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## FTLogger Overview

FTLogger collects data from multiple PLC devices and records it in to selected database files.

FTLogger accesses the devices through FasTrak or OPC Data Access Version 2.0 communication servers. Addresses are entered in a spreadsheet format with up to 30,000 addresses per log window. Data is logged based on a specific time frame, deadband or event.



## Row and Column Based Databases

FTLogger can be configured to log data to a row based database, a column based database, or both.

A row based database record contains data about a single address. A column based database record contains data about all the addresses in the log sheet.

### A Table in a Row Based Database

<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>TAG</b>	<b>VALUE</b>	<b>DATETIME</b>	<b>EVENTID</b>
V1	B1TEMP	99	12:00:00:000	Log1
V2	B1PRESS	402	12:00:00:000	Log1
V1	B1TEMP	105	12:00:10:000	Log2
V2	B1PRESS	83	12:00:10:000	Log2

- **ADDRESS:** The address of the logged point
- **TAG:** The tag (if any) for the address, as found in the documentation database.
- **VALUE:** The value read from the PLC.
- **DATETIME:** The date and time that the value was read from the PLC.
- **EVENTID:** The name of the event that triggered the logging of this point. The name is configured in the **Advanced** dialog.

### A Table in a Column Based Database

<b>EVENTID</b>	<b>DATETIME</b>	<b>V1</b>	<b>V2</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>Tag or Address</b>
Log1	12:00:00:000	99	402		
Log2	12:00:10:000	105	83		

- **EVENTID:** The name of the event that triggered the logging of this point. The name is configured in the **Advanced** dialog.
- **DATETIME:** The date and time that the value was read from the PLC.
- **Tag or Address:** The table includes a column for each address in the log sheet. The tag (if any) for the address, as found in the documentation database, is used as the column name. If there is no tag, the address is used as the column name. The value read from the PLC is stored in this column.

In either type of database, a table is build for each device. The name of the device is the name of the table.

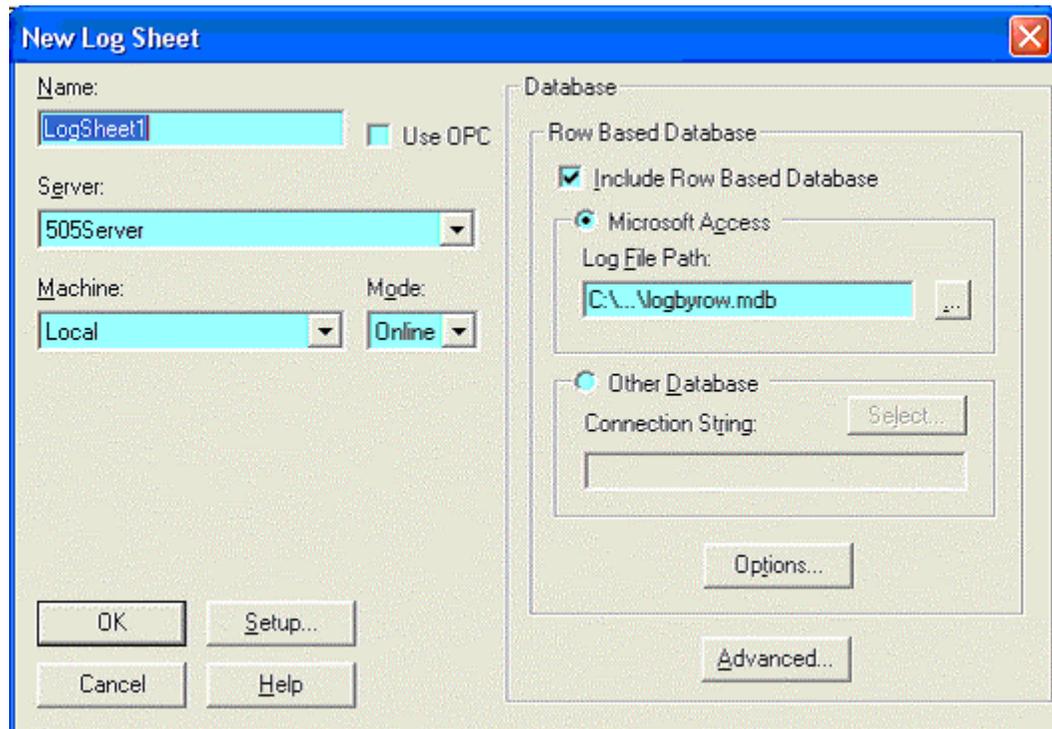


# Creating a Log Sheet

## Creating a Log Sheet

To create a new Log Sheet:

1. Select the **File/New** menu option or click the toolbar button.  The **New Log Sheet** dialog appears.



2. Configure the following options:
  - **Name:** Enter a unique name for the new Log Sheet.
  - **Use OPC:** Select to choose an OPC server listed in the local registry from the Server drop-down menu.
  - **Server:** Select the communication server. The list shows servers that are registered on the PC. When **Use OPC** is checked, this will display all the OPC servers that are listed in the local registry. When **Use OPC** is not checked, this will display all the FasTrak servers that are listed in the local registry.
  - **Mode:** Select Online to start communicating with the PLC as soon as addresses are entered. Select Offline to develop the log sheet without immediately opening communications.
  - **Machine:** Select a PC where the communication server is located. In order to use a server, that server must be registered on the local machine, even if the server is located on another machine. If you are using Windows XP and wish to use a remote machine for your server, additional steps must be performed first. (See **Using Windows XP and a Remote Machine for Your Server** for details.)
  - **Setup:** Click the **Setup** button to access the **Log Window Setup** dialog.
  - **Database:** Use these fields to configure the database where the logged data will be stored.
    - **Include Row Based Database:** A row based database organizes the data as it appears in the log sheet. Check the **Include Row Based Database** box to activate the row based database functionality.

- **Microsoft Access:** To build the row based database in **Microsoft Access** format, select the **Microsoft Access** option button and set the **Log File Path** to the name of the Access (.MDB) file. If the file does not exist, it will be created.
- **Other Database:** To build the row based database in **SQL**, select the **Other Database** option button and click the **Select** button to configure the **Data Link Properties**. The database file must exist before you can select it.
- **Options:** Click the **Options** button to configure the **Row Based Database** options. These options are available only with the full FTLogger package.
- **Advanced:** Click the **Advanced** button to configure the column based database and the event ID name. The column based database functionality is available only with the full FTLogger product. (See **Event ID and Column Based Database Options** for details.)

## Using Windows XP and a Remote Machine for Your Server

If you are using Windows XP and wish to use a remote machine for your server, there are additional steps that must be performed first.

Change the **Force Guest** setting to be **No** in XP as follows:

1. Launch the **Group Policy Editor** (gpedit.msc).
2. Navigate to **Local Computer Policy | Computer Configuration | Windows Settings | Security Settings | Local Policies | Security Options**.
3. Select **Network Access: Sharing and Security model for local accounts**.
4. Set that to be **Classic** and restart the machine, so that same-local accounts (a.k.a. fall-back authentication) will work.

Additionally, if you are using **XP Service Pack 2** complete the following steps.

1. In the **Control Panel**, double click on **Windows Firewall**.
2. In the **General** tab, disable **Windows Firewall** or follow steps 3 through 4.
3. If unable to perform step 2, add an exception for TCP port 135 under the **Exceptions** tab.
4. Add an exception for FTLogger.exe.

Refer to the white paper **Using OPC via DCOM with Microsoft Windows XP Service Pack 2** available from the Download section of <http://www.opcfoundation.org/> for additional information.

## Row Based Database Options

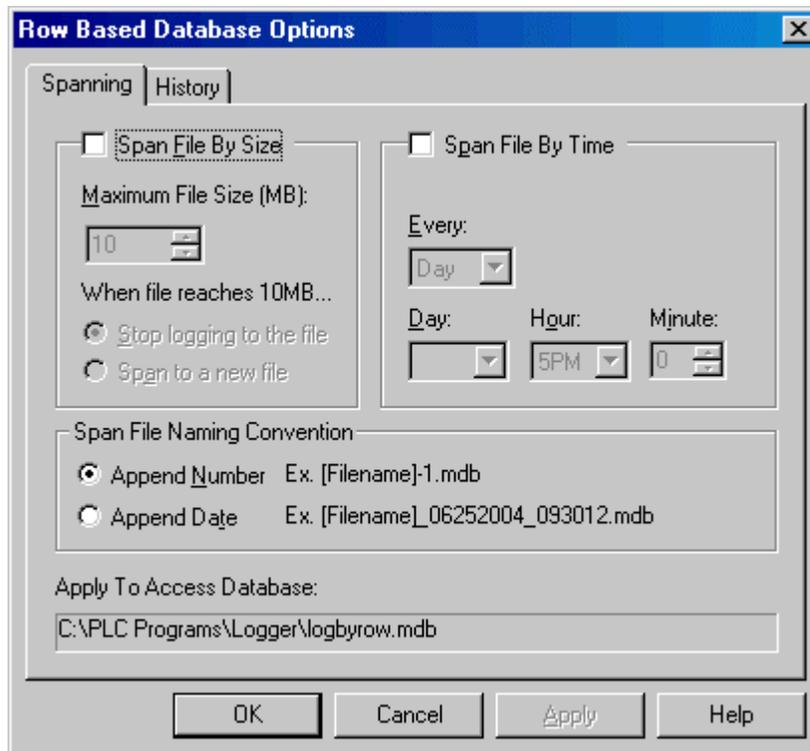
### Row Based Database Options: Spanning

**Spanning** refers to logging data to a series of files, rather than one large file. When the spanning event occurs (either when the file size limit is reached, or at a scheduled time) the current file is closed, a new file is created, and subsequent data points are recorded in the new file.

**NOTE:** During the spanning process, data is not logged for a fraction of a second. Data may be lost.

To configure the spanning options for a **Row Based Database**:

1. Open either the **New Log Sheet** dialog or the **Log Data** tab of the **Log Window Setup** dialog. To open the New Log Sheet dialog, either select the **File/New** menu option or click the toolbar button (  ). To open the **Log Data** tab, select the **Setup/Log Window** menu option and then click the **Log Data** tab.
2. Click the **Options** button.



3. Configure the following options:
  - **Span by File Size:** Limit the size of the database file.
    - **Maximum File Sizes:** Specify the file size limit in megabytes. The allowable range is 1 to 200 megabytes.
    - **When file reaches:** When the file reaches the limit, either **Stop logging to the file and go offline**, or close the file and **Span to a new file**.
  - **Span by Time:** Create a new database file for each specified time period.
    - **Every:** Select the time period: **Month**, **Week**, **Day**, or **Hour**.
    - **Day, Hour, Minute:** Select the cut-off day and time. The options vary depending on the time period. For **Month**, the options for **Day** are **1-28** and **Last**. For **Week**, the options for **Day** are **Sun - Sat**. For **Day**, only the **Hour** and **Minute** can be set. For **Hour**, only the **Minute** can be set.

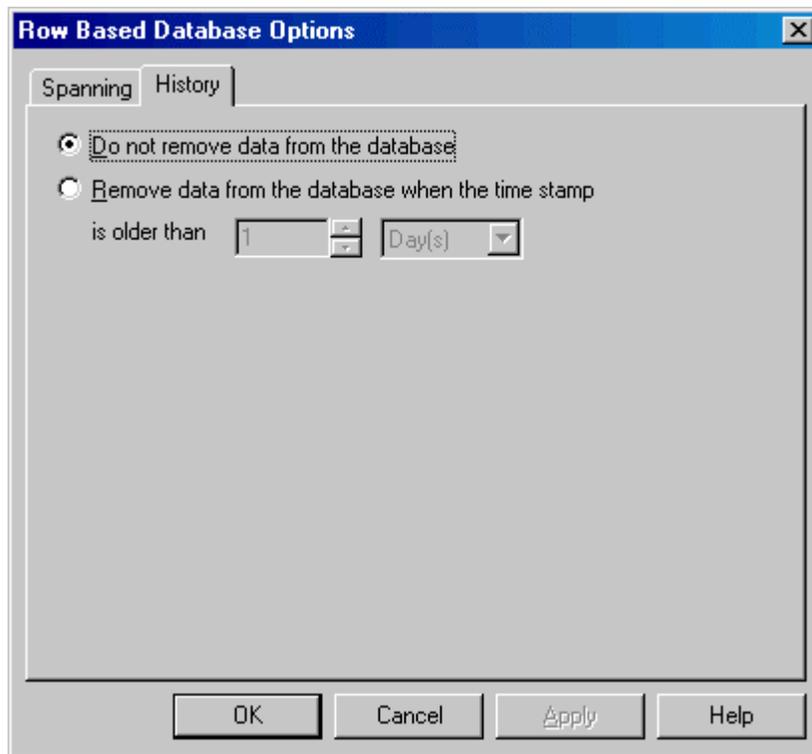
- **Span File Naming Convention:** Specify whether the files are identified by number or by time.

## Row Based Database Options: History

The **History** options control deletion of old data. Old data can be deleted automatically.

To configure the deletion of old data:

1. Open either the **New Log Sheet** dialog or the **Log Data** tab of the **Log Window Setup** dialog. To open the New Log Sheet dialog, either select the **File/New** menu option or click the toolbar button (  ). To open the **Log Data** tab, select the **Setup/Log Window** menu option and then click the **Log Data** tab.
2. Click the **Options** button.
3. Click the **History** tab.



4. Configure the following options:
  - **Do not remove data from the database:** Disable the automatic deletion functionality.
  - **Remove data from the database when the time stamp is older than:** Delete old data. Specify the age of the data to be deleted in the number and time unit fields.

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**NOTE:** Even though data is removed from the database, the file size is not reduced until FTLogger disconnects and then reconnects.

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## Advanced (Event ID and Column Based Database Options)

The **Advanced** options specify the event ID name and the logging of data to a **column based database**.

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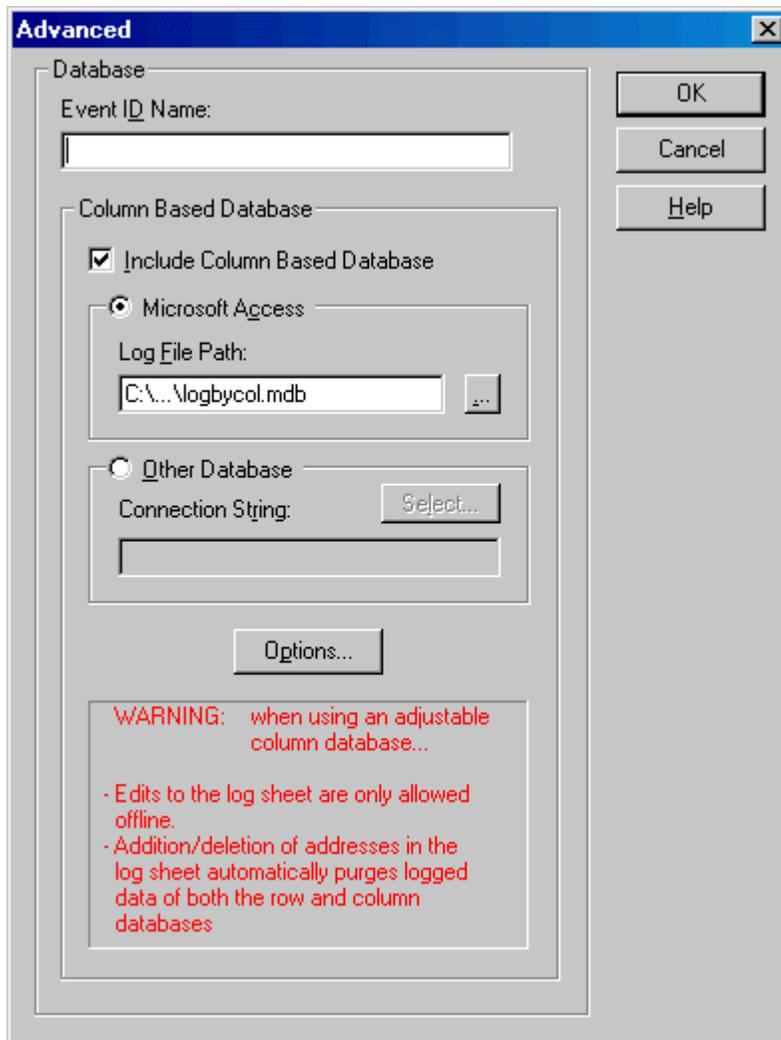
**NOTE:** There are several differences in the operation of FTLogger when logging to a **Column Based Database**:

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1. Edits can only occur offline.
2. Inserting, appending, pasting, or filling addresses causes both the column database and the row database to be flushed of its data. This is done in order to keep the databases consistent, as these inserted addresses have no history in the current database. The row database is forced to be flushed so that the **Event ID** numbers of both databases remains consistent. The **Event ID** numbers are reset to 1.
3. Deletion of an address in a log sheet causes the column of the database to be deleted. This also causes the deletion of rows that refer to an address in the row database when using a column database.

