

Application note

Addressable limits of the Wiser for KNX controller

**How many icons, frames, cameras, graphs.. can I design
in my Wiser for KNX project?**



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1 Introduction

This application note is addressed to System Integrators and Commissioning Engineers who automate buildings using Wiser for KNX controller. This application note describes addressable limits of various objects within the Wiser for KNX project. These limits are solely theoretical. The CPU load, latency time and reliability in operation depend on the complexity of functions implemented in your project. Thus, the number of below described objects will be always lower than addressable limits. You can for example place 100 icons on the floor plan, however as soon as you access all of them, the overload of the controller may lead to significant delays in reaction.

Limits are specified up to common automation demands placed on the controller and will help to understand its capability.

A glossary is available in the appendix chapter of this document. Please refer to it whenever necessary.

Competencies

This document is intended for readers who have been trained on Wiser for KNX product.

System prerequisites

Software	Version	Download
Wiser for KNX	2.1	http://www.schneider-electric.com
Building Operation WorkStation	1.4 and newer	http://buildings.schneider-electric.com
Enterprise Server	latest version	http://buildings.schneider-electric.com

Table 1: software versions under test

2 Addressable limits

2.1 Plan graphics

Wiser for KNX FW V 2.1 has a limitation on JSON HTTP i.e. count of objects per plan can vary around given limit of 16 MB, which allows you to configure your project covering any practical needs.

2.1.1 Widgets per plan

Quantity	Description
32 widgets	Widget size 300x300 pxl Widget includes 3 objects with different icon (50x50 pxl) and different format value

2.1.2 Icons per plan

Quantity	Description
159 icons	Show "Icon" The same graphical icon for all objects ("bulb" from library) 116x 1-bit object (On/Off icon) 34x 1-Byte object (default Off icon) 9x 4-Byte object (default Off icon) Note: browser may collapse when over 95 icons are inserted
168 icons	Show "Icon" Different graphical icon for each object (app.10 KB each) 125x 1-bit object (On/Off icon) 34x 1-Byte object (default Off icon) 9x 4-Byte object (default Off icon) Note: browser may collapse when over 100 icons are inserted

2.1.3 Values per plan

Quantity	Description
160 values	Show "Value" 160 defined objects in format proportion 10 x1bit, 4 x1B, 1 x4B (10:4:1≈1b:1B:4B)

2.1.4 Value and icon per plan

Quantity	Description
168 icons with value	Show "Icon and value" The same or different icons 168 defined objects 10:4:1≈1b:1B:4B

2.1.5 Images per plan

Quantity	Description
32 images	Different images Size 640x480 (app.35 KB)

2.1.6 Frames per plan

Quantity	Description
16 frames	Different frames (5 trends, 5 schedulers, 6 URL)

2.1.7 Gauges per plan

Quantity	Description
32 gauges	Different gauges, one plan 32 defined objects – 4B unsigned integer Size 640x480 (app.35 KB)

2.1.8 Cameras per plan

Quantity	Description
16 cameras	Different cameras, one plan Size 800x600 pixel

2.1.9 Graphs

Quantity	Description
16 graphs	16 script generating random numbers (4B unsigned int.) 16 objects Show last 100 values

2.2 Vis. Structure

2.2.1 Count of levels

Quantity	Description
8 levels	8 Main Levels Each Main Level has 8 secondary Levels Each Secondary Level has 8 empty plans Total empty plans = $8 \times 64 = 512$

2.2.2 Count of layouts

Quantity	Description
16 layouts	16 empty layouts

2.2.3 Count of widgets

Quantity	Description
64 widgets	Different images Size 640x480 (app.35 KB)

2.3 Vis. Graphics

2.3.1 Max size of imported graphics

All icons, images and backgrounds (*.svg or *.png) must be lower than 2 MB in size. If any icon/image/background is bigger than 2 MB, it is excluded from import to the project.

Quantity	Description
Unzipped file <16 MB	Size dependent limit Note: No system warning!

2.3.2 Count of icons

Quantity	Description
512 icons	The same graphics, but different name Size 640x480 (app.35 KB) Size dependent limit

2.3.3 Count of images/backgrounds

Quantity	Description
64 images/backgrounds	The same graphics, but different name Single size app. 100 KB Size dependent limit

2.4 Other limits

2.4.1 Max project backup size

Quantity	Description
16 MB	Bigger projects than 16 MB can be backed up, but never restored. If backup file over 16 MB, reduce graphical objects in design and back up again. Note: Check the size of your backup after each export!

