FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx v6.31, FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx Gateway v6.31, FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Live Data v6.31, FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Data Bridge v6.31 (CPR9 SR13.00)

What's NEW in Communication Software at Rockwell Automation



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# Significant v6.31 Capabilities

Released Nov 30, 2022

# Released Jan 18, 2023



FT Linx OPC UA Connector



- PLC-5<sup>®</sup>/SLC<sup>™</sup> Unsolicited messaging
- Network Browser
- o "Remote Proxy" driver
- LLDP display of neighbor information
- Audit device configuration changes
- •CIS Benchmark testing

- Methods with no arguments
- CIS Benchmark testing

- Reverse connection (server initiated)
- Custom data model for OPC UA Companion Specifications
- DDE and Excel RTD egress
- Remote workstation proxy services
- SDK (DTL™ API)
- CIS Benchmark testing

Linx v6.31 CPR9-SR13.00

# Reducing reliance on RSLinx<sup>®</sup> Classic

- Microsoft Windows
  - Validation with Windows 10 21H2, 22H1 and Windows 11 and Server 2022
  - Kernel divers updated signatures for Windows Memory Integrity security feature
  - CIS Benchmark testing for all software
- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx
  - Logix version 35 (includes L8 TrackedState change value)
  - Automatic switch to active 5015 module route
  - PLC-5<sup>®</sup> /SLC Unsolicited messaging for B, N & F data-files
  - Redundancy Module Configuration Tool v9.01.01 install on Win 10 2016 LTSB
- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx Network Browser
  - Device locator displays text when device does not support the feature
  - Device configuration change audit messages
  - Device configuration LLDP neighbor information

- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Live Data
  - Test Client option to copy tag reference ID
- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx Gateway
  - Custom data model to support OPC UA Companion Specifications
  - Reverse connection (server initiated)
  - Remote workstation proxy services
  - SDK DTL API access
- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx OPC UA Connector
  - GUI display namespace upload progress
  - Simple Methods without parameters
  - Deliver data with time stamp reversion
- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx Data Bridge (FTSP refresh)
- FactoryTalk® Action Manager™ (FTSP refresh)
- RSLinx<sup>®</sup> Classic
  - USB kernel drivers updated for Windows Core Isolation Device Security





# CIS Benchmarks<sup>™</sup>

**Goal**: Provide guidance and best practices for securely configuring an OT system

Target: Microsoft Operating Systems

Strategy: Leverage CIS Benchmarks

Execution: FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Service Platform Win10 21H2 Level 1

https://rockwellautomation.custhelp.com/app/answers/answer\_view/a\_id/1134588/loc/en\_US





### Enabling the latest system capabilities

- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx v6.31 tested and released with FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Logix version 35
- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Logix version 35 notable features
  - SequenceManager<sup>™</sup> for 5x80P controllers
  - Controller Change Detection on 5x80 controllers @TrackedState predefine
  - FLEXHA 5000™ (5015) I/O
  - Axis Test Mode
  - Process instructions P\_D4SD, P\_nPos, P\_ValveMP
  - GuardLink<sup>®</sup> support







