

# imc STUDIO 5

## Getting Started

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


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# 1 General Notes



First, allow us to express our thanks that you have decided on this product. We wish you total success in accomplishing your measurement assignments with the help of imc measurement instruments and the imc STUDIO software.

If there are any open questions about our products, please contact our [Hotline](#) .

## 1.1 Notes / Quality Management / Customer Support

### 1.1.1 Before you Start


Dear user.

1. The software you have obtained, as well as the associated manual are directed toward competent and instructed users and not uninitiated one-time users. If you notice any discrepancies of this type, we request that you contact our [Hotline](#) .
2. Necessary updates in the advancing software development can cause portions of the manual to become outdated. If you notice any discrepancies of this type, we request that you contact our Hotline.
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
If you contact us you would help us, if you know the serial number of your devices and the version info of the software. This documentation should also be on hand. Thank you!

- The device's serial number appears on the nameplate.
- The program version designation is available in the Info-Dialog (click on the symbol  in the menu bar).

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- What terms or descriptions are incomprehensible?
- What additions and enhancements you suggest?
- Where have material mistakes slipped in?
- Which spelling or typing errors have you found?

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**Germany**

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**As of: June 1, 2013**

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- (2) With a Network License, the Software may be run on as many data processing units as the amount of licenses obtained. In this case a central data processing unit acts as the license server for which the activation process is performed.

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- (3) Subject to the provisions in Paragraphs 1 and 2 or a deviating express agreement in writing regarding network use, multiple use of the Software is not permitted.
- (4) If the data processing unit is changed, the Customer is obliged to delete the Software from the hard disk drive of the previously used hardware.

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If the Software used is a free trial version, then the following additional limitations apply:

- (1) The trial version only entitles the user to test the Software. In particular, commercially productive utilization is not permitted.
- (2) The rights of use granted expire after the elapse of a period stated in the product description.

## § 6 License Key


- (1) The Licensor may, after serving the customer 3 months written prior notice, terminate this contract after 12 months at the earliest. This contract can be terminated by either party with immediate effect if important grounds exist. This is especially relevant to noncompliance with the stipulations in § 2 (Scope of Use) and § 3 (Protection of Licensed Material).
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## § 7 Conclusion

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## 1.2 Documentation

### Help

All imc STUDIO products come with **help** (CHM format). In the menu bar, click on the symbol  to open the help. The help files have a modular structure, so the scope of the help files depends on the product installed. The help may also contain parts shared imc software components. These parts may differ from the rest of the help in terms of style and structure. All help files are equipped with a full text search functionality and have an index.

#### Tip for printing out help chapters

In order to change the page setup (margins, headers and footers), start the Microsoft Internet Explorer and use the menu **File > Page setup**. There is help available in the Internet Explorer for this purpose.



#### Notes on screen shots

- The screen shots appearing in this documentation were created with a variety of Windows versions and their appearance may thus differ from that of your installed program.
- imc STUDIO works with user groups and access rights. The user group has wide-reaching influence on the visibility and/or operability of menus, icons, etc. Note that in all imc STUDIO documents the administrator roll is assumed to be filled. All descriptions are therefore related to the full utilization of the user interface.

## 2 Overview

This document describes the first steps in operating **imc STUDIO** and the installation of additional imc products.

This document uses textual references to the product documentation.



**imc STUDIO** is the common framework forming a **product package** through the combination of modular components (plug-ins).

Which plug-ins are available depends on the product installation (order).

The imc STUDIO framework includes common functions:

- [Projects, Experiment templates and Experiments](#) <sup>[ 54 ]</sup>
- Data management
- Open / Save experiments
- Saving / Loading views
- User administration and Access rights
- [Navigation Pane](#) <sup>[ 46 ]</sup>, [Logbook](#) <sup>[ 50 ]</sup>
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### Customer Support - Hotline

- Questions or problems? Contact our [Customer Support / Hotline](#) <sup>[ 7 ]</sup>.

## 3 Setting Up

### 3.1 System requirements

#### 3.1.1 System Requirements

##### Supported operating Systems

- Windows 8
- Windows 7 (32 bit; recommended: 64 bit)
- Windows Vista (32 bit) as of SP1
- Windows XP (32 bit) as of SP3

##### Minimum requirements for the PC <sup>1</sup>

- Hyper-threading or Dual Core processor with 2 GHz clock rate
- 2 GB RAM / 4 GB RAM for Windows 7 and 8 (64 bit)
- 10 GB free hard disk space (NTFS format)
- For installation of the software via DVD an appropriate drive is needed
- Color graphics (16-bit color resolution )
- Screen resolution 1280 x 768

<sup>1</sup> A system with minimum requirements is not adequate for connection with multiple devices and complex design tasks with the imc STUDIO Developer. Use such systems preferably only for data monitoring purposes.

##### Recommended configuration for the PC

- Quad Core processor with 2 GHz clock rate or higher
- 3 GB RAM (32 bit) /  $\geq 8$  GB RAM (64 bit)
- 10 GB free hard disk space (NTFS format)
- For software installation via DVD an appropriate drive is needed
- True-Color color output (32-bit color resolution)
- Screen resolution: 1280 x 1024 or more
- Windows 7 or 8 (64 bit)

#### 3.1.2 Devices Supported

Which devices are able to run imc STUDIO is stated in the documentation on the plug-in Setup. In order to use imc STUDIO Monitor, the devices must have at least **32 MB internal memory available**.

## 3.2 Installation - Preparation

### Product Configuration / License

Software requires a license. This means that the program may only be started upon obtaining a license (see [Product Configuration / Licensing](#)<sup>[36]</sup>).

### Administrator rights required

In order to be able to install or uninstall products, you must be registered with a user account possessing administrator rights to the PC.

However, if you are only logged on to your PC without administrator rights, log off and log back on with an administrator user account. Without an administrator user account, you will need the support of your system administrator or IT department.

See also [Notes on Windows User Account Control](#)<sup>[20]</sup>.

### Restarting the computer in the process of installation

During the installation process, the installation program will prompt you to restart the PC.



#### Notes on restarting

After the restart, login with the same user account in which you had previously begun the installation.

### Installation update

When you perform an update from an older version (e.g. 3.x or 4.x) to the current version of imc STUDIO, it is possible to adopt some of the settings from the older versions.

#### Update with the help of the existing database (recommended)

If you wish to continue using the existing database, the possible settings will be adopted.

See: [Update with the help of the existing database](#)<sup>[18]</sup>.

#### Update: Adopting the settings without using the existing database

If you wish to use some settings such as the Views without using the old database, you must save and import the particular settings.

See: [Update without using the existing database](#)<sup>[18]</sup>.

### Procedure / Overview

Follow the installation program instructions. See chapter: [Installation step by step](#)<sup>[21]</sup>.

- The installation process first checks whether the **additionally required system software** is installed. If one is missing, it will be installed automatically.
- After restarting the system, the selected imc products are installed.
- After the installation is concluded, it is possible to start imc LICENSE Manager directly to activate your license.
- Once the license has been activated, you can use the products.

## Uninstalling

To uninstall the product, use the Windows Control Panel and select the respective entry:

- **Control Panel / Add or Remove Programs** (Windows XP) or
- **Control Panel / Programs (Uninstall a Program)** (Windows Vista / Windows 7)

### 3.2.1 Update with the help of the existing database

If you continue to use the existing database, whatever settings are possible will be adopted. This includes Views, any Setup-columns created by the user, the user administration (only 4.x) and all experiments.



#### Notes on the database

- **It is impossible to use the imc STUDIO database by both versions in parallel.**
- If the same path in the new imc STUDIO version is selected, you will be notified. A dialog for performing conversion appears. There, among other things, you can convert the database or have it copied beforehand.

Once the database has been converted, it can be used by the current imc STUDIO version.



#### Using new views

- Be aware that the new version provides new functions, such as new or enhanced Setup pages and new menu items.
- **Use of the new Views is recommended! (necessary for 3.x, if you do not wish to use the [simplified menu guidance](#) <sup>39</sup>).**
- User-made columns such as meta data columns are not automatically inserted into the pages. The configurations of these columns, however, is adopted from the old View. You can re-insert these columns at the desired position (by means of the Column Chooser).
- Multiple new views are provided. Select the **Complete**-View and add whatever Setup pages are required or saved, and save the view under a new name.
- How to save Views is explained in the imc STUDIO documentation under *imc STUDIO (general) > Ribbon > View Menu*.

### 3.2.2 Update without using the existing database

In the older imc STUDIO version (3.x), various settings were saved in the so-called Application Settings. These are mainly the view settings: user-defined views, column configurations (e.g. metacolumns).

As of version 4.x, these settings are saved with the respective project and apply to all the experiments it contains.

In order to retain these settings in the new version after having performed the update **without using the existing database**, export of the settings are necessary.

### Backup settings in imc STUDIO 3.x

In order to save the current view settings, proceed as follows:

- Setup the view as desired
- Save the current view as *<default>*: to do so, open the **View** menu, choose command **Save current view as <default> in application settings**
- Alternatively, you can save the current view under a name of your choice
- Open the **Filter** menu, choose the **Import / Export** command
- Choose option **Export** and then the list item **Export views, metacolumns, sensors, ...**
- Choose an appropriate file name and path for the backup file

### Backup settings in imc STUDIO 4.x

In order to save the current view settings, proceed as follows:

- Setup the view as desired
- Save the current view as *<default>*: to do so, open the menu **View > Views**, choose command **Save As**
- Alternatively, you can save the current view under a name of your choice
- Open the **Filter** menu, choose the **Import / Export** command
- Choose option **Export** and then the list item **Export views, meta data columns, sensors, ...**
- Choose an appropriate file name and path for the backup file

### Restore settings

In order to import the View settings to the current project, proceed as follows:

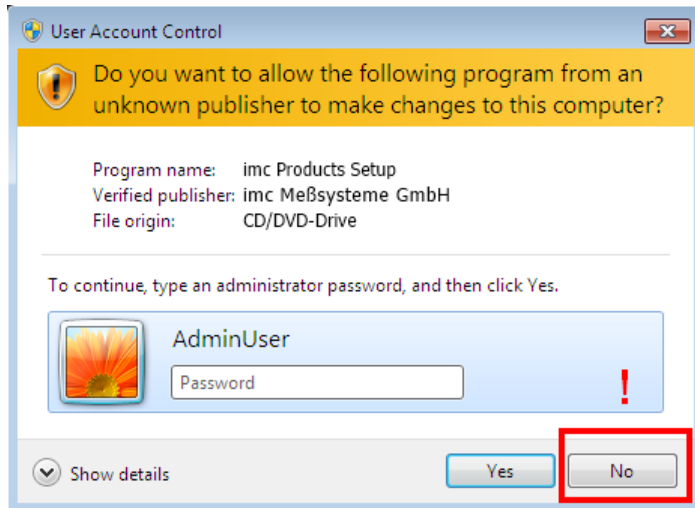
- Open the **Project** menu, choose the **Import / Export** command
- Choose option **Import** and then the list item **Import views, meta data columns, ...**
- Choose the backup file

Thereafter you will see a dialog allowing you to load either all or individual view settings.

### 3.2.3 Notes on Windows User Account Control

#### Do not change the user account

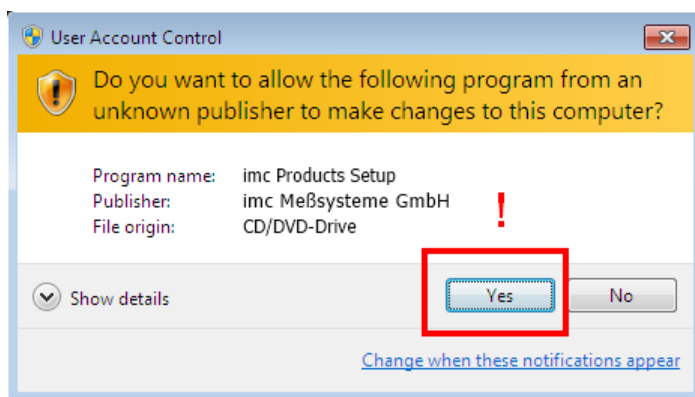
With Windows Vista or Windows 7, installation can be started **without administrator rights**. In this case, the operating system requires selection of a user account and associated password, as shown in the example below. **Do NOT continue with the installation in this way, otherwise it will be incorrect. Select "No".**



Example of a password request.  
Select "No".  
Do NOT try to continue the installation.

#### Confirm the prompt by the user account control

When you are logged in to a user account possessing administrator rights, you may receive a prompt by the Windows User Account Control (UAC) to allow changes. Select **"Yes"** as shown below.



Select "Yes", to start the installation.

### 3.3 Installation Step by Step

Actual texts appearing in the user interface may differ from those shown in the screen shots, depending on the product configuration (path/version name).

