

Sample Templates Document: Blue Open Studio Alarm - Reasons

The screenshot displays a web-based alarm management interface titled "Demo Application - BOS_AlarmReasons". The top navigation bar includes buttons for Home, Main, Back, Logon..., About..., and Exit, along with a date and time display: 11/05/2024 18:46:27 Monday.

The main content area is divided into two sections:

- Alarms Online:** A table showing active alarms. The table has columns for Activation Time, Message, Ack Time, and Comment. Two entries are visible:

Activation Time	Message	Ack Time	Comment
11/05/2024 13:46:03	Alarm Test 3 Active	11/05/2024 16:45:16	Scheduled Maintenance
11/05/2024 13:47:58	Alarm Test 2 Active	11/05/2024 16:45:01	Other: My Comment
- History of Alarms:** A table showing a log of all alarm events. The table has columns for Activation Time, Message, Ack Time, and Comment. Five entries are visible:

Activation Time	Message	Ack Time	Comment
11/05/2024 16:46:03	Alarm Test 3 Active	11/05/2024 16:46:16	Scheduled Maintenance
11/05/2024 13:46:05	Alarm Test 3 Active		
11/05/2024 13:47:58	Alarm Test 2 Active	11/05/2024 16:45:01	Other: My Comment
11/05/2024 13:47:58	Alarm Test 2 Active		
11/05/2024 13:45:58	Alarm Test 2 Active		
11/05/2024 13:46:03	Alarm Test 1 Active	11/05/2024 13:46:26	Other: ffdjdfgdfgdfg
11/05/2024 13:46:03	Alarm Test 1 Active		

Below the "Alarms Online" table, there is a link "Click HERE to Ack the currently selected Alarms" and three status indicators for "Alarm Test 1", "Alarm Test 2", and "Alarm Test 3", each with a toggle switch.

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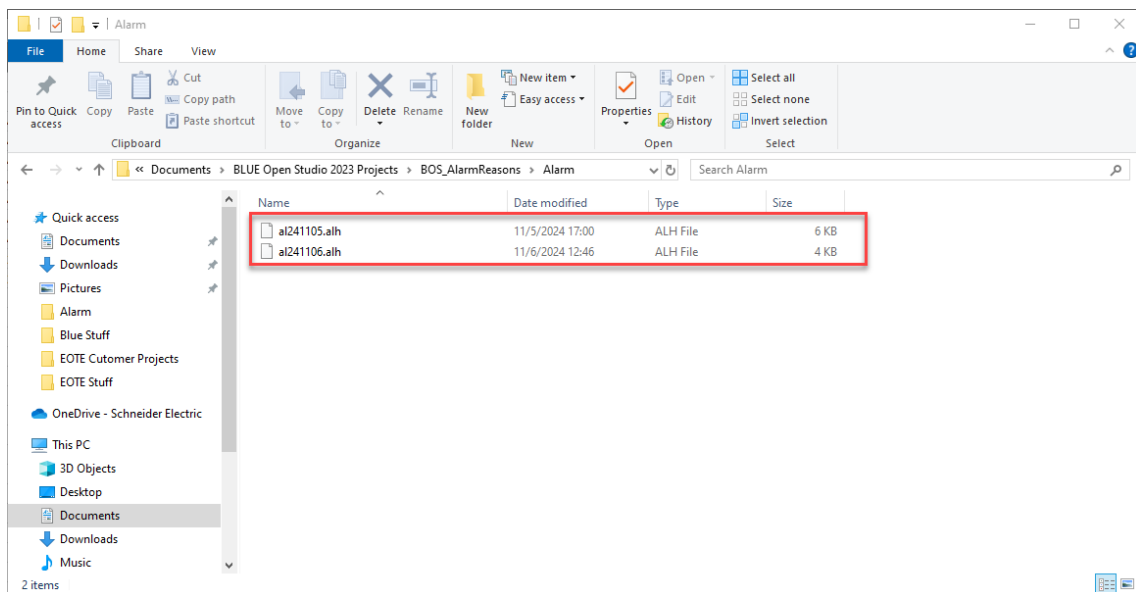
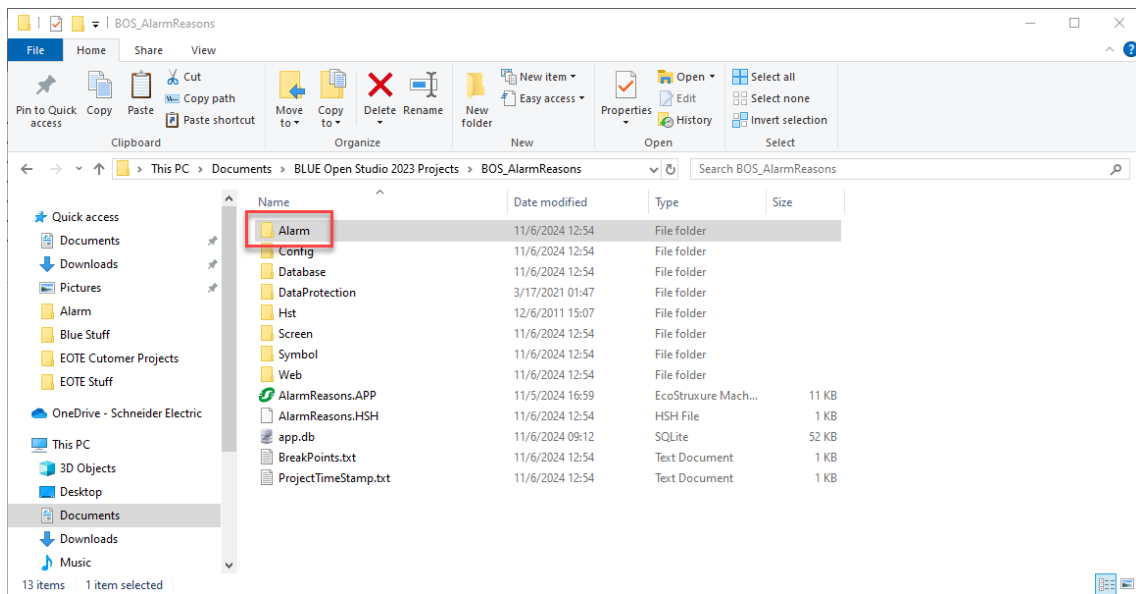
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Blue Open Studio Alarm Reason V2 Extended Technical Description

The purpose of this example project is to provide a simple way to illustrate how by using a combination of the built in BOS Alarm Functionality and built-in commands you can create a system that will allow you to choose a reason from a set of specific reasons or enter a generic reason that allows for a comment.

The alarms are stored in a delimited text file in the Alarms Folder of the Project, the file has a .alh extension. A new alarm file is created every day for the day's alarms.