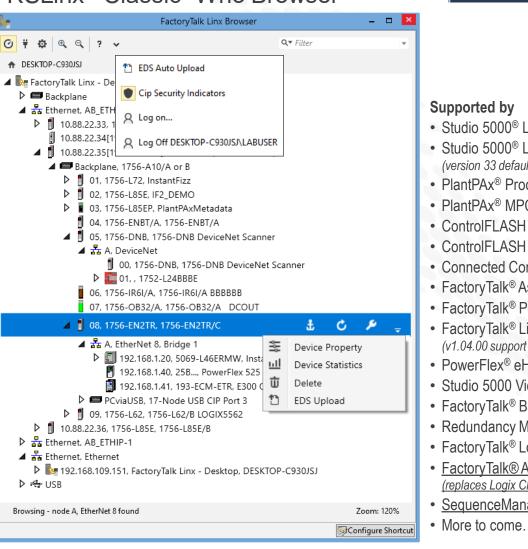
# Linx Network Browser

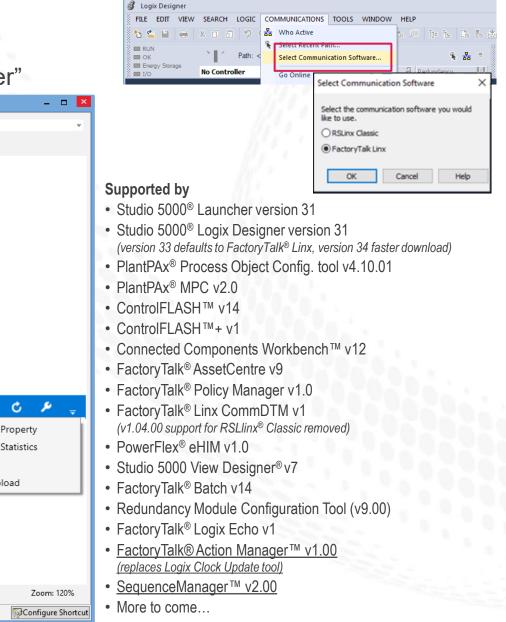
More productive alternative to RSLinx® Classic "Who Browser"



#### **Enhanced Capabilities**

- Configure Ethernet drivers in the browser
- Improved driver address management
- View topology and modify config while running
- Topology view ~200 more devices
- Tree zoom (60% to 200%)
- Filter
- Anchor view
- Automatic discovery of bridged devices
- Windows standalone Network Browser v6.10
- CIP Security state indicator v6.11
- Device commissioning v6.20
- Security authorization, audit logging v6.20
- Web user interface component v6.20
- Locate device (Blink light-emitting diode (LED) v6.21
- Faster Logix 5000™ ControlFLASH™ transfers v6.21
- Config import/export & backup/restore v6.21
- Communicate to device not browsed v6.30
- Option to disable CIP Security & LLDP v6.30
- New platforms: 5015, GuardLink® v6.30
- Connect without first browsing v6.30
- Remote Proxy driver v6.31
- LLDP neighbor information display v6.31









### Improved network connection visibility

- Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) added to ODVA EtherNet/IP specification v1.25 effective 12/2021
  - IEEE 802 Technology
  - · Permits a device to detect connected neighbor devices
  - Beginning March 2022, required for EtherNet/IP devices
- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx v6.30 Network Browser device configuration added LLDP tab with option to enable/disable service
- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx v6.31 extends the LLDP capabilities
  - Option to enable / disable each port to deliver LLDP information to other devices
  - Displays information for connected device for each port
  - Copy / save neighbor device information
- Support for LLDP is still limited

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### Confirms that the reason device locator option is disabled

- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx V6.21 Added the Device Locator tab to the device properties dialog
  - Uses an ODVA CIP Service to blink the LEDs of a supported device
  - Aids in locating a specific device in the system
  - Stratix<sup>®</sup> switches were the first device to support the operation, planned for other devices
  - Tab is grayed out for unsupported devices
- To reduce confusion, FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx v6.31 added description text to the dialog and when disabled
  - "Temporarily blink a device's LEDs to help find its physical location"
  - "The selected devices do not support the device locator service"

|                  | 1756-EN2T,             | 1756-EN2T/D                        |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| General          | Device Locator         |                                    |
| Temporarily b    | link a device's LEDs t | o help find its physical location. |
| Blink            | 9                      | (seconds)                          |
| (Min=9, Default: | =9, Max=255)           |                                    |
| The selected o   | device does not supp   | ort the device locator service.    |
|                  |                        |                                    |



#### FTL ≥ v6.31

# Linx Network Browser

Device configuration change audit messages

### Meet regulated system change tracking

- Previously device configuration changes made in RSLinx<sup>®</sup> Classic of FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx were not logged
- V6.31 extends the FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx network browser to log changes
  - Informational Diagnostic counter reset
  - Audit Device configuration changes
  - Who made the change, when it was done and the old and new values

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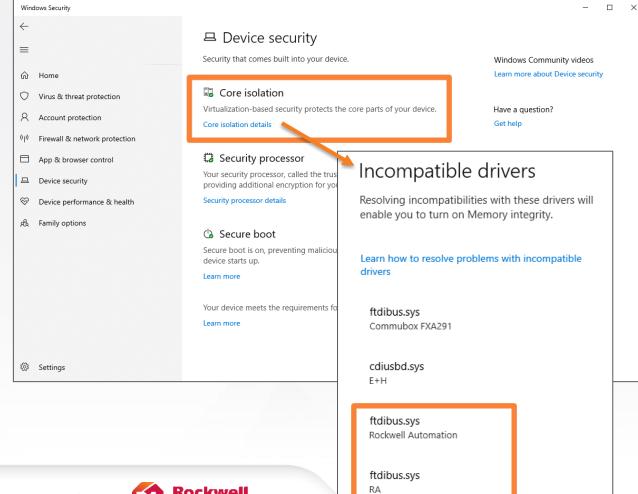
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# **RS**Linx<sup>®</sup> Classic

