

ATEN Control System
Software Guide

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## **About this Manual**

This user manual provides information on how to configure a control system project and design control interfaces using the following software programs:

	Description
ATEN Configurator	An application used for creating and configuring control system projects, control functions, and visual design of control interfaces (Viewers).
Database Generator	A repository used for creating and storing drivers and operation commands of controlled devices for reuse when configuring Viewers using ATEN Configurator.
ControlAssist	An application installed at a PC for it to be remotely control by ATEN Control System.
Control System App	An application used on mobile devices for centralized control of multiple rooms.

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## Conventions

This manual uses the following conventions:

Monospaced Indicates text that you should key in.

- [] Indicates keys you should press. For example, [Enter] means to press the **Enter** key. If keys need to be chorded, they appear together in the same bracket with a plus sign between them: [Ctrl+Alt].
- 1. Numbered lists represent procedures with sequential steps.
- Bullet lists provide information, but do not involve sequential steps.
- Indicates consecutive selecting options (such as on a menu or dialog box). For example, Start > Run means to open the Start menu, and then select Run



Indicates critical information.

# **Terminology**

Terminology	Description
ATEN Controller, controller	ATEN Controller or controller refers to all models of ATEN Control Box and ATEN Control Pad.
Control Box Gen. 2, Control Box	Control Box Gen. 2 or Control Box refers to all models of ATEN Control Box Gen.2.
controller	A controller refers to any model of ATEN Control Box Gen. 2 or Control Pad.
Viewer	A Viewer is a software control interface that system operators use to control and operate devices managed by ATEN control system. The Viewer is fully configurable and customizable using ATEN Configurator. For example:
	ATEN Boardroom
	Digital Board  Left TV  Right TV  None  None  None  None
	ON OFF ON OFF
	PC HDMIA HDMIB HDMIC Corners (Green Green) Wireless Wireless
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Project	A project is a configuration file, generated using ATEN Configurator to specify settings of an ATEN Control System, including one or multiple controllers, managed devices, and control interfaces.

## What's New in Version 4.0

New & Improved Features	For More Information
Project import to enable reuse of existing project setups	See Import Project, page 14.
Supports SSH-enabled Ethernet devices	See Ethernet Device Properties, page 34.

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# Chapter 1 Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of ATEN Control System and its supported software:

- Overview
- Benefits
- Features
- Compatible Products and Accessories

#### Overview

The ATEN Control System is an Ethernet-based management system that incorporates ATEN controllers (ATEN Control Box and/or ATEN Control Pad) and control interfaces (ATEN Keypads and ATEN Touch Panel) for connection, configuration, and operation of all hardware devices in a room or large facility to provide convenient control effortlessly via a mobile device or an ATEN Touch Panel. The ATEN controller works as the main controller that provides connectivity to hardware devices commonly seen in settings such as meeting rooms, conferences, boardrooms, and classrooms.

After connecting the hardware, the ATEN Configurator (VK6000) provides simple setup of the devices with easy step-by-step configuration. The ATEN Touch Panel and ATEN Control System app, for iOS, Android or Windows mobile devices, then empowers you with the mobility to control all hardware devices remotely, whenever and however you like.

ATEN Control Box/Control Pad can be easily deployed into an existing installation and integrate seamlessly with ATEN VanCryst pro-AV products and nearly any other hardware devices found in a room, including AV equipment, lighting, conference systems, air conditioning, motion sensors, power switches and many more. The controller serves as the central platform where hardware devices are connected — to be monitored, managed, and controlled directly via a tailor-made GUI — a Viewer — from any iOS, Android, or Windows mobile device or an ATEN Touch Panel.

The control system project and its control interface is configured using an intuitive program — the ATEN Configurator (VK6000). The ATEN Configurator walks you through configuring the hardware, designing the control interface (Viewer), and uploading this configuration to the controller. Through an Ethernet connection, the ATEN Control System app enables you to edit and download Viewers from the controller via a point-n-tap user interface. The use of each Viewer is protected with password authentication to ensure secure access.

The ATEN Control System is the perfect solution for any meeting rooms, conferences, boardrooms, classrooms, and any other room setting that requires a centralized, mobile control of a variety of hardware devices through streamlined Ethernet-based management system with optimum efficiency and performance.

#### **Benefits**

## **Intelligent Control**

The ATEN Control System makes the interactions between your hardware devices smarter. Programmable actions and triggers provide a fully automated series of advanced operations that allow your devices to respond to each other intelligently, making your meeting solution run smarter and smoother.

## **Optimized Performance**

The ATEN Control System offers communication protocol optimization that not only maintains a near-zero response time but also features data encryption for ensured protection.

#### **Simplified Setup**

No matter how large the room or how complicated the hardware, the ATEN Control System can be deployed in 3 easy steps: connecting the hardware, configuring the system, and uploading Viewers for remote control access. Through an intuitive GUI, the process for setting up the controls for every room is simple and customizable, which is fulfilled via straightforward, predefined commands and macros that do not require programming skills.

## **Effortless Expandability**

With a range of expansion boxes available, the ATEN Control System installation can be expanded to accommodate additional hardware devices with various interfaces, such as serial, relay, and IR. In addition, the ATEN Library is preloaded with 10,000+ device drivers, and can also be expanded freely by adding new device drivers through the Database Generator for convenient management, however the size or scope of the installation may be.

#### **User-Oriented Convenience**

With its advanced, single-software design, the ATEN Control System offers a comprehensive library of actions and design elements for creating intuitive control panel interfaces for convenient, customizable remote access and control by any mobile device. Various support services also provided with the solution include driver downloads, database generation, upgrade tools, etc. — to help system integrators build easy-to-control applications in a wide range of scenarios effortlessly.

#### **On-the-Go Control**

Intuitive system control can start from one room and scale up to multiple rooms, both within the same area and even across regions. Different rooms can be effectively controlled by switching between Viewers, with simple point-n-tap operations, on an iOS, Android and/or Windows mobile. For optimal flexibility, multiple mobile devices can be authorized to control the same room or multiple rooms, providing enhanced mobility.

#### **Features**

#### **ATEN Configurator**

- Simple profile setup with easy configuration steps via intuitive GUI
- Customizable profile templates to be used on mobile devices and PC
- Supports ControlAssist that allows PC control (PC shutdown, media files, PowerPoint files)

**Note:** For details on the supported PC control actions, see *Supported PC Control Actions*, page 210.

- Supports Pronto formatted IR codes IR command codes can be entered in Hex format
- Supports Modbus protocol enables integration with Modbus devices, including TCP, RTU and its checksum data
- Supports Telnet CLI (command-line interface) mode for third-party system integration
- Built-in Database Generator for device driver setup and overall device management
- Built-in ATEN Library comprising 10,000+ device drivers and complete ATEN Pro AV product drivers
- Scheduling for repeating events
- Programming-based Script Editor for complex monitoring scenario handling
- Two-way communication enables user-defined event monitoring to automatically trigger the next actions
- Status synchronization of managed devices across multiple mobile devices
- Supports status monitoring and action control configurations of third devices implemented on ATEN Unizon.2
- Allows for Display Real-time Streaming Protocol (RTSP) and ATEN VE89 series video
- Test tool to verify commands in action before uploading the profile to the VK series controllers
- Simulator to simulate and review the customized GUI before uploading

#### **Database Generator**

- Built-in 10,000+ device drivers include ATEN products
- Allows users to create device drivers for different control interfaces, including Serial, IR, DO, Relay, and Ethernet
- Supports IR learning function for adding IR device drivers
- Built-in with default template for IR device
- Supports a variety of formulas that simplify complicated command codes
- Supports real-time command testing
- Allows TCP, UDP, Telnet, HTTP, HTTPS and WebSocket driver creation
- Supports Quick Mode for IR grouping test
- Flexible device driver import and export
- Enables user to edit the feedback processing of the device in LUA scripts and save it to a database for use in ATEN Configurator

#### **ATEN Control System App**

- Allows administrators central control of multiple rooms via Viewers on a mobile device or tablet computer
- Restrict user access to Viewers via password authentication
- Synchronization of system controls amongst multiple mobile devices and tablet computers
- Any iOS, Android, or Windows mobile device can be used to control the system – no need to purchase costly exclusive user panels
- Supports demo mode to allow demonstration of the solution's most important functions without the need to connect the touch panel to a controller
- Screen Saver helps save energy and prolongs the lifetime of the touch screen
- Supports Display Real-time Streaming Protocol (RTSP), ONVIF, and ATEN VE89 series video preview

**Note:** The function is only applicable to VK1200 / VK2200.

#### **ATEN ControlAssist**

- · Remote PC control function
- Remote PC shutdown\*
- Remote browsing and control of media files
- Remote preview and control of PowerPoint files
- Remote PC volume control
- Remote execution of programs
- · Remote opening of files and URLs
- Simulate hotkey combination for third-party software control
- Support Windows prompt commands
- Keep an application window on top of other windows

## **Compatible Products and Accessories**

Maximize the efficiency and functionality of your Control System with a wide range of products and accessories, such as ATEN Unizon for centralized management, professional audio products for audio processing. For full information, visit the product page of your specific controller model or contact your local ATEN dealer.

# Chapter 2 ATEN Configurator

ATEN Configurator is a GUI-based tool that helps you set up hardware to your ATEN Control System, and create control interfaces, Viewers, to be used on devices such as ATEN Keypads, ATEN Control Pads, ATEN Touch Panels, or mobile devices for management and control.

This chapter provides the following information about ATEN Configurator:

- ◆ Installing ATEN Configurator
- Getting Started Tasks
- Main Screen
- Creating Projects
- Configuring Controller-Managed Devices
- Device Library
- Configuring the Control Interface (Viewer)
- Button / Slider Bar / Dial Kit Actions
- Design Library
- Centralized Monitoring and Control via Unizon™
- Uploading Viewers

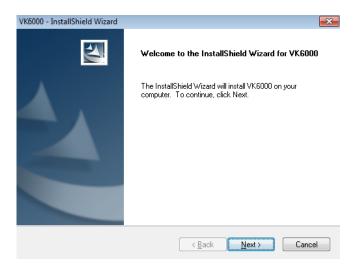
#### Overview

The ATEN Configurator (VK6000) is a GUI-based management tool that helps you set up and configure the connected hardware and create control interfaces (Viewer), to be used on control interfaces including mobile devices, ATEN Keypads, ATEN Control Pads and ATEN Touch Panel.

## **Installing ATEN Configurator**

To install the ATEN Configurator software, do the following:

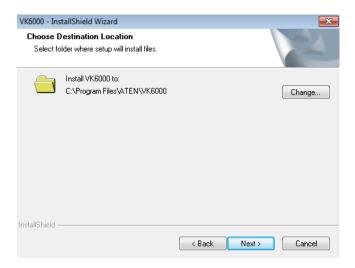
- 1. Download ATEN Configurator.
  - a) Visit the ATEN download page. http://www.aten.com/global/en/support-and-downloads/downloads/
  - b) Search for "VK6000". A list of downloads for VK6000 appear.
  - c) Click ATEN\_configurator\_software\_x.x.xxx.zip to download.
- Open the downloaded zip file and double-click
   ATEN\_configurator\_software\_x.x.xxx.exe to run the setup. This screen
   appears.



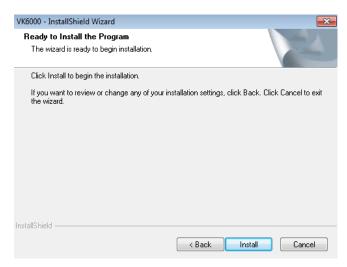
3. Click Next. This screen appears.



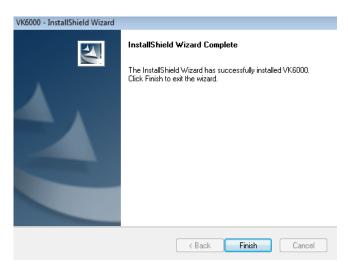
4. If you agree with the License Agreement, select I accept the terms of the license agreement, and click Next. Click Print to print the Software End User License Agreement. This screen appears.



5. To change the destination location, click **Change**. Click **Next** to proceed using the default location. This screen appears.



6. Click **Install**. When the process is complete, a confirmation message appears.



7. Click Finish.

## **Getting Started Tasks**

After you have installed and launched the ATEN Configurator, the main screen (page 13) appears. You will be guided to create and configure a project using the 4 tabs in the Configurator's interface, as illustrated below.



**Hint:** You can click the tabs to switch among different pages for configuration.

The steps below provides an overview of the getting started tasks.

- 1. In the **Project** tab, do the following.
  - Provide information about the ATEN controller that you have set up.
  - (Optional) Provide client information for the specified ATEN controller.

Click **Add Controller** if you have more than one controller in the environment.

Click Start Project to proceed.

- 2. In the Device tab, do the following.
  - Connect each controller with its managed devices by adding them to the controller's Device List, enter the connection settings, and specify the physical locations.
  - (Optional) Add another controller and/or Expansion Box to the project by clicking Add Controller or Expander.
  - Connect the Expansion Box with its managed devices by adding them to the Device List.

For more details, see Configuring Controller-Managed Devices, page 23.

Click **Design** or the **Viewer** tab to proceed.



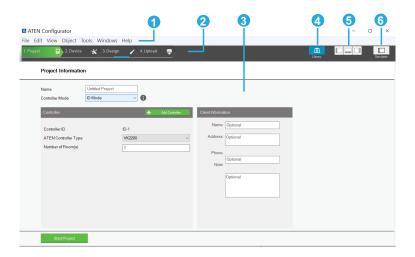
3. In the **Design** tab, do the following.

- Create and configure a control interface (Viewer). For more information, see Configuring the Control Interface (Viewer), page 43.
- (Optional) Set up scheduled events to automatically carry out specified actions.
- (Optional) Add additional conditions and actions to buttons using Flags.
   For details, see Flag, page 120.
- (Optional) Create a sequence of actions for a button by creating a Macro. For details, see *Macro*, page 144.
- (Optional) Create a Variable for a device setting that is controlled by two or more objects in one control interface. For details, see *Variables*, page 148.
- 4. In the **Upload** tab, upload this Viewer to the controller. For details, see *Uploading Viewers*, page 171.

## **Main Screen**

#### **Overview**

Double-click the **Configurator.exe** shortcut to open the ATEN Configurator software. The *Project* page appears:



No.	Control	Description
1	Menu Bar	The menu bar contains a group of the Configurator 's main functions by category. For details, see <i>Menu Bar</i> , page 14.
2	Project Bar	The <i>Project Bar</i> contains four tab and the Library icon. Each tab relates to a step required to set up the project. Each step and the Library can be selected by clicking on the bar.
3	Interactive Display Panel	This is the main work area. The page that appears here reflects the project tab that is selected.
4	Library	The Library contains the devices, graphic, flag, macro, and monitor databases. Each section allows you to add custom items or choose from ready made selections.
5	Toggle Bar	These three icons are used as a toggle to show or hide the right, left and bottom control panel.
6	Simulator	The Simulator button is used to test the Viewer after it is created in <i>Design</i> . The simulator allows you to tryout the interface as it would work on a mobile device but without actually controlling devices. Use the mouse to click through the page links.

## Menu Bar

The menu bar contains the Configurator's main functions arranged by category. Refer to the table below to find out what each function does.

Menu	Sul	o-Menu	Description
File	New Project		Select to create a new project.
	Open Project		Select to browse and open a previously saved project.
	Import Project		Imports a project file.
			Note: Make sure that the target controller contains sufficient number of ports and allowance of library items (e.g. monitoring events, variables, etc.) for the imported profile file. For the maximum number of connection ports and library items, see <i>Control System Project Specifications</i> , page 238.
	Restore Project	t from Controller	Downloads a previously backed up project from a controller.
	Close		Closes the current project and returns to the Project tab.
	Save		Select to save changes to the current project.
	Save as		Use this option to save the project as a different name.
	Export Viewer to USB (Not supported by ATEN Control Pad)		Exports Viewers and an access key to a USB drive. After exporting the data onto a USB drive, plug the USB drive into the Control Box's USB port to upload the Viewer files and the access key. These files can only be read by the Control Box and are not project files that can be opened by the ATEN Configurator software.
	Project Report		Click to save a PDF file that contains detailed information about each part of the current project.
	Add KNX Device	Import ETS Project	Import an ETS project file for your KNX devices.
		Add Custom KNX Device	Click to add a KNX device. For more details, see <i>Adding KNX Devices</i> , page 28.
	Recent Projects		Select to view a list of recent projects that can be clicked on to open.
	Exit		Select to close the project and exit.

Menu	Sul	b-Menu	Description
Edit	Undo		Select to undo a change when editing a Viewer in Create & Design Viewer.
	Redo		Select to redo a change when editing a Viewer page in <i>Create &amp; Design Viewer</i> .
	Cut/Copy/Paste		Select to cut, copy or paste text and objects when editing a Viewer page in Create & Design Viewer. When used to copy and paste a button, both the General and Action properties are copied.
	Paste Graphic	Only	Select to paste a button's image but not its Action properties in <i>Create &amp; Design Viewer</i> .
	Delete		Select to delete highlighted text and images when editing a page in <i>Create &amp; Design Viewer</i> .
	Delete Action Only		Select to delete the Action properties of a button in <i>Create &amp; Design Viewer</i> .
	Select All / Deselect All		Use either option to select or unselect all objects when editing a viewer page in Create & Design Viewer.
	Preferences	Display Language	Use to select the language for the interface.
		SSH Destination	Click to choose the location of the executable for the SSH Client software. To execute the program, go to <b>Tools</b> > <b>SSH Client</b> .
		Interface	Check a box to enable the feature described below:  Show Welcome Page: displays the Welcome screen when the ATEN Configurator software opens.  Auto Page Creation: automatically
			creates a Viewer page in <i>Create</i> Viewer & Design, for every hardware device that is configured in Select Device & Configuration.
			Show Password: displays the characters of the access key in the Edit Access Key dialog box.
			Automatically check for updates: automatically checks for updates and notify the user when an update is available.

Menu	Sub-Menu	Description		
View	These options are available from 0	These options are available from Create Viewer & Design Edit Viewer.		
	Zoom	Zooms the Viewer page to 25%, 50%, 75%, 100%, 200% or Fit in Window.		
		<b>Note:</b> A mouse wheel can be used to zoom the Viewer page in or out.		
	Project Information	Select to go to Project Information.		
	Device Configuration	Select to go to Select Device & Configuration.		
	Viewer Design	Select to go to Create Viewer & Design.		
	Project Upload	Select to go to Search & Upload.		
	Properties	Select to show/hide the Properties window when editing a Viewer page.		
	Align to Grid	Select to automatically align objects with the grid. This places objects in perfect alignment with the grid dots when they are moved. Use Show Grid to display the grid dots. When Align to Grid is not selected, objects can be placed anywhere on the page.		
	Show Grid	Select to display the grid dots on the page. Use with the Align to Grid option to set objects in perfect alignment on the page.		
	Show Object ID	Select to show object ID at the top-right corner of each object. An object ID is used to specify an object in some configuration.		
Object	Button	Adds a button to the Viewer page.		
	Label	Adds a label to the Viewer page.		
	Image	Adds an image to the Viewer page.		
	Scroll View	Adds a scroll box to the Viewer page, then double-click it to add buttons. Use the box as a scroll window to easily access a list of buttons on the page.		
	Video	Adds a video box which allows you to view video. The video box can be resized using the Properties sidebar or by dragging a small box on the boarder to resize it to the desired shape.		
	Slider Bar	Adds a slider bar to the Viewer page. Slider bars are used to adjust the value of a device setting, such as the volume level of an audio device.		

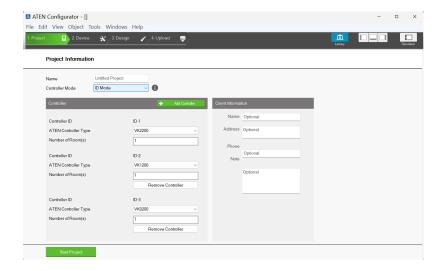
Menu	Sul	o-Menu	Description
Object	PowerPoint Control Template		Adds a PowerPoint Control template to the Viewer. This control template is used to control PowerPoint files saved in a target computer.
	Media Control Template		Adds a Media Control template to the Viewer. This control template is used to control media files saved in a target computer.
	Line		Adds a line to visually separate objects on the Viewer.
	Frame		Adds a frame to visually frame an object or to group a set of objects in the Viewer.
	Dial Kit		Adds a dial kit to the Viewer. The dial kit can be used for dialing a meeting.
	iFrame		Adds an iFrame to allow switching of multiple pages on a defined area of a page or Home page.
	Webview  QR code		Adds the web view based on a user-specified URL to the Viewer.
			Adds a QR code based on a user-specified URL to the Viewer.
	Group	Group	Select multiple objects and use <b>Group</b> to lock them together. Objects in the group will move together as one.
		Radio Group	Select multiple buttons and use <b>Radio Group</b> to associate them as follows: selecting a button that belongs to the radio group deselects the previously selected radio button within the same group.
		Ungroup	Select grouped objects and use Ungroup to unlock the group.
	Order	Bring to Front	Moves an object to the top position when objects are layered.
		Send to Back	Moves an object to the bottom position when objects are layered.
		Bring Forward	Moves an object up one position when objects are layered.
		Send Backward	Moves an object down one position when objects are layered.

Menu	Sub-Menu		Description
Object	Align	Left	Aligns two or more selected objects to the Left side of the object that is selected last.
		Center	Aligns two or more selected objects to the horizontal position of the object that is selected last.
		Right	Aligns two or more selected objects to the Right side of the object that is selected last.
		Тор	Aligns two or more selected objects to the Top side of the object that is selected last.
		Middle	Aligns two or more selected objects to the vertical position of the object that is selected last.
		Bottom	Aligns two or more selected objects to the Bottom side of the object that is selected last.
	Make Same Size	Width	Resizes two or more selected objects to the same width of the object that is selected last.
		Height	Resizes two or more selected objects to the same height of the object that is selected last.
		Both	Resizes two or more selected objects to the same width and height of the object that is selected last.
	Space Evenly	Across Page Width	Spaces two or more selected objects evenly across the width of the page.
		Across Page Height	Spaces two or more selected objects evenly across the height of the page.
		Between Objects Horizontally	Adjusts the horizontal space between three or more selected objects to the average distance between each of the selected objects.
		Between Objects Vertically	Adjusts the vertical space between three or more selected objects to the average distance between each of the selected objects.

Menu	Sub-Menu	Description
Tools	Database Generator	Opens the ATEN Database Generator which is used to manually add and configure hardware devices. This is where you can create custom devices to add to My Device Library. See ATEN Database Generator, page 174, for details.
	Simulator	The Simulator is used to test a Viewer's interface after it has been created in <i>Design</i> . The simulator allows you to tryout the interface as it would work on a mobile device but without actually controlling devices. Use the mouse to click through the page links.
	SSH Client	This runs the SSH Client software selected under <i>Edit &gt; Preferences &gt; SSH Destination</i> . The SSH Client is used to communicate with the controller.
Windows	New Page	Click to create a new Viewer page or select a page to open in <i>Create Viewer &amp; Design</i> .
Help	About	Provides the firmware version and support information for the Configurator software.
	Check for Updates	Checks if ATEN Configurator is up-to-date.
	Training Videos (Basic)	Click to see how-to videos on tasks involved in configuring a project file.
	Training Videos (Advanced)	Click to see how-to videos on using advanced features such as creating a variable, creating a driver using database generator, and more.
	Driver Downloads	Click to download drivers for third-party devices.
	What's New	Click to see new features and functions in this version.

## **Creating Projects**

The *Project* tab allows you to enter details about the installation to start the project. Enter the information using the table below as a guide.



Control	Description
Name	Enter the project name you are setting up. You can create multiple projects but for most installations only one project is required.

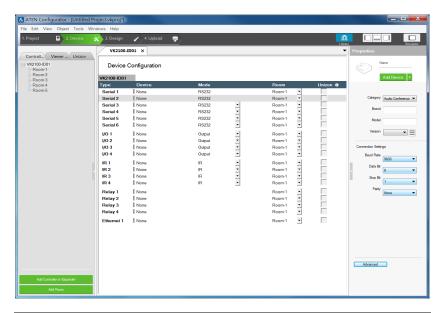
Control	Description		
Controller Mode	Click to specify how controllers in this project file connect to		
	Expansion Boxes and Keypads.		
	ID Mode (default)		
	<ul> <li>Controllers connect to Expansion Boxes or ATEN Keypads by matching controller ID, as set using the controller ID switch on the controller panel and configured in the project file (see Controller ID field below) with the controller ID set on the Expansion Box or Keypad.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Using the ID mode, a controller can connect up to 8         Keypads of the same model and 8 Expansion Boxes of the same model.     </li> </ul>		
	◆ IP Mode		
	<ul> <li>Controllers connect to Expansion Boxes / ATEN Keypads through their IP address.</li> <li>Note: When IP Mode is selected, controllers do not use any ID settings on ATEN Keypads or Expansion Boxes as the basis for their connection. However, the controller ID on the controller panel and the project file need to match to successfully apply the configuration.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Using the IP mode, the maximum numbers of ATEN         Expansion Boxes that controllers can connect are as follows:     </li> </ul>		
	◆ VK0100 / VK0200: 16		
	◆ VK1100A / VK2100A: 32		
	◆ VK1200 / VK2200: 64		
	<ul> <li>Using the IP mode, the maximum numbers of ATEN Keypads that controllers can connect are as follows:</li> <li>VK0100 / VK0200: 10</li> <li>VK1100A / VK2100A: 16</li> <li>VK1200 / VK2200: 32</li> </ul>		
Add Controller	Click to add controllers to the project. The number added		
	should match the number of controllers installed. A project can have up to 16 controllers.		
Controller ID	Displays the controller ID. Make sure the ID in this field matches the ID on the controller so that the project file will be uploaded to the specified controller.		
ATEN Controller Type	Select the model for the controller.		

Control	Description
Number of Rooms	Enter the number of rooms each controller will control. Each
	hardware device you add will be associated with a room. When
	buttons are configured in the <i>Design</i> tab, you can select a
	<b>Room</b> under <i>Button Action</i> to filter the <i>Device L</i> ist so that only
	hardware in that room appears. This link between the
	controller, devices and room is how the Viewer knows which
	devices to control.
Name	Enter the client name associated with the project.
Address	Enter the client address associated with the project.
Phone	Enter the client phone number associated with the project.
Remove Controller	Click to delete a controller from the project.
Start Project	Click to begin configuring hardware devices. The Select Device
	& Configuration tab will open.

## **Configuring Controller-Managed Devices**

#### The Device Tab

The Device tab is used to configure controller ports according to the connected hardware device.



Control	Description
Device List	This section lists the ports for each controller, their connected device,
	connection mode, device location (room) and if the device is managed
	by Unizon™. Click on a controller, expansion box or Room in the left
	sidebar to display the ports. Each port needs to be configured
	according to the hardware device connected to it. For details, see Left
	Sidebar, page 24.
Left Sidebar	The left sidebar provides a tree view of the ATEN Control System
	deployment in each project. Use the sidebar to add/remove a
	controller, Expansion Box, or Room.
Properties	This section allows you to add and configure controllers, Expansion
	Boxes, managed devices, and rooms. For details, see Configuring the
	Control Interface (Viewer), page 43.

Control	Description
Device Library	Click this icon to open the Library on the Device Library tab which
	contains a database of hardware devices that can be added to the
	Device List. For details, see Device Library, page 41.

#### Left Sidebar

#### Controller

The *Left Sidebar* provides a tree view of the controllers, Expansion Boxes, and rooms. Each controller in the tree view represents a controller with one or more rooms it manages. Selecting a controller allows you to configure its ports. When a port is configured for a device, it appears listed under the Room.

Each controller must contain at least one room. When installing multiple controllers in one room, add a room with the same name to each controller.

Each controller name ends with an ID number: e.g. VK2200-**ID02**. This ID number is automatically generated when the controller is added into the project. You can also configure this ID in the controller properties settings.

Use this number to set the **Controller ID Switch** on the rear of the controller. This links the controller in the software to the physical device being installed.

Right-click a controller to Add Room or Delete Controller.

#### Room

Each room is associated with a controller and a Viewer so that the information is uploaded to the correct controller to control the hardware devices. Right click a room to **Delete** or **Rename** the room. Use the buttons at the bottom of the sidebar to **Add Room**.