#### Installation from the product DVD

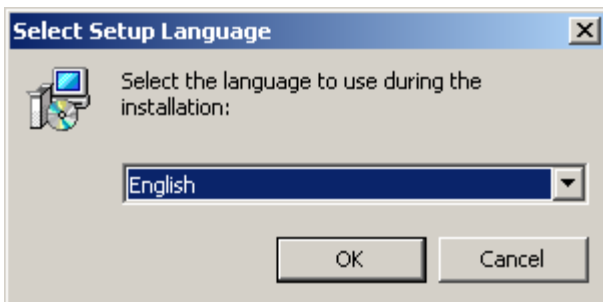
- Close all programs.
- Insert the product DVD.
- In usual cases, the Setup program will automatically start after a brief delay.
- Otherwise use the Windows Explorer and start the installation program from the DVD.

#### Installation after Download

- If you have obtained the product electronically (download, Email), simply start the installation program manually.

#### Installation language settings (language after starting the software)

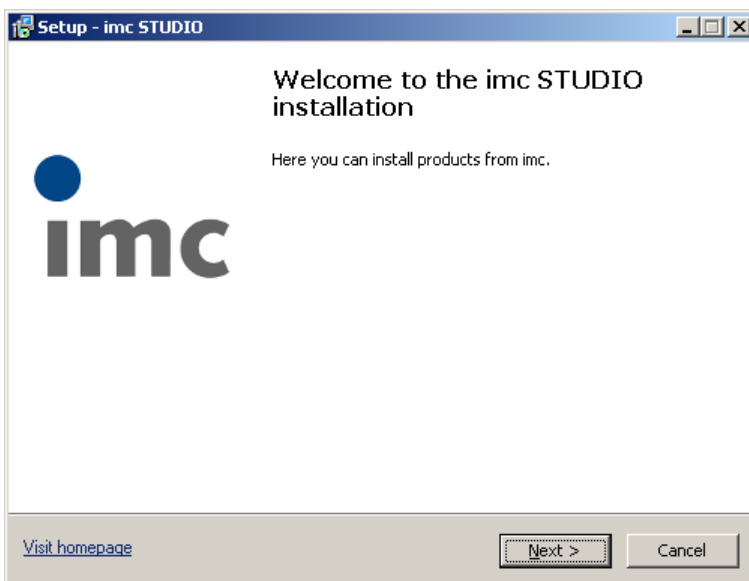
When you start the installation, you first see a dialog for selecting the installation language:



Selecting the language during installation

#### Performing installation

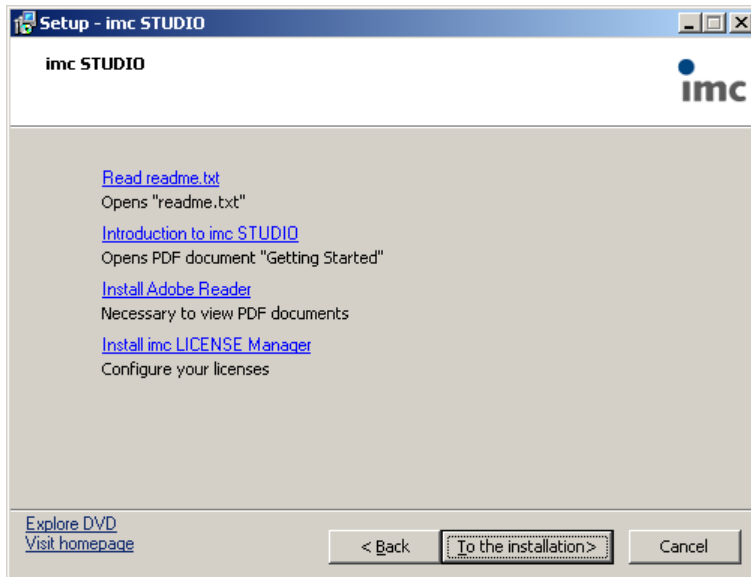
Once you have selected the language, the installation setup starts with a welcome page:



Installation setup welcome page

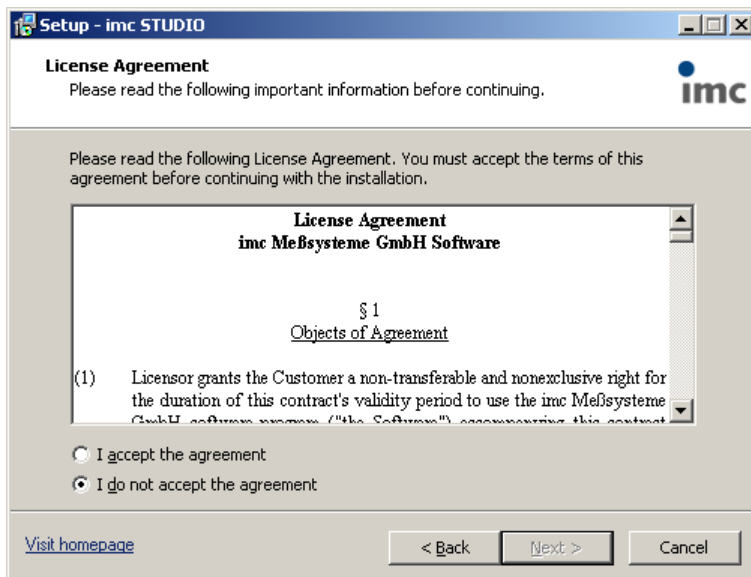
On the installation setup's next page, you are offered the following choices:

- open the *Readme*-file,
- open the *Getting Started*-document,
- install the *Adobe Reader*, which is required for opening PDF documents, e.g. the *First Steps* document
- separate installation of imc LICENSE Manager and
- display of the DVD contents.



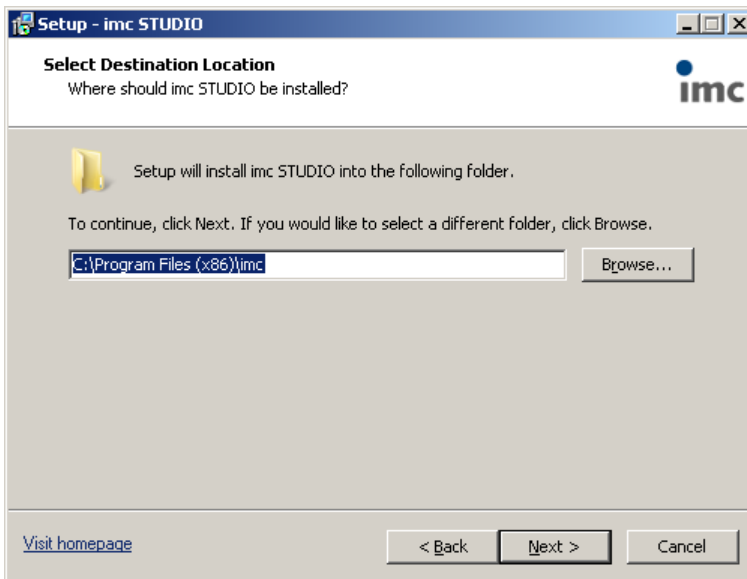
**Before starting installation**

You must accept the license agreement to continue the installation.



**License agreement**

In the next step, select the file path where the products should be installed. For each imc product, a separate subfolder is created in this path.



Entering the installation path

Now you can select which components should be installed. There are three types available:

- [Demo](#) <sup>24</sup>
- [Auto](#) <sup>24</sup>
- [User-defined](#) <sup>26</sup>

However independent from the selected installation type the products that are always included are:

- imc LICENSE Manager for managing the licensing, and
- imc Shared Components, providing common components of the imc products, such as the curve window.

Details on the types and the respective subsequent installation steps are provided in the associated sections below.



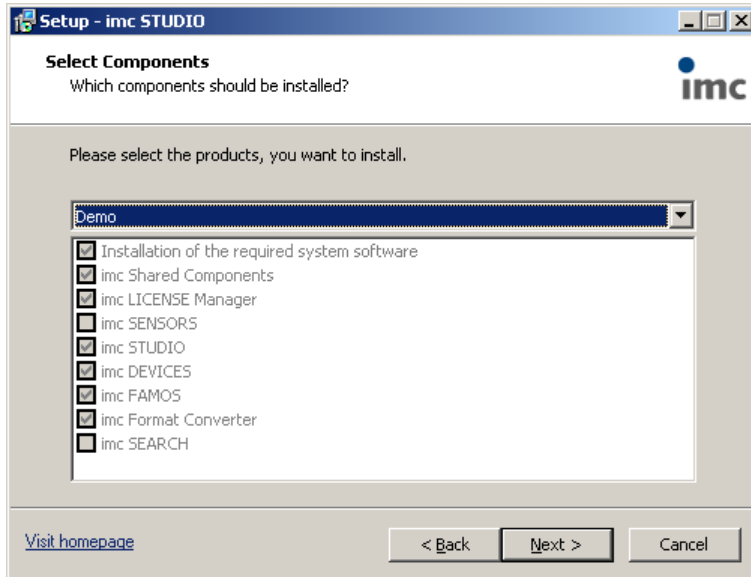
### Note on re-configuring imc STUDIO

Regardless of which variant of the installation is selected, when imc STUDIO is installed, all components/ plug-ins are included. This way, after successful installation it is possible to adapt the configuration at any time by means of the [Product configuration](#) <sup>36</sup> and to select the appropriate edition.

### 3.3.1 Demo and Auto

The installation types **Demo** and **Auto** are only slightly different. For both types the installation settings are already configured. If you need further settings please choose the [user-defined installation type](#) <sup>[26]</sup>.

#### Demo



Selecting Demo installation



#### Who should select the Demo installation

Use the installation type **Demo** in order to test the full scope of imc STUDIO for 30 days. No other products which require a password will be installed.

Along with imc Shared Components and imc LICENSE Manager, the installation type *Demo* installs:

- imc STUDIO Developer (Demo),
- imc DEVICES,
- imc FAMOS Reader + Enterprise (Demo) and
- imc Format Converter.

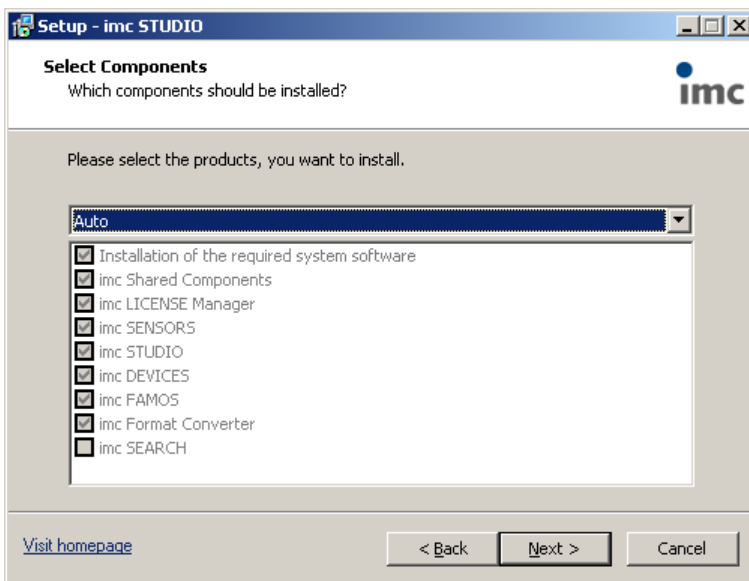
The associated Demo license must be activated after concluding installation by means of imc LICENSE Manager, otherwise it is not possible to start imc STUDIO. Once the demo trial period has elapsed, use the [Product Configuration](#) <sup>[36]</sup> to convert the edition to the license you have purchased.

The imc STUDIO edition and the necessary components/plugin-ins can be adapted at any time subsequent to successful installation by means of the [Product Configuration](#) <sup>[36]</sup>.

The imc FAMOS Reader is freeware which also needs to be registered using imc LICENSE Manager.

Installation start follows directly (see: [Starting the installation](#) <sup>[33]</sup>).

## Auto



Selecting Auto installation



### Who should chose the Auto installation

Use the installation type **Auto** in order to install the standard imc STUDIO edition including all necessary components. Optionally, the password-protected sensor management system imc SENSORS is installed.

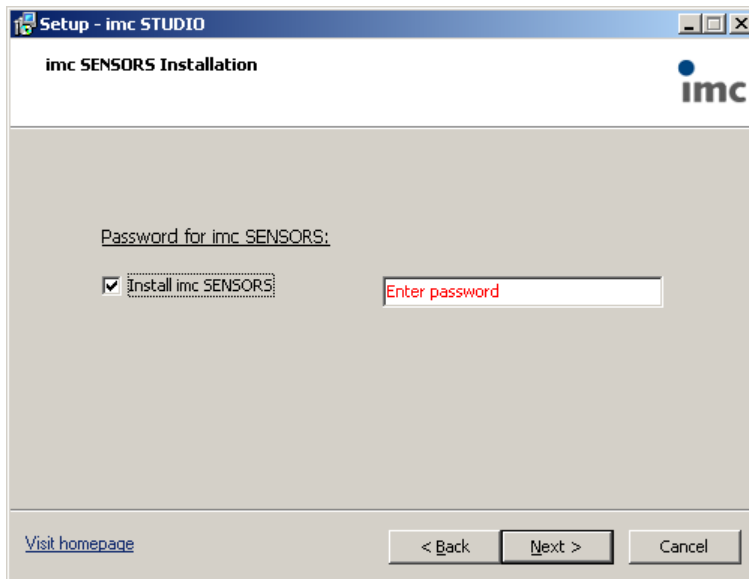
The installation type *Auto* is installed along with imc Shared Components and imc LICENSE Manager

- imc STUDIO Standard,
- imc DEVICES,
- imc FAMOS Reader
- optionally imc SENSORS and
- imc Format Converter.