This document will show you how to use the project, how to integrate the project for your use, how the project works and how you can add alarms and more alarm reasons to the project.

Section 1 -How to use project

Running project from local build time.

Opening Screen (Home Screen)



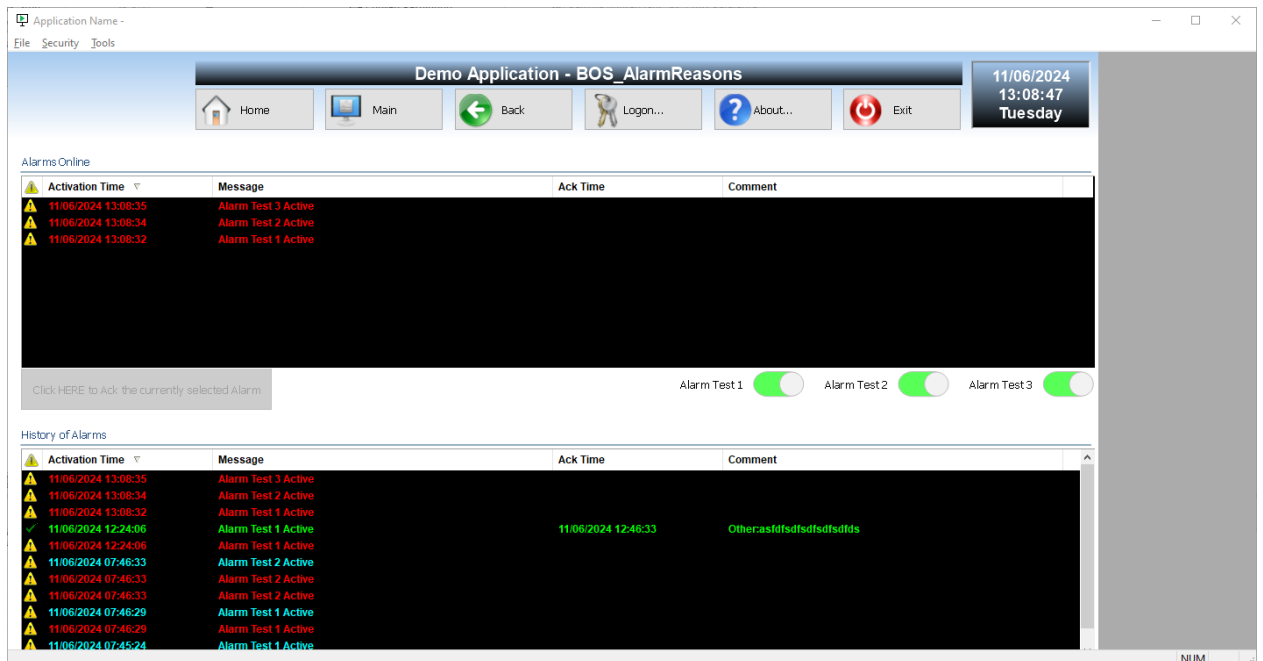
Demo Application

BOS_AlarmReasons

Selecting Main Screen navigates to Main Project Screen. Security is enabled in the project, but no users or levels are configured.

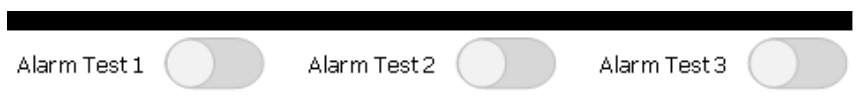
About shows the BOS runtime version. Exit exits the viewer.

Main Project Screen



The top Alarm Window is an Alarms Online Alarm Window which is only showing the current alarm messages. The bottom Alarm window is showing the Alarm history.

Use the Alarm Test Slider buttons to activate the alarms.



This will activate the given alarm.



Select the Alarm in the Alarm window by select or touch. When an alarm is selected in the list the button to Ack and comment the alarm will be enabled.



After the button is enabled you can touch the button to Ack the selected alarm, select and Alarm Reason from a drop-down list.

Section 2 How the Project works

a. Tasks -> Alarms. Single Alarm Group.

The screenshot shows the configuration window for a single alarm group named 'ALARM001.ALR'. It includes fields for Description, Group Name, and various checkboxes for 'On Line' and 'History' settings. There are also color selection options for Activation, Acknowledgment, and Normalization. Below the settings is a table listing alarm entries.

	Tag Name	Type	Limit	Message	Priority	Selection
	Filter text	(All)	Filter text	Filter text	Filter text	Filter text
1	AlrTest[1]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 1 Active	0	
2	AlrTest[2]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 2 Active	0	
3	AlrTest[3]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 3 Active	0	
*		HiHi				
*		HiHi				
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*		HiHi				
*		HiHi				

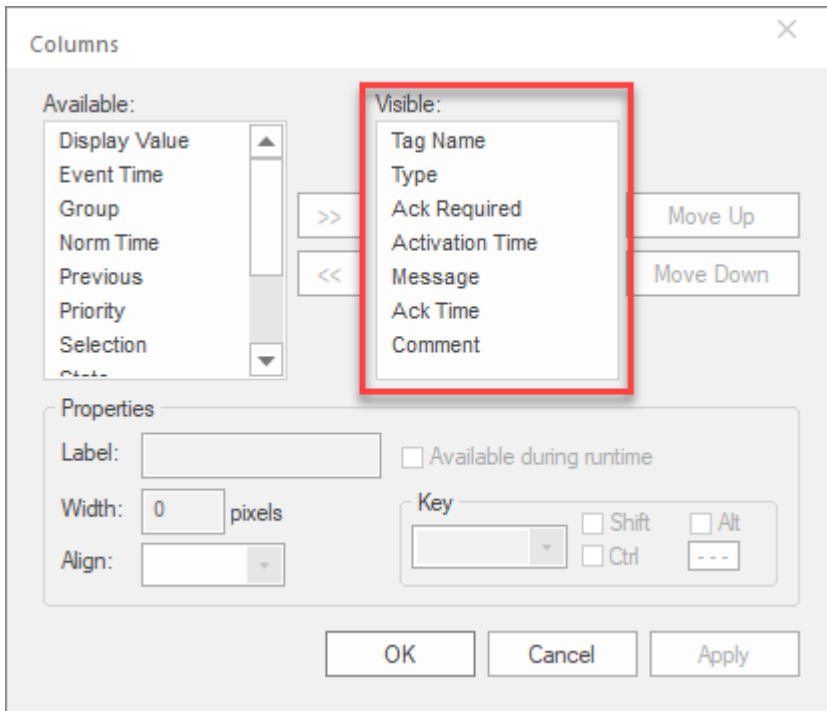
Bool Array AlrTest[]. Hi alarm on limit = 1.

