes. Amongst others there are nodes for devices, pens and jobs:

- A device is the software representation of ARGES system controller hardware or hardware connected to that controller.
- A pen defines parameters for 1 or more devices. Pens are used to set device parameters during job execution, e.g. the laser power, frequency or processing speed.
- A job is a tree structure of nodes that control devices. Jobs are used to define the workflow of processing.

The ARGES ControllerLib handles all aspects of these items.

## 3. Usage of the interface

This chapter covers the life-cycle procedures of the ARGES ControllerLib from installation through operation and updating to uninstallation.

The chapter also covers troubleshooting regarding these life-cycle procedures. This document however does not cover debugging.

### 3.1. Installing

#### Requirements

PC for software development (obviously) with one of these operating systems:

Windows® 7 / 8 / 10 (32-bit and 64-bit variants)

– OR –

macOS® 10.6 / 10.7 / 10.8

– OR –

A multitude of Linux® variants and operating systems that are not listed here

Please, contact ARGES for more information about the latter item.

Typically the operating system is the same as that one you want to develop your software application for.

on Windows®: Visual Studio®

– OR –

on Linux®: GNU C/C++ compiler

ARGES system controller that is connected by Ethernet to said PC

For information about how to connect the ARGES system controller to a PC see [1].

### Procedure

1. Unpack file  
`controllerlib_<operating system>_<version>.zip` or  
`controllerlib_<operating system>_<version>.tgz` to a convenient path.
2. Add this path to the *include path* and *library path* of your project.

## 3.2. Writing, compiling and linking the code

### Requirements

- Installed ARGES ControllerLib
- The following procedure applies when running the GNU C/C++ compiler on Linux®.

If you are running Visual Studio® on Windows® however then this is not described here but the procedure applies essentially.

### Procedure

1. Write your ARGES ControllerLib code by the means given in chapters 4 and 5.  
Once you have written your code, compile it and link it to the ARGES ControllerLib.
2. In the command line type

```
g++ -o <software> -lcontrollerlib -lpthread <code>.c
```

where

**<software>** is the filename of your software

**<code>** is the filename of the ARGES ControllerLib code that you have written

3. Press the **ENTER**-key.

If errors occur then debug the code. This document, as already mentioned, does not cover debugging.

If no error occurs then this results in an executable software application that will work on the PC that you are using for software development as you already have added the path of the ARGES ControllerLib's \*.d11 files to the *include path* and *library path* of your project during the installation procedure. Hence, the \*.d11 files are "known" to this PC.

For distribution of your software application however you have to include these \*.d11 files into the installation routine of your software application.

### 3.3. Distributing your software application



#### NOTICE

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- Make sure not to infringe copyrights and licenses and trademarks of the ARGES ControllerLib, see appendices A and C, as well as of your own part of the software application.

To make your software application work on a PC other than the PC that you are using for software development, all \*.d11 files from the folder of the ARGES ControllerLib installation are needed.

#### Procedure

- From the folder of the ARGES ControllerLib installation include all \*.d11 files into the installation routine of your software application and make the installation wizard copy these files into the installation folder of your software application.

## 3.4. Updating

### Requirements

- Installed ARGES ControllerLib

### Procedure

1. Optionally save the folder of the ARGES ControllerLib installation and its content as an "Angst"-copy.
2. In the folder of the ARGES ControllerLib installation delete all files and folders.
3. Unpack the contents of the new file  
controllerlib\_<operating system>\_<version>.zip or  
controllerlib\_<operating system>\_<version>.tgz to the folder of the ARGES ControllerLib installation.

During the installation procedure you have already added the path of the ARGES ControllerLib's \*.dll files to the *include path* and *library path* of your project.

## 3.5. Uninstalling

### Requirements

- Installed ARGES ControllerLib

### Procedure

1. Delete the folder of the ARGES ControllerLib installation.
2. Remove the path to the folder of the ARGES ControllerLib installation from the *include path* and *library path* of your project.

## 3.6. Troubleshooting

The section covers troubleshooting regarding the life-cycle procedures that are described above. This document, as already mentioned, does not cover debugging.

Table 3.1.: Troubleshooting

Symptom	Cause	Measure
[to be defined]	[to be defined]	[to be defined]
[to be defined]	[to be defined]	[to be defined]



## 4. Syntax of the interface

### 4.1. Typedefs

#### 4.1.1. Terms

A typedef declaration is used within its scope to give a data type a new name.

**HController** is the handle to the controller. With this handle the controller can be identified

**HNodeObject** is the handle to the NodeObject. With this handle the NodeObject can be identified

**HNodeObjectCollection** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection. With this handle the NodeObjectCollection can be identified

**HSysMsg** is the handle to the SysMsg. With this handle the SysMsg can be identified

**HHead** is the handle to the (scan) head. With this handle the (scan) head can be identified. This handle is used for distortion or scanfield correction

**HScanfieldCorrection** is the handle to the scanfield correction

### 4.1.2. Predefined typedefs

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#### 4.1.2.1. ARG\_NODEINFO

Used with 4.5.7.3 `GetNodeInfo` to get the information about a node. All strings are valid and have an empty string if not set. This structure contains the following fields:

**HNodeObject handle** is the handle to the NodeObject

**int64 nodeid** is the ID of the NodeObject on the controller. This equals a call to 4.5.7.40 `GetNodeID`

**char \*fullname** is the full name of the NodeObject; e.g. "stat.time.TimeStr". This equals a call to 4.5.7.42 `GetNodeName`

**char \*name** is only the variable name of the NodeObject; e.g. "TimeStr". Please note that it is possible to have NodeObjects with an empty name

**char \*path** is the path of the NodeObject; e.g. "stat.time"

**char \*value** is the value of the NodeObject as string (if possible). This equals a call to 4.5.7.82 GetNodeValueString

**char \*priv** are the options for VAR:SEL-NodeObjects which are separated by 0x0D. Normally the priv-part of variables is used for VAR:SELECT-nodes. To extract the select-entries it might be more comfortable to call 4.5.7.73 GetSelectEntriesCount and 4.5.7.75 GetSelectEntry

**char \*unit** is the unit for the NodeObject. This equals a call to 4.5.7.95 GetUnit

**int type** is the type of the NodeObject. This equals a call to 4.5.7.37 GetNodeType. This type is only valid on nodes which are not job nodes

**char \*typestring** is the type of the NodeObject as string; e.g. "VAR:SET", "JOB:EXEC", ... This equals a call to 4.5.7.39 GetNodeTypeString

**float min** is the minimum value of the NodeObject. If "min" is greater than "max" there are no restrictions. This equals a call to 4.5.7.92 GetMin

**float max** is the maximum value of the NodeObject. If "min" is greater than "max" there are no restrictions. This equals a call to 4.5.7.93 GetMax

**unsigned int index** is the index of the NodeObject. The index is used to evaluate the order of nodes on a given level in the tree. This equals a call to 4.5.7.36 GetNodeIndex

**unsigned int flags** are the flags of the NodeObject

Listing 4.1: ARG\_NODEINFO example

```
/* Get the Handle for a NodeObject */
HNodeObject HNO = GetNode(HC, varname);

ARG_NODEINFO *nodeinfo = GetNodeInfo(HC, HNO);
if ( nodeinfo ) {
    printf("Fullname: %s\n", nodeinfo->fullname);
    printf("Lastname: %s\n", nodeinfo->name);
    printf("Value:      %s\n", nodeinfo->value);
    printf("Unit:       %s\n", nodeinfo->unit);
    printf("Type:       %s\n", nodeinfo->typestring);
    DestroyNodeInfo(nodeinfo);
}
```

```

} else {
    printf("Node %s not found.\n",varname);
}

```

#### 4.1.2.2. ARG\_JOBNODEINFO

Used with 4.5.9.7 GetJobNodeTypeInfo to get the information for a job node type. All strings are valid and have an empty string if not set. This structure contains the following fields:

**char \*fullname** is the full name of the Job node type, e.g. "JOB:SHAPE". This name should be used to create job nodes on the controller

**char \*name** is the name of the Job node type, e.g. "SHAPE"

**int usercreatable** 1: if the job node can be created by the user (with 4.5.7.30 CreateNodeOnController); 0: otherwise

**int canmakelines** 1: if the job node produces output lines when executed; 0: otherwise

**int canpasslines** 1: if the job node passes output lines to sub-nodes when executed; 0: otherwise

**int acceptssubnodes** 1: if the job node can have job nodes as children; 0: if not

#### 4.1.2.3. ARG\_JOBINFO

Used with 4.5.9.1 GetJobInfo to get the information for a job node type. All strings are valid and have a empty string if not set. This structure contains the following fields:

**int jobcount** is the count of jobs on the controller. The string arrays **fulljobnames** and **jobnames** are filled with the names from 0 to jobcount-1. If there are no jobs on the controller the **fulljobnames** and **jobnames** are undefined

**char \*\*fulljobnames** are the full names of the jobs; e.g.  
**jobnames[0]** = "usr.job.MyJob", **jobnames[1]** = "usr.job.MyJob1"

**char \*\*jobnames** are only the last parts of names; e.g.  
**jobnames[0]** = "MyJob", **jobnames[1]** = "MyJob1"

**char \*selectednode** contains the full name of the selected node,  
e.g. "usr.job.Job"

**TIP**

Not only jobs can be selected but also any other job node like  
"usr.job.MyJob.Shape1".

**4.1.2.4. ARG\_LINEINFO**

Used with 4.5.9.9 GetJobLines to get information about the lines of a job.

**TIP**

This information is used in InScript to show a preview of a job.

This structure contains the following fields:

**HNodeObject HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject for which the linedata is valid

**int includessubnodes** 1: if sub-nodes in the line data are included, 0: otherwise

**int packagenumber** is for each 4.5.9.9 GetJobLines-call the callback function that can be called several times. The package number indicates which package number it is (starting at 1)

**int lastpackage** 1: if this is the last package for the 4.5.9.9 GetJobLines-call;  
0: otherwise

**DWORD userhandle** is the handle that the user has set with 4.5.9.9 GetJobLines

**unsigned int datalength** is the length of the data in bytes

**void \*data** is the line data. It is ensured that every package has a complete set of valid line data.

ARL is an efficient vector graphics file format specified by ARGES. It is the recommended file format for 2D and 3D vector data in InScript. If you want to create ARL files with your own software then please contact our service department to get the file format description

#### 4.1.2.5. ARG\_DRIVERINFO

Used with 4.5.10.1 GetDriverInfo to get the information about the drivers available with the firmware in use on the controller.

**int drivercount** is the number of available drivers

**ARG\_SINGLEDIVERINFO \*\*driver** is the pointer to an array of ARG\_SINGLEDIVERINFO-structures; see 4.1.2.6 ARG\_SINGLEDIVERINFO

Listing 4.2: ARG\_DRIVERINFO example

```
ARG_DRIVERINFO *info = GetDriverInfo(HC);
if ( info != NULL ) {
    printf("\n\n");
    printf("Found %i drivers\n", info->drivercount);
    for (int i=0; i<info->drivercount; ++i) {
        ARG_SINGLEDIVERINFO *driverinfo = info->driver[i];
        printf("Driver: %s (Version: %s)\n", driverinfo->name,
            driverinfo->version);
        printf("Vendor: %s\n", driverinfo->vendor);
        printf("Comment: %s\n", driverinfo->comment);
        printf("\n");
    }
    DestroyDriverInfo(info);
    return E_OK;
}
```

#### 4.1.2.6. ARG\_SINGLEDIVERINFO

Used with 4.5.10.1 GetDriverInfo to get the information about the drivers available with the firmware in use on the controller. All strings are valid and have a empty string if not set. See 4.1.2.5 ARG\_DRIVERINFO or 4.5.10.1 GetDriverInfo for an example of how to use this structure.

**char \*name** contains the name of the driver; e.g. "LINEPAR"

**char \*version** contains the version of the driver; e.g, "1.18"

**char \*vendor** contains the vendor of the driver; e.g. "ARGES GmbH"

**char \*comment** contains the comment of the driver; e.g. "This device is for the line parameters."

**char \*classification** contains the classification of the driver; e.g. "Laser"

#### 4.1.2.7. ARG\_DEVICESTATE

A device can have different states. Following states are possible:

- ARG\_DEV\_UNINITIALIZED
- ARG\_DEV\_INITIALIZING
- ARG\_DEV\_DESTROYING
- ARG\_DEV\_ACTIVATING
- ARG\_DEV\_ACTIVE
- ARG\_DEV\_DEACTIVATING
- ARG\_DEV\_INACTIVE
- ARG\_DEV\_ACTIVATING\_FAILURE
- ARG\_DEV\_DEACTIVATING\_FAILURE
- ARG\_DEV\_UNKNOWN\_FAILURE

#### 4.1.2.8. ARG\_DEVICEINFO

Used with 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo to get the information about the devices available with the firmware in use on the controller. See 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo for an example of how to use this structure.

**devicecount** is the number of available devices

**device** is the pointer to an array of ARG\_SINGLEDEVICEINFO-structures;  
see 4.1.2.9 ARG\_SINGLEDEVICEINFO

Listing 4.3: ARG\_DEVICEINFO example

```

HDevice HD = GetDevice(HC, "My Laser");
if ( HD != ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) {
    ARG_SINGLEDEVICEINFO *info = GetDeviceInfo(HC, HD);
    if ( info ) {
        printf("Devicename: %s\n", info->name);
        DestroySingleDeviceInfo(info);
    }
}

```

#### 4.1.2.9. ARG\_SINGLEDEVICEINFO

Used with 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo to get the information about the devices available with the firmware in use on the controller. All strings are valid and have a empty string if not set. See 4.1.2.8 ARG\_DEVICEINFO or 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo for an example of how to use this structure.

**HDevice handle** is the handle for the device

**char \*name** is the name of the device

**char \*driver** is the name of the driver

**char \*dependenciesvarname** is the variable, where dependencies are stored

**int dependenciescount** is the number of dependencies

**char \*\*dependencies** is each dependency as a string

**int dependsoncount** is the number of devices this device depends on

**char \*\*dependson** is each device that this device depends on as a string

**ARG\_DEVICE\_ACTIVATION\_STATE activationstate** is the current activation state of the device

**ARG\_DEVICE\_ERROR\_STATE errorstate** is the current error state of the device

**ARG\_DEVICE\_PARAM\_STATE paramstate** is the current parameter state of the device

**ARG\_DEVICE\_POWER\_STATE powerstate** is the current power state of the device



#### 4.1.2.10. ARG\_FEATURELIST

Used with 4.5.2.3 GetFeatureList to get the information about the features available with the firmware in use on the controller.

**int featurecount** is the number of features

**ARG\_FEATURE \*\*features** is a pointer to an array of ARG\_FEATURE-structures

#### 4.1.2.11. ARG\_FEATURE

Used with 4.5.2.3 GetFeatureList to get the information about the features available with the firmware in use on the controller. All strings are valid and have a empty string if not set. See 4.5.2.3 GetFeatureList for an example of how to use this structure.

**char \*name** contains the name of the feature. For documentation on what the features mean, please consult the documentation of the firmware in use; see [2]

**int version** contains the version of the feature; e.g. "1"

**int flags** contains the flags of the feature. For documentation on what the flags mean, please consult the documentation of the firmware in use; see [2]

#### 4.1.2.12. ARG\_LICENSELIST

Used with 4.5.2.4 GetLicenseList to get the information about the licenses available on the controller.

**int licensecount** is the number of licenses

**int version** the version of the LicenseList

**int flags** currently unused

**ARG\_LICENSE \*\*licenses** is a pointer to an array of ARG\_LICENSE-structures

#### 4.1.2.13. ARG\_LICENSE

Used with 4.5.2.4 GetLicenseList to get the information about the licenses available on the controller. All strings are valid and have a empty string if not set. See 4.5.2.3 GetFeatureList for an example of how to use this structure.

**char \*name** contains the name of the license.

**int enabled** contains the flags of the feature.

#### 4.1.2.14. ARG\_TSS\_CHANNELTYPE

Used in the 4.1.2.15 ARG\_TSS\_INFO-structure for information about a TimedSignalStream. All strings are valid and contain an empty string if empty. For an example of how to use this structure see 4.5.9.15 GetTssInfo. This structure contains the following fields:

**name** is the name of the channeltype

**coordname** is the name of the coordinate system

**axiscount** is the number of axes

**axisname** is the name of each axis

#### 4.1.2.15. ARG\_TSS\_INFO

Used with 4.5.9.15 GetTssInfo to get the information for TimedSignalStreams. For an example of how to use this structure see 4.5.9.15 GetTssInfo. This structure contains the following fields:

**channelcount** is the number of channels in the TimedSignalStream

**ARG\_TSS\_CHANNELTYPE \*\*channeltype** is an array of channeltypes;  
see 4.1.2.14 ARG\_TSS\_CHANNELTYPE for information on that structure

#### 4.1.2.16. ARG\_TSS\_DATA

**connectionid** is the ID of the TimedSignalStream connection

**channelname** is the name of the TimedSignalStream channel

**channelspecifier** is the specifier of the TimedSignalStream channel

**blocknumber** is the current data block number

**totalblockcount** is the number of total blocks; 0: if unknown. If block number and total block count are equal then the last package has arrived

**aborted** is 1: if the stream was aborted; 0: if it was not aborted

**starttimestamp** is the Starttimestamp

**endtimestamp** is the Endtimestamp

**samplespersec** are the samples per second

**datalen** is the length in bytes of the data

**data** is the data

## 4.2. Callback functions

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**4.2.1.1. NodeModifiedCallbackFunction**

```
fct int (* NodeModifiedCallbackFunction(HController HC,
HNObject HNO, void *userpointer, int reserved));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for NodeModified-events (RegisterOnNodeModified).

**TIP**

- This callback only works correct if the variable cache was enabled with EnableVariableCache.
- If also ValueChangeCallbackFunctions or FlagsChangeCallbackFunctions should be registered then see RegisterOnNodeModified.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** ist the handle to the NodeObject

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**reserved** is reserved for later use

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.5.12.1 RegisterOnNodeModified, 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache

**4.2.1.2. ValueChangeCallbackFunctionExt**

```
fct int (* ValueChangeCallbackFunctionExt(HController HC,
HNObject HNO, void *userpointer));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for ValueChange-events (RegisterOnValueChangedExt).

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback  
**ret** should return 0  
**see** 4.2.1.3 ValueChangeCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.6 RegisterOnValueChangedExt

#### 4.2.1.3. ValueChangeCallbackFunction

```
fct int (* ValueChangeCallbackFunction(HController HC,
HNodeObject HNO));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for ValueChange-events (RegisterOnValueChanged).

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.2 ValueChangeCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged

#### 4.2.1.4. FlagsChangeCallbackFunctionExt

```
fct int (* FlagsChangeCallbackFunctionExt(HController HC,
HNodeObject HNO, void *userpointer));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for FlagsChange-events (RegisterOnFlagsChangedExt).

#### TIP

Flags are normally only used for debugging.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.5 FlagsChangeCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.13 RegisterOnFlagsChangedExt

#### 4.2.1.5. FlagsChangeCallbackFunction

**ftc**

```
int (* FlagsChangeCallbackFunction(HController HC,
HNodeObject HNO));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for FlagsChange-events (RegisterOnFlagsChanged).

##### TIP

Flags are normally only used for debugging.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.4 FlagsChangeCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.17 RegisterOnFlagsChanged

#### 4.2.1.6. NameChangeCallbackFunctionExt

**ftc**

```
int (* NameChangeCallbackFunctionExt(HController HC,
HNodeObject HNO, void *userpointer));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for NameChange-events (RegisterOnNameChangedExt). The new name of the NodeObject can be obtained with GetNodeName.

##### TIP

In order to work correctly, also a ValueChangeCallbackFunction has to be registered for the same variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.7 NameChangeCallbackFunction, 4.2.1.3 ValueChangeCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.48 RegisterOnNameChangedExt, 4.5.7.42 GetNodeName

#### 4.2.1.7. NameChangeCallbackFunction

```
fct int (* NameChangeCallbackFunction(HController HC,
HNodeObject HNO));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for NameChange-events (RegisterOnNameChanged). The new name of the NodeObject can be obtained with GetNodeName.

#### TIP

In order to work correctly, also a ValueChangeCallbackFunction has to be registered for the same variable.

**par** **HC** handle to the controller

**HNO** handle to the NodeObject

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.6 NameChangeCallbackFunctionExt, 4.2.1.3 ValueChangeCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.53 RegisterOnNameChanged, 4.5.7.42 GetNodeName

#### 4.2.1.8. NodeCreatedCallbackFunctionExt

```
fct int (* NodeCreatedCallbackFunctionExt(HController HC, const
char *varname, void *userpointer));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for NodeCreated-events (RegisterOnNodeCreatedExt).



**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the complete path to the variable

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.9 NodeCreatedCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.25 RegisterOnNodeCreatedExt

#### 4.2.1.9. NodeCreatedCallbackFunction

```
fct int (* NodeCreatedCallbackFunction(HController HC, const char *varname));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for NodeCreated-events (RegisterOnNodeCreated).

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the complete path to the variable

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.8 NodeCreatedCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.27 RegisterOnNodeCreated

#### 4.2.1.10. StartOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction

```
fct int (* StartOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction(HController HC, void *userpointer));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions to notify the user that a new set of NodeCreated-events is coming. This is useful when creating a set of new job nodes. Calling EndOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction guarantees that all needed variables for a VAR:SET are created.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.11 EndOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.30 RegisterOnStartOfNodeCreatedRequest,  
4.2.1.8 NodeCreatedCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.27 RegisterOnNodeCreated

#### 4.2.1.11. EndOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction

**ftc** `int (* EndOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction(HController HC, void *userpointer));`

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions to notify the user that a set of NodeCreated-events is finished. This is useful when creating a set of new job nodes. Calling EndOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction guarantees that all needed variables for a VAR:SET are created.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.10 StartOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.32 RegisterOnEndOfNodeCreatedRequest,  
4.2.1.8 NodeCreatedCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.27 RegisterOnNodeCreated

#### 4.2.1.12. NodeDeletedCallbackFunctionExt

**ftc** `int (* NodeDeletedCallbackFunctionExt(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, void *userpointer));`

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for NodeDeleted-events (RegisterOnNodeDeletedExt). If this function is called then the corresponding variable on the controller is already deleted. This function can be used to call DeleteNode on the given NodeObject.

**TIP**

In order to work correctly, also a ValueChangeCallbackFunction has to be registered for the same variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.16 NodeWillBeDeletedCallbackFunction,  
4.2.1.13 NodeDeletedCallbackFunction, 4.2.1.3 ValueChangeCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.34 RegisterOnNodeDeletedExt 4.5.7.23 DeleteNode

**4.2.1.13. NodeDeletedCallbackFunction**

**fact** `int (* NodeDeletedCallbackFunction(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO));`

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for NodeDeleted-events (RegisterOnNodeDeleted). If this function is called then the corresponding variable on the controller is already deleted. This function can be used to call DeleteNode on the given NodeObject.

**TIP**

In order to work correctly, also a ValueChangeCallbackFunction has to be registered for the same variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.16 NodeWillBeDeletedCallbackFunction,  
4.2.1.12 NodeDeletedCallbackFunctionExt, 4.2.1.3 ValueChangeCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.39 RegisterOnNodeDeleted 4.5.7.23 DeleteNode

**4.2.1.14. StartOfNodeDeletedRequestCallbackFunction**

```
fct      int (* StartOfNodeDeletedRequestCallbackFunction(  
          HController HC, void *userpointer));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions to notify the user that a new set of NodeDeleted-events is coming.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.15 EndOfNodeDeletedRequestCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.42 RegisterOnStartOfNodeDeletedRequest,  
4.2.1.12 NodeDeletedCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.39 RegisterOnNodeDeleted

**4.2.1.15. EndOfNodeDeletedRequestCallbackFunction**

```
fct      int (* EndOfNodeDeletedRequestCallbackFunction(HController  
          HC, void *userpointer));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions to notify the user that a set of NodeDeleted-events is finished.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.14 StartOfNodeDeletedRequestCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.44 RegisterOnEndOfNodeDeletedRequest,  
4.2.1.12 NodeDeletedCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.39 RegisterOnNodeDeleted

**4.2.1.16. NodeWillBeDeletedCallbackFunction**

```
ftc int (* NodeWillBeDeletedCallbackFunction(HController HC,
      HNodeObject HNO, void *userpointer));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for NodeWillBeDeleted-events. This function gets called before all the NodeDeleted-events are coming and telling you the root-node of the deleted variables.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.13 NodeDeletedCallbackFunction, 4.2.1.3 ValueChangeCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.34 RegisterOnNodeDeletedExt 4.5.7.23 DeleteNode

**4.2.1.17. NodeMovedCallbackFunction**

```
ftc int (* NodeMovedCallbackFunction(HController HC,
      HNodeObject HNO, HNodeObject FormerParent, HNodeObject
      NewParent, void *userpointer));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for NodeMoved-events (RegisterOnNodeMoved). At the moment of the call to this function, the node already moved and is a child of NewParent. Please note, that it might be possible, that some of the handles have ARG\_INVALID\_HANDLE\_VALUE.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**FormerParent** is the parent node before the movement

**NewParent** is the parent node after the movement

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.17 NodeMovedCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.20 RegisterOnNodeMoved

#### 4.2.1.18. NodeMovedCallbackFunctionExt

```
ft int (* NodeMovedCallbackFunctionExt(HController HC,
HNodeObject HNO, HNodeObject FormerParent, HNodeObject
NewParent, int oldindex, int newindex, void *userpointer));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for NodeMoved-events (RegisterOnNodeMoved). At the moment of the call to this function, the node already moved and is a child of NewParent. Please note, that it might be possible, that some of the handles have ARG\_INVALID\_HANDLE\_VALUE.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**FormerParent** is the parent node before the movement

**NewParent** is the parent node after the movement

**oldindex** is the index before the movement

**newindex** is the index after the movement

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.1.17 NodeMovedCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.20 RegisterOnNodeMoved

**4.2.1.19. NodeStateChangeCallbackFunction**

```
ft int (* NodeStateChangeCallbackFunction(HController HC,  
HNodeObject HNO, int newstate, int oldstate, int error,  
void *userpointer));
```

Functions of this type can be registered as callback functions for StateChange-events (RegisterOnNodeStateChanged). HC is a handle of the involved Controller and HNO the handle of the NodeObject, newstate is the state, the NodeObject is now in, if error is not E\_OK an error has occurred in the statemachine. The application should be terminated. Userpointer is a pointer set by the user during registering the callback.

For supported NodeObject states see NodeObject states.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**newstate** is the state the variable is now in

**oldstate** is the state the variable was before

**error** if not E\_OK an error has occurred

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.5.12.56 RegisterOnNodeStateChanged, 4.3.1 NodeObject states

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#### 4.2.2.1. PLCChangeCallbackFunctionExt

```
fct int (* PLCChangeCallbackFunctionExt(HController HC,
    unsigned int value, unsigned int reserved, void *
    userpointer));
```

Functions of that type can be registered as a callback for PLCChanged-events (RegisterOnPLCChangedExt). PLC states provide the user with information about the internal state of the controller. This means, that these states can change unpredictably because of external signals. It is possible, that more than one of this states are active at the same time.

Listing 4.4: Checking if PLC\_JOB\_READY is set

```
if ( (value & (1 << PLC_JOB_READY)) == (1 <<
    PLC_JOB_READY) )
{
    // PLC_JOB_READY
}
```

For supported PLC states see PLC states.

**par HC** is the handle to the controller

**value** is the PLC state

**reserved** is reserved for later use

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.3.6 PLC states, 4.2.2.2 PLCChangeCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.61 RegisterOnPLCChangedExt



#### 4.2.2.2. PLCChangeCallbackFunction

```
fct int (* PLCChangeCallbackFunction(HController HC, unsigned  
int value, unsigned int reserved));
```

Functions of that type can be registered as a callback for PLCChanged-events (RegisterOnPLCChanged). PLC states give the user information about the internal state of the controller. This means, that these states can change unpredictably because of external signals. It is possible, that more than one of these states are active at the same time.

Listing 4.5: Checking if PLC\_JOB\_READY is set

```
if ( (value & (1 << PLC_JOB_READY)) == (1 <<  
    PLC_JOB_READY) )  
{  
    // PLC_JOB_READY  
}
```

For supported PLC states see PLC states.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**value** is the PLC state

**reserved** is reserved for later use

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.3.6 PLC states, 4.2.2.1 PLCChangeCallbackFunctionExt,  
4.5.12.61 RegisterOnPLCChangedExt

### 4.2.3. System messages

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#### 4.2.3.1. SystemMessageCallbackFunction

**ftc** `int (* SystemMessageCallbackFunction(HSysMsg HSM, void * userpointer));`

Functions of that type can be registered as a callback function for SysMsg-events (RegisterOnSysMsgExt).

**par** **HSM** is the handle to the SysMessage

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.5.12.71 RegisterOnSystemMessage, 4.5.13.2 GetSystemMessageXML

#### 4.2.3.2. SysMsgCallbackFunctionExt

**ftc** `int (* SysMsgCallbackFunctionExt(HController HC, HSysMsg HSM, void *userpointer));`

#### NOTICE

This function is deprecated.

- Use SystemMessageCallbackFunction instead.

Functions of that type can be registered as a callback function for SysMessage-events (RegisterOnSysMsgExt).

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HSM** is the handle to the SysMessage

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.3.3 SysMsgCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.66 RegisterOnSysMsgExt,  
4.2.3.1 SystemMessageCallbackFunction

#### 4.2.3.3. SysMsgCallbackFunction

**fct** `int (* SysMsgCallbackFunction(HController HC, HSysMsg HSM));`



### NOTICE

This function is deprecated.

- Use SystemMessageCallbackFunction instead.

Functions of that type can be registered as a callback function for SysMessage-events (RegisterOnSysMsg).

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HSM** is the handle to the SysMessage

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.2.3.2 SysMsgCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.68 RegisterOnSysMsg,  
4.2.3.1 SystemMessageCallbackFunction

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#### 4.2.4.1. DeviceCreatedCallbackFunction

```
fct      int (* DeviceCreatedCallbackFunction(HController HC,
      HDevice HD, void *userpointer));
```

#### 4.2.4.2. DeviceDeletedCallbackFunction

```
fct      int (* DeviceDeletedCallbackFunction(HController HC,
      HDevice HD, void *userpointer));
```

#### 4.2.4.3. DeviceActivatedCallbackFunction

```
fct      int (* DeviceActivatedCallbackFunction(HController HC,
      HDevice HD, void *userpointer));
```

**4.2.4.4. DeviceDeactivatedCallbackFunction**

```
fct int (* DeviceDeactivatedCallbackFunction(HController HC,
HDevice HD, void *userpointer));
```

**4.2.4.5. DeviceDependencyAddedCallbackFunction**

