



**The "Event generator" plugin
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1 Introduction

The filter module "Events generator" for our data loggers (for example, Advanced Serial Data Logger) is an additional module that allows you generate internal program events and handle it with events handling modules. For example, a combination of this module and the "Events notification" module allows you to send emails or execute files if the data packet or any parser item contain a user defined signature. This module allows to filter your data in most simple way too.

2 System requirements

The following requirements must be met for "Event generator" to be installed:

Operating system: Windows 2000 SP4 and above, including both x86 and x64 workstations and servers. A latest service pack for the corresponding OS is required.

Free disk space: Not less than 5 MB of free disk space is recommended.

Special access requirements: You should log on as a user with Administrator rights in order to install this module.

The main application (core) must be installed, for example, Advanced Serial Data Logger.

Notes for Microsoft Vista and above:

Since our software saves data to the registry and installs to the Program Files folder, the following requirements must be met:

1. You need Administrator rights to run and install our software
2. The shortcut icon of our software will be located on the desktop;
3. Windows Vista will ask for your confirmation to continue the installation.

NOTE: You can configure the user account only once in order not to see the above dialog box any more. Search Google for the solution of this problem.

3 Installing Event generator

1. Close the main application (for example, Advanced Serial Data Logger) if it is running;
2. Copy the program to your hard drive;
3. Run the module installation file with a double click on the file name in Windows Explorer;
4. Follow the instructions of the installation software. Usually, it is enough just to click the "Next" button several times;
5. Start the main application. The name of the module will appear on the "Modules" tab of the "Settings" window if it is successfully installed.

If the module is compatible with the program, its name and version will be displayed in the module list. You can see examples of installed modules on fig.1-2. Some types of modules require additional configuration. To do it, just select a module from the list and click the "Setup" button next

to the list. The configuration of the module is described below.

You can see some types of modules on the "Log file" tab. To configure such a module, you should select it from the "File type" list and click the "Advanced" button.

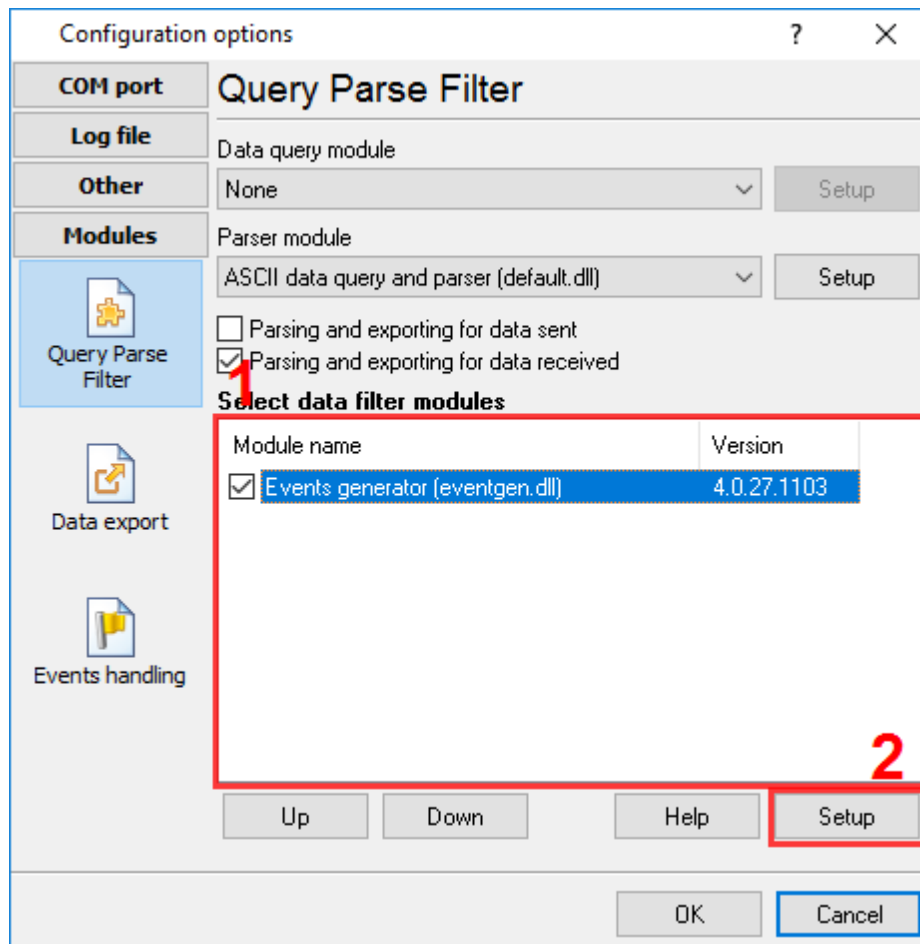


Fig.1. Example of installed module

4 Glossary

Plug-in - module

Main program – the program shell that uses this module. For example: Advanced Serial Data Logger

Parser – the module that processes the data flow singling out data packets from it and variables from data packets. These variables are used in data export modules after that.

Core - see "Main program".

5 Configuration

The module configuration is very simple (fig.1). You should define one or several filtering rules. If some condition is true, the program does what is specified in the "Action" field with the matching packet.