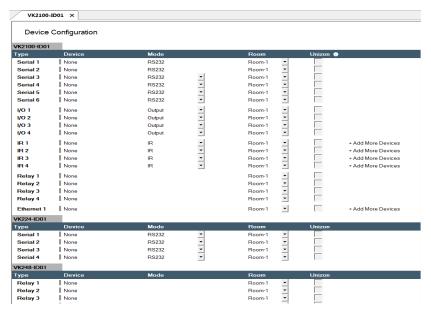
#### **Expansion Box**

ATEN Expansion Boxes connect over a network to add ports to the controller via its Ethernet port. Clicking Add Controller or Expander opens a window which allows you to select a device to add.

#### **Device List**

The Device list shows the controller ports by type. Click a port to view its **Properties**. Double-click a port to open the **ATEN Device Library** and search

for the hardware device to configure the port. Configure each port according to the hardware device connected to it.



Control	Description
Туре	Lists the ports of the controller.
Device	Lists the device name entered in Properties.
Mode	Lists the port's communication mode. Click an arrow to select options:  • Serial: RS-232, RS-422, or RS-485
	◆ I/O: Input (VDC), Input (Dry Contact) or Output ◆ IR: IR or R-S232
Room	Lists the room selected for a device. The rooms available depend on the number of rooms added to the controller. No drop-down menu appears if there is only one room. Each controller must have at least one room. Select the room where the device is installed.
Unizon™	Select this option to allow Unizon™ to manage and monitor the corresponding device.
	<b>Note:</b> Configuration will also be required on Unizon™ for this feature to work. For an overview of how to set up the function, see <i>Centralized Monitoring and Control via Unizon™</i> , page 163.

Control	Description
+ Add More	RS-422, R-S485, LAN and IR ports can cascade additional devices that
Devices	are connected to the first unit. IR ports can cascade 1 device, RS-422 and RS-485 ports can cascade up to 2 devices and LAN ports can cascade up to 25 devices.

## **Adding Devices to the Device List**

## Adding Non-KNX-Compliant Devices to ATEN Configurator

To add devices that are not KNX compliant, use one of the following methods.

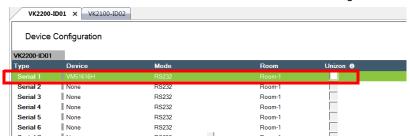
For a list of supported Datapoint Types (DPTs), see *Datapoint Types (DPTs)*, page 239.

### ■ Via ATEN Device Library or My Library

1. In the Device List, click a port where you have physically installed a device.



 Click library. In the pop-up window, click the drop-down list to select ATEN Device Library or My Device Library, and then double-click an item to add the device. The selected device is added to Device Configuration.



#### ■ Via the Properties Column

1. In the Device List, click a port where you have physically installed a device.



- 2. Use one of the following to add a device.
  - Select from Library:

Use this method to automatically bring in default settings for the selected device.

(a) Click the arrow button and select **Add device from the Library** to open the Library.



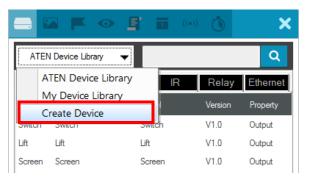
- (b) Click the drop-down list to select **ATEN Device Library** or **My Device Library**, and then double-click an item to add the device.
- Specify and configure settings

Use this method to type and configure each setting for the device. When the configuration is complete, click **Add Device**.



#### Note:

If the device is not in the Library, create the device using Database Generator. For details, see *Editing / Adding a New Device*, page 181.



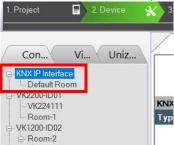
### **Adding KNX Devices**

There are two ways to add KNX devices into ATEN Control System projects:

- Add a KNX device individually (page 28)
- Import a pre-configured ETS project (page 29)

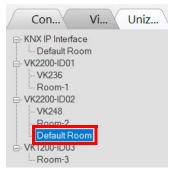
## ■ Adding a KNX Device

 In the Devices tab, go to File > Add KNX Device > Add Custom KNX Device. A KNX IP Interface (with a default room) is added.



On the controller where you wish to add the KNX device, right-click the controller and then select Add KNX Room > Default Room.

#### The KNX device is added.



### ■ Importing an ETS Project

- In the Devices tab, go to File > Add KNX Device > Import ETS Project.
   The configurations for your KNX devices appear in the Controller tab on the left-side bar.
- 2. In the Controller tab, click on **KNX IP Interface** and type its IP address and port in the Properties column.

## **Device Properties**

The *Properties* panel provides information and configuration fields for controllers, Expansion Boxes, remote devices, or rooms. Click a device or room from the left sidebar or the Device List to display its properties.

## **Controller Properties**

Click a controller from the left sidebar or from the Device List to configure or view the following properties.

- Name: Displays the device model.
- Controller ID: Sets the controller ID. With the controller set to ID mode
   (Creating Projects, page 20), the controller connects to ATEN Expansion
   Box and Keypad by matching this ID with that set on the Expansion Box or
   Keypad.

## **Expansion Box (Expander)**

Click an expansion box from the left sidebar or from the Device List to configure or view the following properties



- Name: Displays the device model.
- Expander ID: Select the expander ID. Make sure the ID matches the one set physically on the Expansion Box.
- IP Address: Specify the IP address of the expansion box. This setting is only required when the connection mode (with the controller) is set to IP mode. For more information, see Creating Projects, page 20.

### **Serial Device Properties**

Click a serial device from the Device List to configure its properties.

- Name: Displays the device model.
  - Add Device: Use this button to add devices. For details, see Adding Non-KNX-Compliant Devices to ATEN Configurator, page 26.
- Category: Displays the category of the selected device.
- Brand: Displays the brand of the selected device.
- Model: Displays the model of the selected device.
- Version: Shows the firmware version selected for the device. Use the dropdown menu to select a different firmware version. Click the menu box next to the version number to open a PDF with the version history. The version history and different versions for a device can be manually added/updated via the Database Generator (see step 3 of Editing / Adding a New Device, page 181).
- Connection Settings: Click the drop-down lists to configure the baud rate, data bit, stop bit, parity settings, and flow control for the selected serial device.
- Advance Settings: Click Advanced to display the following settings.
  - Delay Interval: Sets a time delay for each command before they are sent to the device.
  - Feedback Timeout: Sets the maximum interval that the controller allows in between parts of a feedback message. The controller uses this value to identify the end of a message.
  - End Character: Type the end-of-text character of the device to inform controller the end of a message and to shorten the response time.
  - Keep Connection Alive: The controller sends a command to the serial device to maintain the connection and avoid timeout issues.
    - Command: Type a command to be sent to the selected device.
    - Interval: Type the interval at which the controller sends the command.

#### I/O Device Properties

Click an I/O device from the Device List and select Input (VDC), Input (Dry Contact), or Output to configure its properties.

- Name: Displays the device model.
  - Add Device: Use this button to add devices. For details, see Adding Non-KNX-Compliant Devices to ATEN Configurator, page 26.
- Category: Displays the category of the selected device.
- Brand: Displays the brand of the selected device.
- Model: Displays the model of the selected device.
- Version: Shows the firmware version selected for the device. Use the drop-down menu to select a different firmware version. Click the menu box next to the version number to open a PDF with the version history. The version history and different versions for a device can be manually added/updated via the Database Generator (see step 3 of Editing / Adding a New Device, page 181).
- Lower Threshold & Upper Threshold: Set the thresholds according to the hardware device you are connecting and then configure a Monitor (see page 122).
- Advance Settings: Click Advanced to display the Delay Interval setting.
  - Delay Interval: Sets a time delay for each command before they are sent to the device.

#### IR/Relay Device Properties

Click an IR/Relay device from the Device List to configure its properties.

- Name: Displays the device model.
- Add Device: Use this button to add devices. For details, see Adding Non-KNX-Compliant Devices to ATEN Configurator, page 26.
- Category: Displays the category of the selected device.
- Brand: Displays the brand of the selected device.
- Model: Displays the model of the selected device.
- Version: Shows the firmware version selected for the device. Use the dropdown menu to select a different firmware version. Click the menu box next to the version number to open a PDF with the version history. The version history and different versions for a device can be manually added/updated via the Database Generator (see step 3 of Editing / Adding a New Device, page 181).
- Advance Settings: Click Advanced to display the Delay Interval setting.
  - Delay Interval: Sets a time delay for each command before they are sent to the device.

#### **Ethernet Device Properties**

Click an Ethernet device to configure its properties.

- Name: Displays the device model.
- Add Device: Use this button to add devices. For details, see Adding Non-KNX-Compliant Devices to ATEN Configurator, page 26.
- Category: Displays the category of the selected device.
- **Brand:** Displays the brand of the selected device.
- Model: Displays the model of the selected device.
- Version: Shows the firmware version selected for the device. Use the drop-down menu to select a different firmware version. Click the menu box next to the version number to open a PDF with the version history. The version history and different versions for a device can be manually added/updated via the Database Generator (see step 3 of Editing / Adding a New Device, page 181).

#### Connection Settings

Depending on the selected protocol, some of the following settings may not be required and are not displayed.

- Protocol Type: Click to select the protocol for the Ethernet device. The ATEN Control System supports control of devices via ONVIF, TCP, UDP, HTTP, HTTPS, WebSocket, Telnet, and SSH. Configure the following fields as required.
- IP Address: Type to assign a fixed IP address to the Ethernet device.
- Port: Type to assign a communication port.
- **Username & Password:** Type the device's login/access credentials.
- VE Manager Password: Type the administrator password of the VE Manager to allow the controller to access video sources connected to the video extenders managed by the VE Manager.
- Auth Type: Sets the authentication type that the device uses.
- URIPath: Type the part of the WebSocket URI that follows its communication port. For example, if the URI is wss://<host>:31416/Dicentis/API, type Dicentis/API in this field.
- SubProtocol: Type the subprotocol for the Ethernet device. This
  information shall be available in the device's reference or user manual.
- WSS: Select to encrypt the WebSocket connection.

#### Edit Additional Info:

- ExtHeader: Type the required data for handshake header.
- Extension: Type the required data for the Sec-WebSocket-Extensions header field.
- Edit Login Command: Click to edit the login command.

#### Monitor Connection

- Check Status (ICMP): Select this option to allow the controller to send control messages to receive connection status for this Ethernet device.
   Note: To allow the online/offline status to be accessible to Unizon™ for remote management, select the Unizon™ checkbox that corresponds to the device in the Device List.
- NOP (for Telnet only): Select this option to send a no-operation command to the remote end of a telnet connection to maintain the connection status of the device with controller.
- Stream: To allow video streaming to the controller via RTSP, select this
  option and type the streaming IP address, port, and login credentials of the
  Ethernet device.
- Advance Settings: Click Advanced to display the Delay Interval setting.
  - **Delay Interval:** Sets a time delay for each command before they are sent to the device.
  - Delay after Login (for Telnet only): Sets a delay (to allow a connection to be established) before the First and Second Commands are sent to the device.
  - Feedback Timeout: Sets the maximum interval that the controller allows in between parts of a feedback message. The controller uses this value to identify the end of a message.
  - End character: Type the end-of-text character of the device to inform controller the end of a message and to shorten the response time.
  - Send command after connection (for Telnet and TCP only): Sends commands to the device after a successful connection has been established.
    - Format: Sets the command format.
    - First Command: Sets the command.
    - Second Command: Sets the second command.

- Automatically reconnect if no return message is received:
   Select this option to continue reconnection attempts when no return message is received from the device.
- Keep Connection Alive (for Telnet and TCP only): The controller sends a command to the device to maintain the connection and avoid timeout issues.
  - Command: Type a command to be sent to the selected device.
  - Interval: Type the interval at which the controller sends the command.

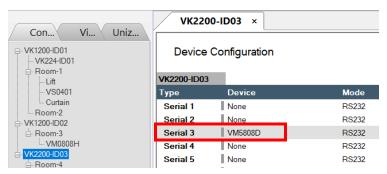
# Replacing a Controller

Use this feature to help you easily replace a controller and retain the device configurations.

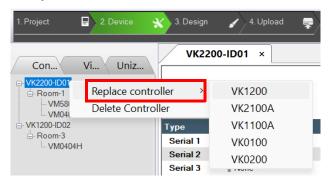
**Note:** Raw commands involving devices that do not exist in the Device List will be removed upon replacement.

- 1. Make sure the current device configuration conform to the following:
  - The new controller is equipped with enough ports to accommodate the devices managed by your current controller.
  - Since the replacement is carried out on a port to port basis, make sure the devices managed by your current controller are added to ports that also exist in the new controller

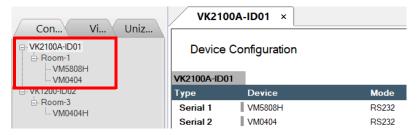
For example, to replace a VK2200 (as shown below) with VK1200 (equipped with only 2 serial ports), move the VM5808D on Serial 3 to either Serial 1 or Serial 2.



- 2. In the project file, go to the **Device** tab.
- 3. From the left sidebar, right-click on a controller you wish to replace and go to **Replace Controller**.



- 4. From the pop-up menu, click to select a controller for replacement. For example, select **VK2100A**. A warning message about removing raw commands appears.
- 5. Click **OK**. The controller is immediately replaced with the device configuration retained.



# Moving a Controller-managed Device to another Controller

To move a controller-managed device, along with its configuration to another controller, follow the steps below.

- 1. In Configurator, click the **Device** tab.
- 2. In the left sidebar, right-click the device you wish to migrate, go to **Move to**, and then select a controller and a target port.



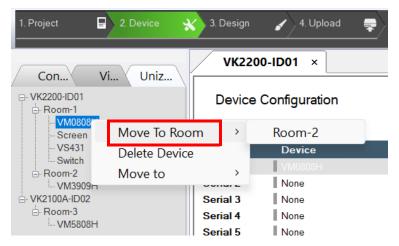
3. The device (along with its configuration) is moved immediately.



# Moving a Controller-managed Device to Another Room

To move a controller-managed device to another room (managed by the same controller), follow the steps below.

From the left sidebar, right-click the target device and go to Move to Room.
 A pop-up menu appears listing other rooms of the controller.

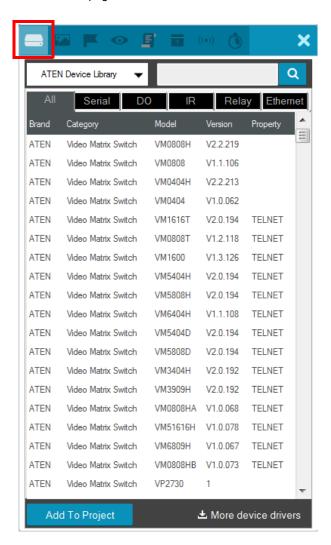


2. Click to select a destination room. The device is immediately moved. If no menu pops up, create a room first and try again.

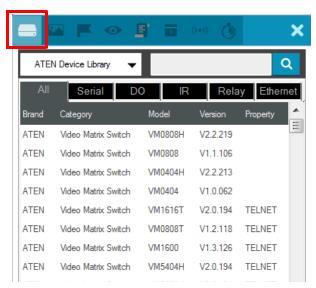


# **Device Library**

The Project Bar provides the **Library** option. Use the *Device Library* tab (shown below) to configure controller ports according to the connected hardware devices. The Device Library provides an extensive database of hardware devices that can be double-clicked or drag-and-dropped into the **Device Configuration** page to configure controller ports. The Device Library is discussed on the next page.



The *Device Library* tab is a database of hardware devices that instantly configure controller ports. Search the library for the device connected to a controller port then add it to configure the port. For devices not in the library, use the *ATEN Database Generator* to create custom hardware (see page 174). Click **Library** on the Project bar or double-click a port on the *Device Configuration* page to open the ATEN Device Library.



- Add a device by clicking Add to Project or by drag & drop.
- To search for a device type keywords into the box and click Q.
- Click a tab to filter by All, Serial, DO, IR, Relay or Ethernet.
- Click headings to sort by **Brand**, **Device Type**, **Model** or **Version**.
- Use the drop-down menu to select:
  - ATEN Device Library ATEN's database of hardware devices.
  - My Device Library Devices added from the Database Generator.
  - Create Device Opens the Database Generator to create custom hardware devices for My Device Library (page 175).

# **Configuring the Control Interface (Viewer)**

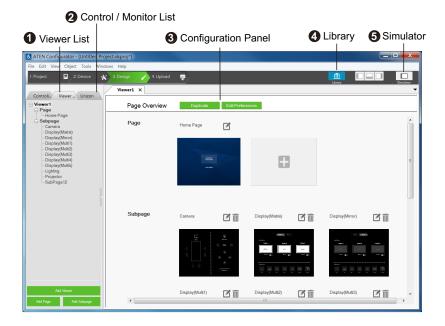
This section provides information on how to configure a control interface, the *viewer*, for your control system and the functions of different control objects.

# **Getting Started with Configuring Viewers**

Step	Action	Refer to
1.	Understand the usages of Pages and	The Design Tab, page 44
	Subpages.	
2.	Plan and consider the following before creating the viewer:	Control Object Properties, page 63
	required control actions and suitable control elements	◆ Viewer List, page 45
	placement of these control elements among Pages, and on Subpages if needed	
3.	Create a viewer.	Adding Viewers, page 49
4.	Based on your planning, add the required Pages / Subpages.	Adding / Removing a Page, page 53
		<ul> <li>Configuring a Subpage, page 54</li> </ul>
5.	Add and configure control objects on the created Pages / Subpages.	Configuring Control Objects, page 58

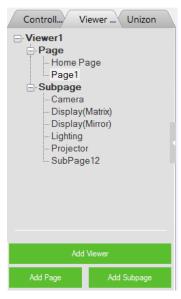
# The Design Tab

Use the **Design** tab to configure viewers for your control system. A design tab contains following elements to help you create, configure, and manage your viewers:



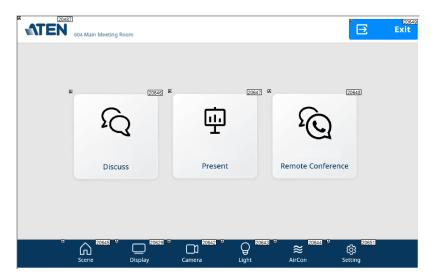
# 1 Viewer List

The Viewer List provides a tree view of added Viewers and the associated control pages, as illustrated on the right.

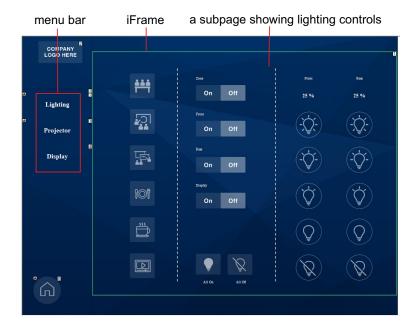


In a Viewer, you may find the following page types:

 Home Page: This is the main page (for mobile devices and ATEN touch panel) or the key layout (for ATEN Control Pads and Keypads). A Home Page typically contains buttons that redirect to frequently used features and control pages, such as display, lighting, air conditioning, etc.



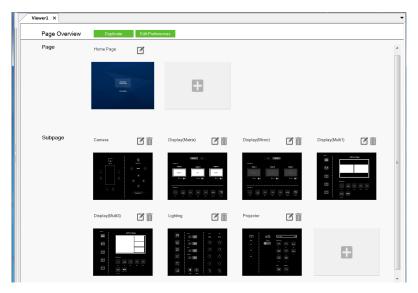
- Page: This is a full-size control page to which you can redirect by tapping an associated button or icon from the Home Page or other Pages.
- Subpage: A Subpage is a reduced-size control page that is embedded within a Home Page or Page through an adjustable frame (the green frame as illustrated below), called the *iFrame*. The advantage of using subpages is that it allows you to retain some elements of the page, such as buttons of a menu bar or a company logo, while switching among different subpages. In the example below, this page is designed to have a menu bar on the left and a reserved area (iFrame) for displaying three subpages that can be switched to by tapping the menu options on the left.



Use Viewer List to add, remove, or edit Viewers and the associated pages. More specifically, you can use the Viewer List to do the following tasks:

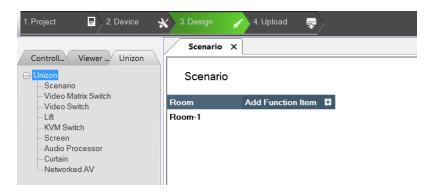
- To add a new Viewer, click the Add Viewer button.
- To add a new Page or Subpage, click the corresponding button at the bottom.
- To delete, rename, or copy an added page, right-click it from the list.
- To duplicate the visual design of a control page (without its configurations), right-click it to select Copy, and right-click the target Page or Subpage category and select Paste.

- To open a control page, click the Page or Subpage from the Viewer list, the Page / Subpage appears as a separate tab in the configuration panel.
- To see a thumbnail of the added control pages within a Viewer, click a Viewer from the list. This Viewer appears as a tab in the configuration panel. For example:



# 2 Monitor / Control List

The monitor / control list shows the functions and settings monitored or controlled by ATEN Unizon™, categorized by device type. For more information about remote management via ATEN Unizon™, see *Centralized Monitoring and Control via Unizon*™, page 163.



# **3** Configuration Panel

The configuration panel is where the Viewer overview and control pages open in tabs for configuration.

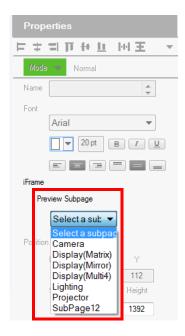
# 4 Library

The Library is a repository of built-in and user-created features and functions, including graphics (page 117), flags (page 120), monitoring events (page 122), macros (page 144), schedules (page 146), and variables (page 148). For an overview of these functions, see *Design Library*, page 116.

# 6 Simulator

Use the **Simulator** button to simulate the control elements on your Viewer (without actual effect on controller-managed devices). Use the mouse to click through the page links.

**Note:** To view how Subpages appear, click the iFrame of the Subpage and select the Subpage you want to preview for the Preview Subpage setting. Your configuration for the selected Subpage appears.

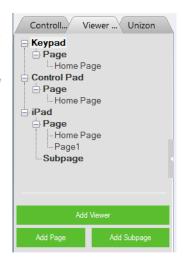


# **Adding Viewers**

### **Deciding How Many & What Viewer to Create**

#### Scenario 1

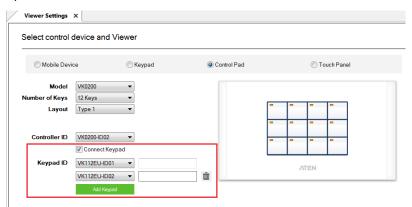
If you have 4 control devices in your project – one ATEN Control Pad, two ATEN Keypads (sharing identical key layout and control functions with each other, but different with the Control Pad), and an iPad, you will need to create 3 viewers, as illustrated on the right.



#### Scenario 2

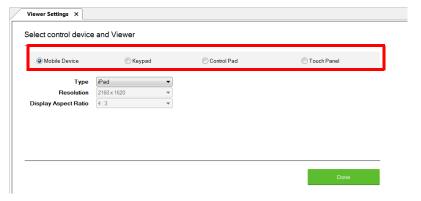
If you have 3 control devices in your project – one ATEN Control Pad and two ATEN Keypads (sharing identical key layout and control functions with each other *and with the Control Pad*), you will need to:

- create one viewer for Control Pad
- enable the Connect Keypad setting and specify the associated Keypads.
   This way, the two Keypads will share the layout and control functions specified in this Viewer.



## Configuring a Viewer

- 1. In the target project file, go to the **Design** tab. The Viewer Settings page appears. If not, click **Add Viewer** from the Viewer List.
- 2. Select the physical device for the Viewer.



- 3. Configure the settings for your selected device.
  - Mobile Device

Setting	Description	
Туре	Use this drop-down menu to select the mobile device that will be used to control hardware devices in a room. This sets the resolution for the Viewer to fit on the mobile device's screen. Choose a <b>Custom</b> selection to configure a screen size with the <i>Resolution</i> drop-down menu below it.  Note: If you select <i>Custom Windows Device</i> – the Windows OS has a limitation for adding buttons to Viewers used on Windows mobile devices. See <i>Windows OS Button Limitation</i> , page 242, for details.	
Orientation	Select one of the following display orientation:	
	<ul> <li>Landscape: A horizontal display where the width is greater than the height.</li> </ul>	
	Portrait: A vertical display where the height is greater than the width.	
Resolution	Use this drop-down menu to set a custom screen resolution for the mobile device being used to control hardware devices. This option becomes available when you select one of the <i>Custom</i> selections from the <b>Type</b> drop-down menu.	
Display Aspect Ratio	Indicates the aspect ratio used for the selected device.	

# Keypad

Setting	Description
Model	Specify the Keypad model.
Number of Keys	Specify the total number of keys for your Keypad.
Layout	Specify the Keypad layout. This setting should match the physical Keypad layout (see page 56 for details).  Depending on the total number of keys the Keypad has, you may have 1 or multiple options for this setting.
Controller ID	Select the ID number of the controller to which the Keypad will connect. This ID must match the controller ID set on the Keypad (see <i>Hardware Overview</i> , page 53).
Keypad ID	Select the Keypad, distinguished by its ID number to match the Keypad ID set on the Keypad (see page 60). Up to 8 Keypads can connect to one controller.
blank field (after Keypad ID)	For controller to connect to the Keypad through the Keypad's IP address, make sure the controller mode setting (in the <i>Project</i> tab) is set to <b>IP mode</b> , and type the IP address of the Keypad in this field.
Add Keypad	Click <b>Add Keypad</b> to add one or more Keypads that will connect to the same controller and share identical key layout and control functions.

# Control Pad

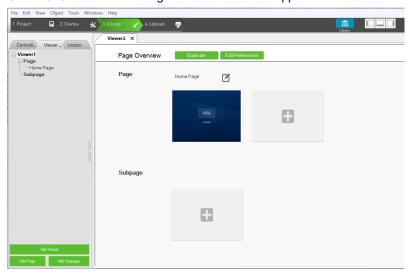
Setting	Description
Model	Specify the model for the Control Pad.
Number of Keys	Specify the total number of keys for your Control Pad.
Layout	Specify the layout for the Control Pad. This setting should match the physical layout (see page 56 for details).  Depending on the total number of keys the Control Pad has, you may have 1 or multiple options for this setting.
Controller ID	Specify the ID of the Control Pad.
Connect Keypad	Select this option if the connected Keypad(s) share identical key layout and control functions with the Control Pad.
Keypad ID	Click the drop-down menu to specify the ID of the added Keypad.

Setting	Description
blank field (after Keypad ID)	(Optional) Type the IP address of the Keypad for the controller to identify and establish connection with. Use this feature when you have more than 16 Keypads in the project or when the network switch blocks multicast signals between the Keypad and the controller.
Add Keypad	Click this button to add Keypad that connects to this Control Pad and shares identical key layout and control functions.

## Touch Panel

Setting	Description	
Туре	Use this drop-down menu to select the Touch Panel that will be used to control hardware devices in a room.	
Orientation	Select one of the following display orientation:	
	<ul> <li>Landscape: A horizontal display where the width is greater than the height.</li> </ul>	
	Portrait: A vertical display where the height is greater than the width.	
Resolution	Indicates the screen resolution of the selected Touch Panel.	
Display Aspect Ratio	Indicates the aspect ratio of the selected device.	

4. Click **Done** to save the configuration. An overview appears.



5. Add or remove the Pages / Subpages to your viewer as required.

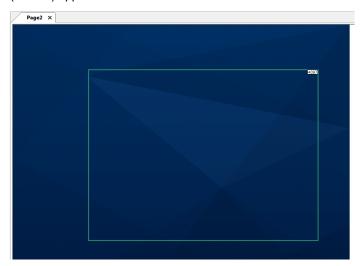
## Adding / Removing a Page

- ◆ To add a Page to a viewer, click Add Page from the Viewer list or from the viewer's Page Overview.
- To remove a Page, do any of the following.
  - In the viewer list, right-click the Page and select Delete.
  - In Page Overview, click in for the associated Page to be removed.