2.4.2 Limit of BACnet points

Quantity	Description
150 points	Validated on export to the SBO (StruxureWare Building Operation)

2.4.3 Limit of KNX objects

Quantity	Description
32 640 data points	*.esf file (44% 1-bit, 31% 1-byte, 25% 2-byte GAs) Test made on 2014, 8160, 32640 group addresses It is not possible to import more than 32640 GAs because they belong to extended memory range. Note: you can import max. 100 GAs of the same name Note: clicking on the tab "Objects" needs app. 20 seconds until 8160 imported objects are visible

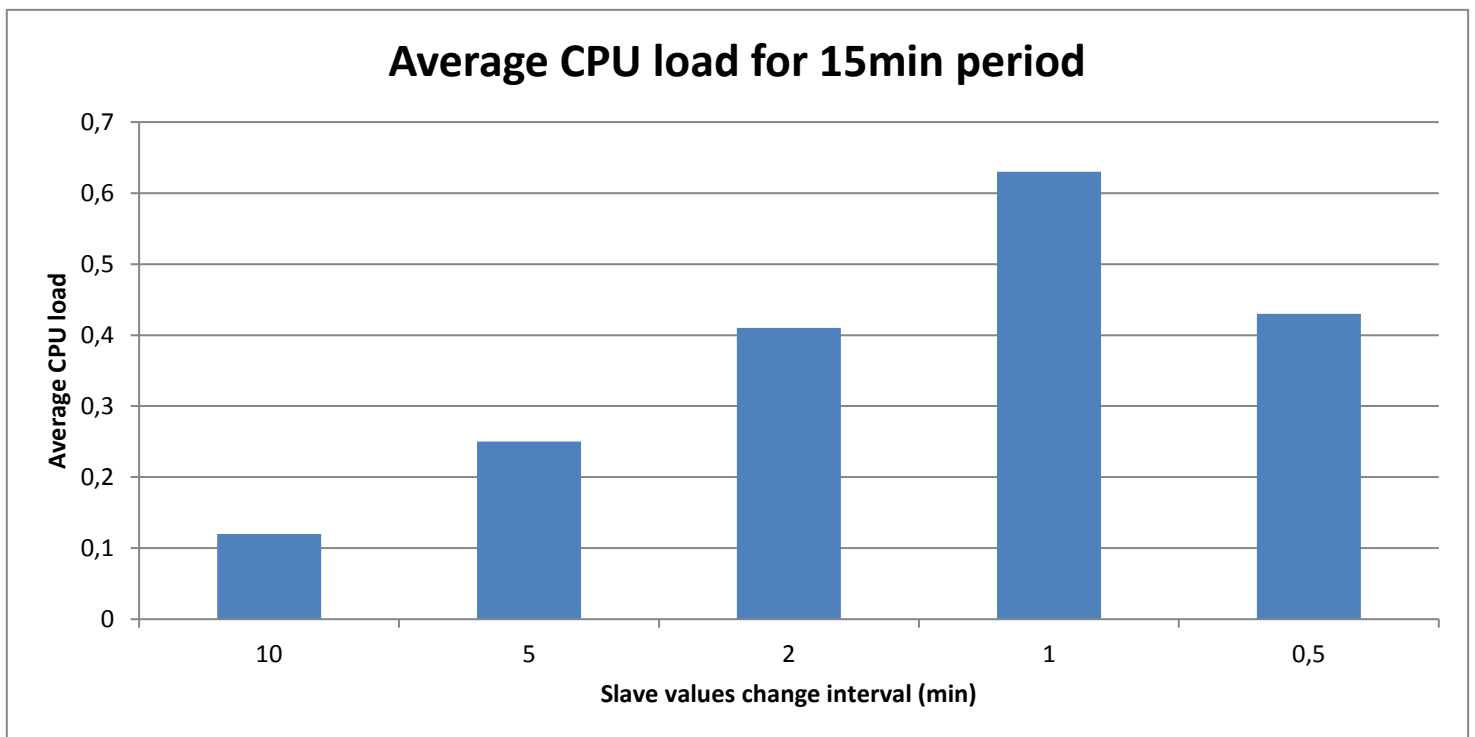
2.4.4 Limit of Modbus TCP/IP

Quantity	Description
1000 data points	Simulation scenario: 1x spaceLYnk as a Modbus master 10x Wiser for KNX as a Modbus slave

Each Modbus slave has 100 data points which are periodically updated by random values. Modbus master read out changed values from slaves and updated 1000 mapped data points with defined poll interval.

Results:

Slave values changed interval	Master poll interval	Average CPU load for 15min period
10 min	60 sec	0,12
5 min	60 sec	0,25
2 min	60 sec	0,41
1 min	60 sec	0,63
0,5 min	60 sec	0,43



2.4.5 Size of LUA script

All limits relate to size of one single script. Maximum size of one script is around 130 000 characters of code.

Back up size / Lines / Characters	Description
9,5 KB / 5 869 / 131 059	Different use cases how to reach the maximum size of one script
6,9 KB / 2 291 / 131 059	
12 KB / 575 / 128 887	

3 Conclusion

Please be aware that approaching tested limits may cause delayed response time of the system.

This response time will grow with increased demands on implemented functionality or scripts.

We advise to monitor the CPU load for a longer time to get a feeling of a well-configured project

(CPU load must be lower than 0.7 to be on the safe operational side).

4 Appendix

4.1 Glossary

The following table describes the acronyms and defines the specific terms used in this document.

Abbreviation	Description
GA	Group Address
SBO	StruXureware Building Operation system

Table 2: specific terms

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