USB Kernel drivers updated for Windows Core Isolation Memory Integrity

### **Enhanced Windows security**

- Microsoft Windows 10 April 2028 updated added Core Isolation memory integrity feature
  - · Isolates the operating system memory
  - Checks kernel driver for conformance
- A couple of the RSLinx<sup>®</sup> Classic / FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx USB drivers based for did not meet the requirement and blocked the feature
  - 1747-UIC
  - SmartGuard<sup>™</sup> 600
  - Micro820® 2080-REMLCD
- RSLinx<sup>®</sup> Classic V4.31 includes updated the drivers to provide compatibility
- Updates to be included with FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx v6.40

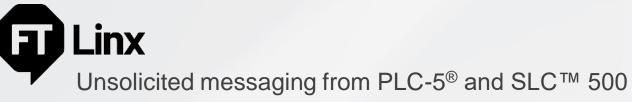


#### Win $\rightarrow$ Settings $\rightarrow$ Update & Security $\rightarrow$ Windows Security $\rightarrow$ Device Security $\rightarrow$ Core Isolation



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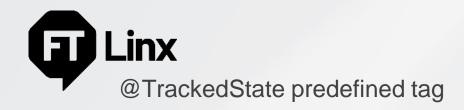
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# Event-based data deliver reduces system overhead associated with polling

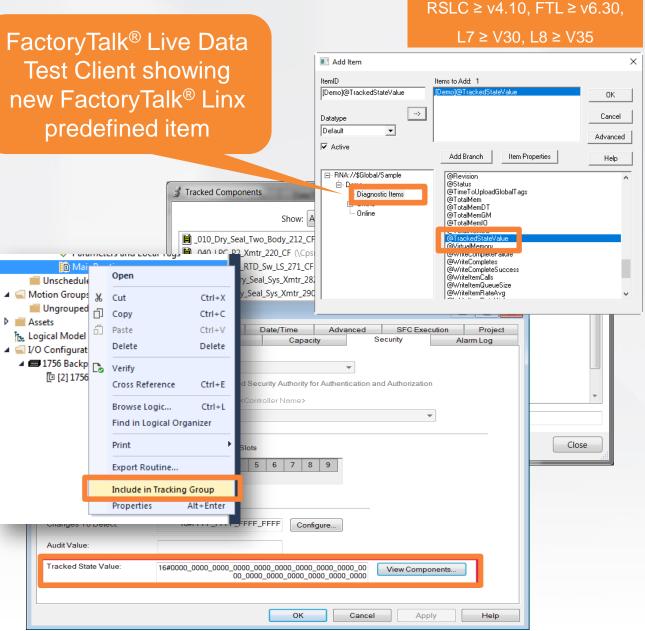
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- Most automation system data is requested / solicited from controllers
- Previously FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx supported unsolicited messages from Logix and using PLC-2<sup>®</sup> formatting
  - Controller Message instruction sends data to FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx
  - Unsolicited shortcut causes FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx to wait for data to arrive from controller and delivers to client(s)
- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx v6.31 adds both PLC-5<sup>®</sup> and SLC<sup>™</sup> 500 formats
  - Individual items or multiple data elements using",L" modifier
  - Originating on Ethernet or DH+<sup>™</sup>
  - Supports <u>BOOL</u>, i<u>N</u>teger and <u>F</u>loat data tables
- Enables FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx to replace RSLinx<sup>®</sup> Classic in more applications





# Determine if the state of key components in a Logix application has changed

- Previously Logix 5000<sup>®</sup> L7 controllers added "Tracked State Value" with version 30
  - Scans a user-selected portion of the application to generate a unique code
  - Routine logic changes
  - Add-On Instruction changes
  - I/O module configuration
  - Constant tag value changes
- · Eliminates application code to read the value
- Use the value in displays or for historical change tracking
- RSLinx<sup>®</sup> Classic v4.10 and FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx v6.30 included a predefined to enable data clients to read the value
- Logix version 35 added this feature to L8 controllers