To specify the event ID name and/or configure the column based database:

1. Open either the **New Log Sheet** dialog or the **Log Data** tab of the **Log Window Setup** dialog. To open the **New Log Sheet** dialog, either select the **File/New** menu option or click the toolbar button (□). To open the **Log Data** tab, select the **Setup/Log Window** menu option and then click the **Log Data** tab.
2. Click the **Advanced** button. The **Advanced** dialog appears.



3. Configure the following options:
  - **Event ID Name:** The **Event ID Name** is a tag up to 32 characters that identifies a batch of data that is logged to the database. A batch name makes it easier to identify and separate data in the database. A number is appended to the name, starting with 1, and incrementing with each log.
  - **Include Column Based Database:** Check this box to include logging of data to a column based database. For FasTrak servers, each device in the log sheet will have its own table in the column database. For OPC servers, one table will exist per log sheet. The table name will match the logsheet name. Data can be logged to a column based database, a row based database, or both.
    - **Microsoft Access:** To build the row based database in **Microsoft Access** format, select the **Microsoft Access** option button and set the **Log File Path** to the name of the Access (.MDB) file. If the file does not exist, it will be created.
    - **Other Database:** To build the row based database in a format other than Microsoft Access (currently, **SQL** is the only option) select the **Other Database** option button and click the **Select** button to configure the **Data Link Properties**. The **SQL** database must exist prior to the selection.
    - **Options:** Click the **Options** button to configure the **Column Based Database** options.

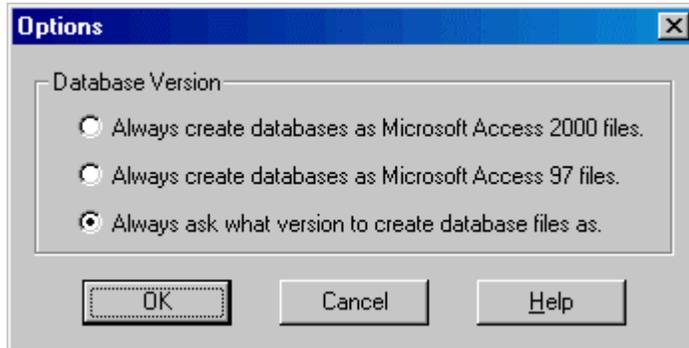


## Database Options

The **Options** dialog is used to control which database version (**Microsoft Access 97** or **Access 2000**) format will be used when creating new log database files.

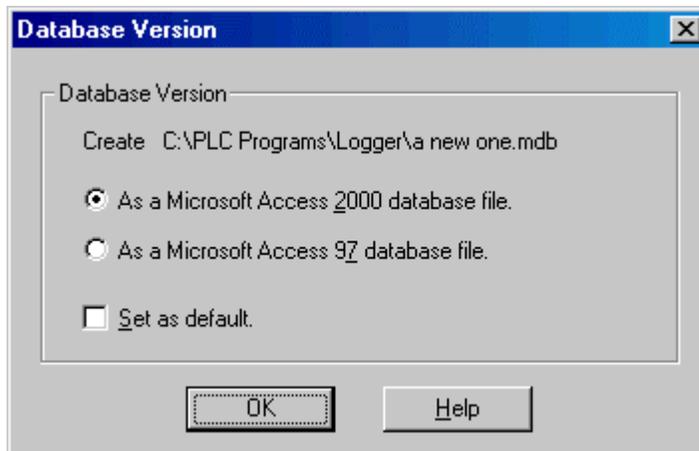
Span files are created in the same format as the base file.

To access the dialog, select the **Setup/Options** menu button. The **Options** dialog appears.



Select the option button for the desired version.

When FTLogger creates a log database file with the **Always Ask** option selected, the following dialog appears:



The **Set as default** check box modifies the setting of the **Options** dialog so that this dialog will not appear on future creations of a database.

## Column Based Database Options

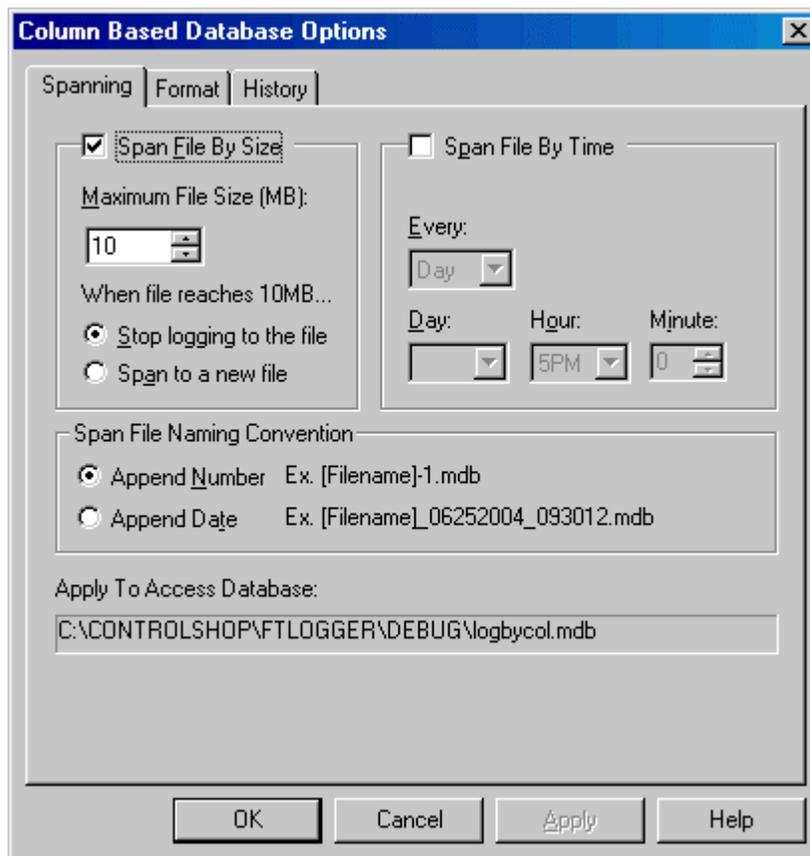
### Column Based Database Options: Spanning

**Spanning** refers to logging data to a series of files, rather than one large file. When the spanning event occurs (either when the file size limit is reached, or at a scheduled time) the current file is closed, a new file is created, and subsequent data points are recorded in the new file.

**NOTE:** During the spanning process, data is not logged for a fraction of a second. Data may be lost.

To configure the spanning options for a **column based database**:

1. Open either the **New Log Sheet** dialog or the **Log Data** tab of the **Log Window Setup** dialog. To open the **New Log Sheet** dialog, either select the **File/New** menu option or click the toolbar button (  ). To open the **Log Data** tab, select the **Setup/Log Window** menu option and then click the **Log Data** tab.
2. Click the **Advanced** button to access the Advanced dialog.
3. Check the **Include Column Based Database** box.
4. Click the **Options** button. The **Spanning** tab is on top when the dialog opens.



5. Configure the following options:
  - **Span File By Size:** Limit the size of the database file.
    - **Maximum File Sizes:** Specify the file size limit in megabytes. The allowable range is 1 to 200 megabytes.
    - **When file reaches:** When the file reaches the limit, either **Stop logging to the file and go offline**, or close the file and **Span to a new file**.

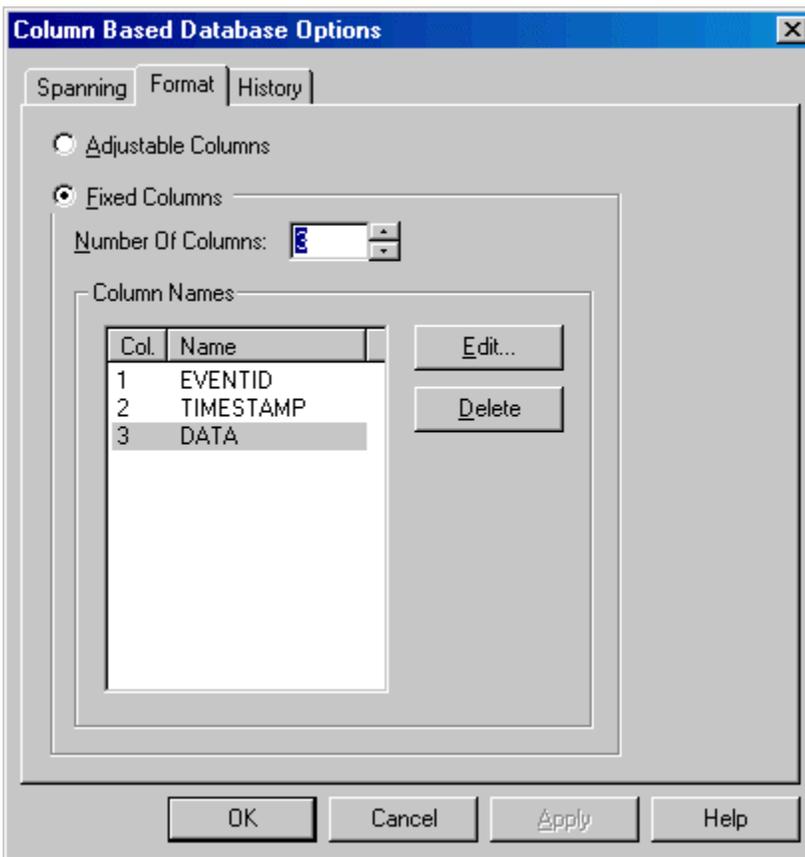
- **Span File By Time:** Create a new database file for each specified time period.
  - **Every:** Select the time period: **Month, Week, Day, or Hour.**
  - **Day, Hour, Minute:** Select the cut-off day and time. The options vary depending on the time period. For **Month**, the options for **Day** are **1-28** and **Last**. For **Week**, the options for **Day** are **Sun - Sat**. For **Day**, only the **Hour** and **Minute** can be set. For **Hour**, only the **Minute** can be set.
- **Span File Naming Convention:** Specify whether the files are identified by number or by time.

## Column Based Database Options: Format

The **Format** options control the columns in the column-based database.

To configure the database format:

1. Open either the **New Log Sheet** dialog or the **Log Data** tab of the **Log Window Setup** dialog. To open the **New Log Sheet** dialog, either select the **File/New** menu option or click the toolbar button (  ). To open the **Log Data** tab, select the **Setup/Log Window** menu option and then click the **Log Data** tab.
2. Click the **Advanced** button to access the Advanced dialog.
3. Check the **Include Column Based Database** box.
4. Click the **Options** button.
5. Click the **Format** tab.



6. Configure the following options:
  - **Adjustable Columns:** The database columns will be based on the log sheet.
  - **Fixed Columns:** Configure the columns using the following fields.
  - **Number of Columns:** Set the number of columns in the database table. The number cannot be less than 3 - one for the event ID, one for the timestamp, and a minimum of one data value.
  - **Column Names:** To set the names of one or more columns, highlight the columns in the list and click the **Edit** button to access the **Edit Column Name** dialog. To delete columns, highlight the columns to be deleted and click the **Delete** button. The **EVENTID** and **TIMESTAMP** columns cannot be deleted or edited.

### *Adjustable Columns*

With **Adjustable Columns**, the database table has the following columns:

1. **EVENTID**
2. **TIMESTAMP**
3. **(and up)** The tag of the address from which the data was read, if there is a tag. Otherwise, the address. The addresses appear in the log sheet order.

The **Adjustable Columns** option is convenient, but there are several limitations:

- Edits can only occur offline.
- Inserting, appending, pasting, or filling addresses (in short, any action that causes an increase in the number of addresses in the log sheet) causes both the column based database and row database (if any) to be flushed of data. The **Event ID** numbers are reset to 1.
- Deleting an address in the log sheet causes the column of the column based database to be dropped (deleted). This also causes the deletion of rows that refer to the deleted address in the row based database (if any).
- Only one log sheet can log data to a column based database with adjustable columns.

#### *Fixed Columns*

With the **Fixed Columns** option, the database table has the following columns:

1. **EVENTID**
2. **TIMESTAMP**
3. **(and up)** The data read from the PLCs, with user-assigned column names.

Data is placed in the columns in log sheet order: the first address in the log sheet is placed in column 3, the second in column 4, and so on. The number of columns may not match the number of addresses in the log sheet. If there are more columns than addresses, the extra data fields will be left blank. If there are more addresses than fields, data from the excess addresses wraps to the next record, which will have the same event ID and timestamp.

For example, if the table has 5 fixed columns, but the log sheet has only 3 addresses, the table will look like this:

EVENTID	TIMESTAMP	Data1	Data2	Data3	Data4	Data5
Batch1	12:00:01	1	2	3		
Batch2	12:00:02	1	2	3		

But if the log sheet has 7 addresses, the table will look like this:

EVENTID	TIMESTAMP	Data1	Data2	Data3	Data4	Data5
Batch1	12:00:01	1	2	3	4	5
Batch1	12:00:01	6	7			
Batch2	12:00:02	1	2	3	4	5
Batch2	12:00:02	6	7			

Data from more than one log sheet can be collected in a **Fixed Column** database.

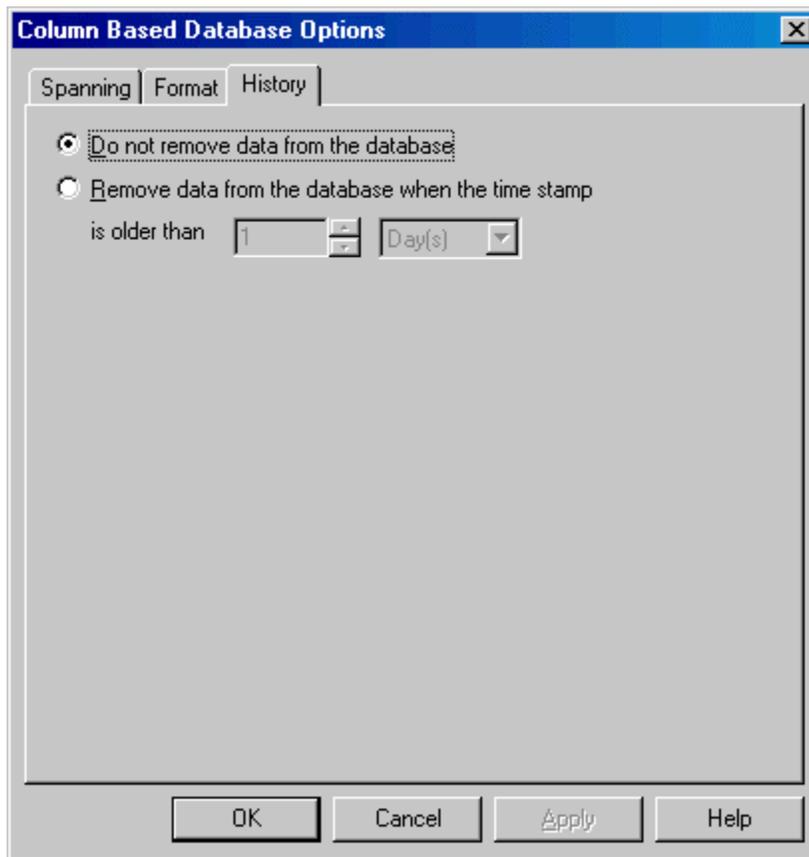
Addresses can be added to, or deleted from, the log sheet without loss of existing data.

## Column Based Database Options: History

The **History** options control deletion of old data. Old data can be deleted automatically.

To configure the deletion of old data:

1. Open either the **New Log Sheet** dialog or the **Log Data** tab of the **Log Window Setup** dialog. To open the **New Log Sheet** dialog, either select the **File/New** menu option or click the toolbar button (  ). To open the **Log Data** tab, select the **Setup/Log Window** menu option and then click the **Log Data** tab.
2. Click the **Advanced** button to access the Advanced dialog.
3. Check the **Include Column Based Database** box.
4. Click the **Options** button.
5. Click the **History** tab.