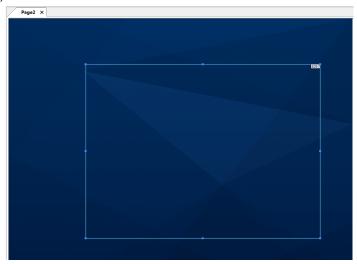


# **Configuring a Subpage**

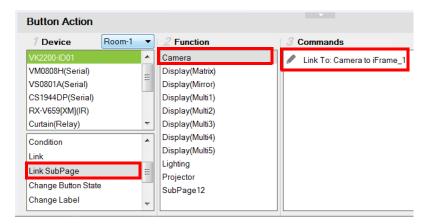
- 1. Click the target viewer from the Viewer List, and then click Add Subpage to add one or more Subpages to the selected viewer.
- Make sure the Page contains an iFrame for displaying Subpage controls. If not, right-click within the Page and select **Add iFrame**. A green frame (iFrame) appears.



- 3. Preview a Subpage within the iFrame.
  - a) Click within the iFrame. The iFrame border turns blue.



- b) Go to **Properties > Preview Subpage**, and select a Subpage that you have created. The Subpage appears in the selected iFrame.
- 4. Adjust the size and location of the iFrame.
  - To move the iFrame, mouse over within the iFrame and then click-anddrag the iFrame.
  - To resize the iFrame, click within the iFrame, and drag-and-drop the sides or any of the corners to resize.
- If you have two or more Subpages sharing an iFrame, create a button for switching to each of the Subpages.
  - a) Right-click within the page and select Add Button.
  - b) Configure the button properties as required.
  - c) Click the button, click **Link Subpage**, and then double-click a Subpage from the Function column to add the action. For example:



d) Proceed to configure each button. Now the control page should contain buttons that switch to the defined Subpage.

#### For example:



- 6. If you wish to keep a set of controls on the Page and only have them shown when the iFrame is closed, follow the steps below to add and configure a button for this purpose.
  - a) Right-click within the page and select Add Button.
  - b) Configure the button properties as required.
  - c) Click the button in the preview area, and add a Link Subpage action of any Subpage.
  - d) Double-click the added command and select **Hide** and the iFrame to be hided.



**Note:** The iFrame ID should match the ID indicated at the top-right corner of the iFrame in the preview area.

## **Duplicating a Viewer**

To duplicate the Viewer along with its Pages / Subpages, do the following.

- 1. Click the target viewer from the viewer list. The page overview appears.
- 2. Click Duplicate . The selected viewer is duplicated.

## **Viewer Control Objects**

### **Understanding Control Objects**

The ATEN control system supports a wide range of control objects, such as buttons, slider bars, videos, and PowerPoint controls that you can use and customize.

Each button has a symbol in the top left corner to indicate:

- "A" the button's actions are configured correctly.
- "!" the button's actions need to be modified or they will not work.
- Buttons with no symbol indicate that functions have not been added to it.
   For details on adding functions, see Button / Slider Bar / Dial Kit Actions, page 87.

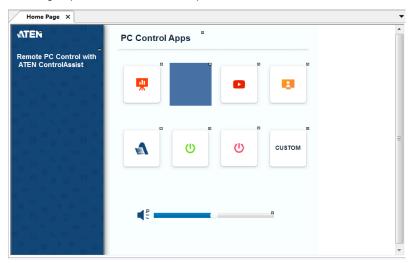


Each object is identified by an ID at the top right corner. These IDs are assigned in the order of creation. These IDs help identify a label when configuring a **Change Label** (page 110) or a button when configuring a **Change Button State** (page 109).

## **Configuring Control Objects**

- 1. Use one of the following methods to open the Page you wish to configure.
  - Click the Page from the Viewer List.
  - Click its associated Viewer from the Viewer List to open the Page overview and then click to open the Page.

The Page opens in a tab. For example:

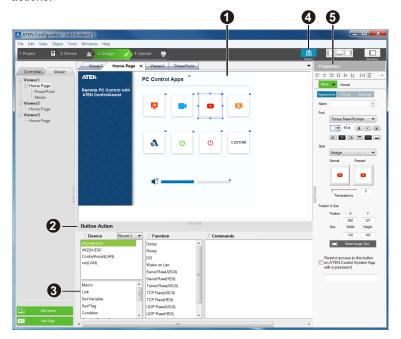


2. To add a control object, right-click any space in the Page, and select an object from the pop-up menu.

#### Note:

- For detailed information of each object type, see *Control Object Properties*, page 63.
- The Windows OS has a limitation when adding buttons to Viewer pages for use on Windows mobile devices. See Windows OS Button Limitation, page 242, for details.

3. Click on the added object to configure its settings and/or associated actions.



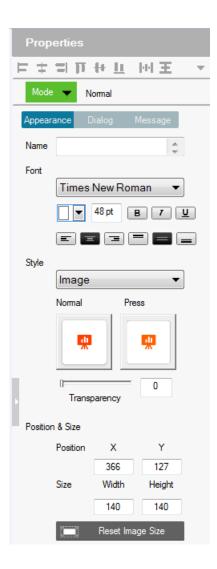
No.	Element	Tasks
1	Configuration panel	Shows a preview of the selected Page. You can also do the following on the preview panel:
		To zoom in and out on the preview, scroll the mouse wheel.
		To relocate an object, drag-and-drop the object.
		To layer an object, right-click the object and set the Order options.
		<ul> <li>To group multiple objects, drag the mouse to select the objects, right-click on any of the objects and select Group.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>To align object, drag the mouse to select the objects, right-click on any of the objects and select Align.</li> </ul>
		◆ To lock objects to their assigned locations, drag the mouse to select objects, right-click on any of the selected objects, and then select Lock. A lock icon appears in the bottom-left corner of each selected object.
		Select Source 20 A 27 A 27 A 29 A 27 A 27 A 29 A 27 A 20
		Note: To unlock objects, right-click on one object at a time, and select unlock.
		To set objects in perfect alignment, use the View menu options to select Show Grid and Align to Grid.
2	Button Action or Slider Bar Action	Use this panel to define the functions of each button and slider bar. For detailed information, see <i>Button / Slider Bar / Dial Kit Actions</i> , page 87.

No.	Element	Tasks
3	Advanced functions	◆ To add additional conditions and actions to buttons, use the Flag function. For more information, see <i>Flag</i> , page 120.
		◆ For a button to initiate a sequence of actions, create a Macro. For more information, see <i>Macro</i> , page 144.
4	Library m	Use Library to customize the appearance of the page and its buttons. For more information, see <i>Device Library</i> , page 41.
5	Properties panel	Use the panel to configure selected object properties. For detailed information about object properties, refer to the following sections:
		◆ Note: The iFrame ID should match the ID indicated at the top-right corner of the iFrame in the preview area., page 56
		Object Properties for ATEN Keypad / Control Pad, page 84

# **Control Object Properties**

### **Buttons**

The *Button* properties provide options to configure the appearance of a button, and the confirmation message and progress message before carrying out the associated action.



 Alignment – Aligns a group of objects. Select multiple objects for the buttons to become available:



#### Mode

Use this drop-down menu to select one of the following button types.

- **Normal** This is a button that stays the same when pressed.
- Toggle for a button that switches between two images/colors to indicate the button status. This also splits the Commands list under Button Action (page 87) – to provide two commands for the button: Toggle ON and Toggle OFF.
- Press and Release for a button that switches between two images/ colors when pressed and released. This splits the Commands list under Button Action (page 87) to provide two commands for the button: Press and Release.
- Long Press for a button that switches between two images/colors
  when pressed and released. This button continuously re-sends a
  command to a device as long as it is pressed, at the Interval specified
  (see Interval, below) and stops sending the command once the button
  is released.

**Note:** Use the **Normal** or **Long Press** option to set the image/color of the button based on its status.

#### Appearance

Click the **Appearance** tab to configure the look of the button.

**Note:** The Appearance settings are applicable to all button modes. However, the **Appearance** tab only exists for Normal and Toggle buttons to categorize different sets of settings.

- Name (optional) type the text you want to use for the button (or slow double-click the button on the Viewer page).
- Font use the drop-down menu to select the font type.
  - Color use the drop-down menu to change the color of the text.
  - Size enter a number (1-200) to set the size of the text for the button.

- Format formats text to Bold, Italic or Underline for the button.
- Alignment click a box to align the text Right, Center or Left; and Top, Middle or Bottom within the button box.
- Style use the drop-down menu to select the style type.
  - Image Select this option from the drop-down menu and click
     Normal and Pressed to import an image to use as the button's standard background and when the button is pressed.
  - Color Select this option from the drop-down menu to use color blocks for the toggle button and configure the colors for the normal and pressed status.
  - Transparency enter a number (0-100) or use the slider-bar to set the transparency of the button.
- Send Command Every (Long Press mode buttons only) use the drop-down menu to select the amount of time between each command that is sent (repeatedly) to the device while the button is pressed.
- Position and Size X and Y position the button at the coordinates entered. Width and Height set the size of the button box. Click Reset Image Size to reset the button size.
  - Reset Image Size click to reset the button size.
  - Set Sync Condition automatically synchronizes the button setting to the selected variable. To create variables, see *Variables*, page 148.
- Use as status indicator Select this option to disable the control functioning of the toggle button and use it as a status indicator, which changes its appearance as defined by the Style settings.
- Drag-and-drop (only applicable to Normal type buttons) Allows dragand-drop actions such as source assignment to output devices.
- Execute first (only applicable to normal-mode buttons) Select this
  option for the button to automatically initiate its actions (commands)
  when its located page opens.
- Restrict access to this button on ATEN Control System App with a
   password- Limit the use of the selected button by requesting a
   password when the button is tapped in the Viewer. To enable this
   function, click this option and type the password in the box below.
   Note:

- This function is only supported by the Normal and Toggle mode buttons (page 64).
- A valid password should not start or end with a space and should only contain upper-case alphabets, lower-case alphabets, numerals, and/or special characters including ()~:-\_

#### Dialog

Click the **Dialog** tab to set up a confirmation message that displays in the Viewer when the button is pressed.

**Note:** The Dialog settings are only available for Normal and Toggle buttons.

- Confirm the associated action with the following message when the button is pressed – Click the check box to enable this feature.
- Action Select a button action (Toggle On or Toggle Off) to display the confirmation message.
- Content drop-down list Select one of the following for customization.
  - Background Customize the wording for the confirmation message. Type the message in the Name field and optionally customize its font and style.
  - OK Customize the wording on the button for carrying out the associated action. Type in the Name field and optionally customize its font and style.
  - Cancel Customize the wording on the button for canceling the associated action. Type in the Name field and optionally customize its font and style.

### Message

Click the **Message** tab to set up a progress message that displays while the associated action is being carried out.

**Note:** The Message settings are only available for Normal and Toggle buttons.

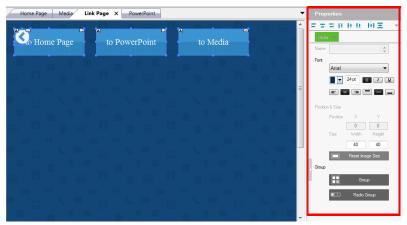
- Confirm the associated action with the following message when the button is pressed – Click the check box to enable this feature.
- Action Select a button action (Toggle On or Toggle Off) for displaying the progress message.
- Content drop-down list Select one of the following for customization.

- Background Configure the wording for the progress message.
   Type the message in the Name field and optionally customize its font and style.
- Progress Bar Configure the display duration (in seconds), font, and color of the progress indicator.

## Groups

You can unify the properties of two or more control objects (buttons, slider bars, etc.) at the same time. Depending on the elements that your group of objects have, different properties will be open for configuration. Use your mouse to drag and select the objects from a page, the properties that are open for configuration appear in the Properties column.

For example, if you want to unify the text that appear on multiple buttons, drag and select these buttons and then configure their properties, as illustrated below.



### Labels



The *Label* properties provide settings for the displayed text and its format.

◆ Alignment – Aligns a group of objects. Select multiple objects for the buttons to become available:

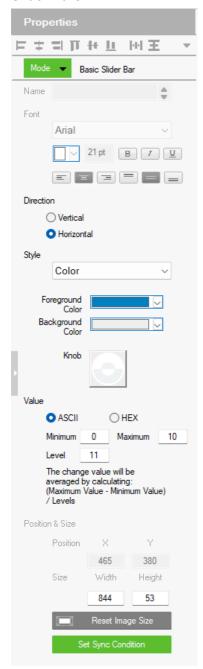


- ◆Name enter the text you want to use for the label or slow double-click the label on the Edit page.
- ◆Font use the drop-down menu to select the font type.
- ◆Color use the drop-down menu to change the color of the text.
- ◆ Size enter a number (1-200) to set the size of the text.
- ◆Format— format text to Bold, Italic or Underline
- ◆Alignment click a box to align the text Right, Center or Left; and Top, Middle or Bottom within the label box
- ◆Border/Line select this option to configure the color, format, and width of

the display screen border.

- Position and Size X and Y position the label at the coordinates entered.
   Width and Height set the size of the label.
- Set Sync Condition Displays the value of the selected variable in percentage or its raw form. To create variables, see Variables, page 148.

### Slider Bars



Right click on a Viewer page and select **Slider Bar** to add a bar. A Slider Bar can control a device, link to another page, or run a macro.

Use the **Mode** drop-down menu to select the type of slider bar (**Basic Slider Bar** or **Advanced Slider Bar**).

#### Basic Slider Bar

- ◆A slider bar where you enter the minimum and maximum values to calculate the range and levels on a slider bar, and then add one command to configure the Basic Slider Bar's action (See *Slider Value*, page 94). Choose options under **Value** to configure the slider bar's range.
- ◆ Direction sets the bearing of the slider bar.

## Style:

To change the color of the slider bar, click the Style drop-down menu and select **Color**, and then click the Foreground Color and Background Color drop-down menus to set up the colors.

To change the appearance of the slider bar, click the Style drop-down menu and select **Image**. And then click on the Track and Level images to browse and upload new images.

- ◆Value Sets the total number of levels for the slider bar.
- ◆ASCII / HEX click a radio button to select the format for the slider bar values.

- Minimum enter the lowest level on the bar.
- Maximum enter the highest level on the bar.
- Level this represents the number of levels on the slider bar. You can calculate the value of each level with the formula: Maximum Value Minimum Value / Level = Value Per Level. The Level is automatically calculated according to the Minimum and Maximum values you enter.
- Position and Size depending on whether the bar is set Vertical or Horizontal you can use either the Size: Width or Height box to enter a number to resize the length of the slider bar.
- Set Sync Condition Automatically synchronizes the slider bar to the selected variable. To create a variable, see *Variables*, page 148.

#### **Advanced Slider Bar**

- A slider bar where you set the number of levels and add a command for each level in the bar (see *Level*, in the table, on page 87). Choose options under **Value** to configure the slider bar's range:
- **Direction** sets the bearing of the slider bar.
- Style click the drop-down menus to select the Foreground Color and Background Color for the slider bar.
- Value Sets the total number of levels for the slider bar. Level this
  represents the number of levels on the slider bar. For each level you must
  add a separate command in the Slider Bar Action Commands list (see
  Level, in the table, on page 87).

## **PowerPoint Control and Media Control Templates**



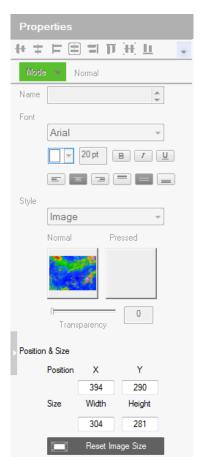
Click a PowerPoint control template or a media control template to configure its position, size, and the PC that controls it.

- ◆Position and Size X and Y position the label at the coordinates entered. Width and Height set the size of the label.
- •Select Device Select the PC that stores the PowerPoint or media files using the drop-down list.

## **Images**

The Properties for an image provide options to change and import images to the page. Images can be layered with other objects so that they can be placed as a background or as highlights for buttons (see *Layering Images*, page 73). You can Group, Order, Align, Make Same Size or Space Evenly from the Object menu.

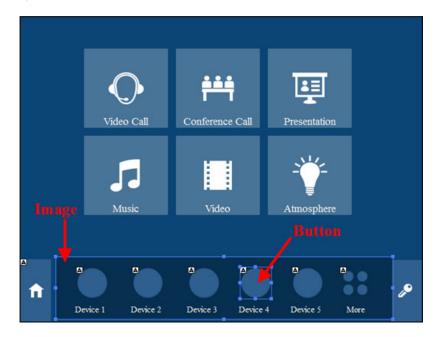
**Note:** For imported images, make sure the file names contain English alphabets and/or numerals only.



- ◆Style shows the image selected. Click inside the box to import an image (\*.png,\*.jpg,\*.jpeg,\*.bmp) to the page.
- ◆Transparency enter a number (0-100) or use the slider-bar to set the transparency of the image selected.
- ◆Position and Size X and Y position the image at the coordinates entered. Width and Height set the size of the image.
- •Reset Image Size resets the image size.

# Layering Images

Images can be layered with other objects, such as labels and buttons, so that they can be placed as a background or as highlight for the page and/or other objects.



### **Videos**

A video object is a control used for video preview, video assignment on managed displays, or video streaming by RTSP. For more details of each, see the corresponding section below:

- ◆ Video previews: See Setting Up a Video Preview Window, page 74.
- Video assignment: See Setting Up a Video Control Window, page 74.
- Video streaming: See Setting Up a Video Streaming Window, page 77.

#### Setting Up a Video Preview Window

You can set up video preview windows to view video sources from ONVIFcompliant cameras managed by the controller.

- In your project file, make sure you have added ONVIF-compliant cameras as Ethernet devices in the Device List.
- 2. Right-click a viewer page and select Add Video.
- 3. Click the added video object and configure the following properties.
  - Mode: Select ONVIF.
  - Position & Size: Configure these settings as required.
  - **Select Device:** Select the added ONVIF-compliant camera.

### Setting Up a Video Control Window

Video control windows are objects on the Viewer which allow you to see previews of video sources (on a source object) or the assigned video sources (on a display object), and to switch video sources by tapping or dragging and dropping actions from the Viewer. Note that video control window is only applicable to ATEN networked video extenders.

For example, the following Viewer contains 8 video control objects, the top 3 are video source objects, each show a preview of its connected video source, and the bottom 5 are display objects, each showing its assigned video source.



To switch a video source on a display, tap a source object and then tap a display object. The switch takes effect immediately. Alternatively, you can drag-and-drop a source object onto a display object if you have this control action enabled.

To set up a video control object, follow the steps below.

In Configurator, you are advised to add at least one video transmitter as
Ethernet device (to the Device List) for every 4 video control objects to use
the as a gateway to obtain previews.

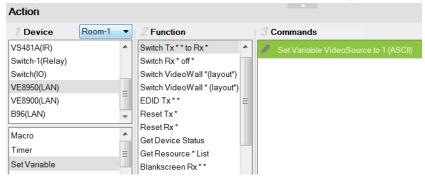
#### Important:

- Videos can only be transmitted via video transmitters to the controller.
- To ensure preview quality:
  - Add at least one video transmitter (to the Device List) for every 4 video control objects. Adding more video control objects will likely reduce the refresh rate and smoothness of the preview.
  - Avoid concurrent viewing from more than one user via the Control System App.
  - Use the VE89 control app to preview video walls.
- To ensure stable preview delivery, it is recommended to use the windows version of the Control System App for prolonged viewing or monitoring. Prolonged viewing on iOS platforms may result in automatic termination of the process due to the platform's protection mechanism to ensure its normal functioning.
- 2. Right-click a Viewer page and select Add Video.

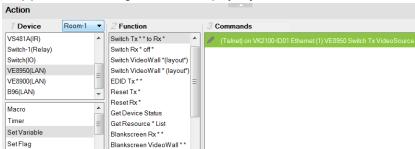
- 3. Click the added object and configure its properties.
  - Mode: Select VE89 Series.
  - Position & Size: Configure these fields as required.
  - Select Device: Select a video transmitter as the gateway for obtaining a preview of what is displayed on the specified extender (as configured for Port and ID).

Important: Only connect up to 4 control objects to one device.

- Port: Select the device type. Select Transmitter for a source object and Receiver for a display object,
- ID: Type the device ID for the specific transmitter or receiver. Allow drag-and-drop: Select this option to allow drag-and-drop controls.
- 4. Click the added object and configure the action. For example:
  - (a) Create a variable to store the video source on a source object.



(b) Add the switching action on a display object.



For more information about creating actions, see *Button / Slider Bar / Dial Kit Actions*, page 87.

**Note:**To ensure smoothness of video transmission, prevent accessing this Viewer page from two or more devices at the same time.

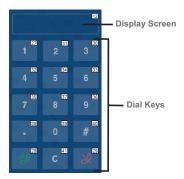
### Setting Up a Video Streaming Window

You can set up a window to stream video content via RTSP.

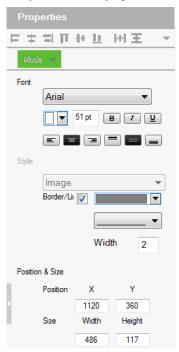
- 1. In your project file, make sure you have added an RTSP-compliant device and configured the **Stream** settings.
- 2. In a Viewer page, right-click in the blank space and select **Add Video**.
- 3. Click the added video object, and configure its properties as follows.
  - Mode: Select RTSP.
  - Position & Size: (Optional) Specify the position and size as required.
     Alternatively, drag any of the object corners for resizing; mouse over the object to drag-and-drop it to reposition within the Viewer page.
  - Select Device: Select the added Ethernet device.
  - RTSP Settings
    - Default: Select this option to use the typical format for the RTSP URL (rtsp://username: password@ip:port). Type the RTSP URL of the device in the blank below.
    - Custom: Select this option to use a different RTSP URL format.
       Type the URL in the blank below.

## **Dial Kit**

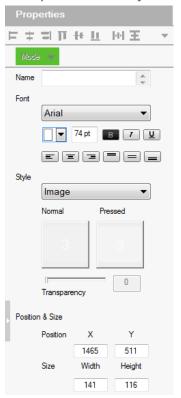
A dial kit template consists of a display screen and a set of dial keys. To configure their appearance, click on the display area or a key.



## **Properties for Display Screen**



### **Properties for Dial Key**



- Font use the drop-down menu to select the font for the typed text.
  - Color use the drop-down menu to change the color of the text.
  - Size enter a number (1-200) to set the size of the text for the button.
  - Format formats text to Bold, Italic or Underline for the button.
  - Alignment click a box to align the text Right, Center or Left; and Top,
     Middle or Bottom within the button box.
- Style use the drop-down menu to select the style type.

Note: The image and color settings are only applicable to dial keys.

- Image select this option to import different images for the dial key when it is pressed and not pressed (normal).
  - Transparency— enter a number (0-100) or use the slider-bar to set the transparency of the button.
- Color select this option to use different color blocks to indicate a pressed and a normal dial key.
- Border/Line select this option to configure the color, format, and width of the display screen border.
- Position and Size X and Y position the button at the coordinates entered. Width and Height set the size of the button box. Click Reset Image Size to reset the button size.

**Note:** If you are using the **Call** and **End Call** dials, click the dial key to configure its action. For a detailed procedure, see *Example: Configuring actions* of dial keys., page 96.

### **QR** Code

Use a QR code object to provide quick access to web resources.

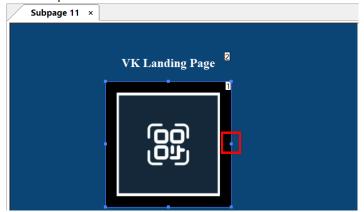
On a viewer page, right-click in any blank space, and then select Add QR code. A QR code object appears, encircled in blue.



2. From the settings panel, configure the properties as needed.



- Position and Size X and Y position the object at the coordinates entered. Width and Height set the size of the QR code.
- ◆Set Sync Condition Automatically synchronizes the QR code to the selected variable. To create a variable, see *Variables*, page 148.
- ◆Enter the URL of the QR code to the blank space, as indicated in the screenshot.
- 3. To adjust the size, hold-and-drag on any spare icon on the blue frame. For example:



### Webview

A webview object allows you to embed a web page to Control System Viewers, such as a web console of an ATEN device, making it easy to integrate control interfaces without configuring control functions from scratch.

For example, you can embed a mixer web console to Control System Viewer, as shown below.



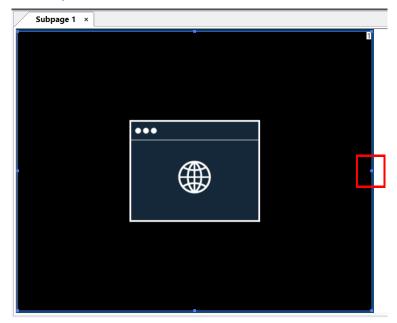
To add a web view object:

- On a viewer page, right-click in any blank space, and then select Add Webview. A webview object appears, encircled with a blue frame.
- Configure its properties as needed.



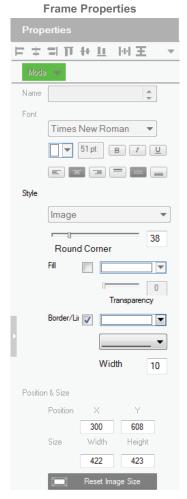
- Position and Size X and Y position the object at the coordinates entered. Width and Height set the size of the webview object.
- •Enter the URL of the web page to the blank space, as indicated in the screenshot.

3. To adjust the size, hold-and-drag on any spare icon on the blue frame. For example:



### Frame & Line

Use frames and lines to visually group or separate control objects in your Viewer. Click a frame or line object to configure its properties.

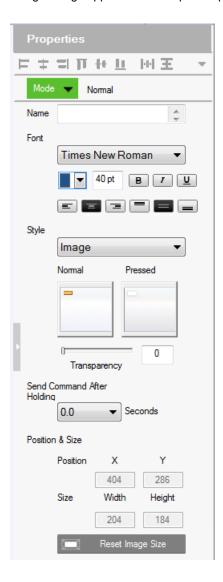




- Style configure the color, format, and width of the line or border of the frame.
- Rounder corder use the scroll bar or the number box to configure the roundness of the frame corner.
- Fill select this option to fill the frame with the selected color.
- **Position and Size** *X* and *Y* position the frame/line at the coordinates entered. *Width* and *Height* set the size of the frame/line.

# **Object Properties for ATEN Keypad / Control Pad**

After you have added a Viewer (page 49) for your Keypad / Control, you can start configuring the Viewer. In the Viewer page, click on a button to configure its settings. The following settings appear in the Properties panel.



#### Mode

Use this drop-down menu to select one of the following button types.

- Normal This is a button that stays the same when pressed.
- Toggle for a button that switches between two images/colors to indicate the button status. This also splits the Commands list under Button Action (page 87) – to provide two commands for the button: Toggle ON and Toggle OFF.
- Press and Release for a button that switches between two images/ colors when pressed and released. This splits the Commands list under Button Action (page 87) to provide two commands for the button: Press and Release.
- Long Press for a button that switches between two images/colors
  when pressed and released. This button continuously re-sends a
  command to a device as long as it is pressed, at the Interval specified
  (see Interval, below) and stops sending the command once the button
  is released.

**Note:** Use the **Normal** or **Long Press** option to set the image/color of the button based on its status.

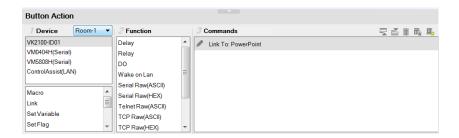
- Name (optional) type the text you want to use for the button (or slow double-click the button on the Viewer page).
- Font use the drop-down menu to select the font type.
  - Color use the drop-down menu to change the color of the text.
  - Size enter a number (1-200) to set the size of the text for the button.
  - Format formats text to Bold, Italic or Underline for the button.
  - Alignment click a box to align the text Right, Center or Left; and Top, Middle or Bottom within the button box.
- Style use the drop-down menu to select the style type.
  - Image imports an image to use as the button's standard background and click *Pressed* to import an image to use when the button is pressed.
  - Color allows you to use drop-down menus to select the buttons color for Normal and Pressed.
  - **Transparency** enter a number (0-100) or use the slider-bar to set the transparency of the button.

- Send Command After Holding Sets the required time for holding the button to apply the action for which the button is configured.
  - ◆ **Position and Size** *X* and *Y* position the button at the coordinates entered. *Width* and *Height* set the size of the button box.
  - Set Sync Condition Automatically synchronizes the button to the selected variable. To create a variable, see *Variables*, page 148. This option is only available for toggle buttons.

# **Button / Slider Bar / Dial Kit Actions**

## **Understanding Button/Slider Bar/Dial Kit Actions**

After you have added a button, slider bar, or a dial kit on your Viewer, define the actions it initiates using the Button/Slider Bar Actions panel. To access the panel, click on a button, slider bar, or dial key in the Viewer. The Button/Slider Bar Action panel appears.