# Live Data Test Client

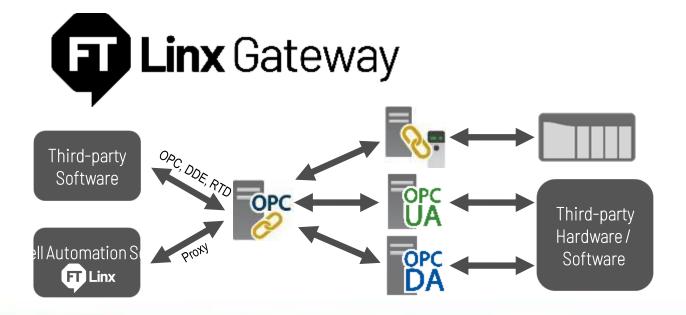
### Improved productivity

- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Live Data tag references can be difficult to create manually
  - For example: Program scope and nested structures
- The v6.31 FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Live Data Test Client adds an option to copy item IDs to the windows clipboard
  - Individual item
  - Multiple items simultaneously
  - Copy as text or to Excel table
- Helpful for DDE, RTD and other third-party software that needs the item IDs for data access

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| ::[L8]Program:Blending.Recipe.Syrup     | 50   | Remove Item(s)                  |             | 1 (0)      | 0.024            |
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| [L8]AlarmLabelJam                       | Off  | Read Item(s)                    | >           | 1 (0)      | 0.087            |
| [L8]AlarmMotorOverHeat                  | Off  | Write Item(s)                   |             | 1 (0)      | 0.087            |
| [L8]AlarmPaperOut                       | Off  |                                 | >           | 1 (0)      | 0.087            |
| [L8]AlarmTank1DiscJam                   | Off  | <ul> <li>Device Read</li> </ul> |             | 1 (0)      | 0.087            |
| [L8]AlarmTank2FillJam                   | • ff                                       | Copy Item ID                    |             | 1 (0)      | 0.087            |
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### **Services**

- Data acquisition Classic OPC DA, UA, DDE\* and Excel RTD<sup>1</sup>
- Security CIP Secured Logix controllers and OPC UA security
- High Availability redundant FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx and OPC servers
- Remote Proxy to share network CIP connection and drivers with multiple computers<sup>1</sup>

# **Scalable offering**

- Scaled by tag capacity, data source location and other functionality
- 500,1K, 5K, 15K, 32K, 500K, station / distributed<sup>2</sup>
- <u>SDK / API in standard (one device), or</u> <u>Extended and above (multiple devices)</u>
- Professional Includes FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx Data Bridge<sup>1</sup> with capacity of 200K tags, and <u>Remote Proxy service<sup>1</sup></u>

#### **Data access**

- Access data from controllers and CIP hardware via FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx and OPC-DA / UA servers
- Global namespace browse service
- Expanding capability
  - v6.20 array index reads
  - v6.21 access lists and Logix structures
  - v6.30 array elements
  - v6.31 custom data model



# **Catalog Numbers and Capabilities**

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|                          |  |                     |                           |                   | Tag Qu    | antity                    |                  |                              |                        |   |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---|
|                          | Edition  | Server<br>Quantity  | Server<br>type            | OPC<br>DA         | OPC<br>UA | Excel<br>RTD <sup>2</sup> | DDE <sup>2</sup> | Remote<br>Proxy <sup>2</sup> | SDK / API <sup>2</sup> | FactoryTalk <sup>®</sup><br>Linx<br>Data Bridge |
|                          | FactoryTalk <sup>®</sup> Linx<br>Free Download                             | Single              | Station                   | N/A               | N/A       | N/A                       | N/A              | Client                       | N/A                    | Sold Separately                                 |
| ~                        | Embedded <sup>1</sup><br>9355x-FTLNXGWT6xx                                 | Single              | CompactLogix™<br>5480     | 500               | 500       | N/A                       | N/A              | N/A                          | N/A                    | 500 tag pairs                                   |
| atewa                    | Basic<br>9355x-FTLNXGWT1xx   | Single              | Station                   | 1K                | 1K        | 1K                        | 1K               | N/A                          | N/A                    | Sold Separately                                 |
| Linx Gateway             | Standard<br>9355x-FTLNXGWT2xx  | Single              | Station                   | 5K                | 5K        | 5K                        | 4K <sup>3</sup>  | N/A                          | Single<br>Device       | Sold Separately                                 |
|                          | Extended <sup>1</sup><br>9355x-FTLNXGWT5xx                                 | Single              | Station                   | 15K               | 15K       | 15K                       | 4K <sup>3</sup>  | N/A                          | Multiple<br>Devices    | Sold Separately                                 |
| FactoryTalk <sup>®</sup> | Distributed<br>9355x-FTLNXGWT3xx   | Multiple<br>(10max) | Distributed/<br>Redundant | 32K               | 32K       | 32K                       | 4K <sup>3</sup>  | N/A                          | Multiple<br>Devices    | Sold Separately                                 |
| Ę                        | Professional<br>9355x-FTLNXGWT4xx  | Multiple<br>(10max) | Distributed/<br>Redundant | 200K <sup>3</sup> | 500K      | 40K <sup>3</sup>          | 4K <sup>3</sup>  | Server                       | Multiple<br>Devices    | 200K tag pairs                                  |
| Da                       | FactoryTalk <sup>®</sup> Linx<br>ata Bridge Standard<br>9355x-FTLNXDB7T1xx | Multiple<br>(10max) | Distributed/<br>Redundant | N/A               | N/A       | N/A                       | N/A              | N/A                          | N/A                    | 2K tag pairs                                    |
| KE                       | PServer Enterprise<br>9301M-KSET1x   | Single              | Station                   | Yes               | Yes       | N/A                       | Yes              | N/A                          | N/A                    | N/A   |

