## Import alarms from Siemens TIA portal (WinCC RT Advanced) to Nimbus

Siemens TIA portal export alarm events to Nimbus using the *Alarm Logging*. First of all install or upgrade Nimbus, see separate install instructions. TIA import was implemented in release 3.0.12.

## Configure TIA to create the Nimbus readable alarm log CSVfiles



First of all create an *Alarmlog* folder where both TIA and Nimbus have *Full control (read/write/delete file access)*. A good place is where Nimbus data resides - you see the path down right in Nimbus Explorer.

Right click and you can copy the address or open File Explorer there. Create a new folder:

C:\ProgramData\TroSoft\Nimbus Alarm Server 3\Alarmlog

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Create an *Alarm Log* in *Historical data -> Alarm logs*. Name it *Nimbus*, use the above settings and select the path as the newly created folder:

## C:\ProgramData\TroSoft\Nimbus Alarm Server 3\Alarmlog

The number of *Data records* per log *must* be 1, since TIA holds the file open until the number of events are reached and then creates a new log file.

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Create new *Alarm classes* or change your old *Alarm classes* so they log to the newly created Alarm log *Nimbus*.

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Select the Alarm class in the HMI alarms tabs if not already configured.

Start TIA Runtime and try some alarm events, the Alarm log files should appear in the new folder:

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## Configure Nimbus to import the Alarm log CSV-files

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In Nimbus Explorer select Setup -> SCADA import setup. Select SCADA System -> Add SCADA system import -> Siemens WinCC / Siemens TIA portal

Select just one of the *Alarm log files*, Nimbus Explorer will detect it as a *TIA CSV file* and change the file name internally to *Nimbus\*.csv*.

The Nimbus server will when it is started automatically scan for all files in the file folder with a name beginning with *Nimbus* that has a file extension of *.csv* even if you just selected one of them, that is why the name is automatically changed to *Nimbus\*.csv*.

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Change Scan interval to 500 msecs if you like the import to be faster (defaults to 2000 msecs)

Start the *Nimbus Server* either using *Service Control Manager* if it is installed as service or using the *File* menu.

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The Nimbus server will first of all remove the *Alarm log files*, as they contain old events. The last file is locked by *TIA Runtime* and will not be removed.

The *Nimbus server* will now continously scan the *Alarmlog* folder (using the 500 msec interval) for new files named *Nimbus\*.csv*. The files will be renamed to ensure they are not locked or written in by *TIA Runtime*, then imported and finally removed.

Create some new alarms and see that the alarm events appear in the *Nimbus Explorer* main window. Double click one of the alarm events to present all info about it.

Unfortenately there is not very much information in a *Alarm log file*:

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Ex the Name field is missing so you should use the Alarm text and Alarm class number for filtering.

You may change the Nimbus import behaviour in the file ...\Project\Import\_Import\_TIA.imp. Open it in Notepad and edit fields to import, there you also may change date/time format as the default setting is Swedish.

The *Import\_TIA.imp* file is a text file.

You don't have to restart Nimbus server if the file is updated.