The Button/Slider Bar Actions panel consists of the following elements:

Setting	Description
Device	Lists the added devices and the advanced functions.
Room	Select the room that contains the devices the Viewer will control. Use this drop-down menu to select rooms in the KNX system and display KNX devices. The Viewer will only upload to a controller configured with the same Room name (see <i>Left Sidebar</i> , page 24). Select <b>All Rooms</b> to allow the Viewer to control all rooms. Selecting All Rooms will upload the Viewer to all controllers.
	The Accessible Room defines what <b>Devices</b> are available to configure new <b>Actions</b> in Button/Slider Bar Properties (see page 87). Only <i>Devices</i> listed under the same <i>Room</i> (see page 24) as the Viewer's Accessible Room will be listed for use in Button/Slider Bar Properties.

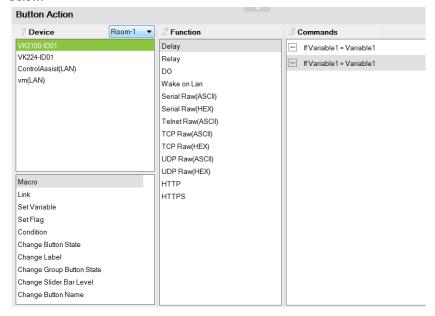
Setting	Description
Function	Lists the supported functions for your chosen device or advanced option. Double-click a function to add it to the Command List, which shows a sequence of tasks to be executed when specified conditions are met for the button, slider bar, or dial key. For details on functions, see <i>Functions</i> , page 91.
Commands	Lists the commands that initiate when the button or dial key is pressed. <i>Device</i> and <i>Advanced Option</i> functions can be added and associated in the Commands list together. Commands initiate in the order that they are added to the list. Right-click in the Commands list to use the menu selections: <i>Move Up, Move Down, Copy, Paste, Delete, Save as Macro,</i> or <i>Test Tool.</i>
Toggle ON / Toggle OFF or	When the Button <b>Mode</b> (page 64) is set to <i>Toggle</i> or <i>Press</i> and <i>Release</i> , the <i>Commands</i> list splits to set the two c commands:
Press / Release	Toggle ON / Press – lists the commands that initiate when the button is first pressed or pressed and held.  Toggle OFF / Release – lists the commands that initiate when the button is pressed a second time (Toggle), or released (Press and Release). When the button is pressed again, Toggle ON initiates and the cycle repeats.
Level 1 ▼	The Level drop-down menu appears when an Advanced Slider Bar is selected on the Viewer page. The number of levels in the drop-down menu reflect the <b>Level</b> set in the <i>Advanced Slider Bar's</i> properties (page 70). Use the drop-down menu to select a level and then add a command for each of the Advanced Slider Bar's levels (see page 94 for details).
콧골	Use <b>Move up</b> to move an action up in the Commands list, or <b>Move down</b> to move an action down in the Commands list.
面	Use <b>Delete</b> to remove an action from the Commands list.
配	Use <b>Save as Macro</b> to save the commands in the Commands list as a macro.

Setting	Description
<b>E</b>	Use <b>Test Tool</b> to connect to a controller and test the action(s) in the Commands list.

You can configure a button with **Device** commands (On, Off, Stop, Play, etc.); as a **Macro** to send multiple commands to one or more devices; or as a **Link** to other Viewer pages. *Advanced Options* allow you to add conditions to the commands, as described on the next page.

# **Configuring Button/Slider Bar Actions**

To add one or more actions to a button, slider bar, or dial key, follow the steps below.



- 1. In the project file, click to select the button, slider bar, or dial key in the Viewer. The Button/Slider Bar Action panel appears.
- 2. In the Button/Slider Bar Action panel, select a Room.
- Add commands.

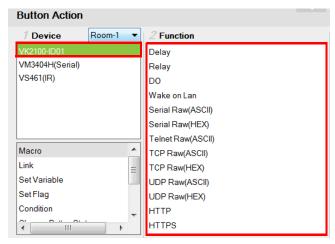
For details on device functions and advanced functions, see *Functions*, page 91.

- a) Click a device or an advanced option to display its supported functions.
- b) Double-click a function to add it to the Commands list.
- c) Repeat step 3a and 3b if you wish to initiate a sequence of actions.
- 4. In the Commands list, double-click the commands to configure them.

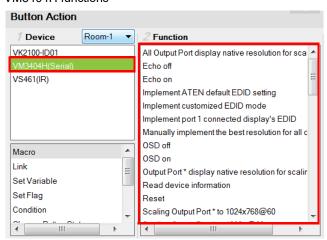
# **Functions**

Button/slider bar functions can be understood as device functions and advanced functions.

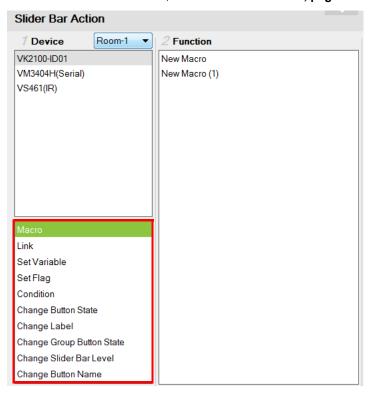
Device functions – These are functions that the selected controller or a
device managed by the controller initiates. The supported device functions
vary depending on the device you select in the Device List, as illustrated
below. For details on controller functions, see *Device Functions*, page 93.
Controller functions



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 Advanced functions – These are functions that involve more than one devices in the project. Use the indicated column to select an advanced function, the available options are listed in the Function list. For details about each advanced function, see Advanced Functions, page 97.

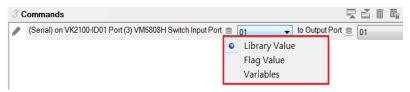


## **Device Functions**

- Each ATEN controller supports the following functions.
  - **Delay** adds a delay in seconds. Enter a number between 0.1-180.
  - Relay adds an Open, Close, Toggle or Pulse action on the selected controller and Relay port.
  - DO adds an Open, Close, Toggle or Pulse action on the selected controller and Digital Output port.
  - Wake on LAN powers on the specified computer (MAC address) over Ethernet.
  - Serial Raw (ASCII) adds a serial command in the ASCII mode.
  - Serial Raw (HEX) adds a serial command in the HEX mode.
  - Telnet Raw (ASCII) adds a telnet command in the ASCII mode.
  - TCP Raw (ASCII) adds a TCP command in the ASCII mode.
  - TCP Raw (HEX) adds a TCP command in the HEX mode.
  - UDP Raw (ASCII) adds a UDP command in the ASCII mode.
  - UDP Raw (HEX) adds a UDP command in the HEX mode.
  - HTTP adds an HTTP command.
  - HTTPS adds an HTTPS command.
  - Pronto Hex Code adds an IR command using Pronto Hex codes.
  - KNX Raw adds a KNX raw command. Note that this type of commands can only be used on a custom KNX device. For details about adding a KNX device to ATEN Control System, see Adding KNX Devices, page 28.
  - SSH Raw adds an SSH command in the ASCII mode.

#### Value Types

When a device command has multiple values you can double-click it and use the **Show Flag Menu\*** to select a device setting:

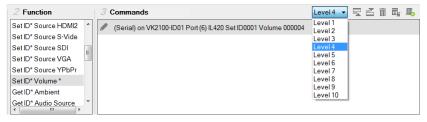


- ◆ **Library Value** use the drop-down menu to select a device setting for the command. The selection of settings in the drop-down menu can be modified using the Database Generator to edit the command string (see *Editing / Adding a New Device*, page 181).
- Flag Variable clicking this button allows a Flag with a set of values to be selected for the action. The button's action will select a setting according to the Flag value. Each value in a Flag can be set to a different device using a Set Flag (as a button to select the device). When that (Set Flag) button is pressed, the Flag value is set for that particular device, and will be used as the setting for this action, when it's button is pressed.
- Volume Variables Select this option to use a Variable in the command. After selecting the option, a drop-down menu containing a list of the Variables that you created appear.
- ◆ Slider Value Slider Value select this option to configure a Basic Slider Bar's command. The range and change levels are automatically configured according to the minimum and maximum values set for the Basic Slider Bar. This option only appears when a Basic Slider Bar is selected on the Viewer page and you are adding Slider Bar Action commands

**Note:** The Show Flag Menu allows you to use a single Flag for all devices rather than adding a Conditional Flag for each device.

- Dial Value Dial Value select this option to use the string of values that has been dialed using the dial kit via Viewer from a mobile device.
- ◆ Level 1 ▼ Level When an Advanced Slider Bar is selected on a Viewer page, the Level drop-down menu appears above the Commands list. A command must be added to each level of an

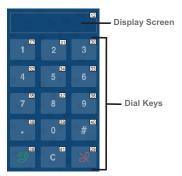
Advanced Slider Bar. To configure each level, use the drop-down menu to select a level and then add a command to it.



# **Applications of Device Functions**

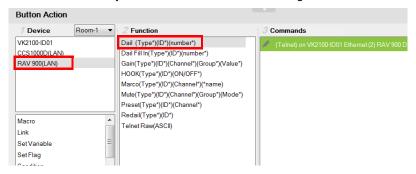
### Example: Configuring actions of dial keys.

Out of the 15 keys on a dial kit, only the **Call** and **End Call** keys require configuration, the actions for other keys are pre-configured to send out the number or character as indicated on the keys.

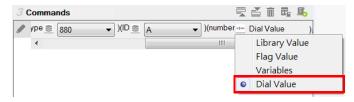


Follow the steps below to add an action to the Call key.

- 1. Click the **Call** key in the Viewer to display the Button Action panel.
- 2. Select a device (e.g. a video conferencing system) and double-click to add a function for the key. In this case, it should be a dialing function.



Double-click the added command and select **Dial Value**.

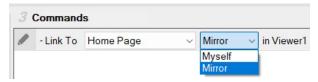


## **Advanced Functions**

Use advanced options for button/slider actions that involve a series of actions (Macro), actions that the involve page redirect (Link), or actions that involve change or update of device settings of multiple objects (Set Variable).

**Note:**Associate **Set Flag, Condition, Change Button State**, or **Change Label** commands with device commands in the Commands list by dragging and dropping them into a tree view list, which allows them to initiate together (see *Applications of Advanced Functions*, page 103).

- Macro sends multiple commands to one or more devices. Select to add a
  macro command from the *Function* list. To create a macro, add multiple
  device actions to the Commands list, then click the **Save as Macro**icon or access the function by clicking the *Library* icon (page 13).
- Link a command used on a button to:
  - redirect a Viewer Page to another Page when the button is pressed, for example, a Home page button, which redirects the display to the home page.
  - redirect one or more Viewers to a specified Page when the button is pressed. For example, when an Exit button is pressed, you can have all Viewers (used by touch panels and/or mobile devices in one meeting room) return to their home page.
  - Configure the following fields for the command:



- Link To: Select a destination page
- Myself/Mirror: Select Myself to have the Viewer link to a selected page only on the tapped device; select Mirror to have all the devices that use the same Viewer file to return to the selected page.

For more information on configuring a button, see *Configuring Button/Slider Bar Actions*, page 90.

 Set Variable – creates a variable to represent a device setting (e.g. speaker volume) that can be used by two or more control objects (e.g. slider bar or buttons) in the Viewer. This function is used when you have more than one Viewer objects controlling the same device.

**Note:**To complete this setting, go to Properties of the control objects and configure the **Set Sync Conditions** setting.

- Save Variable saves changes to a variable immediately after receiving a
  new value. The default mechanism is to save new values approximately 30
  minutes after receiving the changes. This is to prolong the life expectancy
  of flash memory of the controller.
- Set Flag sets a flag value to represent the new device status when a command changes a device setting. Set Flags are added to the Commands list after device commands to change the Flag (device status).
- Condition adds one or more conditions that must be met for subsequent command(s) to initiate. The conditions can be based on created Variables or feedback values that the controller receives from managed devices.
  - Use Variable If to add a condition by comparing a created variable to a
    value or another variable. For example, if you want a display a warning
    message on the Viewer when the volume of a speaker is at its
    maximum (10 dB), you will need to:
    - (a) Set up a Variable for the speaker volume.
    - (b) Select a Variable If condition.
    - (c) Double-click the condition to set the Variable value to 10.
    - (d) Drag a **Change Label** command and nest it under the condition you selected in step (a).
    - (e) Double-click the Change Label command to type the warning message you wish to display when the speaker volume reaches 10 db.
    - Append a Variable Else If condition to a Variable If condition for binary conditions. To add this condition, drag-and-drop it from the Function column to a Variable If condition in the Commands column.
    - Append a Variable Else condition to a to a Variable If and Variable Else If pair for scenarios with 3 conditions—to describe what action to take when the previous two conditions are false. To add this

condition, drag-and-drop it to the **Variable If** condition in the Commands column

 Use Multi-Variable If to add multiple conditions using created Variables. For example:



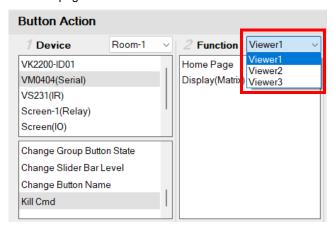
- Click + to add conditions. You can add up to 5 conditions
- Use the drop-down menu to select between **and** and **or**.
- Append a Multi-Variable Else If condition to a Multi-Variable If condition for binary conditions. To add this condition, drag-and-drop it from the Function column to a Multi-Variable If condition in the Commands column.
- Append a Multi-Variable Else condition to a Multi-Variable if and Multi-Variable Else If pair for scenarios with 3 conditions—to describe what action to take when the previous two conditions are false. To add this condition, drag-and-drop it to the Multi-Variable If condition in the Commands column.
- Feedback conditions Use feedback conditions for the controller to carry out actions (commands) when the specified feedback value meets the specified conditions. Use Feedback If, Feedback Else If, and/or Feedback Else to fully cover all scenarios in your application.
   Note: The Else If and Else conditions can only be nested under the If
- Change Button State this command changes the image of another button when this button is pressed allowing the image of any other button to change when the command from this button is sent. Change Button State is added to the end of the Commands lists. When adding this to a Toggle button it allows the image to switch with the toggle behavior: Normal or Pressed. In this situation the Change Button State is added to the end of both the Toggle ON and Toggle OFF Commands lists.

conditions and can not be used on their own.

 Change Label – this option changes a label's text with text that you enter manually or with text from a device's return message. A Manual Change Label can be added to the beginning or end and with a Condition in the Commands list. Adding it to a Condition guarantees the label only changes when the command initiates.

- Change Group Button State this option adds a command that changes the button selected in a Radio Group (page 17). Create a Radio Group and then a Function will be listed for it when Change Group Button State is selected. Add the Change Group Button State to the Commands list of a button and use the drop-down menu to select the button in the Radio Group you want selected.
- Change Slider Bar Level this option adds a command that changes the level of a Slider Bar. Create a Slider Bar and then a Function will be listed for it when Change Slider Bar Level is selected. Add the Change Slider Bar Level to the Commands list of a button and use the drop-down menus to select the Slider Bar and Level to change.
- Change Button Name this option adds a command that displays specified text on another button when this button is tapped. A typical application of this command is when you want to show the assigned source on an output device as soon as the source is switched.
  - Function lists the commands that can be added to the Commands list. Select an option under **Device**, then double-click or drag & drop commands from the *Function* list to add them to the *Commands* list.
- Kill Cmd cancels received but not-yet-executed commands when the button is pressed, toggled on, or long-pressed.
  - Configure the following to define the targets of this kill-command action:

1. Select the target Viewer from the Function drop-down menu. The available pages of the selected Viewer are listed.



2. Double-click any listed page to add a kill command. A kill command appears in the Commands column.



3. Double-click on the added command to define the targets. Available setup combinations include:

	Myself	Mirror
All	Stop all pending actions on the Viewer device where the kill	Stop pending actions on all Viewers stored on the specified controller.
Viewer	command action is initiated.	Stop all pending actions on the Viewer device where the kill command is initiated, and also on other Viewer devices that use the same Viewer.
Object	Stop pending actions for the specified control objects (elements) on the Viewer device where the kill command action is initiated.	Stop pending actions for the specified control objects (elements) on all the Viewer device where the kill command action is initiated, and also on other Viewer devices that use the same Viewer profile.



# **Applications of Advanced Functions**

Advanced Options allow you to include conditions with commands in the Commands list. Associate **Set Flag**, **Condition**, **Change Button State** or **Change Label** functions with a command in the Commands list by dragging and dropping them into a tree view listed with the command, so that they initiate in the order listed.

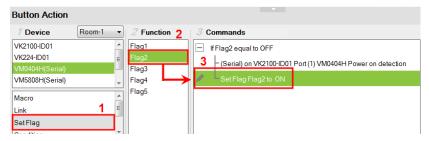
# Set Flag

Adds a Set Flag to change a Flag's value when a command changes a device setting. This sets the Flag value to match the new device setting (e.g. ON or OFF). Always add a Set Flag to a Condition Flag, after the device action(s):

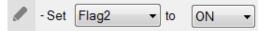


#### To add a Set Flag:

- Under Device, select Set Flag.
- 2. From the Function list, select the Flag.
- 3. From the **Function** list, drag and drop the **Flag** to add it to the end of the *Condition Flag*, in a tree view list:



4. Double-click **Set Flag** in the Commands list to use the drop-down menus to set the **Flag** and **Value**.



#### Condition

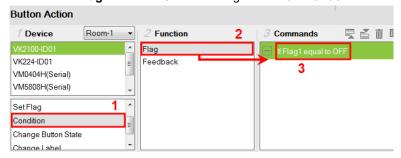
Adds a condition that must be met before the commands listed with it can initiate. When the button is pressed, the Condition's set value must equal the **Flag** or **Feedback** value for the command(s) to initiate. There are two condition types: **Flag** and **Feedback**.

 Flag – Adds a condition based on a Flag's value. "If Flag equals Value" is true, the condition is met and the commands listed with the Condition will initiate. Always add a Condition Flag at the top of the Commands list, drag and drop the device command(s) and then a Set Flag at the end, in a tree view list:



To add a Condition Flag:

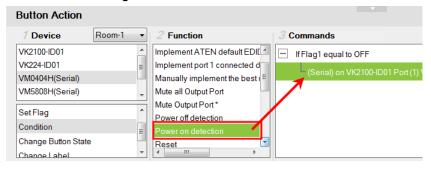
- 1. Under Device, click Condition.
- 2. From the Function list, select Flag.
- 3. Double-click Flag to add the Condition Flag to the Commands list.



4. Double-click the **Condition Flag** in the Commands list to use the drop-down menus to set the **Flag** and **Value**.



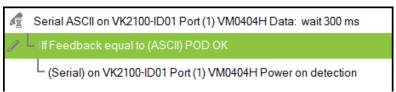
5. From the **Function** list, drag & drop device commands to add them to the **Condition Flag**, in a tree view list:



6. Add a Set Flag after the last device command in the Commands list:



Feedback – adds a condition based on the text from a serial/telnet/SSH/TCP device's return message. Always add a Condition Feedback to a serial/telnet/SSH/TCP command, with command(s) added below the Condition Feedback, in a tree view list:



**Receive Time** – when a Feedback condition is added to a device command the **wait** to *Receive Time* drop-down menu appears allowing you to set the amount of time to wait before it stops receiving the return message from the device.

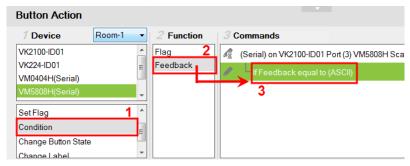
There are three Condition Feedback types:

 Equal – when the text sent from a serial/telnet/SSH/TCP device's return message matches all of the text entered for a Condition Feedback Equals, the commands listed below it will initiate.

- Include when the text sent from a serial/telnet/SSH/TCP device's return message matches part of the text entered for a Condition Feedback Include, the commands listed below it will initiate.
- Bypass this option bypasses matching text from the serial/telnet/ SSH/TCP return message and initiates a Change Label command. The label's text will change to the return message sent from the device (i.e. the Feedback Result). A Change Label must be added to the Feedback Bypass for it to work.

To add a Condition Feedback Equal/Include:

- 1. Under Device, click Condition.
- 2. From the Function list, select Feedback.
- 3. From the **Function** list, drag and drop **Feedback** to add it to the serial/ telnet/SSH/TCP command, in a tree view list:



4. Double-click **If Feedback equals to** in the Commands list and use the drop-down menu to select **equal to** or **include** and enter the **Text**.



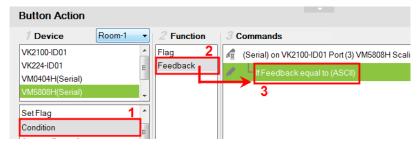
Text entered here must match **all** (equal to) or **part** (include) of the text from a serial/telnet/SSH/TCP device's return message for the command(s) to initiate. Use the **ASCII / HEX** drop-down menu to select the format.

5. From the **Function** list, drag & drop device command(s) to add them to the **Feedback Equal/Include Condition**, in a tree view list:



To add a Feedback Bypass Condition with Change Label:

- 1. Under **Device**, click **Condition**.
- 2. Select Feedback from the Function list.
- 3. From the **Function** list, drag and drop **Feedback** to add it to the serial/ telnet/SSH/TCP command, in a tree view list:

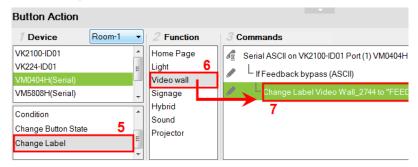


4. Double-click **If Feedback equals to** in the Commands list and use the drop-down menu to select **bypass**.

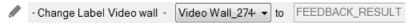


- 5. Under Device, select Change Label.
- 6. From the Function list, select the **Viewer Page** where the label is located.

7. From the Function list, drag and drop the **Viewer Page** to add it to the **Feedback Bypass Condition**, in a tree view list:



8. Double-click **Change Label** in the Commands list and use the drop-down menu to select a label. Labels are identified by object IDs (see page 62).

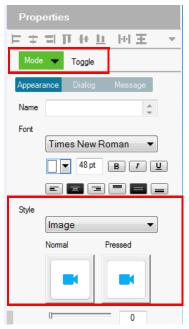


The label's text will change to the serial/telnet/SSH/TCP device's return message.

### **Change Button State**

This option is used to change another buttons image when this button is pressed – allowing the button image to switch depending on the status: *Normal* or *Pressed*. Change Button State is added to the end of the Commands lists and should point to a **Toggle** button. Adding this to a **Toggle** button allows the image to switch with the toggle behavior: *Normal* or *Pressed*.



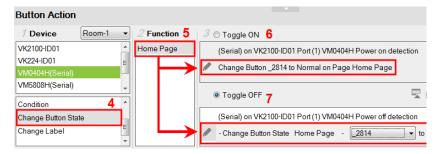


- 1. Under **Properties**, use the **Mode** drop-down menu to select a button type.
- Under Style, click the Normal and Pressed button to select an image/ color\* for the button's state.

**Note:** Use the *Style* drop-down menu to select **Image** to import an image file for the button state, or **Color** to choose a color format for the button state.

- Add the Toggle ON and Toggle OFF device commands to the Commands lists.
- 4. Under Device, select Change Button State.

- In the Function list, select the Viewer page.
- Select the Toggle ON radio button, then in the Function list, double-click the Viewer page to add it to the end of the Toggle ON commands in the Commands list.
- Select the Toggle OFF radio button, then in the Function list, double-click the Viewer page to add it to the end of the Toggle OFF commands in the Commands list.



8. In each Commands list, double-click the **Change Button State** command to set the **Button** and **State** (*Normal* or *Pressed*).



### Change Label

Changes a label's text with text that you enter manually or with text from a serial/ telnet/SSH/TCP device's return message (*Feedback Result*). A **Change Label** that uses a return message, must be added to a Feedback Bypass Condition (page 107). A **Manual Change Label** can be added anywhere in the Commands list. Adding it to a Condition guarantees the label changes only when the command initiates.

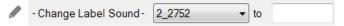


To add a Manual Change Label:

- 1. Under Device, click Change Label.
- In the Function list, select the Viewer page where the label is located.
- Double-click or drag and drop the Viewer page to add the Change Label to the Commands list.



- 4. Add a **Change Label** to *multiple* or *Toggle ON / Toggle OFF* Command lists to have the same label change text for different actions.
- In the Commands list, double-click Change Label to use the drop-down menu to select a Label and input the Text. This is the text in the label that will appear when the button is pushed.



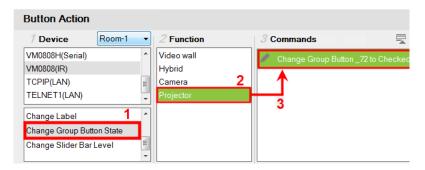
Repeat the steps to add a Change Label for the reverse action (i.g., **On** and **Off**).

### **Change Group Button State**

Adds a command that changes the selection in a *Radio Group* (see page 17). To use this function, first create a *Radio Group* and then add a button to the Viewer page. Add a **Change Group Button State** independently or with a device command:

To add a Change Group Button State:

- 1. Under Device, select Change Group Button State.
- 2. From the **Function** list, select the **Viewer Page** where the Radio Group is located.
- From the Function list, drag and drop the Viewer Page to add it to the Commands list:



4. Double-click **Change Group Button** in the *Commands* list and use the drop-down menu to select the **Button**.

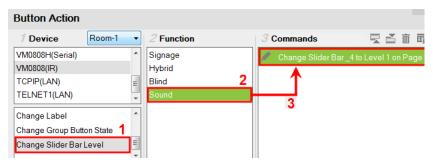


# **Change Slider Bar Level**

Adds a command that changes the level of a *Slider Bar*. To use this function, first create a *Slider Bar* on a Viewer page. Add a **Change Slider Bar Level** independently or with a device command.

To add a Change Slider Bar Level:

- 1. Under Device, select Change Slider Bar Level.
- 2. From the **Function** list, select the **Viewer Page** where the Slider Bar is located.
- From the Function list, drag and drop the Viewer Page to add it to the Commands list:



 Double-click Change Slider Bar in the Commands list and use the dropdown menus to select the Slider Bar and Level.



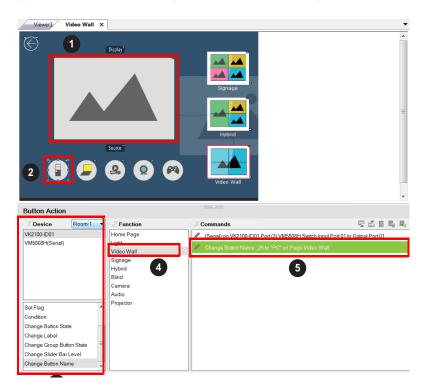
### **Change Button Name**

The Change Button Name command is used to display specified text on a selected button when the configured button is tapped. An application of this command is indicating the assigned source for a display device on a Viewer as soon as the source is assigned. This way, you can keep track of the source that is currently showing on a particular display device.

#### Example:

- Indicate the currently assigned source on a display device (in the Viewer).
- Assume an environment consisting of one monitor and five sources buttons (computer, laptop, camera...etc.), as illustrated below, and that when a source button is tapped, the source will be immediately assigned to the display.

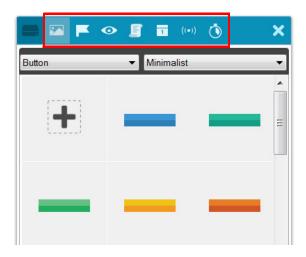
**Configuration goal:** To have the assigned source printing on the display button (on the Viewer page), configure each source button so that when it is tapped, the following actions (commands) initiate: (1) Display the source to the display; (2) Print the name of the assigned source onto the display device.



- 1. Click a source button to display the Button Action panel.
- 2. In the Button Action panel, select **Change Button Name**.
- From the Function list, double-click the Viewer page where the source button is located. In this example, double-click the Video Wall option. The Change Button Name command is added.
- 4. From the **Commands** list, double-click the Change Button Name command and configure the following.
  - Select the ID of the display button to indicate the location of print the text. In this example, it is the video wall's ID.
  - Type the text you wish to show when the source button is tapped. In this
    example, enter "PC".
- 5. Follow steps 1 to 4 to configure each of the source buttons.

# **Design Library**

The **Library** icon on the Project bar offers the following functions. The table below provides an overview of each function.