```
fct int (* DeviceDependencyAddedCallbackFunction(HController HC,
HDevice ParentDevice, HDevice SubDevice, const char *
depvar, void *userpointer));
```

**4.2.4.6. DeviceDependencyRemovedCallbackFunction**

```
fct int (* DeviceDependencyRemovedCallbackFunction(HController
HC, HDevice ParentDevice, HDevice SubDevice, const char *
depvar, void *userpointer));
```

**4.2.4.7. DeviceStateChangedCallbackFunction**

```
fct int (* DeviceStateChangedCallbackFunction(HController HC,
HDevice HD, ARG_DEVICE_ACTIVATION_STATE oldstate,
ARG_DEVICE_ACTIVATION_STATE newstate, void *userpointer));
```

**4.2.4.8. DeviceErrorStateChangedCallbackFunction**

```
fct int (* DeviceErrorStateChangedCallbackFunction(HController
HC, HDevice HD, ARG_DEVICE_ERROR_STATE oldstate,
ARG_DEVICE_ERROR_STATE newstate, void *userpointer));
```

**4.2.4.9. DeviceParamStateChangedCallbackFunction**

```
fct int (* DeviceParamStateChangedCallbackFunction(HController
HC, HDevice HD, ARG_DEVICE_PARAM_STATE oldstate,
ARG_DEVICE_PARAM_STATE newstate, void *userpointer));
```

**4.2.4.10. DevicePowerStateChangedCallbackFunction**

```
fct int (* DevicePowerStateChangedCallbackFunction(HController
HC, HDevice HD, ARG_DEVICE_POWER_STATE oldstate,
ARG_DEVICE_POWER_STATE newstate, void *userpointer));
```

### 4.2.5. Error, RequestLog, Log, JobLines

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#### 4.2.5.1. errorCallbackFunction

**ft** `int (* errorCallbackFunction(int errorcode, const char * description, HController HC));`

Functions of that type can be registered as a callback function for Error-events (RegisterOnError).

#### TIP

Functions of that type should be registered immediately after a call to InitControllerLib.

**par errorcode** ERROR\_CONNECTION\_LOST occurs, if the controller lost connection, e.g. if the controller has been shutdown or reset

**description** (information about this error is unavailable)

**HC** Handle to the controller which lost the connection

– OR –

**errorcode** ERROR\_OCCUPIED occurs, if the connection to a controller could not be established

**description** holds the IP address that occupies the controller

**HC** ARG\_INVALID\_HANDLE\_VALUE

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.5.3.1 RegisterOnError, 4.5.1.1 InitControllerLib

**4.2.5.2. RequestLogCallbackFunction**

```
fct   int (* RequestLogCallbackFunction(HController HC, const
      char *logentry, void *userpointer));
```

Functions of that type can be registered as a callback function for RequestLog-events (RegisterOnRequestLog).

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**logentry** is the log entry as a single string

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.5.16.1 RegisterOnRequestLog

**4.2.5.3. LogCallbackFunction**

```
fct   int (* LogCallbackFunction(ARG_LOG_LEVEL level, const char
      *datetime, const char *logentry, void *userpointer));
```

Functions of that type can be registered as a callback function for Log-events (RegisterOnLog). Valid log levels are:

LOG\_SUCCESS, LOG\_INFO, LOG\_WARNING, LOG\_ERROR

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**datetime** is the current time in format yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss

**logentry** is the log entry as a single string

**userpointer** is a pointer that is set by the user during registering the callback

**ret** should return 0

**see** 4.5.16.6 RegisterOnLog



#### 4.2.5.4. JobLinesCallbackFunction

**fct** `int (* JobLinesCallbackFunction(HController HC,  
ARG_LINEINFO *lineinfo));`

Gets called when GetJobLines has lineinfo.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**see** 4.5.9.9 GetJobLines

### 4.3. Supported states

#### 4.3.1. NodeObject states

- NODESTATE\_UNDEFINED
- NODESTATE\_CREATING
- NODESTATE\_UNINITIALIZED
- NODESTATE\_VALUEVALID
- NODESTATE\_VALUEINVALID
- NODESTATE\_CLIENTCHANGING
- NODESTATE\_CLIENTVALIDATING
- NODESTATE\_CONTROLLERVALIDATING
- NODESTATE\_CONTROLLERCHANGING
- NODESTATE\_VALUEACCEPTED
- NODESTATE\_DELETING

### 4.3.2. Device states

These states are used during the activation of a device. Errors during activation can be seen in this states. If a device is in the ARG\_DEV\_ACTIVE-state, then errors in the device can be seen with the 4.3.3 Device error states.

- ARG\_DEV\_UNINITIALIZED
- ARG\_DEV\_INACTIVE
- ARG\_DEV\_ACTIVE
- ARG\_DEV\_ACTIVATING
- ARG\_DEV\_DEACTIVATING
- ARG\_DEV\_ACTIVATIONERROR
- ARG\_DEV\_DEACTIVATIONERROR
- ARG\_DEV\_UNDEFINED

### 4.3.3. Device error states

- ARG\_DEV\_ERR\_UNINITIALIZED
- ARG\_DEV\_ERR\_OK
- ARG\_DEV\_ERR\_RECOVER
- ARG\_DEV\_ERR\_RECOVERERROR
- ARG\_DEV\_ERR\_FAILURE
- ARG\_DEV\_ERR\_NOTREADY
- ARG\_DEV\_ERR\_UNDEFINED

#### 4.3.4. Device parameter states

- ARG\_DEV\_PARAM\_UNINITIALIZED
- ARG\_DEV\_PARAM\_IDLE
- ARG\_DEV\_PARAM\_EVAL
- ARG\_DEV\_PARAM\_REEVAL
- ARG\_DEV\_PARAM\_PRESUSPEND
- ARG\_DEV\_PARAM\_SUSPENDED
- ARG\_DEV\_PARAM\_UNDEFINED

#### 4.3.5. Device power states

- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_UNINITIALIZED
- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_CHECKREADYTOSTANDBY
- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_DIRECTOFF
- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_DOWN
- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_GOINGDOWNNTOSTANDBY
- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_GOINGDOWNNTOOFF
- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_GOINGOFFTODOWN
- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_GOINGREADYTOSTANDBY
- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_GOINGSTANDBYTODOWN
- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_GOINGSTANDBYTOREADY
- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_OFF
- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_READY
- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_STANDBY
- ARG\_DEV\_POWER\_UNDEFINED

### 4.3.6. PLC states

Depending on the controller firmware in use the supported PLC states may differ. This subset works with firmware versions equal to or greater than 2.4.0. For more information, please consult the documentation of the firmware in use [2].

**TIP**

See 4.2.2.2 `PLCChangeCallbackFunction` or 4.2.2.1 `PLCChangeCallbackFunctionExt` for a code example of testing for PLC states.

**PLC\_JOB\_READY** If this bit is set then the job is ready for execution. When 4.5.4.2 `JobStart` is executed then this state will go away and `PLC_JOB_ACTIVE` will be set instead

**PLC\_JOB\_ACTIVE** If this bit is set then the job is running on the controller and can be aborted with 4.5.4.4 `JobAbort`

**PLC\_DEVICES\_FAILURE** If this bit is set then one or more devices, that are controlled by the SAS-device, are in failure state

**PLC\_DEVICES\_READY** If this bit is set then all devices, that are controlled by the SAS-Device, are in ready state

## 4.4. Constants

The following constants are return values. Find the explanation for the respective constant in the functions where the constant occurs.

### 4.4.1. Error codes

- `ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE`
- `E_OK`
- `E_FAILURE`

- E\_TIMEOUT
- E\_NOSPACE
- E\_EXIST
- E\_NOEXIST
- E\_UNIMPL

#### 4.4.2. Variable types

- VT\_INV
- VT\_STR
- VT\_SEL
- VT\_BOOLEAN
- VT\_BIN
- VT\_I32
- VT\_I64
- VT\_R32
- VT\_R64

#### 4.4.3. PLC states

Find supported PLC states in 4.3.6 PLC states. For more information, please consult the documentation of the firmware in use; see [2].

- PLC\_DEVICES\_AWAKE
- PLC\_DEVICES\_FAILURE
- PLC\_DEVICES\_READY
- PLC\_DEVICES\_SETUP

- PLC\_JOB\_READY
- PLC\_JOB\_ACTIVE
- PLC\_JOB\_COMPLETED
- PLC\_JOB\_FAILED
- PLC\_SYS\_SAFE
- PLC\_JOB\_PAUSED
- PLC\_JOB\_PILOTED
- PLC\_JOB\_PRELOADED
- PLC\_JOB\_STOPPING
- PLC\_READY\_FOR\_POWER\_OFF
- PLC\_SYSTEM\_READY
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#### 4.5.1.1. InitControllerLib

**ft** `int InitControllerLib(void);`

Initializes the library.

This function has to be called before any other call to the library. Otherwise any calls to the library will not work.

Directly after this call we recommend to call RegisterOnError.

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.1.2 DeinitControllerLib, 4.5.3.1 RegisterOnError,  
4.5.1.4 GetControllerLibVersionString, 4.5.1.3 IsInitialized

#### 4.5.1.2. DeinitControllerLib

**fct** `int DeinitControllerLib(void);`

Deinitializes the library.

This function has to be called before the client application exits.

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.1.1 InitControllerLib, 4.5.1.3 IsInitialized

#### 4.5.1.3. IsInitialized

**fct** `int IsInitialized(void);`

Returns, whether the library is already initialized or not.

**ret** `1` if the library is initialized

`0` if the library is not initialized

**see** 4.5.1.1 InitControllerLib, 4.5.1.2 DeinitControllerLib

#### 4.5.1.4. GetControllerLibVersionString

**fct** `const char* GetControllerLibVersionString(void);`

Gets the version of the library as a string.

**ret** string composed of the  
`<library version>.<major version>.<minor version>`; e.g. "1.1.6"

**see** 4.5.1.1 InitControllerLib



#### 4.5.1.5. CLFree

**fct** `void CLFree(void *pointer);`

Frees memory allocated by the ControllerLib as the function `free()` cannot free this memory due to ownership issues on the Windows® operating system.

**see** 4.5.5.2 `GetPenPath`, 4.5.5.4 `GetFontPath`

#### 4.5.1.6. DisableFloatingPointToStringDot

**fct** `void DisableFloatingPointToStringDot();`

The firmware relies on a period (dot) as decimal separator when floating point numbers are passed as strings. When calling the functions `GetNodeValueString`, `SetNodeValueString`, `GetNodeInfo` or `GetNodeInfoExt` these will automatically correct accidental commas into periods (dots) in the string representations of floating point numbers. Calling function `DisableFloatingPointToStringDot` disables this behavior and is not recommended.

**see** 4.5.7.87 `SetNodeValueString`, 4.5.7.82 `GetNodeValueString`, 4.5.7.3 `GetNodeInfo`, 4.5.7.4 `GetNodeInfoExt`

#### 4.5.1.7. SetApplicationName

**fct** `void SetApplicationName(const char *applicationname);`

This function tells the controller's firmware the name of the client application.

As the string is initially empty the function should be called before calling function `DetectRemoteController`.

**par** `applicationname` is the name of the client application

**see** 4.5.1.8 `SetApplicationVersion`, 4.5.1.9 `GetApplicationName`, 4.5.1.10 `SetFullFeatured`, 4.5.2.2 `DetectRemoteController`

#### 4.5.1.8. SetApplicationVersion

```
fct void SetApplicationVersion(int major, int minor, int  
modification, int buildnr, char *versiontype);
```

This function tells the controller's firmware the version of the client application.

The function should be called before calling function DetectRemoteController.

**par major** major nr of the application

**minor** minor nr of the application

**modification** modification nr of the application

**buildnr** buildnr of the application

**versiontype** versiontype version of the application (e.g. debug, TP, Release...)

**see** 4.5.1.7 SetApplicationName, 4.5.1.10 SetFullFeatured,  
4.5.2.2 DetectRemoteController

#### 4.5.1.9. GetApplicationName

```
fct const char* GetApplicationName(void);
```

Gets the name of the application that was set by using SetApplicationName.

**ret** name of the application

**see** 4.5.1.7 SetApplicationName, 4.5.1.11 IsFullFeatured

#### 4.5.1.10. SetFullFeatured

**fct** `void SetFullFeatured(int flag);`

Sets, whether the client application is *fully featured* or not. Fully featured means, that the controller can ask the application for additional data, e.g. pens, bitmaps. By default the application is assumed as fully featured.

This function must be called before calling function DetectRemoteController.

**par** **flag** sets the client application as fully featured (1) or not fully featured (0)

**see** 4.5.1.11 IsFullFeatured, 4.5.1.7 SetApplicationName,  
4.5.2.2 DetectRemoteController

#### 4.5.1.11. IsFullFeatured

**fct** `int IsFullFeatured(void);`

Returns, whether the client application is fully featured. This means, that the controller can ask the application for additional data, e.g. pens, bitmaps. By default the application is assumed as fully featured.

**ret** **1** if the application is fully featured

**0** if the application is not fully featured

**see** 4.5.1.10 SetFullFeatured, 4.5.1.7 SetApplicationName

#### 4.5.1.12. SetAttributes

**fct** `void SetAttributes(void);`

This function tells the ControllerLib to use attributes.

This function has to be called before calling DetectRemoteController.

**see** 4.5.1.13 SetInternalAttributes, 4.5.2.2 DetectRemoteController

**4.5.1.13. SetInternalAttributes**

**fct** `void SetInternalAttributes(void);`

This function tells the ControllerLib to use firmware-internal attributes. The function is only used for debugging purposes.

This function has to be called before calling function DetectRemoteController.

**see** 4.5.1.12 SetAttributes, 4.5.2.2 DetectRemoteController

**4.5.1.14. EnableWatchdog**

**fct** `void EnableWatchdog(void);`

Sets, whether the client application will have the watchdog running or not. By default, the watchdog is disabled. The watchdog will close the connection, if the firmware seems to hang or the controller was turned off.

This function must be called before calling function DetectRemoteController.

**par** **flag** Enables the watchdog

**see** 4.5.1.11 IsFullFeatured, 4.5.1.7 SetApplicationName,  
4.5.2.2 DetectRemoteController

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**4.5.2.1. ProbeRemoteController**

**fct** `int ProbeRemoteController(const char *host, short port);`

Probes, whether a controller can be accessed at the given IP-address. The probing can last up to 5 seconds.

**par** **host** is the host name or IP-address of the remote controller, e.g.  
"ascstack", "192.168.1.42"

**port** is the port of the remote controller, usually "1610"

**ret** **1** if a controller has been found

**0** if a controller has not been found

**see** 4.5.2.2 DetectRemoteController

**4.5.2.2. DetectRemoteController**

**fct** `HController DetectRemoteController(const char *host, short port);`

Detects, whether a controller can be accessed at the given IP-address and, if this is true, establishes a connection and returns a handle.

**par** **host** is the host name or IP-address of the remote controller, e.g.  
"ascstack", "192.168.1.42"

**port** is the port of the remote controller, usually "1610"

**ret** handle to the controller

**ARG\_INVALID\_HANDLE\_VALUE** if a controller has not been found

**see** 4.5.2.1 ProbeRemoteController, 4.5.2.13 DisconnectController,  
4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache

### 4.5.2.3. GetFeatureList

**fct** ARG\_FEATURELIST\* GetFeatureList(HController HC);

This function returns the features supported by the InScript firmware. This function always returns a valid pointer which never is NULL. If no features are supported by the InScript firmware then the feature count is 0. The returned value has to be destroyed by using function DestroyFeatureList.

Listing 4.6: GetFeatureList example

```
ARG_FEATURELIST *list = GetFeatureList(HC);
for (int i=0; i<list->featurecount; ++i) {
    printf("Feature: %s (Version: %i, Flags: %x)\n",
           list->feature[i]->name,
           list->feature[i]->version,
           list->feature[i]->flags
    );
}
DestroyFeatureList(list);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**ret** ARG\_FeatureList for the controller

**see** 4.5.2.6 DestroyFeatureList

### 4.5.2.4. GetLicenseList

**fct** ARG\_LICENSELIST\* GetLicenseList(HController HC);

This function returns the licenses supported by the InScript firmware. This function always returns a valid pointer which never is NULL. If no features are supported by the InScript firmware then the feature count is 0. The returned value has to be destroyed by using function DestroyLicenseList.

Listing 4.7: GetLicenseList example

```

ARG_LICENSELIST *list = GetLicenseList(HC);
for (int i=0; i<list->licensecount; ++i) {
    printf("License: %s %s\n",
          list->license[i]->name,
          list->license[i]->enabled == 1 ? "Enabled"
          : "Disabled");

    );
}
DestroyLicenseList(list);

```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**ret** ARG\_LICENSELIST for the controller

**see** 4.5.2.7 DestroyLicenseList

#### 4.5.2.5. SupportsXMLJobFormat

**fct** `int SupportsXMLJobFormat(HController HC, int *version, int *flags);`

Returns, whether the firmware on the given controller supports jobs in the XML-format or not.

Listing 4.8: SupportsXMLJobFormat example

```

int version, flags;
if ( SupportsXMLJobFormat(HC, &version, &flags) == E_OK)
{
    if ( version == 1 ) {
        // Load job in XML-format version 1 or higher
    }
} else {
    // Load job in "oldstyle"-format
}

```



**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**version** holds the highest supported version if the function returns E\_OK

**flags** holds additional information if the function returns E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** if the firmware supports jobs in XML-format

**E\_UNAVAIL** if the firmware does not support jobs in XML-format

**E\_FAILURE** on error

**see** 4.5.2.6 DestroyFeatureList

#### 4.5.2.6. DestroyFeatureList

**fct** `void DestroyFeatureList(ARG_FEATURELIST *list);`

Releases the memory obtained by the call to GetFeatureList.

**par** **list** is a pointer to an ARG\_FEATURELIST structure

**see** 4.5.2.3 GetFeatureList

#### 4.5.2.7. DestroyLicenseList

**fct** `void DestroyLicenseList(ARG_LICENSELIST *list);`

Releases the memory obtained by the call to GetLicenseList.

**par** **list** is a pointer to an ARG\_LICENSELIST structure

**see** 4.5.2.4 GetLicenseList

**4.5.2.8. HasLicenseFor**

**fct** `int HasLicenseFor(HController HC, const char *name);`

Returns whether a license is present for the given module (a string)

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**name** Name of the feature

**ret** **0** if a license exists for the feature, **1** otherwise

**see** 4.5.2.4 GetLicenseList

**4.5.2.9. EnableVariableCache**

**fct** `int EnableVariableCache(HController HC);`

Mirrors all variables on the controller to the ARG\_ControllerLib. New variables will be added automatically, deleted variables will be deleted in the ARG\_ControllerLib as well. Registered callbacks will also work. It is also possible to traverse through the tree with GetParentNode and GetSubnodes.

This method is preferred if many variables are used by the client application. It is always advisable to enable the variable cache to gain performance.

This function should be called immediately after DetectRemoteController.

**TIP**

See section 5.4 for an example of how to use the VariableCache.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the variable cache is already enabled

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.2.2 DetectRemoteController, 4.5.7.15 GetParentNode,  
4.5.7.2 GetNodeFromCache, 4.5.7.16 GetSubnodesCount, 4.5.8.6 GetSubnodes

#### 4.5.2.10. ControllerCount


**fct** `int ControllerCount(void);`

Gets the number of connected controllers.

**ret** number of connected controllers

**see** 4.5.2.2 DetectRemoteController

#### 4.5.2.11. GetCorrectionGrid

**fct** `int GetCorrectionGrid(HController HC, ARG_GRID_DATA *data);` 

Please note, that this function may take several minutes to return.

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOMEM** if the data is NULL

**E\_UNIMP** if the firmware does not support this feature

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

#### 4.5.2.12. FreeCorrectionGridData

**fct** `int FreeCorrectionGridData(ARG_GRID_DATA *data);`

Frees the used internal correction data.

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**4.5.2.13. DisconnectController**

**fct** `void DisconnectController(HController HC);`

Disconnects controller HC. If the VariableCache was enabled with function EnableVariableCache no calls to DeleteNode are necessary.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**see** 4.5.2.2 DetectRemoteController, 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache, 4.5.7.23 DeleteNode

**4.5.2.14. GetUniqueHandle**

**fct** `DWORD GetUniqueHandle();`

Gets an unique handle from the ControllerLib which will not be used internally.

**ret** unique handle

**4.5.2.15. GetControllerRCCFile**

**fct** `int GetControllerRCCFile(HController HC, void **data, int * bytesize);`

Gets the Qt®-RCC file from the controller.

Listing 4.9: GetControllerRCCFile example

```
int bytesize;
void *data;
if ( GetControllerRCCFile(HC, &data, &bytesize) == E_OK
    ) {
    printf("Read %d bytes\n");
    hexdump(data, bytesize);
    FreeRCCFile(data);
}
```

**TIP**

- This method is only needed for Qt®-applications which show integrated dialogs.
- The caller of this method is responsible for freeing the allocated memory.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**data** holds the binary data if the function returns **E\_OK**

**bytesize** holds the binary data size if the function returns **E\_OK**

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_UNIMP** if the firmware does not implement this feature

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.2.18 FreeRCCFile

#### 4.5.2.16. GetControllerQCHFile

```
fct int GetControllerQCHFile(HController HC, void **data, int *
bytesize);
```

Gets the Qt®-help file from the controller.

Listing 4.10: GetControllerQCHFile example

```
int bytesize;
void *data;
if ( GetControllerQCHFile(HC, &data, &bytesize) == E_OK
) {
printf("Read %d bytes\n");
hexdump(data,bytesize);
FreeQCHFile(data);
}
```

**TIP**

The caller of this method is responsible for freeing the allocated memory.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**data** holds the binary data if the function returns **E\_OK**

**bytesize** holds the binary data size if the function returns **E\_OK**

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_UNIMP** if the firmware does not implement this feature

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.2.19 FreeQCHFile

**4.5.2.17. GetControllerQHCFFile**

```
fct int GetControllerQHCFFile(HController HC, void **data, int *
bytesize);
```



Gets the Qt®-help file collection from the controller.

Listing 4.11: GetControllerQHCFFile example

```
int bytesize;
void *data;
if ( GetControllerQHCFFile(HC, &data, &bytesize) == E_OK
) {
    printf("Read %d bytes\n");
    hexdump(data, bytesize);
    FreeQHCFFile(data);
}
```

**TIP**

The caller of this method is responsible for freeing the allocated memory.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**data** holds the binary data if the function returns E\_OK

**bytesize** holds the binary data size if the function returns E\_OK

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_UNIMP if the firmware does not implement this feature

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.2.20 FreeQHCFfile

#### 4.5.2.18. FreeRCCFile

**fct** `void FreeRCCFile(void *data);`

Frees the data that was allocated by GetControllerRCCFile.

See GetControllerRCCFile for an example.

**par** **data** holds the data obtained by GetControllerRCCFile

**see** 4.5.2.15 GetControllerRCCFile

#### 4.5.2.19. FreeQCHFile

**fct** `void FreeQCHFile(void *data);`

Frees the data that was allocated by GetControllerQCHFile.

See GetControllerQCHFile for an example.

**par** **data** holds the data obtained by GetControllerQCHFile

**see** 4.5.2.16 GetControllerQCHFile

**4.5.2.20. FreeQHCFFile**

**fct** `void FreeQHCFFile(void *data);`

Frees the data that was allocated by GetControllerQHCFFile.

See GetControllerQHCFFile for an example.

**par data** holds the data obtained by GetControllerQHCFFile.

**see** 4.5.2.17 GetControllerQHCFFile



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#### 4.5.3.1. RegisterOnError

**fct** `int RegisterOnError(ErrorCallbackFunction callback);`

Registers a callback for error-events; see ErrorCallbackFunction.

#### TIP

It is possible to have more than one callback for each variable.

**par** `callback` is the callback function

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_EXIST` if a callback already exists

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.3.2 UnregisterOnError, 4.5.3.3 UnregisterOnErrorSingle,  
4.5.1.1 InitControllerLib, 4.2.5.1 ErrorCallbackFunction

#### 4.5.3.2. UnregisterOnError

**fct** `int UnregisterOnError();`

Unregisters all callbacks for error-events before DeinitControllerLib.

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.3.1 RegisterOnError, 4.5.3.3 UnregisterOnErrorSingle,  
4.5.1.2 DeinitControllerLib

#### 4.5.3.3. UnregisterOnErrorSingle

**fct** `int UnregisterOnErrorSingle(ErrorCallbackFunction callback);`

Unregisters a callback for error-events before DeinitControllerLib.

**par** `callback` is the callback function

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_NOEXIST` if the callback was not registered

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.3.1 RegisterOnError, 4.5.3.2 UnregisterOnError, 4.5.1.2 DeinitControllerLib

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#### 4.5.4.1. GetPLCState

```
fcn int GetPLCState(HController HC, unsigned int *value,
unsigned int *reserved);
```



Gets the current PLC state of the controller. Note that you can register a callback function to get notified if the state changes. This call gets the current value. See PLC states for supported PLC states.

#### TIP

For performance reasons you should use RegisterOnPLCChanged instead of this function.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**value** holds the PLC-value after returning with E\_OK


**reserved** is reserved for later use

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged, 4.3.6 PLC states

#### 4.5.4.2. JobStart

**fct** `int JobStart(HController HC);` 

Sends a JobStart to the controller. If a job is selected and the controller is ready for job execution then the controller will start marking. This call returns immediately.

##### TIP

If this function returns successfully then this does not mean that the job execution has started. Job execution should be watched by using the PLC states.


**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.6.1 LoadJob, 4.5.7.17 SelectNode, 4.5.4.3 JobPilot, 4.5.4.4 JobAbort, 4.5.4.5 JobStop, 4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged

#### 4.5.4.3. JobPilot

**fct** `int JobPilot(HController HC);` 

Sends a JobPilot (TeachInStart) to the controller.

##### TIP

If this function returns successfully then this does not mean that the job execution has started. Job execution should be watched by using the PLC states.


**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.4.2 JobStart, 4.5.4.4 JobAbort, 4.5.4.5 JobStop,  
4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged

#### 4.5.4.4. JobAbort

**fct** `int JobAbort(HController HC);` 

Sends a JobAbort to the controller. If a job is marking then the controller will abort the job execution. This call returns immediately.

##### TIP

If this function returns successfully then this does not mean that the job execution has been aborted. Job execution should be watched by using the PLC states.


**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.4.2 JobStart, 4.5.4.3 JobPilot, 4.5.4.5 JobStop, 4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged

#### 4.5.4.5. JobStop

**fct** `int JobStop(HController HC);` 

Send a JobStop to the controller. If a job is marking then the controller will stop the job execution. This call returns immediately.

**TIP**

- JobStop only stops the job at a Stop-node in a job. If marking should be aborted immediately then use JobAbort instead.
- When this function returns successfully, this does not mean, that the job execution has been stopped. Job execution should be watched using the PLC states.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.4.2 JobStart, 4.5.4.3 JobPilot, 4.5.4.4 JobAbort,  
4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged

**4.5.4.6. ExecuteScript**

**fct** `int ExecuteScript(HController HC, const char *script);`

Executes the script on the controller. The script is executed immediately.

**TIP**

Please refer to the InScript manual [3] for a documentation on the scripting language.

Listing 4.12: ExecuteScript example

```
const char *script = "if node_exists(\"usr.var.x\")
    delete_node(\"usr.var.x\");"
ExecuteScript(HC, script);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**script** is the script that shall be executed

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**4.5.4.7. WriteToNVRAM**

**fct** `int WriteToNVRAM(HController HC);` 

Saves the device configuration and the default pen to the controller. If the controller is restarted again then this data will be loaded.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

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#### 4.5.5.1. SetPenPath

**fct** `int SetPenPath(HController HC, const char *path);`

Sets the path where pens are searched. See Loading a job for the search strategy.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**path** is the path where pens can be found

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.5.2 GetPenPath, 4.5.5.3 SetFontPath, 5.1.2 Loading a job

#### 4.5.5.2. GetPenPath

**fct** `char* GetPenPath(HController HC);`

Returns the path where pens are searched. See Loading a job for the search strategy.

#### TIP

The user has to free the allocated memory using CLFree.



Listing 4.13: GetPenPath example

```
char *path = GetPenPath(HC);
printf("Penpath: %s", path);
CLFree(path);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**ret** path where pens can be found

**see** 4.5.5.1 SetPenPath, 4.5.5.4 GetFontPath, 4.5.1.5 CLFree, 5.1.2 Loading a job

#### 4.5.5.3. SetFontPath

**fct** `int SetFontPath(HController HC, const char *path);`

Sets the path where TTF- and FDT-fonts are searched. See Loading a job for the search strategy.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**path** is the path where TTF- and FDT-fonts can be found

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.5.1 SetPenPath, 4.5.5.4 GetFontPath, 5.1.2 Loading a job

#### 4.5.5.4. GetFontPath

**fct** `char* GetFontPath(HController HC);`

Returns the path where TTF- and FDT-fonts are searched. See Loading a job for the search strategy.

#### TIP

The user has to free the allocated memory using CLFree.

