

Signal Delay with Lua

For delaying the response of command execution, the Lua runner could be used as one of the solutions. In this example, IEC104 and Modbus TCP are used. IEC104 protocol sends the command to Modbus and Lua signals, and the results are represented as two separate signals. To create an Excel configuration for WCC Lite, in this case device sheet should look like this:

name	device_alias	enable	protocol	execution_type	error_limit	ip	id	mode	scan_rate_ms	retry_count	timeout_ms	bind_address	host	port	asdu_size	cot_size	ioa_size	rwt	swt	t1	t2	t3	time_sync	message_size	cache_size
Modbus TCP device	Modbus_TCP	1	Modbus TCP				1	tcp	300	3	10000	0.0.0.0		502											
IEC104 SCADA system	IEC104_SCADA	1	IEC 60870-5-104 slave									0.0.0.0		2404	2	2	3	8	12	15	10	20	1	249	100
LUA device	LUA	1	Lua runner	signal	0																				

In the fields marked red, for Modbus TCP, enter the IP address of the Wi-Fi connected to a computer, and for IEC104, enter the IP address of WCC Lite. Map the signals as shown below:

signal_name	device_alias	signal_alias	source_device_alias	source_signal_alias	execute	enable	gi	log	number_type	job_todo	tag_job_todo	common_address	info_address	data_type
Result_modbus	Modbus_TCP	result	LUA	result		1		1	SIGNED16	3;0;1	3;0;1			
command LUA	LUA	command	IEC104_SCADA	Command	1			1						
result LUA	LUA	result						1						
Command IEC104	IEC104_SCADA	Command	LUA	command		1	1	1				1	1	50

IEC104 SCADA will send a command, which will then go to the Lua signal. Lua signal will send the response back to the IEC104 SCADA and Modbus TCP result signal.

For delaying signal response, a Lua script could be written in many ways, however, the simplest and effective one is to determine a wait time before publishing signal values to result signals. So in this case Lua script will look like this:

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local saved = get(signals.result)--getting result signal which is equated to new variable 'saved'
local command = get(signals.command) --getting command signal which is equated to new variable 'command'

if not command then
    if saved then
        publish(signals.result, saved.value)--this value is published to result signals and saved value
    end
    return 0
end

if string.find(command.attributes, "nt") or string.find(command.attributes, "iv") or
string.find(command.attributes, "ov") then
    --searching if signal has negative attributes
    if command then
        command.attributes = "cot=7,cotn"--equates negative cot values to response signal attributes
        publish(signals.command, command)-- and publishes value to command signals and value
        if saved then
            publish(signals.result, saved.value)--restores saved value to result signals
        end
        return 0
    end
else
    if command then
        command.attributes = "cot=7"
        publish(signals.command, command)--in this cycle command value is being returned as well as
        --cot7 and cot10 values in case given signal is command type and has no negative attributes
        command.attributes = "cot=10"
        publish(signals.command, command) --publishes response to the command
        save(signals.result, command.value)--command value is being saved to result signal
    end
    local sleepTime = 30
    sleep(sleepTime) --before publishing values to result signals script waits 30s
    publish(signals.result, command.value)--in this row values are being published to result signals

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end



After entering values to empty Excel configuration fields, upload the configuration to WCC Lite (it should upload without any errors):

PROTOCOL HUB	STATUS	SYSTEM	SERVICES	NETWORK	USERS
CONFIGURATION	IMPORTED SIGNALS	EVENT LOG	PROTOCOL CONNECTIONS	SCRIPT-RUNNER	

Protocol configuration

IMPORT PROTOCOL CONFIGURATION

Here you can import Excel configuration file. Up to 1000 signals are allowed. All previous signals will be replaced.

Configuration file: 1  No file chosen 2 

PLC (IEC-61499) Boot file: No file chosen

IEC61850 Client model file: No file chosen


IEC61850 Server model file: No file chosen

Upload the Lua script to the script runner and press start. After this, **Status** should show *Running*, and the script process number will appear.

PROTOCOL HUB	STATUS	SYSTEM	SERVICES	NETWORK	USERS	LOGOUT (ROOT)
CONFIGURATION	IMPORTED SIGNALS	EVENT LOG	PROTOCOL CONNECTIONS	SCRIPT-RUNNER		

Script-Runner

LUA SCRIPT INSTANCE CONTROL


Script Configuration	Script process	Status	Script File	
control1	-	Stopped	No Script provided	1  <input type="button" value="Upload Script"/> <input type="button" value="Waiting for script"/>

SAVED VALUE CLEARING

PROTOCOL HUB	STATUS	SYSTEM	SERVICES	NETWORK	USERS	LOGOUT (ROOT)
CONFIGURATION	IMPORTED SIGNALS	EVENT LOG	PROTOCOL CONNECTIONS	SCRIPT-RUNNER		

Script-Runner

LUA SCRIPT INSTANCE CONTROL

Script Configuration	Script process	Status	Script File	
LUA	-	Stopped	LUA.lua	<input type="button" value="Upload Script"/> <input type="button" value="Start"/> 2 

SAVED VALUE CLEARING

Open Vinci as an IEC104 master, enter the IP address of WCC Lite and start communication. Then open another Vinci window and connect Modbus TCP master – select Modbus TCP slave in Vinci and enter the same IP address as set in the Excel configuration for the Modbus device. With both communications running, check **Protocol connections** on the WCC Lite web interface, it should show *connected*. From the IEC104 Vinci window, go to the *System* tab. Select command determined in the Excel configuration (50), IOA (1) and value (eg, 2).

Tags

System

Channel

ASDU: 1

Test

Originator: 1

P/N

General interrogation

Send

QOI: 20

Counter interrogation

Send

FRZ: 0

RQT: 0

Commands

Read

Test

Clock synchronization

Send

IV

SM

SB

PC time

2023-08-10 11:10:44

Custom Command

Type: C_SE_NC_1(50)

IOA: 1

Value: 2

QU/QL: 0

Cause: Activation

SBO delay: 0

Select

Execute

Execute the command and check *Imported signals*:

IMPORTED SIGNALS						
Device	Signal	Value	Units	State	Attributes	Time
Modbus TCP device	Result_modbus	0				2023-08-10 11:10:03.32
IEC104 SCADA system	Command IEC104	2		cmd	asdu=1,cot=6,ioa=1,org=1,ql=0,ty pe=float	2023-08-10 11:35:40.18
LUA device	command LUA	2		cmd	asdu=1,cot=6,ioa=1,org=1,ql=0,ty pe=float	2023-08-10 11:35:40.18
LUA device	result LUA	3				2023-08-10 10:04:14.94

After 30s the result signals will now have the same value:

IMPORTED SIGNALS						
Device	Signal	Value	Units	State	Attributes	Time
Modbus TCP device	Result_modbus	2				2023-08-10 11:36:10.52
IEC104 SCADA system	Command IEC104	2		cmd	asdu=1,cot=6,ioa=1,org=1,ql=0,ty pe=float	2023-08-10 11:35:40.18
LUA device	command LUA	2		cmd	asdu=1,cot=6,ioa=1,org=1,ql=0,ty pe=float	2023-08-10 11:35:40.18
LUA device	result LUA	2				2023-08-10 11:36:10.20

Signal delay could be used as a tool to synchronise signals so all the values are received at the same time. It can also be used to schedule commands or tasks when a delay is required. Since Lua is one of the fastest programming languages, it is the most effective instrument to be used in such matters.

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