AVEVA System Platform 2020
Getting Started Guide
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Welcome to System Platform

AVEVA System Platform 2020, formerly Wonderware, is an industrial software platform that uses ArchestrA technology for human machine interface (HMI), operations management, SCADA, and production and performance management.

System Platform contains an integrated set of services and an extensible data model to manage plant control and information management systems. System Platform supports both the supervisory control layer and the manufacturing execution system (MES) layer, presenting them as a single information source.

Modular applications sit on top of System Platform. Other third-party integrators are delivering a growing inventory of application components that use System Platform services.
The following figure shows a functional representation of System Platform, which incorporates the ArchestrA framework.

The ArchestrA Framework consists of server-side configuration- and deployment related components. In System Platform, these components include a centralized object repository called Galaxy Repository, an integrated development environment, and a database to store historical data.
Development Studio

Development Studio is your development environment to build applications. The Development Studio consists of the ArchestrA Integrated Development Environment (IDE) and InTouch WindowMaker. Both components include graphic tools, an extensive set of industrial symbols, and program functions that can be included in application scripts.

The Historian

The Historian is a time-series data optimized plant data historian. It stores plant data from legacy DA Servers, Operations Integration (OI) Servers, Communication Drivers, and industrial HMI applications. The Historian also contains event, summary, configuration, and system monitoring information. The Historian is tightly coupled to a Microsoft SQL Server database.

Device Integration Tools

System Platform can connect to a diverse set of data sources to integrate all plant and industrial data. The System Platform Integrated Development Environment (IDE) offers I/O auto-assignment and I/O mapping features to streamline device integration and data access.

Data sources include OPC and OPC UA Servers, databases, and any application that exposes data from an API such as XML, SQL, HTTP, or .NET. In addition, a library of device integration tools provide data from the factory floor.

- Communication protocols provide data from PLCs and other factory devices to HMI applications. These protocols can be used with any Microsoft Windows program or supervisory application capable of acting as a DDE, FastDDE, OPC, OPC UA, or SuiteLink™ client.
- An OI Server acts as a communication protocol server providing data from a specific vendor’s PLCs and other factory devices. System Platform offers an extensive family of DA Servers for a wide variety of PLC manufacturers.
A Device Integration (DI) object encapsulates the functionality of an IO Server in the ArchestrA environment. DI Objects are models of the network and devices associated with a specific HMI application. The hierarchy of the actual devices is the same as the hierarchy of DI Objects.

Visualization and Analysis Clients

Visualization and analysis clients enable you to visualize real-time and historical data from System Platform.

- InTouch HMI visualization clients show Human Machine Interface (HMI) applications.
- InTouch OMI extends the core foundation of HMI and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) products. You can use InTouch OMI to create visual applications (ViewApps) that incorporate the functionality needed by both operational and information technology teams in a production environment.
- Insight shows trending and analysis data obtained from running applications.

AVEVA System Monitor

AVEVA System Monitor is a new feature included in System Platform that constantly monitors the License Server to ensure that it is accessible. In the event that the connection to the License Server is lost, AVEVA System Monitor can be configured to send a warning message so you can quickly fix any issues and ensure your operations are not interrupted.
Before You Get Started

This booklet describes a set of essential workflows to get you started building applications with System Platform. It explains the essential steps to create an InTouch OMI ViewApp.

For information about creating InTouch HMI applications, see the AVEVA InTouch HMI Getting Started Guide.

Before you get started building an InTouch OMI ViewApp, you must install, configure, and activate the licenses of your System Platform products. The last section of this booklet includes a set of tables that list the documentation for each System Platform product.

**Installation**

Installing System Platform products is a straightforward procedure of selecting options from a series of installation dialogs. You can find more information about any hardware and software installation requirements in the AVEVA System Platform Installation Guide.

**Configuration**

Immediately after installing your System Platform products, the Configurator appears to configure the Historian and the AVEVA Enterprise License Server. The AVEVA System Platform Installation Guide includes a chapter that describes how to configure System Platform products.

**Licensing**

All System Platform products must have their licenses activated to be fully functional. Before you can complete the procedures described in this booklet, you must activate your product licenses with AVEVA License Manager. For more information about the steps to activate licenses, see the AVEVA Licensing Guide and online help.
Development Environment

The ArchestrA IDE and InTouch HMI WindowMaker are typically installed on the same computer called the Development Studio. The ArchestrA IDE is the Integrated Development Environment provided with System Platform. You use the ArchestrA IDE to build InTouch OMI ViewApps and InTouch HMI managed applications.
Start the ArchestrA IDE

You start the ArchestrA IDE by selecting the System Platform IDE icon from your computer’s Start menu or the Windows Apps window.

To start the ArchestrA IDE

1. Click the Apps icon on the Windows Start window to show the Apps window.
2. Locate the System Platform app group.
3. Select the System Platform IDE icon.

The Connect to Galaxy dialog box appears without a Galaxy name the first time it opens.