The edition imc STUDIO Standard requires the purchase for license. By contrast, imc FAMOS Reader is freeware. Both products must be activated by means of imc LICENSE Manager, otherwise the programs can not be used.

The imc STUDIO edition and the necessary components/plugin-ins can be adapted at any time subsequent to successful installation by means of the [product configuration](#) <sup>36</sup>.

Optionally, imc SENSORS is installed, which is a tool for administering sensors. This product requires a password for installation. If you do not wish to install imc SENSORS, you can de-select it:



**Password prompt for imc SENSORS**

This additional step follows immediately upon selection of this installation type. After entering the correct password, or selection of the imc SENSORS installation, the installation starts (see: [Starting the installation](#) <sup>33</sup>).

### 3.3.2 User-defined

This installation type enables the user to choose a detailed configuration.

Based on your selection of components desired, different installation steps are displayed.

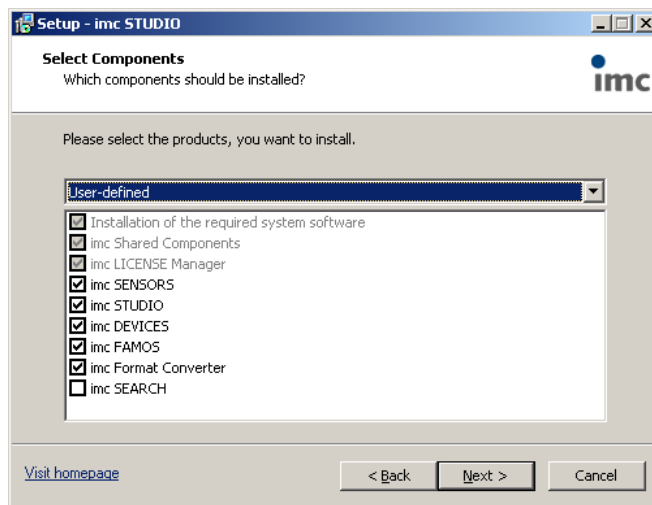


#### **Who should select User-defined installation**

Use the installation type **User-defined** if you wish to configure the products individual components. With this type, it is possible to install **password-protected components**. Further, you can **install and configure** additional imc products such as **imc SEARCH** or **imc FAMOS** (to different degrees). Note that some components can require a separate license. For imc STUDIO, it is additionally possible to install all **available language packages**.

## Selecting components

Once you have selected the installation type *User-defined*, it is possible to select/de-select the desired components in the box at the bottom:



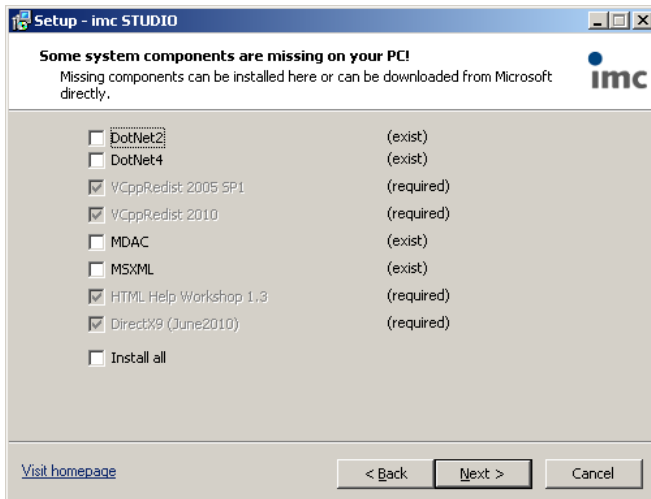
Selecting User-defined installation

imc LICENSE Manager and imc Shared Components are included, as well as the **necessary system component**, otherwise the installed products will not function properly.

- Required system components      System components require using of imc products.
- imc LICENSE Manager              imc LICENSE Manager enables the display and activation of all imc software products requiring a license.
- imc Shared Components          Shared components of the imc products, such as the curve window.
- imc SENSORS                      imc SENSORS is a turnkey database program applicable across different measurement devices, for administering and editing freely definable sensor information.
- imc STUDIO                        imc STUDIO is modular software platform handling all aspects of modern measurement technology from simple data acquisition to sophisticated test configurations.
- imc DEVICES                      imc DEVICES allows either completely manual or totally automated setting of all measurement parameters, real-time functions, trigger machines and data saving modes. imc DEVICES must be installed in order to use imc STUDIO.
- imc FAMOS                        imc FAMOS is a program for analyzing, evaluating and documenting measurement results.
- imc Format Converter            Converts imc measurement data to other formats such as EXCEL and ASCII.
- imc SEARCH                       Provides an interface for administering and saving the measured data in an external database system.

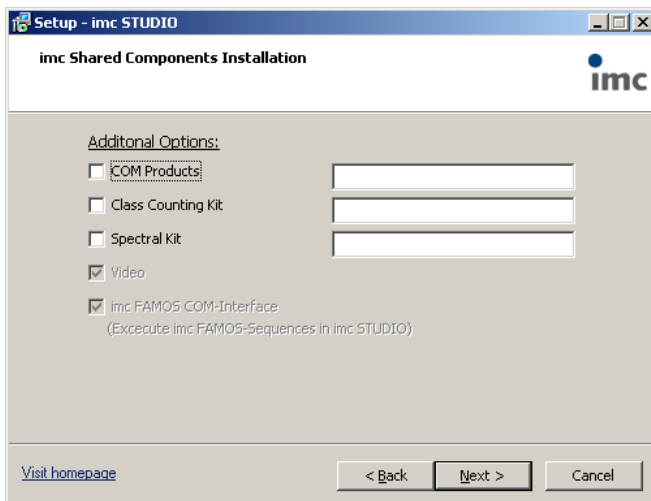
## Required system components

In the next step, the system components which the products selected require are displayed, along with a note about which are already installed on your system. It is also possible to re-install any already installed components. Which components are missing/present depends on the system and its update status, so that the illustrations below are intended as an example only.



Required system components (example)

## Configuring imc Shared Components



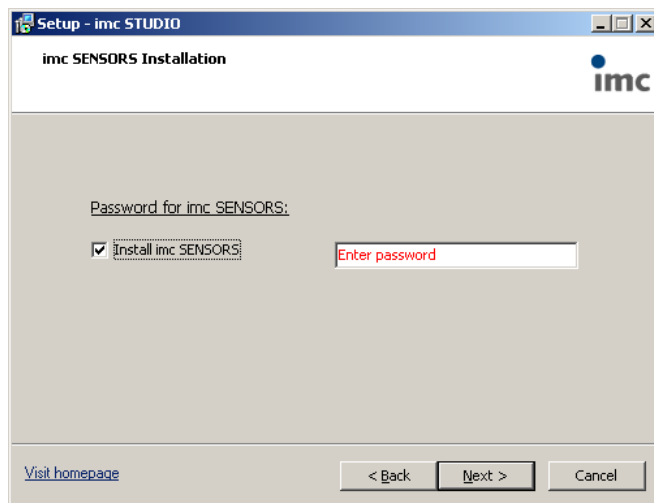
Configuring imc Shared Components

In this installation step, it is possible to install password-protected components of imc Shared Components.

- COM Products                      The imc COM programming interface is a system integration tool
- Class Counting Kit                Function library for imc COM products
- Spectral Kit                        Function library for imc COM products
- Video
- imc FAMOS COM-Interface        Execute imc FAMOS-Sequences in imc STUDIO (only available with imc FAMOS Professional or higher)

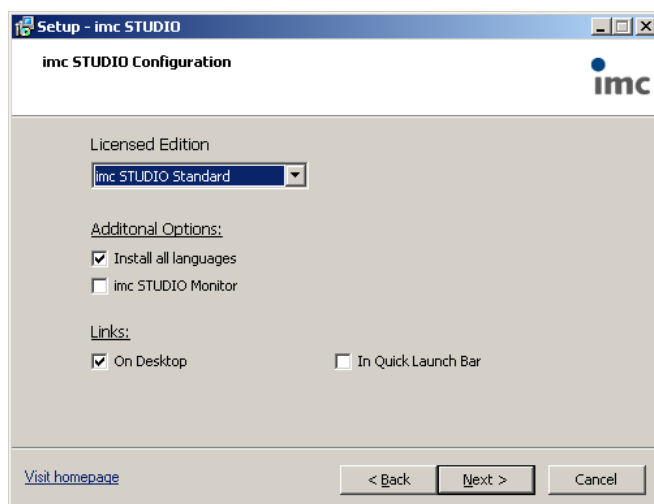
## Password for imc SENSORS

If you have selected imc SENSORS, you are prompted to enter the password prior to installation. But if you do not wish to install imc SENSORS, de-select it here.



Password prompt for imc SENSORS

## Configuring imc STUDIO



Configuring imc STUDIO

It is possible to make settings for your licensed product edition here. In consequence, later [product configuration](#) <sup>36)</sup> can be omitted.

- Licensed edition  
Information on the editions is provided in the *Technical datasheet* for imc STUDIO.
- Install all languages  
This option installs imc STUDIO in all available languages. If you do not need any extra languages, you can shorten the installation process.  
Please note that some functions require other languages. E.g. foreign-language parameter sets can only be imported if the corresponding language is installed.  
If the option is de-selected, then English and the operating system's language (if available) are installed automatically. If desired, all

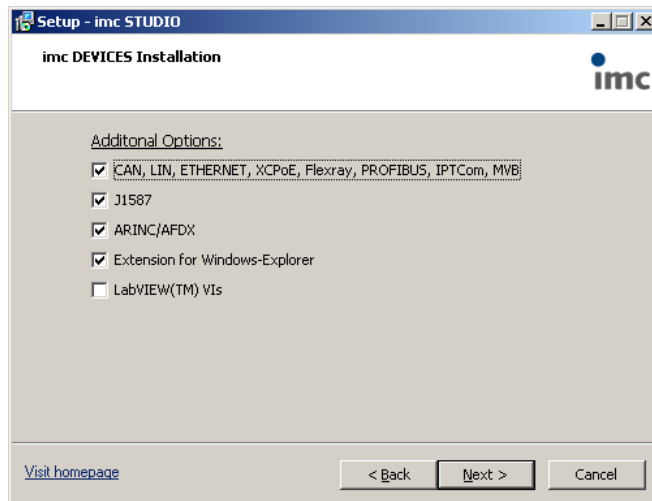
- imc STUDIO Monitor
- Links

other supported languages can be installed later (see section [Installing additional languages](#)<sup>56</sup>).

License-required component for imc STUDIO

Program starting links can be created either on the Desktop or in the Quicklaunch bar.

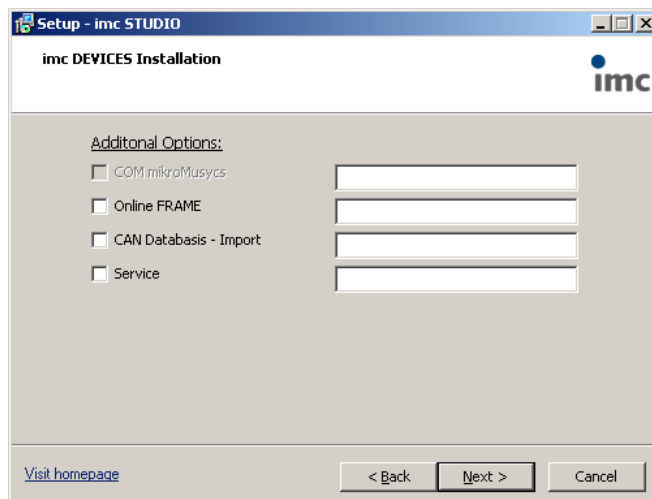
## Configuring imc DEVICES



**Configuration imc DEVICES**

Here, you can install optional components of imc DEVICES:

- CAN, LIN, ETHERNET, XCPoE, Flexray, PROFIBUS, IPTCom, MVB For measurement devices with one of these Fieldbus terminals
- J1587 For measurement devices with a J1587-Bus terminal
- ARINC/AFDX For measurement devices with a ARINC- or AFDX-Bus terminal
- Extension for Windows-Explorer Access to the device hard drive via the MS Windows-Explorer
- LabVIEW(TM) VIs Library for accessing the imc devices via LabVIEW(TM)

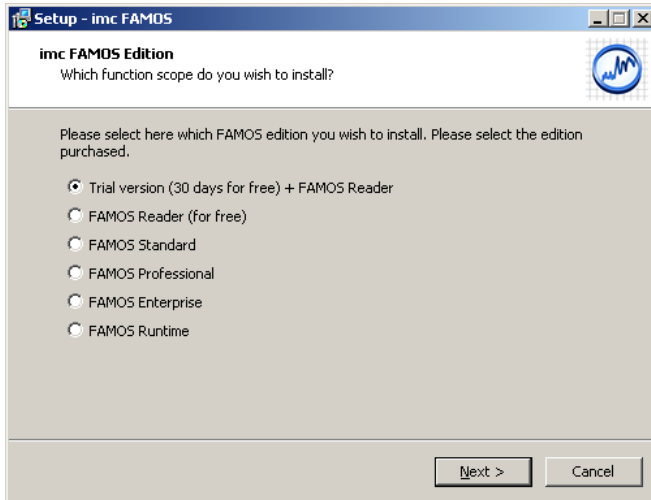


**Configuration imc DEVICES (password-protected)**

In this step, you can add the password-protected components for imc DEVICES to the installation:

- COM imc  $\mu$ -MUSYCS Installation of the ActiveX components
- imc Online FRAME Installation of the imc Online FRAME Workbench with Compiler
- CAN Database - Import Vector database linkage, DBC-Format
- Service Service support. Install this component only if requested by Customer Support.