6. Configure the following options:
  - **Do not remove data from the database:** Disable the automatic deletion functionality.
  - **Remove data from the database when the time stamp is older than:** Delete old data. Specify the age of the data to be deleted in the number and time unit fields.

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**NOTE:** Even though data is removed from the database, the file size is not reduced until FTLogger disconnects and then reconnects.

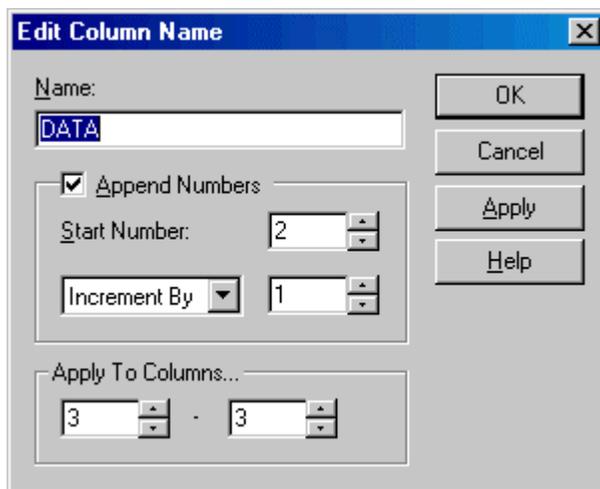
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## Edit Column Name

Use this dialog to edit the names of columns in a column based database.

To access this dialog:

1. Open either the **New Log Sheet** dialog or the **Log Data** tab of the **Log Window Setup** dialog. To open the **New Log Sheet** dialog, either select the **File/New** menu option or click the toolbar button (  ). To open the **Log Data** tab, select the **Setup/Log Window** menu option and then click the **Log Data** tab.
2. Click the **Advanced** button to access the Advanced dialog.
3. Check the **Include Column Based Database** box.
4. Click the **Options** button.
5. Click the **Format** tab.
6. Highlight the columns to be edited.
7. Click the **Edit** button. The **Edit Column Name** dialog appears.



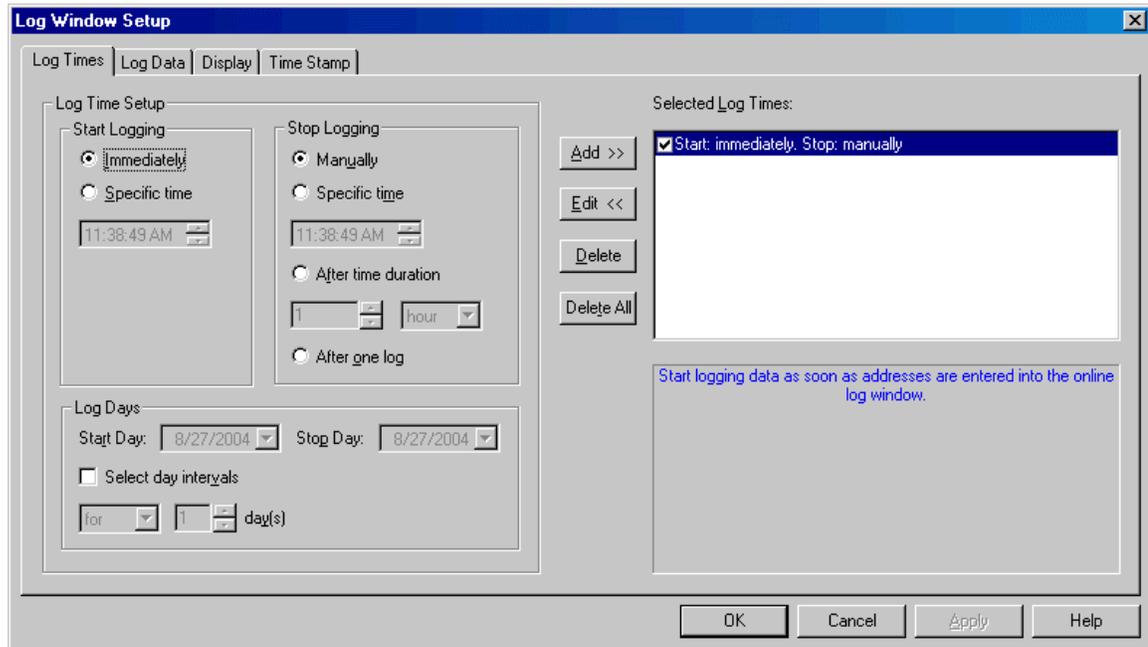
- **Name:** Edit the column name.
- **Append Numbers:** To rename several columns, with a base name followed by a number, enter the base name in the **Name** field, check this box, and specify the details of the number sequence using the following fields.
- **Start Number:** The first number of the sequence.
- **Increment By:** Select either **Increment By** or **Decrement By** to control the direction of the sequence. Set the number to the step from one column to the next.
- **Apply To Columns:** Select the columns where the sequence will be located. The number in the second field must be greater than or equal to the number in the first.

# Log Window Setup

## Log Window Setup

Use the **Log Window Setup** dialog to configure options for the log window as a whole.

To access the **Log Window Setup** dialog, select the **Setup/Log Window** menu option. The **Log Window Setup** dialog appears.



The **Log Window Setup** dialog consists of the following tabs:

- **Log Times:** Configure the times when data will be logged.
- **Log Data:** Configure how, within the log times, data will be read and stored. Configure the databases (row, column, or both) where it will be stored.
- **Display:** Configure the display of the log sheet.
- **Time Stamp:** Select the formats for the date and time.

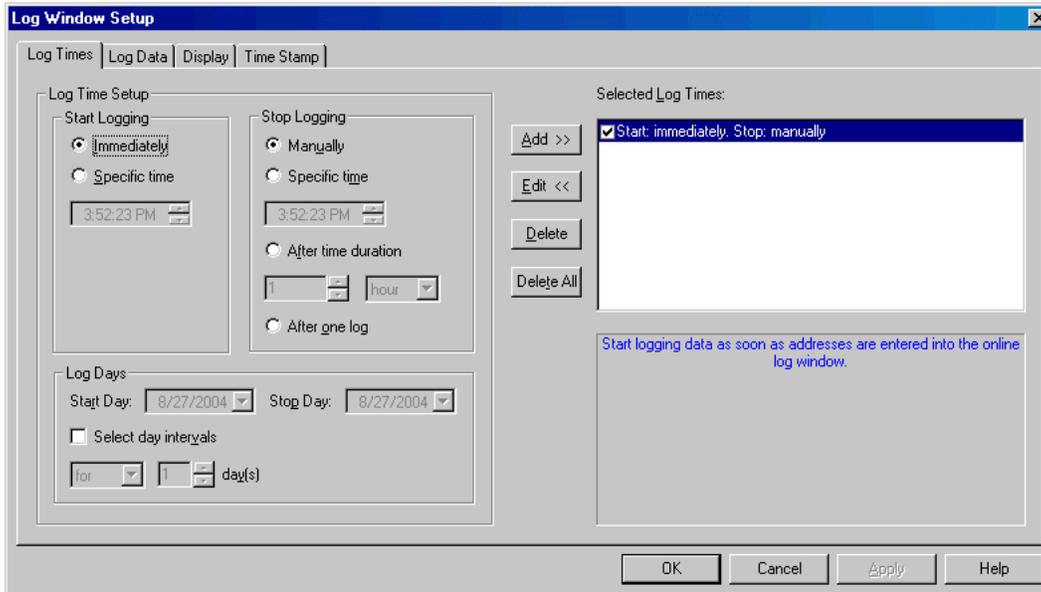
## Log Times

Use the **Log Times** tab to configure the times at which FTLogger will log data.

You can specify a list of up to 256 non-overlapping start and stop times.

To access the **Log Times** tab:

1. Select the **Setup/Log Window** menu option.
2. The **Log Times** tab is the default tab.



- **Log Time Setup:** Specify when logging is to start and stop.
  - **Start Logging:** Select the **Immediately** option button to start logging as soon as FTLogger is opened and data points are configured, or select the **Specific Time** and set the time field to start logging at that time.
  - **Stop Logging:** Select the **Manually** option button to continue logging until a user intervenes. Select the **Specific Time** option button, and set the time field, to stop logging at a particular time. Select the **After time duration** option button and use the number and time unit fields to log for a specified length of time. Select the **After one log** option button to log a single reading of each data point.
- **Log Days:** Specify days on which logging is to occur. The **Start Logging** option must be set to a **Specific time** in order to specify log days. In order to set a **Stop Day**, the **Stop Logging** option must be set to a **Specific time**.
  - **Start Day, Stop Day:** Select the first and last day to log from the start time to the stop time.
  - **Select day intervals:** Check this box to specify that logging is to occur for a specific number of days, or log one interval every so many days. Select **For** or **Every** from the drop-down list, and set the number of days.
- **Selected Log Times:** This is a list of log times. Specify a log time by setting the options listed above, and clicking the **Add** button. Edit an existing time by clicking the time in the list and clicking the **Edit** button. Delete a time by clicking the time in the list and clicking the **Delete** button. Clear the list by clicking the **Delete All** button. The log times must not overlap.

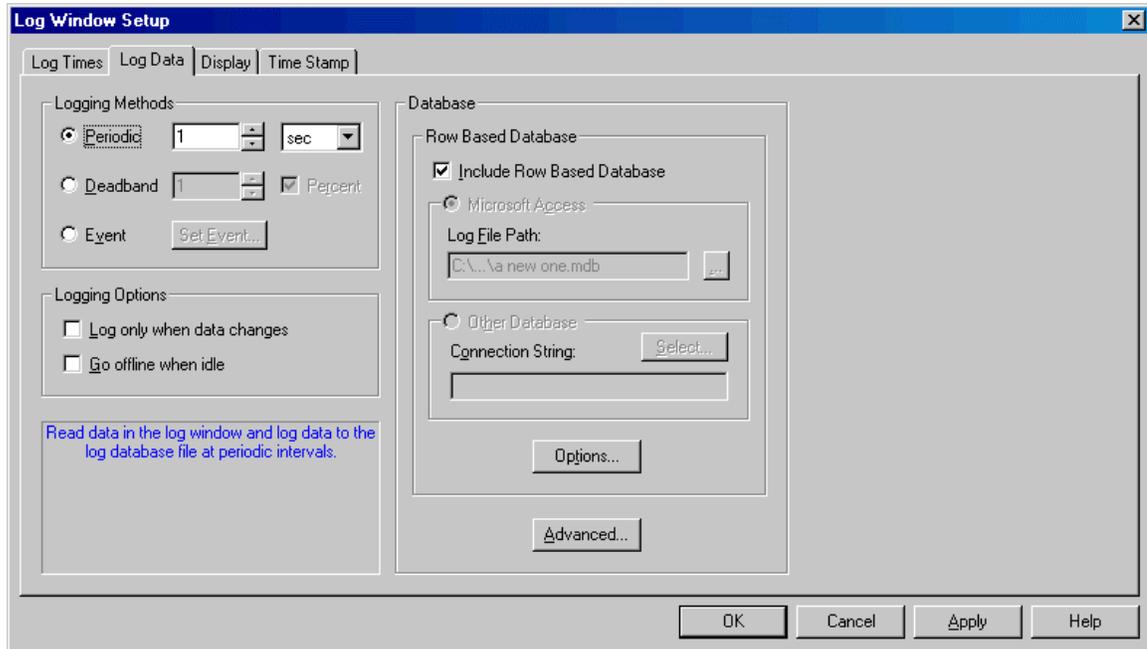
## Log Data

### Log Window Setup: Log Data

Use the **Log Data** tab to configure how, within the log times, data will read and be stored, and the databases (row, column, or both) where it will be stored.

To access the Log Data tab:

1. Select the **Setup/Log Window** menu option.
2. Click the **Log Data** tab.



- **Logging Methods:** Specify how, within the log times specified on the **Log Times** tab, each point is to be read and logged.
  - **Periodic:** Updates the cache in time intervals specified in the edit box. The format is **msec**, **sec**, **min**, and **hour**. Set the value to 0 to update as quickly as possible. The speed at which the data will be read and updated depends on the communication type and the number of addresses in the log sheet. The maximum value is 24 hours.
  - **Deadband:** Data variation value or a percentage of a data variation. Compares each data value from the addresses in the log window with the current value. Only if a particular value fluctuates by the deadband amount (+ or -) will FTLogger log the data.
  - **Event:** When a specified event is true, it will force a database update. Click the **Set Event** button to specify the event. See **Set Event** for details.
- **Logging Options:**
  - **Log only when data changes:** If this box is checked, data will not be logged to the database unless there has been a change in value or status at one of the addresses in the log window.
  - **Go offline when idle:** When this box is checked, FTLogger will go offline with all the devices in the log window if no log times are currently active. If no other log windows or clients are using the communication port, the port will be closed.
- **Database:** Use these fields to configure the database where the logged data will be stored.

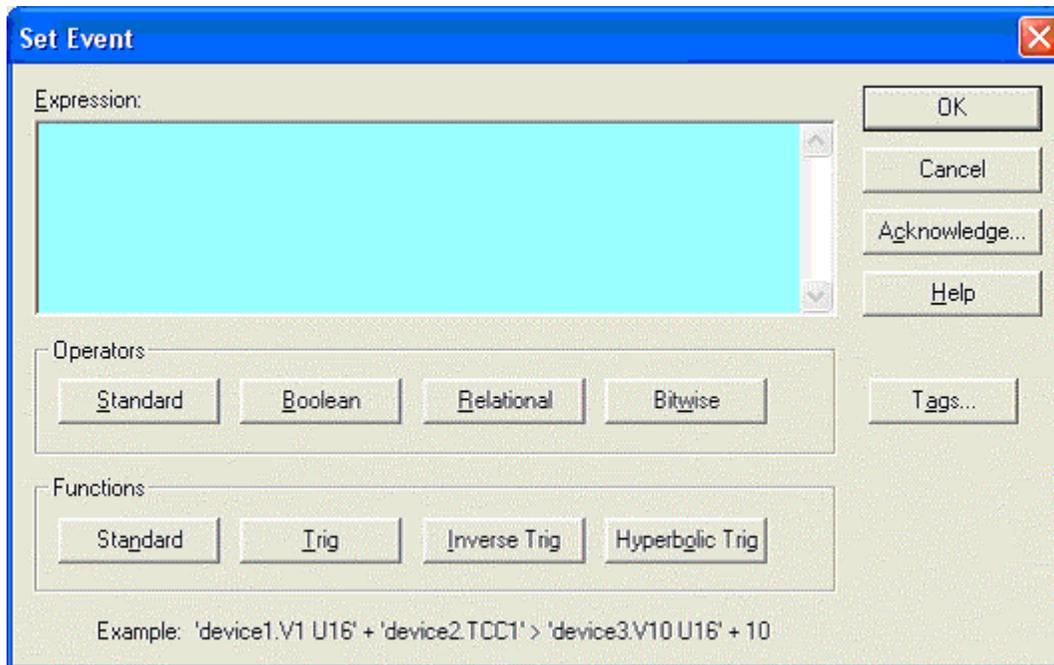
- **Include Row Based Database:** A row based database organizes the data as it appears in the log sheet. Check the **Include Row Based** database box to activate the row based database functionality.
- **Microsoft Access:** To build the row based database in **Microsoft Access** format, select the **Microsoft Access** option button and set the **Log File Path** to the name of the Access (.MDB) file. If the file does not exist, it will be created.
- **Other Database:** To build the row based database in a format other than Microsoft Access, select the **Other Database** option button and click the **Select** button to configure the **Data Link Properties**. The SQL database must exist prior to the selection.
- **Options:** Click the **Options** button to configure the **Row Based Database** options.
- **Advanced:** Click the **Advanced** button to configure the column based database and the event ID name. The column based database functionality is available only with the full FTLogger product. See **Event ID and Column Based Database Options** for details.

## Set Event

This dialog configures an event that can trigger logging data.

To access the **Set Event** dialog:

1. Select the **Setup/Log Window** menu option.
2. Click the **Log Data** tab.
3. Set the **Logging Method** to **Event** by clicking the option button.
4. Click the **Set Event** button. The **Set Event** dialog appears.



An event is set up by creating a custom expression based on tags, operators, and functions.

