R*TIME Viewer New Features Discussions – What's Next

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Additions on tap for Version 4.3

- Security Level Enabling of Poke Boxes
 - Poke Box entity definition dialog would get field to enter security level required for poke action to be enabled
 - Default security level will be 0 to maintain existing functionality
 - Disabled Poke Box entities drawn in 3rd state





- Three state Poke Box and Function Buttons
 - Poke Box and Function Button entity definition dialogs would get field to enter shape for a third state – the disabled state
 - Poke Box entities disabled if security level insufficient or poke action type is "None"
 - Function Button entities disabled if security level insufficient





Dynamic Color for Buttons

- Poke Box and Function Button entity definition dialogs would get color selection "well" to specify setting for dynamic color 1
- A different color can be specified for each of the three states
- Dynamic color can be applied to any part of the button shape (text, background, etc.)





Local Archive

- Memory based archive system kept local to the client machine
- Duration, frequency, and points included specified in the DataServ.ini configuration file
- Greatly decreases access time for archive requests that can be fulfilled from local cache
- Limited size, so should only be used to accelerate known fixed trends such as SPDS trends





- Option to Suppress Progress Dialog Box
 - Definition dialog box for both Scrolling and X-Y Trend entities will get new checkbox option to turn off the progress dialog box for the trend
 - Useful for fixed trends that fall within the local archive cache
 - Archive request abort button would not be available outside of the progress dialog box





- Poke Action Extensions
 - Command line arguments will be allowed (only used by "Program" actions
 - Batch files will be allowed as the Program action in a Poke field





- New Send-Display controls
 - Individual windows will be selectable as the target
 - View will become a "tree" control, with workstations having subbranches for each open window
 - Workstations that cannot receive a Send command will still be shown, but will be "grayed-out"
 - "Close" option will be available





- Trend Graph Line Alarm Color
 - An additional entry in the Alarm Colors section of the MMI.INI configuration file for each alarm index – Trend Color
 - If not defined, will default to the Graphic Color (which is used by existing versions)
 - Transparent color will be allowed for the Trend Color, effectively turning the trend line "off" for the time segment that corresponds with that alarm index number





- Scrolling Vertical Trend Grids
 - An option will be added to scrolling trends to have vertical grid lines align with the time stamps scrolling at the bottom of the trend
 - Better control over the number of time stamps shown on a trend





Additions being considered for Version 4.3

- Other Poke Action types in the right-mouse button pop-up menu additions
- Relative Time flag for the Scrolling Trend info pop-up line
- Trend Data under info pop-up line to be put into \$LOCAL variables





Items on SCIENTECH's Wish List

- Text Rotation
- Update Chaining
- ❖ New Poke Action "Display in New Window"
- Several other "small tweaks"





Customer Requests?



