PEA

Powerful Data Acquisition, Visualization and Digital Signal Processing for SMT and μ Series

PEA is used to configure all hardware components, record measurement and communication data and, if required, represent process values graphically. Furthermore, the software provides users with a range of options for digital signal processing, triggering, simulation and automation.



Data Handling

The measuring software combines data from a whole range of sources in one common process map. Whether discrete measured values, signals extracted from messages, results of mathematical operations or simulation model interfaces: All data channels can flexibly be linked to each other, continue to be processed and recorded in a synchronized way.

Real-Time Capability

The vision of real-time-capable acquisition and data processing software was systematically implemented to create PEA. The measuring software is thus based on a powerful operating system platform and consistently distinguishes between the different real-time requirements of its tasks. Upcoming operations are always intelligently distributed over the available hardware resources enabling PEA to remain efficient and powerful even in multi-channel applications.

Ease of Use

The PEA user interface ensures that standard users enjoy simple and intuitive operation with a very short familiarization time while providing power users with sophisticated extension possibilities. Classic operating concepts, such as configuration dialogs and drag&drop mechanisms, in combination with powerful programming and modeling interfaces, suit both user groups.

Areas of Application

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- Configuration of SMT and μ Series modules
- Measurement data acquisition and recording
- Live visualization of any process values
- Triggering and/or controlling the measurement sequence
- Sequence control and process automation

Advantages

- Simple and intuitive operation
- Guaranteed real-time capability
- Synchronized acquisition of all kinds of measurement data
- Compilation of different data in a common measurement record
- Standard software for test parameterization and execution
- No programming knowledge necessary for standard applications
- Acquisition software perfectly suited to the measurement system
- Varied operating system and hardware support
- User-specific adaptations and extensions using well documented extension interfaces



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Project Management

All files belonging to a specific measurement trial are stored together as projects within the application. This includes hardware and software configurations as well as external resources in the form of maps, simulation models, scripts and ECU descriptions.

Flexible export and import functions facilitate the consistent transmission of projects to various devices and also enable the copying of parameter sets between different test measurements.

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System Configuration

PEA parameterizes all connected hardware components. In the process, the software supports both the Softing product families SMT and μ Series as well as various modules from third-party suppliers.

A range of convenience functions reduce the effort involved in configuration. For example, lists of transducers and measuring points can be imported, communication descriptions integrated and measurement channels parameterized using electronic transducer memories.

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Triggering

In addition to the options offered by classic measuring systems (such as edge- and level-based triggering), the application includes additional events. For example, timers can be evaluated and channels monitored for activity, inactivity and status violations.

Using freely definable, logical links, intelligent statemachines can also be generated which satisfy even the most demanding of requirements made of measurement sequence control.



Digital Signal Processing

The powerful measuring software arithmetic library makes mathematical post-processing of acquired data streams and targeted online evaluation of measured values possible.

The following are just some of the features available: a formula editor for calculating arithmetic and logical operations, a large number of different filter elements, parameterizable controllers, maps, integrators and differentiators as well as statistical evaluations using classic procedures. All operations are synchronized with data acquisition in real time.

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Data Recording

The channels are recorded using an integrated data recorder. This can be both operated manually and controlled by events. More extensive measurements can be divided into phases and there are useful additional functions for series of measurements.

Furthermore the recorder makes it possible to add extensive meta information to measurement records thus ensuring optimal documentation of the measuring chain.



Online Visualization

The visualization elements of PEA enable live representation of acquired measurement data. The mouse is used to organize the interface and how the individual displays are linked to the relevant data sources. No programming knowledge is necessary for this.

If required, the visualizations used can be scaled, highlighted using colors and images, and can also be grouped thematically. This means representation is always very clear and ensures that important measured values and system states can be emphasized.

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Plug-Ins

Plug-ins can be used to extend the measuring software with special, application-specific functions. This makes it possible to continue processing measurement data in plug-ins and also ensures that plug-in output can be incorporated in regular data recording.

Plug-ins offer a large range of possible applications, such as the integration of additional device drivers, the implementation of special data converters and the incorporation of MATLAB-/Simulink models.



Scripting

A further add-on, integrated in PEA, is the script interpreter. The simple, C-like syntax of the free script language Lua guarantees minimal familiarization time as well as resource-saving execution.

Complex logical links, procedural sequences, statemachines and reactive residual bus simulations are just a few examples of what can be defined and run in Lua scripts.

License Model

The function scope of the software can be adjusted to suit the particular application. Various sub-licenses are available to achieve perfect scaling, whether from a technical or economic point of view. These are always individual licenses and, depending on the hardware used, linked to a USB dongle (standard PCs) or measuring system (SMT system).



Order Numbers	
PEA-DEMO	Full version of the measuring software for configuration and/or evaluation purposes, measuring restricted to a maximum of five active channels
PEA-BASIC	Basic license for measurement data acquisition, support of all hardware components, trigger and recorder functions of the full version.
PEA-CCP/XCP	CCP and XCP protocol interpreter for measuring signals (Data Acquisition) of one or more ECUs via CAN (CCP and XCP) and/or LAN (XCP).
PEA-MATH	Complex arithmetic library (contains features such as filter functions, controllers, classi- fications, maps, function generators, integrators and differentiators)
PEA-SCRIPT	Integrated LUA script interpreter for programming algorithms and sequences, the li- brary provided enables access to data channels and PEA system variables.
PEA-SIMU	Add-on for using data channels as input and output variables of models. The Simulink model compiled in the Realtime Workshop is then fully integrated in PEA and run there in real time.
PEA-RAINFLOW	Online Rainflow classification based on the 4-point algorithm. Every Rainflow classifica- tion module runs a classification for exactly one input parameter. The module automat- ically detects the extreme values from the values of the input parameter.
PEA-PRO	Professional license (PEA-BASIC including all available add-ons.)