- **Operators:** Choose operators by clicking on the **Standard**, **Boolean**, **Relational**, and **Bitwise** buttons to display drop down boxes of operators. When an operator is selected, it will be inserted into the **Expression** edit box at the cursor location. Any highlighted text will be replaced with the selection. (See **Operators and Functions** for details.)
- **Functions:** Choose functions by clicking on the **Standard**, **Trig**, **Inverse Trig**, and **Hyperbolic Trig** buttons to display drop down boxes of functions. When a function is selected, it will be inserted into the **Expression** edit box at the cursor location. Any highlighted text will be replaced with the selection. (See **Operators and Functions** for details.)
- **Tags:** Click on the **Tags** button to select a tag. The **Tag** dialog that appears will depend on the type of log sheet being used: (See **FasTrak Tag** or **OPC Tag** for details.)
- **Acknowledge:** Click on the **Acknowledgement** button to configure an acknowledgement for the triggered event. The **Acknowledge Event** dialog that appears will depend on the type of log sheet being used: (See **FasTrak Acknowledge** or **OPC Acknowledge** for details.)

## Operators and Functions

The **Expression** box on the **Set Event** dialog allows you to trigger an event on an expression involving an unlimited number of addresses and/or constants. Addresses can be selected from any configured device belonging to any registered FasTrak or OPC server. When typing a FasTrak address, the device and address are separated by a period and enclosed in single quotes. A format specification may be included within the single quotes following the device.address.

For example: 'device1.V1 U16'.

You can also specify an address by tag name.

For example: 'device1.TagForV1 U16'

The format for OPC addresses is vendor specific.

At least one address is required in the equation. The available operations are as follows:

Standard Operators	Boolean Operators	Relational Operators	Bitwise Operators	Standard Functions	Trig Functions	Inverse Trig Functions	Hyperbolic Trig Functions
+	!	==	&	Exp()	Sin()	ASin()	Sinh()
-	&&	!=		Ln()	Cos()	ACos()	Cosh()
*		<=	!& (XOR)	Log()	Tan()	ATan()	Tanh()
/		>=		Abs()	Sec()	ASec()	Sech()
%		>		Sqrt()	Csc()	ACsc()	Csch()
^ (power)		<		Ceil()	Cot()	ACot()	Coth()
- (unary)		?: (if else)		Floor()			
(				Rand()			
)							

### Standard Operators

Standard Operators	Description
+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
/	Division
%	Modulus
^	Power
-	Unary sign
(	
)	

### Boolean Operators

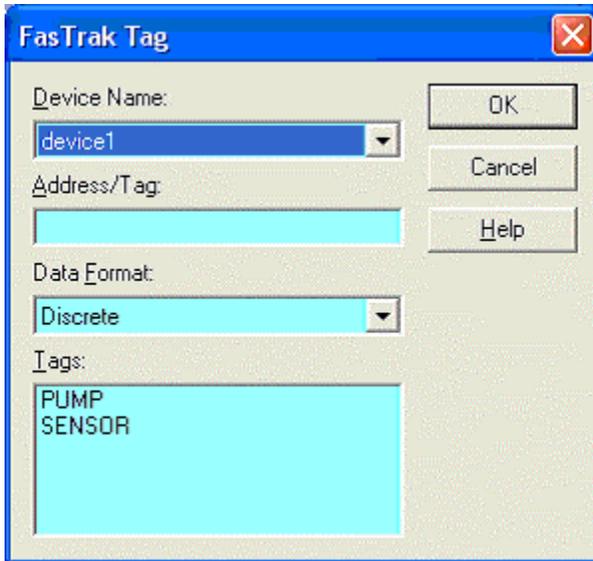
!	Not
&&	And
	Or

<b>Relational Operators</b>	<b>Description</b>
==	Equal To
!=	Not Equal To
<=	Less Than Or Equal To
>=	Greater Than Or Equal To
>	Greater Than
<	Less Than
?:	If (condition1) return(condition2) else return(condition3)
<b>Bitwise Operators</b>	<b>Description</b>
&	Bitwise And
	Bitwise Or
!&	Bitwise Exclusive Or

## FasTrak Tag

Use the **FasTrak Tag Browser** to select a tag.

From the **Set Event** dialog box, click the **Tags** button. The **FasTrak Tag** dialog appears.

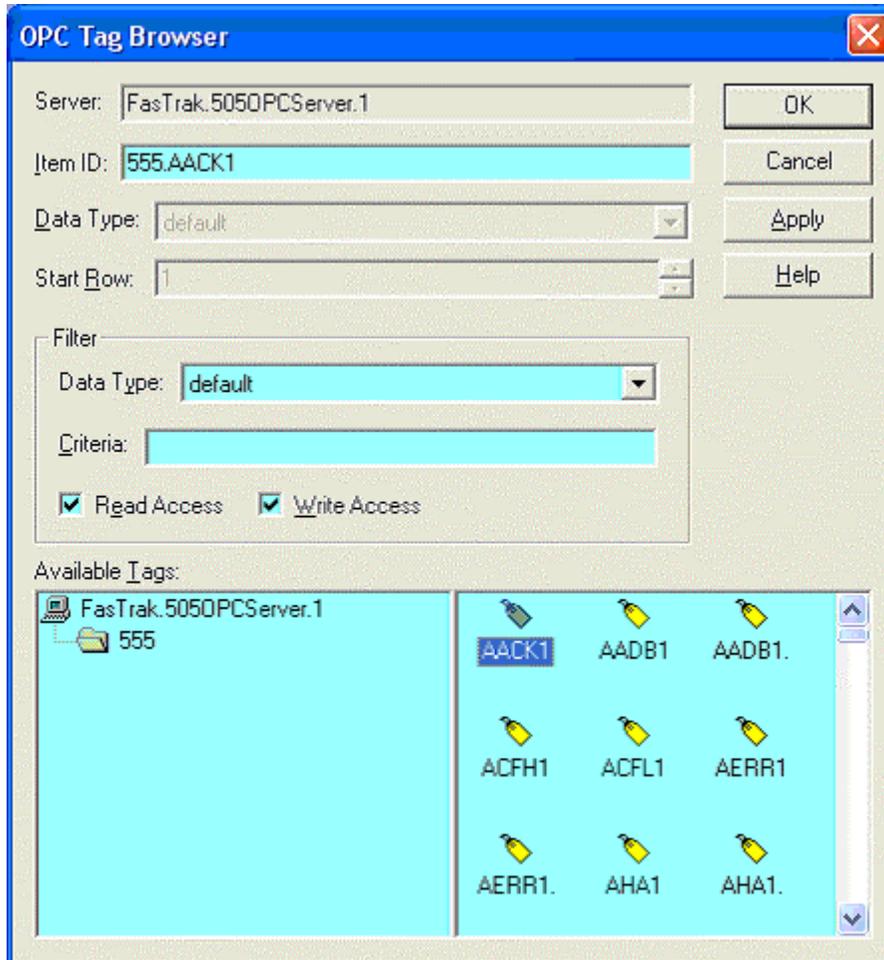


- **Device Name:** Choose from the list of devices that the current log sheet is attached to.
- **Address/Tag:** Manually enter an address or tag from a selected device or click on an item in the **Tags** pane to display the corresponding address.
- **Data Format:** Affects how the value is displayed in the log sheet.

## OPC Tag

Use the **OPC Tag Browser** to select a tag.

From the **Set Event** dialog box, click the **Tags** button. The **OPC Tag Browser** dialog appears.



- **Server:** Lists the server that the current log sheet is attached to.
- **Item ID:** Identifies the tag. Select from the **Available Tags** pane or manually enter or modify.
- **Data Type:** Disabled unless the **OPC Tag Browser** dialog is being used to select an address in the log sheet. There are 13 different data types to choose from, which will affect how the value is displayed in the log sheet. The default will display the canonical (native) data type.
- **Start Row:** Disabled unless the **OPC Tag Browser** dialog is being used to select an address in the log sheet. Used to specify where the address will be inserted into the log sheet.
- **Filter:** Controls which tags display in the **Available Tags** pane.

## FasTrak Acknowledge

When an event occurs, FTLogger has the ability to acknowledge the capture of the data to the communicating device. To send data back to the device:

1. From the **Set Event** dialog box click the **Acknowledge** button. The **Acknowledge Event** dialog appears.

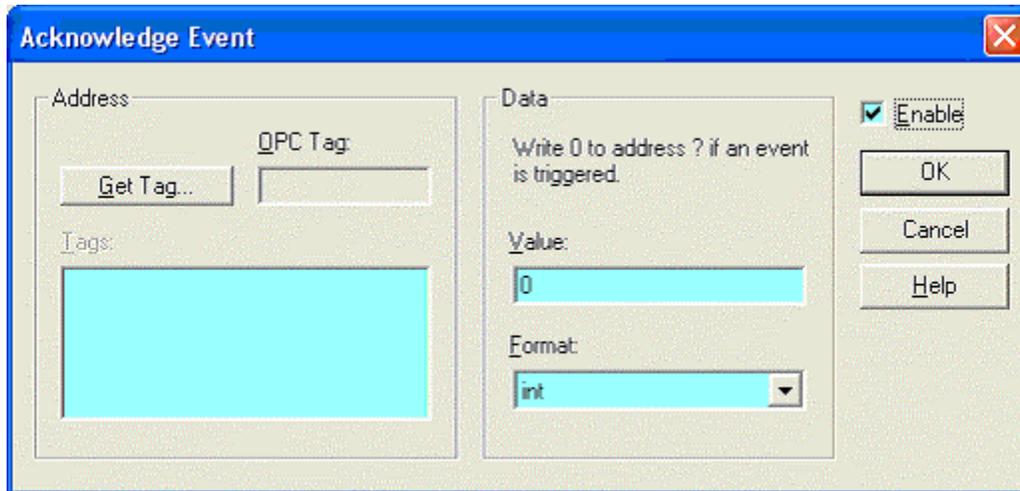
The screenshot shows the 'Acknowledge Event' dialog box. It has a title bar with the text 'Acknowledge Event' and a close button. The dialog is divided into three main sections: 'Address', 'Data', and 'Enable'.  
- The 'Address' section contains two text boxes: 'Device Name' with the value 'device1' and 'Address/Tag' with the value 'c1'. Below these is a 'Tags:' list box containing the items 'PUMP1', 'SENSOR', and 'tagrr'.  
- The 'Data' section contains a text box for 'Value' with the value '1' and a dropdown menu for 'Format' set to 'Discrete'.  
- The 'Enable' section has a checked 'Enable' checkbox and three buttons: 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

2. Click on the **Enable** check box to enter data.
3. Specify the **Address** to be written to.
  - **Device Name:** Select the device from which the PLC value is to be written. The device can be any configured device, whether data from that device is being logged or not.
  - **Address/Tag:** Enter the PLC address, or the tag for that address, here. Or select a tag from the **Tags:** list.
4. Specify the **Data** to be sent. Set the **Value** field and select the data's **Format** from the drop down box.

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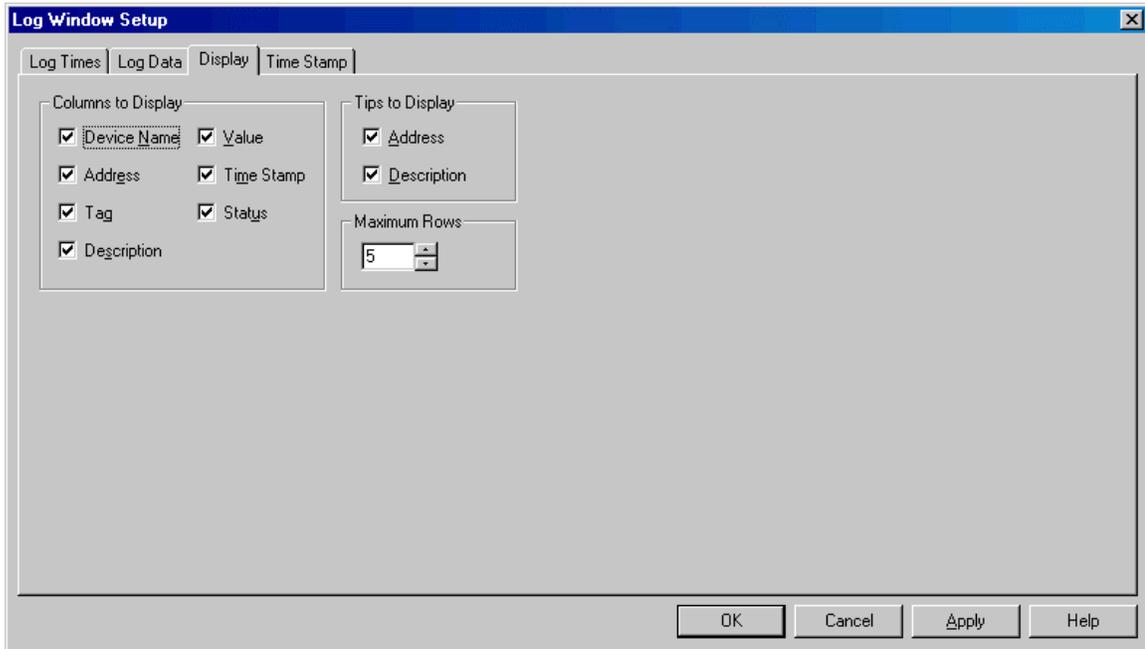
2. Click on the **Enable** check box to enter data.
3. Specify the **OPC Tag** to be written to. Select a tag using the **Get Tag** button.
4. Specify the **Data** to be sent. Set the **Value** field and select the data's **Format** from the drop down box.

## Display

Use the **Display** tab to configure the display of the data being logged.

To access the **Display** tab:

1. Select the **Setup/Log Window** menu option.
2. Click the **Display** tab.



- **Columns to Display:** Check the boxes for the desired columns in the display. All boxes are checked by default. **Device Name**, **Tag**, and **Description** are disabled for OPC as they are not valid options in the log sheet. For OPC, **OPC Tag** replaces Address.

Row	Device Name	Address	Tag	Description	Value	Time Stamp	Status
1	device1	B3:0	STAMP	1 second on/off tog	ON D1	11:14:20.342 AM 08/31/04	Success
2	device1	F8:1	TEMPERATURE2	0.01 second sine w	0.40009 F32	11:14:20.342 AM 08/31/04	Success
3	device1	N7:4	TANK	0.1 second timer 1-5	38 U16	11:14:20.342 AM 08/31/04	Success
4	device1	V6	TANK_FILL	1 second timer 1-10	953 U16	11:14:20.342 AM 08/31/04	Success
5	device1	400009	SINE1	0.1 second sine wa	-0.836924 F32	11:14:20.342 AM 08/31/04	Success

- **Tips to Display:** In the FasTrak log sheet, the **Tag** combo box in a log window can display the corresponding address (to the left) and description (to the right) of the highlighted tag. For example, in the illustration, the tag **TANK\_FILL** corresponds to the address **V6** and is described as "1 second timer 1-1000". The address and description are referred to as **Tips** and can be turned on and off with these boxes. Both boxes are checked by default.

V6	TANK_FILL	1 second timer 1-1000
F8:1	STAMP	0.01 second sine w
N7:4	STEAM	0.1 second timer 1-5
V6	TANK	1 second timer 1-10
400009	TANK_FILL	0.1 second sine wa
	TANK_PROGRESS	
	TEMPERATURE1	
	TEMPERATURE2	

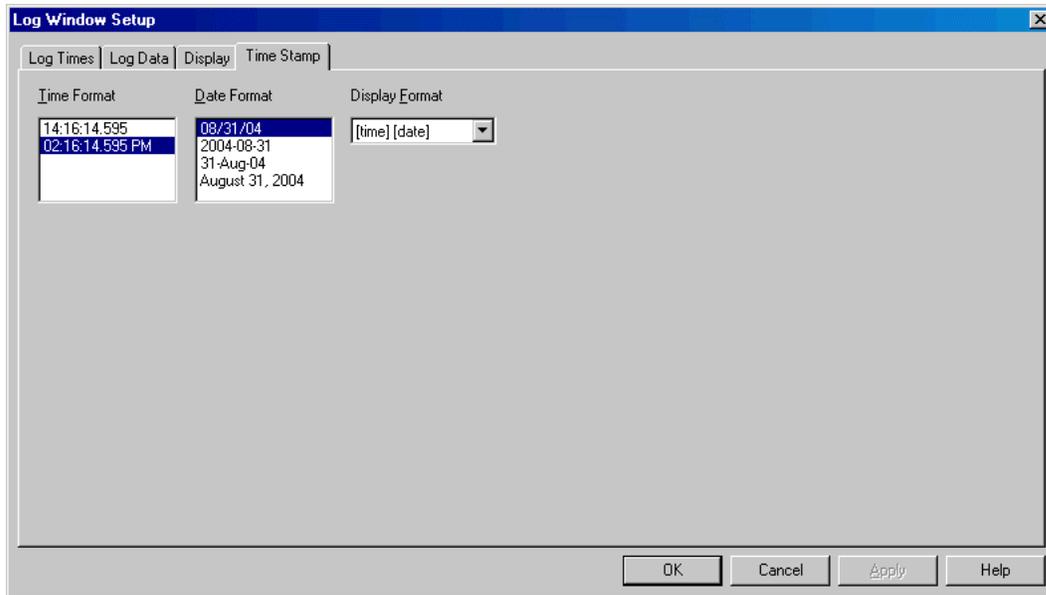
- **Maximum Rows:** Set the number of rows in the log sheet. The **Maximum Rows** may be limited by the package purchased.