Screen main, has two alarm windows, online (active alarms), and History.

Alarm Online part configuration:

The screenshot shows the 'Object Properties' dialog box for an 'Alarm Online' object. It includes a 'Type' dropdown set to 'Alarm Online', a 'Format' section with checkboxes for 'Show header' and 'Show gridlines', and a 'Background color' dropdown. There are also buttons for 'Filters...', 'Columns...', 'Advanced...', and 'Fonts...'. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'E-Sign' and 'Enable translation', and a 'Virtual keyboard' dropdown set to '<Use Default>'. The 'Columns...' button is highlighted as important in the text below.

Columns field is important, this controls the order in which the alarms are written to the system, and to parse out the comment properly, this needs to be set this way.



If you add items after the Comment field then you should not need to edit any other parts. If you add items before you will need to adjust the StrGetElement() command to parse the correct Column.

b. Advanced settings, run-time returned values, selected row text.

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced' settings dialog box with the following sections:

- Date & Time Format:** Checkboxes for Day, Month, Year, Hour, Minute, Second, and MS. Sample: 11/07/2024 05:32:36.
- Delete Message:** Security: 0, Confirm checkbox.
- Acknowledgement:** Ack All trigger, Ack trigger, Ack comment (Disable), Require confirmation checkbox, Disable ack on double (1).
- Run-time returned values:** Total items, Selected tag, First Row Text, Selected Row Text (highlighted with a red box, containing 'AlrAck.SelRow'), Summary Changes.
- Run-time dialog triggers:** Columns, Filters.
- Options:** Auto Format checkbox.
- Save / Print:** Print Trigger, PDF Trigger, PDF Filename, Multiline checkbox.
- Navigation Triggers...** button.
- OK and Cancel buttons.

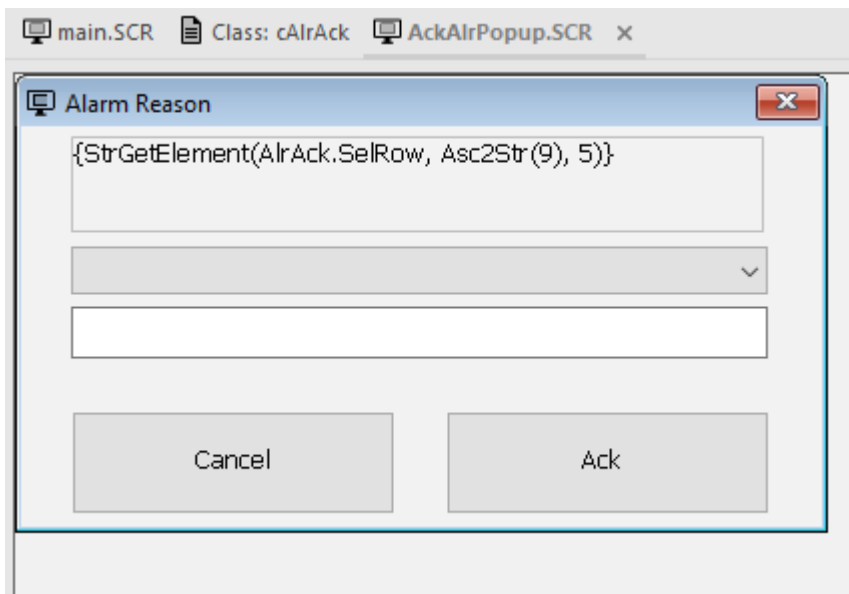
AlrAck.SelRow is part of a class cAlrAck

SelRow will hold the entire text fields from the alarm message in a tab delimited format.

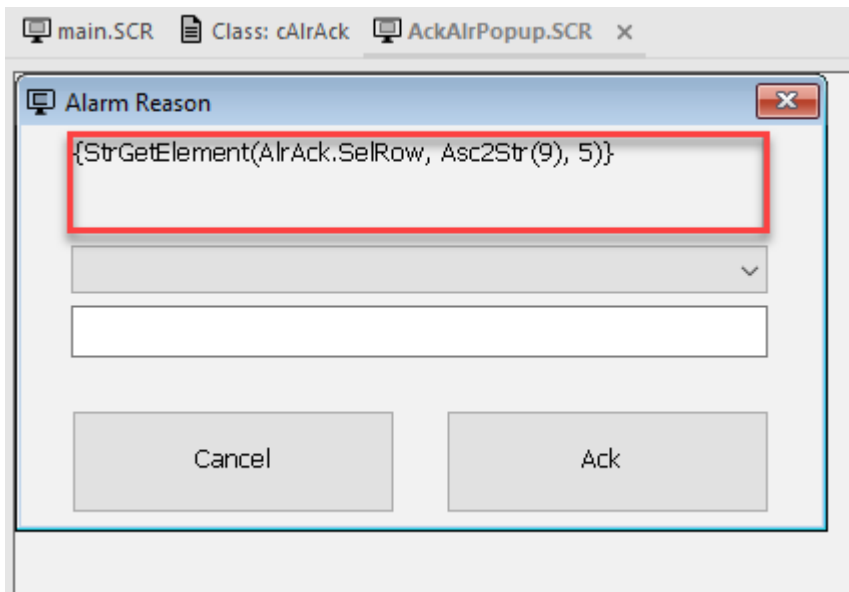
main.SCR Class: cAlrAck

	Name	Type	Description
1	Ab SelRow	String	
2	Ab ComboLabel	String	
3	Ab OtherLabel	String	
4	••• ComboPos	Integer	
*		Integer	
*		Integer	
*		Integer	
*		Integer	
*		Integer	

c. Screens -> AckAlrPopup



Rectangle Object Caption:



`{StrGetElement(AlrAck.SelRow, Asc2Str(9), 5)}`

StrGetElement() built in command.

[Appendix: Built-in Language > String functions >](#)

StrGetElement

Gets a specific element from a string source that contains a series of elements separated by a delimiter character.

Function	Group	Execution	String Exp.	Windows	HMI Runtime	Thin Clients	Mobile Access
StrGetElement	String	Synchronous	Yes	Supported	Supported	Supported	Supported

Syntax

```
StrGetElement(strSource, strDelimiter, numElementNumber)
```

strSource

The source string.

strDelimiter

Char used as delimiter between the elements in **strSource**.

numElementNumber

Number of the element which will be returned by the function. The first element has the number 1. The second element has the number 2, and so forth.