Listing 4.14: GetFontPath example

```
const char *path = GetPenPath(HC);
printf("Penpath: %s", path);
CLFree(path);
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** the path where TTF- and FDT-fonts can be found

**see** 4.5.5.3 SetFontPath, 4.5.5.2 GetPenPath, 4.5.1.5 CLFree, 5.1.2 Loading a job

#### 4.5.5.5. GetAllAvailableFontnames

```
fct ARG_FONTINFO* GetAllAvailableFontnames(HController HC);
```

Returns a list with all font names which are available for the controller. This includes the fonts on the controller and all TTF- and FDT-fonts that were found in the FontPath.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** an ARG\_FONTINFO-structure with all information about font

**see** 4.5.5.6 DestroyFontInfo, 4.5.5.3 SetFontPath

#### 4.5.5.6. DestroyFontInfo

```
fct void DestroyFontInfo(ARG_FONTINFO *info);
```

Frees the list returned by GetAllAvailableFontnames.

**par** **info** is the structure returned by GetAllAvailableFontnames

**see** 4.5.5.5 GetAllAvailableFontnames

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**4.5.6.1. LoadJob**

**fct** `int LoadJob(HController HC, const char *filename, int clearfirst, int select);`



Loads a job file to the controller. It is possible to load jobs that were saved by SaveJob or SaveJobXML.

**TIP**

**Pens** Please note, that extensions of pen files have to be lowercase (.pen). See Loading a job for details on where the pens and fonts are searched.

**Fonts** Only TTF- and FDT-fonts are supported by the library. Please note, that the extension of the font files have to be lowercase (.ttf or .fdt). See Loading a job for details on where the pens and fonts are searched.

**Bitmaps** Upload and streaming of a big set of bitmap formats is supported. The file name of a bitmap is the path as seen from the client application. Note that the bitmap is not searched in the job directory.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**filename** is the file name of the job. The path must be accessible from the client application

**clearfirst** 1: clears any other job from the controller before uploading this job; 0: leaves the jobs on the controller

**select** 1: selects this job for execution after it has been loaded; 0 does not select this job for execution

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_NOSPACE** if there is not enough memory for the job

**see** 5.1.2 Loading a job, 5.5.5 Loading a job (Example), 4.5.6.3 SaveJob, 4.5.6.4 SaveJobXML, 4.5.9.4 GetJobNames, 4.5.9.5 JobClearAll, 4.5.7.17 SelectNode, 4.5.4.2 JobStart, 4.5.5.1 SetPenPath, 4.5.5.3 SetFontPath

**4.5.6.2. LoadJobExt**

**ftc** `int LoadJobExt(HController HC, const char *filename, int clearfirst, int select, char *retname, int retnameLen);`



Loads a job file to the controller. It is possible to load jobs that were saved by SaveJob or SaveJobXML.

**TIP**

**Pens** Please note, that extensions of pen files have to be lowercase (*.pen*). See Loading a job for details on where the pens and fonts are searched.

**Fonts** Only TTF- and FDT-fonts are supported by the library. Please note, that the extension of the font files have to be lowercase (*.ttf* or *.fdt*). See Loading a job for details on where the pens and fonts are searched.

**Bitmaps** Upload and streaming of a big set of bitmap formats is supported. The file name of a bitmap is the path as seen from the client application. Note that the bitmap is not searched in the job directory.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**filename** is the file name of the job. The path must be accessible from the client application

**clearfirst** **1**: clears any other job from the controller before uploading this job;  
**0**: leaves the jobs on the controller

**select** **1**: selects this job for execution after it has been loaded; **0** does not select this job for execution

**retname** is the file name of the job that is returned by the firmware. The path must be accessible from the client application

**retnameLen** is the buffer length for the job name. The length is usually 32 bytes

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_NOSPACE** if there is not enough memory for the job

**see** 5.1.2 Loading a job, 5.5.5 Loading a job (Example), 4.5.6.3 SaveJob, 4.5.6.4 SaveJobXML, 4.5.9.4 GetJobNames, 4.5.9.5 JobClearAll, 4.5.7.17 SelectNode, 4.5.4.2 JobStart, 4.5.5.1 SetPenPath, 4.5.5.3 SetFontPath

**4.5.6.3. SaveJob**

```
fct   int SaveJob(HController HC, const char *jobname, const char
        *filename);
```

Saves a job to the file system.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**jobname** is the name of the job, e.g. `usr.job.MyJob` or simply `MyJob`

**filename** is the file name of the job. The path must be accessible from the client application

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**see** 4.5.6.1 LoadJob, 4.5.6.4 SaveJobXML, 4.5.6.5 SaveTree

**4.5.6.4. SaveJobXML**

```
fct   int SaveJobXML(HController HC, const char *jobname, const
        char *filename, int includeDependencies, int resetModified);
```

Saves a job in the XML format on the controller.

**TIP**

Not every firmware supports this call. If the firmware supports this feature then the feature list (`GetFeatureList`) contains the feature `JobXMLFileFormat`.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**jobname** is the name of the job, e.g. `usr.job.MyJob` or simply `MyJob`

**filename** is the file name of the job. The path must be accessible from the client application

**includeDependencies** 1: if the job file shall include dependencies like pens and macros; 0: otherwise

**resetModified** 1: if the job shall be set as *not modified* on the controller. This should be the default; 0: otherwise

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**E\_UNIMP** if the firmware does not implement this feature

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**see** 4.5.6.1 LoadJob, 4.5.6.5 SaveTree 4.5.2.3 GetFeatureList

#### 4.5.6.5. SaveTree

```
ft int SaveTree(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, const char * filename);
```

Saves a subtree to the file system.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject from where to save the file

**filename** is the file name of the job. The path must be accessible from the client application

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**see** 4.5.6.10 LoadTree, 4.5.6.7 SaveTreeAsString, 4.5.6.8 SaveTreeAsXMLString, 4.5.6.3 SaveJob

**4.5.6.6. SaveTreeXML**

```
fct int SaveTreeXML(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, const char
                *filename);
```

Saves a subtree to the file system.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject from where to save the file

**filename** is the file name of the job. The path must be accessible from the client application

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**see** 4.5.6.10 LoadTree, 4.5.6.7 SaveTreeAsString, 4.5.6.8 SaveTreeAsXMLString, 4.5.6.3 SaveJob

**4.5.6.7. SaveTreeAsString**

```
fct char* SaveTreeAsString(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);
```

Gets a string representation of a subtree.

Listing 4.15: SaveTreeAsString example

```
HNodeObject HNOSrc = GetNode(HC, "usr.job.Job.Transform1
");
if ( HNOSrc != ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) {
    char *tmp = SaveTreeAsString(HC, HNOSrc);
    HNodeObject HNODst = GetNode(HC, "usr.job.Job");
    if ( HNOSrc != ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) {
        char buffer[255];
        if ( LoadTreeFromString(HC, HNODst, buffer, 255) ==
            E_OK ) {
```



```

        printf("The node created is: %s\n", buffer);
    }
}
FreeSaveTreeString(tmp);
}

```


**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject from where the string shall be retrieved

**ret** a string representation of the subtree. The caller of this function is responsible for freeing the memory of that string. NULL, if an error occurred or the NodeObject does not exist

**see** 4.5.6.9 FreeSaveTreeString, 4.5.6.11 LoadTreeFromString, 4.5.6.8 SaveTreeAsXMLString, 4.5.6.5 SaveTree, 4.5.6.3 SaveJob

#### 4.5.6.8. SaveTreeAsXMLString

**fct** `char* SaveTreeAsXMLString(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);` 

Gets the string representation of a subtree.

Listing 4.16: SaveTreeAsXMLString example

```

HNodeObject HNOSrc = GetNode(HC, "usr.job.Job.Transform1");
if ( HNOSrc != ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) {
    char *tmp = SaveTreeAsXMLString(HC, HNOSrc);
    HNodeObject HNODst = GetNode(HC, "usr.job.Job");
    if ( HNOSrc != ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) {
        char buffer[255];
        if ( LoadTreeFromString(HC, HNODst, buffer, 255) ==
            E_OK ) {
            printf("The node created is: %s\n", buffer);
        }
    }
    FreeSaveTreeString(tmp);
}

```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject from where the string shall be retrieved

**ret** a string representation of the subtree. The caller of this function is responsible for freeing the memory of that string. NULL, if an error occurred or the NodeObject does not exist

**see** 4.5.6.9 FreeSaveTreeString, 4.5.6.7 SaveTreeAsString, 4.5.6.11 LoadTreeFromString, 4.5.6.5 SaveTree, 4.5.6.3 SaveJob

#### 4.5.6.9. FreeSaveTreeString

**fct** `void FreeSaveTreeString(char *string);`

Frees the string that was retrieved by a call to SaveTreeAsString or SaveTreeAsXMLString.

#### TIP

This function only has to be used on Windows®. On Linux® and macOS® the application code can free memory, which was allocated to a shared library.

Listing 4.17: FreeSaveTreeString example

```

HNodeObject HNOSrc = GetNode(HC, "usr.job.Job.Transform1
");
if ( HNOSrc != ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) {
    char *tmp = SaveTreeAsXMLString(HC, HNOSrc);
    HNodeObject HNODst = GetNode(HC, "usr.job.Job");
    if ( HNOSrc != ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) {
        char buffer[255];
        if ( LoadTreeFromString(HC, HNODst, buffer, 255) ==
            E_OK ) {
            printf("The node created is: %s\n", buffer);
        }
    }
    FreeSaveTreeString(tmp);
}

```

**par** **string** is the string obtained by SaveTreeAsString or SaveTreeAsXMLString

**see** 4.5.6.7 SaveTreeAsString, 4.5.6.8 SaveTreeAsXMLString

#### 4.5.6.10. LoadTree

```
fct int LoadTree(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, const char *
filename);
```

Loads a file, that contains variable information, to the controller. Such files usually are \*.tre files.

It is possible to load files that were saved by SaveTree or SaveTreeXML.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**filename** full path to the \*.tre file

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NFILE** if the file was not found or could not be read

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.6.7 SaveTreeAsString, 4.5.6.8 SaveTreeAsXMLString

#### 4.5.6.11. LoadTreeFromString

```
fct int LoadTreeFromString(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,
const char *str, char *retname, int retnamelen);
```

Loads the string representation of a subtree to the controller.  
See SaveTreeAsString and SaveTreeAsXMLString for an example.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to a NodeObject

**str** is the string containing the subtree

**retname** is the buffer for the name of the node that was created by the firmware

**retnameLen** is the size of the buffer. If the buffer is too small then no name will be returned.

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NFILE** if the file was not found or could not be read

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.6.7 SaveTreeAsString, 4.5.6.8 SaveTreeAsXMLString

#### 4.5.6.12. LoadTreeFromStringExt

```
fct int LoadTreeFromStringExt(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,
const char *str, int index, char *retname, int retnameLen);
```



Loads the string representation of a subtree to the controller.

See SaveTreeAsString and SaveTreeAsXMLString for an example.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**str** is the string containing the subtree

**index** is the index where to put the subtree

**retname** is the buffer for the name of the node that was created by the firmware

**retnameLen** is the size of the buffer. If the buffer is too small then no name will be returned

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NFILE** if the file was not found or could not be read

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.6.7 SaveTreeAsString, 4.5.6.8 SaveTreeAsXMLString

#### 4.5.6.13. SavePen

```
fct int SavePen(HController HC, const char *penname, const char *filename);
```

Saves a pen to the file system.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**jobname** is the name of the pen, e.g. `usr.pens.MyPen` or simply `MyPen`

**filename** is the file name of the pen. The path must be accessible from the client application

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**see** 4.5.6.14 LoadPen, 4.5.6.5 SaveTree

#### 4.5.6.14. LoadPen

```
fct int LoadPen(HController HC, const char *penname, const char *filename);
```

Loads the pen with a given file name to the controller. If the pen name already exists there then the pen on the controller is completely replaced with the new one.

If a pen is uploaded, while a job is running, then `E_BUSY` is returned. If a job is selected then the PLC state `JOB_READY` goes away while loading the pen.

**TIP**

- *default* and *bitmap* are reserved for internal use. If these names are used as penname the result on the controller is undefined. For piloting a pen named *pilot* has to loaded to the controller
- The upload of a pen is only allowed when no job is running
- The penpath, set with `SetPenPath`, is not used for this function

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**penname** is the name for the pen on the controller

**filename** is the file name of the pen. The path has to be accessible from the client application

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure


**E\_BUSY** if a job is running on the controller while the pen is being uploaded

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_NOSPACE** if there is not enough memory for the pen

**see** 4.5.6.1 LoadJob, 4.5.6.14 LoadPen, 4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged

**4.5.6.15. LoadFont**

**fct** `int LoadFont(HController HC, const char *filename);` 

Loads a TTF- or FDT-font to the controller.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**filename** is the file name of the TTF- or FDT-font. The path has to be accessible from the client application

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_NOEXIST** if the file does not exist

**see** 4.5.6.1 LoadJob, 4.5.6.14 LoadPen, 4.5.5.1 SetPenPath,  
4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged

#### 4.5.6.16. LoadDataXMLFromFile

```
fct int LoadDataXMLFromFile(HController HC, const char *
filename);
```

Loads XML-data to the controller. Only available if the firmware supports the feature *XMLDataLoad*.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**filename** is the file name which holds the XML-data

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_NFILE** if the file does not exist

**E\_UNIMP** if the firmware does not support this feature

**see** 4.5.6.17 LoadDataXML

#### 4.5.6.17. LoadDataXML

```
fct int LoadDataXML(HController HC, const char *xmldata);
```

Loads XML-data to the controller. Only available if the firmware supports the feature *XMLDataLoad*.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**xmldata** is the the XML-data

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_UNIMP** if the firmware does not support this feature

**see** 4.5.6.16 LoadDataXMLFromFile



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#### 4.5.7.1. GetNode

**fct** `HNodeObject GetNode(HController HC, const char* name);`

Gets a node for the given variable name, e.g. `usr.job.Job`). If the variable cache was enabled with `EnableVariableCache` the handle to the variable is returned. If the variable cache was not enabled this function only creates a virtual *NodeObject*. It is not filled with any data until a call to `ReadNode` is executed. If the ID (`GetNodeID`) of the node is -1 the node does not exist on the controller.

If the variable cache was enabled the root-node can be get with

```
HNodeObject HRootNode = GetNode(HC, "");
```

**par** `HC` is the handle to the controller

`name` is the name of the controller variable

**ret** Handle to a *NodeObject*

**ARG\_INVALID\_HANDLE\_VALUE** on error

**see** 4.5.7.2 `GetNodeFromCache`, 4.5.7.6 `ReadNode`, 4.5.7.7 `WriteNode`,  
4.5.2.9 `EnableVariableCache`, 4.5.7.40 `GetNodeID`, 4.5.7.3 `GetNodeInfo`

**4.5.7.2. GetNodeFromCache**

```
fct HNodeObject GetNodeFromCache(HController HC, const char *
name);
```

If the variable cache was enabled with EnableVariableCache this method returns a handle to this node otherwise it returns ARG\_INVALID\_HANDLE\_VALUE. The difference to GetNode is, that GetNode returns a valid handle even if the node does not exist on the controller because if the variable cache was not enabled a call to ReadNode is necessary to find out, if the node exists.

Listing 4.18: GetNodeFromCache example

```
HNodeObject HNO = GetNodeFromCache(HC, "usr.var.x");
if ( HNO != ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) {
    // Node usr.var.x exists.
}
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**name** is the name of the controller variable

**ret** Handle to a NodeObject

**ARG\_INVALID\_HANDLE\_VALUE** if the node does not exist

**see** 4.5.7.1 GetNode, 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache, 4.5.7.6 ReadNode

**4.5.7.3. GetNodeInfo**

```
fct ARG_NODEINFO* GetNodeInfo(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);
```

Gets information about a NodeObject. See ARG\_NODEINFO for a detailed description of the ARG\_NODEINFO-structure.

Listing 4.19: GetNodeInfo example

```
HNodeObject HNO = GetNode(HC, "stat.time.TimeStr");
if ( HNO != ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) {
    ARG_NODEINFO *info = GetNodeInfo(HC, HNO);
}
```

```

if ( info != NULL ) {
    printf("Nodename:  %s\n", info->fullname);
    printf("Value:      %s\n", info->value);
    printf("Unit:       %s\n", info->unit);
    DestroyNodeInfo(info);
}
}

```

**TIP**

The decimal separator is a dot by default. To change this to your current locale call `DisableFloatingPointToStringDot`.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

HC is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** the pointer to a filled ARG\_NODEINFO-structure or NULL)

**see** 4.1.2.1 ARG\_NODEINFO, 4.5.1.6 DisableFloatingPointToStringDot, 4.5.7.4 GetNodeInfoExt, 4.5.7.5 DestroyNodeInfo, 4.5.7.1 GetNode

**4.5.7.4. GetNodeInfoExt**

**ft** ARG\_NODEINFO\* GetNodeInfoExt(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, unsigned int flags);

Gets information about a NodeObject. See ARG\_NODEINFO for a detailed description of the ARG\_NODEINFO-structure.

This function performs better than GetNodeInfo in cases when only some information of the node are needed. Only the "expensive" string-copies can be influenced with this function. The following flags can be passed to this function.

**NODEINFO\_FULLNAME** If this flag is set, the full name will be set in the ARG\_NODEINFO-structure.

**NODEINFO\_NAME** If this flag is set, the name will be set in the ARG\_NODEINFO-structure.

**NODEINFO\_PATH** If this flag is set, the path will be set in the ARG\_NODEINFO-structure.

**NODEINFO\_VALUE** If this flag is set, the value will be set in the ARG\_NODEINFO-structure.

**NODEINFO\_PRIV** If this flag is set, the priv will be set in the ARG\_NODEINFO-structure.

**NODEINFO\_UNIT** If this flag is set, the unit will be set in the ARG\_NODEINFO-structure.

**NODEINFO\_TPESTRING** If this flag is set, the tpestring will be set in the ARG\_NODEINFO-structure.

**NODEINFO\_ALL** If this flag is set, all fields will be set.

Listing 4.20: GetNodeInfoExt example

```

HNodeObject HNO = GetNode(HC, "stat.time.TimeStr");
if ( HNO != ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) {
    ARG_NODEINFO *info = GetNodeInfoExt(HC, HNO,
        NODEINFO_FULLNAME | NODEINFO_VALUE);
    if ( info != NULL ) {
        printf("Nodename:  %s\n", info->fullname);
        printf("Value:      %s\n", info->value);
        DestroyNodeInfo(info);
    }
}

```

#### TIP

The decimal separator is a period (dot) by default. To change this to your current locale call `DisableFloatingPointToStringDot`.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** the pointer to a filled ARG\_NODEINFO-structure or NULL

**see** 4.1.2.1 ARG\_NODEINFO, 4.5.1.6 DisableFloatingPointToStringDot, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo, 4.5.7.5 DestroyNodeInfo, 4.5.7.1 GetNode

#### 4.5.7.5. DestroyNodeInfo


**fct** `void DestroyNodeInfo(ARG_NODEINFO *info);`

Destroys a NodeInfo which was allocated with GetNodeInfo.

**par** **info** is the NodeInfo which was allocated with GetNodeInfo

**see** 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo, 4.5.7.4 GetNodeInfoExt

#### 4.5.7.6. ReadNode

**fct** `int ReadNode(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);` 

Reads the current value of a controller variable. To get notified when a variable changes on the controller use RegisterOnValueChanged.

#### TIP

Calls to this function are only needed when the variable cache was not enabled with EnableVariableCache.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success


**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.1 GetNode, 4.5.7.7 WriteNode, 4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged, 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo, 4.5.7.4 GetNodeInfoExt



#### 4.5.7.7. WriteNode

```
fct int WriteNode(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO); 
```

Writes the current value of a NodeObject to an associated controller variable. If changing the node forces other nodes to change then WriteNodeSync should be used.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject


**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.1 GetNode, 4.5.7.6 ReadNode, 4.5.7.8 WriteNodeSync

#### 4.5.7.8. WriteNodeSync

```
fct int WriteNodeSync(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO); 
```

Writes the current value of a NodeObject to an associated controller variable. This function waits until the firmware has sent all updates. This is useful if setting a variable changes other variables.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.1 GetNode, 4.5.7.6 ReadNode

#### 4.5.7.9. WriteNodeAndStoreLocal

```
fct int WriteNodeAndStoreLocal(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);
```



Writes the current value of a NodeObject to an associated controller variable. If changing the node forces other nodes to change then WriteNodeSync should be used.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.1 GetNode, 4.5.7.6 ReadNode, 4.5.7.8 WriteNodeSync

#### 4.5.7.10. GetNodeFlags

```
fct int GetNodeFlags(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, unsigned  
int *flags);
```

Reads the flags of the given NodeObject. The flags are normally used for debugging issues only.

##### **TIP**

With GetNodeInfo it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**flags** holds the flags after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.1 GetNode, 4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged, 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo, 4.5.7.4 GetNodeInfoExt, 4.5.7.7 WriteNode, 4.5.7.11 SetNodeFlags, 4.5.12.17 RegisterOnFlagsChanged, 4.5.7.48 CreateAllowed, 4.5.7.47 DeleteAllowed, 4.5.7.50 ExtendRangeAllowed, 4.5.7.49 FlagsModifyAllowed, 4.5.7.45 ModifyAllowed, 4.5.7.46 RenameAllowed, 4.5.7.53 IsConsumable, 4.5.7.56 IsControlledByDevice, 4.5.7.65 IsForcePen, 4.5.7.61 IsMirrored, 4.5.7.60 IsModified, 4.5.7.58 IsOwnedByDevice, 4.5.7.55 IsPenable, 4.5.7.59 IsProtected, 4.5.7.63 IsQuicksaveable, 4.5.7.67 IsUserdefined, 4.5.7.68 IsWriteable, 4.5.7.54 SetConsumable, 4.5.7.57 SetControlledByDevice, 4.5.7.66 SetForcePen, 4.5.7.62 SetMirrored, 4.5.7.64 SetQuicksaveable

#### 4.5.7.11. SetNodeFlags

```
fcn int SetNodeFlags(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, unsigned
int setflags, unsigned int unsetflags);
```

Sets and unsets specific flags for the node. Please note, this function returns immediately. If flags are actually changed then the FlagsChangeCallbackFunction is called.

#### TIP

Please use this function with special care. Normally there is no need for this function.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**setflags** holds the flags that should be set to 1

**unsetflags** holds the flags that should be set to 0

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.5 FlagsChangeCallbackFunction 4.2.1.4 FlagsChangeCallbackFunctionExt  
 4.5.7.10 GetNodeFlags, 4.5.7.48 CreateAllowed, 4.5.7.47 DeleteAllowed,  
 4.5.7.50 ExtendRangeAllowed, 4.5.7.49 FlagsModifyAllowed,  
 4.5.7.45 ModifyAllowed, 4.5.7.46 RenameAllowed, 4.5.7.53 IsConsumable,  
 4.5.7.56 IsControlledByDevice, 4.5.7.65 IsForcePen, 4.5.7.61 IsMirrored,  
 4.5.7.60 IsModified, 4.5.7.58 IsOwnedByDevice, 4.5.7.55 IsPenable,  
 4.5.7.59 IsProtected, 4.5.7.63 IsQuicksaveable, 4.5.7.67 IsUserdefined,  
 4.5.7.68 IsWriteable, 4.5.7.54 SetConsumable, 4.5.7.57 SetControlledByDevice,  
 4.5.7.66 SetForcePen, 4.5.7.62 SetMirrored, 4.5.7.64 SetQuicksaveable

#### 4.5.7.12. SetNodeMinMax

**ft** `int SetNodeMinMax(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, float vmin, float vmax);`

Sets the minimum and maximum value of a user created variable. If the variable should have no minimum and maximum value then vmax has to be smaller than vmin.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**vmin** is the new minimum value of the variable

**vmax** is the new maximum value of the variable

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_UNIMPL** if the firmware does not support setting

**E\_NALLOWED** if setting the min/max value of the NodeObject is not allowed

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.48 CreateAllowed, 4.5.7.47 DeleteAllowed, 4.5.7.50 ExtendRangeAllowed,  
 4.5.7.49 FlagsModifyAllowed, 4.5.7.45 ModifyAllowed, 4.5.7.46 RenameAllowed,  
 4.5.7.53 IsConsumable, 4.5.7.56 IsControlledByDevice, 4.5.7.65 IsForcePen,  
 4.5.7.61 IsMirrored, 4.5.7.60 IsModified, 4.5.7.58 IsOwnedByDevice,  
 4.5.7.55 IsPenable, 4.5.7.59 IsProtected, 4.5.7.63 IsQuicksaveable,

4.5.7.67 IsUserdefined, 4.5.7.68 IsWriteable, 4.5.7.54 SetConsumable,  
 4.5.7.57 SetControlledByDevice, 4.5.7.66 SetForcePen, 4.5.7.62 SetMirrored,  
 4.5.7.64 SetQuicksaveable

#### 4.5.7.13. SetNodeUnit

```
fct   int SetNodeUnit(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, const char
        *unit);
```

Sets the unit of a user created variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**unit** is the new unit of the variable

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_UNIMPL** if the firmware does not support setting

**E\_NALLOWED** if setting the unit of the NodeObject is not allowed

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.48 CreateAllowed, 4.5.7.47 DeleteAllowed, 4.5.7.50 ExtendRangeAllowed,  
 4.5.7.49 FlagsModifyAllowed, 4.5.7.45 ModifyAllowed, 4.5.7.46 RenameAllowed,  
 4.5.7.53 IsConsumable, 4.5.7.56 IsControlledByDevice, 4.5.7.65 IsForcePen,  
 4.5.7.61 IsMirrored, 4.5.7.60 IsModified, 4.5.7.58 IsOwnedByDevice,  
 4.5.7.55 IsPenable, 4.5.7.59 IsProtected, 4.5.7.63 IsQuicksaveable,  
 4.5.7.67 IsUserdefined, 4.5.7.68 IsWriteable, 4.5.7.54 SetConsumable,  
 4.5.7.57 SetControlledByDevice, 4.5.7.66 SetForcePen, 4.5.7.62 SetMirrored,  
 4.5.7.64 SetQuicksaveable

**4.5.7.14. GetNodeState**

**fct** `int GetNodeState(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);`

Gets the current state of the state machine in the NodeObject. For supported states see NodeObject states.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is handle to the NodeObject

**ret** the state of the NodeObject

**see** 4.3.1 NodeObject states, 4.2.1.19 NodeStateChangeCallbackFunction

**4.5.7.15. GetParentNode**

**fct** `HNodeObject GetParentNode(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);`

Gets the parent of a node if this parent is also loaded by the ControllerLib.

**TIP**

Only works correctly if the VariableCache was enabled with EnableVariableCache.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** the handle to the parent node

**ARG\_INVALID\_HANDLE\_VALUE** if not loaded by the library

**see** 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache, 4.5.8.6 GetSubnodes, 4.5.7.1 GetNode

#### 4.5.7.16. GetSubnodesCount

**fct** `int GetSubnodesCount(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);`

Gets the number of children of a node.

**TIP**

Only works correctly when the VariableCache was enabled with EnableVariableCache.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** the number of subnodes of a NodeObject

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache, 4.5.8.6 GetSubnodes, 4.5.7.1 GetNode

#### 4.5.7.17. SelectNode

**fct** `int SelectNode(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);`

Selects a node for job execution on the controller.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.18 SelectNodeByName, 4.5.7.19 DeselectNode, 4.5.6.1 LoadJob, 4.5.4.2 JobStart, 4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged

**4.5.7.18. SelectNodeByName**

```
fct int SelectNodeByName(HController HC, const char *varname);
```

Selects a node for job execution on the controller by path name.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the complete path to the node to be selected

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.17 SelectNode, 4.5.7.20 DeselectNodeByName, 4.5.6.1 LoadJob, 4.5.4.2 JobStart, 4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged

**4.5.7.19. DeselectNode**

```
fct int DeselectNode(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);
```

Deselects the given NodeObject on the controller.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.20 DeselectNodeByName, 4.5.7.17 SelectNode, 4.5.6.1 LoadJob, 4.5.4.2 JobStart, 4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged



**4.5.7.20. DeselectNodeByName**

```
fct   int DeselectNodeByName(HController HC, const char *varname);
```



Deselects a node on the controller by its full qualified name.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the fully qualified name of the node to be deselected

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.19 DeselectNode, 4.5.7.17 SelectNode, 4.5.6.1 LoadJob, 4.5.4.2 JobStart,  
4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged

**4.5.7.21. TeachInSetCurrent**

```
fct   int TeachInSetCurrent(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);
```



Sets the node to be marked in teach-in mode to the given NodeObject. To find out which node is the current TeachInNode, the VAR:STRING variable `dev.sas.TeachIn.CurrentTeachInNode` holds the name.

**TIP**

For teach-in to work properly, a job on the controller must be selected. The PLC states *JOB\_READY* and *DEVICES\_READY* have to be present and a pen named *pilot* has to be on the controller.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.22 TeachInSetCurrentByName, 4.5.4.3 JobPilot

#### 4.5.7.22. TeachInSetCurrentByName

**fct** `int TeachInSetCurrentByName(HController HC, const char * varname);`

Sets the node to be marked in teach-in mode to the given NodeObject by path name. To find out which node is the current TeachInNode the VAR:STRING variable `dev.sas.TeachIn.CurrentTeachInNode` can be read.

#### TIP

For teach-in to work properly, a job on the controller must be selected. The PLC states *JOB\_READY* and *DEVICES\_READY* have to be present and a pen name *pilot* has to be on the controller.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the complete name of the variable to be marked in teach-in mode

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.21 TeachInSetCurrent, 4.5.4.3 JobPilot

#### 4.5.7.23. DeleteNode

**fct** `int DeleteNode(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);`

Deletes the *connection* to a variable on the controller. This call *does not delete* the variable from the controller and is only necessary if the variable cache was not enabled with `EnableVariableCache`.

**TIP**

To delete a variable on the controller use `DeleteNodeOnController` or `DeleteNodeOnControllerByName`.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NALLOWED** if the variable cache was enabled

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.1 `GetNode`, 4.5.2.9 `EnableVariableCache`, 4.5.7.24 `DeleteNodeOnController`, 4.5.7.25 `DeleteNodeOnControllerByName`, 4.5.7.26 `DeleteSingleNodeOnController`, 4.5.7.27 `DeleteSingleNodeOnControllerByName`

**4.5.7.24. DeleteNodeOnController**

**ftc** `int DeleteNodeOnController(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);`

Deletes a node including its subnodes from the controller. The node has to be identified by its handle. If the call was successful then `E_OK` is returned. If the node did not exist on the controller, the call returns also with `E_OK`, because the call itself was successful, but a `SysMessage` will be thrown by the controller.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.25 DeleteNodeOnControllerByName,  
 4.5.7.27 DeleteSingleNodeOnControllerByName,  
 4.5.7.26 DeleteSingleNodeOnController, 4.5.7.30 CreateNodeOnController,  
 4.5.7.47 DeleteAllowed

#### 4.5.7.25. DeleteNodeOnControllerByName

**ft** `int DeleteNodeOnControllerByName(HController HC, const char *nodename);`

Deletes a node from the controller. The node has to be identified by its name. If the call was successful then `E_OK` is returned. If the node did not exist on the controller then the call returns also with `E_OK`, because the call itself was successful, but a `SysMessage` will be thrown by the controller.

#### TIP

The node including all subnodes is deleted on the controller.

**par** `HC` is the handle to the controller

`nodename` is the full name of the variable; e.g. `usr.var.myvar`

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.7.24 DeleteNodeOnController,  
 4.5.7.27 DeleteSingleNodeOnControllerByName,  
 4.5.7.26 DeleteSingleNodeOnController, 4.5.7.30 CreateNodeOnController,  
 4.5.7.47 DeleteAllowed

#### 4.5.7.26. DeleteSingleNodeOnController

```
fct int DeleteSingleNodeOnController(HController HC,  
HNodeObject HNO);
```

### NOTICE

This function is deprecated.

- Use DeleteNodeOnController or DeleteNodeOnControllerByName instead.

The description of this function has intentionally been omitted.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

HNO is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** E\_NOEXIST

**see** 4.5.7.27 DeleteSingleNodeOnControllerByName,  
4.5.7.25 DeleteNodeOnControllerByName, 4.5.7.24 DeleteNodeOnController,  
4.5.7.30 CreateNodeOnController, 4.5.7.47 DeleteAllowed

#### 4.5.7.27. DeleteSingleNodeOnControllerByName

```
fct int DeleteSingleNodeOnControllerByName(HController HC,  
const char *nodename);
```

### NOTICE

This function is deprecated.

- Use DeleteNodeOnController or DeleteNodeOnControllerByName instead.