## Time Stamp

Use the **Time Stamp** dialog to select the formats for the date and time.

To access the **Time Stamp** tab:

1. Select the **Setup/Log Window** menu option.
2. Click the **Time Stamp** tab.



- **Time Format:** Selects **24 hour** or **12 hour AM/PM** format. The default is standard format.
- **Date Format:** Selects which of the following date formats will be used:
  - **[month]/[day]/[year]:** each represented by 2 digits. This is the default.
  - **[year]-[month]-[day]:** The year is displayed in 4 digits while the month and day are displayed in 2 digits.
  - **[day]-[month]-[year]:** The day and year are displayed in 2 digits while the month is displayed as a 3-character abbreviation.
  - **[month] [day], [year]:** The month is completely spelled out, the day is displayed in minimal digits and the year is displayed as 4 digits.
- **Display Format:** Determines whether the date or time or both will be displayed, and in what order. The options are:
  - **[time] [date]:** the default
  - **[date] [time]**
  - **[time]**
  - **[date]**

# Device Source Configuration

## Device Source Configuration

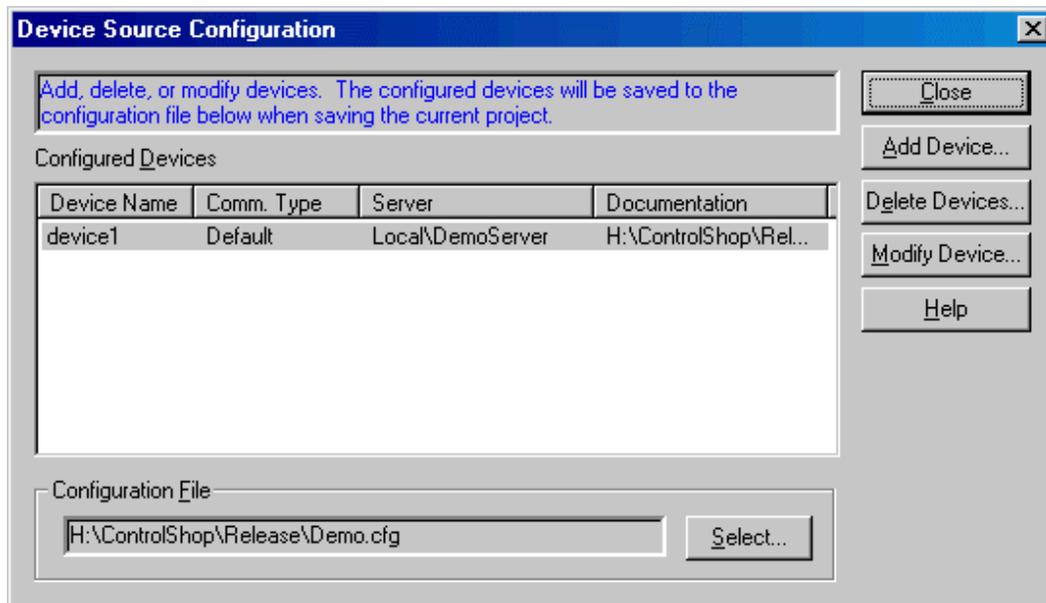
The **Device Source Configuration** dialog allows you to configure the devices from which data points are read. Before any data points can be inserted into a FasTrak log window, devices must be configured so that the servers know where to read the addresses from.

For each device, FTLogger requires the following information:

- **Device Name:** A unique name to identify the device that is connected to a FasTrak Server.
- **Comm Type:** The communication system by which the server communicates with the device - COM port, TCP/IP, etc. The options depend on the device.
- **Server:** The FasTrak Server name that the device is connected to. Communication servers are shared between FasTrak applications, allowing multiple applications to communicate with the same devices at the same time.
- **Doc File Path:** The documentation database, which holds the address documentation for the device. To share documentation (for example, from the shared documentation database for a WorkShop program) set the **File Path** to the shared documentation database. If you set the **File Path** to a database that does not exist, a new database will be created.
- **Communications parameters:** Configuration for communications between the PC and the device. This information is not shown in the table. See **Communication Setup** for details.

To configure devices for OPC Servers, use the OPC Server or separate configuration utility. To configure devices for FasTrak Servers:

1. Select the **Setup/Device Source** menu option or the corresponding toolbar button:  The **Device Source Configuration** dialog appears.



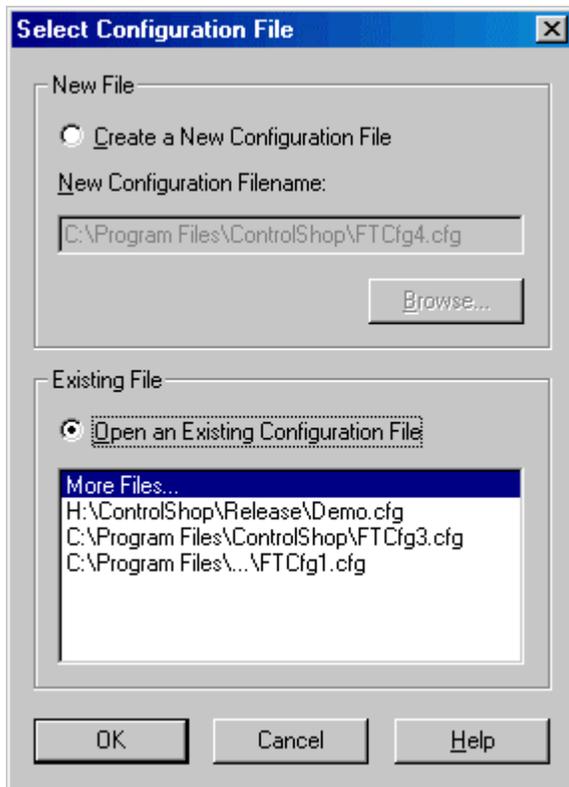
2. Use the buttons to access the configuration actions:
  - **Add Device:** Add a new device to the list.
  - **Delete Device:** Delete the configuration for the highlighted device configuration.
  - **Modify Device:** Edit the highlighted device configuration.
  - **Configuration File:** The configuration for FasTrak Server devices is saved in a .CFG file, not the .TRN Trend file. Click the **Select** button to save the current configuration to a file or to load a saved configuration.

## Configuration File

Device configuration information for FasTrak Server devices is stored in a .CFG file. The project file contains the name of the .CFG file. Several projects can use the same configuration file.

To select the configuration file:

1. Open the **Device Source Configuration** dialog by selecting the **Setup/Device Source** menu option.
2. Click the **Select** button next to the **Configuration File** field. The **Select Configuration File** dialog appears.



- **New File:** To create a new configuration file, select the **Create a New Configuration File** option button, and then **Browse** for the new file location and name.
- **Existing File:** To select an existing configuration file, select the **Open an Existing Configuration File** option button. If the desired file is in the recently-used files list, select it. If not, select the **More Files** option, and browse for the configuration file.

## Adding Devices

To add a device to the current configuration:

1. Bring up the **Device Source Configuration dialog** by selecting the **Setup/Device Source** menu item or the corresponding toolbar button.



2. Click the **Add Device** button. The **Add Device** dialog appears.

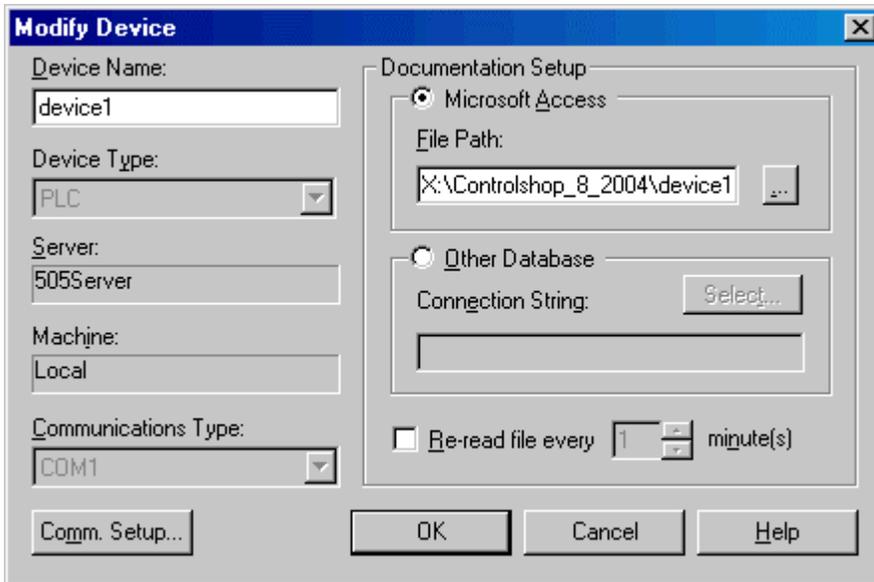
3. Configure the new device, and click the **OK** button.
  - **Device Name:** Enter a name to identify the device. The device name must be unique.
  - **Device Type:** Select the type of device.
  - **Server:** Select the communication server. Communication servers are shared between FasTrak applications and OPC clients, allowing multiple applications to communicate with the same devices at the same time. The drop-down list shows the communication servers that have been installed on the computer.
  - **Communications type:** Select the type of communications that connects the PC to the device. The options depend on the communications server selected above.
  - **Comm Setup:** Configure communications between the PC and the device. See *Communication Setup* for details.
  - **Documentation Setup:** Configure the documentation database, which holds the address documentation for the device. To use existing documentation (for example, from the shared documentation database for a WorkShop program) set the **File Path** to the shared documentation database. If you set the **File Path** to a database that does not exist, a new database will be created.
  - **Re-read file every:** This option should only be selected when sharing the database with other applications and if the database is under development. To keep the documentation up to date, check the box and set the number of minutes to control how often the documentation database should be checked for changes.

## Modifying Devices

To modify a device that is already configured:

1. Bring up the **Device Source Configuration** dialog by selecting the **Setup/Device Source** menu item or the corresponding toolbar button.  

2. Highlight the device in the list and click the **Modify Device** button, or double-click the device in the list. The **Modify Device** dialog appears.



3. Modify the device, and click the **OK** button.
  - **Device Name:** Enter a name to identify the device. The device name must be unique. Unlike the **Add Device** dialog, when we modify the device name here, the documentation filename does not change.
  - **Documentation Setup:** Configure the documentation database, which holds the address documentation for the device. To use existing documentation (for example, from the shared documentation database for a WorkShop program) set the **File Path** to the shared documentation database. If you set the **File Path** to a database that does not exist, a new database will be created.
  - **Comm Setup:** Configure communications between the PC and the device. See *Communication Setup* for details. If no trend windows are online with this device then the communication settings can also be modified. If the device is online then the communication settings can be viewed but cannot be modified.
  - **Re-read file every:** This option should only be selected when sharing the database with other applications and if the database is under development. To keep the documentation up to date, check the box and set the number of minutes to control how often the documentation database should be checked for changes.

## Deleting Devices

To delete a device from the current configuration:

1. Bring up the **Device Source Configuration dialog** by selecting the **Setup/Device Source** menu item or the corresponding toolbar button.



2. Click the **Delete devices** button. The **Delete Devices** dialog appears.



3. Select the **Server** that controls the devices to be deleted. The **Device Names** list shows the devices configured for that server.
4. Select the device(s) to be deleted. To delete all the devices for a server, click the **Select All** button.
5. Click the **OK** button.

## Communication Setup

The **Communication Setup** dialog configures communication between the PC and one of the configured devices. It varies depending on the type of device and the type of communication.

To configure communication:

1. Open the **Device Source Configuration** dialog by selecting the **Setup/Device Source** menu option or clicking the corresponding toolbar button: 
2. Open the configuration dialog for the device, by clicking the **Add Device** button or selecting the device in the list and clicking the **Modify Device** button. When modifying an existing device, if a data point on the device is used in a log sheet that is currently online, the communication setup can be viewed but not edited.
3. Select the **Server**, if possible. The **Server** and **Communications Type** cannot be changed in an existing device.
4. Select the **Communications Type**, if possible.
5. Click the **Comm Setup** button.

## DemoServer Supported Addresses

The DemoServer provides a simulated device for testing and demonstrating ControlShop applications.

The following addresses are available:

Mod 5-digit	Mod 6-digit	Mod	Siemens 505	AB5	Address Description
40001	400001	4:1	V1	N7:0	Writable
40002	400002	4:2	V2	N7:1	Writable
40003	400003	4:3	V3	N7:2	0.1 second timer 1-1000
40004	400004	4:4	V4	N7:3	1 second timer 1-100
40005	400005	4:5	V5	N7:4	0.1 second timer 1-500
40006	400006	4:6	V6	N7:5	1 second timer 1-1000
40007	400007	4:7	V7	N7:6	0.1 second random
40008	400008	4:8	V8	N7:7	1 second random
40009	400009	4:9	V9.	F8:0	0.1 second sine wave
40011	400011	4:11	V11.	F8:1	0.01 second sine wave
00001	000001	0:1	C1	B3:0	1 second on/off toggle
00002	000002	0:2	C2	B3:1	0.1 second on/off toggle



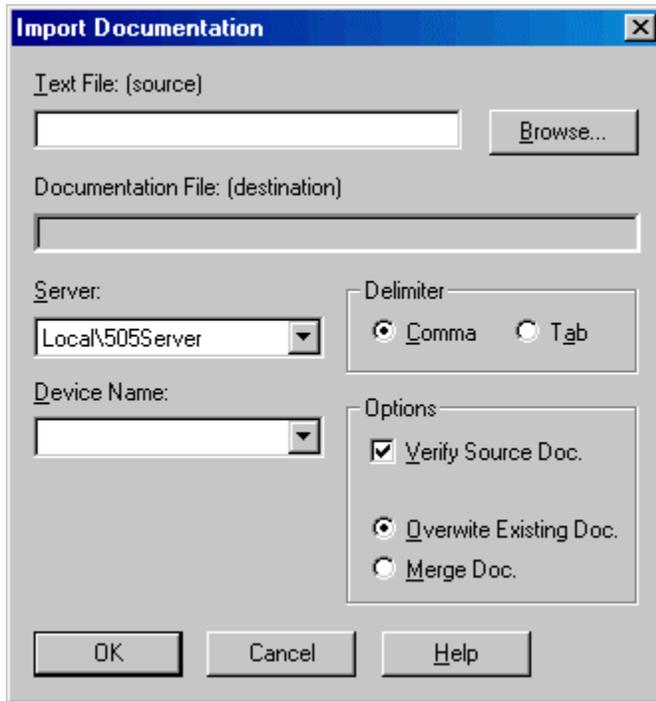
# Import/Export Documentation

## Import Documentation

Documentation for a device can be imported from a text file into the existing database.

To import documentation:

1. Select the **File/Import Documentation/FasTrak Documentation** menu option. The **Import Documentation** dialog appears.