Returned value

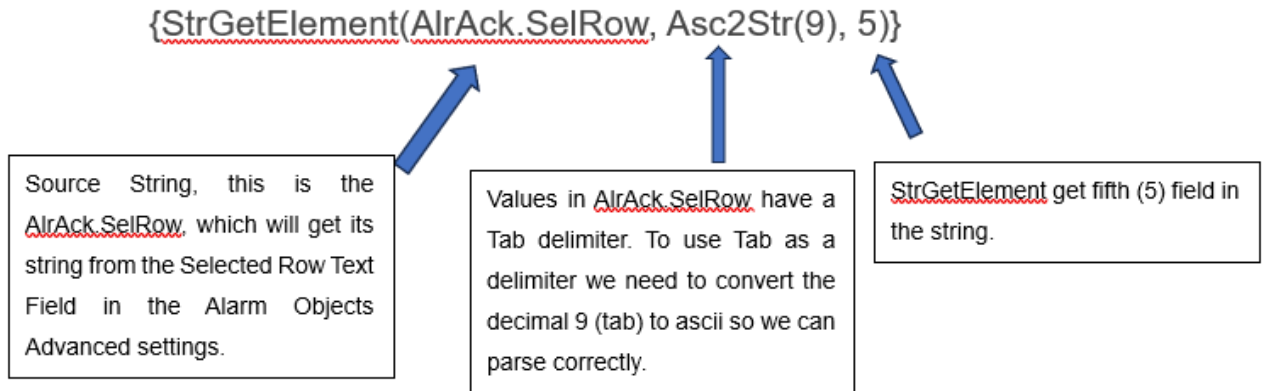
Returns the element (string value) retrieved from **strSource**.

Examples

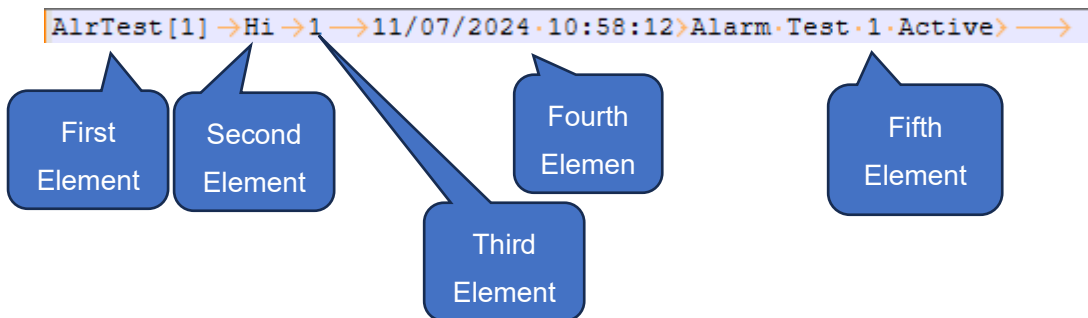
Tag Name	Expression
Tag	StrGetElement("a b c", " ", 2) // returned value = "b"
Tag	StrGetElement("a,b,c", ",", 3) // returned value = "c"

Parent topic: [String functions](#)

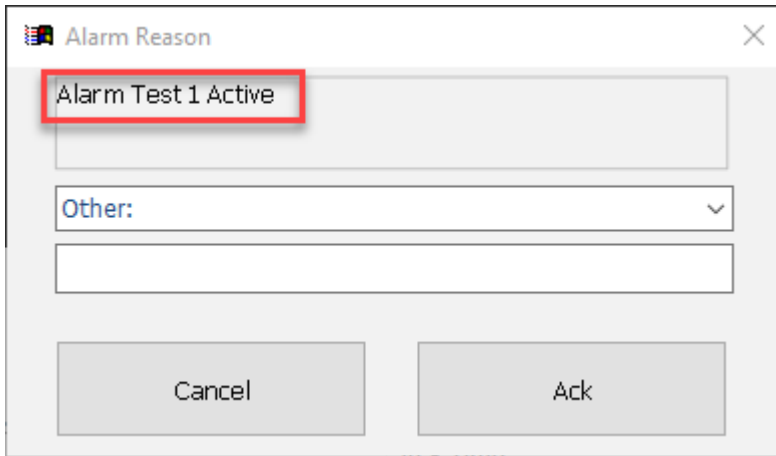
Placing { } around statement allows us to embed built-in language commands in the proper fields.



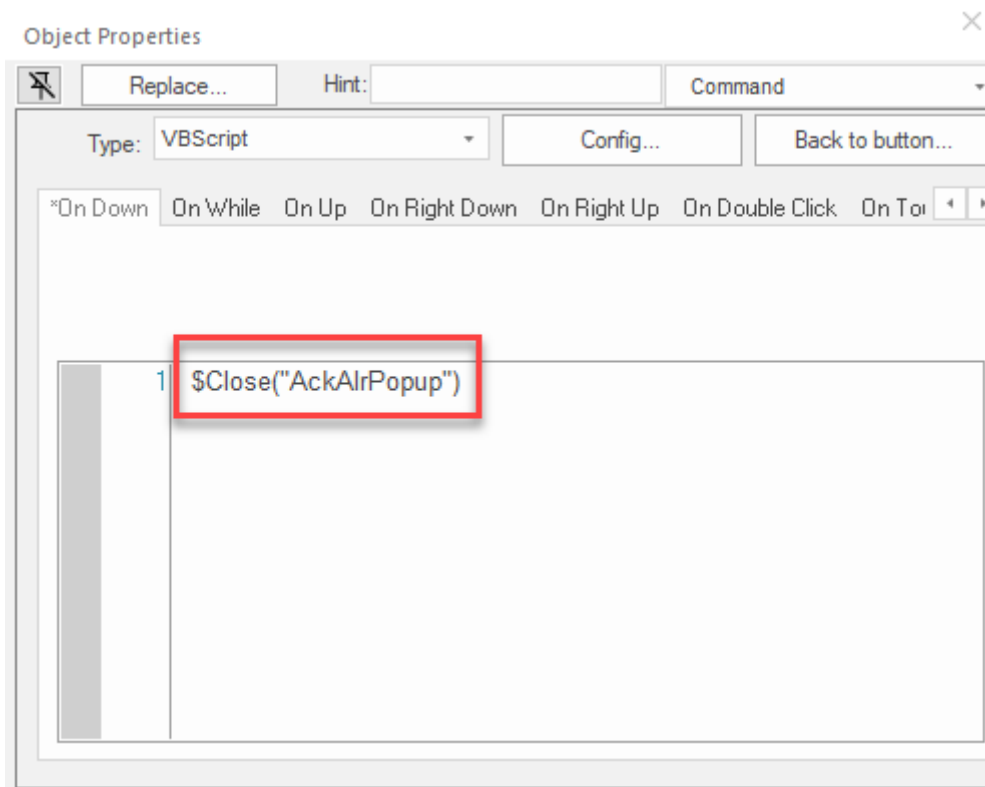
String extracted from this command:



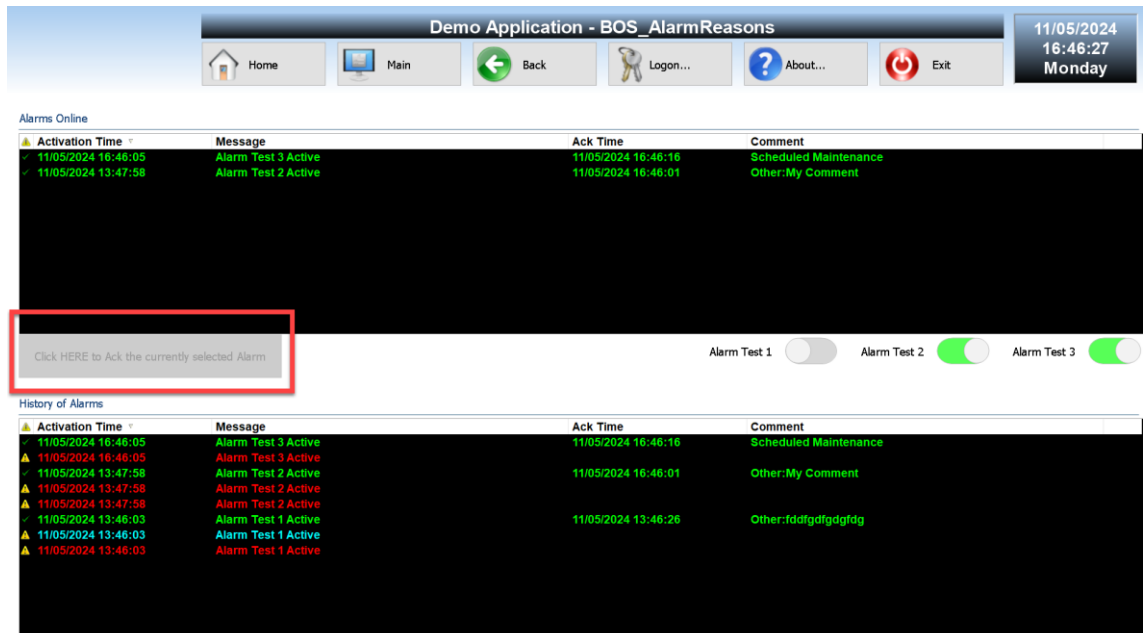
Result is that when you select an alarm in the alarm window its parsed into the caption.



Clicking the Cancel button closes the Screen.

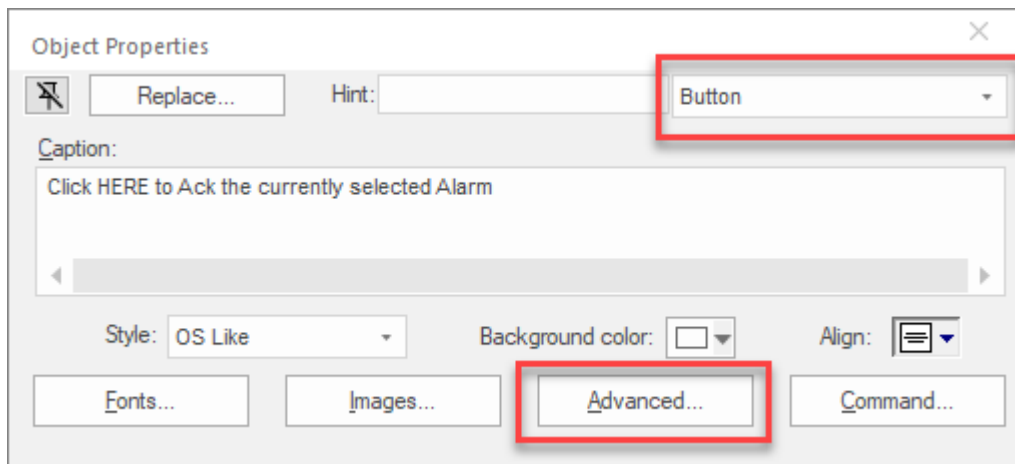


d. About the runtime behavior where the Ack button is grayed out.

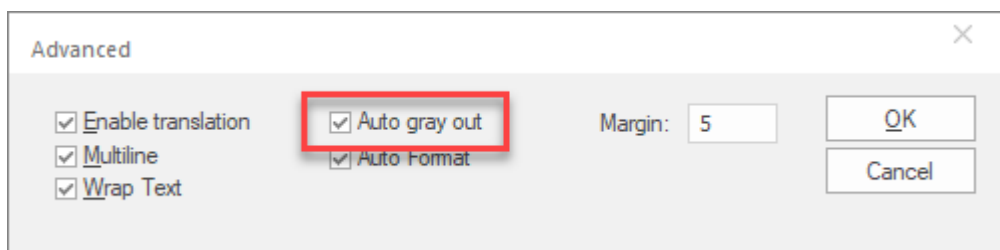


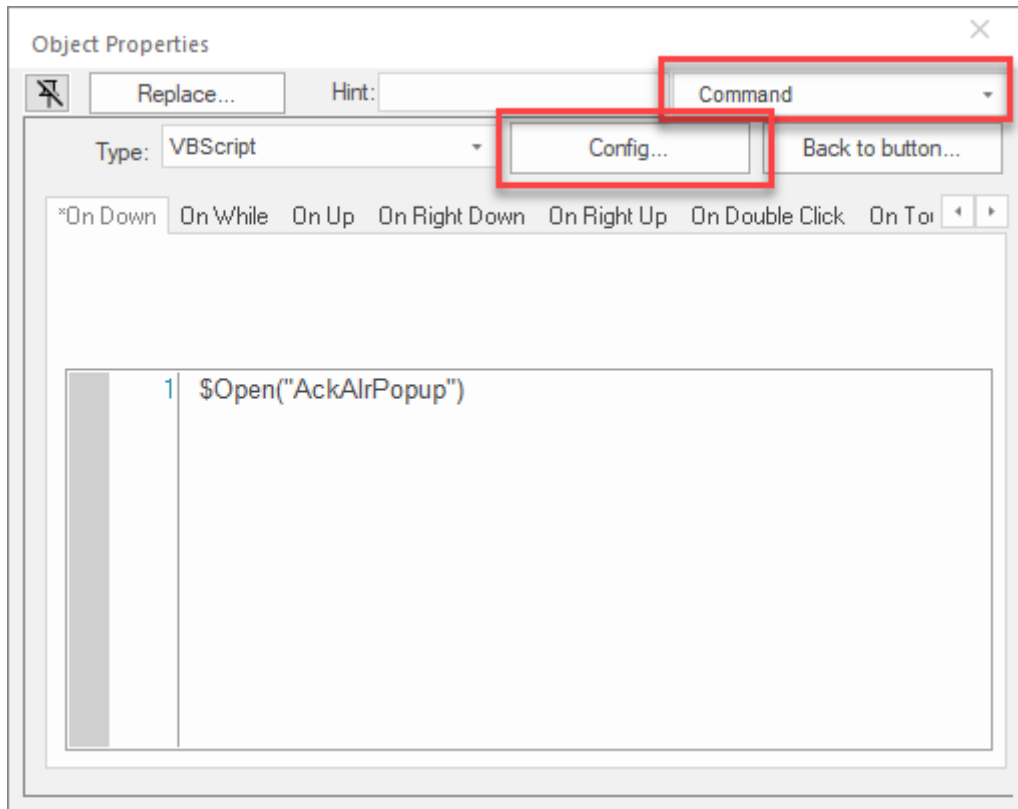
This uses a combination of two settings.