1. Initially released with v6.21

Initially released with vo.21 Initially released with v6.31, not supported with discontinued FactoryTalk Gateway activation PUBLIC | Copyright ©2022 Rockwell Automation, Inc. | 15 2.

3. Functional limit determined via testing

4. Enabled with discontinued FactoryTalk Gateway activation



New in v6.31

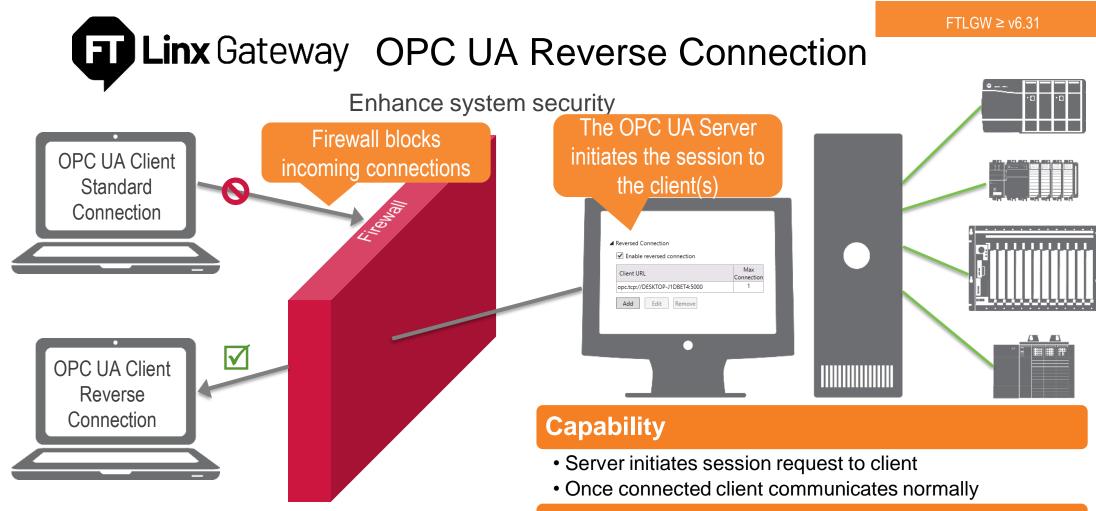
# Linx Gateway vs. RSLinx<sup>®</sup> Classic

Capability comparison summary

| <b>RS</b> Linx <sup>®</sup> Classic                           | Capability                                  | <b>FT</b> Linx Gateway   | <b>RS</b> Linx <sup>®</sup> Classic | Capability  | <b>F</b> Linx Gateway                   |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|
|   | OPC DA                                      |  | $\otimes$                           | Multi-user  | $\checkmark$                            |
| 8   | OPC UA                                      | ✓<br>w/ access groups  | $\otimes$                           | Configure drivers<br>without reset                        | $\checkmark$                            |
|   | DDE   |  | $\otimes$                           | High Availability   | $\checkmark$                            |
| $\checkmark$  | Excel RTD                                   | $\checkmark$   | $\checkmark$                        | Redundant paths   | <b>√</b> 1                              |
| √1  | EtherNet/IP, DH+ <sup>™</sup>               | <b>√</b> 1   | $\otimes$                           | Distributed source  | $\checkmark$                            |
| Logix, PLC-5 <sup>®</sup> ,<br>SLC <sup>™</sup>               | Solicited                                   | Logix, PLC-5 <sup>®</sup> ,<br>SLC <sup>™</sup> , <mark>Micro800</mark> <sup>1</sup> | $\otimes$                           | Data from OPC<br>DA and UA<br>servers                     | $\checkmark$                            |
| PLC-2 <sup>®</sup> , PLC-5 <sup>®</sup> ,<br>SLC <sup>™</sup> | Unsolicited<br>CIP Energy, CIP<br>to device | Logix, PLC-2 <sup>®</sup> ,<br>PLC-5 <sup>®</sup> , SLC <sup>™1</sup><br>✓           | $\otimes$                           | Security:<br>FactoryTalk <sup>®</sup> ,<br>CIP and OPC UA |   |
|   | Serial DF1 Mult-<br>drop/radio Modem        | $\otimes$  | $\otimes$                           | FactoryTalk <sup>®</sup> Audit                            |   |
| ſ<br>✓<br>"Gateway"   | Computer bridging                           | ✓<br>"Remote Proxy"  | Low<br>Good                         | Capacity<br>Performance                                   | High                                    |
|   | SDK/DTL API                                 | <b>√</b> 1   | Active Mature                       | Lifecycle status  | Generally better <sup>1</sup><br>Active |