The description of this function has intentionally been omitted.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**nodename** is the full name of the variable; e.g. `usr.var.myvar`

**ret** **E\_NOEXIST**

**see** 4.5.7.26 DeleteSingleNodeOnController,  
4.5.7.25 DeleteNodeOnControllerByName, 4.5.7.24 DeleteNodeOnController,  
4.5.7.30 CreateNodeOnController, 4.5.7.47 DeleteAllowed

#### 4.5.7.28. RenameNode

```
ft int RenameNode(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, const char
*newname);
```

Renames a node on the controller. This function returns immediately. When the name changed on the controller then this can be followed with a NameChange-CallbackFunction.

#### TIP

- This only changes the last name of the variable.
- To move a node to another subtree use MoveSubtree.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**newname** the new last name of the node

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NALLOWED** if renaming is not allowed

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.53 RegisterOnNameChanged, 4.5.7.29 MoveSubtree

**4.5.7.29. MoveSubtree**

**fct** `int MoveSubtree(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,  
HNodeObject target, int index);`



Moves a subtree to the target NodeObject with the given index. This function returns immediately. When the node is moved on the controller this can be followed with a NodeMovedCallbackFunction.

**TIP**

- Even when this function returns with E\_OK it is possible that moving the node fails.
- To rename a node only use RenameNode.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject to be moved

**target** is the handle to the target NodeObject

**index** is the new index of the node

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_NALLOWED** if moving is not allowed

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.20 RegisterOnNodeMoved, 4.5.7.28 RenameNode

**4.5.7.30. CreateNodeOnController**

```
fct int CreateNodeOnController(HController HC, const char *
nodename, VAR_TYPE vartype, int index);
```

Creates a node on the controller. When this function returns the node on the controller is already created.

**TIP**

It may not be allowed to create a node on most of the subtrees. Normally it is only advisable to do this in `usr.var`.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**nodename** is the full name of a variable, e.g. `usr.var.myvar`

**nodetype** is the type of the new variable; see `GetNodeType` for a list of node types

**index** is the index in the tree. Only in special cases, like job trees, this is other than 0

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.34 `CreateJobNodeOnController`, 4.5.7.48 `CreateAllowed`,  
4.5.7.25 `DeleteNodeOnControllerByName`, 4.5.7.37 `GetNodeType`,  
4.5.7.32 `CreateNodeOnControllerAsync`

**4.5.7.31. CreateNodeOnControllerExt**

```
fct int CreateNodeOnControllerExt(HController HC, const char *
nodename, VAR_TYPE vartype, int index, char *retname, int
retnamelen);
```



Creates a node on the controller. When this function returns the node on the controller is already created and `retname` is filled with the name that the controller returned.

**TIP**

It may not be allowed to create a node on most of the subtrees. Normally it is only advisable to do this in `usr.var`.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**nodename** is the full name of the variable, e.g. `usr.var.myvar`

**vartype** is the type of the new variable; see `GetNodeType` for a list of node types

**index** is the index in the tree. Only in special cases, like job trees, this is other than 0

**retname** is the place where the `ControllerLib` can store the name that the firmware returned

**retnameLen** is the length of the buffer for `retname`. This must be at least 32 characters. If it is smaller then `E_NOSPACE` is returned.

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOSPACE** if the buffer for `retname` is too small

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.34 `CreateJobNodeOnController`, 4.5.7.48 `CreateAllowed`, 4.5.7.25 `DeleteNodeOnControllerByName`, 4.5.7.37 `GetNodeType`, 4.5.7.32 `CreateNodeOnControllerAsync`

**4.5.7.32. CreateNodeOnControllerAsync**

```
fct      int CreateNodeOnControllerAsync(HController HC, const char
        *nodename, VAR_TYPE vartype, int index);
```



Creates a node on the controller. This call returns immediately and does not wait for notification from the controller. When the node on the controller is actually created this can be caught in a `NodeCreatedCallbackFunction` or in a `NodeCreatedCallbackFunctionExt`. If a lot of nodes have to be created this function should be used because it is faster than `CreateNodeOnController`.

**TIP**

It may not be allowed to create a node on most of the subtrees. Normally it is only advisable to do this in `usr.var`.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**nodename** is the full name of a variable, e.g. `usr.var.myvar`

**vartype** is the type of the new variable; see `GetNodeType` for a list of node types

**index** is the index in the tree. Only in special cases, like job trees, this is other than 0

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.34 `CreateJobNodeOnController`, 4.5.7.48 `CreateAllowed`,  
4.5.7.25 `DeleteNodeOnControllerByName`, 4.5.7.37 `GetNodeType`,  
4.5.7.30 `CreateNodeOnController`, 4.2.1.9 `NodeCreatedCallbackFunction`,  
4.2.1.8 `NodeCreatedCallbackFunctionExt`

**4.5.7.33. CreateJobNodeOnControllerExt**

```
fct int CreateJobNodeOnControllerExt(HController HC, const char
    *nodename, const char *jobnodetype, int index, char *
    retname, int retnamelen);
```



Creates a job node on the controller. When this function returns the node on the controller is already created and `retname` is filled with the name that the controller returned.

**TIP**

It may not be allowed to create a node on most of the subtrees. Normally it is only advisable to do this in `usr.var`.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**nodename** is the full name of the variable, e.g. `usr.job.Job.Shape`

**jobnodetype** e.g. `SHAPE`, `JOB:SHAPE`; the leading `JOB:` is optional

**index** is the index in the tree. Only in special cases, like job trees, this is other than 0

**retname** is the place where the ControllerLib can store the name the firmware returned

**retnamelen** Length of the buffer for `retname`. This must be at least 32 characters. If it is smaller then `E_NOSPACE` is returned.

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOSPACE** if the buffer for `retname` is too small

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.30 `CreateNodeOnController`, 4.5.7.48 `CreateAllowed`, 4.5.7.25 `DeleteNodeOnControllerByName`, 4.5.7.37 `GetNodeType`

**4.5.7.34. CreateJobNodeOnController**

**fct** `int CreateJobNodeOnController(HController HC, const char *nodename, const char *jobnodetype, int index);`

Creates a job node on the controller.

**TIP**

It may not be allowed to create a node on most of the subtrees. Normally it is only advisable to do this in `usr.var`.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**nodename** is the full name of a variable, e.g. `usr.job.Job.Shape`

**jobnodetype** is the job node type, e.g. `SHAPE`, `JOB:SHAPE`; the leading `JOB:` is optional

**index** is the index in the tree. Only in special cases, like job trees, this is other than 0

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_TIMEOUT** if the communication with the firmware times out

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.30 `CreateNodeOnController`, 4.5.7.48 `CreateAllowed`, 4.5.7.25 `DeleteNodeOnControllerByName`, 4.5.7.37 `GetNodeType`

**4.5.7.35. CreateJobNodeOnControllerAsync**

**fct** `int CreateJobNodeOnControllerAsync(HController HC, const char *nodename, const char *jobnodetype, int index);`

Creates a job node on the controller. This call returns immediately and does not wait for notification from the controller. When the node on the controller is actually

created this can be caught in a `NodeCreatedCallbackFunction` or in a `NodeCreatedCallbackFunctionExt`. If a lot of nodes have to be created then this function should be used because it is faster than `CreateNodeOnController`.

**TIP**

It may not be allowed to create a node on most of the subtrees. Normally it is only advisable to do this in `usr.var`.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**nodename** is the full name of the variable, e.g. `usr.job.Job.Shape`

**jobnodetype** is the job node type, e.g. `SHAPE`, `JOB:SHAPE`; the leading `JOB:` is optional

**index** is the index in the tree. Only in special cases, like job trees, this is other than  $\emptyset$

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.30 `CreateNodeOnController`, 4.5.7.48 `CreateAllowed`, 4.5.7.25 `DeleteNodeOnControllerByName`, 4.5.7.37 `GetNodeType`, 4.2.1.9 `NodeCreatedCallbackFunction`, 4.2.1.8 `NodeCreatedCallbackFunctionExt`

**4.5.7.36. GetNodeIndex**

**fact** `int GetNodeIndex(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int * index);`



Gets the index of `NodeObject`. This index shows how to order the `NodeObjects` on a given level. The sorting is ascending. The order of nodes only matters with the execution of job nodes.

**TIP**

- When the index changes this can be caught with a NodeMovedCallbackFunction.
- With GetNodeInfo it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**index** holds the index after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo, 4.5.12.20 RegisterOnNodeMoved,  
4.2.1.17 NodeMovedCallbackFunction

**4.5.7.37. GetNodeType**

**fct** `int GetNodeType(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);`

Gets the type of the HNO.

**TIP**

- You have to call ReadNode in the first place to get a valid type information.
- The type of a variable can not change.
- This call works only with variables but not with job nodes. Use GetNodeTypeString to get the type for these job nodes.
- With GetNodeInfo it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **VT\_INV** unknown type

**VT\_STR** string

**VT\_TEXT** also string

**VT\_SEL** selection

**VT\_SET** set (can have children nodes)

**VT\_BOOLEAN** boolean

**VT\_BIN** binary

**VT\_I32** 32-bit-integer

**VT\_I64** 64-bit-integer

**VT\_R32** 32-bit-real (float)

**VT\_R64** 64-bit-real (double)

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo, 4.5.7.39 GetNodeTypeString

#### 4.5.7.38. GetNodeTypeStringLength

```
fct   int GetNodeTypeStringLength(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,
    int *length);
```

Gets the length for the type string without the trailing 0-byte.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**length** holds the strlen of the node type after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.39 GetNodeTypeString, 4.5.7.37 GetNodeType, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

#### 4.5.7.39. GetNodeTypeString

**fct** `int GetNodeTypeString(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, char *buffer, int len);`

Gets the type of the HNO as string. This works on all available nodes.

#### TIP

- You have to call ReadNode in the first place to get a valid type information.
- The type of a variable can not change.
- With GetNodeInfo it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

Listing 4.21: GetNodeTypeString example

```
int buflen;
if ( GetNodeTypeStringLen(HC, HNO, &buflen) == E_OK ) {
    char *buffer = (char*)malloc(++buflen);
    if (GetNodeTypeString(HC, HNO, buffer, buflen) == E_OK
        ) {
        printf("NodeType: %s\n", buffer);
    }
    free(buffer);
}
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**buffer** buffer for the NodeType-string

**len** is the length of the buffer (in bytes)

**ret** **E\_OK** on success



**E\_NOSPACE** if the buffer is too small

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.38 GetNodeTypeStringLen, 4.5.7.37 GetNodeType, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

#### 4.5.7.40. GetNodeID

**ft** `int64 GetNodeID(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);`

Gets the 64-bit-ID of a HNO on the controller. Normally it is not necessary to know this ID in a client application. A variable has this ID over its complete lifetime.

##### TIP

With GetNodeInfo it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** ID of the node

**-1** if the ID is unknown

**see** 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

#### 4.5.7.41. GetNodeNameLen

**ft** `int GetNodeNameLen(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);`

Gets the length of the full node name of a NodeObject.

##### TIP

The length is returned without the trailing 0-byte.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** the strlen of the name

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.42 GetNodeName, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

#### 4.5.7.42. GetNodeName

**ftc** `int GetNodeName(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, char *  
buffer, int len);`

Copies the full node name to the buffer, e.g. `stat.time.TimeStr`. How to determine the size of the buffer is explained at `GetNodeNameLen`.

Listing 4.22: GetNodeName example

```
int buflen = GetNodeNameLen(HC, HNO);
if (buflen > 0) {
    char *buffer = (char*)malloc(++buflen);
    if (GetNodeName(HC, HNO, buffer, buflen) == E_OK) {
        printf("nodeName: %s\n", buffer);
    }
    free(buffer);
}
```

#### TIP

With `GetNodeInfo` it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**buffer** is the buffer for the name of the NodeObject

**len** it the length of the buffer in bytes

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOSPACE** if the buffer is too small

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.41 GetNodeNameLen, 4.5.7.44 GetNodeLastName, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

#### 4.5.7.43. GetNodeLastNameLen

**ft** `int GetNodeLastNameLen(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);`

Gets the length of the last node name of a NodeObject.

##### TIP

The length is returned without the trailing 0-byte.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** the strlen of the name

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.44 GetNodeLastName, 4.5.7.42 GetNodeName, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

#### 4.5.7.44. GetNodeLastName

**ft** `int GetNodeLastName(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, char *  
buffer, int len);`

Copies the last node name to the buffer; e.g. TimeStr. How to determine the size of the buffer is explained at GetNodeLastNameLen.

Listing 4.23: GetNodeLastName example

```
int buflen = GetNodeLastNameLen(HC, HNO);
if (buflen > 0) {
    char *buffer = (char*)malloc(++buflen);
    if (GetNodeLastName(HC, HNO, buffer, buflen) == E_OK)
    {
        printf("Last-NodeName: %s\n", buffer);
    }
}
```

```

    }
    free(buffer);
}

```

**TIP**

With GetNodeInfo it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**buffer** is the buffer for the name of the NodeObject

**len** is the length of the buffer in bytes

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOSPACE** if the buffer is too small

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.41 GetNodeNameLen, 4.5.7.44 GetNodeLastName, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

**4.5.7.45. ModifyAllowed**

```

fct int ModifyAllowed(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *
allowed);

```

Checks, whether it is allowed to modify the value of the NodeObject. This function should be called before any modification to the value of the NodeObject.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**allowed** holds 1 if allowed and 0 otherwise after returning with **E\_OK**

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**4.5.7.46. RenameAllowed**

```
fct int RenameAllowed(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *  
allowed);
```

Checks, whether it is allowed to rename the NodeObject.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**allowed** holds 1 if allowed and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**4.5.7.47. DeleteAllowed**

```
fct int DeleteAllowed(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *  
allowed);
```

Checks, whether it is allowed to delete the NodeObject.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**allowed** holds 1 if allowed and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.25 DeleteNodeOnControllerByName

**4.5.7.48. CreateAllowed**

```
ftc   int CreateAllowed(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *  
        allowed);
```

Checks, whether it is allowed to create subnodes in the NodeObject.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**allowed** holds 1 if allowed and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.30 CreateNodeOnController

**4.5.7.49. FlagsModifyAllowed**

```
ftc   int FlagsModifyAllowed(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int  
        *allowed);
```

Checks, whether it is allowed to modify the flags of the NodeObject.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**allowed** holds 1 if allowed and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**4.5.7.50. ExtendRangeAllowed**

```
fct   int ExtendRangeAllowed(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int
      *allowed);
```

Checks, whether it is allowed to extend VAR:SELECT-variables by an user entry.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**allowed** holds 1 if allowed and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**4.5.7.51. ModifyMinMaxAllowed**

```
fct   int ModifyMinMaxAllowed(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,
      int *allowed);
```

Checks, whether it is allowed to modify the minimum value and the maximum value of the NodeObject.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**allowed** holds 1 if allowed and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**4.5.7.52. ModifyUnitAllowed**

```
fct   int ModifyUnitAllowed(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int
      *allowed);
```

Checks, whether it is allowed to modify the unit of the NodeObject.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**allowed** holds 1 if allowed and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**4.5.7.53. IsConsumable**

```
fct   int IsConsumable(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *
      consumable);
```

Checks, whether the NodeObject is consumable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**consumable** holds 1 if consumable and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.54 SetConsumable, 4.5.7.67 IsUserdefined



**4.5.7.54. SetConsumable**

```
fct   int SetConsumable(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int
        consumable);
```

Sets the NodeObject as consumable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**consumable** set this to 1 if the NodeObject shall be consumable and 0 otherwise

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.53 IsConsumable, 4.5.7.49 FlagsModifyAllowed

**4.5.7.55. IsPenable**

```
fct   int IsPenable(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *penable
        );
```

Checks, whether the consumable NodeObject can be used in a pen.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**penable** holds 1 if penable and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.65 IsForcePen

**4.5.7.56. IsControlledByDevice**

```
fct   int IsControlledByDevice(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,  
                               int *controlled);
```

Checks, whether the NodeObject is controlled by a device.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**controlled** holds 1 if controlled by a device and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.7.57 SetControlledByDevice

**4.5.7.57. SetControlledByDevice**

```
fct   int SetControlledByDevice(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,  
                               int controlled);
```

Sets the NodeObject as controlled by a device.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**controlled** set this to 1 if the NodeObject shall be controlled by a device and 0 otherwise

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.7.56 IsControlledByDevice, 4.5.7.49 FlagsModifyAllowed

**4.5.7.58. IsOwnedByDevice**

```
fct int IsOwnedByDevice(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *  
owned);
```

Checks, whether the NodeObject is owned by a device.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**owned** holds 1 if owned by a device and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.7.56 IsControlledByDevice

**4.5.7.59. IsProtected**

```
fct int IsProtected(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *prot);
```

Checks, whether the NodeObject is protected. This means that the controller does not allow the variable to be changed by the user.

**TIP**

Please use ModifyAllowed to find out whether a variable can be modified or not, because it is not safe to rely on this flag only.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**prot** holds 1 if the NodeObject is protected and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** E\_OK on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.45 ModifyAllowed, 4.5.7.68 IsWriteable

#### 4.5.7.60. IsModified

```
fct int IsModified(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *
modified);
```

Checks, whether the NodeObject has been modified. If the NodeObject has the modified-flag then its value differs from the value in the NVRAM.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**modified** holds 1 if modified and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.4.7 WriteToNVRAM, 4.5.7.61 IsMirrored

#### 4.5.7.61. IsMirrored

```
fct int IsMirrored(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *
mirrored);
```

Checks, whether the NodeObject is mirrored in the NVRAM. This means that the value can be saved and is automatically restored on controller startup.

##### **TIP**

To actually save mirrored NodeObjects to the NVRAM use WriteToNVRAM. If NodeObjects shall always write their current value then see SetQuicksaveable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**mirrored** holds 1 if mirrored in NVRAM and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.7.62 SetMirrored, 4.5.7.63 IsQuicksaveable, 4.5.4.7 WriteToNVRAM

#### 4.5.7.62. SetMirrored

**fact**

```
int SetMirrored(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int mirrored);
```

Sets the NodeObject to be mirrored in the NVRAM. If a NodeObject is mirrored in the NVRAM then the current value can be saved with a call to WriteToNVRAM and the value will be automatically restored on controller startup.

#### TIP

To actually save mirrored NodeObjects to the NVRAM use WriteToNVRAM. If NodeObjects shall always write their current value without the need of WriteToNVRAM then see SetQuicksaveable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**mirrored** set this to 1 if the NodeObject shall be mirrored and 0 otherwise

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.7.61 IsMirrored, 4.5.7.63 IsQuicksaveable, 4.5.4.7 WriteToNVRAM, 4.5.7.49 FlagsModifyAllowed

**4.5.7.63. IsQuicksaveable**

```
fct   int IsQuicksaveable(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *
      quicksaveable);
```

Checks, whether the NodeObject is quicksaveable. This means, when the value of the NodeObject changes then the new value will automatically be written to the NVRAM without the need of calling WriteToNVRAM.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**quicksaveable** holds 1 if the NodeObject can be quicksaved and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.64 SetQuicksaveable, 4.5.7.61 IsMirrored, 4.5.4.7 WriteToNVRAM

**4.5.7.64. SetQuicksaveable**

```
fct   int SetQuicksaveable(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int
      quicksaveable);
```

Sets the NodeObject as quicksaveable. This means, when the value of the NodeObject changes then the new value will automatically be written to the NVRAM without the need of calling WriteToNVRAM.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**quicksaveable** set this to 1 if the NodeObject shall be quicksaveable and 0 otherwise

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.63 IsQuicksaveable, 4.5.7.62 SetMirrored, 4.5.4.7 WriteToNVRAM,  
4.5.7.49 FlagsModifyAllowed

#### 4.5.7.65. IsForcePen

**ftc** `int IsForcePen(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *force);`

Checks, whether a NodeObject in a pen forces the pen-mechanism to change immediately when the pen is activated. Otherwise the change would not apply until the value is needed for the first time during job execution.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**force** holds 1 if the pen is forced and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.7.66 SetForcePen

#### 4.5.7.66. SetForcePen

**ftc** `int SetForcePen(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int force);`

Sets the NodeObject in a pen to force the pen-mechanism to change immediately once the pen is activated. Otherwise the change would not apply until the value is needed for the first time during job execution.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**force** set this to 1 if the pen shall be forced and 0 otherwise

**ret** E\_OK on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.65 IsForcePen, 4.5.7.49 FlagsModifyAllowed

#### 4.5.7.67. IsUserdefined

```
fct   int IsUserdefined(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *
      userdefined);
```

Checks, whether the NodeObject was created by the user.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**userdefined** holds 1 if created by the user and 0 otherwise after returning with **E\_OK**

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

#### 4.5.7.68. IsWriteable

```
fct   int IsWriteable(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *
      writeable);
```

Checks, whether the NodeObject can be written by the user. In difference to IsProtected this flag can be set by the user.

#### **TIP**

Please use ModifyAllowed to evaluate whether a variable can be modified or not, because it is not safe to rely on this flag only.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**writeable** holds 1 if writable and 0 otherwise after returning with **E\_OK**



**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.45 ModifyAllowed

#### 4.5.7.69. UserCreatable

```
fct int UserCreatable(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *
allowed);
```

Checks, whether the NodeObject is a job-node which can be created by the user, like JOB:POLYGON.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**allowed** holds 1 if it can be created by the user and  
texttt0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

#### 4.5.7.70. CanMakeLines

```
fct int CanMakeLines(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *
allowed);
```

Checks, whether the NodeObject is a job-node which outputs lines, like JOB:POLYGON.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**allowed** holds 1 if it outputs lines and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

#### 4.5.7.71. CanPassLines

```
fct int CanPassLines(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *  
allowed);
```

Checks, whether the NodeObject is a job-node which can pass lines, like JOB:REPEAT.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**allowed** holds 1 if it can pass lines and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

#### 4.5.7.72. AcceptsSubnodes

```
fct int AcceptsSubnodes(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *  
allowed);
```

Checks, whether the NodeObject is a job-node which accepts subnodes, like JOB:REPEAT

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**allowed** holds 1 if allowed and 0 otherwise after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

#### 4.5.7.73. GetSelectEntriesCount

```
fct   int GetSelectEntriesCount(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,  
    int *count);
```

If the NodeObject is of the type VT\_SEL (VAR:SELECT) then this function gets the number of its entries. Use GetSelectEntry to retrieve an entry at index n.

**TIP**

To get the currently selected entry call GetNodeValueString.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**count** holds the number of entries after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.74 GetSelectEntryLength, 4.5.7.75 GetSelectEntry, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo,  
4.5.7.82 GetNodeValueString

#### 4.5.7.74. GetSelectEntryLength

```
fct   int GetSelectEntryLength(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,  
    int index, int *length);
```

If the NodeObject is of type VT\_SEL (VAR:SELECT) then this function gets the string length of the entry at index.

**TIP**

To get the currently selected entry call GetNodeValueString.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**index** is the entry number

**length** holds the strlen of the entry after returning with E\_OK

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.7.82 GetNodeValueString, 4.5.7.75 GetSelectEntry,  
4.5.7.73 GetSelectEntriesCount, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

#### 4.5.7.75. GetSelectEntry

```
fct int GetSelectEntry(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int
index, char *buffer, int buflen);
```

If the NodeObject is of type VT\_SEL (VAR:SELECT) then this function gets the string of the entry at index.

#### TIP

To get the currently selected entry use GetNodeValueString.

Listing 4.24: GetSelectEntry example

```
int cnt;
if ( GetSelectEntriesCount(HC, HNO, &cnt) == E_OK ) {
    for (int i=0; i<cnt; ++i) {
        int buflen;
        if ( GetSelectEntryLength(HC, HNO, i, &buflen) ==
            E_OK ) {
            char *buffer = (char*)malloc(++buflen);
            if (GetSelectEntry(HC, HNO, i, buffer, buflen) ==
                E_OK) {
                printf("Entry %i: %s\n", i, buffer);
            }
            free(buffer);
        }
    }
}
```

```
}

```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**index** is the entry number

**buffer** is the buffer for the entry

**bufferlen** is the length of the buffer

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOSPACE** if the buffer is too small

**E\_INVALID** if the variable is not of type VT\_SEL

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.82 GetNodeValueString, 4.5.7.74 GetSelectEntryLength,  
4.5.7.73 GetSelectEntriesCount, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

#### 4.5.7.76. SetNodeValueBin

```
fct int SetNodeValueBin(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, const
    unsigned char *buffer, int leninbytes);
```

If the NodeObject is of type VT\_BIN (VAR:BIN) then this function sets a new value.

#### TIP

The buffer is copied so it can be freed immediately.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**buffer** is the pointer to the data

**leninbytes** is the length of the data in bytes

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NALLOWED** if the NodeObject is not modifyable

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.78 GetNodeValueBinCopy, 4.5.7.77 GetNodeValueBinCopyLen, 4.5.7.45 ModifyAllowed

#### 4.5.7.77. GetNodeValueBinCopyLen

**fct** `int GetNodeValueBinCopyLen(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);`

If the NodeObject is of type VT\_BIN (VAR:BIN) then this function gets the size in bytes.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** the size of the variable in bytes

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.78 GetNodeValueBinCopy, 4.5.7.76 SetNodeValueBin

#### 4.5.7.78. GetNodeValueBinCopy

**fct** `int GetNodeValueBinCopy(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, unsigned char *buffer, int len);`

If the NodeObject is of type VT\_BIN (VAR:BIN) then this function gets a copy of the data. The buffer has to have the size of len bytes.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**buffer** holds the buffer where the node value gets copied in after returning with **E\_OK**

**len** is the size of the buffer in bytes

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.77 GetNodeValueBinCopyLen, 4.5.7.76 SetNodeValueBin

#### 4.5.7.79. SetNodeValueBool

```
fct int SetNodeValueBool(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int flag);
```

If the NodeObject is of type VT\_BOOLEAN (VAR:BOOLEAN) then this function sets its new value.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**flag** is the new value

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NALLOWED** if the NodeObject is not modifyable

**E\_INVALID** if the node is not of type VT\_BOOLEAN

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.80 GetNodeValueBool, 4.5.7.45 ModifyAllowed

**4.5.7.80. GetNodeValueBool**

```
fct   int GetNodeValueBool(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *
      flag);
```

If the NodeObject is of type VT\_BOOLEAN (VAR:BOOLEAN) then this function gets its value.

**TIP**

With GetNodeInfo it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**flag** is the new value

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_INVALID** if the node is not of type VT\_BOOLEAN

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.79 SetNodeValueBool, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

**4.5.7.81. GetNodeValueStringLen**

```
fct   int GetNodeValueStringLen(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO);
```

Returns the strlen of the value.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** the strlen

**E\_INVALID** if the node is not representable as a string

**E\_FAILURE** on failure



see 4.5.7.82 GetNodeValueString, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

#### 4.5.7.82. GetNodeValueString

```
fct int GetNodeValueString(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,  
char *value, int maxlen);
```

Gets the string value of a NodeObject. This function can be called for NodeObjects of the following types:

- VT\_STR (VAR:STRING)
- VT\_TEXT (VAR:TEXT)
- VT\_I32 (VAR:INT32)
- VT\_I64 (VAR:INT64)
- VT\_R32 (VAR:REAL32)
- VT\_R64 (VAR:REAL64)
- VT\_SEL (VAR:SELECT)
- VT\_BOOLEAN (VAR:BOOLEAN)

If the function returns E\_OK then the string value can be read from value. Call GetNodeValueStringLen to find out how big the buffer has to be.

Listing 4.25: GetNodeValueString example

```
int buflen = GetNodeValueStringLen(HC, HNO);  
if (buflen > 0) {  
    char *buffer = (char*)malloc(++buflen);  
    if (GetNodeValueString(HC, HNO, buffer, buflen) ==  
        E_OK) {  
        printf("Nodevalue: %s\n", buffer);  
    }  
    free(buffer);  
}
```

**TIP**

The decimal separator is a dot by default. To change this to your current locale call `DisableFloatingPointToStringDot`.

With `GetNodeInfo` it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the `NodeObject`

**value** pointer to a buffer

**maxlen** size of the buffer

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOSPACE** if the buffer is too small

**E\_INVALID** if the node is not representable as a string

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.81 `GetNodeValueStringLen`, 4.5.7.87 `SetNodeValueString`,  
4.5.7.3 `GetNodeInfo`

**4.5.7.83. GetNodeValueInt32**

```
fct int GetNodeValueInt32(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *value);
```

Gets the int32-value of the `NodeObject`. Only valid if `GetNodeType` returned `VT_I32`. If the function returns `E_OK` then `value` has the current value.

**TIP**

With `GetNodeInfo` it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the `NodeObject`

**value** holds the value after the call returns with E\_OK

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_INVALID if the node is not a int32-node

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.7.88 SetNodeValueInt32, 4.5.7.37 GetNodeType, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

#### 4.5.7.84. GetNodeValueInt64

```
fcn int GetNodeValueInt64(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,
int64 *value);
```

Gets the int64-value of a NodeObject. Only valid if GetNodeType returned VT\_I64. If the function returns E\_OK then value has the current value.

#### TIP

With GetNodeInfo it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

HNO is the handle to the NodeObject

**value** holds the value after the call returns with E\_OK

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_INVALID if the node is not a int64-node

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.7.89 SetNodeValueInt64, 4.5.7.37 GetNodeType, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

**4.5.7.85. GetNodeValueReal32**

```
fcn int GetNodeValueReal32(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,  
float *value);
```

Gets the real32-value of a NodeObject. Only valid if GetNodeType returned VT\_R32. If the function returns E\_OK then value has the current value.

**TIP**

With GetNodeInfo it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

HNO is the handle to the NodeObject

value holds the value after the call returns with E\_OK

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_INVALID if the node is not of type real32

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.7.90 SetNodeValueReal32, 4.5.7.37 GetNodeType, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

**4.5.7.86. GetNodeValueReal64**

```
fcn int GetNodeValueReal64(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,  
double *value);
```

Gets the real64-value of a NodeObject. Only valid if GetNodeType returned VT\_R64. If the function returns E\_OK then value has the current value.

**TIP**

With GetNodeInfo it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**value** holds the value after the call returns with **E\_OK**

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_INVALID** if the node is not of type real64

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.90 SetNodeValueReal32, 4.5.7.37 GetNodeType, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

#### 4.5.7.87. SetNodeValueString

```
fct int SetNodeValueString(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,
const char *value);
```

Sets the string-value of the NodeObject if the NodeObject is of type VT\_STR, VT\_TEXT, VT\_I32, VT\_I64, VT\_R32, VT\_R64, VT\_SEL or VT\_BOOLEAN.

#### TIP

The decimal separator is a dot by default. To change this to your current locale call DisableFloatingPointToStringDot.

To apply the changes to the controller you have to call WriteNode.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**value** is the new string-value of the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NALLOWED** if it is not allowed to modify the NodeObject

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.1.6 DisableFloatingPointToStringDot 4.5.7.82 GetNodeValueString, 4.5.7.7 WriteNode, 4.5.7.45 ModifyAllowed

**4.5.7.88. SetNodeValueInt32**