## Configuring imc FAMOS



Configuration of the imc FAMOS installation

In this step, you configure the imc FAMOS installation. Select the editions you wish to install. Note that all editions except the Reader-Edition require a license. In the right column are optional components which you can install along with imc FAMOS.

Follow the Assistant's instructions and select your preferred language for the help files and example files like projects, sequences and dialogs. Select any optional components which you wish to install along with imc FAMOS.

For imc FAMOS, a separate installation folder can be selected. The installation folder must be on the PC's local hard drive. imc FAMOS cannot be installed on a network drive.

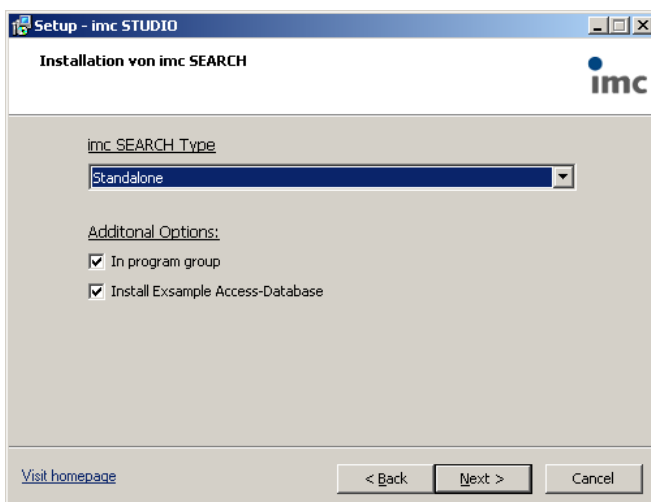
Additionally, a folder for sample files is needed.



### imc FAMOS editions

More detailed information on the imc FAMOS editions is provided in the imc FAMOS manual.

## Configuring imc SEARCH



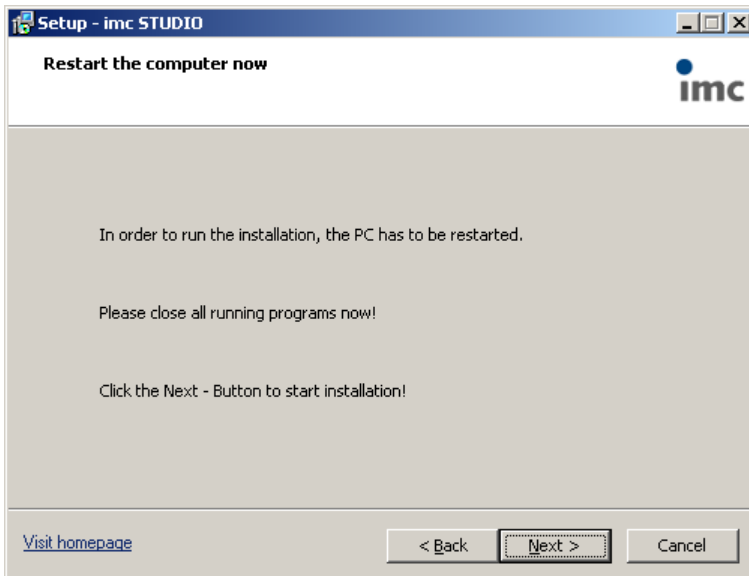
Configuring imc SEARCH

For imc SEARCH, you can specify whether you wish to install a sample database.

Once all products have been configured, the installation can start.

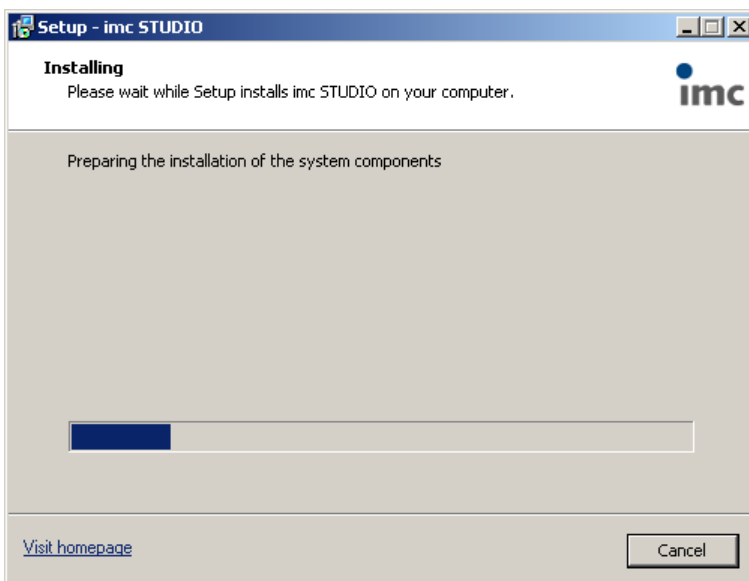
### 3.3.3 Starting the Installation

You are notified that restart of the system is necessary for successful installation. For this reason you should close any running programs.



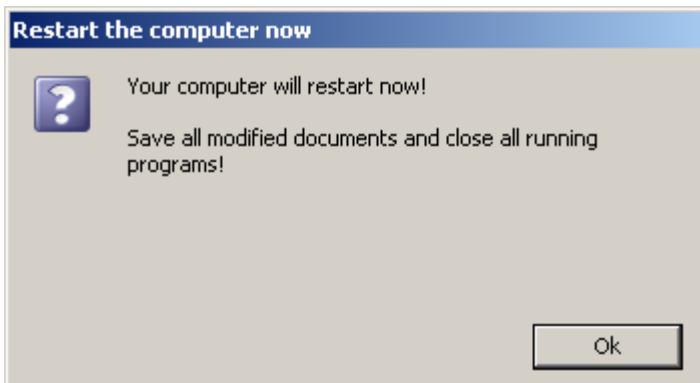
**Concluding the installation setup and starting installation**

Next, the necessary system components are installed:



**Installation of the necessary system components**

Once this part of the installation process has been concluded, the system must be restarted, so the following message is posted:



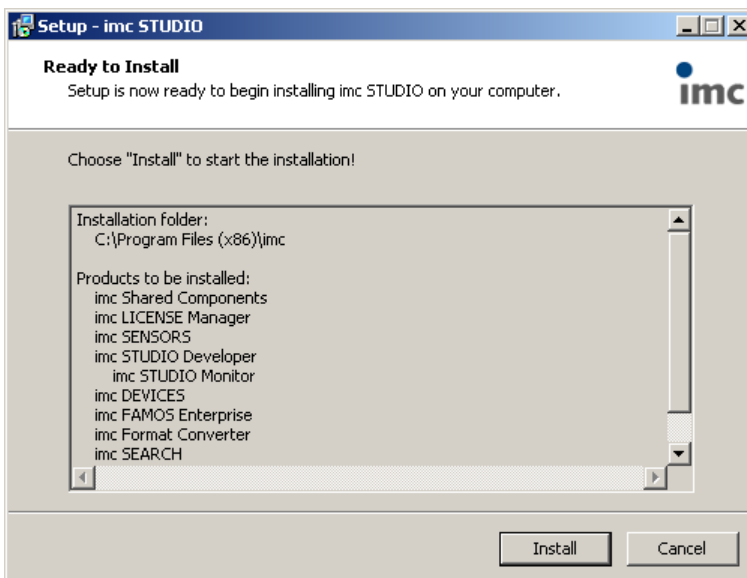
**Restarting the system**

As soon as you click on *OK*, the restart is performed.

### **Warning**

After restarting, **be certain to log in with the same user account** with which you started the installation process. Using a different user account can cause failure of correct installation of the components.

After logging in, the actual installation of the products begins. You are presented with a list of which components are to be installed, which you can confirm by clicking on *Install*. The figure below shows an example; the actual dialog may appear differently depending on your respective previous selections.



**List of components to install, following restart  
(example)**

Next, installation of the individual imc products begins.

### **Disabling the system start**

While installation is running, the operating system is disabled from starting again, meaning that no other programs can be started.

When installation is finished, the following message is posted:



#### Concluding installation

Next, you can start imc LICENSE Manager in order to activate your license. It is also possible to start the imc LICENSE Manager later via the Start menu.

### 3.4 Product configuration / Licensing

imc STUDIO can be ordered and licensed/activated in various product configurations.

Further details can be found in the order forms or on [www.imc-berlin.com](http://www.imc-berlin.com). For a list of all possible editions and plug-ins, see the imc STUDIO *Technical datasheet* or contact our [Hotline](#) <sup>7</sup>.

#### imc STUDIO editions

- |                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| • imc STUDIO Standard     | imc STUDIO-STD |
| • imc STUDIO Professional | imc STUDIO-PRO |
| • imc STUDIO Developer    | imc STUDIO-DEV |
| • imc STUDIO Runtime      | imc STUDIO-RUN |

For the Edition **Standard**, **Professional** or **Developer**, the corresponding license is required. These can be activated in the imc LICENSE Manager.

The Edition **Runtime** is a freeware version. You can register this edition in the imc LICENSE Manager. There, select the option "**Trial versions and freeware**".

#### Basic packages and optional packages

In supplementation of the basic edition, additional components (plug-ins) are available. For some of these plug-ins, a separate license is required. A list of all available plug-ins is provided in the *technical datasheet* for imc STUDIO.

#### Licensing (imc LICENSE Manager)

In this version of imc STUDIO, the software license is managed with **imc LICENSE Manager**.

After concluding installation, you can start imc LICENSE Manager directly in order to configure your license. If imc STUDIO is started without an appropriate license having been configured, the product configuration program opens, from where it is also possible to start imc LICENSE Manager.


imc LICENSE Manager offers a separate documentation which describes imc LICENSE Manager in detail. Start imc LICENSE Manager and click on *Help*.

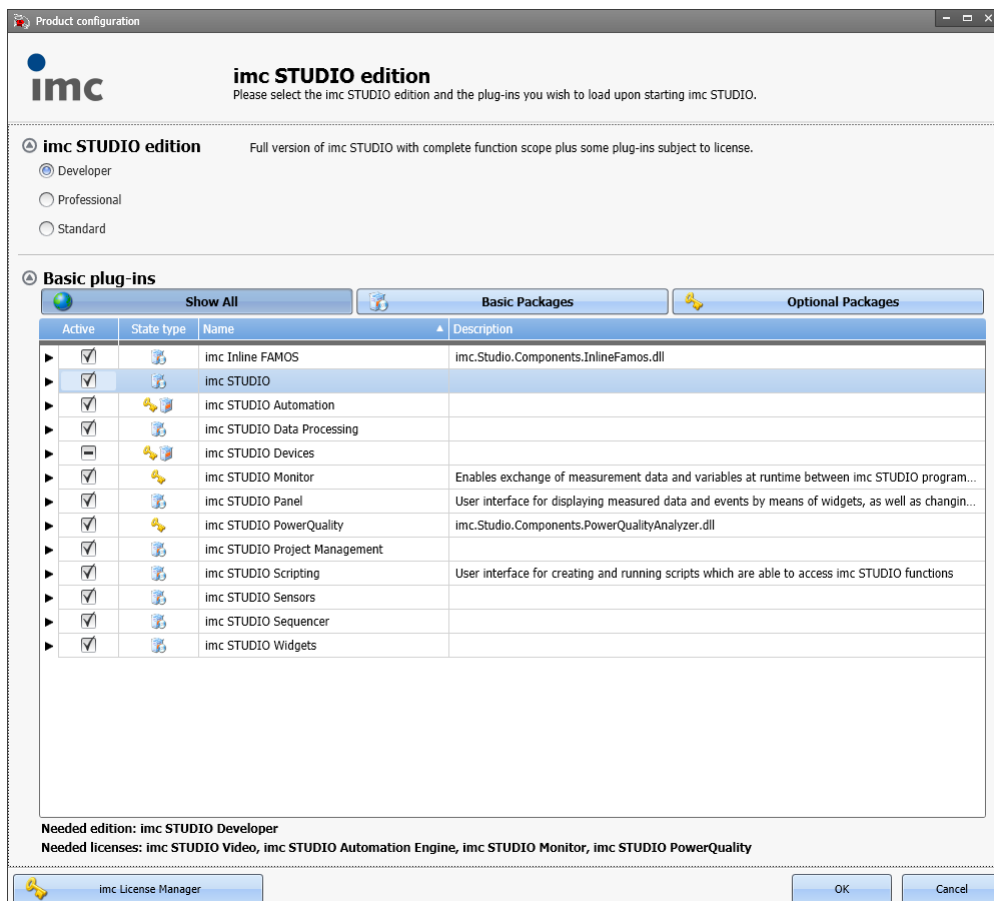
If you have not yet activated a license for the selected product configuration, start the imc LICENSE Manager (e.g. by means of the corresponding entry in the Windows Start menu: for XP: *All Programs > imc > imc LICENSE Manager*).