2. Select the source file by typing in the **Text File (source)** field or by clicking the **Browse** button.
3. Select the communication **Server** for the device, which will receive the imported documentation. The list shows servers that are registered on the computer.
4. Select the **Device Name**. The list shows device configuration entries that are connected via the server selected above. The documentation database that corresponds to the selected device will be the recipient of the import.
5. If the Server is set to **ModServer**, select the option button for either **6 Digits** or **5 Digits**. The options are not visible for other servers.
6. The fields in the text file may be separated by either tabs or commas. Select the **Delimiter** by selecting the appropriate option button.
7. Set the **Options** as desired:
  - **Verify Source Doc:** Check the box to verify tags, addresses, and the source file format. Clear the box for a faster import process.
  - **Overwrite Existing Doc:** When this option is selected, the database is cleared, so the imported documentation is all the documentation. If an address is in the database but not in the imported file, the information in the database is lost.

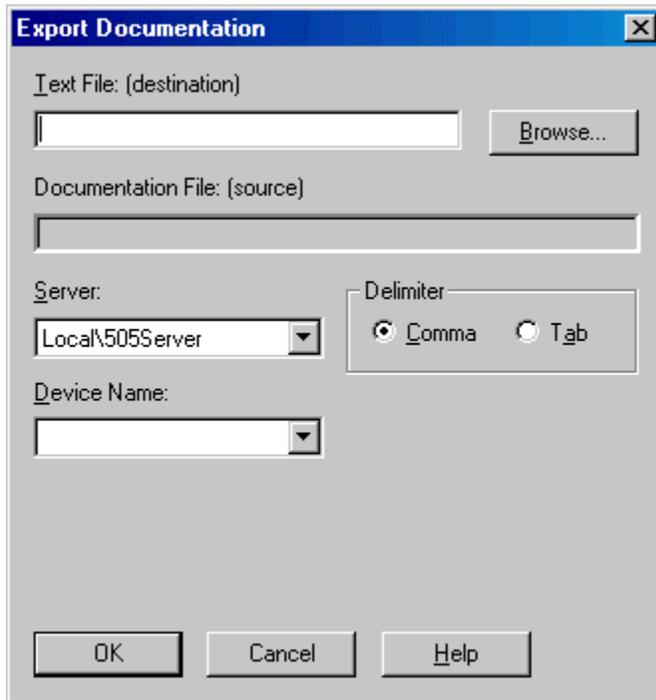
- **Merge Doc:** When this option is selected, the imported documentation is merged into the database. If an address is in the imported file but not in the database, it is added to the database. If an address is in the imported file and already in the database, you will receive a warning. The address in the database will remain. If an address is in the database but not in the imported file, the database information is left as is.

## Export Documentation

Documentation for a device can be exported from the database to a text file, for editing in an outside program such as Microsoft Excel, or for import into another application.

To export documentation:

1. Select the **File/Export Documentation** menu option. The **Export Documentation** dialog appears.



The screenshot shows the 'Export Documentation' dialog box. It has a title bar with the text 'Export Documentation' and a close button (X). The dialog contains the following elements:

- Text File: (destination)**: A text input field with a 'Browse...' button to its right.
- Documentation File: (source)**: A text input field.
- Server:**: A dropdown menu with 'Local\505Server' selected.
- Device Name:**: A dropdown menu.
- Delimiter:**: Two radio buttons, 'Comma' (which is selected) and 'Tab'.
- At the bottom: 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help' buttons.

2. Select the destination file by typing in the **Text File (destination)** field or by clicking the **Browse** button.
3. Select the communication **Server** for the device. The list shows servers that are registered on the computer.
4. Select the **Device Name**. The list shows device configuration entries that are connected via the server selected above. The documentation database that corresponds to the selected device will be the source of the exported information.
5. The fields in the text file may be separated by either tabs or commas. Select the **Delimiter** by selecting the appropriate option button.



# Log Sheet

## Log Sheet

The **Log Sheet** is the visual interface to the data logging process. Log sheets differ based on whether they communicate to a **FasTrak Server** or **OPC Server**.

## FasTrak Log Sheet

The **FasTrak Sheet** displays the device, address, tag, and description for each point being logged, along with the current value, the time stamp of the latest reading, and the communication status. Most of the columns are optional - whether they are displayed or not is controlled via the **Display** tab of the **Log Window Setup**.

Row	Device Name	Address	Tag	Description	Value	Time Stamp	Status
1	device1	B3:0	STAMP	1 second on/off tog	OFF D1	04:43:55.842 PM 09/01/04	Success
2	device1	F8:1	TEMPERATURE2	0.01 second sine wa	0.327312 F32	04:43:55.842 PM 09/01/04	Success
3	device1	N7:4	TANK	0.1 second timer 1-5	320 U16	04:43:55.842 PM 09/01/04	Success
4	device1	V6	TANK_FILL	1 second timer 1-10	732 U16	04:43:55.842 PM 09/01/04	Success
5	device1	400009	SINE1	0.1 second sine wa	0.276176 F32	04:43:55.842 PM 09/01/04	Success
6	device1	400001	ACK3	Writeable address	0 U16	04:43:55.842 PM 09/01/04	Success

Each row represents a single address from a single device that is configured in the server from which the log window is connected.

The columns show:

- **Row:** The row number. This column cannot be edited.
- **Device Name:** The name of the device from which the data is to be read. Select a device from the drop-down list. See **Device Source Configuration** for details.
- **Address:** The PLC address from which data is to be read. Type the address here, or select it by tag, using the **Tag** column. Enter a range of addresses (each address will be on a separate line starting with the current line) by typing an address string in one of these formats:
  - **Address\ +-[count][\increment][\format]:** Create log sheet rows for a range of addresses.
  - **Address:** The starting address.
  - **+, -:** For addresses that count up from the starting address, use **+**. For addresses that count down from the starting address, use **-**.
  - **Count:** The number of addresses to create log sheet rows for.
  - **Increment:** The address increment. For example, if the increment is 2, a row will be created for every other address.
  - **Format:** The data format and size.
  - For example, the string `v1\+5\2\u16` results in the rows shown below:

Device Name	Address	Device Name	Address
device1	v1\+5\2\u16	device1	V1
		device1	V3
		device1	V5
		device1	V7
		device1	V9

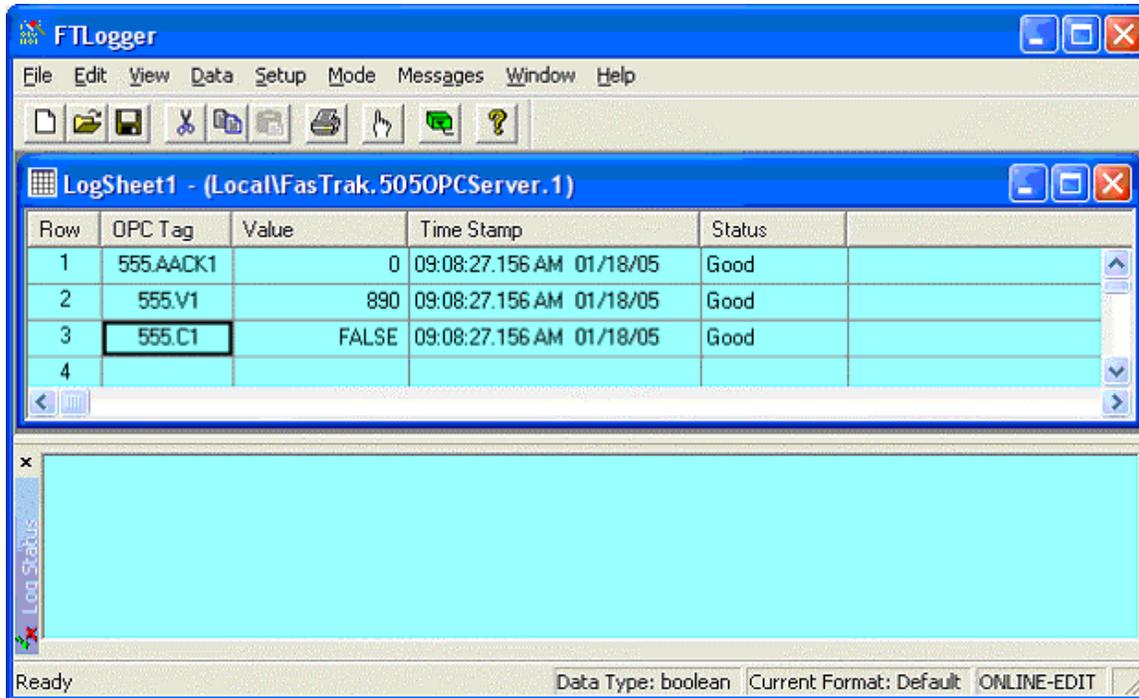
- **Address1-Address2[\increment][\format]:** Create log sheet rows for a range of addresses from Address 1 to Address 2
- **Address1:** The starting address.
- **Address2:** The ending address.
- **Increment:** The address increment. For example, if the increment is 2, a row will be created for every other address.
- **Format:** The data format and size.
- For example, the string v1-v7\2\u16 results in the rows shown below:

Device Name	Address	Device Name	Address
device1	v1-v7\2\u16	device1	V1
		device1	V3
		device1	V5
		device1	V7

- **Tag:** The tag for the address. The address can be set by selecting the tag from the list. Tags and descriptions are located in the documentation database for the Device. See **Device Source Configuration** for details.
- **Description:** The description for the address. Tags and descriptions are located in the documentation database for the Device. See **Device Source Configuration** for details.
- **Value:** The last value read from the address.
- **Time Stamp:** Displays the time at which the last data value was read.
- **Status:** Displays the status of the data read from the device. Any errors reading addresses will be displayed here. Since many addresses are read in one packet, a status error from one invalid address may appear in multiple rows.

## OPC Log Sheet

The OPC Sheet displays the OPC tag, value, time stamp and status for each point being logged. Most of the columns are optional - whether they are displayed or not is controlled via the **Display** tab of the Log Window Setup.



Each row represents a single address from a single device that is configured in the server from which the log window is connected.

The columns show:

- **Row:** The row number.
- **OPC Tag:** The OPC tag that represents an address.
- **Value:** The last value read from the address.
- **Time Stamp:** Displays the time at which the last data value was read.
- **Status:** Displays the status of the data read from the device and reports the quality of the data. Any errors reading addresses will be displayed here. Since many addresses are read in one packet, a status error may appear in multiple rows.

The status bar displays the data type being used based on the field in which the cursor is placed as well as online/offline status. Data types include: byte, short, unsigned short, int, unsigned int, long, unsigned long, float, double, boolean, date, and character.

## Data Menu

### Data Menu

Use the **Data** menu options to manage the information that is read from the PLC.

- **Format:** Select the display format for the data. This menu option is not available for bit addresses. The options are:
  - Unsigned Dec.
  - Signed Dec.
  - Float
  - Hex
  - Octal
  - ASCII
- **Size:** When the format selected above allows for 16 or 32 bit data, use this option to select the size.
- **Scaling:** Use this option to display and log information in a scaled form. See **Log Row Scaling** for details.
- **Next, Previous:** Move to the next row in the log sheet and insert the next or previous address, with the same device. For example, if the cursor is on row 1, where the address is V1

Row	Device Name	Address
1	device1	V1
2		

and you select the **Data/Next** menu option, row 2 is filled with V2

Row	Device Name	Address
1	device1	V1
2	device1	V2

If the cursor is on row 1, where the address is V5

Row	Device Name	Address
1	device1	V5
2		

and you select the **Data/Previous** menu option, row 2 is filled with V4.

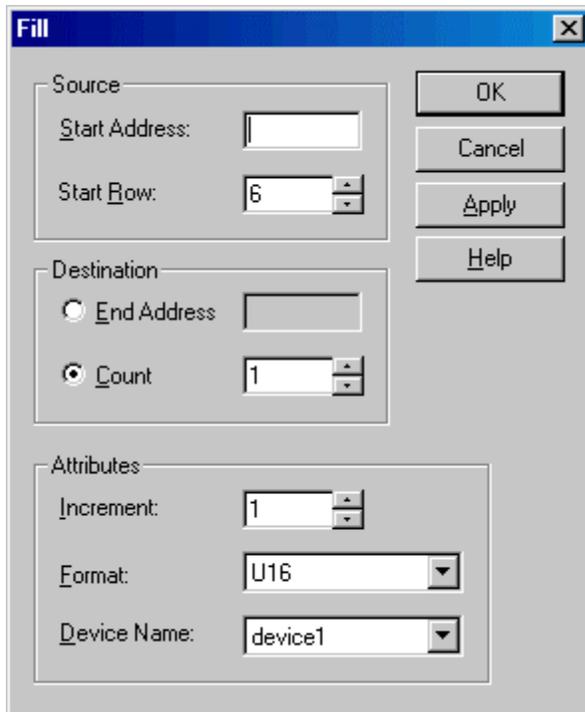
Row	Device Name	Address
1	device1	V5
2	device1	V4

- **Fill:** Use the **Fill** menu option to create several rows at once. See **Fill** for details.

## Fill

Use the **Fill** dialog to fill several log sheet rows, representing a series of addresses, at once.

To access the **Fill** dialog, select the **Data/Fill** menu option. The **Fill** dialog appears.

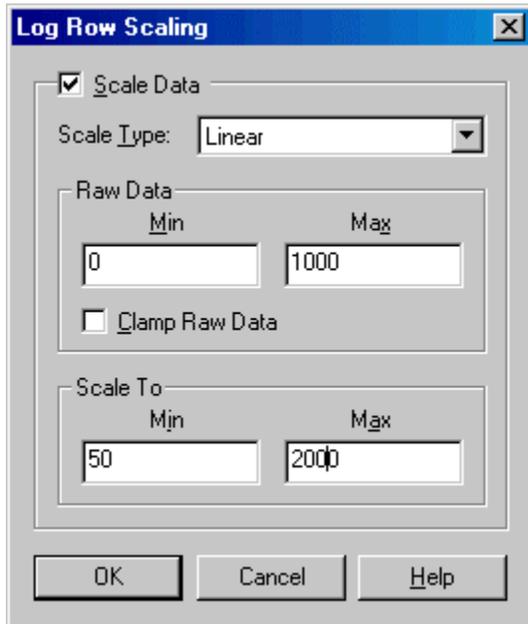


- **Start Address:** Enter the first address in the series.
- **Start Row:** Enter the row number of the line that will hold the start address.
- **End Address:** To specify the range by address, select the **End Address** option button and enter the last address in the series.
- **Count:** To specify the range by number of lines/addresses, select the **Count** option button and enter the number of lines to be filled.
- **Increment:** Set the increment between addresses. For example, with an increment of 1, each address in the range is added to the log sheet. With an increment of 2, starting with an even numbered address, the even numbered addresses will be added to the log sheet.
- **Format:** Select the display format for the data. The options in this list include the size.
- **Device Name:** Select the device from which the data is to be read. See **Device Source Configuration** for details.
- **Apply:** Click the **Apply** button to fill the range without closing the dialog. The **Start Address** and **Start Row** fields will be updated to just past the end of the range specified previously. For example, if the start address was V1, the start row 10, and the Count 10, after the **Apply** button is clicked, the new start address is V11 and the new start row 20.
- **OK:** Fill the range and close the dialog.
- **Cancel:** Close the dialog without filling the range.

## Log Row Scaling

Use the **Log Row Scaling** to display data scaled to a specified range. For example, a thermocouple input might present raw data values in the range 0-1000 for a temperature range from 50 degrees to 200 degrees. Scaling allows you to display the data as a value from 50 to 200.

To access the **Log Row Scaling** dialog, select the **Data/Scaling** menu option. The **Log Row Scaling** dialog appears.



- **Scale Data:** Check the **Scale Data** box to enable scaling for the current row.
- **Scale Type:** Select the type of scaling.
  - **Discrete:** Used with discrete address types to invert the data.
  - **Linear:** Available to all address types except discrete. The raw data from the PLC will be scaled according to the following formula.  

$$\text{ScaledVal} = (\text{RawVal} - \text{MinRaw}) / (\text{MaxRaw} - \text{MinRaw}) * (\text{MaxScaled} - \text{MinScaled}) + \text{MinScaled}$$
  - **Square Root:** Available to all address types except discrete. The raw data from the PLC will be scaled according to the following formula.  

$$\text{ScaledVal} = \text{SQRT}((\text{RawVal} - \text{MinRaw}) / (\text{MaxRaw} - \text{MinRaw})) * (\text{MaxScaled} - \text{MinScaled}) + \text{MinScaled}$$
- **Raw Data: Min, Max:** Enter the range for valid raw data.
- **Scale To: Min, Max:** Enter the desired display range.