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1. Limitations for select configurations



### **Enhanced Security**

- Limit access to OPC UA clients configured in FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx Gateway
- Keep server firewall ports closed
- Endpoint security and client authentication fully supported

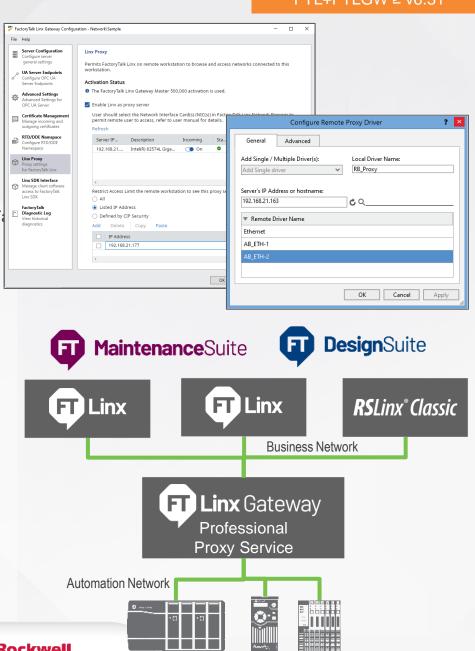


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## **Centralize automation system access and management**

- Enables FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx on multiple workstations to access an automation network using FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx on another workstation
  - Bridge between business and automation networks
    - Multiple client workstations share drivers configured on the Proxy
    - Design / maintenance software using the .NET Network Browser can browse and interface with hardware bridged through the Proxy Service (for example, FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Logix Designer, Connected Components Workbench<sup>™</sup>, ControlFLASH<sup>™</sup>+...)
    - Including downstream / bridged networks
  - Change the Proxy driver configuration while active
  - Enables Logix Designer remote online access to Emulate5000 or FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Logix Echo controller on a loopback IP address (for example, 127.0.0.1)
- Control / limit access
  - FactoryTalk® Security to authorize clients to access the proxy
  - · Proxy Service IP address authorization
  - Use FactoryTalk® Policy Manager to configure integrity and confidentiality for both server and client computers
- More functional and secure than RSLinx<sup>®</sup> Classic Gateway





# **I** Linx Gateway Professional - Remote Proxy Service

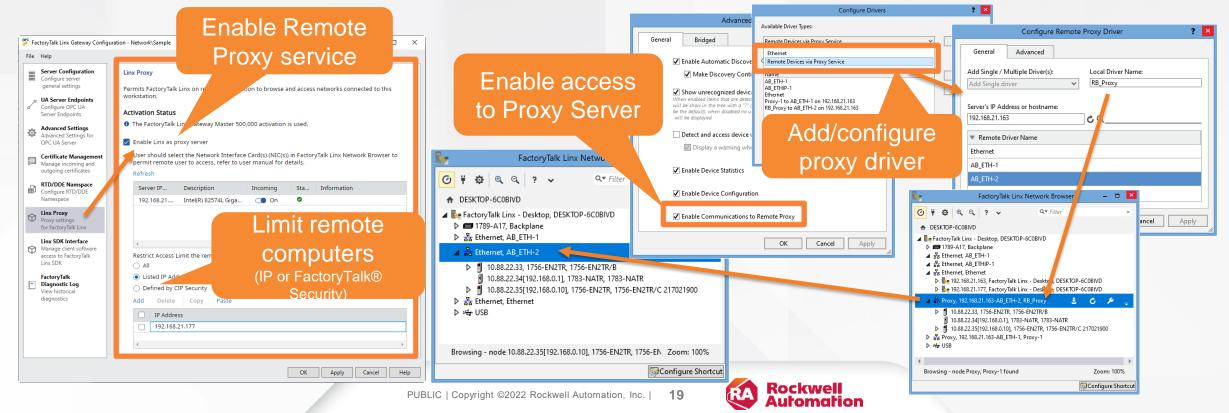
Bridging through a remote computer to access automation network / equipment