Follow the instructions of the imc LICENSE Manager.

## Changing the product configuration

You can change the product configuration in order to adapt it to the license purchased. For instance, if during installation you have selected a different edition or if you have purchased a product upgrade.

To do this, start imc STUDIO and click in the menu bar (top right) on the symbol . The assistant for configuration the product opens. You can change (upgrade/downgrade) the configuration to correspond to the licenses you have purchased. Follow the instructions and close the assistant.



Assistant for altering the product configuration

After completing the configuration, you must close and restart imc STUDIO for apply settings.

## 3.5 Start

### Desktop Icon, Quick Launch Icon



Further, as part of installation an icon is set up on your desktop and - depending on your choice during [installation](#)<sup>[21]</sup> - a symbol in the quick launch toolbar.

If no icon was set up ([installation](#)<sup>[21]</sup> option), then open the **Windows Start menu**. There you find under "**Programs**" the folder "**imc**" and in it a link to start the product.

If [Product Configuration / Licensing](#)<sup>[36]</sup> is missing, the [imc LICENSE Manager](#)<sup>[36]</sup> starts automatic.

### Splash screen

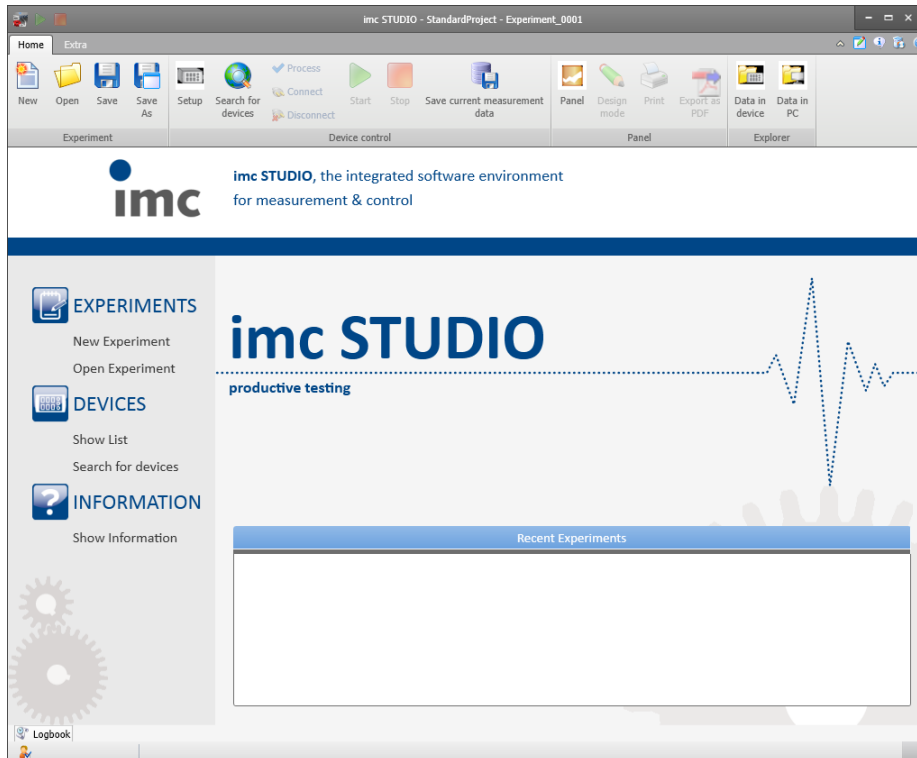
Next, a splash screen appears, indicating that software components are being loaded. Depending on the installation and the PC capacity, this could take some time.



Loading the software components after start

## Start page

You see the start page of the installed product, as seen in this example:



Welcome Page (Example)

Along with installation of imc STUDIO, a number of **Views** are provided. Views in this sense are defined designs for the user interface's appearance.

imc STUDIO offers a wide variety of possibilities and functions, but the entire scope of these is not always needed for a single simple measurement.

### **imc STUDIO starts with a simplified view**

In order to make it easier to get familiar with the software, the program starts with a simplified view with limited choices. All important functions for measurement and visualization of measured data are available. The menu ribbon is structured in such a way that proceeding from left to right accesses all of the [Main windows](#) <sup>41</sup>.

You can switch to a different view at any time, in order to obtain access to all of the existing functions. To do this, go first to the menu item *Extra > View* and in the drop-down list of views, select: **Complete**.

In order that this view also be used the next time imc STUDIO is started, save the view as <default>: Menu item *Extra > View > Save as*. Select from the list: <default>.

### **Notes on the descriptions and the screenshots**

The following descriptions and screenshots always pertain to the view with the full scope of functions. Many of these functions are also found in the minimized view at another location.

### 3.5.1 Device Connection / Network / Firewall

To use an imc measurement device, imc STUDIO must set up a connection via a network (mostly LAN).

Details are described in the imc STUDIO Help in the chapter [Connecting to and configuring the network](#)

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#### Skiping the network settings

If you have used the predecessor device control software imc DEVICES in the past, you can skip these steps, as the network configuration of the PC and the devices need not be changed for imc STUDIO.

#### Firewall

Depending on the operating system settings in effect and on the software previously installed, the first time you start the program and access a device connected to the LAN (e.g. by means of the device search), you see a prompt from Microsoft Windows to clear imc STUDIO (**imc DEVICES** and **imc DEVICES Service**) for the Firewall.

For Windows 7 SP1, the prompt appears as shown below:



Windows Firewall Warning (Windows 7)

Windows XP: For undisturbed operation of imc STUDIO, you must select "**Unblock**".

Windows 7 and Windows Vista: here, there is a distinction between private and public networks. For operation on LAN, it is sufficient to enable "Private networks". You may wish to read the online documentation on imc STUDIO and / or ask your administrator / IT-specialist.

### 3.5.2 Plug-ins / Main Windows



imc STUDIO provides the framework for **plug-ins**. Plug-ins appear within imc STUDIO as **main windows**. A plug-in can have one or more main windows.

The main windows appear in the Navigation Pane.

On the left you see an example of the Navigation Pane with the main windows **Start Page**, **Setup**, **Panel**, **Automation** and **Sequencer** (**Panel** is selected).

To jump to one of the main windows, click on the corresponding button in the Navigation Pane.

[Navigation Pane](#)<sup>46)</sup>: Select this link to go to further information on operation of the Navigation Pane.



#### Notes on the use of the simplified view

- When you use the [simplified view](#)<sup>39)</sup>, the Navigation Pane is hidden. In this case, in order to go to the main windows Setup and Panel, use the menu ribbon.
- The other main windows can only be reached via the Navigation Pane.
- If you need it, you can [show the Navigation Pane](#)<sup>49)</sup>, or change the view.

### Homepage

By default the Start page is shown when imc STUDIO is started. The **Homepage** shows certain functions, depending on the particular product, as buttons. Click on the corresponding buttons, to select your desired functions.

### Tool window

Most plug-ins have their own tool window (e.g. the Panel with the tool windows: Widgets and Data Browser). The tool windows are described in their respective sections.

[Tool window](#)<sup>47)</sup>: Select this link to go to further information on operating the tool windows and for a description of the tool windows belonging to the imc STUDIO frame.

### 3.5.3 Important Settings

#### User and User groups

imc STUDIO has the ability to administer various **users** which are permitted to use the program in various ways. For details see the section User administration.

#### Options

Before beginning to work with imc STUDIO, you can change essential settings, such as the folder path where the experiments are saved:

- Select the item **Options** in the **Extra** menu
- To change the folder path, select **Project Management > HDD settings**
- Here, you can edit the path into the database.



#### Reading and writing access rights are required

Please note that this setting will apply for every user of imc STUDIO. Each user must possess reading and writing access rights for the specified folder path.

### 3.5.4 Command Line Parameters

#### Opening an Experiment file

An [experiment file](#)<sup>54)</sup> (e.g. MyExperiment.imcstudio) can be opened directly in the Windows Explorer by double-clicking. This starts a new instance of imc STUDIO and opens the experiment file. The same procedure also applies for linkages to experiment files, for example files on the Desktop.


Experiments can be started with command line parameters. To do this, create a link to an experiment file and enter the desired parameter.

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[ "imc STUDIO-Installation" ] "Experiment-File" [/fullscreen] [/do[StartMeasurement]] [/do[StartSequencer]]
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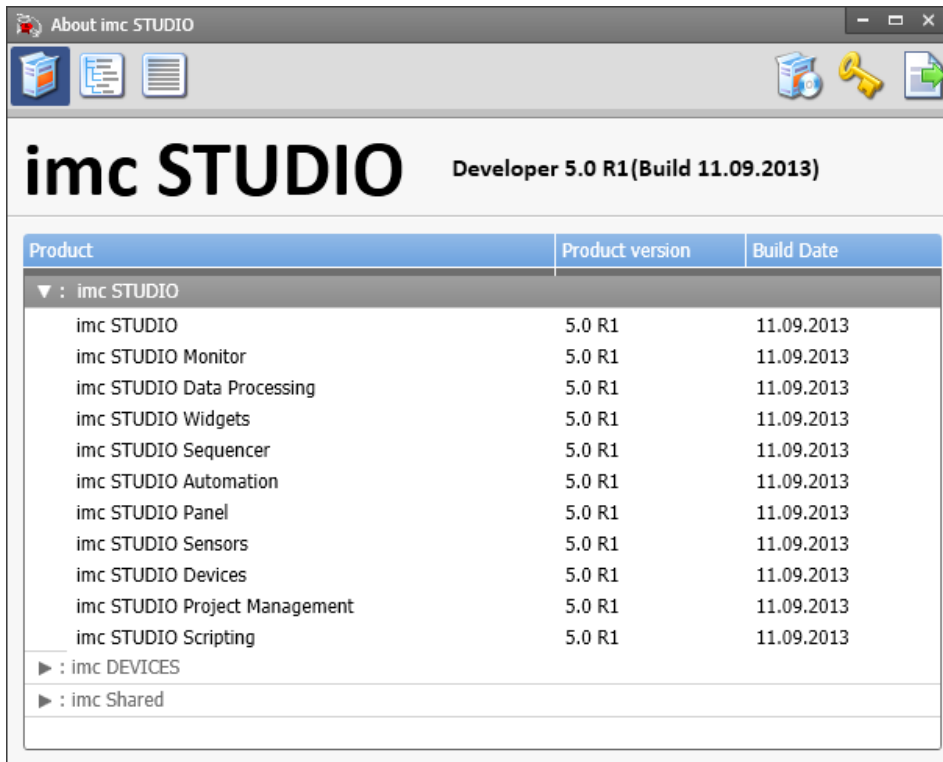
[ "imc STUDIO-Installation" ]	<b>Opening an experiment with a particular imc STUDIO installation (optional)</b>
<p>In order to open an experiment file with a particular installation of imc STUDIO, extend the link with the respective installation's name. For example:</p> <pre>"C:\ProgramData\imc\imcStudio\Applications\_2\imcStudio.exe" "C:\Users\Me\Documents\imcStudio\MyExperiment.imcstudio"</pre> <p>The experiment file MyExperiment.imcstudio is started in the imc STUDIO installation under Applications\_2\.</p>	
<b>"Experiment file"</b>	<b>Experiment to be loaded</b>
<p>Mandatory entry. Opens the experiment entered with the imc STUDIO installation which is set up as the default program under MS Windows. Mostly this is the last imc STUDIO version installed, or imc STUDIO Monitor, if this component was installed along with it.</p> <p>One possibility is to specify the path in absolute terms:</p> <pre>"C:\Users\Public\Documents\DB\StandardProject\config\MyExperiment.imcstudio"</pre> <p>Another way is to specify it in reference to the name of the database and of the project (the appropriate database folder must be selected):</p> <pre>"imcDB://DB\StandardProject\MyExperiment"</pre>	
<b>/fullscreen</b>	<b>Fullscreen mode (optional)</b>
<p>In order to start an experiment in fullscreen mode, the experiment file is opened with the parameter /fullscreen.</p> <pre>"C:\Users\Me\Documents\imcStudio\MyExperiment.imcstudio" /fullscreen</pre> <p>After opening the experiment file, the Panel is started in fullscreen mode, if the experiment contains at least one Panel page.</p>	
<b>/do[StartMeasurement]</b>	<b>Starting the measurement (optional)</b>
<p>In order to start the measurement automatically upon opening an experiment file, The experiment file is opened with the parameter /do[StartMeasurement].</p> <pre>"C:\Users\Me\Documents\imcStudio\MyExperiment.imcstudio" /do[StartMeasurement]</pre> <p>or</p> <pre>"C:\Users\Me\Documents\imcStudio\MyExperiment.imcstudio" /fullscreen /do[StartMeasurement]</pre>	

/do[StartSequencer]	Starting the Sequencer (optional)
<p>In order to automatically start Sequencer upon opening an experiment file, the experiment file is opened with the parameter /do[StartSequencer].</p> <pre>"C:\Users\Me\Documents\imcStudio\MyExperiment.imcstudio" /do[StartSequencer]</pre> <p>or</p> <pre>"C:\Users\Me\Documents\imcStudio\MyExperiment.imcstudio" /fullscreen /do[StartSequencer]</pre>	

### 3.6 Info / Version Information

As already mentioned, imc STUDIO consist of multiple components (plug-ins). In order to see which components are included in your package, click in the menu bar on the symbol .