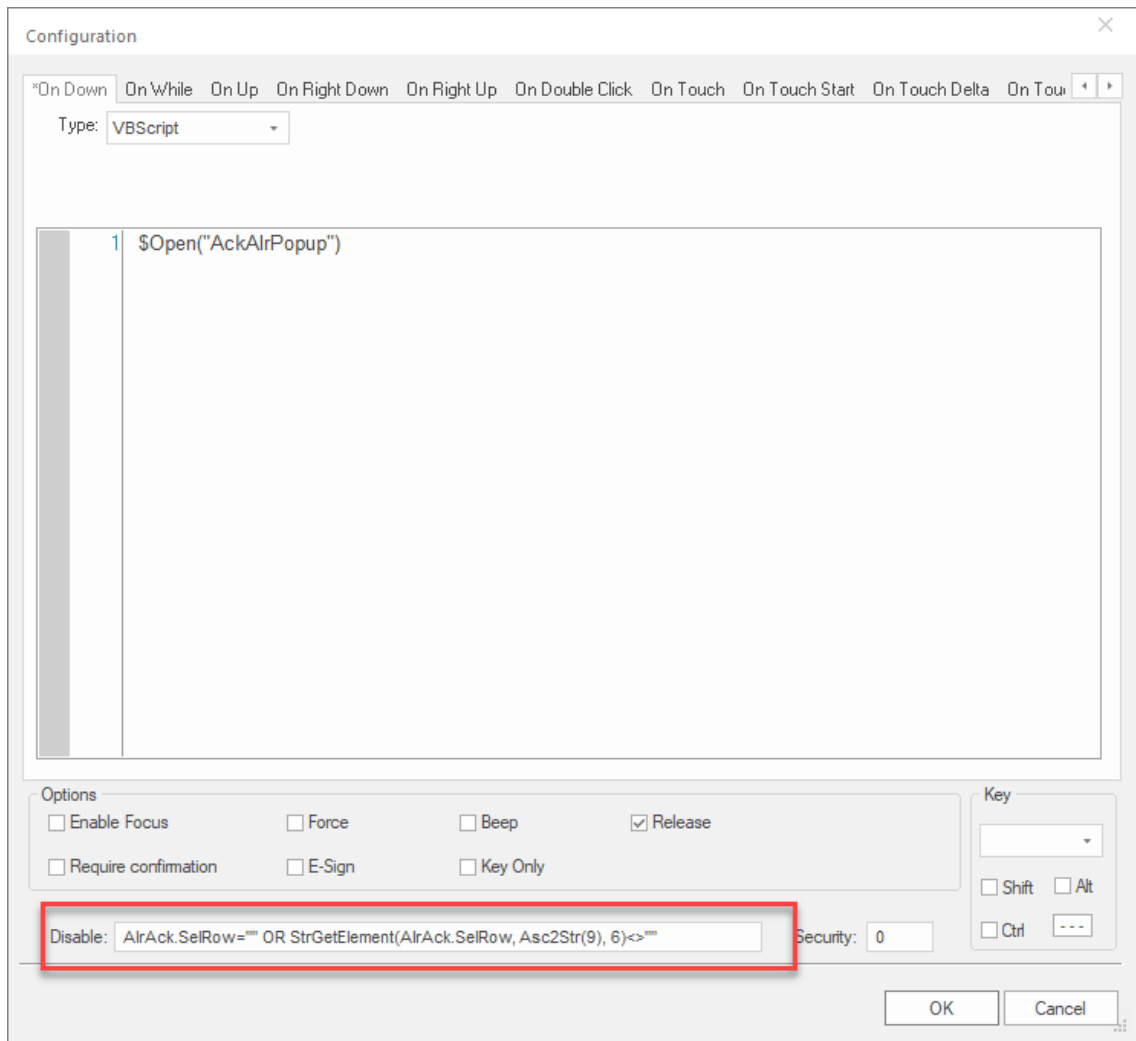
1. In the Button Part -> Advanced



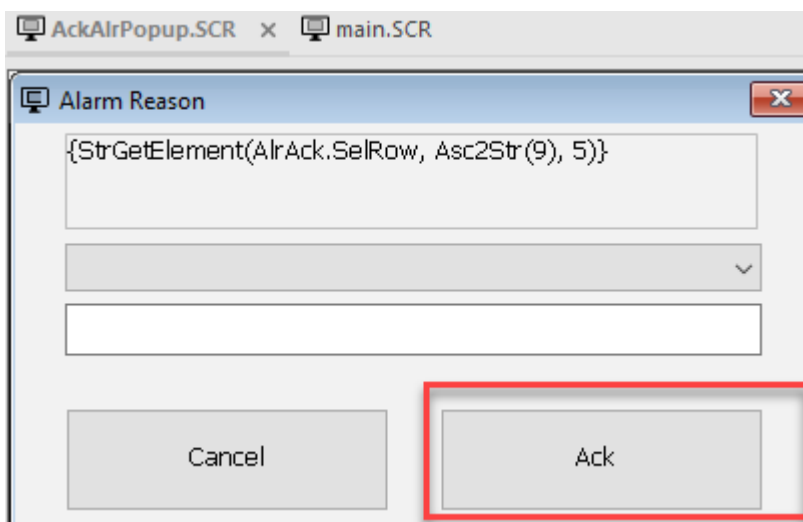
- a. Auto Gray Out, when command disable condition met.