Galaxy commands appear as buttons on the right.

Some Details

• You must create a Galaxy before starting the ArchestrA IDE for the first time.
• Your product licenses must be activated before starting the ArchestrA IDE.
• Users must be a member of the aaConfigTools Windows user group to connect to a Galaxy from the IDE. Assign users to this group through the Local Users and Groups utility of the Windows Control Panel.
• For more information, see the Steps to Create a Galaxy topic in the InTouch OMI help system.
Create a Galaxy

You must connect to a new or existing Galaxy each time you start the ArchestrA IDE.

To create a Galaxy

1. Start the ArchestrA IDE to show the Connect to Galaxy dialog.
2. Click New Galaxy to show the New Galaxy dialog.
3. Complete the fields of the New Galaxy dialog box.
   a. Type the node name of the computer that hosts your Galaxy Repository (GR) in the GR node name field.
   b. Type a Galaxy name in the Galaxy name field.
   c. Select Default.cab as the type of Galaxy.
4. Click Create to begin creating a new Galaxy.
5. Click Close after the new Galaxy is created.

Some Details

- The Galaxy Repository is the name of the single computer where the Galaxy database is located.
- The Galaxy Repository stores information for InTouch OMI ViewApps or InTouch HMI managed applications.
- You can only create a new Galaxy on a computer with the Bootstrap and Galaxy Repository software installed.
- Select Default.cab as the Galaxy type to build InTouch OMI ViewApps.
- See the Create a Galaxy topic in the InTouch OMI help.
Connect to a Galaxy and Open the ArchestrA IDE

You must connect to a Galaxy before you can perform any work on a ViewApp using the ArchestrA IDE.

To connect to a Galaxy

1. Start the System Platform IDE to show the Connect to Galaxy dialog.
2. Select the Galaxy you want to open from the Galaxy name field of the Connect to Galaxy dialog.
3. Select Connect to open the Galaxy.

The IDE opens and shows the different views of your Galaxy.

The IDE provides different ways to view the structure of the Galaxy and how it will be deployed to run time.

Some Details

- Select Galaxy from the IDE menu bar and then select the Galaxy Status option to see the current status of the open Galaxy.
- For more information, see the Connect to a Galaxy topic in the InTouch OMI help.
Run the Default System Platform ViewApp

System Platform provides a set of default symbols, other content, and templates that are accessible from the ArchestrA IDE. Folders containing default content and templates are located in the **Template Toolbox** and **Graphic Toolbox**.

A default ViewApp is also included. After deploying the ViewApp, it can run immediately without any editing.

**To run the default ViewApp**

1. Select the **Deployment** tab at the bottom left of the IDE.
   The Deployment view shows the arrangement of supporting system objects that are required to run a ViewApp. Beneath the ViewEngine object is the default ViewApp named InTouchOMI_Desktop.

2. Right-click on the WinPlatform object named **Platform** to show a shortcut menu.
   The yellow square next to each object indicates the object is in an undeployed state.

3. Select **Deploy** from the shortcut menu.

4. Click **OK** from the **Deploy** dialog box.
   The **Deploy** dialog box shows the progress of deploying all of the objects. The yellow square disappears after each object is deployed.

5. Show the Windows desktop and locate the **AVEVA Application Manager** icon.

6. Select **AVEVA Application Manager** to open it and click the **LAUNCH** button.
   The ViewApp should start running in several seconds.

**Some Details**

- Right-click on deployed objects and select **Properties**. The **General** tab lists the template the object was derived from.

- Workflow Groups 3 and 4 in this booklet provide more information about deploying and running a ViewApp.
Become Familiar with Basic ViewApp Features

The default ViewApp provided with System Platform demonstrates some of the basic features of a ViewApp.

A slide-in pane can be placed at each side of a ViewApp window. During run time, slide-in panes are hidden until the user selects the tab to extend the slide-in pane and show its contents.

Navigation icons can be placed within a pane that include short navigation scripts to enable users to return to the home view or scroll forward or backward through a sequence of views.

System Platform 2020 includes a default set of apps that you can drag and drop onto a pane requiring minimal configuration. This example shows the default Map app, which provides controls and touch support to enable users to pan to different areas of the map and zoom in or out to show more or less map detail.

System Platform 2020 includes a NavTree app that shows a ViewApp's navigation items arranged in a hierarchical tree. Selecting an item from the tree shows the content of the selected view.
Workflow Group 1: Design Standards

You can create symbols and objects that are incorporated into your ViewApps. Rather than create unique symbols and objects for each ViewApp, you can use IDE tools to create a set of reusable template symbols and objects that can be individually configured to meet the differing requirements of your ViewApps.