## Editing Features

### Cut, Copy, and Paste

**Cut**, **Copy**, and **Paste** can be performed on rows (either the current row or the highlighted rows) in a log sheet.

Log window rows can be cut from one log window and pasted into another provided that the log window's servers match.

The menu items can be found under the main **Edit** menu along with hot keys. Alternative hotkeys **Shift-Delete**, **Ctrl-Insert**, and **Shift-Insert** are supported for **Cut**, **Copy**, and **Paste** respectively.

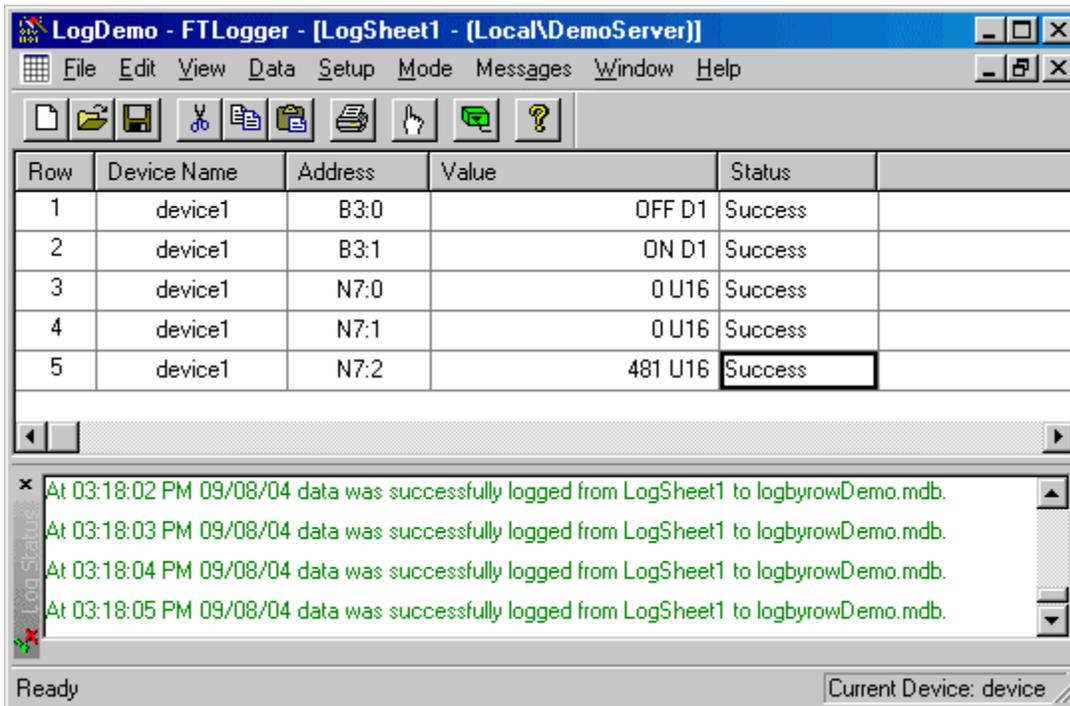
### Select All

To select all the rows in the current log sheet, select the **Edit/Select All** menu option or press **Ctrl-A**.

## Log Status Window

### Log Status Window

The **Log Status Window** can be configured to list successful and failed logs as well as any miscellaneous errors that may occur while attempting to log data.



The **Log Status Window** can be docked to any side of the FTLogger display window, or detached.

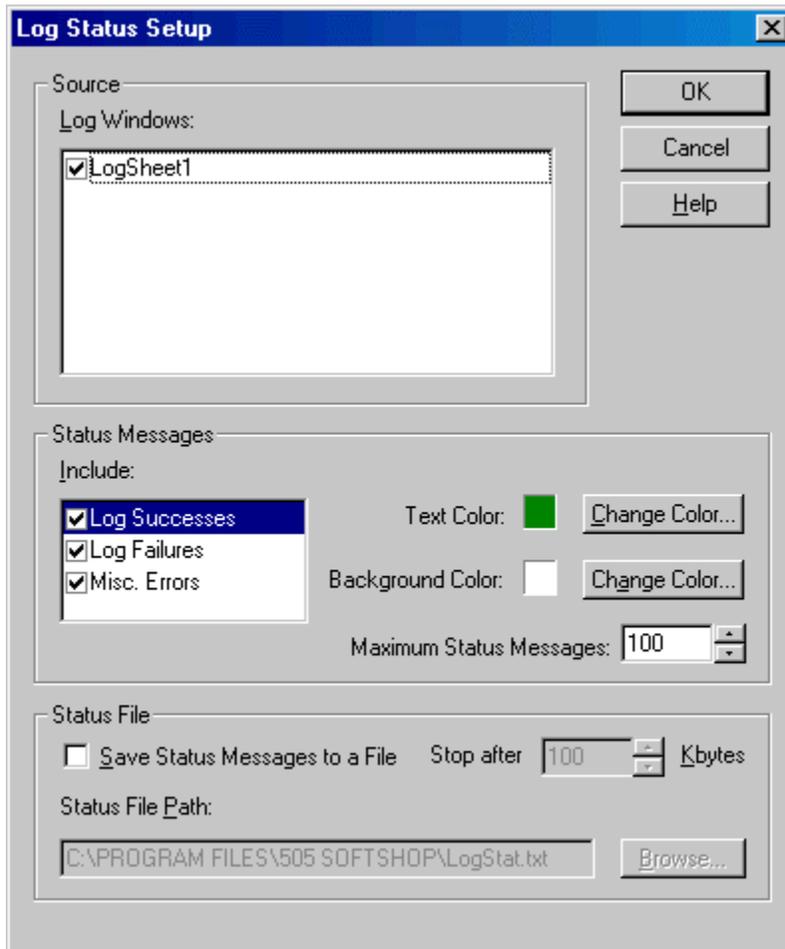
- To clear the **Log Status Window**, select the **Messages/Clear** menu option.
- To configure the **Log Status Window**, select the **Setup/Log Status** menu option to access the **Log Status Setup** dialog.

The **Log Status Window** is displayed docked to the bottom of the window by default, but can be hidden or re-displayed by selecting the **View/Log Status** menu option.

## Log Status Setup

Use the **Log Status Setup** dialog to configure the **Log Status Window**.

To access the **Log Status Setup** dialog, select the **Setup/Log Status** menu option. The **Log Status Setup** dialog appears.



- **Source: Log Windows:** the list shows all the currently open log sheets. Check the box for each log sheet to display messages for. All the boxes are checked by default.
- **Status Messages:**
  - **Include:** Select which messages should be included (Log Successes, Log Failures, Misc. Errors) by checking the box for each type of message. Highlight the message type in the list to select it for color configuration.
  - **Text Color, Background Color:** Select the type of message in the **Include** list, and the text and background colors for that type of message appear in the color boxes. To change the colors for a type of message, click the **Change Color** buttons.
  - **Maximum Status Messages:** The messages are shown in a scrollable box. Set the maximum size of the box by selecting or typing the maximum number of messages. When the box is full, the oldest messages fall off the top of the box.

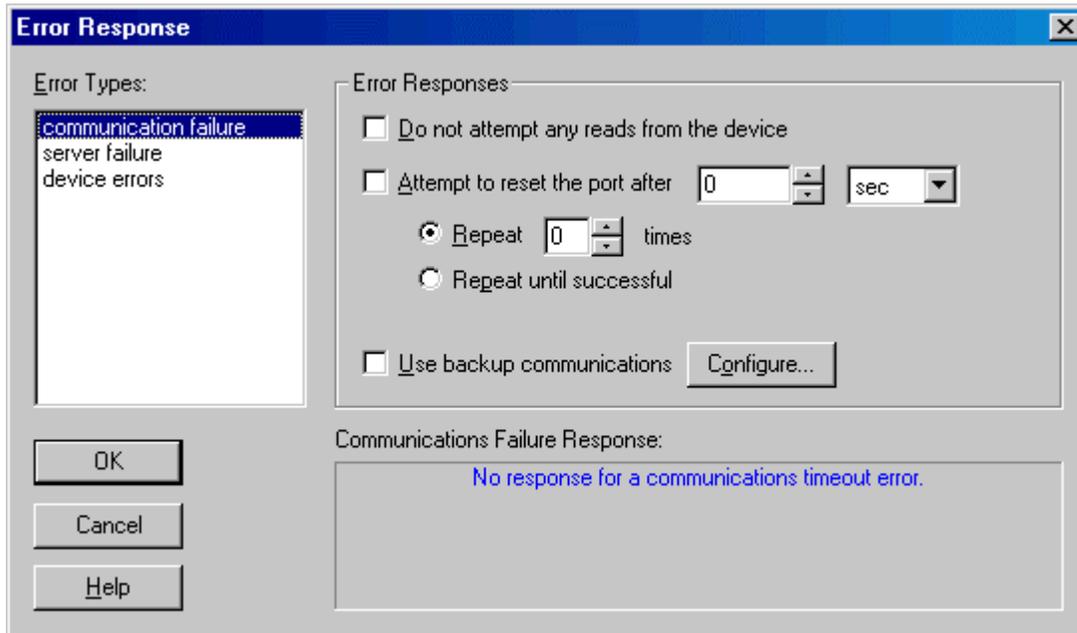
- **Status File:** Status messages can be saved to a file. To save status messages to a file, check the **Save Status Messages to a File** box, set the size limit (in Kbytes) for the file in the **Stop after** box, and select the file name and location by clicking the **Browse** button. Once the size limit has been reached, no more messages will be stored.

## Error Response

### Error Response Dialog

Configure how FTLogger is to respond to errors by using the **Error Response** dialog.

To access the **Error Response** dialog, select the **Setup/Error Response** menu option. The **Error Response** dialog appears.



The **Error Types** box lists the types of errors for which a response can be programmed. The **Error Responses** box holds the configuration options for the selected error type. Backup servers and communications are available with the full FTLogger package.

The error types are:

- **Communications Failure:** what to do on communications timeout error
- **Server Failure:** what to do when a server cannot be started or fails to respond
- **Device Errors:** what to do with erroneous packets

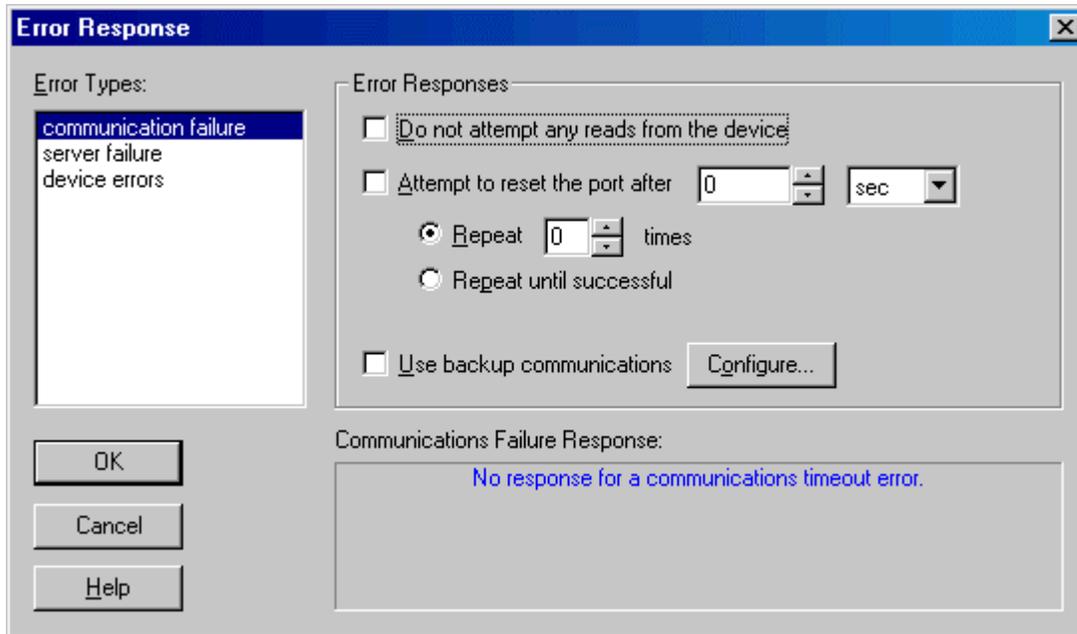
## Error Response: Communications Failure

Use this set of controls to configure how FTLogger is to react to communication failures.

**Communications failures** are specific to the communications type used (e.g. COM, TCP/IP). This can be any error that prevents reading any data out of a PLC. An error that prevents reading one or more particular addresses is referred to as a device error.

To access this set of controls:

1. Select the **Setup/Error Response** menu option.
2. The **communication failure** Error Type is selected by default.



- **Do not attempt any reads from the device:** When this box is checked and a communication failure occurs, FTLogger will stop attempting to read addresses from that device.
- **Attempt to reset the port after:** When this box is checked and a communication failure occurs, FTLogger will wait the configured length of time and then attempt to reset the port.
  - To repeat the attempt a specific number of times, select the **Repeat \_ times** option button and enter the number of times. After the selected number of attempts, if the **Use backup communications** box is checked, FTLogger will attempt to use the backup communications system.
  - To repeat indefinitely until the communication is restored, select the **Repeat until successful** option button.
- **Use backup communications:** When this box is checked and a communication failure occurs, FTLogger will attempt to use a backup communications system. Click the **Configure** button to configure Communication Type Backups.

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**Note:** Do not use a communications type that is already being used. A client can only have one reference to a device. An attempt to activate a backup communications type that is currently being used will result in the server error **Reference to device already exists**.

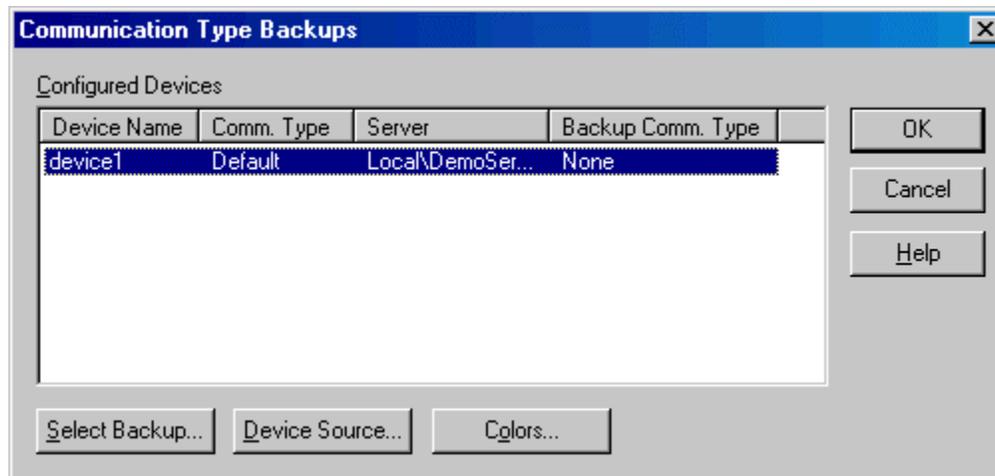
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## Communication Type Backups

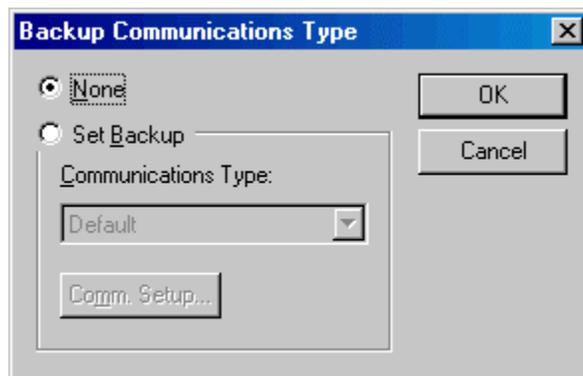
Communication type backups are available with the full FTLogger software package.

To configure backup communications:

1. Select the **Setup/Error Response** menu option.
2. Click **communication failure** in the **Error Types** list.
3. Check the **Use backup communications** box.
4. Click the **Configure** button near the Use backup communications checkbox. The **Communication Type Backups** dialog appears.



5. Select the device to be backed up from the list.
  - **Select Backup:** Click the **Select Backup** button to select the backup communications type. The **Backup Communications** dialog appears.



The list of communications types depends on the server.

