



**The Send keystrokes plugin
PRINTED MANUAL**

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1 Introduction

Data export module "Send keystrokes" for our data loggers (for example Advanced Serial Data Logger) is used for exporting parsed variables to to edit fields, belonging to other Window's applications windows. The module transmits received data to other Window's applications windows using Windows messages transmit system (keystrokes). With the help of this publication module, entry fields of the pointed by you applications will be filled automatically by data, received from your port or device.

Present module has the following peculiarities:

- Can be done simultaneous transmit of several variables, defined on configuration stage. At the same time for every variable can be set it's own transmit parameters, and also value of one variable can be transmitted to several windows;
- Setup ease. At configuration stage to define a window, to which value must be transmitted select the necessary window and entry field in this window and click the mouse, holding key Ctrl;
- All settings are saved at closing and restored automatically at the next program start.
- At closing the window to which data are transmitted, module saves its parameters and at the next opening data transmit is restored.
- Beside data transmit values, key combinations pointed by you can be also transmitted to entry fields, that lets automatically execute command, defined for present application.

2 System requirements

The following requirements must be met for "Send keystrokes" 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 Send keystrokes

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.

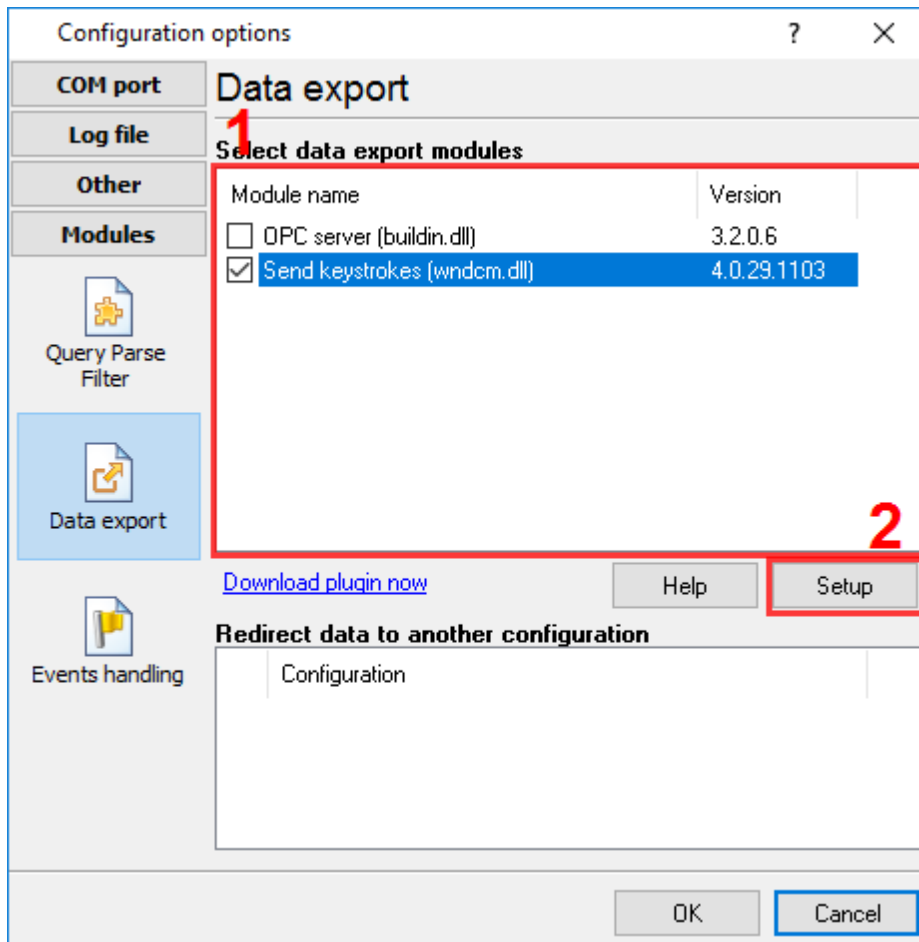


Fig.1. Example of installed module

4 Glossary

Plug-in - module

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

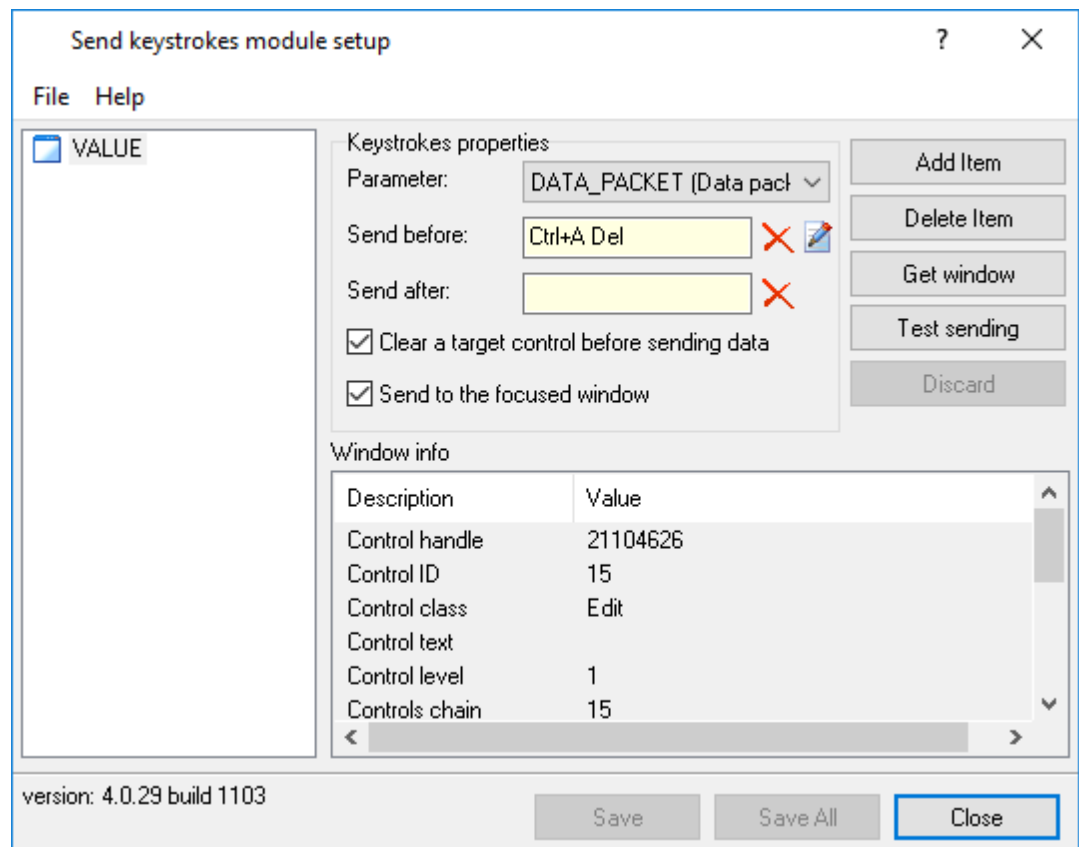
Parser – the module that processes the data flow singling out data packets from it and variables from data packets. These variables are used in data export modules after that.

Core - see "Main program".

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Data transmit parameters setting is executed with the help of setting window, which is called from the main program .

Transmit parameters setup window



In the left window part is placed setup elements list. At selecting element from the list in the right window part, its corresponding settings are viewed.