The following figure summarizes the major workflows to create reusable standards you need to build ViewApps. As shown in the figure, the ArchestrA IDE includes a set of editors to build reusable symbols, objects, scripts, layouts, and screen profiles.
Build Symbol Standards

System Platform provides a set of graphic tools and symbols to visualize data in a ViewApp. You can use these tools within the Graphic Editor to create symbols from basic graphic elements, like rectangles, lines, and text. You can also embed pre-built Industrial graphic and Situational Awareness Library symbols in a template to visualize object-specific information. Embedding a symbol enables you to update one symbol template and cascade the changes throughout all of the instances of the symbol in your application.

Standard Industrial Graphics available from the Graphic Toolbox show reasonably realistic views of process objects. You can embed an Industrial Graphic in a template or instance of an object to visualize object-specific information.

Situational Awareness Library symbols are protected symbols that include multiple visual and functional configurations, which are enabled by selecting values from a set of Wizard Options associated with each symbol. Incorporating multiple configurations in a single symbol reduces the types of symbols you need to develop for an application.
Create a Symbol

You can create a symbol in the Graphic Toolbox by the following methods:

- **Keyboard shortcut**: Press Ctrl + Shift + S
- **Shortcut menu**: Right-click on the Galaxy name, select New, and then select Symbol
- **Galaxy Menu**: Select Galaxy from the menu bar, select the New option, and then select Symbol from the sub menu

You should see the symbol listed in the Graphic Toolbox as Symbol_001 with a blue background. The symbol is selected and you can assign a new name by typing over the default name.

Depending on your development requirements, you can select where and how to store Industrial Graphics.

- Store symbols in the Graphic Toolbox if you want to define them as a reusable standard that will be used frequently.
- Store symbols as AutomationObject templates if you want to re-use the symbol in combination with the object functionality.
- Store symbols The Graphics tab of an AutomationObject instance. Do this if you are unlikely to re-use the symbol in any other situation.

Some Details

- Symbol Names must be unique within the entire Graphic Toolbox hierarchy. Valid characters for symbol names include alphanumeric characters, #, and _ (underscore). Symbol names cannot contain spaces and the symbol name cannot begin with the $ character.
- For more information, see the Symbols topic in the InTouch OMI help.
Edit a Symbol

After you create a symbol, you need to check it out to be able to edit it in the Industrial Graphic Editor. You also need to check in the symbol after you are finished editing it.

To edit a symbol in the Graphic Toolbox
1. Right-click on your symbol listed in the Graphic Toolbox and select Check Out.
   A red check mark appears to the left of your symbol's name to indicate that it is checked out.
2. Right-click on the checked-out symbol and select Open to show the symbol in the Graphic Editor.
3. After you have finished editing the symbol, click Save and Close from the task bar of the Graphic Editor.
4. Right-click on the symbol name shown in the Graphic Toolbox and select Check In.

To edit a symbol contained in an object.
1. Open an object in the Object editor.
2. Click the Graphics tab.
3. Select the graphic to edit and click Open. The Industrial Graphic Editor appears.
4. Edit the graphic.
5. Click Save and Close. The Industrial Graphic Editor closes and the updated graphic is checked in.

Some Details

• Situational Awareness Library symbols are protected templates and cannot be directly edited. You must embed an instance of a Situational Awareness Library symbol in another symbol to edit it and make configuration changes.

• You check out a graphic when you open it for editing with the Industrial Graphic Editor. No other user can edit the graphic while you have it checked out.
Build a Symbol from Graphic Elements

You can assemble and edit a set of graphic elements in the Industrial Graphic Editor to represent a visual component.

To build a symbol from graphic elements

1. Check out and open a symbol from the Graphic Toolbox. The Industrial Graphic Editor opens and shows the Tools menu in the upper left corner.

2. Select a graphic element from Tools to include in the symbol.

3. Move the cursor over the canvas area. The cursor shape should change to a plus sign.

4. Holding your left mouse key down, drag the mouse to set the initial size of the graphic element.

5. Select the graphic element and then select an option from the Configuration bar to configure the visual appearance of the graphic element.

6. Select all graphic elements, right-click, and then select Grouping >Group option from the shortcut menu.

7. Save and Close the Industrial Graphic Editor.

8. Check the symbol back into the Graphic Toolbox.

Some Details

- For more information about creating and integrating graphic elements into a ViewApp, see Graphic Elements in the System Platform online help.
Build Object Standards

The **Template Toolbox** is the part of the ArchestrA IDE that shows host objects organized by toolsets from which other object templates are derived or instances are created.

Derived templates are created from base templates. Base and derived templates are identified in the **Template Toolbox** by a dollar sign ($) as the prefix to their names. Templates are elements that contain common configuration parameters for object instances that can be re-used. Object instances are the specific devices in your environment that are deployed as part of your ViewApp. You create an instance from a template and then customize the specific instance as needed.

**Some Details.**

- Instances are deployed to the run-time environment. Templates exist in the development environment and cannot be deployed to a ViewApp.