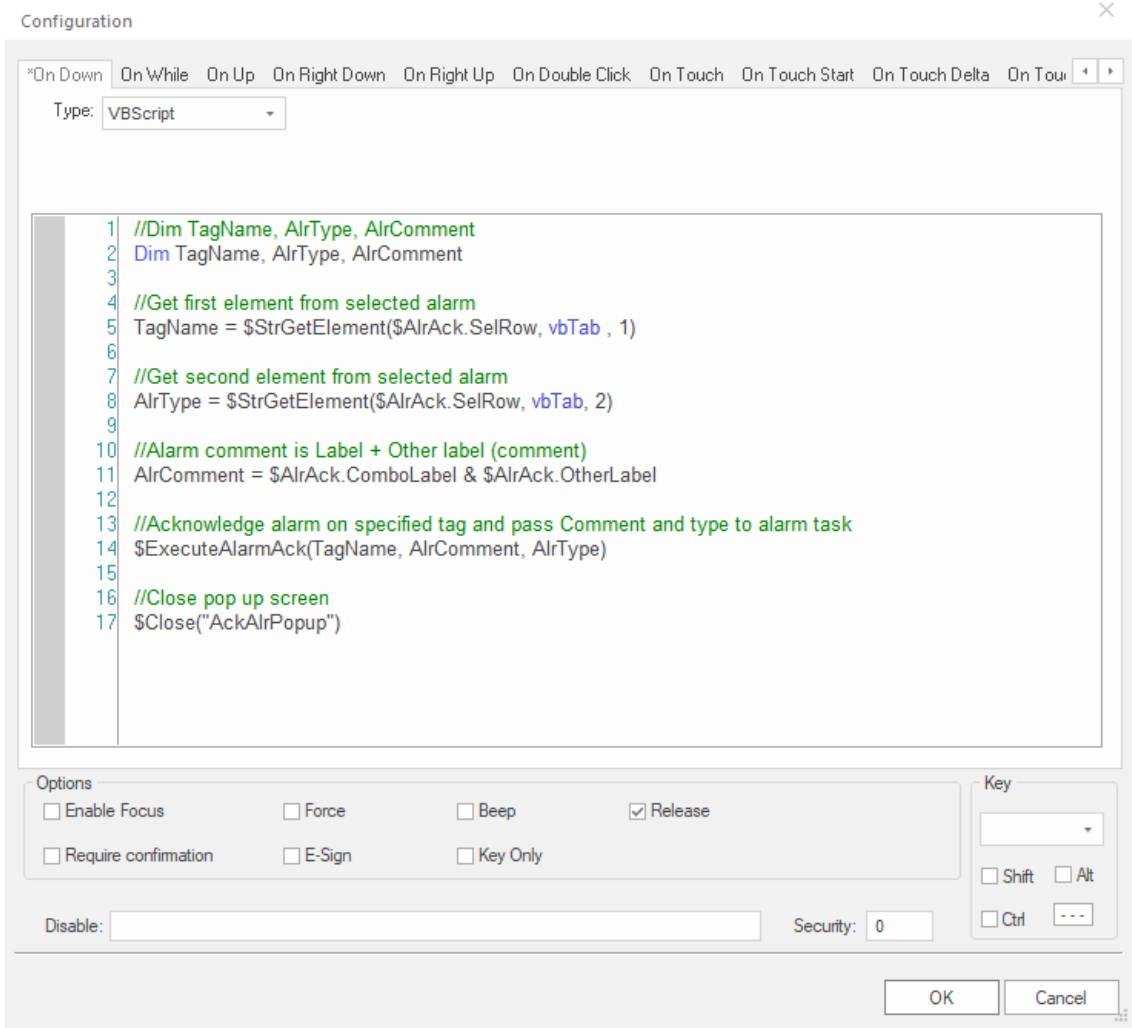






e. AckAlrPopup Screen Ack button code.





Code.

Allocating memory in VB for temporary storage

//Dim TagName, AlrType, AlrComment

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//Get first element (TagName) from selected alarm and Move to TagName

TagName = \$StrGetElement(\$AlrAck.SelRow, vbTab, 1)

//Get second element (Alarm type, Hi HiHi, Lo, LoLo) from selected alarm and Move to AlrType

AlrType = \$StrGetElement(\$AlrAck.SelRow, vbTab, 2)

//Alarm comment is Label + Other label (comment), combo label is from drop down, other label is entered comment

AlrComment = \$AlrAck.ComboLabel & \$AlrAck.OtherLabel

//Acknowledge alarm on specified tag and pass Comment and type to alarm task

\$ExecuteAlarmAck(TagName, AlrComment, AlrType)

//Close pop-up screen

\$Close("AckAlrPopup")

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\$ExecuteAlarmAck(TagName, AlrComment, AlrType)

[Appendix: Built-in Languages > Tags Database functions >](#)

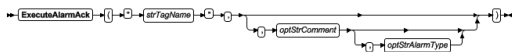
ExecuteAlarmAck

This function acknowledges an active alarm on the specified tag. The advantage of using this function is that if used from the Thin Client, the Alarm task will store the user name and station from which the alarm was acknowledged.

Function	Group	Execution	String Exp.	Windows	HMI Runtime	Thin Clients	Mobile Access
ExecuteAlarmAck	Tags Database	Synchronous	No	Supported	Not supported	Supported	Executed on Server

Syntax

```
ExecuteAlarmAck ("strTagName", optStrComment, optStrAlarmType)
```



strTagName

Name of the tag on which the alarm will be acknowledged.

Note: If this parameter is enclosed in quotes, the string literal will be used. Otherwise, the value of the tag/expression will be used.

optStrComment

An optional comment to send to the Alarm task, along with the user name and station.

optStrAlarmType

If more than one alarm is active on the specified tag, you can specify which alarm (e.g., Hi, Lo, HiHi, LoLo) to acknowledge. Otherwise, the function acknowledges the most recently activated alarm.

//Close pop-up screen

\$Close("AckAlrPopup")

Section 3 Adding Alarms and Alarm Reasons

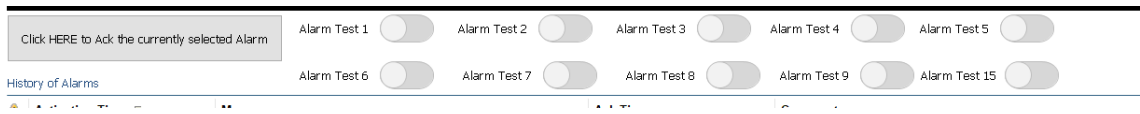
1. Increase array size for BOOL ARRAY AlrTest[] to 15

