

Q&A – software now and in the future

Add the option to include a PDF result of a compare to the email. (Jobs)

We are aware that this is a major customer requirement. We have included it as a request in our planning.

Is there a chance that ABB AC800 systems will be supported by versiondog?

The integration of ABB AC800 is currently not planned.

What about Siemens TIA Upload & Backup & Compare on the HMI "Hardware" side? Currently, it is not possible to do anything with the panel – do you plan to do something about it, maybe together with Siemens?

Yes, we intend to change that. Unfortunately, we are not yet able to make any statement about the time and nature of the change.

Would there be a chance that admin rights could be partially or more specifically granted to user groups?

The system of rights is being revised. The date of delivery is not known yet.

Given the size of PCS7 projects, is this SmartCompare on the 64-bit roadmap?

This is currently not planned.

Does the network scan affect production?

No, the network scan does not affect the equipment performance.

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What is the compatibility of version 8.0 with 6.5 for comparison jobs? If upgrading from version 6.5 to 8.0 directly, do we need to do some additional modifications to make sure they work well on 8.0 for these existed jobs?

Upgrading from version 6.5 to 8.0 directly will not be any problem. No additional modification is necessary.

When you are planning for GT Designer (Mitsubishi) support?

The support of the GT Designer is currently not planned. If you want to stay informed about the current developments in the pipeline, please have a look at our [roadmap](#).

You said something about OPC UA trigger? Can you please explain it?

Starting with version dog 8.0 you have the option to start a backup in the job configuration via a trigger URL. For this purpose, an OPC UA Client has been integrated into the version dog server. This OPC UA Client is located on the version dog server and communicates with an OPC UA server. This in turn reads the data on the controllers to be backed up cyclically and provides the trigger variables to the version dog server. The job (backup) is started via the variable from the controller. For further information have a look into our [factsheet](#).

Can you please explain AUVESY Connect?

AUVESY Connect allows you to connect to a wide range of devices (i.e. PLCs, HMIs, robots, sensors, and actuators) from different manufacturers with version dog and other AUVESY services. The AUVESY Connect API is directly implemented on the device. AUVESY Connect makes it easier to backup hitherto unsupported devices with AUVESY's software (e.g. version dog). The job (backup) is started via the variable from the controller. For further information have a look at our [factsheet](#).

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Do you have a tool for converting for VSS?

There is a consulting solution available. A free comparison can be integrated in VSS.

Is a robust, fit for purpose solution for the "Software Upload" variant on the roadmap? Currently agent services must be permanently disabled, the screen saver must be deactivated, and the Windows users always needs to be logged on and the screen should not be locked. As a workaround AUVESY recommends the use of dedicated virtual machine. This is not a "fit for purpose" solution for us.

We are currently reviewing whether there will be a fit for purpose solution for the software upload.

Is the network scanner already available?

Unfortunately, the network scanner is still being developed and currently not available. We are hoping to release this with versiondog 9.0 (at the earliest). If you want to stay informed about the current developments in the pipeline, please have a look at our [roadmap](#).

What are the plans for supporting BMS controllers, such as SAIA, etc.? It is a big potential market that needs a versiondog solution.

The support of BMS controllers is currently not planned. If you want to stay informed about the current developments in the pipeline, please have a look at our [roadmap](#).

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Do you plan on adding a dark mode theme to the interface?

A dark mode is currently not planned. However, there will be color or contrast adjustments.

Is there any forecast on the road map of adding Altus PLC?

Altus PLC is already supported (based on Codesys).

Is it possible to return to the "old" versiondog layout in v8.0?

The feedback on the new design is mostly positive. There is no way (and no effort) to return to the old layout. Surely you will quickly get used to the new look. Did you know that the new design also increases the performance of the system?

Will it be possible to customize the reports?

Customizing is planned. Unfortunately, we cannot make a statement on the timing. If you want to stay informed about the current developments in the pipeline, please have a look at our roadmap: www.versiondog.com/en/roadmap

Any possibility in the near future to have versiondog tool as an addon function for TIA portal or studio5000? Following the line of fully integration of projects and backups management as important part of this.

Right now, we are not planning to develop a versiondog addon for TIA portal. If you want to stay informed about the current developments in the pipeline, please have a look at our roadmap: www.versiondog.com/en/roadmap

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Are there improvements to register jobs for Allen Bradley and TwinCAT PLCs?

The support of Allen Bradley and TwinCAT PLCs is currently not planned. If you want to stay informed about the current developments in the pipeline, please have a look at our roadmap: www.versiondog.com/en/roadmap

When will these modules from the automation solution center be released with prices and marketing material?

The whole vision of an automation solution center in form of the demonstrated module kit will be realized in 2021 at the earliest. Some of the intended functions are already available or being prepared. The Image Service has been available since versiondog 7.5, the network scanner is in progress. The development of other planned modules will need more time.

Any chance to change logo to other kind of dog to avoid confusion with a goat? Boxer is a good choice.

Mow ... we mean woof! 😊 Sorry, no chance – we like our versiondog with its individual look and do not want to give it up. It would need some stronger arguments than the distant similarity to a goat. (And we also have a heart for goats.)