- To get a better understanding of base templates, derived templates, and instances, see *About Templates and Instances* in the InTouch OMI help.
Create a Derived Template or an Instance

You first select the base template that you want to create a derived template or instance from the Template Toolbox. You can create a derived template or an instance by the following methods:

- **Keyboard shortcut**
  
  Derived template: Press Ctrl + Shift + N
  Derived instance: Press Ctrl + N

- **Shortcut menu**
  
  Right-click on the base template, select New, and then select either Instance or Derived Template.

- **Galaxy menu**
  
  Select Galaxy from the menu bar, select the New option, and then select Instance or Derived Template from the sub menu.

You should see the new derived template listed in the Template Toolbox as $ObjectName_001. A new instance appears in the Model, Deployment, and Derivation views as ObjectName_001. You can assign a new name to the derived template or instance by typing over the default name.

Some Details

- All templates you create are derived templates. A derived template inherits attributes and behaviors from the base template. You cannot change the attributes in a base template.

- Derived template and instance names can be up to 32 alphanumeric characters. Derived template and instance names must include at least one letter and cannot include spaces. An instance name cannot have $ as the first character.

- For more information about creating derived templates, see Create Derived Templates in the InTouch OMI online help.
Edit Objects

The Object Editor contains tabbed pages to modify objects.

Each Object Editor page modifies a specific aspect of objects. The Attributes, Scripts, and Object pages are common to all objects. Other pages are unique to certain object types.

To edit an object
1. From the Template Toolbox, double-click on an object to open it in the Object Editor.
2. Make your modifications to the object.
3. Select Save or Close from the Galaxy menu.

Some Details

- When you open the Object Editor, the object is checked out. No one else can edit an object.
- When you save an object, the configuration data for the object is validated. If errors or warnings are identified during validation, a message appears.
- For more information about editing objects, see Edit Objects in the InTouch OMI online help.
Work with Object Wizards

An Object Wizard can be added to any derived template to provide a simplified user interface to build a set of object configurations. Users select from these choices and options. Each object configuration has a unique combination of attributes, scripts, and graphics.

You can replace the requirement for many derived templates by using a single template with an Object Wizard that supports multiple configurations.

Some Details

- Attributes and features contained in the Object Wizard that are not needed in a particular instance are removed from the run-time object.
- To maximize the benefits of using Object Wizards, add your Object Wizard to the template as close to the top level of the derivation hierarchy as possible.
- For more information about Object Wizards configurations, see *Object Wizards* in the InTouch OMI online help.
Create a Basic Object Wizard

An Object Wizard includes Choice Groups, each with two or more Choices, and/or Options. A Choice Group is a radio button list that lets the user select one choice. An Option contains a check box that can be selected or deselected.

To create an Object Wizard.

1. Open a derived template in the Object Editor.
2. Configure the template by adding attributes, symbols, and scripts.
3. Select the Configure Wizard Options button to open the Object Wizard editor.

4. Add a Choice Group by selecting the Add Choice Group button.
5. Add Options by selecting the Add Option button.
6. Use the Up and Down arrow buttons to change the order of Choices, Choice Groups, or Options.
7. Associate attributes or content with a Choice or Option
   a. Select the Choice or Option.
   b. Select the attribute or content to associate with the Choice or Option.
   c. Select the Add Association button.
      Settings for the selected attribute or content appear in the Settings pane after making an association.
   d. Configure visibility and value overrides, as needed.
Build Screen Profile Standards

A screen profile defines the physical characteristics of one or more screens and how these screens are arranged with respect to each other. Each screen icon that appears in a screen profile represents a physical screen that shows running a ViewApp.

A screen profile can represent all of the monitors in a production control room or the single screen of a cell phone.

You assign a screen profile to a ViewApp with the Initialization wizard the first time you open the ViewApp.

Some Details

- The ArchestrA IDE includes a set of default screen profiles located in the Graphic Toolbox. See the Default Content 1. Screen Profiles folder.
- A screen profile includes a set of lock properties to ensure safety using touch screens while running a ViewApp.
- For more information about screen profiles, see Screen Profiles in the InTouch OMI online help.
Create a Screen Profile

You can create a screen profile in the **Graphic Toolbox** by the following methods:

- **Keyboard shortcut**: Press Ctrl + Shift + E
- **Shortcut menu**: Right-click on the Galaxy name, select *New*, and then select *Screen Profile*.
- **Galaxy Menu**: Select *Galaxy* from the menu bar, select *New*, and then select *Screen Profile* from the sub menu.

To create a screen profile

1. Open the ArchestrA IDE and select **Graphic Toolbox**.
2. With your cursor, select a folder in the **Graphic Toolbox** where you want to place the new screen profile.
3. Press Ctrl + Shift + E.
   
   A screen profile appears in the **Graphic Toolbox** folder with a default name of ScreenProfile_001 for the first layout you create. A blue background around the screen profile name indicates the name can be changed.