### Configure the Proxy Service computer

- 1. Install and Activate FactoryTalk® Linx Gateway Professional
- 2. Enable the remote Proxy service (uses port 44818)
- 3. Optionally control / authorize access

Point the Client computer network browser at the Proxy

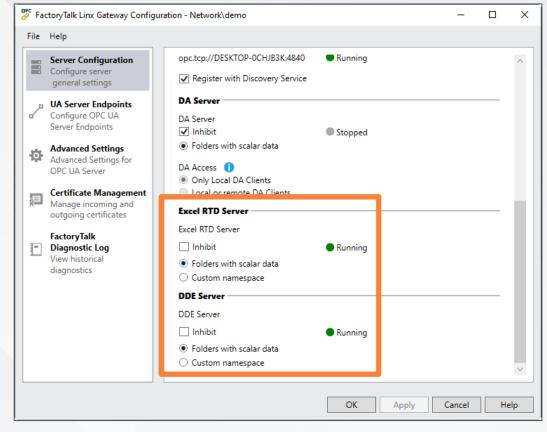
- 1. Enable Communication to Remote Proxy option
- 2. Add the driver in FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx Network Browser and select a driver from the Remote Proxy computer
- 3. Browse using the Remote Proxy driver





# Simple way for Microsoft office tools to access control system data

- Previously FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx Gateway provided OPC DA and UA interfaces
- V6.31 added both DDE and Excel RTD interfaces
  - · Full access to all tags or option to limit available data
  - Supported by all editions at their defined tag capacities
  - Leverage ",L" modifier to obtain multiple array values
- Migrate legacy software tools to FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx Gateway
- Use Excel to read/write data to improve productivity
- Include live automation data and charts in Microsoft Office
- Only support with FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx Gateway activations (does not support using legacy FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Gateway activations)





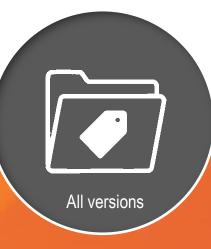




### Options for access to automation system data

Tag Lists

**Folders / Scalars** 



# Simple access

- Folders for controller, scopes, structures and arrays
- Scalar data
- All data available to clients
- Logix access control
- OPC DA/UA, DDE and RTD



# Access Logix UDTs

- Logix scalars, UDTs, arrays
- Option for array element enumeration
- Access limited to tag groups
- OPC UA only

### **Custom Namespace**

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## Reorganize / rename data

- Custom UDTs (OPC UA only), tags and arrays defined in the Gateway
- Mapped to system data values
- Access limited to namespace
- OPC UA, DDE and RTD

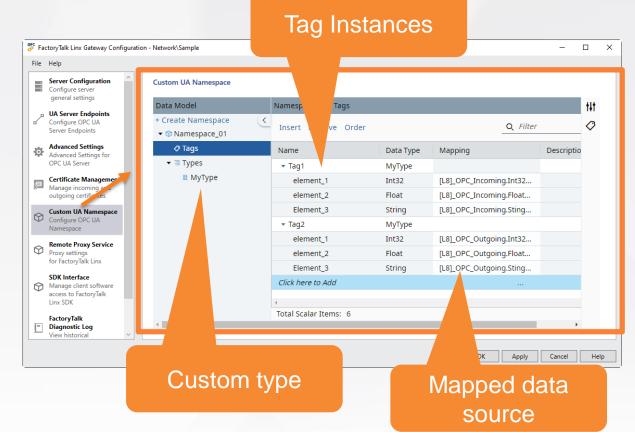


**Linx** Gateway

Custom Data Models for OPC UA Custom Companion Specifications

# Unify /standard data layout from multiple sources

- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx Gateway has expanded the forms of data to be accessed
  - Scalars, Arrays, Structures, user-selected lists
  - Names and types all determined by the tags defined in Logix Controllers
- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx Gateway v6.31 provides an option to create a custom namespace / data model
  - Custom structures and items
  - Map to Logix data with different names
  - Permits machine built for one industry to be used in another one by rearranging the data model to support another convention or standard



