Tech Note 1034 XY Plotter ActiveX Control Demo Application

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Introduction

The XY Plotter ActiveX control allows you to plot graphs in your InTouch (version 7.0 or later) application (Figure 1 below):

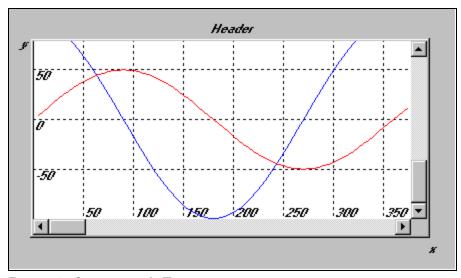


FIGURE 1: GRAPHS FOR INTOUCH

The control handles up to ten different colored pens and each graph can plot as many as 10,000 points. Each graph is completely configurable, including X and Y offsets, the graph's height and length (including maximum height and length) and titles for the graph and specific XY coordinate locations.

Complete documentation on using the XY Plotter ActiveX control is provided in the online help file, help.doc, which is available after you download and unzip the Control.

The XY Plotter ActiveX control also comes with an InTouch application that demonstrates the use of the control.

Installing the XY Plotter ActiveX Control

Complete the following steps to install the XY Plotter ActiveX Control:

- 1. Download the Plotter.zip file
- 2. Unzip the files Plotter.ocx, help.doc and Plotter.cfg into a selected directory.
- 3. Register the ActiveX control by selecting Run from the Windows Start menu and type

regsvr32.exe c:\<directory location>\plotter.ocx

Where C:\<directory location> is where the Plotter.ocx file resides.

You can also open it with **regsvr32.exe** (Figure 2 below):

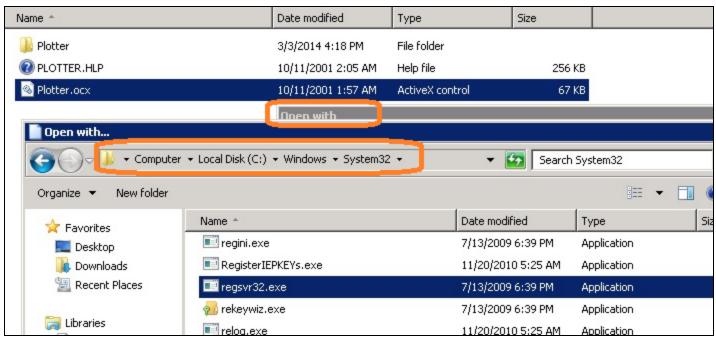


FIGURE 2: OPEN THE PLOTTER FILE

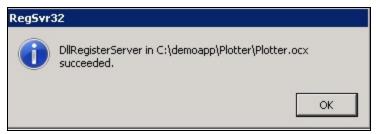


FIGURE 3: REGISTERSERVER SUCCEEDED

4. Download the InTouch Demo application IT7.0_Appl.zip file for InTouch 7.x (and later) versions **OR** the **2014_XY_Plot_app.zip** for InTouch 11.0 (and later) versions.

- 5. Unzip the contents of the **IT7.0_Appl.zip** or the **2014_XY_Plot_app.zip** file into a specified directory, and then start the application in Window Maker.
- 6. Start up Window Maker with the selected Demo application downloaded in Step 4 and install the ActiveX control by clicking Special/Configure/Wizard/ActiveX Installation.

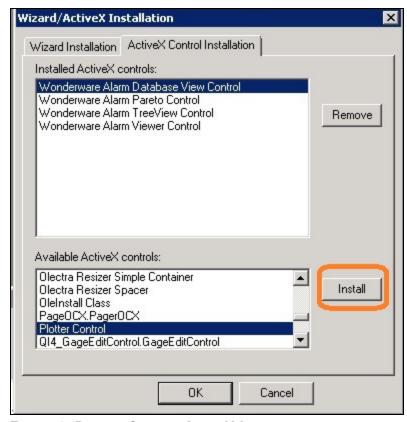


FIGURE 4: PLOTTER CONTROL ACTIVEX INSTALLATION

- 7. Double-click the control to configure it using the **Properties** dialog box.
- 8. Select the **Pen Settings** tab and click **Load File** to load the **Plotter.cfg** configuration file. The file is in the InTouch application directory.

Alternate Steps

• Copy **Plotter.cfg** to the root of the **C:** drive. **C:\Plotter.cfg** is where the demo application looks for that configuration file by default.

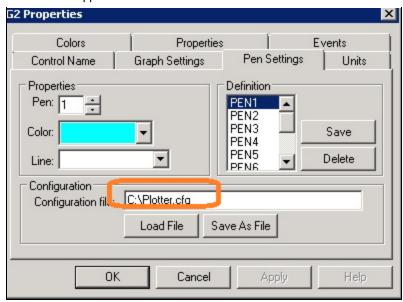


FIGURE 5: PLOTTER.CFG FILE LOAD

Refer to the help.doc file for detailed information on configuring the properties.

