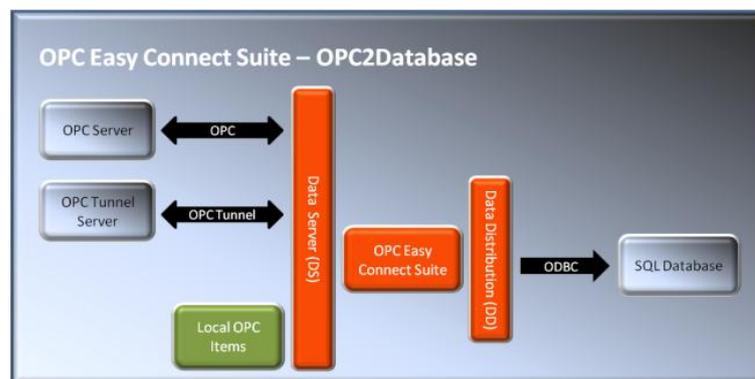


Introducing the Softing OPC Easy Connect Suite: Software for Optimised OPC Communication

Following on from last week's email looking at the OPC tunnel with StoreAndForward, this week we will take a look at how it connects to databases and files.

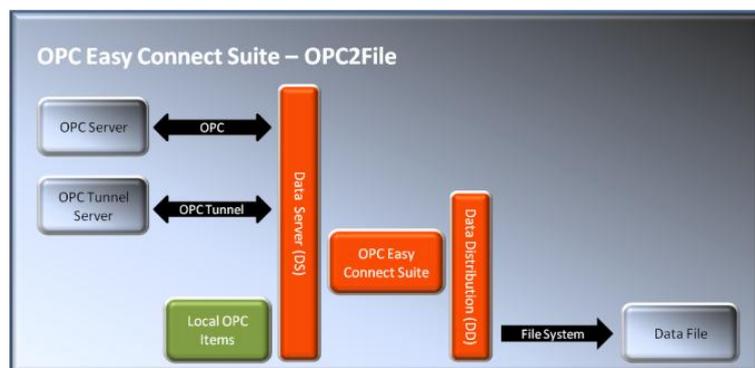
Focus 2: OPC2Database and OPC2File

OPC2Database allows the storage of both OPC server items and local items in SQL databases, while OPC2File offers storing OPC server items and local items in text files only.



This new release of OPC2Database enables:

- Support of ODBC-enabled databases such as Microsoft SQL Server, Oracle, My SQL or IBM DB2
- Creation of references between process items and database cells via an easy-to-use wizard
- Definition of storage trigger conditions, also via a wizard
- Processing of stored data for proof purposes or performance analyses
- Setup of overall solutions for traceability etc.



The OPC2File has a range of features including:

- Support for different text including ASCII, HTML and XML
- Definition of storage trigger conditions via easy-to-use wizard
- Processing of stored data by standard software
- Analysis of specific OPC data
- Verification and documentation of correct system functionality.

OPC in context...

With its wide range of products and services, Softing is one of the market leaders in OPC technology. Softing recognised the significance of OPC for industrial automation very early on while it was still in its infancy. Today, as a leading member of the Steering Committee for the OPC Foundation, Softing actively contributes to the success of OPC.

As the UK's strategic partner, Hitex Automation is ideally placed to enable all our customers to maximise the benefits this technology can bring.

OPC Easy Connect is a family of OPC middleware products that help you save time and money. The OPC Easy Connect Suite eliminates the complications that frequently arise in OPC communication between remote computers. It also simplifies the commissioning and use of OPC clients and servers and optimises the performance of your OPC interfaces.

To find out more about [Softing's OPC Easy Connect Suite](#) please contact [Dale Fittes](#) or call us on 024 7669 2066.