	Name	Array Size	Type	
	Filter text	Filter text	(All)	Filter text
1	ApplicationName	0	String	
2	WeekDayStr	0	String	
3	AlrTest	15	Boolean	
4	AlrAck	0	cAlrAck	
*			Integer	
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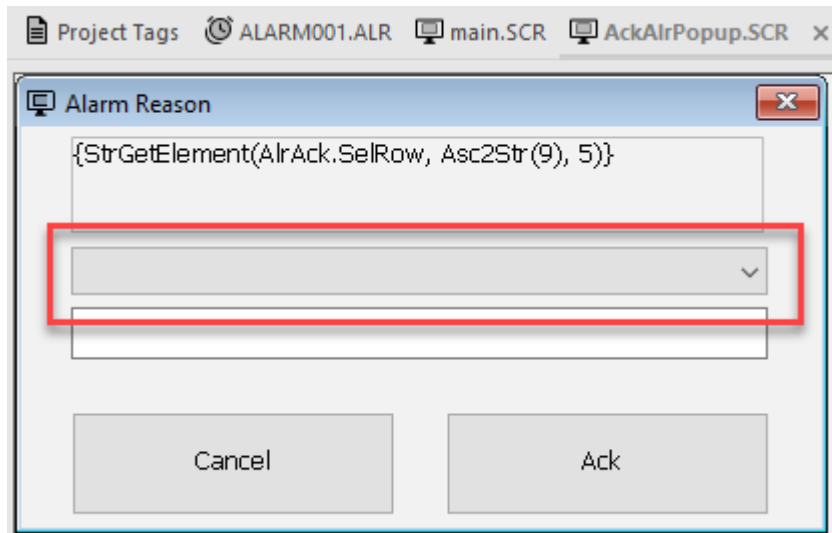
2. Tasks -> Alarms add tags and messages

	Tag Name	Type	Limit	Message	Priority	
	Filter text	(All)	Filter text	Filter text	Filter text	Filter text
1	AlrTest[1]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 1 Active	0	
2	AlrTest[2]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 2 Active	0	
3	AlrTest[3]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 3 Active	0	
4	AlrTest[4]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 4 Active	0	
5	AlrTest[5]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 5 Active	0	
6	AlrTest[6]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 6 Active	0	
7	AlrTest[7]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 7 Active	0	
8	AlrTest[8]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 8 Active	0	
9	AlrTest[9]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 9 Active	0	
10	AlrTest[10]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 10 Active	0	
11	AlrTest[11]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 11 Active	0	
12	AlrTest[12]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 12 Active	0	
13	AlrTest[13]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 13 Active	0	
14	AlrTest[14]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 14 Active	0	
15	AlrTest[15]	Hi	1.000000	Alarm Test 15 Active	0	
*		HiHi				

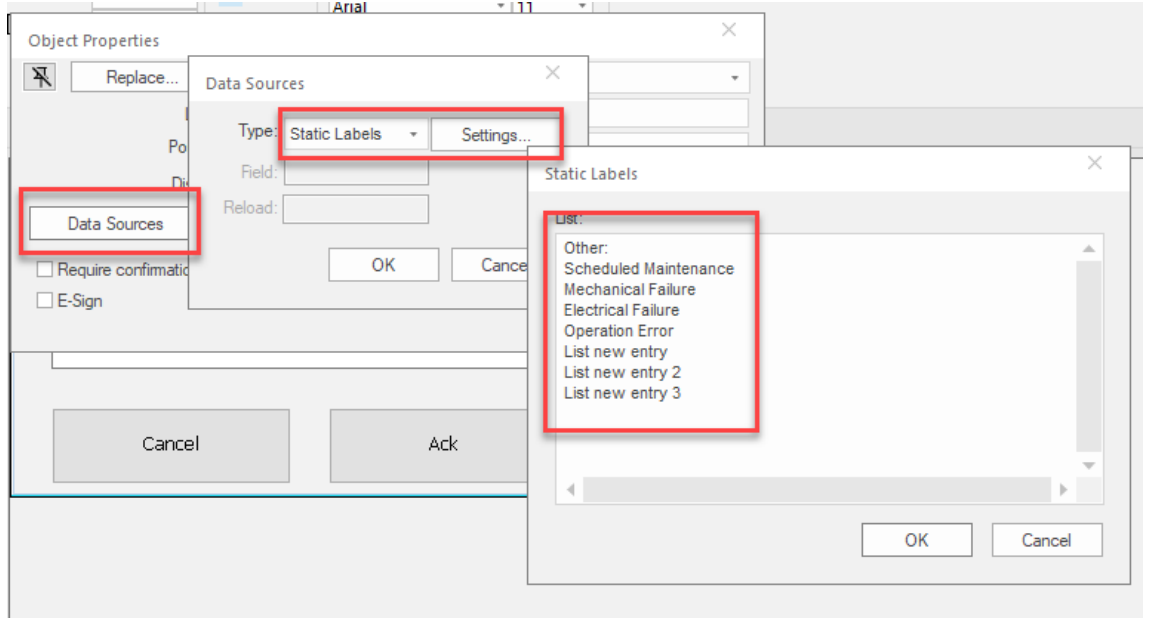
3. Add objects to Main screen to trigger alarms



4. Add Reasons to Alarm Reasons list
 - a. AckAlrPopup Screen Combo Box object

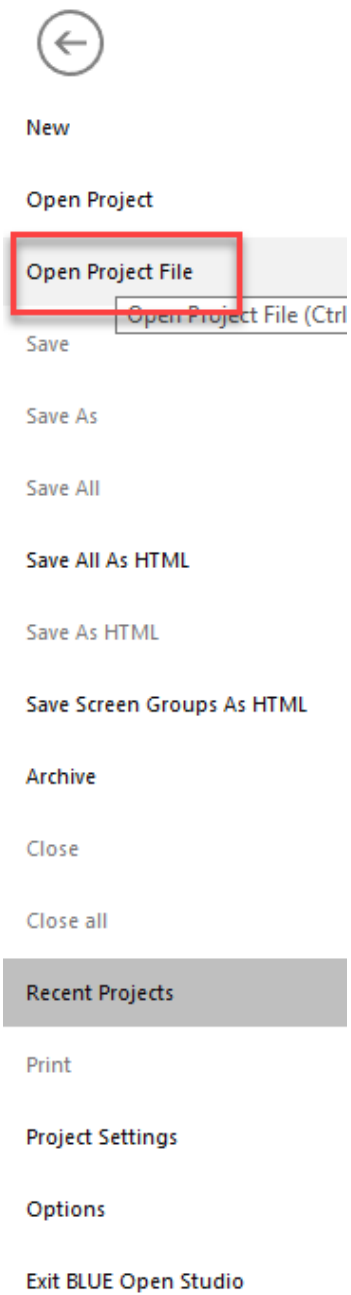


- b. Data Sources, type Static labels-> Settings, add items.



Section 5 Open sample file screens in your project

1. File Menu -> Open Project File



2. Browse to sample project Screen Folder and one file at a time Open

AckAlrPopu.scr, this holds the Caption code, the code for the ACK button and the Reasons ComboBox, second Open the main.scr screen, the main part you want here is the Online Alarm Window, with the proper column setup.