Control		Description
<b></b>	Graphic Library	Find graphic templates such as backgrounds, buttons, device icons, and control interfaces for your viewer. For details, see <i>Graphic Library</i> , page 117.
F	Flag	Flags are created to include parameters when settings are changed to indicate the current status. For details, see <i>Flag</i> , page 120.
•	Monitor	Monitors allow you to set Conditions for Digital Input (dry contact) and Digital Input (VDC) signals and Flags on a port that will initiate an Action. In addition, you can create <b>Listen to port</b> and <b>Query port</b> monitors which check a device's status to initiate actions. For details, see <i>Monitor</i> , page 122.
	Macro	Macros initiate a sequence of actions on one or more hardware devices. For details, see <i>Macro</i> , page 144.
1	Schedule	Click to create scheduled events. For details, see Scheduled Events, page 146.

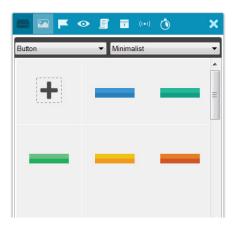
Control		Description
((•))	Variables	Creates a Variable for a device setting (e.g. volume) that is controlled by two or more objects (e.g. slider bar or buttons) on the Viewer. When the device setting is changed through one of the objects, its setting is automatically synced and reflected on all the objects. For details, see <i>Variables</i> , page 148.
Ō	Timer	A timer event is a device action that initiates as soon as the defined countdown time is up. The advantage of using a timer event, as opposed to a combination of delay command and device command, is that it saves time by executing the defined action while other actions (commands) within the series execute. For more details, see <i>Timers</i> , page 157.

# **Graphic Library**

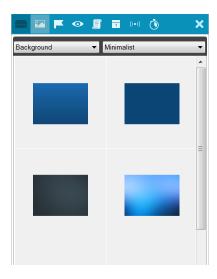
The **Library** icon on the Project bar provides a *Graphics* tab and dropdown menus with ready-to-use graphics for backgrounds, buttons,

icons and device interfaces. Device Interface provides entire page layouts that you can use as templates for different types of devices. Double-click or drag and drop graphics to add them to the page. Images can be imported for icons and buttons in various formats (\*.png,\*.jpg,\*.jpeg,\*.bmp).

#### **Button**



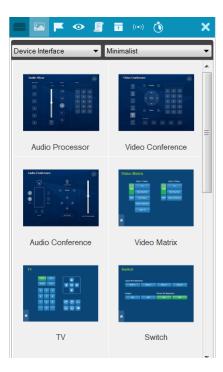
# **Background**



# Image (Device Icon)



# **Device Interface**





Flags are created for control buttons to include parameters for when settings are changed or requests are made to change settings on a

device. Flags indicate what the status is and what action to take according to the value. Flags are added as actions to *Button Properties* as a **Condition** or **Set Flag** value.

Conditions tell a button to initiate associated actions if the flag value is true: "If Flag equals Value" initiate the action. Actions are associated with a condition so that they only initiate if the flag value is correct. That way an ON command is only sent to a device if the current flag value is OFF.

Set Flag changes the flag value when a device setting has changed. So that if a device is OFF and the action turns the device ON, adding a "Set Flag 1 to ON" will change the flag value to ON. Now the flag's value matches the device status so that actions associated with flag Conditions will initiate accordingly.

Create flags for a device and add them as a *Condition* and *Set Flag* value in the *Action – Button Properties* (see *Button / Slider Bar / Dial Kit Actions*, page 87).

#### To create a Flag:

1. Select **Flag** and click . The *New Flag* menu appears.



- 2. Enter a Name and select a radio button to set the flag value.
  - Select On/Off and use the drop-down menu to select the Default Value.
  - Enter a range (1-100) for the values in the two boxes and use the dropdown menu to select the *Default Value*. Use the drop-down menu to select the format ASCII or HEX.

3. Click • Create New to create more flags or double-click a flag to edit it. The flags will appear in the list, as shown below.



- Name Lists the Flag names which have been created.
- Value Lists the flag's values or range of values.
- **Default** Lists the flag's default value.
- x − Deletes a flag from the list.
- 4. Select **Condition** or **Set Flag** to add flags as a command in Button Action by selecting a button on a Viewer page (see *Button / Slider Bar / Dial Kit Actions*, page 87).

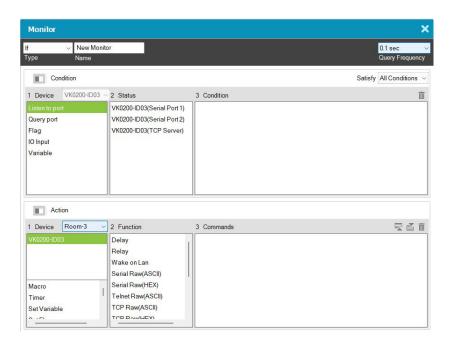


# **Understanding Monitor**

A *Monitor* allows you to set conditions on a port using **Digital Input** (VDC) and **Digital Input** (Dry Contact) signals, return messages, and Flags. When the condition is met, the controller will initiate the desired action. Digital Input (VDC) hardware devices provide voltage signals between 1 and 24. Digital Input (Dry Contact) hardware devices provide open and closed circuit signals. Hardware devices with return messages can be monitored using **Listen to port** or **Query port** conditions via text they transmit. These signals provide indicators from sensors or switches of an event. An event can be the temperature, power, dry contact, sensor, switch status, or message from a device. There are two parts to a monitor, the **Condition** and **Action**.

### **Monitor Page Options**

There different types of monitors you can create to fulfill different scenarios. A monitor (as illustrated below) contain the following configuration fields:

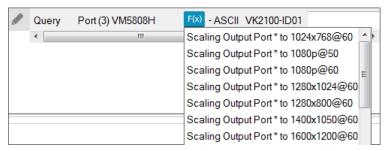


Control	Description	
Туре	Use this drop-down list to select a monitor type:	
	◆ If – select this option for a single condition monitor. "If" the single condition is met, the action initiates. For details, see Creating an If Monitor, page 127.	
	◆ Switch – select this option for multiple conditions that use more than one "If" conditions for the monitor. In this type, if one of the conditions is met, the monitor will initiate the action. For details, see Creating a Switch Monitor, page 131.	
	Bypass – select this option to transmit device feedback message to the selected variable actively listening for a message or by receiving a return message from the specified devices. For details, see Creating a Bypass Monitor, page 135.	
	<ul> <li>While Loop – select this option to execute the specified actions at the defined frequency (Query Frequency). For details, see Creating a While Loop Monitor, page 137.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Professional – select this option to create variables and load values into these variables using programming script. For details, see Creating a Professional Monitor, page 138.</li> </ul>	
Name	Enter a name for the monitor.	
Query Frequency	Use this drop-down menu to select how frequently the monitor checks a device for a signal.	
Condition	Use this section to add one or more conditions that will need to be met for the Action to initiate. You can create up to 32 conditions for each monitor. For details, see <i>Condition Types</i> , page 124.	
Action	Use this section to create the commands that will initiate when the monitor's conditions are met. For details, see <i>Device Functions</i> , page 93 and <i>Advanced Functions</i> , page 97.	
	Click to hide or display the Device and Status/Function columns in the Condition and Action lists so that you can see a complete row of Conditions/Commands.	
豆 🎽	Click to move an selected command up or down in the Commands list.	
İ	Click to remove an selected command from the Commands list.	

### **Condition Types**

Note that you can create up to 32 conditions for each monitor.

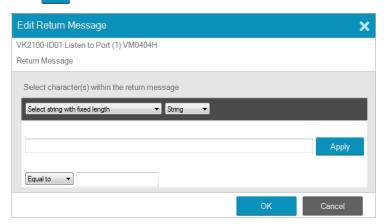
- Listen to port / Query port
  - (Query port only) Click F(x) to open the drop-down menu to select a
    device command to send out; or enter a command string; and then the
    click Edit Return Message icon and do as explained below.



Edit Return Message

(*Listen to port / Query port*) Next configure the parameters for the return message from the device. This message must match for the condition to be met. In the **Condition** list double-click the command and then

click to open the Edit Return Message window:



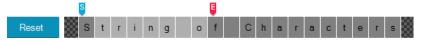
Use the drop-down menu and enter a string of that will represent the characters in a return message from the serial device:

### Select string with fixed length



Use this to set a string of characters that are set within a fixed parameter. Enter a string of characters and use the **S** to set the start of the string and **E** to set the end and then click **Apply**. The return message will need to fit the fixed string of characters set in the text box next to the *Drop-Down Menu* (see next page) for the monitor to be triggered.

### Select string with a non-fixed length



Use this to set a string of characters where the parameters are variable. Enter a string of characters and use the **S** to set the start of the string and **E** to set the end and then click **Apply**. The return message will need to fit the fixed string of characters set in the text box next to the *Drop-Down Menu* (see below) for the monitor to be triggered.

### Drop-Down Menu



Above, enter characters that the *Select string with fixed length* or *Select string with non-fixed length* string must match and how they must be matched: **Equal to, Not equal to, Include**, or **Exclude** for the condition to be triggered.

### Flag

Creates a flag condition for the monitor. Use the drop-down menus to set a format (how the flag value must be matched) and the flag value for the condition to be triggered.



### I/O Input

Create a trigger signal from a device according to the voltage. Only device with a Digital Input (dry contract) or Digital Input (VDC) port appear in the Status list. Double-click a device in the **Status** list to add it to the Condition list. Double-click the command in the **Condition** list to configure the setting:



The High or Low status tells the Monitor to initiate an Action when the device signal is above or below the threshold setting\* for the port:

Digital Input (VDC)

- High states that when the voltage signal is above the Upper Threshold to initiate the Action.
- Low states that when the voltage signal is below the Lower Threshold to initiate the Action.

Digital Input (Dry Contact)

According to an open or closed circuit status for the port:

- Open states that when the circuit is **Open** to initiate the Action.
- Closed states that when the circuit is **Closed** to initiate the Action.

#### **Functions**

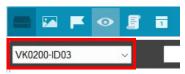
- Delay adds a delay in seconds. Enter a number between 0.1-180.
- Relay adds an Open, Close, Toggle or Pulse action on the selected controller and Relay port.
- DO adds an Open, Close, Toggle or Pulse action on the selected controller and Digital Output port.
- Wake on LAN powers on the specified computer (MAC address) over Ethernet.
- Serial Raw (ASCII) adds a serial command in the ASCII mode.
- Serial Raw (HEX) adds a serial command in the HEX mode.
- Telnet Raw (ASCII) adds a telnet command in the ASCII mode.
- TCP Raw (ASCII) adds a TCP command in the ASCII mode.
- TCP Raw (HEX) adds a TCP command in the HEX mode.
- UDP Raw (ASCII) adds a UDP command in the ASCII mode.

- UDP Raw (HEX) adds a UDP command in the HEX mode.
- HTTP adds an HTTP command.
- HTTPS adds an HTTPS command.
- TCP Feedback Raw (ASCII) adds a feedback in ASCII format to having received a monitored input from a TCP client device.
- TCP Feedback Raw (HEX) adds a feedback in HEX format to having received a monitored input from a TCP client device.
- Pronto Hex Code adds an IR command using Pronto Hex codes.
- KNX Raw adds a KNX raw command. Note that this type of commands
  can only be used on a custom KNX device. For details about adding a KNX
  device to ATEN Control System, see Adding KNX Devices, page 28.
- SSH Raw adds an SSH command in the ASCII mode.

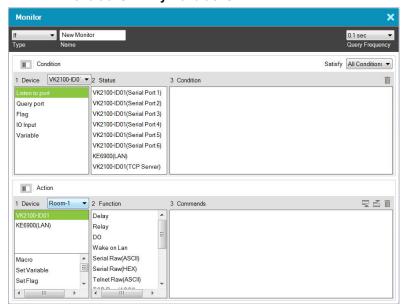
## **Creating an If Monitor**

To create a monitor for a device port with a **Condition** that initiates an **Action**, do the following.

- 1. In the Design tab, click **Library** in and click **Monitor** .
- 2. Select a controller to which you want to create the monitor.



- 3. Click Create New
- 4. Select If from the drop-down menu and enter a name for the monitor.
- 5. Use the drop-down menu to set the Query Frequency.



6. Select All Conditions or Any Conditions.

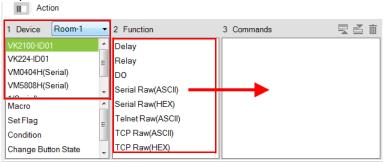
These options are only for advanced setups that require multiple events from hardware devices connected to multiple conditions. Most devices only require one signal Status added to the *Condition List* to initiate an *Action*. Most installations will not need to use this option, therefore it can be ignored.

- All Conditions: Add multiple conditions all of which must be met for the Action to initiate.
- Any Conditions: Add multiple conditions one of which must be met for the Action to initiate.
- Under **Device**, select a **Controller** from the drop-down menu, and then choose one of the following monitor types. For details, see *Condition Types*, page 124.
  - Listen to port to create a monitor that actively listens for a message from the device. Under Status, double-click a device port to add it to the Condition list.
  - Query port to create a monitor that sends out a command to the device until a feedback message is received from the device.
  - Flag to create a flag condition for the monitor.

- I/O Input to create a trigger signal from a device according to the voltage.
- 8. Under **Status**, double-click to add a device port or flag to the *Condition* list. Then double-click the device port or flag in the Condition list to configure the condition settings.

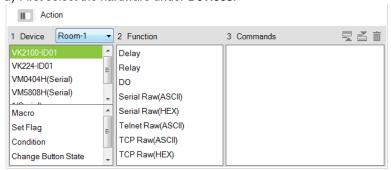
**Note:**To set the controller as a TCP server, use the **TCP Server** option in the Status column, and make sure to type a TCP server port in the controller's properties settings (page 29).

- 9. (Optional) Use the Operator option to add additional High or Low conditions (see step 4, page 128).
- 10. Go to the Action section at the bottom of the page to select the hardware Device and add the Function to the Commands list, as explain in the steps that follow.

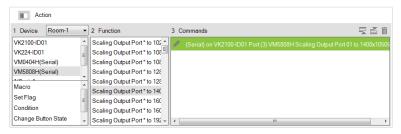


**Note:** For more information about Functions, see *Button / Slider Bar / Dial Kit Actions*, page 87.

a) First select the hardware under **Devices**.



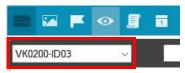
b) Under Function, double-click a command to add it to the Commands list. This Command initiates when the Condition is met. For details on Functions and Commands, see Device Functions, page 93 and Advanced Functions, page 97.



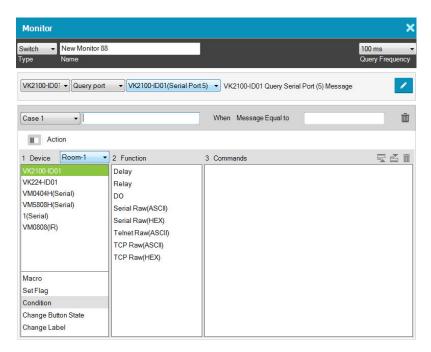
Note: If you have configured the controller as a TCP server, add TCP Feedback Raw (ASCII) or TCP Feedback Raw (HEX) command to provide feedback to the TCP client.

# **Creating a Switch Monitor**

- 1. In the Design tab, click **Library** in and click **Monitor** .
- 2. Select a controller to which you want to create the monitor.

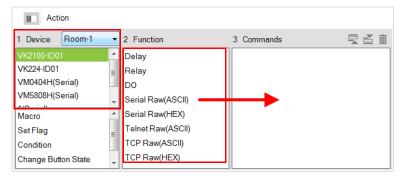


- 3. Click Create New
- 4. Select **Switch** from the drop-down menu and enter a name for the monitor.
- 5. Use the drop-down menu to set the Query Frequency.
- Use the options to create multiple condition comparisons, as explained below.



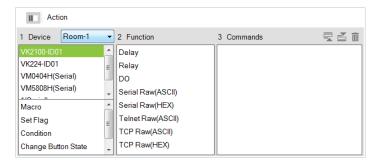
Control	Description
Туре	Use the drop-down menu to select:
	If – select this option for a single condition comparison monitor.
	<b>Switch</b> – select this option for multi-condition comparisons that use multiple "If" comparisons for the command.
Name	Enter a unique name for the monitor.
Query Frequency	Use this drop-down menu to select how frequently the monitor checks a device for a signal. Options are: 100 ms - 1 second.
Drop-Down Menus	Under the <i>Type</i> drop-down menu are four addition drop-down menus used to configure the Switch Condition:
	◆ Controller – use the first drop-down to menu select the controller for a Switch condition.
	◆ Listen to port / Query port – use the second drop-down menu to select the condition type for a Switch condition (see step 4, page 128 for details).
	◆ Serial Device Port
	<ul> <li>Use the third drop-down menu to select a serial device port and configure Edit Return Message (to configure, see Edit Return Message, page 124).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>To set the controller as a TCP server, use the TCP Server option in the Status column, and make sure to type a TCP server port in the controller's properties settings (page 29).</li> </ul>
	◆ Case – use the fourth drop-down menu to add cases by selecting Add More Cases for comparison that need to be met before monitor's condition will initiate. In the left text box enter a name for the Case, in the right text box enter the character string that the return message should match.
Action	Use this section to create commands for the monitor. See <i>Button / Slider Bar / Dial Kit Actions</i> , page 87, for details on configuring commands.
II	Click this icon to switch to the Action list view so that you can see a complete row of the command's functions. This is a toggle button.
х	Closes the Monitor window.

Go to the Action section at the bottom of the page to select the hardware
 Device and add the Function to the Commands list, as explain in the
 steps that follow.

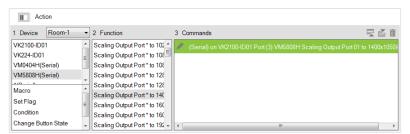


**Note:** For more information about Functions, see *Button / Slider Bar / Dial Kit Actions*, page 87.

8. First select the hardware under **Devices**.



Under Function, double-click a command to add it to the Commands list.
 This is the Command that initiates when the Condition is met. For details on what each function does, see Device Functions, page 93 and Advanced Functions, page 97.

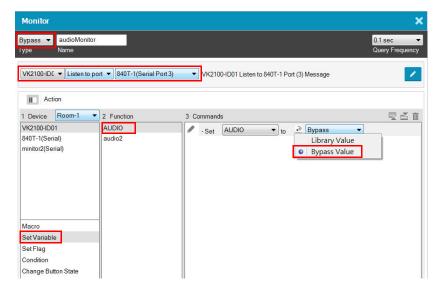


Note:If you have configured the controller as a TCP server, add TCP Feedback Raw (ASCII) or TCP Feedback Raw (HEX) command to provide feedback to the TCP client.

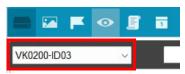
- 10. You can also add a Macro, Link, Set Flag or Monitor's Condition.
- 11. After adding all the functions to the *Commands* list, the **Switch** monitor is complete.

## **Creating a Bypass Monitor**

Follow the steps below to create a bypass monitor.



- 1. In the Design tab, click **Library** iii and click **Monitor** o.
- 2. Select a controller to which you want to create the monitor.



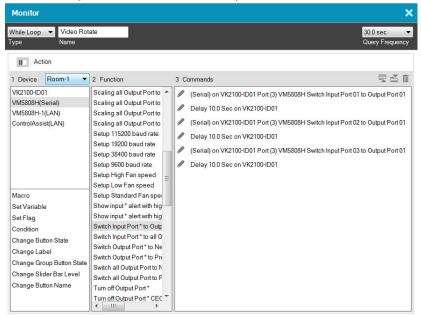
- 3. Click Create New
- 4. Select **Bypass** from the drop-down menu and enter a name for the monitor.
- 5. Configure the following settings.
  - Query frequency: sets how frequently the monitor checks the device for a signal. Valid values range from 100 ms to 1 second.
  - In the second drop-down list, select one of the following:
    - Listen to port: actively listens for a message from the specified device.

- Query port: when a setting is changed on the specified device, the device sends a feedback message to the controller, informing the latest setting.
- In the last drop-down list, select the port or the device to be monitored.
- 6. Configure the actions.
  - a) Select Set Variable.
  - b) Double-click the variable you wish to update when controller detects a change for the specified device setting.
  - c) For a variable, double-click the command and select Bypass.

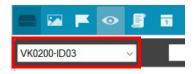


## **Creating a While Loop Monitor**

Follow the steps below to create a while loop monitor.



- In the Design tab, click Library iii and click Monitor .
- 2. Select a controller to which you want to create the monitor.



- 3. Click Create New
- Select While Loop from the drop-down menu and enter a name for the monitor.
- 5. Use the Query Frequency drop-down menu to define the frequency at which the device checks for signals.
- 6. From the Device List, select a device.
- 7. (Optional) Select an advanced option. For details, see *Advanced Functions*, page 97.

- 8. Double-click a function to added it to the **Commands** list. For details, see *Device Functions*, page 93 and *Advanced Functions*, page 97.
- 9. Configure the added commands if required.

## **Creating a Professional Monitor**

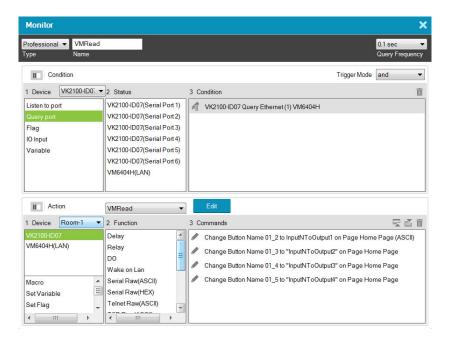
**Example:** Keep track of the assigned sources by indicating the input port number of the assigned source on each of the four screens on a Viewer page, as illustrated below.



For the controller to print the port number of the assigned source on each screen and keep this information up-to-date, the controller needs to:

- constantly keep track of the assigned source
- constantly print the port number on each screen icon

Follow the steps below to create a professional monitor.



- 1. In the Design tab, click **Library** in and click **Monitor** .
- 2. Click + to create a new monitor.
- 3. Configure the following settings.
  - From the Type drop-down menu, select **Professional**.
  - Name the monitor.
  - Define the query frequency.
- 4. Configure the condition settings.

In this example, the controller VK2100 is set to query the input and output ports of the Matrix Switch, VM6404H, that connects to the controller every 0.1 second.

- Add the condition(s) that must be met for initiating actions. For details on conditions, see Condition Types, page 124.
- Select a Trigger Mode for the added conditions.

- And: Only initiate the added actions (commands) if the values of all specified inputs change.
- **Or:** Initiate the added actions (commands) if the value of any specified input changes.
- Independent: Use this option when you have multiple sets of actions. The added actions (commands) initiate if the corresponding set of inputs change in value.
- Always: Initiate the added actions (commands) at the specified frequency.
- 5. Configure the Action settings.
  - a) Click **Edit** to script the codes.

#### Note:

- This editor follows Lua's programming rules. ATEN suggests using Notepad++ to script the codes before adding them to the Editor.
- For details on built-in commands, see Built-in Commands, page 141.
- When scripting codes for I/O inputs, use lower case "I" to represent the close status (e.g. input\_io == 'l'), and "h" to represent open status (e.g. input\_io == 'h').

In this example, use Script Editor to:

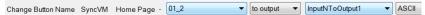
- Convert data format.
- Create four variables representing the assigned input for each screen.
   In this example, InputNToOutput1, InputNToOutput2, InputNToOutput3, and InputNToOutput4 are created.
- Load the input number of the assigned source to the created variables.

## Below is sample of the scripts used for this scenario:

```
function vk_parser(input)
local vminput = vk_hex_toascii(input)
-- local vminput = input
if vminput == i''' then
return
end
local map = {}
for vmout, vmin in string.gmatch(vminput, "o([0-9]*)i([0-9]*) video [^]* audio [^]* [^\n]*") do
map[vmout] = vmin
end
local vk_var_1_inputNToOutput1 = map["01"]
local vk_var_2_inputNToOutput2 = map["02"]
local vk_var_3_inputNToOutput3 = map["03"]
local vk_var_4_inputNToOutput4 = map["04"]
vk_docommands_1_VMRead(vk_var_1_inputNToOutput1, vk_var_2_inputNToOutput2, vk_var_3_inputNToOutput3, vk_var_4_inputNToOutput4)
end
```

#### b) Add actions.

In this example, add four Change Button Name commands:



For details, see *Device Functions*, page 93 and *Advanced Functions*, page 97.

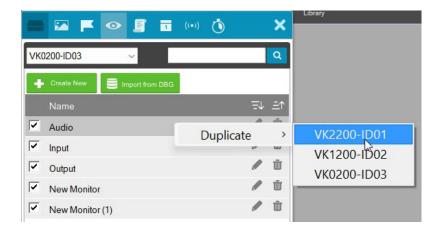
#### **Built-in Commands**

Command	Description	
jsonobj	Converts JSON strings to tables.	
vk_ascii_to_hex	Converts strings from ASCII to Hex.	
vk_docommands_ID_name	Converts strings from ASCII to Hex.  Defines the commands to be executed, e.g., vk_docommands_1_output. A the user should define his/her own commands and their corresponding IDs. As long as the ID does not change, the command name can change.  The same ID cannot be used for two different commands. The same applies to command names.	
vk_hex_to_ascii	Converts strings from Hex to ASCII.	

Command	Description	
vk_parser(input1, input2)	Use this command to indicate a start to a set of scripts.	
	The brackets should contain equal number of inputs that you added in the Professional Monitor setup.	
	◆ If the Trigger Mode is set to independent, the script should contain only one input, but the number of parsers should match the number of inputs added to the Monitor, e.g. vk_parser_1(input), vk_parser_2(input).	
vk_var_ID_name	Create a variable.	

## **Duplicating a Created Monitor**

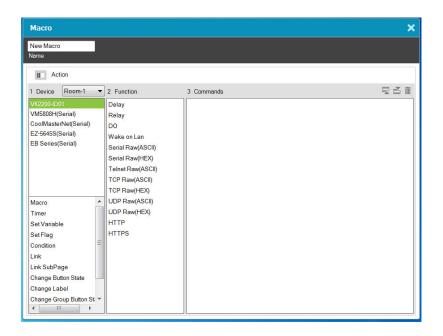
To duplicate a created monitor to another controller, right-click a monitor, mouse over **Duplicate**, and then select a target controller.



## Macro

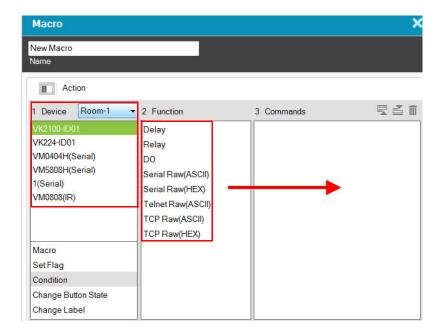
Macros allow you to create a button that will initiate a sequence of actions across the same or different hardware devices. This saves time by allowing multiple devices to initiate actions all at once from one button. For example, you can create a macro to start a video presentation by adding functions to: dim lights, power on source, power on display, lower screen and play source. You can also add time delays between actions in a macro. Each project can store up to 104 macros.

When you click from the Library's **Macro** tab, the window opens:



#### To create a macro:

- 1. Select **Macro** and click Create New
- Enter a Name and select a Viewer from the drop-down menu, then click OK.
- Go to the Actions section at the bottom of the page to select hardware under **Device** and add the **Function** to the **Commands** list:



**Note:** For more information about adding Functions, see *Button / Slider Bar / Dial Kit Actions*, page 87.

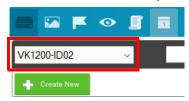
- 4. After adding all the functions to the *Commands* list, the macro is complete.
- In Create Viewer & Design, create a button and add a macro to the Button Action properties (see page 87) by selecting Macro under Devices (see Device Functions, page 93 for details).

## **Scheduled Events**

You can have one or a series of tasks execute recurringly on specified time of the day. Each project can store up to 60 scheduled events. Note that this feature is not applicable to Control Pads.

### Creating a Scheduled Event

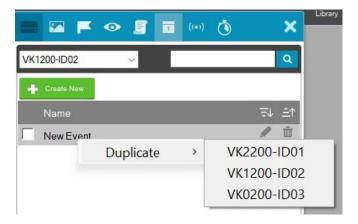
- 1. In the Design tab, click **Library**  $\widehat{\mathbf{m}}$  and click **Schedule**  $\overline{\mathbf{n}}$ .
- 2. Select a controller to which you wish to create an event.