```
fct   int SetNodeValueInt32(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int
      value);
```

Sets the int32-value of the NodeObject.

**TIP**

To apply the changes to the controller you have to call WriteNode.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**value** is the new int32-value of the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NALLOWED** if it is not allowed to modify the NodeObject

**E\_RANGE** if the value is less than the minimum value or greater than the maximum value

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.83 GetNodeValueInt32, 4.5.7.7 WriteNode, 4.5.7.45 ModifyAllowed, 4.5.7.92 GetMin, 4.5.7.93 GetMax

**4.5.7.89. SetNodeValueInt64**

```
fct   int SetNodeValueInt64(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,
      int64 value);
```

Sets the int64-value of a NodeObject.

**TIP**

To apply the changes to the controller you have to call WriteNode.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**value** is the new int64-value of the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NALLOWED** if it is not allowed to modify the NodeObject

**E\_RANGE** if the value is less than the minimum value or greater than the maximum value

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.84 GetNodeValueInt64, 4.5.7.7 WriteNode, 4.5.7.45 ModifyAllowed, 4.5.7.92 GetMin, 4.5.7.93 GetMax

#### 4.5.7.90. SetNodeValueReal32

```
fct  int SetNodeValueReal32(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,
    float value);
```

Sets the real32-value of the NodeObject.

#### TIP

To apply the changes to the controller you have to call *WriteNode(HC, HNO)*.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**value** is the new real32-value of the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NALLOWED** if it is not allowed to modify the NodeObject

**E\_RANGE** if the value is less than the minimum value or greater than the maximum value

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.85 GetNodeValueReal32, 4.5.7.7 WriteNode, 4.5.7.45 ModifyAllowed, 4.5.7.92 GetMin, 4.5.7.93 GetMax

#### 4.5.7.91. SetNodeValueReal64

```
fct   int SetNodeValueReal64(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,
      double value);
```

Sets the real64-value of the NodeObject.

#### TIP

To apply the changes to the controller you have to call WriteNode.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**value** is the new real64-value of the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NALLOWED** if it is not allowed to modify the NodeObject

**E\_RANGE** if the value is less than the minimum value or greater than the maximum value

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.86 GetNodeValueReal64, 4.5.7.7 WriteNode, 4.5.7.45 ModifyAllowed, 4.5.7.92 GetMin, 4.5.7.93 GetMax

#### 4.5.7.92. GetMin

```
fct   int GetMin(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, float *min);
```

Gets the minimum value of the NodeObject. This value is set by the controller and cannot be changed by the user. If the minimum value is greater than the maximum value then the value itself is unlimited.



**TIP**

With `GetNodeInfo` it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the `NodeObject`

**min** holds the minimum value of the `NodeObject` after returning with `E_OK`

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.7.93 `GetMax`, 4.5.7.3 `GetNodeInfo`

**4.5.7.93. GetMax**

**ft** `int GetMax(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, float *max);`

Gets the maximum value of the `NodeObject`. This value is set by the controller and cannot be changed by the user. If the minimum value is greater than the maximum value then the value itself is unlimited.

**TIP**

With `GetNodeInfo` it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the `NodeObject`

**max** holds the maximum value of the `NodeObject` after returning with `E_OK`

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.7.92 `GetMin`, 4.5.7.3 `GetNodeInfo`

**4.5.7.94. GetUnitLen**

**fct** `int GetUnitLen(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int *len);`

Gets the needed buffersize for the unit-string. Note, that the needed buffersize is without the trailing 0-byte.

**TIP**

With GetNodeInfo it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**len** holds the needed buffersize after returning with E\_OK. Note, that the needed buffersize is without the trailing 0-byte

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.95 GetUnit, 4.5.7.3 GetNodeInfo

**4.5.7.95. GetUnit**

**fct** `int GetUnit(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, char *unit, int len);`

Gets the unit for the given NodeObject as string.

Listing 4.26: GetUnit example

```
int len;
if ( GetUnitLen(HC, HNO, &len) == E_OK ) {
    if ( len > 0 ) {
        char *buf = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*(++len));
        if ( GetUnit(HC, HNO, buf, len) == E_OK ) {
            printf("Unit: %s\n", buf);
        }
    }
}
```

```

    }
    free(buf);
}
}

```

**TIP**

With `GetNodeInfo` it is possible to get all information about a node with a single call.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**unit** is the pointer to a buffer big enough for the unit

**len** is the buffersize

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOMEM** buffer too small

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.94 `GetUnitLen`, 4.5.7.3 `GetNodeInfo`, 4.5.7.4 `GetNodeInfoExt`

**4.5.7.96. GetSubnodesNamesLen**

```

fct int GetSubnodesNamesLen(HController HC, const char *
nodename, int *len);

```

Gets the strlen of all subnodes of the given node. To get the subnodes call `GetSubnodesNames`.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**nodename** is the node from which the subnodes are wanted

**len** holds the strlen of the job names after returning with **E\_OK**

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.97 GetSubnodesNames

#### 4.5.7.97. GetSubnodesNames

**fct** `int GetSubnodesNames(HController HC, const char *nodename, char *buffer, int len);`

Gets the names of all subnodes of the given node. The names of the subnodes are separated by semicolons (e.g. "usr.var.x;usr.var.y0").

Listing 4.27: GetSubnodesNames example

```
int buflen;
if ( GetSubnodesNamesLen(HC, HNO, &buflen) == E_OK ) {
    char *buffer = (char*)malloc(++buflen);
    if (GetSubnodesNames(HC, HNO, buffer, buflen) == E_OK)
    {
        printf("NodeName: %s\n", buffer);
    }
    free(buffer);
}
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**nodename** is the node from which the subnodes are wanted

**buffer** is the pointer to the buffer for the subnode names

**len** is the size of the buffer

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOSPACE** if the buffer is too small

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.96 GetSubnodesNamesLen

**4.5.7.98. GetSubnodesHNOArray**

```
ft int GetSubnodesHNOArray(HController HC, HNodeObject
HNOparent, HNodeObject *buffer, int *count );
```

Returns all subnodes as HNodeObjects in a single call.

Listing 4.28: GetSubnodesHNOArray example

```
int subnodecount = GetSubnodesCount(HC, HNO);
HNodeObject *subnodes = (HNodeObject*)malloc(sizeof(
    HNodeObject)*subnodecount);
int ret = GetSubnodesHNOArray(HC, HNO, subnodes, &
    subnodecount);

if ( ret != E_OK ) {
    return -1;
}

for (int i=0; i< subnodecount; ++i) {
    ARG_NODEINFO *info = GetNodeInfo(HC, subnodes[i]);
    if ( info ) {
        printf(" %s\n", info->name);
        DestroyNodeInfo(info);
    }
}
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNOparent** is the node of which the subnodes are wanted

**buffer** pointer to a buffer for the HNOs

**count** size of the buffer. On return it holds the actual number of elements

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOSPACE** if the buffer is too small

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.16 GetSubnodesCount

#### 4.5.7.99. IsNodeChildOf

```
fct int IsNodeChildOf(HController HC, HNodeObject childHandle,
HNodeObject parentHandle);
```

Tests, whether a node is the child of another node or not.

Listing 4.29: IsNodeChildOf example

```
parentHandle = GetNode(HC, "usr.job");
childHandle = GetNode(HC, "usr.job.Job");
if ( IsNodeChildOf(HC, childHandle, parentHandle) ==
    E_OK ) {
    // usr.job.Job is a child of usr.job!
}
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**childHandle** is the handle to the assumed child node

**parentHandle** is the handle to the assumed parent node

**ret** **E\_OK** if childHandle is a child of parentHandle

**E\_INVALID** if childHandle is not a child of parentHandle

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.100 IsNodeDescendantOf

#### 4.5.7.100. IsNodeDescendantOf

```
fct int IsNodeDescendantOf(HController HC, HNodeObject
descendantHandle, HNodeObject parentHandle);
```

Tests, whether a node is the descendant of another node or not.

Listing 4.30: IsNodeDescendantOf example

```

parentHandle = GetNode(HC, "usr.job");
descendantHandle = GetNode(HC, "usr.job.Job.Shape");
if ( IsNodeDescendantOf(HC, descendantHandle,
    parentHandle) == E_OK ) {
    // usr.job.Job.Shape is a descendant of usr.job!
}

```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**descendantHandle** is the handle to the assumed descendant node

**parentHandle** is the handle to the assumed parent node

**ret** **E\_OK** if descendantHandle is a descendant of parentHandle

**E\_INVALID** if descendantHandle is not a descendant of parentHandle

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.7.99 IsNodeChildOf

#### 4.5.7.101. GetEditorHint

```

fct int GetEditorHint(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, char
    hint[128]);

```

Gets the editor hint for a variable. This is only useful when SetAttributes was called before.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** handle the NodeObject

**hint** holds the editor hint after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** if descendantHandle is a descendant of parentHandle

**E\_UNIMP** if the firmware does not support this feature

**E\_UNAVAIL** if the SetAttributes was not called

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.1.12 SetAttributes



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#### 4.5.8.1. CreateNodeObjectCollection

```
fct      HNodeObjectCollection CreateNodeObjectCollection(
          HController HC);
```

Creates a NodeObjectCollection. With NodeObjectCollections writing of more than 1 NodeObject simultaneously is usually faster.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**ret** handle to the collection

**ARG\_INVALID\_HANDLE\_VALUE** if not successful

**see** 4.5.8.2 DestroyNodeObjectCollection

#### 4.5.8.2. DestroyNodeObjectCollection

```
fct   int DestroyNodeObjectCollection(HController HC,  
                                       HNodeObjectCollection HNOC);
```

Destroys a NodeObjectCollection. All NodeObjects in the Collection get also destroyed.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.8.1 CreateNodeObjectCollection

#### 4.5.8.3. AddNodeObject

```
fct   int AddNodeObject(HController HC, HNodeObjectCollection  
                           HNOC, HNodeObject HNO);
```

Adds a NodeObject to a collection.

##### **TIP**

For performance reasons it is recommended to use AddNodeObjectByName to add NodeObjects to the NodeObjectCollection.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.8.4 AddNodeObjectByName, 4.5.8.5 AddNodeObjectSubtreeByName,  
4.5.8.7 RemoveNodeObject

#### 4.5.8.4. AddNodeObjectByName

```
fct int AddNodeObjectByName(HController HC,  
HNodeObjectCollection HNOC, const char *varname);
```

Adds a NodeObject to a collection.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**varname** is the complete path of the node

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.8.3 AddNodeObject, 4.5.8.5 AddNodeObjectSubtreeByName,  
4.5.8.7 RemoveNodeObject

#### 4.5.8.5. AddNodeObjectSubtreeByName

```
fct int AddNodeObjectSubtreeByName(HController HC,  
HNodeObjectCollection HNOC, const char *nodename, int level,  
ValueChangeCallbackFunction callback);
```

Adds the subtree of the given node to NodeObjectCollection.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**nodename** is the name of the subtree

**level** defines how deep the tree structure shall be loaded where 1 is just on level and 9999 is the complete subtree , e.g. use  
 AddNodeObjectSubtreeByName(HC, HNOC, "usr", 9999, callback)  
 to get the complete usr.\* subtree.

**callback** if this is not NULL then this callback will be attached to each node object

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.8.3 AddNodeObject, 4.5.8.4 AddNodeObjectByName,  
 4.5.8.7 RemoveNodeObject, 4.2.1.3 ValueChangeCallbackFunction

#### 4.5.8.6. GetSubnodes

```
fct int GetSubnodes(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,
  HNodeObjectCollection HNOC);
```

Fills HNOC with the children of HNO.

#### TIP

- This function only works correct if the variable cache is enabled with EnableVariableCache.
- The NodeObjectCollection should not contain any elements.

Listing 4.31: GetSubnodes example

```
// Print subnodes of usr.job
int cnt, len;
HNodeObjectCollection HNOC;
HNodeObject HNO;
char *str;

HNOC = CreateNodeObjectCollection(HC);
if ( HNOC == ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) { error(); }
HNO = GetNode(HC, "usr.job");
if ( HNO == ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) { error(); }
```

```

if ( GetSubnodes(HC, HNO, HNOC) != E_OK ) { error(); }
if ( GetNodeObjectCount(HC, HNOC, &cnt) != E_OK ) { error
    (); }
for (int i=0; i<cnt; ++i) {
    if ( GetNodeObjectAtIndex(HC, HNOC, i, &HNO) != E_OK )
        { error(); }
    len = GetNodeNameLen(HC, HNO);
    if ( len < 1 ) { error(); }
    str = (char*)malloc(++len);
    if ( GetNodeName(HC, HNO, str, len) != E_OK ) { error
        (); }
    printf("%S", str);
    free(str);
}

DestroyNodeObjectCollection(HC, HNOC);

```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache, 4.5.7.15 GetParentNode,  
4.5.8.1 CreateNodeObjectCollection, 4.5.7.1 GetNode,  
4.5.8.8 GetNodeObjectCount

#### 4.5.8.7. RemoveNodeObject

**ft** `int RemoveNodeObject(HController HC, HNodeObjectCollection HNOC, HNodeObject HNO);`

Removes a NodeObject from a collection without destroying the NodeObject.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.8.3 AddNodeObject, 4.5.8.4 AddNodeObjectByName,  
4.5.8.5 AddNodeObjectSubtreeByName

#### 4.5.8.8. GetNodeObjectCount

```
fct      int GetNodeObjectCount(HController HC,  
                                HNodeObjectCollection HNOC, int *cnt);
```

Gets the count of NodeObjects in the NodeObjectCollection.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**cnt** holds the number of NodeObjects after returning successfully

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.8.9 GetNodeObjectAtIndex

#### 4.5.8.9. GetNodeObjectAtIndex

```
fct      int GetNodeObjectAtIndex(HController HC,  
                                HNodeObjectCollection HNOC, int index, HNodeObject *HNO);
```

Gets the NodeObject at a given index in the NodeObjectCollection.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**index** is the index of the wanted NodeObject where the first item has index 0

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.8.8 GetNodeObjectCount

#### 4.5.8.10. ReadNodeObjectCollection

**ftc** `int ReadNodeObjectCollection(HController HC,  
HNodeObjectCollection HNOC);`

Reads a complete NodeObjectCollection from the Controller. This is only necessary if NodeObjects are added by calls to AddNodeObjectByName and the variable cache is disabled.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**E\_NOEXIST** if a node in the NodeObjectCollection does not exist

**see** 4.5.8.4 AddNodeObjectByName, 4.5.8.11 WriteNodeObjectCollection, 4.5.8.12 WriteNodeObjectCollectionSync, 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache

#### 4.5.8.11. WriteNodeObjectCollection

```
fct   int WriteNodeObjectCollection(HController HC,  
                                     HNodeObjectCollection HNOC);
```

Writes all NodeObjects in the collection in 1 step. This is much faster than writing each NodeObject in a separate step. If changing these nodes forces other nodes to change then WriteNodeObjectCollectionSync should be used.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.8.12 WriteNodeObjectCollectionSync

#### 4.5.8.12. WriteNodeObjectCollectionSync

```
fct   int WriteNodeObjectCollectionSync(HController HC,  
                                           HNodeObjectCollection HNOC);
```

Writes all NodeObjects in the collection in 1 step. This is much faster than writing each NodeObject in a separate step. This function waits until the firmware sends all updates. This is useful if setting a variable changes other variables.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.8.11 WriteNodeObjectCollection



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**4.5.9.1. GetJobInfo**

**ft** ARG\_JOBINFO\* GetJobInfo(HController HC);

Gets information about jobs on the controller. It is guaranteed that this function always returns a valid pointer to a ARG\_JOBINFO-structure. The returned information has to be destroyed with a call to DestroyJobInfo.

Listing 4.32: GetJobInfo example

```
int found = 0;
ARG_JOBINFO *jobinfo = GetJobInfo(HC);
if (jobinfo->jobcount == 0 ) {
    printf("No jobs on the controller.\n");
} else {
    if ( jobinfo->jobcount == 1)
        printf("%i job on the controller:\n", jobinfo->
            jobcount);
    else
        printf("%i jobs on the controller:\n", jobinfo->
            jobcount);

    for (int i=0; i < jobinfo->jobcount; ++i) {
        if ( strcmp(jobinfo->jobnames[i], jobinfo->
            selectednode) == 0 ) {
            printf("\t%i: %s\n", i, jobinfo->jobnames[i]);
            found = 1;
        } else
            printf("\t %i: %s\n", i, jobinfo->jobnames[i]);
    }

    if ( !found && (strcmp(jobinfo->selectednode, "") != 0)
        )
        printf("\t Other node selected: %s\n", jobinfo->
            selectednode);
}

DestroyJobInfo(jobinfo);
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** pointer to a ARG\_JOBINFO-structure with information about jobs on the controller

**see** 4.5.9.2 DestroyJobInfo, 4.1.2.3 ARG\_JOBINFO

#### 4.5.9.2. DestroyJobInfo

**ft** `void DestroyJobInfo(ARG_JOBINFO *info);`

Destroys the ARG\_JOBINFO-structure which was obtained by a call to GetJobInfo.

**par** **info** is the ARG\_JOBINFO-structure which was obtained by GetJobInfo

**see** 4.5.9.1 GetJobInfo, 4.1.2.3 ARG\_JOBINFO

#### 4.5.9.3. GetJobNamesLen

**ft** `int GetJobNamesLen(HController HC, int *len);`



### NOTICE

This function is deprecated.

- Use GetJobInfo instead.

Gets the strlen of all job names on the controller. To get the job names call GetJobNames.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**len** holds the strlen of the job names after returning successfully

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.9.4 GetJobNames

**4.5.9.4. GetJobNames**

```
fct int GetJobNames(HController HC, char *buffer, int len);
```

**NOTICE**

This function is deprecated.

- Use GetJobInfo instead.

Gets the names of the jobs loaded on the controller. The job names are separated by semicolons; e.g. "Job1;Job2".

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**buffer** is the pointer to the buffer for the job names

**len** is the size of the buffer

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOSPACE** if the buffer is too small

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.9.3 GetJobNamesLen

**4.5.9.5. JobClearAll**

```
fct int JobClearAll(HController HC);
```



Clears all Jobs from the controller.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.6.1 LoadJob

#### 4.5.9.6. GetJobNodeTypesCount

**fcn** `int GetJobNodeTypesCount(HController HC, int *cnt);`

Gets information about how many job node types are supported by the controller. Information about those types can be obtained with GetJobNodeTypeInfo.

Listing 4.33: GetJobNodeTypesCount example

```
int cnt = 0;
ARG_JOBNODEINFO *jobnodeinfo = NULL;
if ( GetJobNodeTypesCount(HC, &cnt) != E_OK ) {
    printf("Failure getting the count of the JobNodeTypes\
n");
} else {
    for ( int i=0; i<cnt; ++i) {
        jobnodeinfo = GetJobNodeTypeInfo(HC, i);
        if ( jobnodeinfo != NULL ) {
            printf("%s -\t\t", jobnodeinfo->fullname);
            if ( jobnodeinfo->usercreatable )
                printf(" usercreatable");
            if ( jobnodeinfo->canmakelines )
                printf(" canmakelines");
            if ( jobnodeinfo->canpasslines )
                printf(" canpasslines");
            if ( jobnodeinfo->acceptssubnodes )
                printf(" acceptssubnodes");
            printf("\n");
        }
        DestroyJobNodeTypeInfo(jobnodeinfo);
    }
}
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**cnt** holds the number of supported job node types after returning with E\_OK

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.9.7 GetJobNodeTypeInfo, 4.5.9.8 DestroyJobNodeTypeInfo,  
4.1.2.2 ARG\_JOBNODEINFO

#### 4.5.9.7. GetJobNodeTypeInfo

**ftc** `ARG_JOBNODEINFO* GetJobNodeTypeInfo(HController HC, int index);`

Gets information about a specific job node type, see ARG\_JOBNODEINFO. On error, NULL is returned. The obtained structure has to be destroyed with DestroyJobNodeTypeInfo. For a complete example see GetJobNodeTypesCount.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**index** is the index of the job node type

**ret** pointer to a info structure; NULL if not possible

**see** 4.5.9.7 GetJobNodeTypeInfo, 4.5.9.8 DestroyJobNodeTypeInfo,  
4.1.2.2 ARG\_JOBNODEINFO

#### 4.5.9.8. DestroyJobNodeTypeInfo

**ftc** `void DestroyJobNodeTypeInfo(ARG_JOBNODEINFO *info);`

Destroys a job node type info structure which was obtained with GetJobNodeTypeInfo.

**par** **info** is the pointer to the job node type info structure (can be NULL)

**see** 4.5.9.7 GetJobNodeTypeInfo, 4.1.2.2 ARG\_JOBNODEINFO

#### 4.5.9.9. GetJobLines

```
fct   int GetJobLines(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, int
        doSubnodes, DWORD userHandle);
```

If calling GetJobLines then the firmware returns several packages of data. The JobLinesCallbackFunction is called for each package. After the last package call-back has returned this function returns.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**doSubnodes** If 1 then also line information of the subnodes will be retrieved

**userHandle** is the handle set by the user in ARG\_LINEINFO

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.5.4 JobLinesCallbackFunction, 4.5.9.10 GetJobLinesAbort,  
4.5.12.94 RegisterOnJobLines, 4.5.12.96 UnregisterOnJobLines

#### 4.5.9.10. GetJobLinesAbort

```
fct   int GetJobLinesAbort(HController HC);
```

Aborts all calls to JobGetLines.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.5.4 JobLinesCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.94 RegisterOnJobLines,  
4.5.12.96 UnregisterOnJobLines

**4.5.9.11. JobNodesOffset**

```
fct   int JobNodesOffset(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,  
                        HNodeObjectCollection HNOC, float dX, float dY);
```

**par** **HC** ist the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the root node of the offset

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**float** dX

**float** dY

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.9.12 JobNodesScale, 4.5.9.13 JobNodesRotate, 4.5.9.14 JobNodesTransform

**4.5.9.12. JobNodesScale**

```
fct   int JobNodesScale(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,  
                        HNodeObjectCollection HNOC, float x0, float y0, float sX,  
                        float sY);
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the root node of the scale

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**float** x0

**float** y0

**float** sX

**float** sY

**ret** **E\_OK** on success



**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.9.11 JobNodesOffset, 4.5.9.13 JobNodesRotate, 4.5.9.14 JobNodesTransform

#### 4.5.9.13. JobNodesRotate

```
fct int JobNodesRotate(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,  
HNodeObjectCollection HNOC, float cX, float cY, float dA);
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the root node of the rotate

**HNOC** is the handle to the NodeObjectCollection

**float** cX

**float** cY

**float** dA

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.9.11 JobNodesOffset, 4.5.9.12 JobNodesScale, 4.5.9.14 JobNodesTransform

#### 4.5.9.14. JobNodesTransform

```
fct int JobNodesTransform(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,  
HNodeObjectCollection HNOC, float v00, float v01, float v02,  
float v10, float v11, float v12);
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the root node of the transform

**HNOC** is the handle to a NodeObjectCollection

**float** v00

**float** v01

**float** v02

**float** v10

**float** v11

**float** v12

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.9.11 JobNodesOffset, 4.5.9.12 JobNodesScale, 4.5.9.13 JobNodesRotate

#### 4.5.9.15. GetTssInfo

**fct** ARG\_TSS\_INFO\* GetTssInfo(HController HC);

Gets info for timed signal streams. The returned structure has to be freed using DestroyTssInfo.

Listing 4.34: GetTssInfo example

```
ARG_TSS_INFO *info = GetTssInfo(HC);
if ( info ) {
    if ( info->channelcount > 0 ) {
        for (int i=0; i<info->channelcount; ++i) {
            ARG_TSS_CHANNELTYPE *type = info->channeltype[i];
            if ( type ) {
                printf("\nChanneltype %d\n", (i+1));
                printf("=====\n");
                printf("  Name:                %s\n", type->
                    name);
                printf("  GetCoordinateSystemName: %s\n", type->
                    coordname);
                if ( type->axiscount == 0 ) {
                    printf("  No Axisnames found\n");
                } else {
                    for (int j=0; j<type->axiscount; ++j) {
```

```

        printf("    Axis %2d: %s\n", j, type->
            axisname[j]);
    }
}
}
}
} else {
    printf("No TimedSignalStream-Types found\n");
}

DestroyTssInfo(info);
}

```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**ret** a pointer to the ARG\_TSS\_INFO on success, NULL otherwise

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.9.16 DestroyTssInfo

#### 4.5.9.16. DestroyTssInfo

**fct** `void DestroyTssInfo(ARG_TSS_INFO *info);`

Frees a structure that was obtained by GetTssInfo. For an example see GetTssInfo.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**ret** a pointer to the ARG\_TSS\_INFO on success, NULL otherwise

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.9.15 GetTssInfo, 4.5.9.17 RequestTssDataConnection,  
4.5.9.18 CancelTssDataConnection

**4.5.9.17. RequestTssDataConnection**

```
fct      int RequestTssDataConnection(HController HC, const char *  
      channeltype, const char *specifier, int *id);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**channeltype** is the channel type (name field of ARG\_TSS\_CHANNELTYPE)

**specifier** depends on the channel type; NULL in most cases

**id** holds the connection ID after returning with E\_OK. The connection ID has to be used to relate to incoming data and to close the connection

**ret** E\_OK if the data connection could be established

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.9.15 GetTssInfo, 4.5.9.18 CancelTssDataConnection

**4.5.9.18. CancelTssDataConnection**

```
fct      int CancelTssDataConnection(HController HC, int id);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**id** is the ID which was obtained by the call to RequestTssDataConnection

**ret** E\_OK if the data connection can be cancelled

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.9.15 GetTssInfo, 4.5.9.18 CancelTssDataConnection

**4.5.9.19. BeginSpecialJob**

**fct** `int BeginSpecialJob(HController HC, const char *name, int verify, HNodeObject *HNO);`



Creates a special job on the controller.

Listing 4.35: BeginSpecialJob example

```
HNodeObject HNO;
if ( BeginSpecialJob(HC, "Pincushion", 1, &HNO) == E_OK
    ) {
    assert(HNO != ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE);
    //...
    EndSpecialJob(HC);
}
```

**TIP**

This function is for internal use only.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**name** is the name of the special job

**verify** 1, parameterize the job to output it with the valid scanfield correct, 0 otherwise

**HNO** holds the HNodeObject of the created job after returning with E\_OK, ARG\_INVALID\_HANDLE\_VALUE otherwise

**ret** **E\_OK** if the special job has been created

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.9.20 EndSpecialJob

**4.5.9.20. EndSpecialJob**

**fct** `int EndSpecialJob(HController HC);`

**TIP**

This function is for internal use only.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** If the last special job has been ended with this call

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.9.19 BeginSpecialJob

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### 4.5.10.1. GetDriverInfo

**ft** ARG\_DRIVERINFO\* GetDriverInfo(HController HC);

Gets information about the drivers which are available with the firmware in use on the controller.

Listing 4.36: GetDriverInfo example

```
ARG_DRIVERINFO *info = GetDriverInfo(HC);
if ( info != NULL ) {
    printf("Found %i drivers\n", info->drivercount);
    for (int i=0; i<info->drivercount; ++i) {
        printf("Driver: %s (Version: %s)\n", info->driver[i]
            ]->name, info->driver[i]->version);
        printf("Vendor: %s\n", info->driver[i]->vendor);
        printf("Comment: %s\n", info->driver[i]->comment);
        printf("\n");
    }
    DestroyDriverInfo(info);
}
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**ret** the pointer to the ARG\_DRIVERINFO-structure with information about available drivers on the controller

**see** 4.5.10.2 DestroyDriverInfo, 4.1.2.5 ARG\_DRIVERINFO,  
4.1.2.6 ARG\_SINGLEDRIVERINFO,

**4.5.10.2. DestroyDriverInfo**

**fct** `void DestroyDriverInfo(ARG_DRIVERINFO *info);`

Destroys the structure obtained by GetDriverInfo.

**par** **info** the pointer to the ARG\_DRIVERINFO-structure

**see** 4.5.10.1 GetDriverInfo



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**4.5.11.1. CreateDevice**

```
fct int CreateDevice(HController HC, const char *drivername,
const char *devicename);
```

Creates a device from a driver.

Listing 4.37: CreateDevice example

```
if ( CreateDevice(HC, "IPG YLP", "My Laser") != E_OK ) {
    printf("Could not create device.");
}
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**drivername** is the name of the driver

**devicename** is the name of the device. This name must be unique in the firmware

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.10.1 GetDriverInfo, 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.9 ActivateDevice

**4.5.11.2. GetDevice**

```
fct HDevice GetDevice(HController HC, const char *deviceName);
```

Returns the handle to the given device.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**deviceName** is the name of the device

**ret** the handle of the device

**ARG\_INVALID\_HANDLE\_VALUE** if the device was not found

**see** 4.5.11.1 CreateDevice, 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo

**4.5.11.3. DeleteDevice**

```
ft int DeleteDevice(HController HC, HDevice HD);
```

Deletes the given device. The device is identified by its handle.

Listing 4.38: DeleteDevice example

```
HDevice HD = GetDevice(HC, "My Laser");
if ( HD != ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) {
    DeleteDevice(HC, HD);
}
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

HD is the handle to the device

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.11.4 DeleteDeviceByName, 4.5.11.1 CreateDevice, 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo

**4.5.11.4. DeleteDeviceByName**

```
ft int DeleteDeviceByName(HController HC, const char *
    devicename);
```

Deletes the given device. The device is identified by its name.