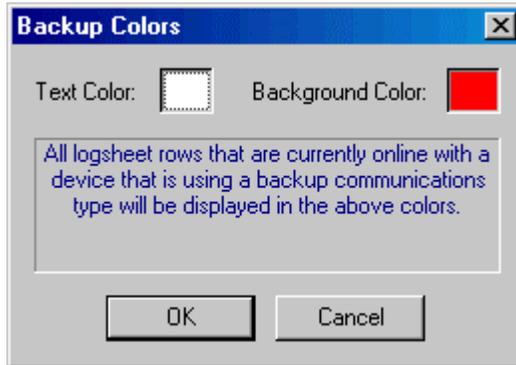
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**Note:** Do not use a communications type that is already being used. A client can only have one reference to a device. An attempt to activate a backup communications type that is currently being used will result in the server error **Reference to device already exists**.

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- **Device Source:** Click the **Device Source** button to access the **Device Source Configuration** dialog.

- **Colors:** Click the **Colors** button to configure the colors that will indicate that backup communications are in use. The **Backup Colors** dialog appears.



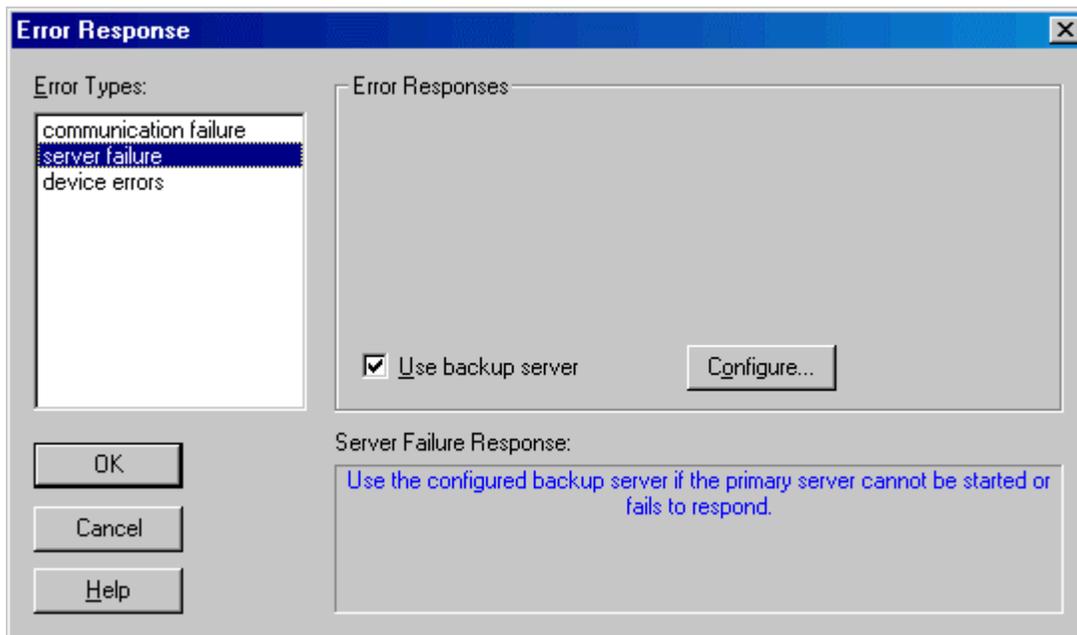
## Error Response: Server Failure

Use this set of controls to configure how FTLogger is to react to server failures.

Two types of server failures exist, a failure to start the server and a failure to communicate with the server. A failure to start the server can occur if the server .EXE does not exist at the registered location or the client does not have rights to start the server. Communications to the server can fail if the machine running the server fails or is forcefully terminated or the server application experienced a lockup.

To access this set of controls:

1. Select the **Setup/Error Response** menu option.
2. Select **server failure** from the **Error Types** list.



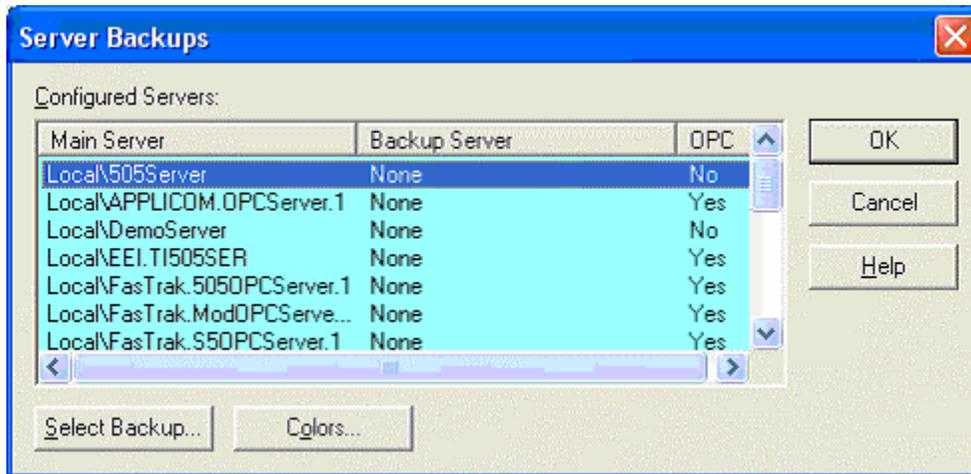
- **Use backup server:** When this box is checked and a server failure occurs, FTLogger will switch to the backup for the affected server. Click the **Configure** button to configure **Server Backups**.

## Server Backups

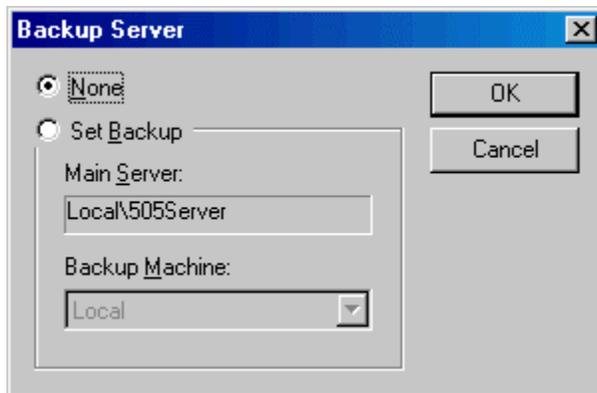
Server backups are available with the full FTLogger software package.

To configure backup servers:

1. Select the **Setup/Error Response** menu option.
2. Click **server failure** in the **Error Types** list.
3. Check the **Use backup server** box.
4. Click the **Configure** button. The **Server Backups** dialog appears.



5. Select the server to be backed up from the list.
6. Click the **Select Backup** button. The **Backup Server** dialog appears.



7. Select the **Set Backup** option.
8. Select the **Backup Machine** from the drop-down list.  
Make sure that you have rights to launch the server (if remote) and that the remote machine's logged on user has rights to access FTLogger. If you are using Windows XP and wish to use a remote machine for your server, additional steps must be performed first. (See **Using Windows XP and a Remote Machine for your Server**.)
9. The grid color of a log sheet that is using a backup server is displayed in an alternate color, red by default. To change the color that indicates use of a backup server, click the **Colors** button.

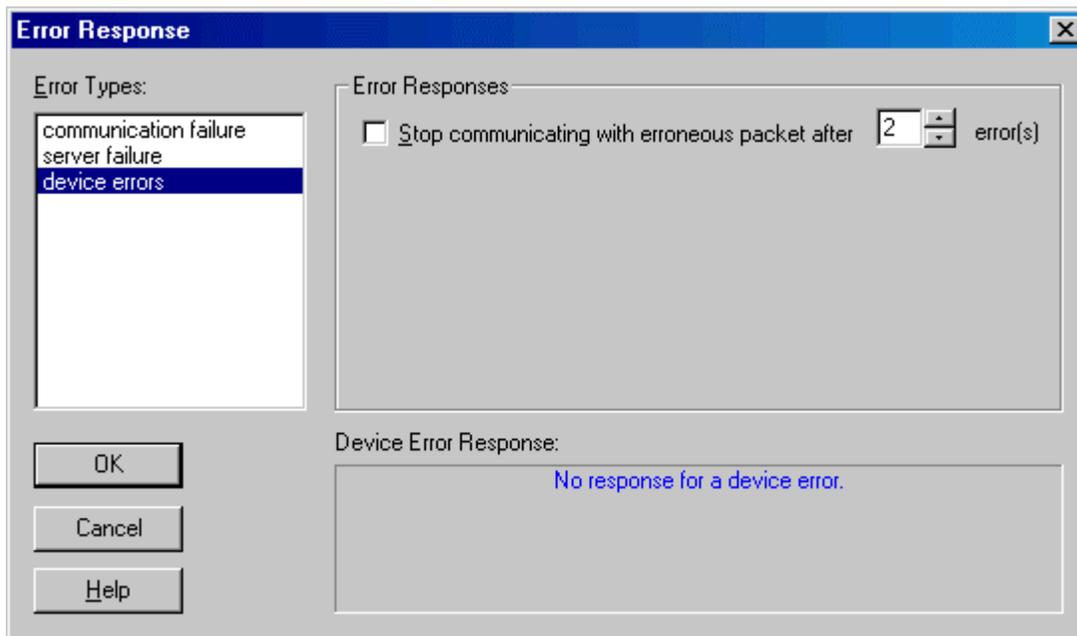
## Error Response: Device Errors

Use this set of controls to configure how FTLogger will react to device errors.

**Device errors** are errors returned from specific devices referring to specific addresses that FTLogger is attempting to read from the device using the FasTrak Server. Unlike a communications failure, there is no problem communicating to the device but rather a problem with the contents of the read operation. Such problems may occur when an address being requested is out of the configured range or not valid for the PLC. When requesting address values from a PLC, the “read” request typically involves several addresses that are bundled together into one request called a packet. This is much more efficient than requesting one value at a time. Unfortunately, one invalid address in the packet will render the entire packet invalid. When the **device errors response** is checked and this error situation occurs, all the addresses that make up the invalid packet are removed from the log sheet or sheets allowing other reads to continue without hesitation. Without the device error response, device errors can slow down communications to other devices and/or other addresses.

To access this set of controls:

1. Select the **Setup/Error Response** menu option.
2. Select **device errors** from the **Error Types** list.



- **Use backup server:** When this box is checked and a server failure occurs, FTLogger will switch to the backup for the affected server. Click the **Configure** button to configure **Server Backups**.

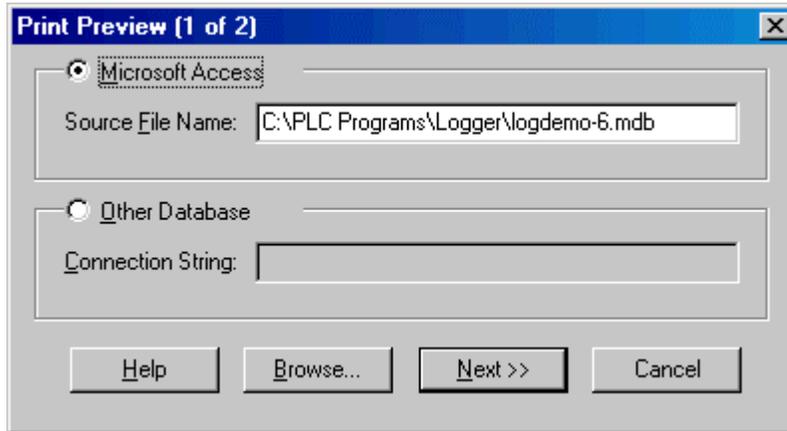


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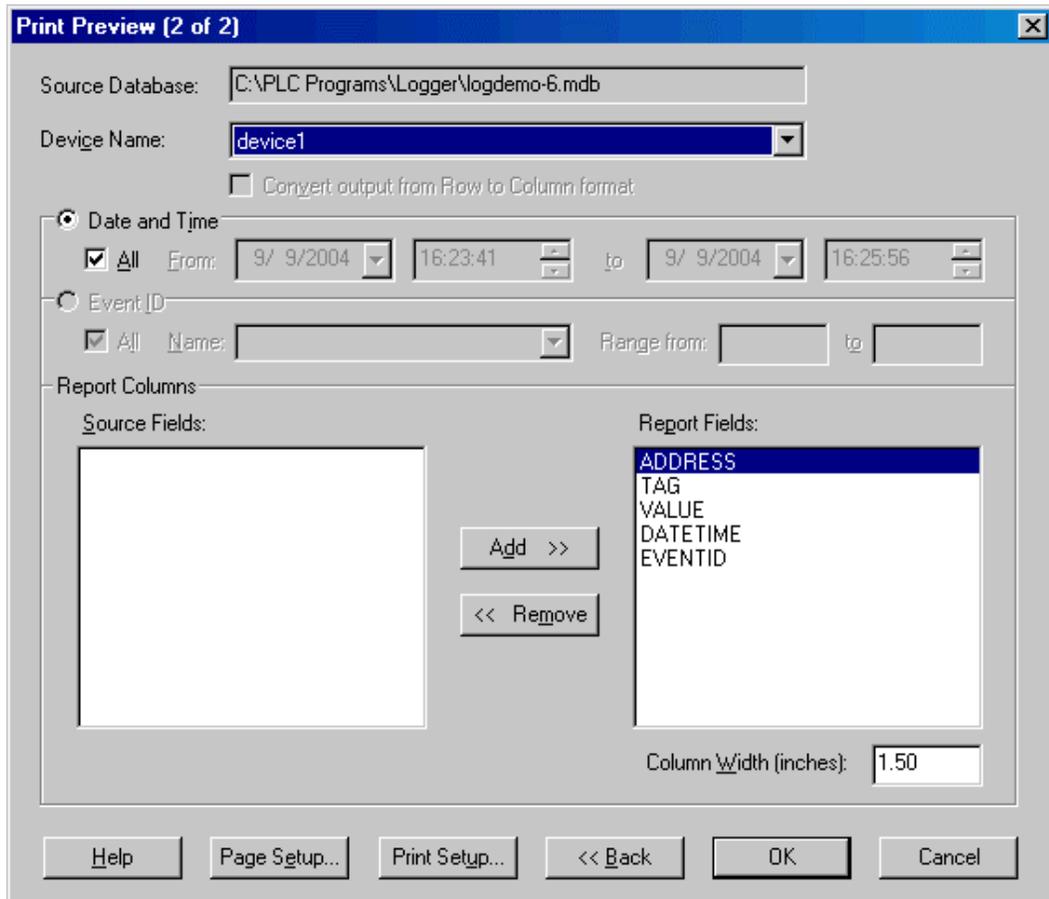
## Print

To print data collected by FTLogger:

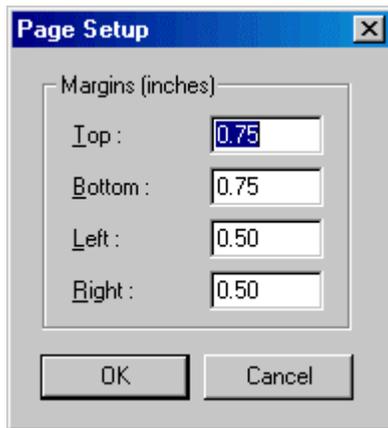
1. Select the **File/Print** menu option.



2. Select the database type (**Microsoft Access** or **Other Database**).
3. Enter the **Source File Name** or the **Connection String**, depending on database type.
4. Click the **Next** button.



5. Select the data to be printed:
  - **Device Name:** of the device for which data is to be printed. The list shows devices in the database.
  - **Date and time:** To print data for a particular time period, select the **Date and Time** option button. Select the time period from the associated fields.
  - **Event ID:** To print data from a particular event, select the **Event ID** option button, and select the event from the associated drop-down list. The list contains event ID names associated with the device name selected above. Select the range of events with that ID name using the associated **Range from** and **to** fields.
  - **Report Columns:** The fields listed in the **Report Fields** list will appear in the report. The fields in the **Source Fields** list are available, but not currently selected. Move fields between the lists using the **Add** and **Remove** buttons.
6. Use the **Page Setup** button to configure margins. The **Page Setup** dialog appears.



7. Set the **Column Width** for each field by highlighting the field in the **Report Fields** list and entering the desired width in inches in the **Column Width** box.
8. Click the **Print Setup** to access your system's print setup dialog.

## Print Preview

Use the **Print Preview** feature to check the print setup without wasting paper.

To use the Print Preview feature:

1. Select the **File/Print Preview** menu option.
2. Proceed as if you were printing. The **Print Preview** feature works exactly the same way as the **Print** feature, except for the actual output. See **Print** for details.

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