- In the field <Parameter name> is pointed parameter name, transmitted by the main program.
- Field <Send before> contains key combination, which will be sent to the window before values transmit.
- Field <Send after> contains key combination, which will be sent to the window after values transmit.
- <Clear control before inputting data> defines if it is necessary to clear window before values transmit
- The list <Window info> contains information about window, to which value will be transmitted.

To change some setup value, input new value to the corresponding field.

To rename element, click right mouse button and select item <Rename item> from context menu.

Adding element

To add a new element press button <Add item>, input element's name. Then input all the necessary setup values for the new element. After you have shown all data save changes, pressing button <Save>

Window capture

For every element must be defined a window, where to parameter values will be sent. To define a window for an element press button Get window, find the necessary window and click it, holding key Ctrl

Remove an element

To remove an element from the list, mark out the necessary element in the list and press button <Delete item>

Discard changes

If you have made any changes in the element setup, in the list this element will be viewed with icon in the form of a window with pencil. To discard changes for the selected element, press button <Discard>.


Save changes


If you have made any changes in element setup or added a new element, to save changes select the necessary element from the list and press button <Save>. Pressing button <Save all> will be saved all changes for all elements.

Transmit test

After window was defined (with the help of button<Get window>) you can make data transmit test for this window. For that press button <Test sending>. To the selected window will be sent a string "Test data from Advanced Serial Data Logger" and key set given in the field <Send before>and <Send after>

Load from file and save settings to file

Input by you parameters and data transmit settings can be saved to file. For that press button  which is placed under parameters list, and show file name for saving in the displayed window. To

load parameters from the earlier saved file, press button  placed under parameters list and select the necessary file in the displayed window.

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.