Listing 4.39: DeleteDeviceByName example

```
DeleteDeviceByName(HC, "My Laser");
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

devicename is the name of the device

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.11.4 DeleteDeviceByName, 4.5.11.1 CreateDevice, 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo

**4.5.11.5. GetAllDeviceInfo**

**fct** `ARG_DEVICEINFO* GetAllDeviceInfo(HController HC);`

Returns a structure with information about all devices used on the controller. All strings in the structure are valid, so there is no need to test for NULL, but can contain empty strings ("").

Listing 4.40: GetAllDeviceInfo example

```
ARG_DEVICEINFO *info = GetAllDeviceInfo(HC);
if ( info ) {
    for (int i=0; i<info->devicecount; ++i) {
        ARG_SINGLEDEVICEINFO *singleinfo = device[i];
        printf("Device: %s\n");
    }
    DestroyDeviceInfo(info);
}
```

**TIP**

The returned structure has to be destroyed by using DestroyDeviceInfo.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** the pointer to the ARG\_DEVICEINFO-structure with information about the devices on the controller

**see** 4.5.11.6 DestroyDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo, 4.1.2.8 ARG\_DEVICEINFO, 4.1.2.9 ARG\_SINGLEDEVICEINFO

**4.5.11.6. DestroyDeviceInfo**

**fct** `void DestroyDeviceInfo(ARG_DEVICEINFO *info);`

Destroys the structure which was obtained by a call to GetAllDeviceInfo. All internally used memory will be destroyed.

**par** **info** is the pointer to the ARG\_DEVICEINFO-structure

**see** 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo

#### 4.5.11.7. GetDeviceInfo

**fact** ARG\_SINGLEDEVICEINFO\* GetDeviceInfo(HController HC, HDevice HD);

Returns information about a particular device on the controller. All strings in the structure are valid, so there is no need to test for NULL, but can contain empty strings ("").

Listing 4.41: GetDeviceInfo example

```
HDevice HD = GetDevice(HC, "My Laser");
if ( HD != ARG_INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE ) {
    ARG_SINGLEDEVICEINFO *info = GetDeviceInfo(HC, HD);
    if ( info ) {
        printf("Devicename: %s\n", info->name);
        DestroySingleDeviceInfo(info);
    }
}
```

#### TIP

The returned structure has to be destroyed by using DestroySingleDeviceInfo.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

HD is the handle to the device

**ret** the pointer to the ARG\_SINGLEDEVICEINFO-structure with information about the devices on the controller

**see** 4.5.11.8 DestroySingleDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo, 4.1.2.8 ARG\_DEVICEINFO, 4.1.2.9 ARG\_SINGLEDEVICEINFO

#### 4.5.11.8. DestroySingleDeviceInfo


**fct** `void DestroySingleDeviceInfo(ARG_SINGLEDEVICEINFO *info);`

Destroys the structure obtained by GetDeviceInfo.

**par** **info** is the pointer to the ARG\_SINGLEDEVICEINFO-structure

**see** 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo

#### 4.5.11.9. ActivateDevice

**fct** `int ActivateDevice(HController HC, HDevice HD);` 

Activates the given device. When this function returns, this does not mean that the device is active. The state of activation can be monitored by using RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HD** is the handle to the device

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_INVALID** if the device is already active

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.86 RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged, 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.11 DeactivateDevice

#### 4.5.11.10. ActivateDeviceByName

```
fct   int ActivateDeviceByName(HController HC, const char *  
      devicename);
```

Activates the given device. When this function returns, this does not mean that the device is active. The state of the activation can be monitored by using RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**devicename** is the name of the device that shall be activated

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_INVALID** if the device is already active

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.86 RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged, 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo,  
4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.11 DeactivateDevice

#### 4.5.11.11. DeactivateDevice

```
fct   int DeactivateDevice(HController HC, HDevice HD);
```

Deactivates the given device. When this function returns, this does not mean that the device is inactive. The state of the deactivation can be monitored by using RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HD** is the handle to the device

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_INVALID** if the device is already inactive

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.86 RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged, 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.9 ActivateDevice

#### 4.5.11.12. DeactivateDeviceByName

```
fct int DeactivateDeviceByName(HController HC, const char *  
    devicename);
```

Deactivates the given device. When this function returns, this does not mean that the device is inactive. The state of the deactivation can be monitored by using RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**devicename** is the name of the device that shall be deactivated

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_INVALID** if the device is already inactive

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.86 RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged, 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.9 ActivateDevice

#### 4.5.11.13. SetManaged

```
fct int SetManaged(HController HC, HDevice HD);
```

Sets the device to managed. The device is identified by its handle.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HD** is the handle to the device

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure



**see** 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.14 SetManagedByName, 4.5.11.15 SetUnmanaged, 4.5.11.16 SetUnmanagedByName, 4.5.11.17 IsManaged, 4.5.11.18 IsManagedByName

#### 4.5.11.14. SetManagedByName

```
ft   int SetManagedByName(HController HC, const char *devicename);
```

Sets the device to managed. The device is identified by its name.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**devicename** is the name of the device

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.13 SetManaged, 4.5.11.15 SetUnmanaged, 4.5.11.16 SetUnmanagedByName, 4.5.11.17 IsManaged, 4.5.11.18 IsManagedByName

#### 4.5.11.15. SetUnmanaged

```
ft   int SetUnmanaged(HController HC, HDevice HD);
```

Sets the device to unmanaged. The device is identified by its handle.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HD** is the handle to the device

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo,  
4.5.11.16 SetUnmanagedByName, 4.5.11.13 SetManaged,  
4.5.11.14 SetManagedByName, 4.5.11.17 IsManaged,  
4.5.11.18 IsManagedByName

#### 4.5.11.16. SetUnmanagedByName

```
fct   int SetUnmanagedByName(HController HC, const char *  
      devicename);
```

Set the device to unmanaged. The device is identified by its name.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**devicename** is the name of the device

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.15 SetUnmanaged,  
4.5.11.13 SetManaged, 4.5.11.14 SetManagedByName, 4.5.11.17 IsManaged,  
4.5.11.18 IsManagedByName

#### 4.5.11.17. IsManaged

```
fct   int IsManaged(HController HC, HDevice HD, bool &managed);
```

Returns in variable **managed** whether the device is managed or not. The device is identified by its handle.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HD** is the handle to the device

**managed** holds true if the device is managed, holds false otherwise, in case the function returns **E\_OK**

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.18 IsManagedByName, 4.5.11.13 SetManaged, 4.5.11.14 SetManagedByName, 4.5.11.15 SetUnmanaged, 4.5.11.16 SetUnmanagedByName

#### 4.5.11.18. IsManagedByName

```
fct int IsManagedByName(HController HC, const char *devicename,
                        bool &managed);
```



Returns in the variable **managed** whether the device is managed or not. The device is identified by its name.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**devicename** is the name of the device

**managed** If the function returns with E\_OK: true: if the device is managed; false otherwise;

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.17 IsManaged, 4.5.11.13 SetManaged, 4.5.11.14 SetManagedByName, 4.5.11.15 SetUnmanaged, 4.5.11.16 SetUnmanagedByName

#### 4.5.11.19. IsDeviceResettable

```
fct int IsDeviceResettable(HController HC, HDevice HD);
```

Returns, whether it is possible to reset the device or not. The device is identified by its handle.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HD** is the handle to the device

**ret** **E\_OK** if the device can be reset  
**E\_NALLOWED** if the device can not be reset  
**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo,  
4.5.11.20 IsDeviceResettableByName, 4.5.11.21 ResetDevice

#### 4.5.11.20. IsDeviceResettableByName

**fct** `int IsDeviceResettableByName(HController HC, const char * devicename);`

Returns, whether it is possible to reset the device or not. The device is identified by its name.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller  
**devicename** is the name of the device

**ret** **E\_OK** if the device can be reset  
**E\_NALLOWED** if the device can not be reset  
**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.19 IsDeviceResettable,  
4.5.11.22 ResetDeviceByName

#### 4.5.11.21. ResetDevice

**fct** `int ResetDevice(HController HC, HDevice HD);`

Resets the given device. The device is identified by its handle. When this function returns, this does not mean that the device has been reset. The state of the reset can be monitored by using RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HD** is the handle to the device

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NALLOWED** if the device can not be reset

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.86 RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged, 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo,  
4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.19 IsDeviceResettable,  
4.5.11.22 ResetDeviceByName

#### 4.5.11.22. ResetDeviceByName

```
fcn int ResetDeviceByName(HController HC, const char *  
devicename);
```

Resets the given device. The device is identified by its name. When this function returns, this does not mean that the device has been reset. The state of the reset can be monitored by using RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**devicename** is the name of the device

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NALLOWED** if the device can not be reset

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.86 RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged, 4.5.11.5 GetAllDeviceInfo,  
4.5.11.7 GetDeviceInfo, 4.5.11.19 IsDeviceResettable, 4.5.11.21 ResetDevice

**4.5.11.23. CreatePenVar**

```
fcn int CreatePenVar(HController HC, const char *drivername,  
const char *pennamevariable);
```

Creates a pen variable for a device.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**drivername** is the name of the driver; e.g. LINEPAR

**pennamevariable** is the path to the pen variable; e.g.  
usr.pens.MyPen.linepar.common.speed\_m

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.10.1 GetDriverInfo

**4.5.12. Callbacks**

Please see also 4.5.3 Error handling.

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#### 4.5.12.1. RegisterOnNodeModified

```
fct    int RegisterOnNodeModified(HController HC, const char *
        varname, NodeModifiedCallbackFunction callback, void *
        userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for a NodeModified-event. Each time the given variable changes its internal values (value, flags, index, ...) this function gets called. Please note, that this function is partially redundant with the following functions:

4.5.12.6 RegisterOnValueChangedExt,  
 4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged,  
 4.5.12.13 RegisterOnFlagsChangedExt,  
 4.5.12.17 RegisterOnFlagsChanged

**TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback for each variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the name of the variable; e.g. "stat.time.TimeStr"

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** this pointer is given as parameter in the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.1 NodeModifiedCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.2 UnregisterOnNodeModified, 4.5.12.3 UnregisterOnNodeModifiedSingle, 4.5.12.6 RegisterOnValueChangedExt, 4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged, 4.5.12.13 RegisterOnFlagsChangedExt, 4.5.12.17 RegisterOnFlagsChanged, 4.5.12.48 RegisterOnNameChangedExt, 4.5.12.53 RegisterOnNameChanged, 4.5.12.34 RegisterOnNodeDeletedExt, 4.5.12.39 RegisterOnNodeDeleted, 4.5.8.5 AddNodeObjectSubtreeByName

#### 4.5.12.2. UnregisterOnNodeModified

```
fct int UnregisterOnNodeModified(HController HC, const char *
varname);
```

Unregisters all callbacks of a NodeModified-event from the given variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the name of the variable; e.g. "stat.time.TimeStr"

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if a callback for the given variable has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.1 RegisterOnNodeModified, 4.5.12.3 UnregisterOnNodeModifiedSingle

### 4.5.12.3. UnregisterOnNodeModifiedSingle

```
fct   int UnregisterOnNodeModifiedSingle(HController HC, const
      char *varname, NodeModifiedCallbackFunction callback);
```

Unregisters the given callback of a NodeModified-event from the given variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the name of the variable; e.g. "stat.time.TimeStr"

**callback** is the callback that shall be unregistered

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if the callback for that variable has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.2 UnregisterOnNodeModified, 4.5.12.1 RegisterOnNodeModified

### 4.5.12.4. RegisterOnNodeModifiedGlobal

```
fct   int RegisterOnNodeModifiedGlobal(HController HC,
      NodeModifiedCallbackFunction callback, void *userpointer);
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** this pointer is given as parameter in the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.5 UnregisterOnNodeModifiedGlobal

#### 4.5.12.5. UnregisterOnNodeModifiedGlobal

**fct** `int UnregisterOnNodeModifiedGlobal(HController HC);`

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.4 RegisterOnNodeModifiedGlobal

#### 4.5.12.6. RegisterOnValueChangedExt

**fct** `int RegisterOnValueChangedExt(HController HC, const char * varname, ValueChangeCallbackFunctionExt callback, void * userpointer);`

Registers a callback for a ValueChange-event. Each time the given variable changes the callback gets called with a NodeObject holding the current value. After registering the callback is called initially with the current value of the node.

#### TIP

It is possible to have more than 1 callback for each variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the name of the variable; e.g. "stat.time.TimeStr"

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** this pointer is given as parameter in the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.2 ValueChangeCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.11 UnregisterOnValueChanged, 4.5.12.9 UnregisterOnValueChangedSingleExt, 4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged, 4.5.12.13 RegisterOnFlagsChangedExt, 4.5.12.48 RegisterOnNameChangedExt, 4.5.12.34 RegisterOnNodeDeletedExt, 4.5.8.5 AddNodeObjectSubtreeByName

#### 4.5.12.7. RegisterOnValueChangedGlobal

```
fct int RegisterOnValueChangedGlobal(HController HC,
ValueChangeCallbackFunctionExt callback, void *userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for a ValueChange-event. Each time a variable changes the callback gets called with a NodeObject holding the current value.

#### TIP

Only 1 global callback per controller is allowed at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** this pointer is given as parameter in the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if already 1 global ValueChange callback was registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.2 ValueChangeCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.8 UnregisterOnValueChangedGlobal, 4.5.12.11 UnregisterOnValueChanged, 4.5.12.9 UnregisterOnValueChangedSingleExt, 4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged, 4.5.12.13 RegisterOnFlagsChangedExt, 4.5.12.48 RegisterOnNameChangedExt, 4.5.12.34 RegisterOnNodeDeletedExt, 4.5.8.5 AddNodeObjectSubtreeByName

#### 4.5.12.8. UnregisterOnValueChangedGlobal

**fct** `int UnregisterOnValueChangedGlobal(HController HC);`

Unregisters the global callback of a ValueChange-event from the given controller.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if a callback for that variable was not registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.11 UnregisterOnValueChanged, 4.5.12.7 RegisterOnValueChangedGlobal

#### 4.5.12.9. UnregisterOnValueChangedSingleExt

**fct** `int UnregisterOnValueChangedSingleExt(HController HC, const char *varname, ValueChangeCallbackFunctionExt callback);`

Unregister a callback of a ValueChange-event from the given variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** name of the variable; e.g. "stat.time.TimeStr"

**callback** the callback to be unregistered

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if the callback for that variable was not registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.11 UnregisterOnValueChanged, 4.5.12.6 RegisterOnValueChangedExt

**4.5.12.10. RegisterOnValueChanged**

```
fct   int RegisterOnValueChanged(HController HC, const char *
      varname, ValueChangeCallbackFunction callback);
```

Registers a callback for a ValueChange-event. Each time the given variable changes the callback gets called with a NodeObject holding the current value. After registration the callback is called initially with the current value of the node.

**TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback for each variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the name of the variable; e.g. "stat.time.TimeStr"

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.3 ValueChangeCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.6 RegisterOnValueChangedExt,  
4.5.12.11 UnregisterOnValueChanged,  
4.5.12.12 UnregisterOnValueChangedSingle, 4.5.12.17 RegisterOnFlagsChanged,  
4.5.12.53 RegisterOnNameChanged, 4.5.12.39 RegisterOnNodeDeleted,  
4.5.8.5 AddNodeObjectSubtreeByName

**4.5.12.11. UnregisterOnValueChanged**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnValueChanged(HController HC, const char *
      varname);
```

Unregisters all callbacks of a ValueChange-event from the given variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the name of the variable; e.g. "stat.time.TimeStr"



**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_NOEXIST` if a callback for that variable has not been registered

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.12.12 `UnregisterOnValueChangedSingle`, 4.5.12.10 `RegisterOnValueChanged`

#### 4.5.12.12. `UnregisterOnValueChangedSingle`

```
fct int UnregisterOnValueChangedSingle(HController HC, const char *varname, ValueChangeCallbackFunction callback);
```

Unregisters a callback of a `ValueChange`-event from the given variable.

**par** `HC` is the handle to the controller

`varname` is the name of the variable; e.g. `"stat.time.TimeStr"`

`callback` is the callback that shall be unregistered

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_NOEXIST` if the callback for that variable has not been registered

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.12.11 `UnregisterOnValueChanged`, 4.5.12.10 `RegisterOnValueChanged`

#### 4.5.12.13. `RegisterOnFlagsChangedExt`

```
fct int RegisterOnFlagsChangedExt(HController HC, const char *varname, FlagsChangeCallbackFunctionExt callback, void *userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for a `FlagsChange`-event. Each time the flags for the given variable change the callback gets called with a `NodeObject` holding the current value. After registration the callback is called initially with the current value of the flags.

**TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback for each variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the name of the variable; e.g. "stat.time.TimeStr"

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** this pointer is given as parameter in the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.4 FlagsChangeCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.17 RegisterOnFlagsChanged, 4.5.12.6 RegisterOnValueChangedExt, 4.5.12.18 UnregisterOnFlagsChanged, 4.5.12.14 UnregisterOnFlagsChangedSingleExt

#### 4.5.12.14. UnregisterOnFlagsChangedSingleExt

```
fct int UnregisterOnFlagsChangedSingleExt(HController HC, const char *varname, FlagsChangeCallbackFunctionExt callback);
```

Unregisters a callback of a FlagsChange-event.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** name of the variable; e.g. "stat.time.TimeStr"

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if the callback for that variable was not registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.13 RegisterOnFlagsChangedExt, 4.5.12.17 RegisterOnFlagsChanged, 4.5.12.18 UnregisterOnFlagsChanged

**4.5.12.15. RegisterOnFlagsChangedGlobal**

```
fct   int RegisterOnFlagsChangedGlobal(HController HC,  
    FlagsChangeCallbackFunctionExt callback, void *userpointer);
```

Registers a callback of a FlagsChange-event.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** this pointer is given as parameter in the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.16 UnregisterOnFlagsChangedGlobal

**4.5.12.16. UnregisterOnFlagsChangedGlobal**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnFlagsChangedGlobal(HController HC);
```

Unregisters a callback of a FlagsChange-event.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.15 RegisterOnFlagsChangedGlobal

#### 4.5.12.17. RegisterOnFlagsChanged

```
fct   int RegisterOnFlagsChanged(HController HC, const char *  
      varname, FlagsChangeCallbackFunction callback);
```

Registers a callback for a FlagsChange-event. Each time the flags for the given variable change, the callback gets called with a NodeObject holding the current value. After registration the callback is called initially with the current value of the flags.

**TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback for each variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the name of the variable; e.g. "stat.time.TimeStr"

**callback** is the the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.5 FlagsChangeCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.13 RegisterOnFlagsChangedExt,  
4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged, 4.5.12.18 UnregisterOnFlagsChanged,  
4.5.12.19 UnregisterOnFlagsChangedSingle

#### 4.5.12.18. UnregisterOnFlagsChanged

```
fct   int UnregisterOnFlagsChanged(HController HC, const char *  
      varname);
```

Unregisters all callbacks of a FlagsChange-event.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the name of the variable; e.g. "stat.time.TimeStr"

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if a callback for that variable has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.17 RegisterOnFlagsChanged, 4.5.12.13 RegisterOnFlagsChangedExt, 4.5.12.19 UnregisterOnFlagsChangedSingle

#### 4.5.12.19. UnregisterOnFlagsChangedSingle

```
fct int UnregisterOnFlagsChangedSingle(HController HC, const char *varname, FlagsChangeCallbackFunction callback);
```

Unregisters a callback of a FlagsChange-event.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**varname** is the name of the variable; e.g. "stat.time.TimeStr"

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if the callback for that variable has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.17 RegisterOnFlagsChanged, 4.5.12.18 UnregisterOnFlagsChanged

#### 4.5.12.20. RegisterOnNodeMoved

```
fct int RegisterOnNodeMoved(HController HC, NodeMovedCallbackFunction callback, void *userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for a NodeMoved-event. Each time a node is moved on the controller the callback function gets called.

#### **TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback that gets called when a node is moved on the controller

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.17 NodeMovedCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.21 UnregisterOnNodeMoved, 4.5.12.23 UnregisterOnNodeMovedSingle

#### 4.5.12.21. UnregisterOnNodeMoved

**fct** `int UnregisterOnNodeMoved(HController HC);`

Unregisters all callbacks of a NodeMoved-event.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if a callback has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.20 RegisterOnNodeMoved, 4.5.12.23 UnregisterOnNodeMovedSingle

#### 4.5.12.22. RegisterOnNodeMovedExt

**fct** `int RegisterOnNodeMovedExt(HController HC, NodeMovedCallbackFunctionExt callback, void *userpointer);`

Registers a callback for a NodeMoved-event. Each time a node is moved on the controller this callback function gets called.

#### TIP

It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback that gets called when a node is moved on the controller

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.17 NodeMovedCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.21 UnregisterOnNodeMoved,  
4.5.12.23 UnregisterOnNodeMovedSingle

#### 4.5.12.23. UnregisterOnNodeMovedSingle

```
fct int UnregisterOnNodeMovedSingle(HController HC,  
NodeMovedCallbackFunction callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for a NodeMoved-event.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if the callback has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.20 RegisterOnNodeMoved, 4.5.12.21 UnregisterOnNodeMoved

#### 4.5.12.24. UnregisterOnNodeMovedSingleExt

```
fct int UnregisterOnNodeMovedSingleExt(HController HC,  
NodeMovedCallbackFunctionExt callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for a NodeMoved-event.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if the callback has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.20 RegisterOnNodeMoved, 4.5.12.21 UnregisterOnNodeMoved

#### 4.5.12.25. RegisterOnNodeCreatedExt

```
ft  int RegisterOnNodeCreatedExt(HController HC,
    NodeCreatedCallbackFunctionExt callback, void *userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for NodeCreate-events. This callback gets called each time a new node has been created on the controller.

#### TIP

It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.8 NodeCreatedCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.27 RegisterOnNodeCreated, 4.5.12.28 UnregisterOnNodeCreated, 4.5.12.26 UnregisterOnNodeCreatedSingleExt



#### 4.5.12.26. UnregisterOnNodeCreatedSingleExt

```
ftc   int UnregisterOnNodeCreatedSingleExt(HController HC,  
      NodeCreatedCallbackFunctionExt callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for NodeCreate-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if the callback has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.25 RegisterOnNodeCreatedExt, 4.5.12.28 UnregisterOnNodeCreated

#### 4.5.12.27. RegisterOnNodeCreated

```
ftc   int RegisterOnNodeCreated(HController HC,  
      NodeCreatedCallbackFunction callback);
```

Registers a callback for NodeCreate-events. This callback gets called each time a new node has been created on the controller.

##### **TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.9 NodeCreatedCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.28 UnregisterOnNodeCreated, 4.5.12.29 UnregisterOnNodeCreatedSingle

#### 4.5.12.28. UnregisterOnNodeCreated

```
fct int UnregisterOnNodeCreated(HController HC );
```

Unregisters all callback for NodeCreate-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.27 RegisterOnNodeCreated, 4.5.12.29 UnregisterOnNodeCreatedSingle

#### 4.5.12.29. UnregisterOnNodeCreatedSingle

```
fct int UnregisterOnNodeCreatedSingle(HController HC,  
NodeCreatedCallbackFunction callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for NodeCreate-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if the callback has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.27 RegisterOnNodeCreated, 4.5.12.28 UnregisterOnNodeCreated

#### 4.5.12.30. RegisterOnStartOfNodeCreatedRequest

```
fct   int RegisterOnStartOfNodeCreatedRequest(HController HC,  
        StartOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction callback, void *  
        userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for StartOfNodeCreate-events. This callback gets called each time a new set of NodeCreated requests is coming from the controller.

**TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.10 StartOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.32 RegisterOnEndOfNodeCreatedRequest

#### 4.5.12.31. UnregisterOnStartOfNodeCreatedRequest

```
fct   int UnregisterOnStartOfNodeCreatedRequest(HController HC);
```

Unregisters a callback for StartOfNodeCreate-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.10 StartOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.30 RegisterOnStartOfNodeCreatedRequest,

#### 4.5.12.32. RegisterOnEndOfNodeCreatedRequest

```
fct   int RegisterOnEndOfNodeCreatedRequest(HController HC,  
      EndOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction callback, void *  
      userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for EndOfNodeCreate-events. This callback gets called each time a new set of NodeCreated requests is coming from the controller.

**TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.11 EndOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.32 RegisterOnEndOfNodeCreatedRequest

#### 4.5.12.33. UnregisterOnEndOfNodeCreatedRequest

```
fct   int UnregisterOnEndOfNodeCreatedRequest(HController HC);
```

Unregisters a callback for EndOfNodeCreate-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.11 EndOfNodeCreatedRequestCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.30 RegisterOnStartOfNodeCreatedRequest

**4.5.12.34. RegisterOnNodeDeletedExt**

```
int RegisterOnNodeDeletedExt(HController HC, HNodeObject
HNO, NodeDeletedCallbackFunctionExt callback, void *
userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for NodeDelete-events. The callback gets called when the given NodeObject was deleted on the controller.

**TIP**

- In order to work correctly, also a ValueChangedCallback has to be registered for the same variable.
- It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.12 NodeDeletedCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.39 RegisterOnNodeDeleted, 4.5.12.35 RegisterOnNodeDeletedGlobal, 4.5.12.40 UnregisterOnNodeDeleted, 4.5.12.38 UnregisterOnNodeDeletedSingleExt, 4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged

**4.5.12.35. RegisterOnNodeDeletedGlobal**

```
fct   int RegisterOnNodeDeletedGlobal(HController HC,
    NodeDeletedCallbackFunctionExt callback, void *userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for all NodeDelete-events. The callback gets called when any NodeObject was deleted on the controller.

**TIP**

- This function works only correct, if the Variablecache was enabled with EnableVariableCache.
- Only 1 callback of this type can be registered.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.12 NodeDeletedCallbackFunctionExt,  
4.5.12.36 UnregisterOnNodeDeletedGlobal, 4.5.12.39 RegisterOnNodeDeleted,  
4.5.12.40 UnregisterOnNodeDeleted,  
4.5.12.38 UnregisterOnNodeDeletedSingleExt,  
4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged

**4.5.12.36. UnregisterOnNodeDeletedGlobal**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnNodeDeletedGlobal(HController HC);
```

Unregisters a callback for the global NodeDelete-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if a callback has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.34 RegisterOnNodeDeletedExt, 4.5.12.40 UnregisterOnNodeDeleted, 4.5.12.35 RegisterOnNodeDeletedGlobal

#### 4.5.12.37. UnregisterOnNodeDeletedGlobalSingle

```
fct int UnregisterOnNodeDeletedGlobalSingle(HController HC,
NodeDeletedCallbackFunctionExt callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for the global NodeDelete-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function that shall be unregistered

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if the callback has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.34 RegisterOnNodeDeletedExt, 4.5.12.40 UnregisterOnNodeDeleted, 4.5.12.35 RegisterOnNodeDeletedGlobal

#### 4.5.12.38. UnregisterOnNodeDeletedSingleExt

```
fct int UnregisterOnNodeDeletedSingleExt(HController HC,
HNodeObject HNO, NodeDeletedCallbackFunctionExt callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for NodeDelete-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**callback** is the the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if the callback has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.34 RegisterOnNodeDeletedExt, 4.5.12.40 UnregisterOnNodeDeleted

#### 4.5.12.39. RegisterOnNodeDeleted

**ftc** `int RegisterOnNodeDeleted(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, NodeDeletedCallbackFunction callback);`

Registers a callback for NodeDelete-events. The callback gets called when the given NodeObject was deleted on the controller.

#### TIP

- In order to work correctly, also a ValueChangedCallback has to be registered for the same variable.
- It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if a callback of this type has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.13 NodeDeletedCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.40 UnregisterOnNodeDeleted, 4.5.12.41 UnregisterOnNodeDeletedSingle, 4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged



**4.5.12.40. UnregisterOnNodeDeleted**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnNodeDeleted(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO
);
```

Unregisters all callbacks for NodeDelete-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.39 RegisterOnNodeDeleted, 4.5.12.41 UnregisterOnNodeDeletedSingle

**4.5.12.41. UnregisterOnNodeDeletedSingle**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnNodeDeletedSingle(HController HC,
HNodeObject HNO, NodeDeletedCallbackFunction callback );
```

Unregisters a callback for NodeDelete-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if a callback of this type has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.39 RegisterOnNodeDeleted, 4.5.12.40 UnregisterOnNodeDeleted

**4.5.12.42. RegisterOnStartOfNodeDeletedRequest**

```
fct   int RegisterOnStartOfNodeDeletedRequest(HController HC,  
        StartOfNodeDeletedRequestCallbackFunction callback, void *  
        userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for StartOfNodeDeleted-events. The callback gets called each time a new set of NodeDeleted requests is coming from the controller.

**TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.14 StartOfNodeDeletedRequestCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.44 RegisterOnEndOfNodeDeletedRequest

**4.5.12.43. UnregisterOnStartOfNodeDeletedRequest**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnStartOfNodeDeletedRequest(HController HC);
```

Unregisters a callback for StartOfNodeDeleted-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.14 StartOfNodeDeletedRequestCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.42 RegisterOnStartOfNodeDeletedRequest

#### 4.5.12.44. RegisterOnEndOfNodeDeletedRequest

```
fct   int RegisterOnEndOfNodeDeletedRequest(HController HC,  
      EndOfNodeDeletedRequestCallbackFunction callback, void *  
      userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for EndOfNodeDeleted-events. The callback gets called each time a new set of NodeDeleted-requests is coming from the controller.

**TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.15 EndOfNodeDeletedRequestCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.44 RegisterOnEndOfNodeDeletedRequest

#### 4.5.12.45. UnregisterOnEndOfNodeDeletedRequest

```
fct   int UnregisterOnEndOfNodeDeletedRequest(HController HC);
```

Unregisters a callback for EndOfNodeDeleted-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.15 EndOfNodeDeletedRequestCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.42 RegisterOnStartOfNodeDeletedRequest

**4.5.12.46. RegisterOnNodeWillDeletedGlobal**

```
fct   int RegisterOnNodeWillDeletedGlobal(HController HC,
      NodeWillBeDeletedCallbackFunction callback, void *
      userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for all NodeDelete-events. The callback gets called when any NodeObject was deleted on the controller.