- 3. Click Create New . A new event window appears.
- 4. Name the event.
- 5. Click / to specify a recurring schedule for the event.
- 6. Configure event actions.
  - a) In the Device column, select a device.
  - b) In the Function column, double-click the desired functions. The corresponding commands appear in the Commands column. For details on what each function does, see *Device Functions*, page 93.
  - c) In the Commands column, double-click each command to configure the settings.
- 7. Optionally add system functions. For detailed information, see *Applications* of *Advanced Functions*, page 103.
- 8. These commands will initiate in the listed order. To change the order of the commands, click \( \brace{\mathbb{T}} \greet{\subset} \).

## **Duplicating a Scheduled Event**

To duplicate a created event to another controller, right-click an event from the event list, mouse over **Duplicate**, and then select a target controller.

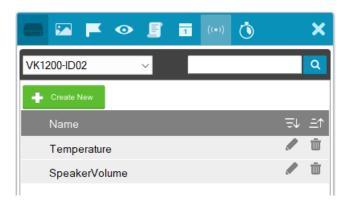




#### **Understanding Variables**

A Variable is a value holder that stores a single device setting (e.g. speaker volume) and can be assigned to multiple control objects (e.g. a slider button, a maximum volume button, and a minimum volume button). This way, when a device setting is adjusted via a Viewer object, the new setting will be loaded into this Variable and then reflected to all Viewer objects that use this Variable. Each project can store up to 128 Variables.

Below is a Variable list that has two variables created, temperature and speaker volume, for devices controlled by VK1200-ID02.



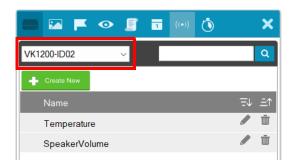
This feature is useful for automatic synchronization of device settings, especially when you have two or more objects in a Viewer controlling a single device setting. Take the example of controlling a speaker volume on a Viewer. On your Viewer, you may have a slider bar which you use to adjust the volume, a button that sets the speaker to its maximum volume, and another button for minimum volume. When you tap the maximum volume button, you would like the following status changes reflected on the Viewer:

- The maximum volume button shows a toggle-on status
- The minimum volume button synchronized with this setting and shows a toggle-off status
- The slider bar synchronizes with this setting and moves to its highest volume

### Creating a Variable for Devices that Return Feedback Messages

Follow the steps below to configure a Variable if the Variable (device setting) is for a device that returns feedback messages to the controller.

- 1. Create a Variable for the device setting (e.g. speaker volume).
  - a) In the **Design** tab, click **Library**.
  - b) In the pop-up window, click the Variable (1) icon.
  - c) Using the indicated drop-down list, select the controller which controls the target device. The variables created for the devices managed by the selected controller are listed.



- d) Click + Create New . A Variable setup page appears.
- e) In the setup page, configure the following settings.
- Name: Type a name for the Variable.
- String format: Select the string format for the target device.
- Setting range: Type two numbers to define the range for the variable.
   Valid numbers include negative numbers and numbers that contain one decimal place.

**Note:** If one of the numbers contains a decimal place (e.g. -5.0), make sure to specify the other number in the same format (e.g. 10.0).

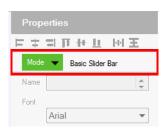
- Unicode: (Only available for string variables) Select this setting for multilingual text to be encoded and represented correctly in the variable.
- Default value: Type a default for the setting.
- Description: Optionally add additional information for the variable.

Your settings may look like this:

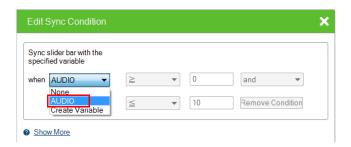


- 2. Configure control objects for the Viewer. For details, see *Configuring the Control Interface (Viewer)*, page 43.
  - a) In the **Design** tab, add control objects to your Viewer.

**Note:** The Variable function is only applicable to toggle buttons, basic-mode slider bars, and radio groups of normal buttons. Configure the **Mode** setting before you proceed.



- b) For a slider bar object, click it in the Viewer page and configure the **Value** settings in Properties.
- c) In Properties, click **Set Sync Condition** and select the variable you created using the drop-down list.

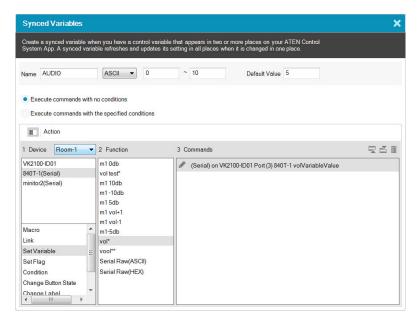


 Create a Monitor to set up the conditions for which the device sends its latest setting to the variable. For detailed steps, see *Creating a Bypass Monitor*, page 135.

## Creating a Variable for Devices that Do Not Return Feedback Messages

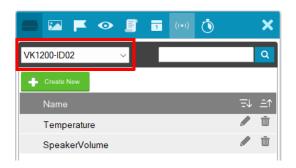
Follow the steps below to configure a Variable if the Variable (device setting) is for a device that *does not* return feedback messages to the controller.

Create a Variable for the device setting (e.g. speaker volume).



- a) In the **Design** tab, click **Library**.
- b) Click the Variable ((\*)) icon.

c) Using the indicated drop-down list, select the controller which controls the target device. The variables created for the devices managed by the selected controller are listed.



- d) Click + Create New . A Variable setup page appears.
- e) In the Setup page, configure the following settings.
- Name: Type a name for the Variable.
- String format: Select the string format for the target device.
- Setting range: Type two numbers to define the range for the variable.
   Valid numbers include negative numbers and numbers that contain one decimal place.

**Note:** If one of the numbers contains a decimal place (e.g. -5.0), make sure to specify the other number in the same format (e.g. 10.0).

 Unicode: (Only available for string variables) Select this setting for multilingual text to be encoded and represented correctly in the variable.

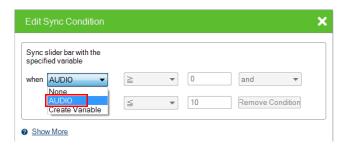
**Note:** This feature is only effective if the target controller uses firmware v3.6 or later.

- Default value: Type a default for the setting.
- **Description:** Optionally add additional information for the variable.
- Select a command execution type.
  - Execute commands with no conditions: Execute the command (action) when the value of the specified Variable changes.
  - Execute commands with the specified conditions: Execute the corresponding command (action) when the value of the Variable matches
- 2. Configure control objects for the Viewer.

a) Add a control object to the Viewer. For details, see *Configuring the Control Interface (Viewer)*, page 43.

**Note:** Make sure to configure the mode setting before proceeding to the next step.

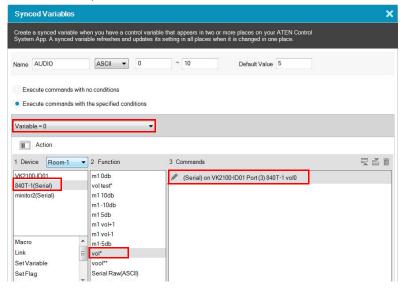
- b) For a slider bar, click it and configure value settings in Properties.
- c) Click **Set Variable**, and then double-click the Variable you created in step 1.
- d) In Properties, click **Set Sync Condition** and select the Variable you created using the drop-down list.



- Repeat steps (a) to (d) with each of the objects. If you select Execute commands with the specified conditions, follow the steps below to add commands.
  - a) Refer to step 4 to first configure the control objects.
  - b) Click Library, click the **Variable** ((\*)) icon, and then click the Variable you created in step 1.
  - c) Click the drop-down list below the Execute commands with the specified conditions option and select a condition.

d) Add an action (command) when this condition is met. Select a device, double-click a desired function, and then double-click the command to configure the setting.

In the case of speaker volume, when the volume changes to 0 (i.e. the condition is **Variable = 0**), the action will be "to change the speaker volume to 0", as illustrated below.



- e) Repeat steps 2(c) and 2(d) to add one or more actions to each condition.
- 4. If you select **Execute commands with no conditions**, follow the steps below to add commands.
  - a) In the **Device** list, click to select the device. In this example, the mixer, 840T-1(Serial), is selected.
  - b) Double-click the action (command) and change the value type to Variable Value.



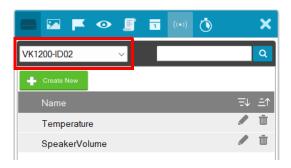
### Creating a Button for Bypassing Feedback to a Variable

Instead of creating a monitor event which automatically monitors the specified parameter at a defined interval, you can save the controller bandwidth by creating a button which performs the monitoring and saves the feedback to a variable only when pressed.

1. Create a variable for storing the received feedback. Select STRING for the variable. Configure other settings as required.

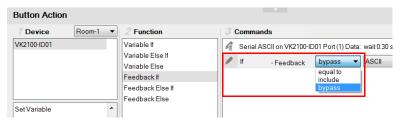


- a) In the **Design** tab, click **Library**.
- b) Click the Variable (10) icon.
- c) Using the indicated drop-down list, select the controller which controls the target device. The variables created for the devices managed by the selected controller are listed.

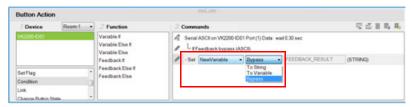


- d) Click Create New . A Variable setup page appears.
- e) In the Setup page, configure the following settings.
- Name: Type a name for the Variable.
- String format: Select STRING.
- Unicode: (Only available for string variables) Select this setting for multilingual text to be encoded and represented correctly in the variable.

- Default value: Type a default for the setting.
- **Description:** Optionally add additional information for the variable.
- Select a command execution type.
  - Execute commands with no conditions: Execute the command (action) when the value of the specified Variable changes.
  - Execute commands with the specified conditions: Execute the corresponding command (action) when the Variable matches
- 2. In a Viewer page, create a button object.
- 3. Configure its button actions.
  - a) Add a command for receiving feedback.
  - Select Condition and then drag-and-drop a Feedback If command under your feedback command.



- c) Set the feedback to bypass.
- Add a variable command. Select a variable to store the feedback and then select Bypass.



## **Timers**

A timer event is used to initiate a device action as soon as the defined countdown time is up. The advantage of using a timer event, as opposed to a combination of delay command and device command, is that it saves time by executing the defined action while other actions (commands) within the series execute.

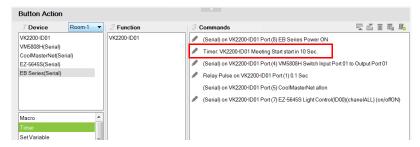
On top of initiating a specified action, you can also create additional controls on the Viewer to manually restart or stop the action. For example, for a start meeting button, you would like to initiate the following series of actions when triggered:

Sequence of Action	Target Device	Device Action	Requirements
1	projector	Turn on the projector	It takes 8 seconds for the projector to turn on and get ready.
2		Set the projector to switch to its HDMI source	This action can only be initiated when the projector is turned on.
2	ATEN Matrix Switch	Display input 1 to display 1 via ATEN Matrix Switch (VM5808H)	This action is independent of the previous one, and can be initiated at the same time.
3	projector screen	Bring down the projector screen	-
4	air conditioner	Turn on air conditioner	-
5	lighting system	Turn on the lights	-

Among these actions, action #2 (switching source on a projector) can be designed as a timer event because:

- it needs a countdown (of 8 seconds) before the action can be initiated
- the remaining actions can be initiated without action #2 being completed

The configuration for the start meeting button is as follows, with the projector source switching configured as a timer event:



## **Configuring a Timer Event**

- 1. Create a timer event in the Library.
  - a) In Configurator, go to 3. Design > Library m, and then click Timer
     in the pop-up window. This screen appears.

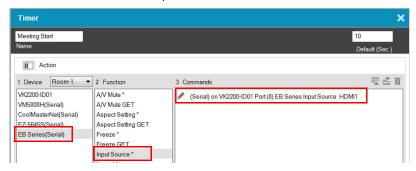


b) Select a controller to which you wish to create the timer event to.

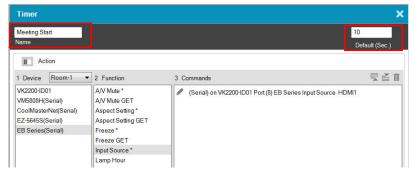


- c) Click Create New . The Timer window appears.
- d) Add a device action (command). For more details about commands (device actions), see *Configuring Button/Slider Bar Actions*, page 90. For example, for a projector to switch its input source to HDMI, click the device in the Device column and then double-click the input source

command from the Function column. Double-click the added command to select **HDMI** for the Input Source.

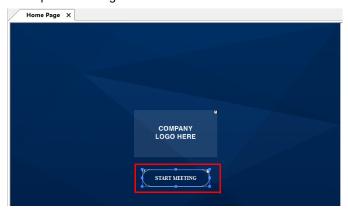


e) Rename the timer event and configure the countdown duration.

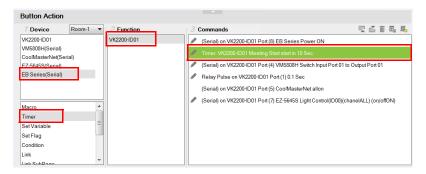


- 2. Apply the timer to a control element (e.g. a button or a slider bar).
  - a) Click the target control element.

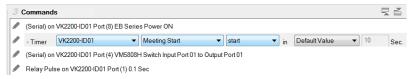
Example: a meeting start button



b) In Action settings, click the target device (for the timer event), click **Timer**, and then double-click a function to add a timer event.



c) To configure the timer, double-click the added timer in the Commands column and select from the drop-down menus.



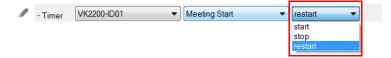
The following settings are available:

- controller:
- timer: to change the current timer to another that is already created in the Library.
- timer type: you can change the action from starting a specified action to stop or restart.
- countdown duration

The timer action starts counting down as soon as the associated control is triggered, and the action initiates when the countdown time is up.

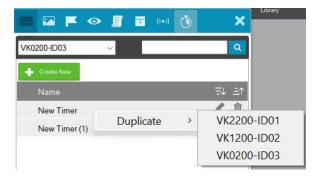
- 3. (Optional) Create another control (e.g. a button) for stopping or restarting the timer.
  - a) Add the control element to the Viewer page.

b) Click the control element, and add the timer event you created in step 1, and double-click the command to select **Restart** or **Stop** from the dropdown list.



## **Duplicating a Created Timer**

To duplicate a created timer to another controller, right-click a timer, mouse over **Duplicate**, and then select a target controller.



# Centralized Monitoring and Control via Unizon™

## **Overview**

#### Unizon™

Unizon™ is a server-based software for centralized monitoring and control of standalone ATEN Video Matrix and ATEN-controller-managed AV devices, including ATEN and third-party devices. One ATEN control system allows management from up to two Unizon™ servers. Note that a license is required for using Unizon™. For more information, see *ATEN Unizon™ User Manual*.

### Monitor ATEN-controller-managed Devices via Unizon™

When an ATEN-controller-managed AV device is added to Unizon™, the following information is available in the Unizon™ platform:

- connection status with Unizon™
- current IP address
- firmware version
- license usage (only applicable to ATEN controllers)

You can also create parameters to be monitored via Unizon™. For example, you may want to monitor the total hours used on a projector lamp so that you can arrange for replacement in advance when the accumulated lamp hour reaches a specified number. For setup details, see *Creating a Monitor Item*, page 165.

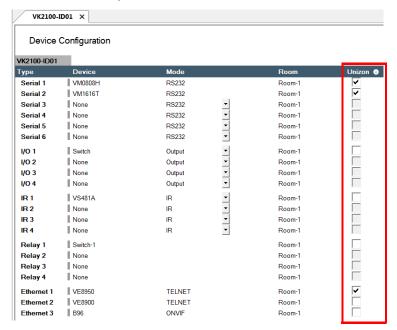
## Control ATEN-controller-managed Devices via Unizon™

You can remotely operate ATEN-controller-managed devices via Unizon™, such as switching video sources on displays, changing the resolution setting, etc., by creating control items in the controller project file. For setup details, see *Creating a Control Item*, page 168.

## **Enabling Monitoring and Control via Unizon™**

Follow the steps below to enable monitoring and control of controller-managed devices via Unizon™.

- In Configurator, select devices to allow management via Unizon™.
  - a) Open the target project and go to the **Device** tab.
  - b) In the Unizon column, select devices for remote management via Unizon™. For example:

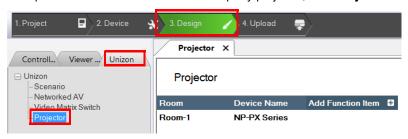


- 2. (Optional) Create parameters for monitoring and/or control. For detailed steps, see:
  - Creating a Monitor Item, page 165
  - Creating a Control Item, page 168
- 3. Upload the project to the controller.
- 4. On Unizon™'s web interface, add the controller. For details, see *ATEN Unizon™ User Manual*.

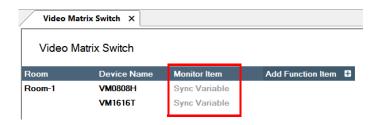
### **Creating a Monitor Item**

1. Open the project file, go to **Design > Unizon**, and click on the device category of the target device to open the configuration page.

Example: To add a monitor item to a third-party projector, click **Projector**.



2. In the configuration page, click Add Function Item and then select Add Monitor Item in a pop-up dialog box. A new monitor item is added.



3. Double-click the header **Monitor Item** to rename the parameter.

Example: Rename it to Lamp Hour.

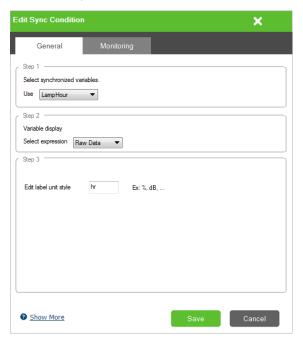


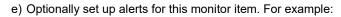
Create a variable to store the value of the parameter and optionally configure alert settings.

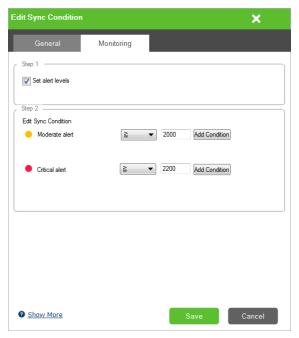
Example: Create a variable to store the accumulated lamp hour and set up an alert at a specific number.

a) Under the monitor item you just created, click **Sync Variable**. The Properties panel appears on the right.

- b) In the Properties panel, click **Set Sync Condition**. The Edit Sync Condition dialog box appears.
- c) In the General tab, click the first drop-down menu and select Create Variable to create a variable. For details about creating variables, see Variables, page 148.
- d) In the General tab, select the variable you just created and configure related settings. For example:



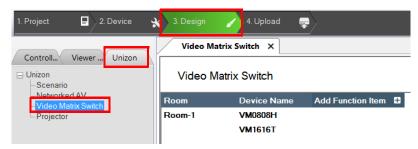




## **Creating a Control Item**

1. Open the project file, go to **Design > Unizon**, and click on the device category of the target device to open the configuration page.

Example: To add a control item to a Video Matrix, click **Video Matrix Switch**.



2. In the configuration page, click Add Function Item and then select Add Control Item in a pop-up dialog box. A new control item is added.



Double-click the header Control Item to rename the parameter.Example: Rename it to Output 1.

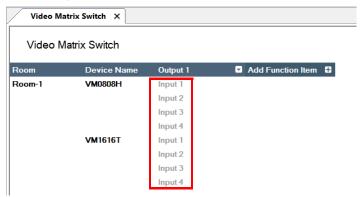


4. Add and configure control options to this item.

Example: Create input 1 to 4 as options for switch the source on output 1.

- a) Click 🔽 .
- b) In the pop-up dialog box, type the name of the control option and click Create. Proceed to create all the control options as required.

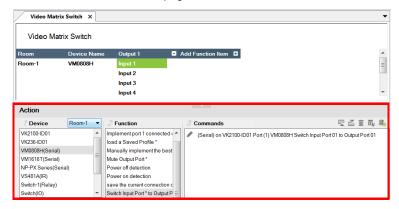
Example: Type Input 1 and click Create. Add Input 2, 3, and 4.



c) Click Input 1 and add the action in the Action panel. Proceed to configure each control action.

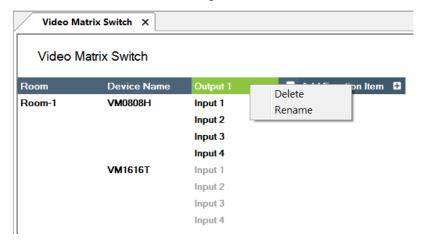
#### Note:

- The same entries are created for all devices in the list. Skip this step if the control action does not apply.
- For full details about configuring control actions, see *Configuring Button/Slider Bar Actions*, page 90.



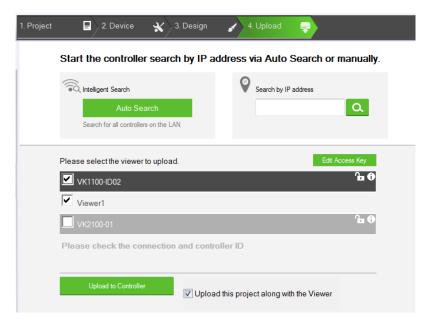
# Removing a Monitor / Control Item

To remove a monitor or control item, right-click the header and select **Delete**.



# **Uploading Viewers**

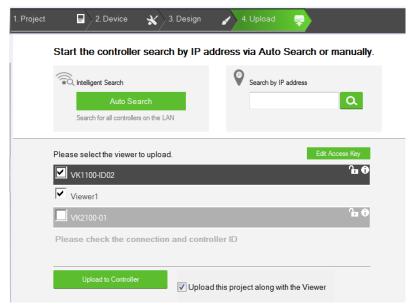
The *Upload* page allows you to upload Viewers and/or back up projects to controllers.



To back up a project and its Viewers to a controller:

- Browse for the ATEN controller where you wish to save the configured Viewers.
  - Auto Search: Browses for controllers on the same LAN with the Configurator.
  - Search by IP address: Use this function to browse for controllers that are on different LANs to the Configurator.

Verify the selected controller and viewer and configure the selection if required.



- Controller highlighted black: This is the controller that is found in the network and its ID matches the one you specified in this project file. The viewers created for the controller are listed below this item.
- Controller highlighted gray: This is the controller that also exists in the network, but does not match the controller ID specified in this project file.
- 3. Optionally click on the following to configure password authentication settings.

**Note:** Due to security concerns, the access key of any ATEN controller will need to be modified at least once before the controller can be accessed for any of its functions. If you have not modified the access key, the upload will not be performed. To resolve this issue, log in to the controller's web interface and follow the on-screen prompt to modify the access key.

 Edit Access Key: Click to edit the access key you entered for uploading Viewers to the controller and download Viewers from a mobile device.

- Note: A valid access key should only contain upper-case alphabets,
   lower-case alphabets, and/or numerals. : An access key is
   required to upload Viewers to the controller and download Viewers from a mobile device.
- : An access key is *not* required to upload Viewers to the controller and download Viewers from a mobile device.
- The access key has been changed on the controller's web interface (Dashboard). To change the lock status, click on the icon and type the new access key to proceed.
- 4. Click Upload to Controller.

**Note:** By default, the project file is uploaded along with your selected Viewers. To only upload the selected Viewers, click **Also upload project file** to disable the function.

# **Viewing Controller Information**

Click to view the controller's information.

- IP Address: Displays the IP address.
- MAC Address: Displays the MAC address.
- License: Displays the number of licenses available and in use.
  - Select License: Allows you to load a new license file.
  - Reset License: Resets all license(s) in use by mobile devices. This will disconnect all mobile device connections to the controller.
  - Firmware Version: Displays the firmware version.
- Capacity: Displays the amount of space available for uploading Viewers.
- Viewers: Lists the Viewers currently stored on the controller.
  - Remove Viewer: Click the trash can icon to remove the Viewer stored on the controller.
- Project: Lists the project file currently stored in the controller.

# Chapter 3 ATEN Database Generator

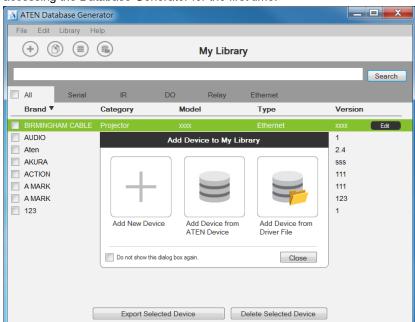
The ATEN Database Generator is a tool for creating and customizing device drivers when ATEN Control System does not already contain the drivers for the devices you wish to add to the system.

This chapter provides the following information:

- Accessing the Database Generator
- My Library
- Editing / Adding a New Device
- ◆ ATEN Device Library

# **Accessing the Database Generator**

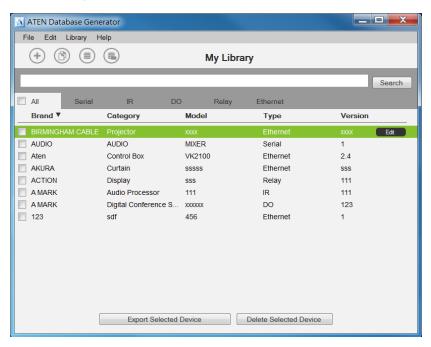
In ATEN Configurator, goto **Tools** > **Database Generator**. The following window appears with the Add Device to My Library dialog box opened if you are accessing the Database Generator for the first time.

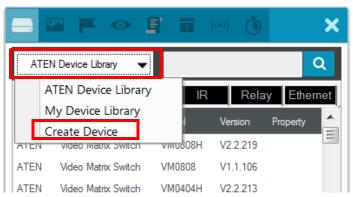


Menu	Description		
Add New Device	Configure a custom hardware device to add to My Library.		
Add Device from ATEN Device Library	Add devices from the ATEN Device Library to My Library.		
Add Device from Driver File	Add devices from a database file (*.vkd) to My Library.		
Check Box	Click <i>Do not show this dialog again</i> to prevent the dialog from appearing when the Database Generator is opened. Use the Preferences menu option to bring the dialog window back.		
Close	Click the Close button to exit the dialog window.		
Add New Device	Configure a custom hardware device to add to My Library.		

# My Library

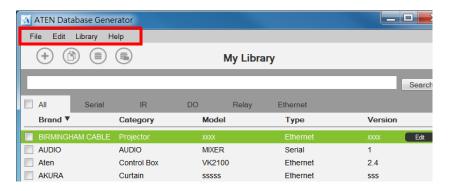
My Library allows you to create custom hardware devices which can be selected to configure ports on the controller. My Library lists all the hardware devices that you have created, added, and edited using the Database Generator. You can create new hardware devices or add existing devices from the ATEN Device Library (page 199). These devices can then be selected from My Device Library for use.





#### **Function Tabs**

More functions can be accessed from the function tabs toward the top of the My Library window. Refer to the table below for information about each function.

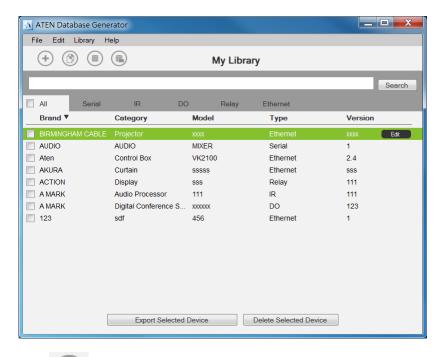


Tab	Description
File	The File menu provides options to:
	Add New Device: Configure a custom hardware device to
	add to Device Library.
	Add Device from ATEN Device Library: Add devices from
	the ATEN Device Library to My Library.
	Add Device from Driver File: Add devices from a database
	file (*.vkd) to My Library.
	• Export My Library: Saves My Library as a database file
	(*.vkd) that can be imported later.
	• Export Selected Device: Saves the selected device(s) as a
	database file (*.vkd) that can be imported later.
	Controller Connection: Searches for a controller to test the
	connection or run the learning mode for the IR port.
	Quit: Exits the program.