4. Select the screen profile and rename it.

Some Details

- A screen profile can replicate a computer's display properties stored in Windows, including screen resolution, screen orientation, and the configuration of screens to each other.
- You can resize the screen profile shown in the editor with the size controls at the bottom of the canvas area.
- For more information about creating a screen profile, see *Create a Screen Profile* in the InTouch OMI help.
Configure a Screen Profile

The typical workflow to configure a screen profile includes these essential steps:

- Add a screen
- Position screen icons to represent the actual physical arrangement of screens attached to a computer running a ViewApp
- Assign values to each screens’ properties

To configure a screen profile

1. Click the red plus circle to add a screen to a profile.
2. Using a drag and drop mouse gesture, select a screen and move it to the corner of an adjoining screen, and then release the mouse key.

3. Select the check mark in the upper left corner of a screen to designate it as the primary screen of the profile.
4. Define the physical characteristics of each screen by assigning values to screen properties that are listed at the right of the Screen Profile editor

Some Details

- Select the Has Taskbar property to show the Taskbar Position property.
- Select the Is Touchscreen property to show the Touch Local Level property.
- A valid screen configuration aligns the corner of one screen to the corner of another screen.
- Press F1 from the Screen Profile editor for more information about configuring screen profiles.
**Build Layout Standards**

Layouts define the organization of rectangular areas of a screen called panes that contain content shown in a ViewApp.

You configure layouts with the Layout editor. The Layout editor includes controls to add panes and adjust their size and arrangement to other panes within the layout's window. The Layout editor provides properties to configure the layout itself and each individual pane. You can also drag and drop content onto panes as part of configuring a layout.

**Some Details**

- The Layout editor includes a script editor to write built-in OnShow, While Showing, and On Hide scripts.
- Responsive layout mode enables you to create a layout for ViewApps that will run on a variety of different device screen sizes.
- Press F1 from the Layout editor for more information in the InTouch OMI web help.
Create a Layout

Create a layout in the **Graphic Toolbox** by these methods:

- **Keyboard shortcut**: Press Ctrl + Shift + L
- **Shortcut menu**: Right-click on the Galaxy name, select **New**, and then select **Layout**
- **Galaxy Menu**: Select **Galaxy** from the menu bar, select the **New** option, and then select **Layout** from the sub menu.

**To create a layout**

1. Open the ArchestrA IDE and select **Graphic Toolbox**.
2. With your cursor, select a folder in the **Graphic Toolbox** where you want to place the new layout.
3. Press Ctrl + Shift + L.

   A layout appears in the **Graphic Toolbox** folder with a default name of Layout_001 for the first layout you create. A blue background around the layout name indicates the name can be changed.

4. Select the layout and rename it.

**Some Details**

- The initial configuration of a new layout consists of a single pane with no active slide in panes.
- Select the name shown in the upper corner of a pane to rename the pane.
- See *Create a Layout* in the InTouch OMI online help for more information.
Configure a Layout

A layout configuration workflow includes these essential steps:
• Add panes
• Set layout and pane properties

To configure a layout
1. Select a layout to configure from the Graphic Toolbox.

2. Select an arrowhead on the Add Pane Control to add a pane by splitting the currently selected pane in half.
3. Select Properties from the right column of the editor.
   • Tap outside the border of the layout to show general layout properties.
   • Tap inside of a pane to show the specific properties of the selected pane.
   • Select the divider line between panes to show divider properties.
4. Modify property values and save your layout changes.

Some Details

• Select Script from the menu bar to show the Predefined Script editor.
• See Configure a Layout in the InTouch OMI online help for more information.
Add Content to Layout Panes

You can use a drag and drop mouse action or touch gesture to add content to panes.

To add content to a layout

1. Select a layout from the Graphic Toolbox to edit.

2. 

3. Some Details

- You are not required to add content to panes from the Layout Editor. Content can be added with the ViewApp Editor too.

- A layout contains multiple sets of properties. Layout properties apply to the entire layout. Pane properties apply to the individual panes of a layout. Each pane can be configured separately.

- For more information about adding content to a layout pane, see Add Content to Panes in the InTouch OMI online help.
Workflow Group 1: Design Standards
Workflow Group 2: Assemble a ViewApp

A ViewApp typically includes a set of related screen profiles and layouts. You associate screen profiles and layouts the first time you open your ViewApp using the Initialization wizard. Symbol and object standards can be added to a ViewApp from either the Layout or ViewApp editors. The ViewApp Editor is the integration tool to combine your reusable standards to build a ViewApp. The ViewApp Editor incorporates the ability to add, replace, and edit screen profiles, layouts, and content.

Also, based on defined user roles and assigned access levels, you can use the ViewApp editor to restrict the display of ViewApp content to specific user roles.
Create a ViewApp

You must create a ViewApp derived template before you can begin editing a ViewApp. You can create a derived ViewApp template by these methods:

- **Keyboard shortcut**
  
  ViewApp template: Press Ctrl + Shift + N  
  ViewApp instance: Press Ctrl + N

- **Shortcut menu**
  
  Right-click on the ViewApp base template, select **New**, and then select either **Instance** or **Derived Template**.