**TIP**

- This function works only correct, if the Variablecache was enabled with EnableVariableCache.
- Only 1 callback of this type can be registered.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.12 NodeDeletedCallbackFunctionExt,  
 4.5.12.36 UnregisterOnNodeDeletedGlobal, 4.5.12.39 RegisterOnNodeDeleted,  
 4.5.12.40 UnregisterOnNodeDeleted,  
 4.5.12.38 UnregisterOnNodeDeletedSingleExt,  
 4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged

**4.5.12.47. UnregisterOnNodeWillDeletedGlobal**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnNodeWillDeletedGlobal(HController HC);
```

Registers a callback for all NodeWillBeDelete-events. The callback gets called when any NodeObject will be deleted on the controller.

**TIP**

- This function works only correct, if the Variablecache was enabled with EnableVariableCache.
- Only 1 callback of this type can be registered.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.12 NodeDeletedCallbackFunctionExt,  
4.5.12.36 UnregisterOnNodeDeletedGlobal, 4.5.12.39 RegisterOnNodeDeleted,  
4.5.12.40 UnregisterOnNodeDeleted,  
4.5.12.38 UnregisterOnNodeDeletedSingleExt,  
4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged

#### 4.5.12.48. RegisterOnNameChangedExt

**fct** `int RegisterOnNameChangedExt(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO, NameChangeCallbackFunctionExt callback, void * userpointer);`

Registers a callback for NameChange-events. The callback gets called when a NodeObject changes its name.

**TIP**

- It is possible to have more than 1 callback for each variable at a time.
- In order to work correctly, also a ValueChangedCallback has to be registered for the same variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller  
**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject  
**callback** is the callback function  
**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success  
**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered  
**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.6 NameChangeCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.53 RegisterOnNameChanged,  
4.5.12.55 UnregisterOnNameChanged,  
4.5.12.49 UnregisterOnNameChangedSingleExt,  
4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged

#### 4.5.12.49. UnregisterOnNameChangedSingleExt

```
ft   int UnregisterOnNameChangedSingleExt(HController HC,  
      HNodeObject HNO, NameChangeCallbackFunctionExt callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for NameChange-events for the given NodeObject.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller  
**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject  
**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success  
**E\_NOEXIST** if the callback has not been registered  
**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.55 UnregisterOnNameChanged, 4.5.12.48 RegisterOnNameChangedExt

**4.5.12.50. RegisterOnNameChangedGlobal**

```
fct   int RegisterOnNameChangedGlobal(HController HC,  
    NameChangeCallbackFunctionExt callback, void *userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for NameChange-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is given as parameter in the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.51 UnregisterOnNameChangedGlobal,  
4.5.12.52 UnregisterOnNameChangedGlobalSingle

**4.5.12.51. UnregisterOnNameChangedGlobal**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnNameChangedGlobal(HController HC);
```

Unregisters a callback for NameChange-events.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.50 RegisterOnNameChangedGlobal,  
4.5.12.52 UnregisterOnNameChangedGlobalSingle

**4.5.12.52. UnregisterOnNameChangedGlobalSingle**

```
ftc    int UnregisterOnNameChangedGlobalSingle(HController HC,  
        NameChangeCallbackFunctionExt callback);
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.50 RegisterOnNameChangedGlobal,  
4.5.12.51 UnregisterOnNameChangedGlobal

**4.5.12.53. RegisterOnNameChanged**

```
ftc    int RegisterOnNameChanged(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO,  
        NameChangeCallbackFunction callback);
```

Registers a callback for NameChange-events. The callback gets called when a NodeObject changes its name.

**TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback for each variable at a time. In order to work correctly, also a ValueChangedCallback has to be registered for the same variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure



**see** 4.2.1.7 NameChangeCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.55 UnregisterOnNameChanged, 4.5.12.54 UnregisterOnNameChangedSingle, 4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged

#### 4.5.12.54. UnregisterOnNameChangedSingle

```
fct int UnregisterOnNameChangedSingle(HController HC,  
HNodeObject HNO, NameChangeCallbackFunction callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for NameChange-events for the given NodeObject.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if the callback has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.55 UnregisterOnNameChanged, 4.5.12.53 RegisterOnNameChanged

#### 4.5.12.55. UnregisterOnNameChanged

```
fct int UnregisterOnNameChanged(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO  
);
```

Unregisters all callbacks for NameChange-events for the given NodeObject.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if a callback has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.54 UnregisterOnNameChangedSingle, 4.5.12.53 RegisterOnNameChanged

#### 4.5.12.56. RegisterOnNodeStateChanged

```
fct   int RegisterOnNodeStateChanged(HController HC, HNodeObject
      HNO, NodeStateChangeCallbackFunction callback, void *
      userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for NodeStateChange-events. The callback gets called when a NodeObject changes its state.

#### **TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback for each variable.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.1.19 NodeStateChangeCallbackFunction,  
4.5.12.60 UnregisterOnNodeStateChanged,  
4.5.12.59 UnregisterOnNodeStateChangedSingle

**4.5.12.57. RegisterOnNodeStateChangedGlobal**

```
fct   int RegisterOnNodeStateChangedGlobal(HController HC,  
      NodeStateChangeCallbackFunction callback, void *userpointer  
      );
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is given as parameter in the callback function

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.58 UnregisterOnNodeStateChangedGlobal

**4.5.12.58. UnregisterOnNodeStateChangedGlobal**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnNodeStateChangedGlobal(HController HC);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.57 RegisterOnNodeStateChangedGlobal

**4.5.12.59. UnregisterOnNodeStateChangedSingle**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnNodeStateChangedSingle(HController HC,  
      HNodeObject HNO, NodeStateChangeCallbackFunction callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for NodeStateChange-events for the given NodeObject.

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if the callback has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.60 UnregisterOnNodeStateChanged,  
4.5.12.56 RegisterOnNodeStateChanged

#### 4.5.12.60. UnregisterOnNodeStateChanged

```
fcn int UnregisterOnNodeStateChanged(HController HC,  
HNodeObject HNO);
```

Unregisters all callbacks for NodeStateChanged-events for the given NodeObject.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HNO** is the handle to the NodeObject

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_NOEXIST** if a callback has not been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.59 UnregisterOnNodeStateChangedSingle,  
4.5.12.56 RegisterOnNodeStateChanged

**4.5.12.61. RegisterOnPLCChangedExt**

```
fct   int RegisterOnPLCChangedExt(HController HC,  
    PLCChangeCallbackFunctionExt callback, void *userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for a PLCChange-event. Each time the PLC state changes on the controller the callback function gets called. After registration the callback is being called initially with the current PLC state.

**TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.2.1 PLCChangeCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged,  
4.5.12.64 UnregisterOnPLCChanged, 4.5.12.65 UnregisterOnPLCChangedSingle

**4.5.12.62. UnregisterOnPLCChangedSingleExt**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnPLCChangedSingleExt(HController HC,  
    PLCChangeCallbackFunctionExt callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for a PLCChange-event.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.61 RegisterOnPLCChangedExt, 4.5.12.64 UnregisterOnPLCChanged

#### 4.5.12.63. RegisterOnPLCChanged

```
fct   int RegisterOnPLCChanged(HController HC,  
    PLCChangeCallbackFunction callback);
```

Registers a callback for a PLCChange-event. Each time the PLC state changes on the controller the callback function gets called. After registration the callback is being called initially with the current PLC state.

#### **TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.2.2 PLCChangeCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.64 UnregisterOnPLCChanged,  
4.5.12.65 UnregisterOnPLCChangedSingle

#### 4.5.12.64. UnregisterOnPLCChanged

```
fct   int UnregisterOnPLCChanged(HController HC);
```

Unregisters all callbacks for a PLC-event.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged, 4.5.12.65 UnregisterOnPLCChangedSingle

#### 4.5.12.65. UnregisterOnPLCChangedSingle

```
fct int UnregisterOnPLCChangedSingle(HController HC,  
    PLCChangeCallbackFunction callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for a PLC-event.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.63 RegisterOnPLCChanged, 4.5.12.64 UnregisterOnPLCChanged

#### 4.5.12.66. RegisterOnSysMsgExt

```
fct int RegisterOnSysMsgExt(HController HC,  
    SysMsgCallbackFunctionExt callback, void *userpointer);
```

### NOTICE

This function is deprecated.

- Use RegisterOnSystemMessage instead.

Registers a callback for a SystemMessages-event. Each time a SystemMessage occurs the callback gets called.

### TIP

It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller  
**callback** is the callback function  
**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success  
**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered  
**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.3.2 SysMsgCallbackFunctionExt, 4.5.12.67 UnregisterOnSysMsgSingleExt, 4.5.12.69 UnregisterOnSysMsg, 4.5.13.6 GetSysMsgRawText

#### 4.5.12.67. UnregisterOnSysMsgSingleExt

```
fct int UnregisterOnSysMsgSingleExt(HController HC,
SysMsgCallbackFunctionExt callback);
```



### NOTICE

This function is deprecated.

- Use UnregisterOnSystemMessageSingle instead.

Unregisters a callback for a SystemMessage-event.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller  
**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success  
**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.66 RegisterOnSysMsgExt, 4.5.12.69 UnregisterOnSysMsg



#### 4.5.12.68. RegisterOnSysMsg

```
fct int RegisterOnSysMsg(HController HC, SysMsgCallbackFunction  
callback);
```

### NOTICE

This function is deprecated.

- Use RegisterOnSystemMessage instead.

Registers a callback for a SystemMessages-event. Each time a SystemMessage occurs the callback gets called.

### TIP

It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.2.3.3 SysMsgCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.66 RegisterOnSysMsgExt,  
4.5.12.69 UnregisterOnSysMsg, 4.5.13.6 GetSysMsgRawText

#### 4.5.12.69. UnregisterOnSysMsg

```
fct int UnregisterOnSysMsg(HController HC);
```

 **NOTICE**

This function is deprecated.

- Use `UnregisterOnSystemMessage` instead.

Unregisters all callbacks for a `SystemMessage`-event.

**par** `HC` is the handle to the controller

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.12.71 `RegisterOnSystemMessage`

#### 4.5.12.70. `UnregisterOnSysMsgSingle`

**fct** `int UnregisterOnSysMsgSingle(HController HC, SysMsgCallbackFunction callback);`

Unregisters a callback for a `SystemMessage`-event.

 **NOTICE**

This function is deprecated.

- Use `UnregisterOnSystemMessageSingle` instead.

**par** `HC` is the handle to the controller

`callback` is the callback function

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.12.68 `RegisterOnSysMsg`

#### 4.5.12.71. RegisterOnSystemMessage

```
fct int RegisterOnSystemMessage(SystemMessageCallbackFunction  
callback, void *userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for a SystemMessages-event. Each time a SystemMessage occurs the callback gets called.

**TIP**

It is possible to have more than 1 callback at a time.

**par** `callback` is the callback function

`userpointer` This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_EXIST` if the callback has already been registered

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.2.3.1 SystemMessageCallbackFunction, 4.5.12.72 UnregisterOnSystemMessage, 4.5.12.73 UnregisterOnSystemMessageSingle, 4.5.13.2 GetSystemMessageXML

#### 4.5.12.72. UnregisterOnSystemMessage

```
fct int UnregisterOnSystemMessage();
```

Unregisters all callbacks for a SystemMessage-event.

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.12.71 RegisterOnSystemMessage

**4.5.12.73. UnregisterOnSystemMessageSingle**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnSystemMessageSingle(
        SystemMessageCallbackFunction callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for a SystemMessage-event.

**par** **callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.71 RegisterOnSystemMessage, 4.5.12.72 UnregisterOnSystemMessage

**4.5.12.74. RegisterOnDeviceCreated**

```
fct   int RegisterOnDeviceCreated(HController HC,
        DeviceCreatedCallbackFunction callback, void *userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for a DeviceCreated-event. The callback gets called when a device was created on the controller.

**TIP**

Due to design it is not ensured that the device is completely created when the callback gets called. This behavior depends on the version of the firmware.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.75 UnregisterOnDeviceCreated, 4.5.12.76 RegisterOnDeviceDeleted

#### 4.5.12.75. UnregisterOnDeviceCreated

```
fct   int UnregisterOnDeviceCreated(HController HC,  
    DeviceCreatedCallbackFunction callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for a DeviceCreated-event.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.74 RegisterOnDeviceCreated, 4.5.12.76 RegisterOnDeviceDeleted

#### 4.5.12.76. RegisterOnDeviceDeleted

```
fct   int RegisterOnDeviceDeleted(HController HC,  
    DeviceDeletedCallbackFunction callback, void *userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for a DeviceDeleted-event. The callback gets called when a device was created on the controller.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.77 UnregisterOnDeviceDeleted, 4.5.12.74 RegisterOnDeviceCreated

**4.5.12.77. UnregisterOnDeviceDeleted**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnDeviceDeleted(HController HC,  
                                     DeviceDeletedCallbackFunction callback);
```

Unregisters a callback for a DeviceDeleted-event. The callback gets called when a device was created on the controller.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.76 RegisterOnDeviceDeleted, 4.5.12.74 RegisterOnDeviceCreated

**4.5.12.78. RegisterOnDeviceActivated**

```
fct   int RegisterOnDeviceActivated(HController HC,  
                                     DeviceActivatedCallbackFunction callback, void *userpointer  
                                     );
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback has already been registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.79 UnregisterOnDeviceActivated, 4.5.12.80 RegisterOnDeviceDeactivated

**4.5.12.79. UnregisterOnDeviceActivated**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnDeviceActivated(HController HC,  
   DeviceActivatedCallbackFunction callback);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.78 RegisterOnDeviceActivated, 4.5.12.80 RegisterOnDeviceDeactivated

**4.5.12.80. RegisterOnDeviceDeactivated**

```
fct   int RegisterOnDeviceDeactivated(HController HC,  
   DeviceDeactivatedCallbackFunction callback, void *  
   userpointer);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_EXIST if the callback has already been registered

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.81 UnregisterOnDeviceDeactivated, 4.5.12.78 RegisterOnDeviceActivated

**4.5.12.81. UnregisterOnDeviceDeactivated**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnDeviceDeactivated(HController HC,  
    DeviceDeactivatedCallbackFunction callback);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.78 RegisterOnDeviceActivated, 4.5.12.80 RegisterOnDeviceDeactivated

**4.5.12.82. RegisterOnDeviceDependencyAdded**

```
fct   int RegisterOnDeviceDependencyAdded(HController HC,  
    DeviceDependencyAddedCallbackFunction callback, void *  
    userpointer);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_EXIST if the callback has already been registered

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.83 UnregisterOnDeviceDependencyAdded,  
4.5.12.84 RegisterOnDeviceDependencyRemoved



**4.5.12.83. UnregisterOnDeviceDependencyAdded**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnDeviceDependencyAdded(HController HC,  
      DeviceDependencyAddedCallbackFunction callback);
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.84 RegisterOnDeviceDependencyRemoved,  
4.5.12.82 RegisterOnDeviceDependencyAdded

**4.5.12.84. RegisterOnDeviceDependencyRemoved**

```
fct   int RegisterOnDeviceDependencyRemoved(HController HC,  
      DeviceDependencyRemovedCallbackFunction callback, void *  
      userpointer);
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_EXIST** if the callback was already registered

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.85 UnregisterOnDeviceDependencyRemoved,  
4.5.12.82 RegisterOnDeviceDependencyAdded

**4.5.12.85. UnregisterOnDeviceDependencyRemoved**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnDeviceDependencyRemoved(HController HC,  
        DeviceDependencyRemovedCallbackFunction callback);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.82 RegisterOnDeviceDependencyAdded,  
4.5.12.84 RegisterOnDeviceDependencyRemoved

**4.5.12.86. RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged**

```
fct   int RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged(HController HC,  
        DeviceStateChangedCallbackFunction callback, void *  
        userpointer);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_EXIST if the callback has already been registered

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.87 UnregisterOnDeviceStateChanged

**4.5.12.87. UnregisterOnDeviceStateChanged**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnDeviceStateChanged(HController HC,  
    DeviceStateChangedCallbackFunction callback);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.86 RegisterOnDeviceStateChanged

**4.5.12.88. RegisterOnDeviceErrorStateChanged**

```
fct   int RegisterOnDeviceErrorStateChanged(HController HC,  
    DeviceErrorStateChangedCallbackFunction callback, void *  
    userpointer);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_EXIST if the callback has already been registered

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.89 UnregisterOnDeviceErrorStateChanged

**4.5.12.89. UnregisterOnErrorStateChanged**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnErrorStateChanged(HController HC,  
    DeviceErrorStateChangedCallbackFunction callback);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.88 RegisterOnErrorStateChanged

**4.5.12.90. RegisterOnDeviceParamStateChanged**

```
fct   int RegisterOnDeviceParamStateChanged(HController HC,  
    DeviceParamStateChangedCallbackFunction callback, void *  
    userpointer);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_EXIST if the callback has already been registered

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.91 UnregisterOnDeviceParamStateChanged

**4.5.12.91. UnregisterOnDeviceParamStateChanged**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnDeviceParamStateChanged(HController HC,  
      DeviceParamStateChangedCallbackFunction callback);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.90 RegisterOnDeviceParamStateChanged

**4.5.12.92. RegisterOnDevicePowerStateChanged**

```
fct   int RegisterOnDevicePowerStateChanged(HController HC,  
      DevicePowerStateChangedCallbackFunction callback, void *  
      userpointer);
```

**par** HC is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer is passed as a parameter to the callback function

**ret** E\_OK on success

E\_EXIST if the callback has already been registered

E\_FAILURE on failure

**see** 4.5.12.93 UnregisterOnDevicePowerStateChanged

**4.5.12.93. UnregisterOnDevicePowerStateChanged**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnDevicePowerStateChanged(HController HC,  
        DevicePowerStateChangedCallbackFunction callback);
```

**par** `HC` is the handle to the controller

`callback` is the callback function

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.12.92 RegisterOnDevicePowerStateChanged

**4.5.12.94. RegisterOnJobLines**

```
fct   int RegisterOnJobLines(HController HC,  
        JobLinesCallbackFunction callback);
```

**par** `HC` is the handle to the controller

`callback` is the callback function

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.12.95 UnregisterOnJobLinesSingle, 4.5.12.96 UnregisterOnJobLines

**4.5.12.95. UnregisterOnJobLinesSingle**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnJobLinesSingle(HController HC,  
        JobLinesCallbackFunction callback);
```

**par** `HC` is the handle to the controller

`callback` is the callback function

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.12.94 RegisterOnJobLines, 4.5.12.96 UnregisterOnJobLines

#### 4.5.12.96. UnregisterOnJobLines

**fct** `int UnregisterOnJobLines(HController HC);`

**par** `HC` is the handle to the controller

`callback` is the callback function

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.12.94 RegisterOnJobLines, 4.5.12.95 UnregisterOnJobLinesSingle

#### 4.5.12.97. RegisterOnTssData

**fct** `int RegisterOnTssData(HController HC,  
TssDataCallbackFunction callback, void *userpointer);`

**par** `HC` is the handle to the controller

`callback` is the callback function

`userpointer` This pointer will be a parameter in every callback of this type

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.12.98 UnregisterOnTssDataSingle, 4.5.12.99 UnregisterOnTssData

**4.5.12.98. UnregisterOnTssDataSingle**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnTssDataSingle(HController HC,  
                                     TssDataCallbackFunction callback);
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.97 RegisterOnTssData, 4.5.12.99 UnregisterOnTssData

**4.5.12.99. UnregisterOnTssData**

```
fct   int UnregisterOnTssData(HController HC);
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.12.97 RegisterOnTssData, 4.5.12.98 UnregisterOnTssDataSingle

**4.5.12.100. RegisterOnUpdateTssChannels**

```
fct   int RegisterOnUpdateTssChannels(HController HC,  
                                       UpdateTssChannelsCallbackFunction callback, void *  
                                       userpointer);
```

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** This pointer will be a parameter in every callback of this type



**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.12.101 `UnregisterOnUpdateTssChannelsSingle`,  
4.5.12.102 `UnregisterOnUpdateTssChannels`

#### 4.5.12.101. `UnregisterOnUpdateTssChannelsSingle`

**fct** `int UnregisterOnUpdateTssChannelsSingle(HController HC,  
UpdateTssChannelsCallbackFunction callback);`

**par** `HC` is the handle to the controller

`callback` is the callback function

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.12.100 `RegisterOnUpdateTssChannels`,  
4.5.12.102 `UnregisterOnUpdateTssChannels`

#### 4.5.12.102. `UnregisterOnUpdateTssChannels`

**fct** `int UnregisterOnUpdateTssChannels(HController HC);`

**par** `HC` is the handle to the controller

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.12.100 `RegisterOnUpdateTssChannels`,  
4.5.12.101 `UnregisterOnUpdateTssChannelsSingle`

### 4.5.13. System messages

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#### 4.5.13.1. GetSystemMessageXMLLen

**fcn** `int GetSystemMessageXMLLen(HSysMsg HSM);`

Gets the length of a given SysMsg as XML.

#### TIP

This call is only valid from inside a SysMsgCallbackFunction.

**par** **HSM** is the handle to the SysMsg

**ret** the strlen of the SysMsg without the trailing 0-byte

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.13.2 GetSystemMessageXML, 4.2.3.3 SysMsgCallbackFunction

## 4.5.13.2. GetSystemMessageXML

```
ft int GetSystemMessageXML(HSysMsg HSM, char *buffer, int
bufferlen);
```

Gets the XML-text of a SysMsg. Call GetSysMsgXMLLen to get the bufferlength. If the function returns E\_OK the buffer holds the NULL-terminated string. To work correctly the buffer length has to be GetSysMsgXMLLen+1. SysMessages are divided into contexts and messages. Contexts are optional.

Listing 4.42: SysMessage with neither context nor parameters

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<SYSMESSAGE ID="3" ControllerHandle="1" Date="2010-11-17
" Time="07:51:27" Uptime="122.232921">
  <MESSAGE Name="FW_E_BREAK" Caller="HandleSysMsg"
    Facility="Firmware"/>
</SYSMESSAGE>
```

Listing 4.43: SysMessage with 1 context and 1 message with parameters

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<SYSMESSAGE ID="1" ControllerHandle="1" Date="2010-11-17
" Time="07:51:27" Uptime="122.232453">
  <CONTEXT Name="Execute Script usr.job.Job.Script">
    <MESSAGE Name="FW_SCRIPT_ERROR" Caller="HandleSysMsg"
      Facility="Firmware">
      <PARAM Name="ERRORDescription" Value="syntax error
"/>
      <PARAM Name="LINE" Value="1"/>
      <PARAM Name="COLUMN" Value="9"/>
    </MESSAGE>
  </CONTEXT>
</SYSMESSAGE>
```

Listing 4.44: SysMessage with 3 contexts and 1 message

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<SYSMESSAGE ID="1" ControllerHandle="1" Date="2010-11-17
" Time="07:51:27" Uptime="122.232453">
```

```

<CONTEXT Name="Execute Conditional usr.job.Job.
  Conditional">
  <CONTEXT Name="Execute Conditional usr.job.Job.
    Conditional.Conditional">
    <CONTEXT Name="Execute Conditional usr.job.Job.
      Conditional.Conditional.Script">
      <MESSAGE Name="FW_SCRIPT_ERROR" Caller="
        HandleSysMsg" Facility="Firmware">
        <PARAM Name="ERRORDescription" Value="syntax
          error"/>
        <PARAM Name="LINE" Value="1"/>
        <PARAM Name="COLUMN" Value="9"/>
      </MESSAGE>
    </CONTEXT>
  </CONTEXT>
</CONTEXT>

```

The SYSMESSAGE tag can hold CONTEXT or MESSAGE child tags. The attribute ID is a unique identifier for the complete message. The attribute ControllerHandle gives the handle to the controller if the message can be dedicated to a controller, otherwise it is omitted. The attribute Date gives the date the SysMessage occurred in the form yyyy-mm-dd. The attribute Time gives the time the SysMessage occurred in the form hh:mm:ss. The attribute Uptime gives the time the ControllerLib application is running in seconds.

A CONTEXT tag can hold another CONTEXT or a MESSAGE child tag. Its only attribute Name gives the name of the context.

A MESSAGE tag can hold a variable count of PARAM tags. The attribute Name gives the name of the SysMessage. This is the primary key in a database where the complete text of the message can be found. The attribute Caller tells, where the SysMessage was thrown. Normally, this is the function name. The attribute Facility tells, in which facility the SysMessage was thrown. This can be Firmware, ControllerLib or ClientApplication.

A PARAM tag can hold any child tags. It is used to fill out variables in the complete message text found in the database. The attribute Name gives the name of the

variable to change and the attribute `Value` gives the value the variable should be changed to.

Listing 4.45: `GetSystemMessageXML` example

```
int buflen = GetSysMsgXMLLen(HC, HSM);
if (buflen > 0) {
    char *buffer = (char*)malloc(++buflen);
    if (GetSysMsgXML(HC, HSM, buffer, buflen) == E_OK) {
        printf("MessageXML:\n %s\n", buffer);
    }
    free(buffer);
}
```

#### TIP

This call is only valid from inside a `SysMsgCallbackFunction`.

**par** `HSM` is the handle to the `SysMsg`

`buffer` is the pointer to the buffer for the `SysMsg`

`bufferlen` is the size of the buffer in bytes

**ret** `E_OK` on success (*buffer* holds the string)

`E_NOSPACE` if the buffer was too small

`E_UNAVAIL` if the message is not available

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.13.1 `GetSystemMessageXMLLen`, 4.2.3.3 `SysMsgCallbackFunction`

#### 4.5.13.3. `GetSysMsgXMLLen`

**ft** `int GetSysMsgXMLLen(HController HC, HSysMsg HSM);`

 **NOTICE**

This function is deprecated.

- Use `GetSystemMessageXMLLen` instead.

Gets the length of a given `SysMsg` as XML.

**TIP**

This call is only valid from inside a `SysMsgCallbackFunction`.

**par** `HC` is the handle to the controller

`HSM` is the handle to the `SysMsg`

**ret** the `strlen` of the `SysMsg` without the trailing 0-byte

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.13.5 `GetSysMsgRawTextLen`, 4.2.3.3 `SysMsgCallbackFunction`

**4.5.13.4. GetSysMsgXML**

**ft**

```
int GetSysMsgXML(HController HC, HSysMsg HSM, char *buffer,
int bufferlen);
```

 **NOTICE**

This function is deprecated.

- Use `GetSystemMessageXML` instead.

Gets the XML text of a `SysMsg`. Call `GetSysMsgXMLLen` to get the buffer length. If the function returns `E_OK` the buffer holds the NULL-terminated string. To work correctly the buffer length has to be `GetSysMsgXMLLen+1`.

SysMessages are divided in contexts and messages. Contexts are optional.

Listing 4.46: SysMessage with neither context nor parameters

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<SYSMESSAGE ID="3" Date="2010-11-17" Time="07:51:27"
  Uptime="122.232921">
  <MESSAGE Name="FW_E_BREAK" Caller="HandleSysMsg"
    Facility="Firmware"/>
</SYSMESSAGE>
```

Listing 4.47: SysMessage with 1 context and 1 message with parameters

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<SYSMESSAGE ID="1" Date="2010-11-17" Time="07:51:27"
  Uptime="122.232453">
  <CONTEXT Name="Execute Script usr.job.Job.Script">
    <MESSAGE Name="FW_SCRIPT_ERROR" Caller="HandleSysMsg"
      Facility="Firmware">
      <PARAM Name="ERRORDescription" Value="syntax error"
        />
      <PARAM Name="LINE" Value="1"/>
      <PARAM Name="COLUMN" Value="9"/>
    </MESSAGE>
  </CONTEXT>
</SYSMESSAGE>
```

Listing 4.48: SysMessage with 3 contexts and 1 message

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<SYSMESSAGE ID="1" Date="2010-11-17" Time="07:51:27"
  Uptime="122.232453">
  <CONTEXT Name="Execute Conditional usr.job.Job.
    Conditional">
    <CONTEXT Name="Execute Conditional usr.job.Job.
      Conditional.Conditional">
      <CONTEXT Name="Execute Conditional usr.job.Job.
        Conditional.Conditional.Script">
        <MESSAGE Name="FW_SCRIPT_ERROR" Caller="
          HandleSysMsg" Facility="Firmware">
```

```

    <PARAM Name="ERRORDescription" Value="syntax
        error"/>
    <PARAM Name="LINE" Value="1"/>
    <PARAM Name="COLUMN" Value="9"/>
</MESSAGE>
</CONTEXT>
</CONTEXT>
</CONTEXT>
</SYSMESSAGE>

```

The SYSMESSAGE tag can hold CONTEXT or MESSAGE child tags. The attribute ID is a unique identifier for the complete message. The attribute Date gives the date the SysMessage occurred in the form yyyy-mm-dd. The attribute Time gives the time the SysMessage occurred in the form hh:mm:ss. The attribute Uptime gives the time the ControllerLib application is running in seconds.

A CONTEXT tag can hold another CONTEXT or a MESSAGE child tag. Its only attribute Name gives the name of the context.

A MESSAGE tag can hold a variable count of PARAM tags. The attribute Name gives the name of the SysMessage. This is the primary key in a database where the complete text of the message can be found. The attribute Caller tells, where the SysMessage was thrown. Normally, this is the function name. The attribute Facility tells, in which facility the SysMessage was thrown. This can be Firmware, ControllerLib or ClientApplication.

A PARAM tag can hold any child tags. It is used to fill out variables in the complete message text found in the database. The attribute Name gives the name of the variable to change and the attribute Value gives the value the variable should be changed to.

Listing 4.49: GetSysMsgXML example

```

int buflen = GetSysMsgXMLLen(HC, HSM);
if (buflen > 0) {
    char *buffer = (char*)malloc(++buflen);
    if (GetSysMsgXML(HC, HSM, buffer, buflen) == E_OK) {
        printf("MessageXML:\n %s\n", buffer);
    }
}

```



```
    free(buffer);
}
```

**TIP**

This call is only valid from inside a SysMsgCallbackFunction.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HSM** is handle to the SysMsg

**buffer** is the pointer to the buffer for the SysMsg

**bufferlen** is the size of the buffer in bytes

**ret** **E\_OK** on success (*buffer* holds the string)

**E\_NOSPACE** if the buffer was too small

**E\_UNAVAIL** if the message is not available

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.13.3 GetSysMsgXMLLen, 4.5.13.6 GetSysMsgRawText,  
4.2.3.3 SysMsgCallbackFunction

**4.5.13.5. GetSysMsgRawTextLen**

**fct** `int GetSysMsgRawTextLen(HController HC, HSysMsg HSM);`

 **NOTICE**

This function is deprecated.

- Use GetSystemMessageXMLLen instead.

Gets the length of a given SysMsg.

**TIP**

This call is only valid from inside a SysMsgCallbackFunction.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HSM** is the handle to the SysMsg

**ret** the strlen of the SysMsg without the trailing 0-byte

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.13.6 GetSysMsgRawText, 4.5.13.3 GetSysMsgXMLLen, 4.5.13.4 GetSysMsgXML, 4.2.3.3 SysMsgCallbackFunction

#### 4.5.13.6. GetSysMsgRawText

```
fct int GetSysMsgRawText(HController HC, HSysMsg HSM, char *
buffer, int buflen);
```

Gets the raw text of a SysMsg. Call GetSysMsgRawTextLen to get the buffer length. If the function returns E\_OK the buffer holds the NULL-terminated string. To work correctly the buffer length has to be GetSysMsgRawTextLen+1. Messages are divided in contexts and messages. Each context and each message have a NAME and LEVEL. The NAME identifies the context or message and the LEVEL gives the hierarchical information. Message blocks also hold information about the number of parameters and the parameters itself. Context blocks are optional. Each block can occur multiple times.

Listing 4.50: Context blocks are of this form

```
CONTEXTBEGIN
  NAME=<string>
  LEVEL=<number>
CONTEXTEND
```

Listing 4.51: Message blocks are of this form

```
MESSAGEBEGIN
  NAME=<string>
  LEVEL=<number>
  ARGC=<number>
  <string>=<variant>
MESSAGEEND
```

Listing 4.52: Complete message string example

```

CONTEXTBEGIN
  NAME=Execute Script usr.job.Job.Script
  LEVEL=0
CONTEXTEND
MESSAGEBEGIN
  NAME=FW_SCRIPT_ERROR
  LEVEL=1
  ARGC=3
  ERRORDescription=missing 'C'
  LINE=1
  COLUMN=3
MESSAGEEND
MESSAGEBEGIN
  NAME=FW_SCRIPT_ERROR
  LEVEL=1
  ARGC=3
  ERRORDescription=syntax error
  LINE=1
  COLUMN=3
MESSAGEEND

```

Listing 4.53: GetSysMsgRawText call example