Tab	Description
Edit	The Edit menu provides options to:
	Delete: Deletes the selected devices from the database.
	◆ Duplicate: Makes a copy of the selected device(s) and adds
	them to the library with the extension "-Copy"
	• Preferences: Provides options to:
	Set the Language
	Show Add Device dialog on startup
	Show IR Learning tips
	◆ Set the <i>IR Learning Timeout</i> - how long to attempt a
	connection to an IR device before IR learning stops.
Library	Provides a list of the Libraries that you can open to select
	devices from and edit or add to My Library. The libraries that are
	listed here appear when you select a database using <i>Add</i>
	Device from Driver File.
Help	Provides support and software version information.

### **Controls on the My Library Window**

You can add new devices by creating a new device, duplicating an existing device, selecting a device from the ATEN Library or importing a driver file. Use the check boxes to select individual devices or **All** to select the entire list.



Click to add a new custom device to the database.

Select a device and click this icon to create a duplicate.

Click to add and edit a device from the ATEN Device Library.

Click to add a device from the driver file.

Select a device and click **Edit** to change the settings.

Key in word strings then click **Search** to find a device.

Search

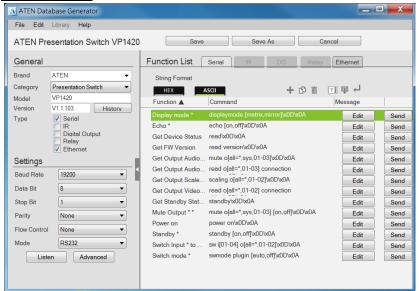
- Click All, Serial, IR, DO, Relay or Ethernet to filter the list by type.
- Click Brand, Category, Model, Type or Version to sort the devices.
- Click **Export Selected Device** to save the selected devices.
- Click **Delete Selected Devices** to remove the selected devices.

# **Editing / Adding a New Device**

To edit or add a device to My Library, do the following:

- From the menu select File > Add New Device, or select a device from My Library and click Edit.
- 2. Under **General**, use the drop-down menus or type in the *Brand Name*, *Category*, *Model* and *Version*.
  - **Note**: The *Category* determines what buttons are auto generated when a Viewer page is created for the device.
- 3. Use the **History** button to open the *Version History* editor and make notes about the updates being made to the device configuration. You can create and use different versions of the same device and track the changes. The version history can be viewed and different versions selected from the ATEN Configurator, under device **Properties**.
- 4. Check the hardware type and configure the device. ATEN database generator supports serial, IR, digital output, relay, and Ethernet devices. For more information about configuring each of these device type devices, refer to the following sections.
  - Serial: See Serial Device, page 182.
  - IR: See IR Device, page 186.
  - Digital output: See Digital Output Device, page 188.
  - Relay: See Relay Device, page 189.
  - Ethernet: See Ethernet Device, page 190.

#### **Serial Device**



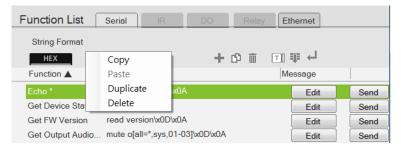
- Click to add an Action.
- Click to create a duplicate of the Action.
- Click to delete the selected action.
- Click to enter a string within () which allows the text to be edited from the VK6000 in the *Button Action Commands* list (see page 90).
- Click to add a drop menu into a Command string, and then enter the number sequence in the brackets []. The **Function** name must include an asterisk (\*) for each drop menu in the Command string. The dropdown menu will appear where the (\*) is entered in the Function name.

**Note:** To allow reserved characters to be part of the command, type a backslash "\" in the command column, followed by the special character.



Click to add an *Enter* into the Command string.

Right-click one or more serial commands to copy and paste them as Ethernet commands of all protocols (except HTTP/HTTPS):



- Settings Use the drop-down menus to set the: Baud Rate, Data Bit, Stop Bit, Parity, Flow Control and Mode settings.
  - **Listen** Use this function to create a list of device parameters that you want the controller to monitor by receiving notifications on setting or status changes of the specified parameters.

**Note:** To set up gueries for the status of a device parameter, go to the Function List and click + to add the querying action as a command.

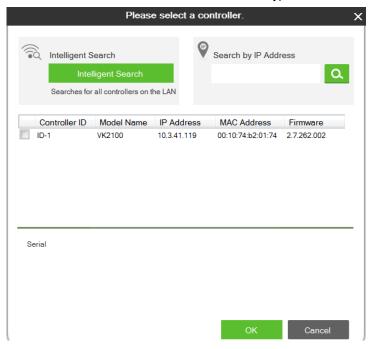
#### Advanced

- ◆ Delay Interval Sets a time delay for each command before they are sent to the device.
- Feedback Timeout Sets the maximum interval that the controller allows in between parts of a feedback message. If the controller has not received any feedback for longer than the specified Feedback Timeout, the controller identifies the last bit of the received information as the end of a feedback message.
- Receive Duration Sets the allowed duration of time for the serial device to receive a complete message from the controller.
- Checksum Type To have the checksum automatically calculated and filled in by the controller, select **Modbus** for this setting.
- Keep Connection Alive Specify an interval that the controller waits before sending the specified command to test if the connection to the serial device is up or down.

- Function List Use this section to configure the device functions by adding actions to the list.
  - String Format Use the buttons to select HEX or ASCII. To use HEX strings with ASCII one, select ASCII and type \x before typing the HEX strings.

Note: HEX strings are also supported under the ASCII format.

- Function Lists the actions created for a device. A Function name must include an asterisk (\*) if you are adding a drop menu to the Command string. Double-click to edit the function name.
- Command Shows the command string created for the action. Doubleclick to edit the string.
- Message The Message column is used to create and store feedback and/or queries for the corresponding command.
  - For more information about adding feedback, see *Testing Commands*, page 195.
  - For more information about creating queries, see Configuring Queries, page 197.
- Click Send to connect to a controller and test the typed command.



- Click to select a controller from the list. Use the Refresh button to refresh the list. To browse for controllers in the LAN, click the Intelligent Search button or type the IP address of the controller.
- Click **OK** to proceed to test the command. For details, see *Testing Commands*, page 195.

#### **Text Command Tools**

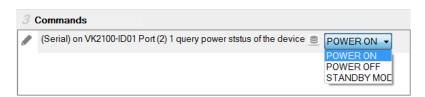
The following formats allow you to enter command strings with text that provide special features. These formats work in Serial and Ethernet commands.

() entering text in () allows the command to be edited in the VK6000.
 Example: (A1 A9) (A8 B6) – this command string will provide two editable text boxes from the VK6000 in the Button Action - Commands list which allow you to change the command string:



 = using the equals sign before a text command allows you to type in words which will show up in a drop-down menu to describe the command, rather than show the text command itself.

**Example**: [Power On=0A,Power Off=0B,Standby Mode=0C] – this command string will provide a drop-down menu with three choices using the text before the equal signs to describe each command – from the VK6000 in the Button Action - Commands list:



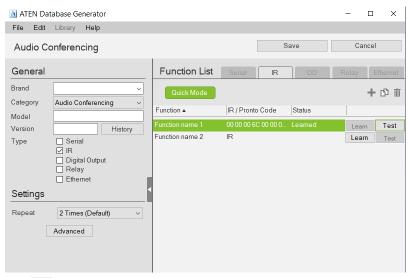
""" quotation marks allow three symbols (, = @) to be added to a command that uses the equal sign as described in the example above. Three symbols not allowed within the quotation marks include ("" () []). Quotation marks can be used to the left of = in a HEX command; on either side of = in an ASCII command; and anywhere in an Ethernet command.

HEX Example: ["Power=On"=0A,"POWER=Off"=0B]

**ASCII Example:** ["Power=On"=pwn,"POWER=Off"=pwf]

In the HEX example, "Power=On" allows the equal sign to be inserted before =0A. If the quotes are removed, the command Power=On=0A would fail as an *Invalid String*.

#### **IR Device**



- Click to add an Action.
- Click to create a duplicate of the Action
- Click to delete the selected action.
- Settings Use the drop-down menu to set the Repeat setting (number of times a signal is sent): 1 Time, 2 Times or 3 Times (Default).
  - Advanced
    - Delay Interval Sets a time delay for each command before they are sent to the IR device.
    - Receive Duration Sets the allowed duration of time for the IR device to receive a complete message from the controller.

- Function List Use this section to configure the IR functions by adding actions to the list
  - Click to add an action. In the pop-up dialog box:
    - Auto Learn: Select this option to add the action through learning,
    - Manual Input: Select this option to add the action using Pronto hex codes. Double-click the command to enter the Pronto code for the device.

**Note:** To obtain Pronto codes for a control system managed, third-party device, search Internet forums or the manufacturer's product web pages.

- Quick Mode Click to run Learning Mode for all IR actions in the Function List. When the Quick Mode window opens, click Start, a popup window appears to select a controller. Check a box to select a controller and click Select. Click Start a second time to run Quick Mode using the *Learn* instructions below.
- Function Lists the actions created for a device. Double-click to edit the Function the name.
- Status Reports the status (Tested, Failed, Learned) of the Learn and Test buttons.
- Learn Use to transfer commands from an IR remote to the Control Box. Click Learn. The Select Controller window appears.
  - Click to select a controller from the list. Use the Refresh button to refresh the list. To browse for controllers in the LAN, click the Intelligent Search button or type the IP address of the controller.

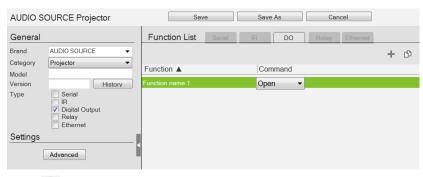


Click Learn a second time to start learning mode. When the IR
 Learn LED flashes green, point the IR remote at the Control Box's
 front panel IR Receiver and push a button on the remote. Press

the button on the remote just as you would when using it with the hardware device. If the device responds to a *long hold* or *quick tap* of the remote's button then you must press the button in the same manor (long hold or quick tap) when it using for Learning mode. The Control Box will beep and the Learn LED will light solid (then turn off) when IR learning is successful. The LED also turns off if Learning mode times out.

- Test Use to test if commands are sent successfully to the Control Box and hardware device.
  - Click Test, a pop-up window appears to select a controller and the IR port. Check a box to choose a controller and use the drop-down menu to select the IR port and then click Select.
  - Click **Test** a second time to test if the IR data transmits successfully to the Control Box. Check the hardware device to confirm that it responded appropriately.
- The Status column reports the Learn and Test results.

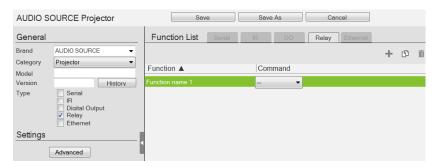
#### **Digital Output Device**



- + Click to add an Action.
- Click to create a duplicate of the Action
- Click to delete the selected Action.
- Advanced Click to use the *Delay Interval* drop-down menu to set a timed delay for each command before it is sent to the device.

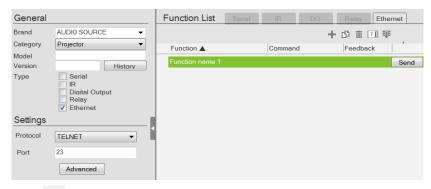
- Function List Use this section to configure the Digital Output device functions by adding actions to the list.
  - Function Lists the actions created for a device. Double-click to edit the Function name.
  - Command Shows the command selected for the action. Click the drop-down menu to select an action (Open, Close, Toggle, Pulse).

#### **Relay Device**



- Click to add an Action.
- Click to create a duplicate of the Action
- Click to delete the selected Action.
- Advanced Click to use the *Delay Interval* drop-down menu to set a timed delay for each command before it is sent to the device.
- Function List Use this section to configure the Relay device functions by adding actions to the list.
  - Function Lists the actions created for a device. Double-click to edit the Function name.
  - Command Shows the command selected for the action. Click the drop-down menu to select an action (Open, Close, Toggle, Pulse).

#### **Ethernet Device**



- Click to add an Action.
- Click to create a duplicate of the Action.
- Click to delete the selected action.
- Click to enter a string within () which allows the text to be edited from the VK6000 in the *Button Action Commands* list (see page 90).
- Click to add a drop menu into a Command string, then enter the number sequence in the brackets []. The **Function** name must include an asterisk (\*) for each drop menu in the Command string.

**Note:** To allow reserved characters to be part of the command, type a backslash "\" in the command column, followed by the special character.

Click to add an *Enter* into the Command string.

Right-click one or more Ethernet commands (except HTTP/HTTPS) to copy and paste them as serial commands:



For special command string tools, see Text Command Tools, page 185.

#### Settings

- **Protocol** Click the drop-down list to select a protocol for the device
- **Port** Type the port number for the device.
- Advanced Click to configure the following settings. The supported settings may vary depending on the device protocol and authentication type.

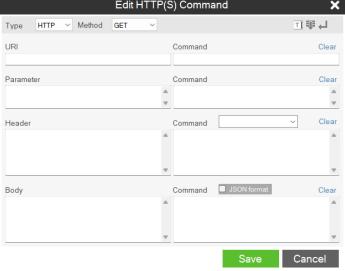
Delay Interval	Sets a time delay for each command before they are sent to		
	the device.		
Delay Time after	Sets a time interval that the controller waits to request for		
Login	login credentials of a device after establishing connection with		
	the device.		
Receive Duration	Sets the allowed duration of time for the Ethernet device to		
	receive a complete message from the controller.		
Send command	Enter a First and Second Command to send to the device		
after successful	after a successful connection has been established.		
connection			
Auth Type	Sets the authentication type for the device.		
Timeout	Specifies the maximum time that the device allows for		
	receiving each feedback message from the device before		
	timing out.		
URI path	Type the part of the WebSocket URI that follows its		
	communication port. For example, if the URI is		
	wss:// <host>:31416/Dicentis/API, type /Dicentis/API in this</host>		
	field.		
Sub-protocol	Type the subprotocol for the Ethernet device. This		
	information shall be available in the device's reference or user		
	manual.		
ExHeader	Type the required data for handshake header.		
Extension	Type the required data for the Sec-WebSocket-		
	Extensions header field.		
Login Command	Sets the command for logging in to the device.		

Parameter	Sets the parameters (keys) of the device that are required for the controller to connect to the device. For example, the device username and password are required when					
	connecting	g to the device	, aı	nd the valid	values	are <b>admin</b> and
	123456 respectively.					
	Parameter	Key 🕜		Value		
		username	x	admin	x	x Remove
		password	x	123456	x	x Remove
		+ Add Additional k	(ey a	& Value		
Keep Connection	Specify ar	Specify an interval during which the controller sends the				
Alive	specified of	specified command to make sure the it is connected to the				
	Ethernet device.					
Automatically	Check this	Check this box if you want to continue reconnection attempts				
reconnect if no	when no return message is received from the device.					
return message is						
received						
WSS	Select to encrypt the WebSocket connection.					
Use Default	Click this button to restore to default settings.					

- Function List Use this section to configure the device functions by adding actions to the list.
  - String Format Use the buttons to select HEX or ASCII. (TCP only)
  - Function Lists the actions created for a device. A Function name
    must include an asterisk (\*) for each drop menu you add to the
    Command string. Double-click to edit the function name. The dropdown menu will appear where the (\*) is entered in the Function name
  - **Command** Shows the command string created for the action.
    - To edit a command for a Telnet, PJLINK, ONVIF, or TCP compliant device, double-click the **Command** field (green area in the interface).
    - To edit a command for an HTTP or HTTPS compliant device, click the Edit button. The Edit HTTP(S) Command window appears. To write commands in JSON format, enable the JSON format checkbox.

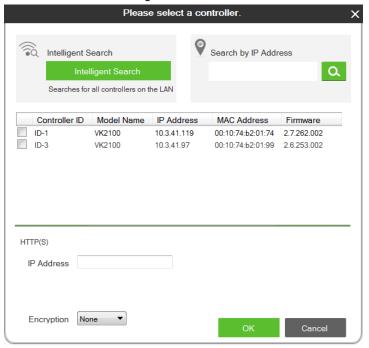
Note: When JSON format is enabled, the drop menu function (using square brackets) will be disabled.

Edit HTTP(S) Command



- Feedback Stores return messages generated by testing the command strings. Double-click to manually add or remove stored messages. This function is not applicable for ONVIF devices.
- Send Click this button to test the command for the function. The return messages can be saved to Feedback.

This screen appears when **Send** is clicked. Select a controller for the device to connect and configure the fields such as device IP address.



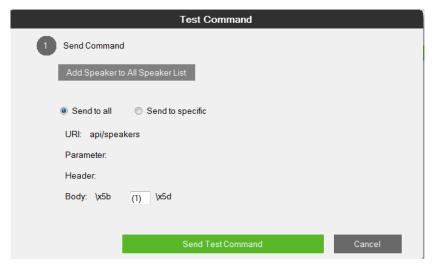
Intelligent Search	Click to locate controller without specifying an IP	
	address. This option only searches for controllers on the	
	same local area network. For controllers across a	
	network device, such as a router or switch, you must	
	specify the IP address.	
Search by IP address	Enter the IP address and click <b>Search</b> to locate a	
	controller.	
Controller ID	Use the check box to select the Controller, fill in the IP	
	Address, Username and/or Password and then click	
	<b>OK</b> . Next use the instructions below this table.	
Refresh	Click this button to refresh the Controller ID list.	
IP Address	Type the IP address of the device.	
Username	Type the device's username.	
Password	Type the device's password to grant access right to the	
	controller.	

Receive message for	Specifies the maximum allowed time that the device
	receives messages from the selected controller.

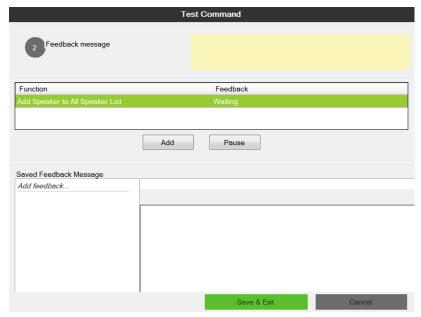
**Note:** The username and password are not required for UDP and TCP devices, and the username is not required for PJLINK devices.

#### **Testing Commands**

After selecting a controller for the device and configure the required settings (if any) in the select controller window, click **OK** to proceed to test the typed command. The Test Command window appears.



Select which device to send command to by choosing **Send to all** or **Send to specific** and then click **Send Test Command**. This window appears.



The test results will appear in the yellow area of the window and the feedback messages listed in the Feedback column.

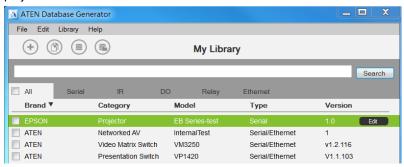
- Add Click to save a feedback message in the Saved Feedback message window.
- Pause / Continue Click to pause sending/receiving the command/return message.
- Save & Exit Save the feedback messages to the list and close the window.

#### **Configuring Queries**

You can set up queries to actively monitor parameters of a serial or Ethernet device and store the obtained value into a variable for reuse in a control system project.

Take the example of querying the cumulative number of hours that a projector lamp has been used to be able to estimate the remaining lifespan and plan for replacement in advance.

1. In Database Generator, click **Edit** to enter the settings page for the projector.

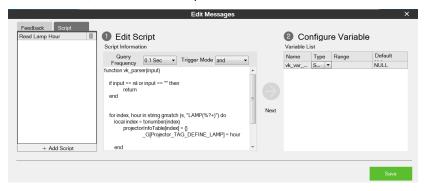


 Add a command by clicking and double-click the command column to type the command of requesting for the cumulative lamp usage (hour).
 Consult the user manual for the device to find out the operation command.



- 3. Set up a variable to store the queried value.
  - a) In the Message column, click **Edit**. The Edit Messages window appears.
  - b) Click the **Script** tab and click **+Add Script** and name the script.

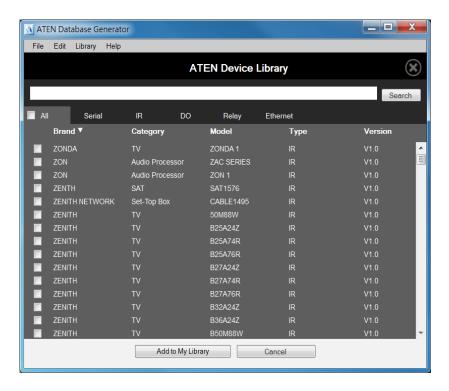
c) Write up a script to create a variable that stores the requested value, in this case, the cumulative lamp hour.



d) Click Save.

# **ATEN Device Library**

The ATEN Device Library can be accessed from the project bar and provides the complete list of hardware devices available in the database. The You can add any device in the ATEN Library to My Library. Once a device is added to My Library, the device settings can be edited as needed.



- Use the check boxes to select devices to add to My Library. Check All to select all devices in the list.
- Key in word strings then click Search to find a device.
- Click All, Serial, DO, IR, Relay or Ethernet to filter the device list by type.
- Click Brand, Category, Model, Type or Version to sort the devices.
- Click Add to My Library to add the selected devices to My Library.
- Click Cancel to return to My Library.

# Chapter 4 Remote PC Control

ATEN controllers support remote control of computers via ATEN ControlAssist, an application program installed to target computers to grant control privilege to controllers via the network.

This chapter provides the following information:

- Overview
- Minimum System Requirements
- Supported File Types
- ◆ Setting Up Remote PC Control
- Supported PC Control Actions

### **Overview**

When a computer is installed with ControlAssist, you can remotely perform the following:

- Control PowerPoint slides
- Control media files through Windows Media Player
- Initiate actions on third-party programs using hotkeys that have been defined for the programs
- Perform system control such as shutting down the computer, execute command prompt, set system volume, and run a program.

# **Minimum System Requirements**

- Supported computers
  - Only Windows-based computers are supported for remote control.
  - Each computer is deemed as an Ethernet device to the ATEN controller, and therefore follows the specification that each controller can support up to 25 Ethernet devices.
- ◆ To use ATEN Viewers on a Windows platform, make sure to install Internet Explorer version 11 or later.

# **Supported File Types**

- PowerPoint File Control
  - ControlAssist only supports PowerPoint files that contain 200 slides or less, and are created using Microsoft Office 2007/2010/2013, or WPS Office.
  - ControlAssist only supports the following PowerPoint file formats: pps, ppt, and pptx.
- Media File Control
  - ControlAssist only supports media files created using Windows Media Player.
  - When a media file is remotely enabled and controlled using an ATEN Viewer, the file opens in Windows Media Player and this setting can not be changed.
  - If you encounter any issues playing a media file, try install a third-party video codec.
  - ControlAssist only supports control of the following media file formats:

Category	File Formats
Windows Media format	asf, wma, wmv, wm
Windows Media Metafiles	asx, was, wvx, wmx, wpl
Microsoft Digital Video Recording	dvr-ms
Windows Media Download Package	wmd
Audio Visual Interleave	avi
Moving Pictures Experts Group	mpg, mpeg, m1v, mp2, mpa, mpe, m3u

Category	File Formats		
Musical Instrument Digital Interface	mid, midi, rmi		
Audio Interchange File Format	aif, aifc, aiff		
Sun Microsystems and NeXT	au, snd		
Audio for Windows	wav		
CD Audio Track	cda		
Indeo Video Technology	ivf		
Windows Media Player Skins	wmz, wms		
QuickTime movie file	mov		
MP4 audio file	m4a		
MP4 video file	mp4, m4v, mp4v, 3g2, 3pg2, 3gp, 3gpp		
Windows audio file	aac, adt, adts		

# **Setting Up Remote PC Control**

Follow the steps below to install the required programs on the target computers, configure the associated controller, and customize the Viewer for remote PC control

- Make sure you have installed Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable for Visual Studio 2015 to the target computer. To download the package, go to <a href="https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=48145">https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=48145</a>
- 2. Install ControlAssist on the computer you wish to control. For detailed steps, see *Installing ControlAssist on Target Computers*, page 203.
- 3. Add the computer into the control system. For detailed steps, see *Adding Target Computers to the Control System*, page 205.
- 4. Create a control interface to be used on a licensed mobile device.
  - For detailed steps, see Configuring a Control Interface, page 207.
  - For details on licenses, see the user manual for your specific controller.

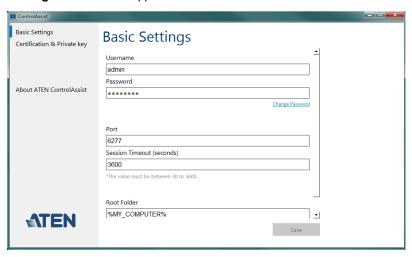
#### Installing ControlAssist on Target Computers

Follow the steps below to install ControlAssist on the computers you wish to control.

- Download ControlAssist.
  - a) Visit the ATEN download page: https://www.aten.com/global/en/products/professional-audiovideo/ control-system/controlassist/
  - b) Search for "VK6000". A list of downloads for VK6000 appears.
  - c) Click ControlAssist\_Vx.x.xxx.zip to download.
- From the downloaded file, double-click ControlAssist\_Setup to install the program. An installation wizard appears.
- 3. Follow the on-screen instruction to complete the installation.
- 4. When the installation is complete, ControlAssist runs in the system tray.

**Note:** Keep the ControlAssist program enabled in the system tray to allow the controller to establish connection with the computer.

5. To configure ControlAssist, right-click in the system tray and select **Settings**. This window appears.



# Click the Basic Settings, Certification & Private Key, or About ATEN ControlAssist to access the following settings/information.

Control	Default	Description
Basic Settings		

The settings with which an ATEN controller needs to establish connection with the computer and to gain control right.

Username	admin	The credentials required for an ATEN controller to establish connection with the
Password	password	computer.  Note: To change the username and password, make sure to log in the computer using an Administrator account.
Port	6277	The port through which ATEN Configurator establishes connection with the ControlAssist-installed computer.
Session timeout	3600	The maximal time allowed for the controller to establish connection with ControlAssist.
Root Folder	N/A	This field specifies the computer path under which files are display in the PowerPoint Control and Media templates' file list. To display files at the computer's partition level, type %MY_COMPUTER% in this field.

#### Upload SSL Certificate and Private Key

Upload an SSL certificate and its private key to secure sessions between the computer and the connected controller.

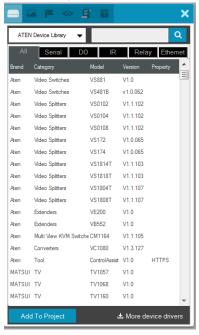
Certificate	Default certificate	Click <b>Choose a file from</b> to browse for an SSL certificate.
Private key	Default private key	Click <b>Choose a file from</b> to browse for a private key SSL certificate.
About ATEN Contro	Assist	
Version	N/A	Indicates the release version.
Visit Official Website	N/A	Click to open the official website for more information.

**Note:** If the text in the ControlAssist window appears oversized, change the desktop font size to its default, and then log in the computer again to resolve the issue.

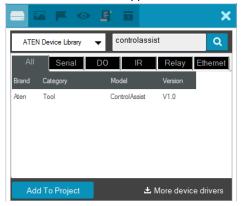
### **Adding Target Computers to the Control System**

After you have installed ControlAssist on the computers you wish to control, follow the steps below to establish connection between the controller and the target computers.

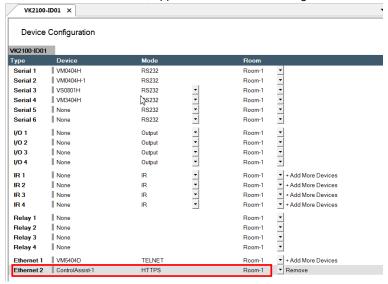
- 1. From ATEN Configurator, locate and open your project file.
- Click the **Device** tab, and from the Ethernet device type category, click on a blank device or click **Add More Devices** to add one.
- 3. Click Library. This window appears.



4. Use the search box to search for "controlassist" to load the ControlAssist database. This screen appears.



Click Add to Project. This computer, identified as an Ethernet device installed with ControlAssist, appears in the Device Configuration List.



6. Select the newly added device and configure the Properties settings on the right of the interface.

**Hint:** If you have more than one computers installed with ControlAssist, change the device name to distinguish these PCs.

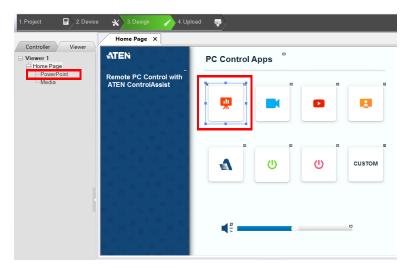
For details on Properties settings, see *Ethernet Device Properties*, page 34.