- **Galaxy menu**
  
  Select **Galaxy** from the menu bar, select the **New** option, and then select **Instance** or **Derived Template** from the sub menu.

To create a ViewApp derived template

1. Open the ArchestrA IDE and select the **Template Toolbox** tab to show your Galaxy objects.
2. Expand the **Default Templates** folder and open the **4. ViewApps** folder.
3. Right-click on the $ViewApp base template, select the **New** option, and then select **Derived Template**.
   
   A $ViewApp derived template appears with a red icon to indicate no screen profiles or layouts have been assigned to it.

Some Details

- A screen profile and layouts must be assigned the first time you open a ViewApp in the ViewApp editor.

- See *Steps to Create a ViewApp* in the InTouch OMI online help for more information about assigning a screen profile and layouts to a ViewApp,
Assign Screen Profiles and Layouts to a ViewApp

When you start the ViewApp Editor for the first time after creating a Viewapp, the ViewApp Initialization wizard appears to select a screen profile and layouts that will be associated with the ViewApp.

To assign screen profiles and layouts to a ViewApp
1. Open the ArchestrA IDE and select the Template Toolbox tab to show your Galaxy objects.
2. Locate the ViewApp derived template and select it. The ViewApp Initialization Wizard appears with a set of screen profiles.
3. Select a screen profile from the list and select Next.
4. Select a screen within the profile to place a layout.
5. Select a layout from the list to associate it to the screen.
6. Select Finish to open the ViewApp and start editing.

Some Details

- At least one screen in a profile must be associated with a layout before continuing to the ViewApp editor.
- For more information about assigning a screen profile and layouts to a ViewApp, see Steps to Create a ViewApp in the InTouch OMI online help.
Place Content in a ViewApp

You can add content to a ViewApp from the ViewApp Editor using a drag and drop mouse action or finger gesture. Assigning content to a pane adds a Show Content action to the ViewApp’s navigation Action List. Select either the Toolbox or Assets tab to show a list of content.

Content can include:

- Graphics
- Layouts
- Control
- App Instance

If you select a folder, the content area beneath the list shows thumbnails of the content within it.
Search for Content

You can search within the currently displayed **Toolbox** or **Assets** folders to locate objects or graphics by name.

- An Assets search is applied across the entire Galaxy. The results show the assets containing the search term in a multi-column list displayed in alphabetical order.
- A Toolbox search is applied across the entire graphic Toolbox. The results show thumbnails of the graphics that match the search term in alphabetical order.

To search for assets or graphics

1. Open a ViewApp within the IDE.
2. Select either the **Toolbox** or **Assets** tab in the right column of the ViewApp to show the **Search** field.
3. Type a search phrase in the **Search** field.
   As you type, any matching assets or graphics appear whose names contain your search term.

4. Some Details

- Double-clicking on an asset identified by a search shows the thumbnails of the graphics associated with the asset.
- Place your cursor over a graphic thumbnail in the search results to show its folder location within **Toolbox**.
- For more information about searching for assets or graphics, see *Search for Content* in the InTouch OMI online help.
Embed a Symbol in a ViewApp

Preview thumbnails of symbols appear beneath the tabbed Toolbox list of the Layout or ViewApp editors.

You place a symbol in a ViewApp by using your mouse to select and drag a symbol from the Toolbox area and drop it onto a layout pane from the Layout or ViewApp editors. Objects shown in the tabbed Assets area of the Layout or ViewApp editors can be placed in a ViewApp using a similar drag and drop method.

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Place Content in a ViewApp

You can create a graphic to embed in an empty pane shown from the ViewApp Editor. Typically, you create a symbol to contain an embedded graphic associated with an object.

The Graphic Editor appears again to embed the graphic you selected in the new symbol.

The Configure New Asset wizard appears with options to configure the symbol.

The pane in the ViewApp Editor should show the symbol you created.

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Add External Content to a ViewApp

External content refers to content outside of a Galaxy that can be shown in a running ViewApp. External content is associated with a ViewApp by placing an External Content item on a layout pane during design time. An External Content item is created and then configured with the External Content editor to identify the location of the content and the type of content.

The following figure summarizes the major workflows during design time to configure an External Content item to point to content that operators can display while managing a running ViewApp.

Some Details

- An External Content item can be incorporated into a ViewApp by dragging the item thumbnail onto a layout pane or linking it to an object.
- System Platform includes a set of four default apps to incorporate external videos, spreadsheets, Word documents, or images into a running ViewApp.
- Place your external content at a folder location within your network. Verify connectivity between your Desktop Studio computer and the folder containing External content.
Create an External Content Item

You create an External Content item from the Graphic Toolbox of the ArchestrA IDE using one of the following methods:

- **Galaxy menu**: Select Galaxy from the menu bar, select New, and then External Content.
- **Keyboard Shortcut**: Press Ctrl + Shift + C
- **Accelerator Keys**: Press Alt + G + N + C
- **Shortcut Menu**: Right-click on a folder within the Graphic Toolbox to show a shortcut menu. Select the New option, and then select External Content.