Running the InTouch Demonstration Application

- 1. Start the application in Window Maker.
- 2. Run View for your selected application.
- The **AutoScrollDemo** window generates some number and Plot the SIN (x1) and COS (x2) functions and you can enable- or disable the Auto Scroll feature of the plotter by setting the property in the Script:
 - #G2.AutoScroll=1;
 - #G2.AutoScroll=0:

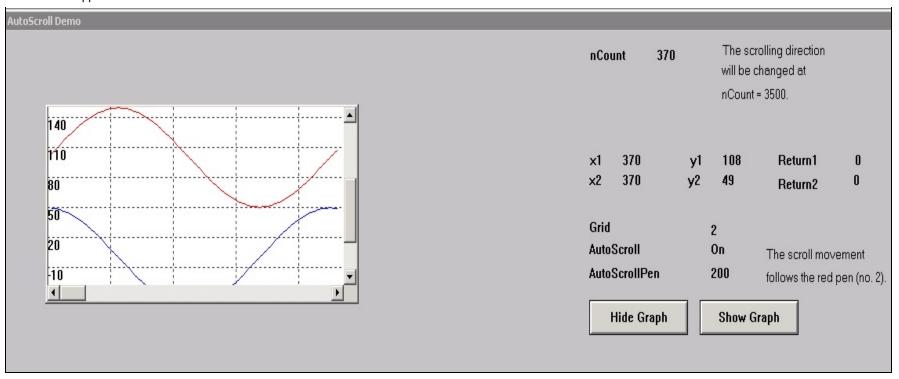


FIGURE 6: AUTOSCROLLDEMO WINDOW

- The **Plot Demo** window plots the Wonderware logo with the Pen Selected and a predefined series of points.
 - #G1.Plot(116,-22,P,1);
 - #G1.Plot(26,-67,P,1);

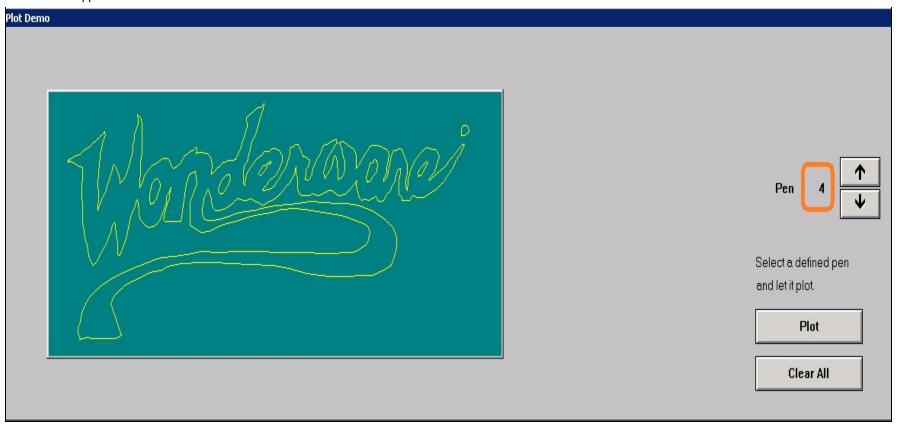


FIGURE 7: PLOT DEMO WINDOW

• The **Unit Definition Demo** window plots a predefined number with two different set of Pens.



FIGURE 8: UNIT DEFINITION DEMO WINDOW

• The application includes Windows to plot a simple X-Y coordinate series using a Slider control.

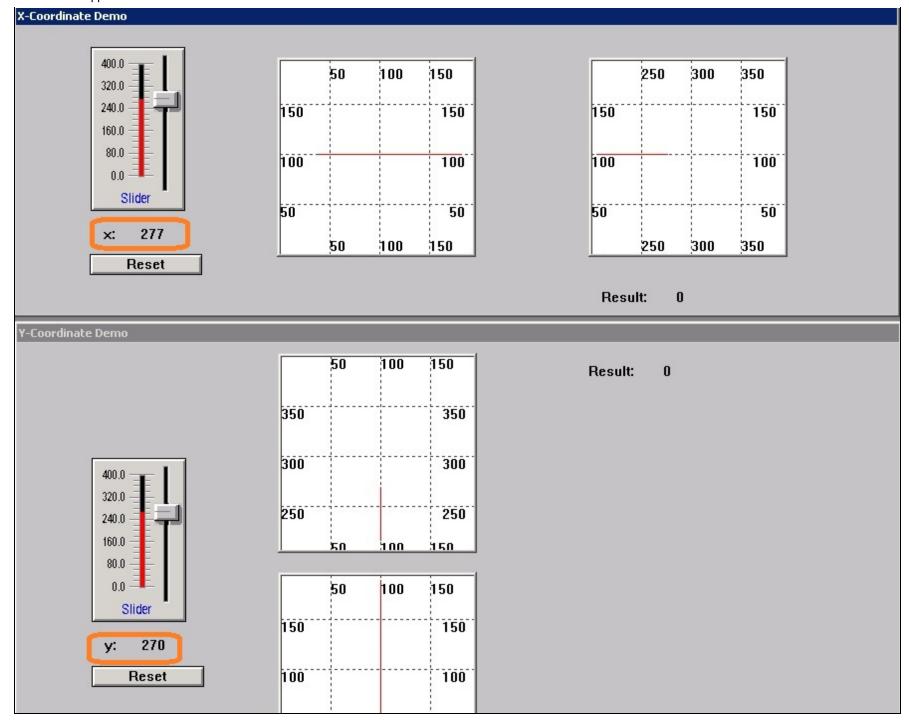


FIGURE 9: X-Y COORDINATE DEMO WINDOWS

When the application is tested as a Managed App it functions properly.



FIGURE 10: MANAGED APP

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