#### **Configuring a Control Interface**

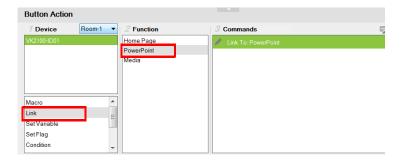
#### Example 1:

Follow the steps below to create a control interface that allows you to browse and play any file from the specified root folder (see page 203) in the target computer. You can follow the same logic for creating a media control page.

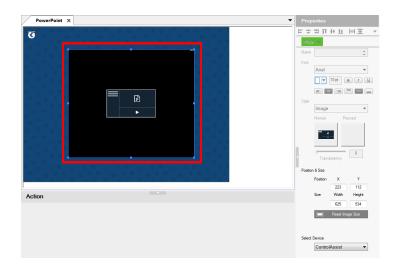
1. In the **Design** tab, make sure your home page contains a presentation button and the Viewer contains a PowerPoint page.



- Configure the button to have it link to the PowerPoint page if pressed in the Viewer.
  - a) Click the presentation button.
  - b) Select Link and then double-click the PowerPoint page.



- 3. Configure the PowerPoint page if you did not use a built-in Viewer template.
  - a) In the left sidebar, click PowerPoint.
  - b) In the PowerPoint page, right-click any blank spot and select
     PowerPoint Control Template. A pre-made screen is added.



c) In the Properties column, use the **Select Device** drop-down menu to select the PC that stores the PowerPoint files you want to play.

#### Example 2:

Follow the steps below to create a quick access button for opening and playing a specific PowerPoint file. You can follow the same logic to create a button for opening and playing a specific media file.



- 1. Create an outlook for the interface.
  - a) In ATEN Configurator, click the **Design** tab.
  - b) Click Add Page and rename the page to "presentation".
  - c) Customize the interface and add control buttons using the **Properties** settings in the right-hand column. For details, see *Configuring the Control Interface (Viewer)*, page 43.
- 2. Define the action of each button. For example, for the **PowerPoint** button to open and start a slide show when pressed, do the following:
  - a) In the preview pane, click the **PowerPoint** button.
  - b) Select ControlAssist (LAN).
  - c) Double-click [PowerPoint] Open file and then [PowerPoint] Start presentation.
  - d) Configure the commands and arrange them in the order of execution. **Tip:** The asterisk (\*) at the end of a Function indicates that it requires configuration in the Commands column.

- For details on supported control actions, see *Supported PC Control Actions*, page 210.
- 3. From the **Upload** tab, deploy and back up the project to the controller. For details, see *Uploading Viewers*, page 171.

## **Supported PC Control Actions**

Command	Function	
Note: Commands indicated with an asterisk require configuration after being added to		
the Commands column in the Configurator.		
[Media Control]		
Note: The commands in	this group apply to Windows Media Player only.	
Close	Closes the player.	
Next	Plays next in the playlist.	
Open file*	Opens and plays the specified file in Windows Media Player.	
Open playlist*	Opens and plays the specified playlist in Windows Media Player.	
Pause	Pauses the playback.	
Play	Plays the opened file in Windows Media Player.	
Previous	Plays previous in the playlist.	
Set volume to*	Sets the player to a specified volume.	
Stop	Stops the playback.	
Switch to full screen mode*	Enables or disables the player to full-screen display.	
Switch to mute mode*	Enables or disables mute mode.	
Switch to repeat mode*	Enables or disables repeated play.	
Volume*	Adjusts the player's volume up or down.	
[PowerPoint Control]		
Open file*	Opens the specified PowerPoint file.	
Start presentation	Starts the slide show of the specified PowerPoint file.	
End presentation	Ends the slide show of the specified PowerPoint file.	
Close	Closes the opened PowerPoint file.	
Go to next slide*	Goes to the next slide.	
Go to previous slide	Goes to the previous slide.	

Command	Function	
<b>Note:</b> Commands indicated with an asterisk require configuration after being added to the Commands column in the Configurator.		
Go to slide	Goes to a specified slide number.	
[System Control]		
Open file*	Opens a specified file saved in the target computer.	
Open URL*	Opens a specified URL.	
Run program*	Runs an application.	
Shut down PC	Shuts down the computer.	
Set volume*	Adjusts the computer's volume.	
Execute Command Prompt*	Executes the specified command via Command Prompt.	
Bring application to top*	Keeps the window of the specified program on top of other windows that are open on the desktop.	
[Hotkey Control]		
Create action	Executes the associated hotkey(s) on the program that opens topmost on the computer desktop.	
	For example, if you have "Ctrl + f" defined as the hotkey for extending a program to full screen in the program itself, to remotely simulate this action, you should have one Create action command associated with two Select key commands, one defined as "Ctrl", and the other as "f":	
	③ Commands  □ (ControlAssist) on VK2100-ID01 Ethernet (1) PC 1 [Hotkey Control]Command timeout 3.0 sec □ Hot Key CONTROL □ Hot Key F	
Select key*	Use this command to specify the hotkey as defined in the target program. If the hotkey involves pressing two or more keys at the same time, you will have two or more <i>Select key</i> commands associated to one <i>Create action</i> command. See the example in the <i>Create action</i> command above.	

Note: Adhere to the following guidelines when specifying file paths:

- Include the file name and file extension of the target file.
- Use double backward slashes between folder levels.
- If the file path contains space, put the file path in double quotations.

- The following are examples of valid file paths:
  - "C:\\ControlAssist\\Presentation.pptx"
  - "C:\\ControlAssist\\Presentation Demo.pptx"

# Chapter 5 ATEN Control System App

The ATEN Control System App is a platform that allows you to operate your control system using pre-made Viewers on mobile devices with an iOS, Android, or Windows platform.

This chapter provides the following information:

- Supported Operating Systems
- Installing ATEN Control System App
- Demo/Start Screen
- ♦ Welcome Page
- Managing Viewers
- Managing LAN Devices
- Log Report
- Preferences
  - General
  - Receiving Room Usage Notifications from ATEN Room Booking System
  - Allowing Room Usage Notifications
  - Remote RBS Control
- AppSwitcher
  - Adding Apps to ATEN Touch Panel and AppSwitcher
  - Using AppSwitcher
- Report History
- Information
- Download Viewer

## **Supported Operating Systems**

Make sure your mobile device uses a supported version of the mobile operating system listed below before installing the app.

Mobile Operating System	Supported Version
iOS	13.0 or later
Android	8.0 or later
Windows	10.0 or later

## Installing ATEN Control System App

To install the ATEN Control System App on a mobile device, do the following:

1. From the mobile device, tap the **App Store** (A)



or Google Play



2. In the search box, type "aten control".

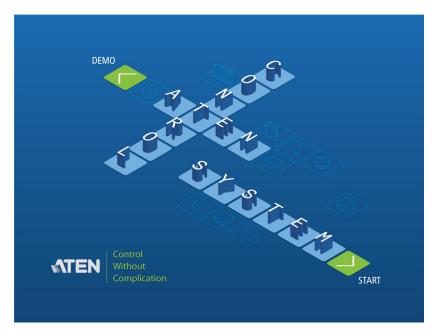
icon.

- 3. Tap ATEN Control System, and then download and install the app.
- appears on the mobile device. Tap 4. The ATEN Control System icon the icon to open the app.

Note: The button sound is enabled by default. To mute button sound, go to Settings of the mobile device, find ATEN Control app and disable the button sound setting.

#### **Demo/Start Screen**

When you open the ATEN Control System app for the first time, the demo/start screen appears:

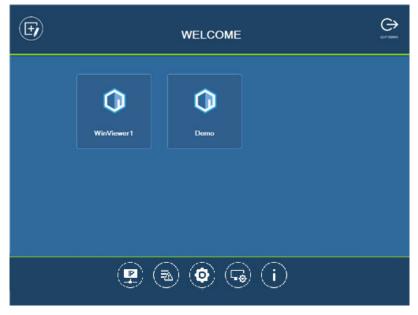


Tap **Demo** to try the ATEN Control System app. Tap **Start** to find a controller and download Viewers (see *Welcome Page*, page 219).

**Note:** The default demo/start screen appears until a Viewer is downloaded to the Control System app. After a Viewer is downloaded, the default demo/start screen will reappear only if the app is reinstalled, which will also delete all Viewers.

The Demo page provides two sample Viewers. Tap either one to view the controls of different hardware devices.

To return to the demo/start page, tap **Quit Demo** at the top right corner.



Select a Viewer or press any of the buttons on the Welcome page to demo the app. The first Viewer's name will depend on the OS of the device.

#### WinViewer1 / iPad / Android1



This demo shows a Conference call interface with controls for a **Projector**, **Screen** and **Lighting**. Tap any of the device icons to open each of the following control pages:



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#### Demo

This demo shows different buttons that can be pressed to control the **Projector**, **Lights**, **Video Wall** and **Camera**. Tap the icons to view control pages for each device. Tap the **Quit Demo** icon to return to the previous page, or press on the background until the logout dialog appears.



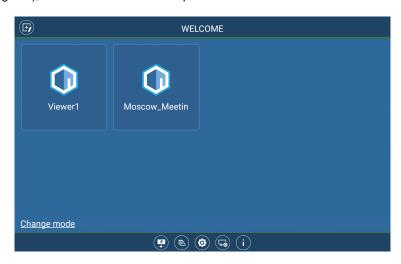
#### **Control Pages**



The images above show control pages for the **Projector**, **Lights**, **Video Wall** and **Camera** in *Demo*. Tap the **Home** icon in the lower left corner to return to the previous page, or press on the background until the logout dialog appears. To return to the demo/start page, tap **Quit Demo** at the top right corner.

## **Welcome Page**

The *Welcome* screen is the home screen of the ATEN Control System app. It lists downloaded Viewers and provides administrative options. Tap a Viewer to open the controls for a room (see *Configuring the Control Interface (Viewer)*, page 43), or use the administrative options listed below.

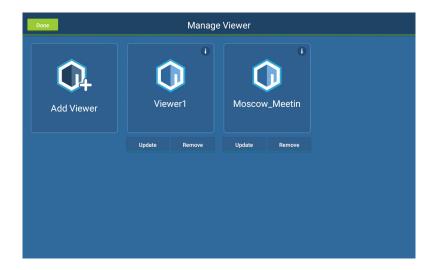


Control	Description
(F)	Manage Viewer – Use this page to add, update, and remove downloaded Viewers. See page 220 for details.
	Manage LAN Device – Use this page to access controller's web console or configure the network settings for controllers and the devices that they manage. See page 221 for details.
	Log Report – Use this page to lookup logs to troubleshoot connectivity issues. See page 226 for details.
	<b>Preferences</b> – Use this page to set a password for accessing the app or configure the app's usage settings. See page 227 for details.
	Settings – Use this page to access the system settings page of ATEN Touch Panel. This tab is only accessible when the Control System app is used on an ATEN Touch Panel.
i	Information – This page provides information about the ATEN Control System's software version. See page 234 for details.



## **Managing Viewers**

The *Manage Viewer* page allows you to add, update, and remove downloaded Viewers. To download Viewers, tap **Add Viewer**.



Control	Description
Q4 Add Viewer	Tap <b>Add Viewer</b> to download Viewers. See page 235 for details.
<b>i</b>	Tap the <i>Information</i> icon to view the <b>MAC Address</b> , <b>IP Address</b> and <b>Controller ID</b> of the controller associated with the Viewer.
Update	Tap <b>Update</b> to connect to the controller and download an updated version of the Viewer. After the update, the "Downloaded Successfully" prompt will appear
Remove	Tap <b>Remove</b> to delete the Viewer. A dialog box will appear to confirm deletion of the Viewer.
	Tap <b>Delete</b> to remove the Viewer, or <b>Cancel</b> to cancel the deletion.
	<b>Note:</b> Viewers are only deleted on the mobile device, and will still be available on the controller.
Done	Tap <b>Done</b> to return to the Welcome page.

## **Managing LAN Devices**

The *Manage LAN Device* page allows you to edit network settings for the controllers and LAN devices added in the Configurator software (see *Device Library*, page 41).



Control	Description	
	Tap to expand controllers to view connected LAN devices.	
	Tap to open the web GUI.	

Depending on the LAN device you select, different options are available. Tap on a device to open the settings page. Use **Edit** to change settings, **Apply** to save or **OK** to exit.

#### Controller





#### **PJLink Projector**





#### **Telnet**





#### **ONVIF**





#### **TCP**





#### **UDP**





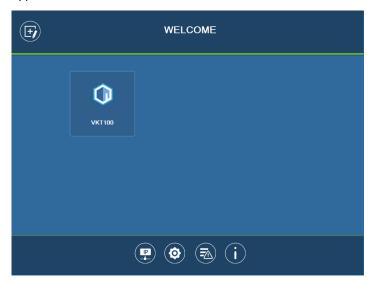
#### **Simulating Viewer Controls with Demo Mode**

You can preview Viewers and simulate control actions without connecting to a controller using the demo mode.

To simulate controls of a target Viewer, download the Viewer file.
 For details, see *Download Viewer*, page 235.

Note: If you wish to use built-in Viewers, skip this step.

2. Tap the ATEN Control app icon from your mobile device. This screen appears.



**Note:** If you have not downloaded any Viewers to the app, a Demo/Start page appears. Tap **Demo** to use built-in Viewers for the simulation.

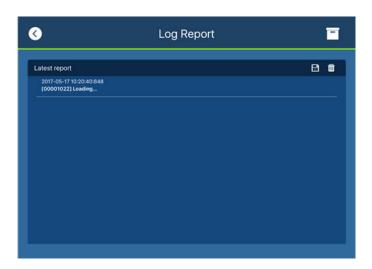
- 4. Tap **Enable demo mode** to select the setting and tap **Set**. Demo mode is immediately applied.
- 5. Tap ( ) to return to the Welcome page.
- 6. Tap a Viewer to view and try out its control interface.

- To close the Viewer, long tap any space on the mobile device and click **OK** in a pop-up dialog box.
- To disable demo mode, close the Viewer and then go to **Settings (2)** to disable the demo mode setting.



## Log Report

The *Log Report* page lists information and errors which can be used to troubleshoot issues. Tap and drag the list to scroll through the logs. Tap **Back** to exit.

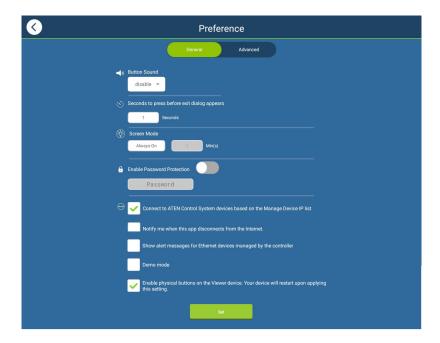


Control	Description
	Tap <b>Save</b> to save the log file.
-	Tap <b>Report History</b> to view saved logs (see page 233).
	Tap <b>Delete</b> to delete the log information.
0	Tap <b>Back</b> to exit.



#### **Preferences**

The *Preferences* page provides settings for operation preferences of the Control System app, access to Room Booking System, and AppSwitcher.



#### General

- Seconds to press before the exit dialog appears: This sets the duration
  of idle time. When the app idles for the specified duration, an Exit dialog
  appears to check if the user wants to close the app.
- Screen Mode

Note: This setting only takes effect on Viewer control pages.

- Screen saver: Select this option to start a screen saver when the mobile device has idled for the specified duration.
- **Screen lock:** Select this option for the mobile device to lock the screen based on its related setting on the mobile device.
- Always on: Select this option to have the screen on all the time.

- Enable password protection: To restrict access to app settings and prevent unwanted configuration, enable password authentication for leaving the control pages.
- Allow keyboard usage when this app is in full screen: Enable this
  option to allow keyboard operation when the app is in full screen.
- Notify me when this app disconnects from the Internet: Select this
  option to notify the user when the app disconnects from the Internet.
- Connect to ATEN Control System devices based on the Manage
   Device IP list: Select this option for the app to identify and connect to
   controllers by IP address instead of the controller ID. This is useful when
   you create projects by duplication, in which case you do not need to re configure the controller ID in each project.
- Show alert messages for Ethernet devices managed by the controller (only applicable to the iOS version of the app): Enable this setting to receive status notifications for the managed Ethernet devices.
- Always open viewers in full screen (only applicable to the Windows version of the app): Enable this setting to open Viewers (i.e. control pages, for examples see page 216) in full screen.
- Show minimize, maximize, and close buttons (only applicable to the Windows version of the app): Enable this setting to show the minimize, maximize, and close buttons at the top-right corner of a Viewer (i.e. control page, for examples see page 216).
- Enable demo mode: Select this setting to allow viewing of the control
  pages within the Viewer (with no actual effects) when no controller is
  connected.
- Enable physical buttons on Viewer device (only applicable to VK330):
   To prevent access to physical buttons on the touch panel, disable this setting.
- Use fast connection: Enable this setting for the Viewer to connect to its designated controller more quickly by skipping the checkup of extension boxes to the controller.

## Receiving Room Usage Notifications from ATEN Room Booking System

You can receive notifications of room usage including check-in, check-out, and reservation extension on ATEN Touch Panel / Android mobile device as soon as the action is made.

This feature also requires management and configuration of ATEN Unizon. For more information, see *ATEN Unizon User Manual*. The Access to RBS control setting merely allows the device to be able to receive notifications from ATEN Unizon.

#### **Allowing Room Usage Notifications**

- 1. Go to **Preferences** > **Advanced** page, enable **Access to RBS control** to allow ATEN Unizon to send notifications to the mobile device.
- 2. (Optional) Enable/disable notification sound.
- 3. Tap **Set** to save the settings. The RBS control icon appears.

#### **Remote RBS Control**

You can check in, check out, or extend meeting reservation using ATEN Touch Panel / Android mobile device.

To allow these remote actions:

- 1. Go to Preferences > Advanced.
- Enable the Access to RBS Control setting and tap Set. The RBS control icon appears.

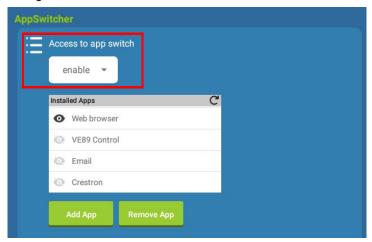
## **AppSwitcher**

You can maximize the usage of an ATEN Touch Panel (VK330) using AppSwitcher which allows you to install multiple apps (ATEN or third-party apps) on the Touch Panel and to switch apps should your need changes.

#### Adding Apps to ATEN Touch Panel and AppSwitcher

Follow the procedure below to install apps to an ATEN Touch Panel and to add them to AppSwitcher to make them available for switching.

1. Go to **Preferences** > **Advanced**, enable the **Access to app switch** setting.

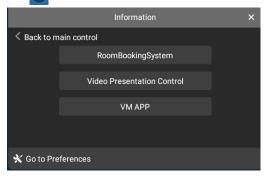


- 2. Tap **Add App** to install an app to the mobile device.
- 3. Tap C to refresh the list. The installed apps appear on the list.
- 4. To make an app available for switching, tap the app to add it to AppSwitcher. Apps added to AppSwitcher are marked with black o icon. Tap again to unselect. You can add multiple apps to AppSwitcher.
- 5. Tap **Set**. The **AppSwitcher** control icon appears.
- 6. To uninstall an app, tap Remove App.

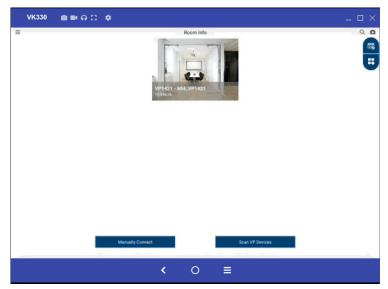
#### **Using AppSwitcher**

You can switch among the installed and added apps using AppSwitcher.

- On your Viewer, find the AppSwitcher control
   If you can not find the control, go to Preferences > Advanced page, enable the Access to app switch setting, and tap Set. The AppSwitcher control should appear.
- 2. Tap . A list of available apps appear.



3. Tap from the list to switch the control to the selected app. For example:



**Note:** If the app you wish to use is not in the list, tap **Go to Preferences**, and then make sure the app is installed and added to AppSwitcher. For detailed instructions, see *Adding Apps to the Device and AppSwitcher*, page 230.

4. To return to the previous control page, tap **Back to main control**.



## Report History

When you tap **Report History**, you can view and export logs. Saved log files are listed by date in the left column. Tap a log file to view it in the window to the right. Tap and drag the list to scroll through the logs. Tap **Back** to exit.





Tap Export to send the log as an e-mail attachment.



## Information

The *Information* page displays the ATEN Control System's version.





#### **Download Viewer**

The *Download Viewer* page allows you to search for controllers and download Viewers. This page is accessed from *Welcome* ® *Manage Viewer* ® **Add Viewer**.

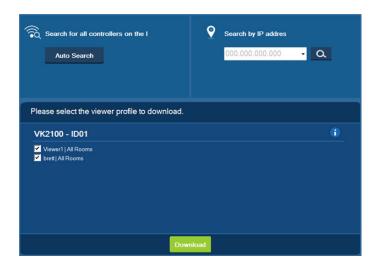


Control	Description	
Search by IP Address	Tap to enter a controller's IP address, then tap the Search icon to find it. When controllers are found on the network, they are listed in the Add Viewer box.	
	A <b>Search History</b> drop-down menu will appear for previously searched IP addresses.	
Auto Search	Auto Search allows you to search for controllers without specifying an IP address. The controller must be powered on and connected to the same local network.	
Add Viewer	This panel lists the controllers that have been found on the network. Each controller lists Viewers that can be downloaded to the mobile device. To upload Viewers to a controller, see <i>Uploading Viewers</i> , page 171.	
Back Icon	Back returns you to the Welcome page.	
Download	After you select the Viewers you want to download, click <b>Download</b> to start the process.	



#### **Downloading Viewers**

When controllers are found, they appear in the *Add Viewer* panel. Check the boxes of the Viewers you would like to download, then tap **Download**.



Control	Description
Add Viewer	The main window lists the controllers that have been found on the network. Under each controller is a list of Viewers with a check box.
	Use the check boxes to select the Viewers you want to download, then click <b>Download</b> . If the Lock icon appears, you will be prompted to enter the access key.
	After Viewers download, the "Downloaded Successfully" prompt appears. Tap <b>Done</b> to return to the Welcome page where the Viewers will be listed.
	<b>Note:</b> After you download a Viewers to the mobile device, the default Welcome screen no longer appears.
Access Key	When the a Viewers requires an access key a window appears prompting you to enter the key. Enter the correct access key and then click <b>OK</b> to download the Viewers from the controller. To set the access key, see <i>Uploading Viewers</i> , page 171.
i	Tap the Information icon to view the IP Address, MAC Address and License information of the controller. The license information provides the total number of licenses available and the number in use.

## **Appendix**

## **Technical Support**

#### International

- For online technical support including troubleshooting, documentation, and software updates: http://eservice.aten.com
- For telephone support, see *Telephone Support*, page ii

#### **North America**

Email Support		support@aten-usa.com
Online Technical Support	Troubleshooting Documentation Software Updates	https://eservice.aten.com
Telephone Support		1-888-999-ATEN ext 4988

When you contact us, please have the following information ready beforehand:

- Product model number, serial number, and date of purchase.
- Your computer configuration, including operating system, revision level, expansion cards, and software.
- Any error messages displayed at the time the error occurred.
- The sequence of operations that led up to the error.
- Any other information you feel may be of help.

## **Control System Project Specifications**

Project Elements		Maximum Number
Managed IP devices	VK0100 / VK0200	8
	VK1100A / VK2100A	25
	VK1200 / VK2200	64
Rooms		16
Viewers		32
Macros		1024
Variables		1024
	VK0100 / VK0200	10
monitoring event	VK1100A / VK2100A	20
	VK1200 / VK2200	40
scheduling event	VK1100A / VK2100A	
	VK1200 / VK2200	60
Viewer pages		160 per Viewer
control objects		320 per page
commands		128 per button

## **Datapoint Types (DPTs)**

ATEN Control System supports the following KNX Datapoint Types (DPT):

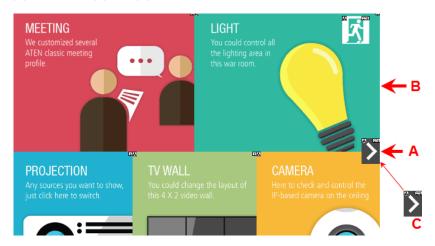
DPT ID	DPT Format	DPT Name
1.001	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Switch
1.002	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Bool
1.003	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Enable
1.004	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Ramp
1.005	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Alarm
1.006	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_BinaryValue
1.007	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Step
1.008	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_UpDown
1.009	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_OpenClose
1.010	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Start
1.011	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_State
1.012	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Invert
1.013	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_DimSendStyle
1.014	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_InputSource
1.015	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Reset
1.016	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Ack
1.017	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Trigger
1.018	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Occupancy
1.019	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Window_Door
1.021	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_LogicalFunction
1.022	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Scene_AB
1.023	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_ShutterBlinds_Mode
1.100	B <sub>1</sub>	DPT_Heat/Cool
2.001	B <sub>2</sub>	DPT_Switch_Control
2.002	B <sub>2</sub>	DPT_Bool_Control
2.003	B <sub>2</sub>	DPT_Enable_Control
2.004	B <sub>2</sub>	DPT_Ramp_Control

DPT ID	DPT Format	DPT Name
2.005	B <sub>2</sub>	DPT_Alarm_Control
2.006	B <sub>2</sub>	DPT_BinaryValue_Control
2.007	B <sub>2</sub>	DPT_Step_Control
2.008	B <sub>2</sub>	DPT_Direction1_Control
2.009	B <sub>2</sub>	DPT_Direction2_Control
2.010	B <sub>2</sub>	DPT_Start_Control
2.011	B <sub>2</sub>	DPT_State_Control
2.012	B <sub>2</sub>	DPT_Invert_Control
3.007	B <sub>1</sub> U <sub>3</sub>	DPT_Control_Dimming
3.008	B <sub>1</sub> U <sub>3</sub>	DPT_Control_Blinds
4.001	A <sub>8</sub>	DPT_ASCII
4.002	A <sub>8</sub>	DPT_Char_8859_1
5.001	U <sub>8</sub>	DPT_Scaling
5.003	U <sub>8</sub>	DPT_Angle
5.004	U <sub>8</sub>	DPT_Percent_U8
5.005	U <sub>8</sub>	DPT_DecimalFactor
5.006	U <sub>8</sub>	DPT_Tariff
5.010	U <sub>8</sub>	DPT_Value_1_Ucount
6.001	V <sub>8</sub>	DPT_Percent_V8
6.010	V <sub>8</sub>	DPT_Value_1_Count
6.020	B <sub>5</sub> N <sub>3</sub>	DPT_Status_Mode3
7.013	U <sub>16</sub>	DPT_Brightness
8.011	V <sub>16</sub>	DPT_Rotation_Angle
9.001	F <sub>16</sub>	DPT_Value_Temp
18.001	B <sub>1</sub> R <sub>1</sub> U <sub>6</sub>	DPT_SceneControl
20.100	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_FuelType
20.101	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_BurnerType
20.102	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_HVACMode
20.103	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_DHWMode
20.104	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_LoadPriority

DPT ID	DPT Format	DPT Name
20.105	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_HVACContrMode
20.106	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_HVACEmergMode
20.107	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_ChangeoverMode
20.108	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_ValveMode
20.109	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_DamperMode
20.110	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_HeaterMode
20.111	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_FanMode
20.112	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_MasterSlaveMode
20.113	N <sub>8</sub>	DPT_StatusRoomSetp
23.001	N <sub>2</sub>	DPT_OnOff_Action
23.002	N <sub>2</sub>	DPT_Alarm_Reaction
23.003	N <sub>2</sub>	DPT_UpDown_Action
23.102	$N_2$	DPT_HVAC_PB_Action

#### **Windows OS Button Limitation**

There is a limitation for overlapping buttons when adding buttons for a Viewer to be used on Windows mobile devices. When two or more buttons are layered on one another, such as (A) on top of (B), users are unable to press the top most button (A), and instead triggers the bottom button (B) every time trying to press (A). To resolve this issue, copy the top most button (A), and add the duplicate (C) under both (A) and (B) on the Viewer.



When the top button (A) is pressed, the lowest button (C) is executed.

## **ATEN Standard Warranty Policy**

The warranty policy may vary by product category and region of purchase. For details, please visit ATEN's official website, select your purchase counties/ regions and then go to the Support Center, or contact your local ATEN sales representative for further assistance.

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