Then a pop-up window appears displaying the product names and details on the components:



Version information (example)

With the buttons on the left side, you can change the list's depth of detail and how it is sorted.

With the buttons on the right side, you can start the assistant for the [product configuration](#)<sup>[36]</sup>, start the [imc LICENSE Manager](#)<sup>[36]</sup> or export the product selection.

While performing the export, you can save the contents as a file in XML format. For inquiries for Hotline, it may be necessary to send it as an Email (see also chapter [Customer Support - Hotline](#)<sup>[7]</sup>).

## 3.7 Additional imc Software Products (optional)

- **imc FAMOS**

Some imc STUDIO plug-ins (Automation, Sequencer, Panel) are able to integrate imc FAMOS for data analysis purposes (executing sequences). imc FAMOS is a imc software for complex analysis, display and presentation of signals on the PC ("offline"): [www.imcfamos.com](http://www.imcfamos.com)

imc FAMOS must be separately purchased and licensed for the PC. Details on imc FAMOS are available in the software documentation. To execute ready to run sequences for analysis in imc STUDIO, imc FAMOS Runtime, Professional or Enterprise is required.

- **imc Online FAMOS Professional**

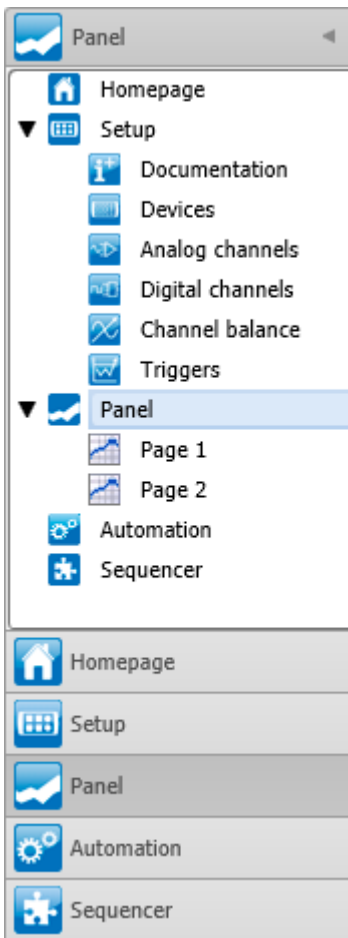
Some imc STUDIO plug-ins require devices having imc Online FAMOS Professional.

imc Online FAMOS, or its Professional version, is the software which processes data within the measurement device ("online"). imc Online FAMOS Professional must be purchased and licensed **along with the device**.

- **imc SENSORS**

imc STUDIO Setup can use the imc SENSORS database. imc SENSORS is a ready-to-go, universal database application for administering and editing sensor information. In particular, the entries in the sensor's technical data sheet as well as its calibration values are processed and managed. Along with these values for smart sensors (TEDS) defined in IEEE 1451.4, selections of additional sensor properties can be entered.

## 4 Navigation Pane



Maximized Navigation Pane  
(example)

In the **Navigation Pane**, the main windows of the installed plug-ins are displayed as a tree diagram. To open/change the main window, click on its corresponding entry.

The Navigation pane can be opened or closed, maximized and minimized.



- To **maximize/minimize** the Navigation pane, click in its top bar on the arrow symbol.
- To **open/close** the Navigation pane, click on the upper region of it below the arrow.

If the Navigation pane is maximized or opened, the main windows are additionally displayed as a tree diagram (see example shown).

Via the tree diagram, it is possible to jump to different main windows or directly to the pages containing the main windows. Using the arrow symbols ( ► ▼ ) which are in front of the main windows, the tree diagram branch can be expanded/collapsed.

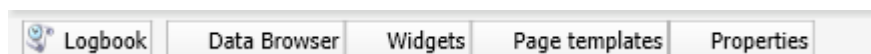
### You can hide the Navigation Pane.

If you hide the Navigation Pane, please note that your ability to navigate between the main windows. For this case, you should add the command: *Browse workspace* at suitable locations, for instance in the ribbon menu (User-defined buttons).

To show or hide the Navigation Pane use the dialog: [Tool windows chooser](#) <sup>49</sup>.

## 5 Tool Windows

Tool windows contain special elements for operating/viewing a main window. (For information on operating the tool window: [Operation](#) <sup>48)</sup>)



Five tool windows

- The imc STUDIO frame's log book
- Four additional windows from the main window imc STUDIO Panel

One tool window belongs to the imc STUDIO frame and is always available:

- [Logbook](#) <sup>50)</sup>

The *Logbook* is always displayed and can be minimized.

The other main windows' tool windows (e.g. for the Panel) are displayed as soon as the respective main window is opened.

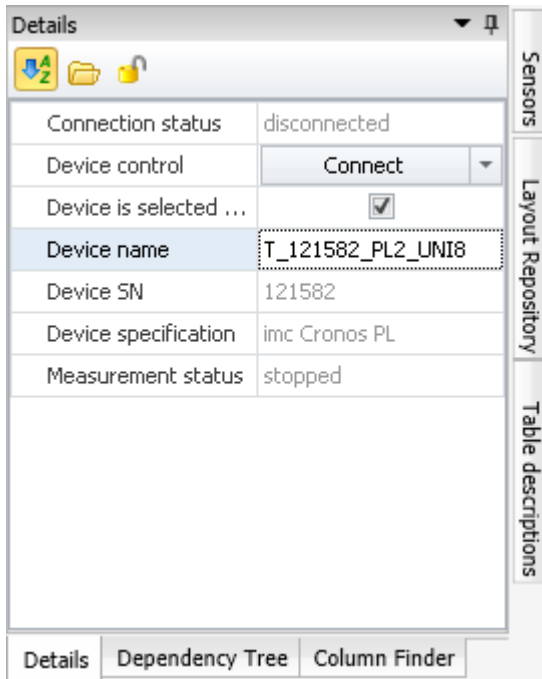


### Not all tool windows are visible

By default, all necessary tool windows are displayed. All others can be [displayed](#) <sup>48)</sup>, if you need them.

## 5.1 Operation

Tool windows contain special elements for operating and editing a main window.



Tool window (example)

Each main window has its own tool window, which is described in the documentation of the respective component. Tool windows can be moved and deleted.

By default, the tool windows are pinned to the main window (e.g. at the bottom or right margin).

The picture shows an opened tool window (**Details**). Its is pinned and contains two additional tabs. If you click on one of these tabs, the corresponding tool window opens (**Dependency Tree** and **Column Finder**).

Three other collapsed tool windows are seen at the right margin (**Sensors**, **Layout Repository** and **Table descriptions**).

A tool window is opened when the mouse is swiped over it.

As long as a tool window is selected, or if the mouse is located over the tool window, the tool window remains open. Otherwise, it collapses to the side.

### Pinning the tool window

Tool windows can be pinned. Pinned tool windows remain open even when no longer selected.

In order to pin a tool window, click on the thumbtack-button (  ).

### Freely positioning the tool window

In order to freely position the pinned tool window, move the tool window's title bar using drag and drop to the desired position.

## Docking the tool window

In order to dock the tool window, use the drag and drop technique by grabbing the tool window's by its title bar and moving it to the desired position. A Dock-symbol will appear at the locations which are possible.



In the center of the targeted window (main window or tool window), a cross appears. To dock the tool window, release the mouse button with the mouse over the desired position.



Dock at the top/bottom margin



Dock at the left/right margin



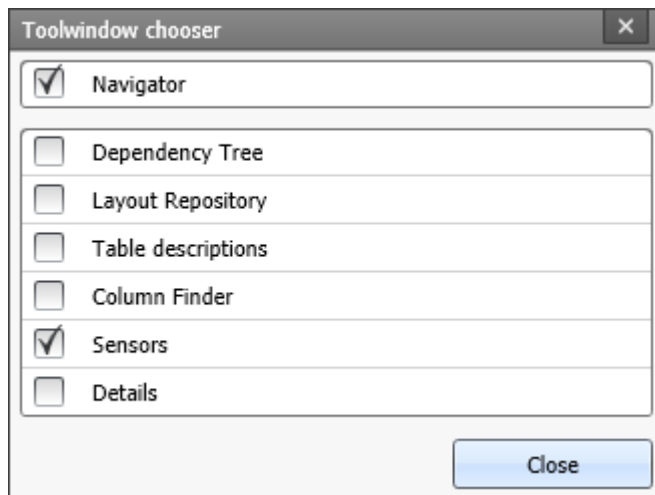
Insert as a tab in a different window (see example)

## Showing/hiding the tool window

You can either show or hide tool windows. To do this, open the dialog: **Tool window chooser**

- use the menu *View > Layout > Tool windows*, or
- the button ( ▼ ) in one of the present tool windows.

The dialog: Tool window chooser opens.



Dialog: Tool windows chooser

Set a checkmark in front of the tool windows which you wish to have displayed.

## 5.2 Logbook

In the tool window **Logbook**, messages of the categories: *Fatal* (☹), *Error* (❗), *Warning* (⚠) and *Information* (ℹ) are entered.

The logbook entries indicate what problems and errors exist and provide hints on where to find them and how to remedy them. Some actions performed are documented.

E.g., a note is entered in the logbook for every command performed:

- performed successfully (*Information*) or
- otherwise *Error* or *Warning*

By default, the Logbook is opened and attached when an entry any of the categories *Fatal*, *Error* or *Warning* occurs.

By default *Information* category notes are entered into the logbook without any further effect.

Logbook				
❗ Errors	⚠ Warnings	ℹ Messages	📄 Duplicates	📄 Copy
🔍 Search	🗑 Clear All	🔄 Autoscroll		
	Time	Code	Message	Sender
❗	22.08.2013 10:58:40	3268	T_126678_CS_7008_1: TCP/IP - Target cannot b...	imcDevices V2.x Adapter
ℹ	22.08.2013 10:57:47	0	Sequencer ...done	imc STUDIO
ℹ	22.08.2013 10:57:47	0	Export parameters: completed	Sequencer
ℹ	22.08.2013 10:57:42	0	Export parameters: started	Sequencer
ℹ	22.08.2013 10:57:42	0	Sequencer ...starting	imc STUDIO
ℹ	22.08.2013 10:18:21	20000032	1 parameter(s) changed in consequence: pv.Channel_001: Channel name = pv.Channel_001	Setup

Example of logbook entries

Each logbook entry consists of:

- Symbol for the category *Fatal* (☹), *Error* (❗), *Warning* (⚠) and *Information* (ℹ)
- Time Time the logbook entry occurred
- Code Logbook entry's error code
- Message Exact description of the logbook entry
- Sender The origin of the logbook entry

After a new imc STUDIO start, the logbook is empty. The logbook itself only displays messages which occurred since the last start of imc STUDIO. Older messages can be opened with the **Logbook-Viewer**.



### The logbook is saved

For purposes of tracing history, the logbook is saved daily:

- Default path for Windows 7: C:\ProgramData\imc\imc STUDIO\Applications\\_1\log (example)

## Filtering the Logbook

You can filter according to category.



To do this, click on the Filter-button in the logbook's title bar:

- errors
- warnings
- information (messages)

Usually, all categories are selected.

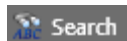


### Filtering also takes effect on new messages

Note that the *filter* has an effect when a new message appears. For this reason, this message may not be displayed.

## Searching in the logbook

It is possible to search the logbook for entries and text passages.



To do this, click on the *Search*-button in the logbook's title bar.

An input appears. Enter the desired search keyword here. All messages are displayed which contain the text entered.



### Search also takes effect on new messages

Note that *Search* works like a filter and has an effect when a new message appears. For this reason, this message may not be displayed.