To create an External Content item

1. Open the IDE and select the Graphic Toolbox tab.
2. Select a toolset folder within the Graphic Toolbox to create the External Content item in the folder.
3. Use the Keyboard Shortcut method to create an External Content item.
   Press Ctrl + Shift + C
   A new External Content item is created in the Graphic Toolbox at the folder you selected. The name of the new item follows a default naming convention of appending a three-digit number to the word ExternalContent.

4. Rename the External Content item.

Some Details

- After you create an External Content item, it must be configured to associate it to specific media content.
- Initially, the External Content item defaults to a set of values that can be changed using the External Content editor.
Configure an External Content Item

Each External Content item has three properties that must be assigned values:

- **URL or URI**
- **Media Type**
- **Content Type(s)**

This step explains how to configure an External Content item for the DocViewer app available with System Platform 2020.

**To configure an External Content Item**

1. Open the IDE and select the **Graphic Toolbox** tab to show the available External Content items.
2. Double click on an External Content item to open it with the External Content editor.
3. Enter a URI string where the Word document is saved.
4. Select the type of media associated with Word documents from the drop-down list of the **Media Type** field.
5. Select the type of content from the drop-down list of the **Content Type(s)** field.

The configured External Content item for a Word document should look like the following screen capture.

6. Save your changes and exit from the editor.

**Some Details**

- You can browse for external content by selecting the vertical dots icon to the right of the **URL or URI** field. A drop-down list includes an option that enables you to browse your network and select a media file.
Associate External Content to a ViewApp

You can place an External Content item directly onto a pane from either the Layout or ViewApp editors. External Content items are listed in the Toolbox or Assets tabs of either editor.

To associate External Content to a ViewApp
1. Open the ArchestrA IDE and select the Graphic Toolbox tab to see the list of layouts.
2. Select a layout that you want to insert external content and open it in the Layout editor.
3. Locate the External Content item you want to place in the layout you selected. External Content thumbnails appear beneath of the list of content shown in the Toolbox list.
4. Select an External Content thumbnail from the Toolbox area, and then drag and drop it onto a pane of a layout incorporated into a ViewApp.

The External Content thumbnail appears in the pane containing the name of the External Content item, the media type of the external content, and the viewer app that will display the media during runtime.

Some Details

- For more information about associating external content to an object that will be included in a ViewApp, see Link an External Content item to an Object in the InTouch OMI help
- For more information about the entire set of workflows to add external content to a ViewApp, see External Content in the InTouch OMI help.
Workflow Group 2: Assemble a ViewApp
Workflow Group 3: Deploy a ViewApp

An instance of your ViewApp must be deployed with a ViewEngine and other system and application objects before you can run it.

Deployment instantiates Galaxy objects in a runtime environment, which are required to run a ViewApp. You must deploy your environment before attempting to run a ViewApp.

You can see the arrangement of your system and application object instances from the Deployment or Model views of the ArchestrA IDE.

Some Details

- Deployment includes installing required software on a target computer to support objects. Bootstrap software must be installed on the computer running a ViewApp.
- No object can be in an error state to deploy a ViewApp.
- Objects must be checked in to the Galaxy
Prepare to Deploy a ViewApp

You can deploy and test your objects at any time during development. When you are ready to test or run a ViewApp in production, you deploy the Galaxy. You can see what your application looks like in the Deployment view or Model view of the ArchestrA IDE. Both views show you the structure of your application.

The Deployment view provides the simplest way to understand the object hierarchy during deployment. In the Deployment view, objects appear in a hierarchical tree structure according to their distribution relationships. Galaxy>WinPlatform>AppEngine>Area>App or DI Objects

- The top of the tree is the Galaxy.
- WinPlatforms are shown under the Galaxy.
- AppEngines are under each WinPlatform
- Under each AppEngine, assigned Areas and DIObjects, such as DINetwork Objects, are listed.
- Under each Area, assigned application objects are listed.
- Under each application object, contained application objects are listed. Multiple levels are allowed.
- Under each DINetwork Object, assigned DIDEvice Objects are listed.
- Unassigned objects are placed in the Unassigned Area folder. Area and containment relationships are maintained in this view

Some Details

- The appearance of the icons to the left of each object shown in the Deployment view indicate the deployment and quality status of each object.
- The Galaxy Status dialog shows the condition of your Galaxy. On the Galaxy menu, select Galaxy Status.
Deploy a ViewApp

You can tell if you have objects that need to be deployed by looking at the icons next to the objects shown in the Deployment view. Typical deployment status icons include:

- Not deployed
- Deployed
- Deployed, but pending changes have not been deployed

To deploy a ViewApp
1. Right-click on the Galaxy object in the Deployment view and select the Deploy option from the shortcut menu. The Deploy dialog box appears.