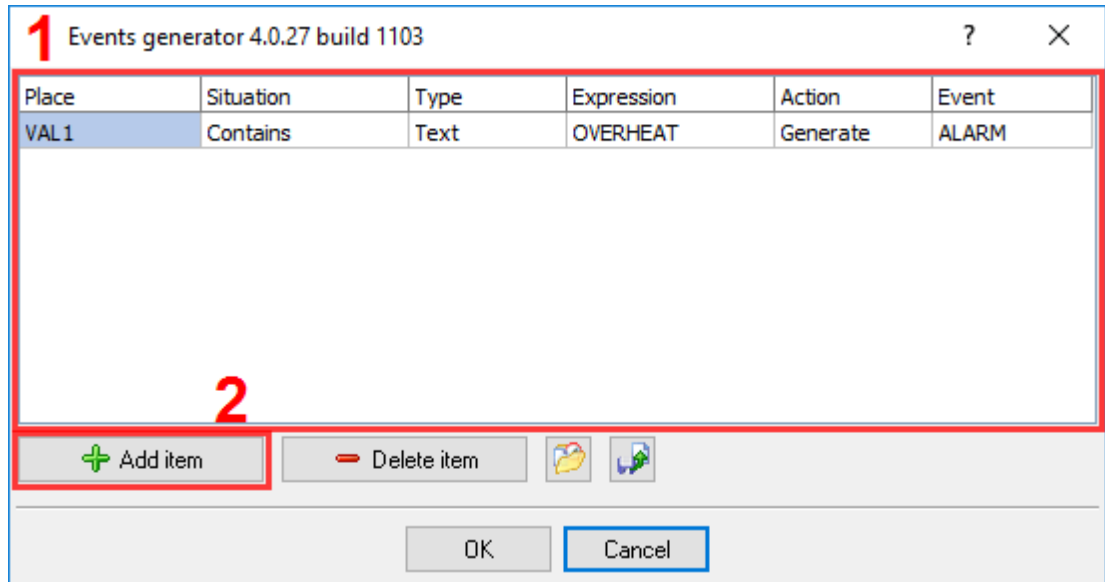


Fig.1 Filtering rules

Place

- **Data** - the module will test an expression on the "FULL_DATA_PACKET" parser item. This item is being added by a parser automatically for each data packet;
- **Data item** - type any parser item name, which is defined in the parser module. The filter module will test an expression on this parser item only.

Rule status types (Situation)

- **Disabled** – this rule is disabled and not used for filtering purposes;
- **Contains** – this rules checks whether the string/expression from the "Expression" field is present in the data packet;
- **Does not contain** – this rules checks whether the string/expression from the "Expression" field is absent in the data packet.

Expressions types – Expressions in the "Expression" field can be of 2 types:

- **Text** – the module will search the data packet for a string specified in the "Expression" field. The search is case-sensitive.
- **Regular expression** – the module will use the regular expression specified in the "Expression" field in its search. The search is case-sensitive.

Action types

- **Ignore** – the current data packet will be ignored and will not be exported;

- **Export** – the current data packet will be parsed and exported.
- **Generate event** - the module will prepare and send an event with the name defined in the "Event" filed. All parser items from current data packet will be added to this event. For example, you may use these items in templates in the "Events notification" module. (Examples: %DATA_PACKET %, %FULL_DATA_PACKET%, %VALUE1%).

6 Troubles?

6.1 Possible problems

No data for publication/exporting – no data is passed for exporting. Solution: configure the parser, make sure that one or more variables are declared in the parser.

Error on binding variable with name %s [%s] – the error usually occurs if data does not correspond to the specified format. For example, the date and time format does not correspond to the data.

Unable to disconnect from the database [%s] and **Unable to connect to a database [%s]** – it is impossible to connect/disconnect to/from the database. You should check the parameters of the database connection. The analysis of the additional information will help you locate the error.

Database access error [%s]. Stop operations with the database? – the message appears if an error occurs during an attempt to execute an SQL query if the second variant of reacting to errors is selected. The message implies a "Yes" or "No" answer. The analysis of the additional information will help you locate the error.

Unable to verify your SQL script [%s] – the message appears when an attempt to analyze your SQL query fails. Check if the syntax of your SQL query is correct.

Tested successfully – the message appears if your database connection is successfully tested. It requires no additional actions.

Database isn't used – the message appears if the module is temporarily disabled (the "Temporarily disabled" check box is selected) or the database name field is empty. Check the connection parameters.

Database isn't selected - the message appears if the database type is not selected. Check the connection parameters.

Database: %s – %s contains the database name. The message appears if the database connection is successful. Usually, you see it when you call the module for the first time. It requires no additional actions.

Invalid data block length (columns=%d,length=%d) – an internal application error. It means that the data sent by the parser is in an invalid format. Perhaps, you are using the module incompatible with the version of the Advanced Serial Data Logger kernel. Update the versions of both the kernel and the module.

The time of connection is not due yet (%d,%d) – the message appears during an attempt to connect to the database after the connection to it has been lost and the "Reconnect after" option is

enabled. No additional actions are required.

Invalid procedure call. Bad arguments –an attempt to call the module using invalid parameters. Perhaps, you are using the module incompatible with the version of the Advanced Serial Data Logger kernel. Update the versions of both the kernel and the module.

Writing to the database is complete - the message appears if your queue of SQL queries is successfully executed. It requires no additional actions.

Writing to the database is complete with errors – the message appears if the executing your queue of SQL queries was interrupted by an error. It requires no additional actions.

Your SQL is empty. Please, specify some SQL text first – the message appears if you do not enter the text for your SQL query. Check if the options on the "SQL queue" tab are configured correctly.

Invalid temporary path – the path to the temporary file specified by you does not exist. Enter a new path in the "Temporary folder" field on the "Errors handling" tab.

%s, %d – will be replaced by additional information.