## Hiding duplicates

It is possible to hide duplicates.

In certain cases, the system attempts to perform the same action multiple times in succession. In consequence, multiple duplicate reports are displayed in the logbook.



In order to keep the logbook clear and concise, it is possible to group the duplicates. To do this, click on the *Duplicates*-button in the logbook's title bar.

The first and the last messages are always displayed, thus indicating the points in time for the first and last occurrences. In front of the displayed text for the grouped message, a number appears in parentheses. This number indicates how many times the message occurred.

### Copying a selected message

It is possible to copy the selected message to the Clipboard.

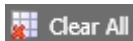


To do this, click on the *Copy*-button in the logbook's title bar.

The copy contains all information which is visible in the logbook.

### Deleting messages

It is possible to delete displayed messages.



To do this, click on the *Clear All*-button in the logbook's title bar.



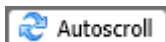
**Note: *Delete All* clears the display**

Be aware that this only purge the display, but the logbook on the hard drive remains unaffected. As well, it is still possible to view the deleted messages in the Logbook-Viewer.

### Activating/deactivating automatic scrolling

When a new message is entered in the logbook, the display in the Autoscroll mode automatically jumps to the new entry.

If you wish to investigate older messages, you can deactivate this mode.



This happens automatically when a message is selected, or click on the *Autoscroll*-button.

Re-activate the mode by:

- pressing <Esc>
- left-clicking the mouse over the selected entry while holding down the <Ctrl> key
- clicking on the *Autoscroll*-button in the menu



**New messages are not automatically displayed visibly**

Be aware that when the Autoscroll mode is deactivated, you will not be automatically notified when new messages appear.

### Sending Email

You can send the logbook via Email (e.g. to the imc Hotline).



When you click on the *Send Email* -button, your Email-program starts. The logbook is zipped and attached to the Email. The imc Hotline is automatically added as a recipient.

### Starting the Logbook-Viewer and opening old logbooks

By means of the Logbook-Viewer, you can look at current, deleted and saved logbook entries.



When you click on the button, the Logbook-Viewer opens. In addition to the familiar logbook-functions, it is possible to load saved logbooks.

### Options for the Logbook

From within the logbook, you can open the Options for the Logbook.



## 6 Information and Tips

### 6.1 Projects, Experiment templates and Experiments

This chapter describes the relationships between **projects**, **experiment templates** and **experiments**. How the individual components are saved is discussed in the chapter **Data Management**.

#### Experiment

imc STUDIO saves the settings in so-called **experiments**. These settings include:

- the experiment-file (filename extension: **\*.imcStudio**),
- measured data
- metadata
- various backup files
- admin files

Among other things, the experiment file contains all the settings configured in the main windows and in the Setup-Assistants.

Each experiment has a unique name which is set when it is saved.

#### Project

A project contains:

- one or more experiment templates
- one or more experiments
- Project settings (e.g. views, user administration and project-events)

You can create multiple projects containing various experiments.

Upon the first start of imc STUDIO, a standard project is created in which your experiments are saved.

#### Project view

To create additional projects, you must activate the **Project view**. This option is deactivated by default.

- Select from the menu **Extra > Options > Options**
- Select in the Options dialog **Project Management > General options**



#### Note

- Only activate the **project view** if you wish to use and administer many experiments in multiple independent projects.
- If this function is deactivated, some dialogs appear in simplified form (e.g. **Save experiment** and **Open experiment**, meaning without project selection, etc.).

## Experiment Template

If you create a new experiment, it is generated from an experiment template.

The new experiment contains all properties of the selected template. In templates, all settings which are saved will be saved also in an experiment.

Following the first installation or after creating a new project, the project contains an "empty" experiment template.

### Making experiment templates visible

In order to be able to use experiment templates, you must previously make the **experiment templates visible**. This option is deactivated by default.

- Select from the menu **Extra > Options > Options**
- Select from the Options dialog **Project Management > General options**



- Only activate this function if you wish to create multiple similar experiments.
- If this function is deactivated, some dialogs appear in simplified form (e.g. **New experiment** meaning without experiment template selection, etc).

## 6.2 Installing Additional Languages

If in the installation type [User-defined](#) <sup>26</sup> the option **Install all languages** was not selected, then upon conclusion of the installation, imc STUDIO is available in **English** plus, if provided, in **the operating system's language**. In all other cases all supported languages are already installed.

If desired, all other supported languages can be installed later (no data processing medium is required).



### Which languages are be installed subsequently

In subsequent installation of languages, **all languages supported** are installed. There is **no selection** possibilities.

### Step by step

- Administrator rights are required.
- Open the **installation folder** of imc STUDIO (e.g. C:\Programme(x86)\imc\imc STUDIO 4.0 R1), e.g. with Windows Explorer or by means of the command line.
- There, open the folder **Languages**
- Run the file **InstallLanguages.bat**.
- Wait until the script stops and posts the message *Failures: 0*. This indicates that the installation has completed successfully.



### Instruction notes (not applicable to Windows XP)

If installation was unsuccessful, the necessary user rights may be missing::

- If *InstallLanguages.bat* is called via the **command line**, run the command line **as Administrator** (context menu: Run as Administrator)
- If *InstallLanguages.bat* is called via the **Windows Explorer**, run the call **as Administrator** (context menu: Run as Administrator)

## 6.3 Jiggling Display and Heavy Burdening of the Processor

The presence of many channels can burden the PC if a virus protection program scans the data captured.

We strongly recommend removing imc STUDIO from the virus scan.

Most virus protection programs are able to classify individual programs as low-risk. To do this, please refer to the instructions for your virus scanner.

- Add the program **imc.Studio.exe** (= imc STUDIO) to the list of low-risk programs  
The default path is: **C:\Program Files\imc\imc STUDIO...**
- Add the **database** path along with all subfolders to the list of low-risk folders.  
The default path is: **C:\Users\Public\Documents\DB**
- Ensure that its data are not searched for viruses during reading or writing

## 7 Setup - Connect the device

There are multiple ways to connect the imc measurement devices with the PC.

In most cases, the [connection via LAN](#)<sup>[59]</sup> (local area network, Ethernet) is implemented. See section [Connecting to LAN in four steps](#)<sup>[60]</sup> for the quickest way to connect PC and measurement device.

But there are also other connection types:

- Modem (TCP/IP with PPP)
- WLAN
- Radio modem (GSM, mobile phone network)
- Null modem (serial interface)

These are described in a separate chapter: Special options for connecting to the device.

The devices use the **TCP/IP protocol** exclusively. With this protocol, some settings and adaptations for your local network may be necessary. For this purpose, the support of your network administrator may be necessary.



### Note

- If you are already using imc measurement devices with other imc programs in your network, then settings or adjustments are unnecessary and you can skip the entire section *Connecting to and configuring the network*.
- When using multiple TCP/IP connections, e.g. LAN, Wireless LAN and modem, observe the remarks in the chapter Computers with multiple TCP/IP connections.

## 7.1 Connection via LAN

To connect via LAN there are two options:

1. The measurement device is connected to an **existing network**, e.g. via network hub.
2. The measurement device is connected directly to a network adapter on the PC (**point-to-point**).

In a LAN, the first case is typically implemented. For both variants, **different cables** are required!

### Connecting to an existing network:

- An uncrossed UTP cable, e.g. CB-UTP-3 is necessary
- Connect the measurement device's LAN jack to your multi-port repeater (hub). Only with such a hub is it possible to run multiple devices.

### Direct connection to the PC (point-to-point):

- You need a special "crossed" UTP-cable (Category 5, RJ45 connector, e.g. CB-UTPX-3)
- Connect the measurement device's LAN connector directly with the PC's LAN jack

### Recommended network configuration:

We recommend using a 10BASE-T Ethernet network (twisted pair, RJ 45) and a hub. The cable length between the hub and a PC or a device should be less 100 m. Use a shielded cable. If the length of 100m is exceeded, then you have to insert another hub. If the system is being integrated into an existing network, you must ensure that the minimum data rate can be guaranteed. If this is not the case, you should use network bridging.

## 7.2 Connecting via LAN in four steps

The most common case is described below: the PC and the device are connected via cable or hub. The device's IP-address must be set in the PC's address range. Subsequently, the device can be connected with the PC. If a connection has ever been established previously, the software knows the device's hardware configuration. In that case, experiment configurations can be prepared without any connection to the device.

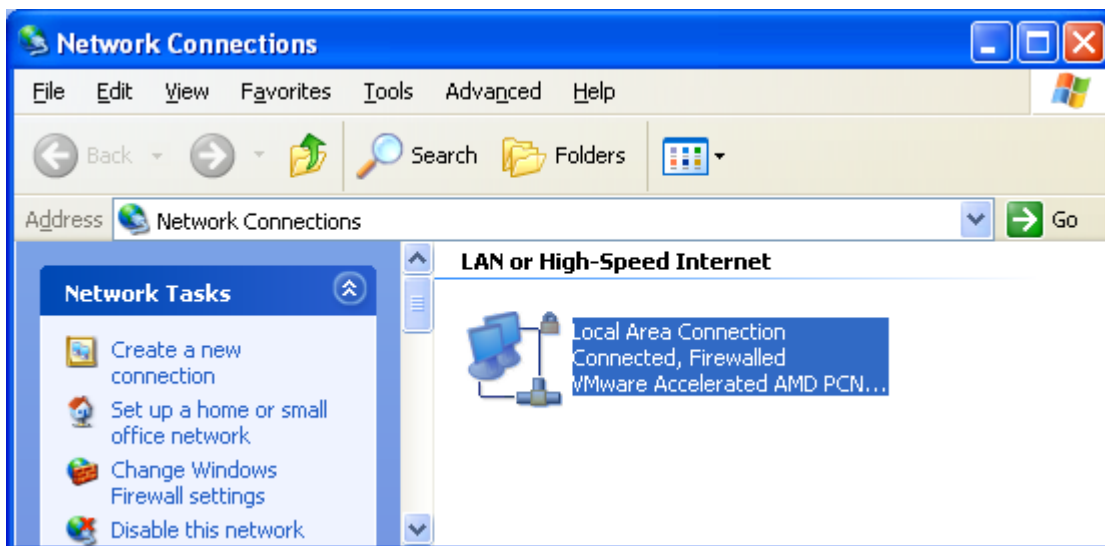
### 7.2.1 Step 1: Determining the PC's IP-address

Before you start your device configuration, you should find your PC's IP-address (the following screen shots and texts are related to MS Windows XP).

To open the configuration dialog, use one of the following:

- Open the Windows **"Help and Support"** function and search for the term **"TCP/IP Settings"**, open the first search hit and click on **"Network settings"**
- Open the Windows Start menu, select **"Run"** and enter the following command in the edit box:  
`control netconnections`

The **"Network Connections"** window appears:

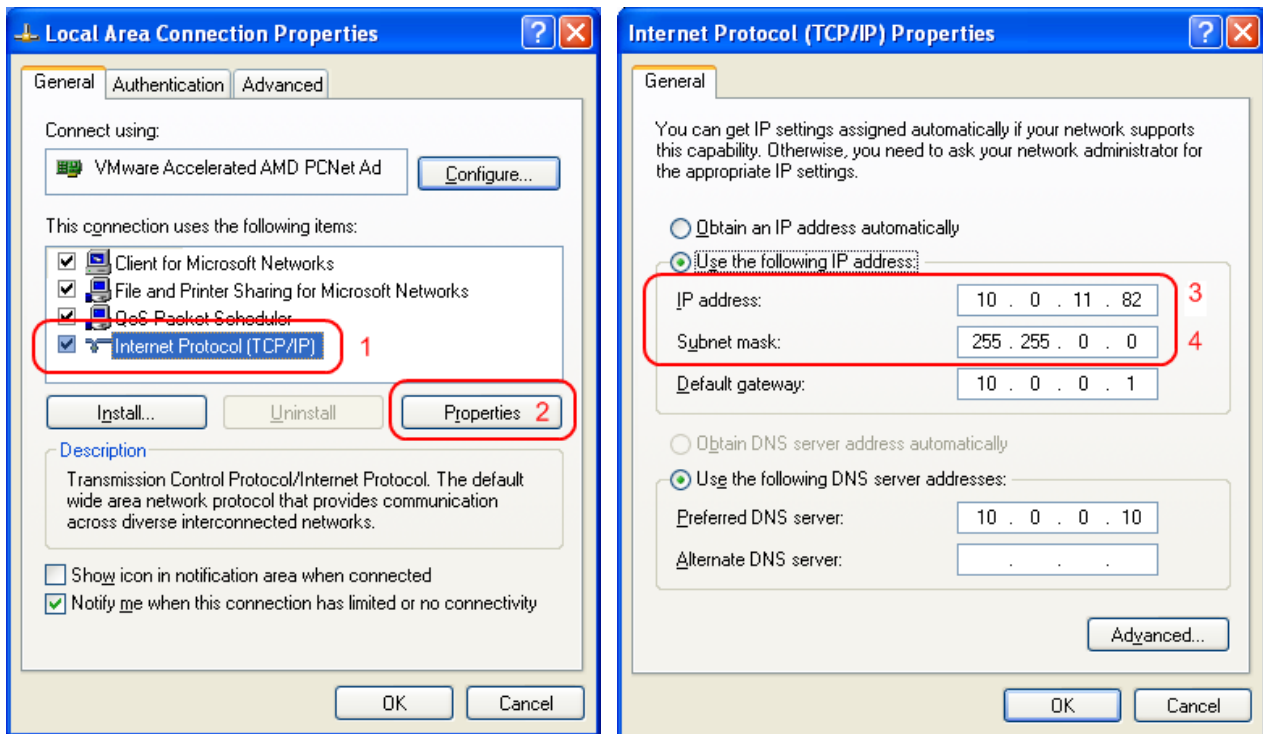


"Network Connections" window -> "Local Area Connection"

Then right-click the mouse over the entry for your **"Local Area Connection"** and then select the item **"Properties"** in the context menu once again.