2. Accept the default deployment options and select OK.

Key Points

- During deployment, all files to run a ViewApp are copied to a folder on the client computer designated to run the ViewApp.
- A cascade deploy operation deploys all objects in the correct hierarchical order. A cascade operation deploys a host object before deploying its child objects.
Workflow Group 3: Deploy a ViewApp
Workflow Group 4: Run a ViewApp

You typically run a ViewApp on a different computer than the computer you use to develop a ViewApp. You start a ViewApp by selecting it from a list of deployed ViewApps shown from InTouch OMI Application Manager.
Launch and Run a ViewApp

After you successfully deploy your ViewApp, you can launch it from InTouch OMI Application Manager.

To launch and run a ViewApp

1. Show the Windows desktop of the computer where the ViewApp has been deployed.
2. Select the InTouch OMI Application Manager icon shown on the Windows desktop.

Application Manager appears with a list of deployed ViewApps.

3. Select the LAUNCH button of the ViewApp that you want to run.

After several seconds, the ViewApp's main window appears in a separate window on your screen.

Some Details

- You can run multiple ViewApps simultaneously.
- Click the icon shown to the right of the LAUNCH button for options to run the ViewApp in read/write mode (default) or launch the ViewApp with a read-only data connection.
Run a ViewApp in Preview Mode

When you are building a ViewApp, you can immediately preview and assess your editing changes in run time mode. Previewing your work enables you to work more quickly because you do not need to undeploy and redeploy your Galaxy objects each time you modify your ViewApp to verify your changes.

To preview a ViewApp

1. Open the ArchestrA IDE.
2. Open an undeployed ViewApp in the ViewApp editor.
3. Select the Preview button near the top right corner of the ViewApp editor.

The first time you request a preview, a caution message explains that preview mode is not intended for production usage. Select the check box in the message to not show the message again.

4. Click OK to continue.

Within several seconds the preview session launches from the computer hosting the ArchestrA IDE.

5. Click the standard Close icon on the ViewApp window frame to stop running in preview mode.

Some Details

- The AutoUpdate icon next to the Preview button enables or disables any updates to the ViewApp to appear in preview mode. If the ViewApp contains unsaved changes, the ViewApp will be saved and the new configuration passed to Preview.

- The preview window opens and shows the current focus of the ViewApp as it is edited in the ViewApp editor.
Workflow Group 4: Run a ViewApp
Get More Information

The System Platform library consists of a set of online books and help. Each product that is part of System Platform includes individual documentation about using the product. System Platform documentation is offered in two different media:

- Portable Document File (PDF), which can be viewed with Adobe® Reader®. Each book is included on the product installation DVD as a PDF file.
- Online help from the IDE, which can be viewed while developing InTouch HMI or InTouch OMI applications.

The PDF books and online help include a table of contents, an index, and a search function to find information quickly. Product documentation uses a task-based approach. This means information is organized by the typical workflows to build, configure, and use System Platform products.
Application Server

Online help is available from the IDE and each System Platform product’s interface. The following table describes the Application Server documentation library delivered as PDF files.

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All InTouch OMI product documentation is available as online help that you view with a web browser. Press F1 from the ArchestrA IDE modern editors to show online help:

- Screen Profile editor
- Layout editor
- ViewApp editor
- ViewApp Namespace editor
- External Content editor

**Note** Internet Explorer Version 11 or later is the recommended web browser to view InTouch OMI help.

The InTouch OMI help system includes tutorial videos, a search engine, a table of contents, and a set of navigation controls to find information quickly and easily.
InTouch HMI

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InTouch Access Anywhere

InTouch Access Anywhere is part of the System Platform family of products and can display InTouch OMI ViewApps on a variety of portable devices. Its documentation is included in the InTouch OMI online help. InTouch Access Anywhere can also be ordered as a separate product with its documentation library delivered as PDF files.

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Technical Support

AVEVA Technical Support consists of a global team of qualified Certified Support Providers. If you have questions or concerns about System Platform, contact Wonderware Technical Support.

**Telephone:** U.S. and Canada

**800-966-3371**

7 a.m. to 5 p.m Pacific Time

Outside the U.S. and Canada

For local support in your language, contact a certified support provider in your area or country.

Refer to the following web address for a local phone number in your country:

[https://sw.aveva.com/support/wonderware](https://sw.aveva.com/support/wonderware)

Dial your country's local international direct dialing (IDD) code and then the 800-number listed for your country.

**Fax:** +1 949-639-1545

**E-mail:** Customer First members, send an e-mail message to our priority address:

custfirstsupport@wonderware.com

Customers without a support agreement, send an e-mail message to:

wwsupport@wonderware.com

**Web:** Registered customers, submit your questions to our Support web site.

Refer to the following web site for instructions to register for Wonderware technical support:

[https://sw.aveva.com/support/wonderware](https://sw.aveva.com/support/wonderware)
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