```

int buflen = GetSysMsgRawTextLen(HC, HSM);
if (buflen > 0) {
  char *buffer = (char*)malloc(++buflen);
  if (GetSysMsgRawText(HC, HSM, buffer, buflen) == E_OK)
  {
    printf("Messengerawtext: %s\n", buffer);
  }
  free(buffer);
}

```

**TIP**

This call is only valid from inside a SysMsgCallbackFunction.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller  
**HSM** is the handle to the SysMsg  
**buffer** is the pointer to the buffer for the SysMsg  
**bufferlen** is the size of the buffer in bytes

**ret** **E\_OK** on success (buffer holds the string)  
**E\_NOSPACE** if the buffer was too small  
**E\_UNAVAIL** if the message is not available  
**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.13.5 GetSysMsgRawTextLen, 4.5.13.4 GetSysMsgXML,  
4.2.3.3 SysMsgCallbackFunction

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**4.5.14.1. GetHeadCount**

**fct** `int GetHeadCount(HController HC);`

Gets the number of (scan) heads managed by the controller.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**ret** the number of (scan) heads

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.14.2 GetHead

**4.5.14.2. GetHead**

**fct** `HHead GetHead(HController HC, int index);`

Gets a specific (scan) head. Information about (scan) heads is needed for distortion or scan field correction.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**index** is the index of the (scan) head. The index starts at 0

**ret** the handle to the (scan) head

**ARG\_INVALID\_HANDLE\_VALUE** on failure

**see** 4.5.14.1 GetHeadCount

### 4.5.15. Distortion and scan field correction

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#### 4.5.15.1. LoadDistortion

```
fct      int LoadDistortion(HController HC, HHead HH, const char *
          filename);
```

Loads a distortion file to the controller. Distortion files normally have the extension `dst`.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HH** is the handle to the (scan) head

**filename** is the file with distortion data

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.15.2 SaveDistortion

#### 4.5.15.2. SaveDistortion

```
fct      int SaveDistortion(HController HC, HHead HH, const char *
          filename);
```

Saves the current distortion to a file. Distortion files normally have the extension `dst`.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HH** is the handle to the (scan) head

**filename** is the file for saving the distortion data

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.15.1 LoadDistortion

#### 4.5.15.3. GetActiveScanfieldCorrection

```
fct HScanfieldCorrection GetActiveScanfieldCorrection(
    HController HC, HHead HH);
```

Gets the active scan field correction for the given head.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HH** is the handle to the (scan) head

**ret** the handle to the active scan field correction

**ARG\_INVALID\_HANDLE\_VALUE** on failure

#### 4.5.15.4. ImproveScanfieldCorrection

```
fct int ImproveScanfieldCorrection(HController HC,
    HScanfieldCorrection HSC, char *AEDfilename);
```

Improves a given scan field correction.

**par** **HC** is the handle to the controller

**HSC** is the handle to the scan field correction

**AEDfilename** is the name of the AED-file

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

### 4.5.16. Logging

A request log records the communication between the ARGES system controller and the ControllerLib. This is useful for debugging the protocol and only specialized applications should make use of this.

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#### 4.5.16.1. RegisterOnRequestLog

```
fct      int RegisterOnRequestLog(RequestLogCallbackFunction
      callback, void *userpointer);
```

Registers a callback for RequestLog-events. Only 1 callback of this type is allowed. To write the request log to a file call SetRequestLogFilename. To record all requests from the beginning of the communication between controller and library call this function before calling DetectRemoteController.

**par** **callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** is a parameter in the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success



**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.16.3 SetRequestLogFilename, 4.5.2.2 DetectRemoteController,  
4.5.16.2 UnregisterOnRequestLog, 4.2.5.2 RequestLogCallbackFunction

#### 4.5.16.2. UnregisterOnRequestLog

**fct** `int UnregisterOnRequestLog();`

Unregisters a callback for RequestLog-events.

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.16.1 RegisterOnRequestLog, 4.5.16.3 SetRequestLogFilename,  
4.2.5.2 RequestLogCallbackFunction

#### 4.5.16.3. SetRequestLogFilename

**fct** `int SetRequestLogFilename(const char *filename, int deletefirst, int maxSizeInMB);`

Sets the name of the file where the RequestLog should be written to. Please note that it is possible to have the request log written to a file and also have a callback for this.

**par** **filename** is the complete file name for the request log,  
e.g. /tmp/request.log. To stop logging pass NULL as file name

**deletefirst** deletes the file during this call if it is set to 1

**maxSizeInMB** limits the file size. If this is set to 0 the limit is removed

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.16.2 UnregisterOnRequestLog, 4.2.5.2 RequestLogCallbackFunction

**4.5.16.4. SetLogLevel**

**fct** `int SetLogLevel(ARG_LOG_LEVEL level);`

Sets the logging level. All logging-events which are less than the current log level are suppressed. Valid log levels are:

LOG\_SUCCESS < LOG\_INFO < LOG\_WARNING < LOG\_ERROR

**par** `level` is the new log level

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.16.5 GetLogLevel, 4.5.16.8 SetLogFilename, 4.5.16.6 RegisterOnLog, 4.5.16.9 Log

**4.5.16.5. GetLogLevel**

**fct** `ARG_LOG_LEVEL GetLogLevel();`

Gets the logging level. All logging-events which are less than the current log level are suppressed. Valid log levels are:

LOG\_SUCCESS < LOG\_INFO < LOG\_WARNING < LOG\_ERROR

**ret** current log level

**see** 4.5.16.5 GetLogLevel, 4.5.16.8 SetLogFilename, 4.5.16.6 RegisterOnLog, 4.5.16.9 Log

**4.5.16.6. RegisterOnLog**

**fct** `int RegisterOnLog(LogCallbackFunction callback, void * userpointer);`

Registers a callback for log-events. The client application gets internal log messages of the ControllerLib as well as messages written with Log, if the log level is not filtered. (SetRequestLogFilename).

**par** **callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** is a parameter in the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.16.7 UnregisterOnLog, 4.5.16.8 SetLogFilename, 4.5.16.9 Log,  
4.5.16.4 SetLogLevel, 4.5.16.5 GetLogLevel, 4.2.5.3 LogCallbackFunction

#### 4.5.16.7. UnregisterOnLog

**fct** `int UnregisterOnLog();`

Unregisters a callback for log-events.

**par** **callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** is a parameter in the callback function

**ret** **E\_OK** on success

**E\_FAILURE** on failure

**see** 4.5.16.6 RegisterOnLog, 4.5.16.8 SetLogFilename, 4.5.16.9 Log,  
4.5.16.4 SetLogLevel, 4.5.16.5 GetLogLevel, 4.2.5.3 LogCallbackFunction

#### 4.5.16.8. SetLogFilename

**fct** `int SetLogFilename(const char *filename);`

Sets the name of the file where a log file should be written to. Please note that it is possible to have a log written to a file and have also a callback for it.

**par** **callback** is the callback function

**userpointer** is a parameter in the callback function

**filename** is the complete file name for the request log,  
e.g. /tmp/request.log. To stop logging pass NULL as file name

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.16.7 UnregisterOnLog, 4.5.16.8 SetLogFilename, 4.2.5.3 LogCallbackFunction, 4.5.16.4 SetLogLevel, 4.5.16.5 GetLogLevel, 4.5.16.9 Log

#### 4.5.16.9. Log

**fct** `int Log(ARG_LOG_LEVEL level, const char *fmt, ...);`

Use this function to log the flow in the client application. The function uses the internal logging of the ControllerLib and makes use of the callback or the log file. It can be used like `printf`.

**par** `level` is the log level

`fmt` is the format string

`...` are optional parameters

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

**see** 4.5.16.7 UnregisterOnLog, 4.5.16.8 SetLogFilename, 4.2.5.3 LogCallbackFunction, 4.5.16.4 SetLogLevel, 4.5.16.5 GetLogLevel

#### 4.5.16.10. StartTssRecorder

**fct** `int StartTssRecorder(HController HC, char **channelnames, int channelcount, ARG_TSSREC_TYPE _type, const char* path);`

**par**

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

#### 4.5.16.11. StopTssRecorder

**fct** `int StopTssRecorder();`

**par**

**ret** `E_OK` on success

`E_FAILURE` on failure

## 5. Semantics of the interface

An ARGES system controller works based on jobs. The term *job* is defined as a process or program, that can be designed by using the ARGES InScript software. A job is a sequence of commands that controls devices that are connected to the controller, evaluates external inputs, etc.

A jobs consists of *nodes*, which are hierarchically related to each other and are displayed as a tree structures in the InScript software. Nodes containing other nodes are called parent nodes of the latter ones which are called child nodes in turn. There are different types of nodes. Each type has a function and properties. Child nodes may inherit properties of their parent nodes. The process or program, and thus the wanted output, results from the arrangement of the nodes within the tree structure. The ARGES ControllerLib handles all aspects of these items.

On special cases the controller passes SysMessages to the user. The controller sends these messages to inform or to warn about events on the controller or to give additional information on errors.

### TIP

The examples in this chapter *do not* check whether the function calls are successful or not. They concentrate on the current problem. So it normally is assumed that the connection to the controller is already established.

### 5.1. Working with jobs

The following subsections show how to get a list of jobs present on the ARGES system controller and how to load a job.

### 5.1.1. Getting a list of jobs

To find out, which jobs are present on the ARGES system controller, 4.5.9.4 GetJobNames returns a list of JobNames separated by semicolons. To get notified, when a new job is created or loaded on the controller, register on a NodeCreated event with 4.5.12.27 RegisterOnNodeCreated and check for new nodes under `usr.job`. Another convenient way of obtaining information about jobs is 4.5.9.1 GetJobInfo. This call returns a 4.1.2.3 ARG\_JOBINFO-structure which has the number of jobs on the controller, the names and also the selected node.

### 5.1.2. Loading a job

To load a job from the file system to the controller the function 4.5.6.1 LoadJob can be called. It is possible with this call to clear other jobs on the controller first or select the loaded one immediately for execution. Also job dependencies will be loaded as pens, fonts, etc. This is the search strategy for pens. The same search strategy applies to fonts:

- With PenPath
  - LoadJob
    - \* File system on the controller
    - \* PenPath
  - Upload-Before-Execution
    - \* File system on the controller
    - \* PenPath
- Without PenPath
  - LoadJob
    - \* File system on the controller
    - \* The directory, where the job is loaded from
  - Upload-Before-Execution

- \* File system on the controller
- \* The current directory of the application

**TIP**

When working with Pens or Fonts, always use 4.5.5.1 SetPenPath and 4.5.5.3 SetFontPath to define where a pen is loaded from.

## 5.2. Working with NodeObjects

A NodeObject represents a single node from the variable tree on the ARGES system controller. In the ARGES InScript software this variable structure can be viewed with the *Inspector*. To copy the complete name to the clipboard right-click the variable and click **Fullpath to clipboard**. Then the name can be pasted into the source code. Other information about the node can also be found in the Inspector, as e.g. types, min-values, max-values.

The user can create user variables in subtree `usr.var`. Though it is possible to create variables under `usr.job`, it is not recommended as this is the structure where jobs are loaded to. But it is usual to read nodes from subtree `usr.job`.

There are 2 ways to work with variables:

- Get each node separately from the controller
- Use a VariableCache which mirrors all variables from the controller

**TIP**

To gain maximum performance it is recommended to use the VariableCache, which can be activated with a call to 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache right after 4.5.2.2 DetectRemoteController. Although this increases the startup time the improved performance during run-time prevails.



### 5.2.1. Reading variable values

To read values of variable a handle to a NodeObject has to be obtained. In this example we get the name of the ARGES system controller, which is stored as VAR:STRING in variable `sys.BoardName`.

Listing 5.1: Reading a variable value example

```
HNodeObject HNO = GetNode(HC, "sys.BoardName");
ReadNode(HC, HNO); // If VariableCache is enabled this line
    can be ommited
int buflen = GetNodeValueStringLen(HC, HNO);
char *boardname = (char*)malloc(++buflen);
GetNodeValueString(HC, HNO, boardname, buflen);
```

After this sequence `boardname` holds the name of the controller.

4.5.7.82 `GetNodeValueString` works for any type of variable on the controller. But there are also dedicated getter methods for variable types, like e.g.

4.5.7.80 `GetNodeValueBool`, 4.5.7.83 `GetNodeValueInt32`,

4.5.7.82 `GetNodeValueString`.

For a complete example that demonstrates connecting to a controller and error checks see 5.5.2 Reading a variable.

### 5.2.2. Writing variable values

In order to change the value of a variable, it has to be loaded by the ControllerLib from the ARGES system controller first.

Listing 5.2: Setting a new value for NodeObject sys.BoardName example

```
HNodeObject HNO = GetNode(HC, "sys.BoardName");
ReadNode(HC, HNO); // If VariableCache is enabled this line
                    can be omitted
SetNodeValueString(HC, HNO, "New Board Name");
WriteNode(HC, HNO);
```

After this sequence the name of the controller will change to "New Board Name".

4.5.7.87 SetNodeValueString works for most variable types on the controller. But there are also dedicated setter methods for variable types, like e.g.

4.5.7.79 SetNodeValueBool, 4.5.7.88 SetNodeValueInt32, 4.5.7.87 SetNodeValueString.

For a more detailed example that demonstrates connecting to a controller and error checks see 5.5.3 Writing a variable.

### 5.2.3. Working with value change callbacks

Instead of polling variables, which might change in value, the ControllerLib also provides a mechanism that calls a function, when a variable changes its value. This can be done for single NodeObjects with 4.5.12.10 RegisterOnValueChanged. For a larger number of NodeObjects the 4.5.8 NodeObjectCollections should be used to increase the performance. NodeObjects which have ValueChangeCallbacks attached to them do not have to call 4.5.7.6 ReadNode before setting a new value.

### 5.2.4. Creating user variables

User variables can be created with calls to 4.5.7.30 CreateNodeOnController. The ControllerLib also allows creation of nodes in each subtree on the ARGES system controller. User variables should reside under `usr.var`, e.g.:

```
CreateNodeOnController(HC, "usr.var.test", VT_BOOL, 0);
```

This call creates a node on the controller. If a callback for node creation was registered with 4.5.12.27 RegisterOnNodeCreated this function gets called. If the VariableCache was enabled with 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache then the new node is also available in the cache.

### 5.2.5. Getting information about NodeObjects

NodeObjects can also have a minimum and a maximum value. These values are set by the ARGES system controller firmware and are read-only. The same applies to optional units.

## 5.3. Working with NodeObjectCollections

NodeObjectCollections hold references to a subset of NodeObjects. Reading or writing complete NodeObjectCollections usually is a lot faster for larger numbers of NodeObjects. Also NodeObjectCollections are used if the VariableCache is enabled with 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache to get the subnodes of a node.

### TIP

When using more than 10 variables it is advisable to use NodeObjectCollections or to enable the VariableCache with 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache.

The following subsections show how to create and destroy (delete) NodeObjectCollections and how to use them.

### 5.3.1. Creating and destroying NodeObjectCollections

NodeObjectCollections can be created by calling 4.5.8.1 CreateNodeObjectCollection and deleted by calling 4.5.8.2 DestroyNodeObjectCollection. When destroying a NodeObjectCollection all contained NodeObjects get also destroyed.

### 5.3.2. Using NodeObjectCollections

To derive the full advantage from the better performance when using NodeObjectCollections, it is recommended to use

4.5.8.4 AddNodeObjectByName for adding NodeObjects to the collection.

Callback functions will not be automatically attached. This has to be done manually after a call to 4.5.8.10 ReadNodeObjectCollection.

Listing 5.3: Using NodeObjectCollections example

```
HNodeObjectCollection HNOC = CreateNodeObjectCollection(HC);
AddNodeObjectByName(HC, HNOC, "usr.var.x");
AddNodeObjectByName(HC, HNOC, "usr.var.y");
ReadNodeObjectCollection(HC, HNOC);
HNodeObject HNO_usr_var_x = GetNode(HC, "usr.var.x");
HNodeObject HNO_usr_var_y = GetNode(HC, "usr.var.y");
SetNodeValueInt32(HC, HNO_usr_var_x, 10);
SetNodeValueInt32(HC, HNO_usr_var_y, 20);
WriteNodeObjectCollection(HC, HNOC);
DestroyNodeObjectCollection(HC, HNOC);
DestroyNodeObject(HNO_usr_var_x);
DestroyNodeObject(HNO_usr_var_y);
```

## 5.4. Using the VariableCache

The VariableCache mirrors all nodes on the ARGES system controller to the ControllerLib. When new nodes are created on the controller they are also mapped automatically and when nodes get deleted, removed or renamed this is also mirrored. It is also possible to walk through the tree structure of the nodes. This tree structure can be viewed in the ARGES InScript software with the *Inspector*. The advantage of this approach is that the current value of the nodes on the controller always are in the variables. Although the call to 4.5.2.9 EnableVariableCache may take a little time – up to a few seconds depending on the network and on the hardware in use – this is much faster than reading every single node separately. Also the NodeObjects are destroyed automatically when 4.5.2.13 DisconnectController is called.

Listing 5.4: Using the VariableCache example

```

HController HC = DetectRemoteController("192.168.1.42",1610);
EnableVariableCache(HC); // This call might take a little

// Getting the parent node of usr.var.x
HNodeObject HNO_usr_var_x = GetNode(HC, "usr.var.x");
HNodeObject HNO_parent = GetParentNode(HC, HNO_usr_var_x);
// HNO_parent is now "usr.var"

// And now print all subnodes of usr.var
HNodeObjectCollection HNOC = CreateNodeObjectCollection(HC);
GetSubnodes(HC, HNO_parent, HNOC);
int cnt;
GetNodeObjectCount(HC, HNOC, &cnt);
for (int i=0; i<cnt; ++i) {
    HNodeObject HNO;
    GetNodeObjectAtIndex(HC, HNOC, i, &HNO);
    int len = GetNodeNameLen(HC, HNO);
    char *str = (char*)malloc(++len);
    GetNodeName(HC, HNO, str, len);
    printf("%s", str);
    free(str);
}
DestroyNodeObjectCollection(HC, HNOC);

```

## 5.5. Source code examples

The following subsections show how to link and compile a code example and list code examples for reading, writing and watching a variable as well as for loading and marking a job.

### 5.5.1. Linking and compiling an example

#### Requirements

- GNU c++ or similar compiler
- The ControllerLib has to be available in the LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH

### Procedure

- Link and compile, e.g. ReadVariable.c:

```
g++ -o ReadVariable -lcontrollerlib -lpthread
ReadVariable.c
```

### 5.5.2. Reading a variable

Listing 5.5: Reading a variable example

```
/**
 * Connect to a controller and print the value of a variable.
 *
 * For example:
 * ./readVariable 192.168.1.42 stat.time.TimeStr
 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include "arg_controllerlib.h"

#define DEFAULT_PORT 1610

/**
 * Print out usage information
 */
void usage(const char *programe)
{
    printf("\n");
    printf("Prints the value of a variable\n");
    printf("\n");
}
```

```

    printf("Usage:\n");
    printf("  %s <IP> <VARNAME> \n", progame);
    printf("    For example: %s 192.168.1.42 stat.time.TimeStr
      \n", progame);
    printf("\n");
}

int OnError(int errorcode, const char* description,
           HController HC)
{
    printf("ErrorNr: %i, Description: %s\n", errorcode,
          description);

    return 0;
}

/**
 * Prints the value of a variable as string.
 */
void printVariable(HController HC, const char* varname) {
    /* Get the Handle for a NodeObject */
    HNodeObject HNO = GetNode(HC, varname);

    ARG_NODEINFO *nodeinfo = GetNodeInfo(HC, HNO);
    if ( nodeinfo ) {
        printf("Fullname: %s\n", nodeinfo->fullname);
        printf("Lastname: %s\n", nodeinfo->name);
        printf("Value:    %s\n", nodeinfo->value);
        printf("Unit:    %s\n", nodeinfo->unit);
        printf("Type:    %s\n", nodeinfo->typestring);
        DestroyNodeInfo(nodeinfo);
    } else {
        printf("Node %s not found.\n", varname);
    }
}
}

```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char *ip;                /* IP-Address of the ASC-
        Controller */
    short port;              /* Port of the ASC-Controller */
    char *varname;

    HController HC;         /* Handle to our ASC */

    if (argc != 3) {
        usage(argv[0]);
        exit(1);
    }

    ip = argv[1];
    port = DEFAULT_PORT;
    varname = argv[2];

    /* Initialize the Library */
    InitControllerLib();
    RegisterOnError(OnError);

    /* Connect to the controller */
    HC = DetectRemoteController(ip, port);

    if (HC != (DWORD)INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE) {
        EnableVariableCache(HC);
        /* Print the variable if the controller is connected */
        printVariable(HC, varname);
    } else {
        printf("Controller at %s:%d not found.\n", ip, port);
    }

    /* Deinitialize the library */
    UnregisterOnErrorSingle(OnError);
    DeinitControllerLib();
}
```



```
}
```

### 5.5.3. Writing a variable

Listing 5.6: Writing a variable example

```
/**
 * Connect to a controller and set the value of a variable.
 *
 * For example:
 * ./writeVariable 192.168.1.42 sys.BoardName MyBoardName
 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include "arg_controllerlib.h"

#define DEFAULT_PORT 1610

/**
 * Print out usage information
 */
void usage(const char *programe)
{
    printf("\n");
    printf("Write a new value to a node\n");
    printf("\n");
    printf("Usage:\n");
    printf(" %s <IP> <VARNAME> <VALUE>\n", programe);
    printf("    For example: %s 192.168.1.42 sys.BoardName\n",
           MyBoardName, programe);
    printf("\n");
}

int OnError(int errorcode, const char* description,
            HController HC)
```

```

{
    printf("ErrorNr: %i, Description: %s\n", errorcode,
        description);

    return 0;
}

/**
 * Prints the value of a variable as string.
 */
void writeVariable(HController HC, const char* varname, const
    char* value) {

    /* Get the Handle for a NodeObject */
    HNodeObject HNO = GetNode(HC, varname);
    int allowed;
    if ( ModifyAllowed(HC,HNO,&allowed) == E_OK ) {
        if ( allowed ) {
            if ( SetNodeValueString(HC, HNO, value) != E_OK ) {
                printf("Error setting %s\n",value);
            } else {
                if ( WriteNode(HC, HNO) != E_OK ) {
                    printf("Error writing %s\n",value);
                }
            }
        } else {
            printf("You are not allowed to change the value of this
                variable\n");
        }
    } else {
        printf("Variable not found: %s\n", varname);
    }
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{

```

```
char *ip; /* IP-Address of the ASC-
          Controller */
short port; /* Port of the ASC-Controller */
char *varname;
char *value;

HController HC; /* Handle to our ASC */

if (argc != 4) {
    usage(argv[0]);
    exit(1);
}

ip = argv[1];
port = DEFAULT_PORT;
varname = argv[2];
value = argv[3];

/* Initialize the Library */
InitControllerLib();
RegisterOnError(OnError);

/* Connect to the controller */
HC = DetectRemoteController(ip, port);

if (HC != (DWORD)INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE) {
    /* Write the variable if the controller is connected */
    EnableVariableCache(HC);
    writeVariable(HC, varname, value);
} else {
    printf("Controller at %s:%d not found.\n", ip, port);
}

/* Deinitialize the library */
UnregisterOnErrorSingle(OnError);
DeinitControllerLib();
```

```
}

```

#### 5.5.4. Watching a variable

Listing 5.7: Watching a variable example

```
/**
 * Watch a variable.
 *
 * For example:
 *   ./WatchVariable 192.168.1.42 job.Job
 *
 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include "arg_controllerlib.h"

#include <unistd.h>

#define DEFAULT_PORT 1610

/**
 * Print out usage information
 */
void usage(const char *programe)
{
    printf("\n");
    printf("Watch a Variable\n");
    printf("\n");
    printf("Usage:\n");
    printf("  %s <IP> <JOBNAME> \n", programe);
    printf("    For example: %s 192.168.1.42 stat.time.TimeStr
      \n", programe);
    printf("\n");

```

```
}

int OnError(int errorcode, const char* description,
            HController HC)
{
    printf("ErrorNr: %i, Description: %s\n", errorcode,
           description);

    return 0;
}

int OnVariableChange(HController HC, HNodeObject HNO) {
    ARG_NODEINFO *info = GetNodeInfo(HC, HNO);
    if ( info != NULL ) {
        printf("Variable %s changed value to %s %s\n", info->
               fullname, info->value, info->unit);
        DestroyNodeInfo(info);
    } else {
        printf("GetNodeInfo Error\n");
    }

    return 0;
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char *ip;                /* IP-Address of the ASC-
        Controller */
    short port;              /* Port of the ASC-Controller */
    const char *varname;

    HController HC;         /* Handle to our ASC */

    HNodeObject HNO;       /* Handle to our NodeObject */

    if (argc != 3) {
```

```
        usage(argv[0]);
        exit(1);
    }

    ip = argv[1];
    port = DEFAULT_PORT;
    varname = argv[2];

    /* Initialize the Library */
    InitControllerLib();
    RegisterOnError(OnError);

    /* Connect to the controller */
    HC = DetectRemoteController(ip, port);

    if (HC != (DWORD)INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE) {
        EnableVariableCache(HC);
        if ( (HNO = GetNode(HC, varname)) != INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE
            ) {
            OnVariableChange(HC, HNO);
            RegisterOnValueChanged(HC, varname, OnVariableChange);
        }
        while (true) {
            sleep(10);
        }
    } else {
        printf("Controller at %s:%d not found.\n", ip, port);
    }

    /* Deinitialize the library */
    UnregisterOnErrorSingle(OnError);
    DeinitControllerLib();
}
```

### 5.5.5. Loading a job

Listing 5.8: Loading a job example

```
/**
 * Load a job to the controller.
 *
 * For example:
 *   ./LoadJob 192.168.1.42 job.Job
 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include "arg_controllerlib.h"

#define DEFAULT_PORT 1610

/**
 * Print out usage information
 */
void usage(const char *programe)
{
    printf("\n");
    printf("Load a Job to controller.\n");
    printf("\n");
    printf("Usage:\n");
    printf("  %s <IP> <JOBNAME> \n", programe);
    printf("    For example: %s 192.168.1.42 job.Job\n",
        programe);
    printf("\n");
}

/* Gets called, when an Error occurs */
int OnError(int errorcode, const char* description,
            HController HC) {
    printf("Error: %i, Description: %s\n", errorcode,
        description);
    return 0;
}
```

```
}

/**
 * Loads the Job to the controller
 */
void loadJob(HController HC, const char* jobname) {

    if ( LoadJob(HC, jobname, 1, 1) == E_OK ) {
        printf("Job loaded and selected\n");
    } else {
        printf("Failed to load Job %s\n",jobname);
    }
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char *ip;                /* IP-Address of the ASC-
        Controller */
    short port;              /* Port of the ASC-Controller */
    char *jobname;

    HController HC;        /* Handle to our ASC */

    if (argc != 3) {
        usage(argv[0]);
        exit(1);
    }

    ip = argv[1];
    port = DEFAULT_PORT;
    jobname = argv[2];

    /* Initialize the Library */
    InitControllerLib();
    RegisterOnError(OnError);
}
```



```
/* Connect to the controller */
HC = DetectRemoteController(ip, port);

if (HC != (DWORD)INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE) {
    SetPenPath(HC, "TestJobs/Pens");
    SetFontPath(HC, "TestJobs/Fonts");
    loadJob(HC, jobname);
} else {
    printf("Controller at %s:%d not found.\n", ip, port);
}

/* Deinitialize the library */
DeinitControllerLib();
}
```

### 5.5.6. Marking a job

Listing 5.9: Marking a job example

```
/**
 * Load a job to the controller and start it.
 *
 * For example:
 * ./MarkJob 192.168.1.42 job.Job
 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include "arg_controllerlib.h"

#include "unistd.h"

#define PLC_DEVICES_FAILURE      2
#define PLC_DEVICES_READY      4
#define PLC_JOB_READY          16
```

```
#define PLC_JOB_ACTIVE 32

#define DEFAULT_PORT 1610

unsigned int g_PLCstate = 0;
unsigned int g_startjobwhenready = 0;
unsigned int g_jobactive = 0;
unsigned int g_jobdone = 0;
unsigned int g_canquit = 0;

/**
 * Print out usage information
 */
void usage(const char *programe)
{
    printf("\n");
    printf("Load a Job to a controller and mark it.\n");
    printf("\n");
    printf("Usage:\n");
    printf("  %s <IP> <JOBNAME> \n", programe);
    printf("    For example: %s 192.168.1.42 job.Job\n",
        programe);
    printf("\n");
}

/* Gets called, when an Error occurs */
int OnError(int errorcode, const char* description,
    HController HC) {
    printf("Error: %i, Description: %s\n", errorcode,
        description);
    return 0;
}

/**
 * Gets called when the plcstate changed
 */
```

```
int PLCChangeCallback(HController HC, unsigned int value,
    unsigned int reserved)
{
    g_PLCstate = value;

    if ( g_PLCstate & PLC_JOB_READY ) {
        if ( g_jobactive ) {
            printf("Job done\n");
            g_jobactive = 0;
            g_canquit = 1;
        } else if ( g_startjobwhenready ) {
            printf("Starting Job\n");
            JobStart(HC);
        }
    }
    if ( g_PLCstate & PLC_JOB_ACTIVE ) {
        printf("Job Active\n");
        g_jobactive=1;
    }

    return 0;
}

/**
 * Loads the Job to the controller
 */
void loadJob(HController HC, const char* jobname) {

    if ( LoadJob(HC, jobname, 1, 1) == E_OK ) {
        printf("Job loaded and selected\n");
    } else {
        printf("Failed to load Job %s\n",jobname);
    }
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
```

```

{
    char *ip;                /* IP-Address of the ASC-
        Controller */
    short port;              /* Port of the ASC-Controller */
    char *jobname;

    HController HC;         /* Handle to our ASC */

    if (argc != 3) {
        usage(argv[0]);
        exit(1);
    }

    ip = argv[1];
    port = DEFAULT_PORT;
    jobname = argv[2];

    /* Initialize the Library */
    InitControllerLib();
    RegisterOnError(OnError);

    /* Connect to the controller */
    HC = DetectRemoteController(ip, port);

    if (HC != (DWORD)INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE) {
        SetPenPath(HC, "TestJobs/Pens");
        SetFontPath(HC, "TestJobs/Fonts");
        if ( RegisterOnPLCChanged(HC, PLCChangeCallback) == E_OK
            ) {
            if ( g_PLCstate & PLC_JOB_ACTIVE ) {
                printf("Another Job is already running!\n");
            } else {
                printf("Loading Job\n");
                g_startjobwhenready = 1;
                loadJob(HC, jobname);
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```
    }  
  
    // In a real program you would do this with signals  
    while (!g_canquit) sleep(1);  
} else {  
    printf("Controller at %s:%d not found.\n", ip, port);  
}  
  
/* Deinitialize the library */  
UnregisterOnError(OnError);  
DeinitControllerLib();  
}
```

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**FDT** is a font file format used by the ControllerLib

**NVRAM** Non-Volatile Random-Access Memory

**PLC** Programmable Logic Controller

**TTF** TrueType Font



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