Then the "Local Area Connection Properties" window appears.

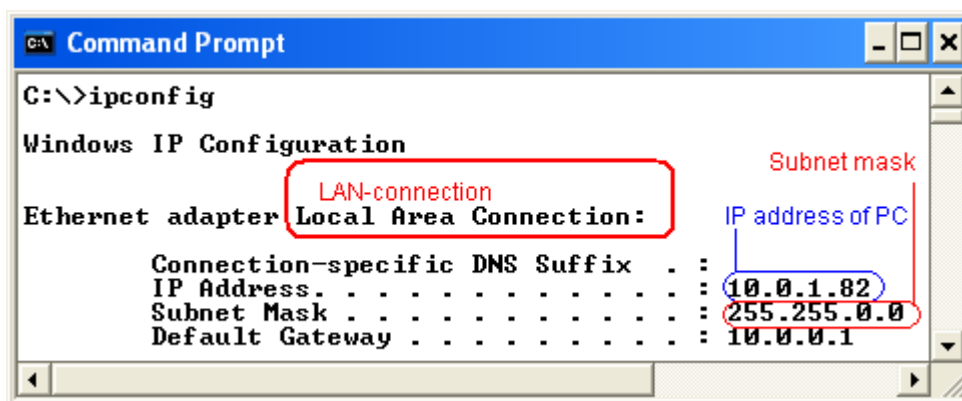
First click in the list on "Internet protocol (TCP/IP)" (1) and then on "Properties" (2). Please note the IP-address (3) and your computer's subnet mask (4) as seen in the following example screen shots.



Select Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)

Settings for TCP/IP

If "Obtain IP-address automatically" (DHCP) is selected, no IP address is displayed. In this case, you have to determine the current IP-address using the **Command Prompt**. Note, however, that automatically obtained IP-addresses might change the next time the operating system is started! Start the Command Prompt via the Windows Start menu by selecting *Programs : Accessories: Command Prompt* and then enter **ipconfig** or **ipconfig /all** for more detailed information:




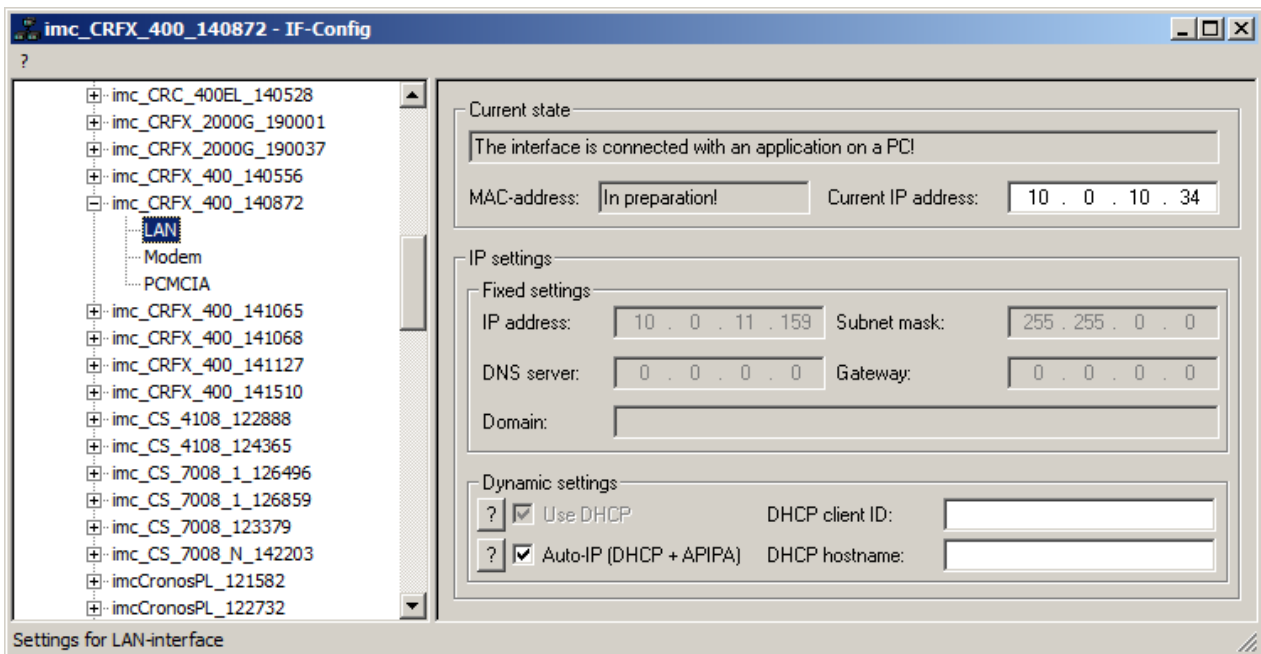
Result of the command "ipconfig"

## 7.2.2 Step 2: Connecting the measurement device

When you connect the imc measurement device directly to your PC, you must use a "crossed" network cable (included in package, black color). If the measurement device is connected to the network via a network hub or switch, or a patch box, use an uncrossed network cable (red color, included). Today network hubs are able to switch electronically. Hence you can use both cable types.

## 7.2.3 Step 3: IP-configuration via imc DEVICES Interface Configuration

Start **imc DEVICES Interface Configuration** from the Windows Start menu group **imc**. Click on the  symbol next to your PC's name in order to start an automatic device search. Then all available devices appear in the tree diagram under your PC. Double-click over the device and select the item **LAN**.



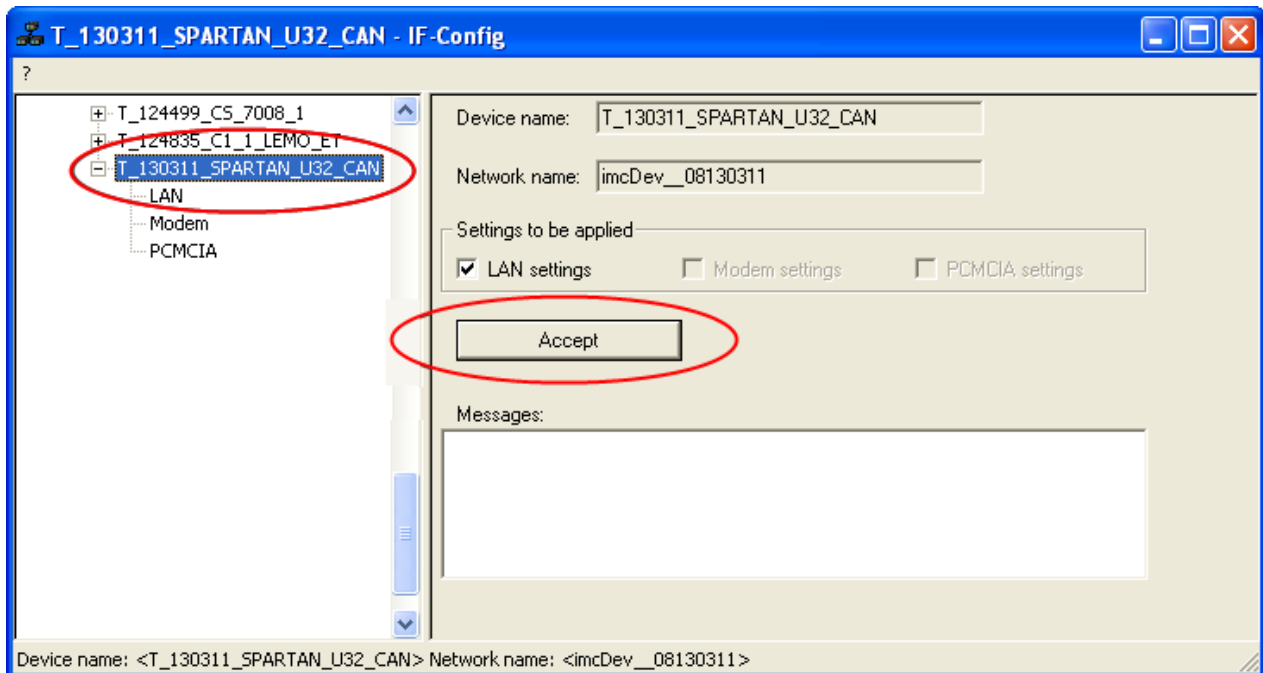
Display of measurement devices found and of the IP-address

If the option *Use DHCP* is checked, the IP-address is obtained automatically from the DHCP-server and there is impossibility of changing the settings. If there is a direct connection between the device and the PC with a crossed cable, you should deactivate the DHCP. If it is impossible to obtain any setting values via DHCP, the default values are used. These could lead to errors in the connection (different networks, same IP-addresses, etc.).

Without DHCP, you must set the IP-address manually. Please note that the device's and PC's IP-address must fit together, in other words that in the network mask only the portion representing the device is different (see example). Analogously, you can also make modem or PCMCIA card settings.

Example for IP settings	PC	Device
IP-address	10. 0. 0. 34	10. 0. 0. 45
Network mask	255.255.255. 0	255.255.255. 0

In order to apply the changes, click in the tree diagram on the device name and then on the button **Accept**. Wait for the device to restart and then close the program imc DEVICES Interface Configuration.



Accepting the network settings for the device

#### 7.2.4 Step 4: Integrating a device into an experiment

Now you are ready to add the device to the imc STUDIO experiment. Start the program imc STUDIO.

If your device is unknown to the system, first perform the **device search**. Use the menu button **Search for devices** (🔍).

Select the desired device.

Once you click in the checkbox *Selected* for the desired device, it is ready to use in the experiment (see Device is known and Selected).

Selected	Device name	SN	Device specification
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	T_123020_CRPL_2_DIO	123020	imc Cronos PL
<input type="checkbox"/>	T_123794_CRPL_2_S	123794	imc Cronos PL
<input type="checkbox"/>	T_120640_C1	120640	imc C1

You can also select multiple devices for your experiment.

Now the device is *known*. After the next program start it is available for selection.

For further information, see the documentation on plug-in Setup.

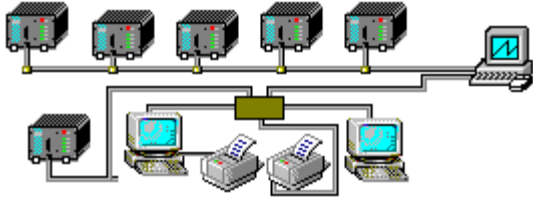
## 7.3 Optimize the network

You should observe the following notes for networks with high data rate, to reduce the risk of a data overflow.

1. The network between switches/hubs and PC should be 1Gbit/s
2. The actual data rate is decreasing with the number of channels. Avoid unnecessary channels.
3. The RAM buffer should be as big as possible, not "Auto". See also RAM buffer time.
4. Save only channels you need to the internal disk.
5. Avoid curve window setting that need a lot of performance. Choose scroll mode. Avoid the rezoom function after a long measurement duration. Don't set the sample points to symbols. Try to find a curve window configuration, that shows no bucking.
6. Switch off the virus scanner!!! It would check every sample written to the hard drive. That takes most of the performance of a PC and the hard drive.
7. Check the processor and network load with the PC task manager

## 7.4 Complex Networks

Theoretically, every type of network can possibly function. Until now, we have only considered networks consisting of a PC and  $n$  imc-Devices units. However, it is possible for example, to have 3 PC's, two printers and  $n$  imc-Devices units connected in a network:



The PC where the chief software components have been installed is the master PC. The software on the master PC can also be used by the other PC's. Naturally, a few local files are created on each of the non-master PC's to reduce the load on the master PC. This type of configuration ensures good performance everywhere in the network.

The well-known network restrictions are also valid here. In particular, it is impossible for more than one person to write to the same file. Furthermore, it is impossible for one person to open a file while another writes to it. In general, all network restrictions that apply to files also apply to the individual Devices units. For example, only one user can configure a given device.

Several network printers may be connected to several different PC's. It is recommended to use the PC which currently has the lowest overall workload.

### Using a second network

To avoid disturbing data transfer between devices units and PC's, a second network using a second network card per PC can be set up. This second network can be used for transferring data between the PC's.



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