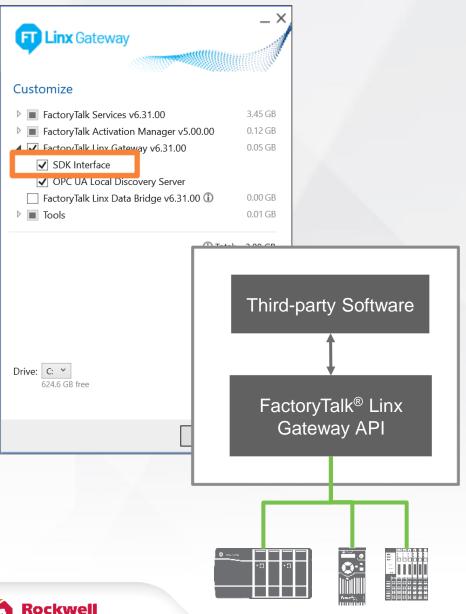
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# Enables custom / purpose-built software to communicate to automation devices via CIP using FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx

- RSLinx<sup>®</sup> Classic provided an Application Program Interface (API)
  - Enabled with the OEM or Gateway activation
  - · Some legacy software still uses this interface
  - The only method to access certain hardware data (for example, vibration sensors)
- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx Gateway v6.31 adds the API
  - Standard activation for one device
  - Extended, Distributed and Professional activations for multiple devices
  - Supports many of the commands from RSLinx<sup>®</sup> Classic (excludes Harmony related commands)
  - Low-level interface to open a CIP connection and request CIP services (Initially unable to access browser, paths from shortcuts, or tag subscriptions)
  - · User option to control which software can access the interface
  - Standard support covers installation, setup configuration, and understanding some error codes. Assistance developing code or debugging provided with a fee-based option.

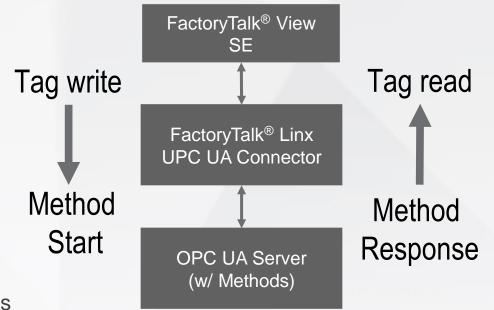






Use FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> View SE to coordinate operations in OPC UA Servers defined using OPC companion specifications

- The FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx OPC UA Connector increased data access capabilities with each release
  - Scalar, arrays, tags-in-tags, subtypes, structures and alarms
- V6.31 adds ability to initiate simple methods in OPC UA Servers
  - Limited to methods without input/output parameters
  - Creates predefined tags for method management
  - Write operation or VBA from FactoryTalk® View SE to initiate methods
  - Write from FactoryTalk® Live Data Test Client for testing





Linx OPC UA Connector

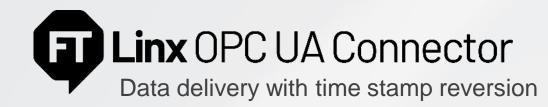
Configuration screen namespace upload progress

### Improved visibility to UA Connectors startup process

- The FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx OPC UA Connector uploads and saves a UA Servers namespace
  - Provides tag information for FactoryTalk® Live Data tag browser
  - Faster subscription requests
  - Save a cache file for faster service restart
- The UA Connector provides a set of predefined tags to confirm the namespace upload operation
- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx OPC UA Connector v6.31 animates the upload information directly onto the user interface

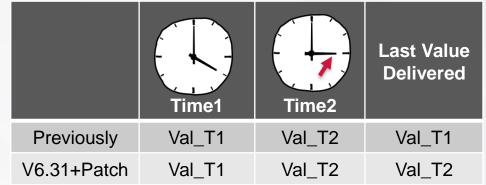
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### Delivers most recent data values delivered

- Initially the FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx OPC UA Connector monitors each data item's time stamp coming an OPC UA Server
  - · Value changes were delivered when a newer time was detected
    - Data with old time stamps discarded to avoid reverting to old value
    - Some data would not update if UA Server's clock adjusted backwards
- FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> Linx OPC UA Connector v6.31 updated to ignore the time stamp and send all value changes
  - Patch 1136548 Updates v6.20, v6.21 and v6.30
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