### ALL NEW RSCAD-FX

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**2023 EUROPEAN USER'S GROUP MEETING** 



### AGENDA

- RSCAD Re-Write Project Overview
- RSCAD-FX RunTime
- RSCAD-FX Features
- Future Developments
- Questions

# **RSCAD<sup>®</sup>FX**







# **RSCAD-FX RE-WRITE PROJECT**

#### **Overview**

- RSCAD FX project began in 2018
- Objectives were
  - $_{\odot}\,$  To modernize the RSCAD GUI
  - $\circ$  To improve RSCAD's useability by addressing the requests from customers over the years.
  - $_{\odot}\,$  To use an updated technology stack
- The project was broken up into phases
  - Phase I Draft Re-write, C-Builder Re-write and the ICT Development
  - o Phase II Runtime Re-write
  - Phase III Python Scripting Support
  - Phase IV ???



## **RSCAD-FX REWRITE PROJECT**

#### Phase I – Draft Rewrite (RSCAD-FX 1.0)

- Released in April 2021
- Largely a porting of existing functionality into a modernized framework.
- More extensive use of Tabs and Drag and Drop functionality.
- Redesigned the library into a Tree Structure.
- New features such as Wire Mode and Auto-Naming were introduced.
- The CBuilder and ICT Tool redevelopments were initiated.
- Initially, some users liked it, others did not.
- The Draft portion of RSCAD FX is maturing and users are becoming comfortable with it.



# **RSCAD-FX REWRITE PROJECT**

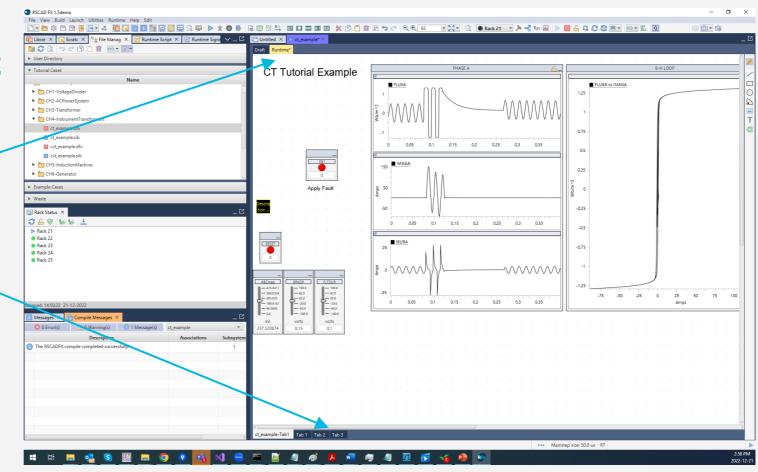
#### Phase II – Runtime Rewrite (RSCAD-FX 2.0)

- Released in May of 2023
- The main objective was to implement the key functionality available in RSCAD-V5 RunTime.
- Other objectives were to add following features to make it more user friendly.
  - Runtime Overlays.
  - o Better Mechanism for adding plots and meters.
  - $\circ\,$  Integrated Case Files.
  - o Enhanced Runtime Graphics.
  - Tighter integration of Draft and Runtime functionality.
- Like the Draft release, reception has been mixed. Some users like it, others don't.
- We're actively fixing bugs and making refinements.



#### **RunTime Environment**

- RunTime is now a Tab under the case tab
- It can be docked/undocked.
- Multiple RunTime Panels can
  be added

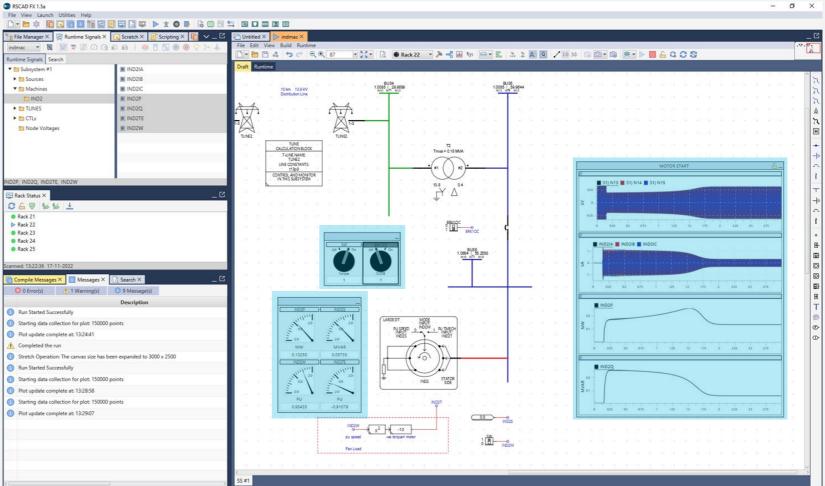






#### **RunTime Overlay**

 Plots, Meters and Other RunTime Objects can be placed in Draft canvases.



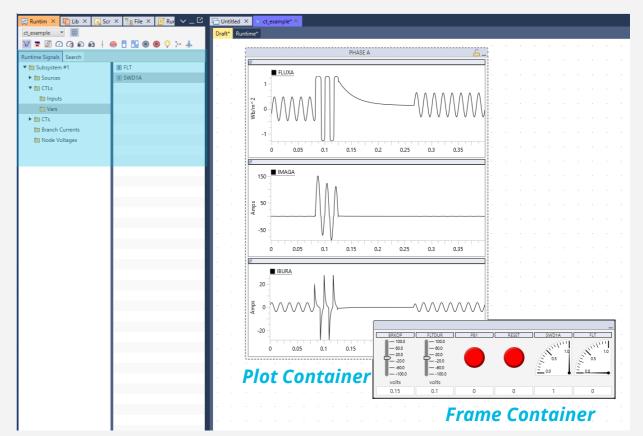




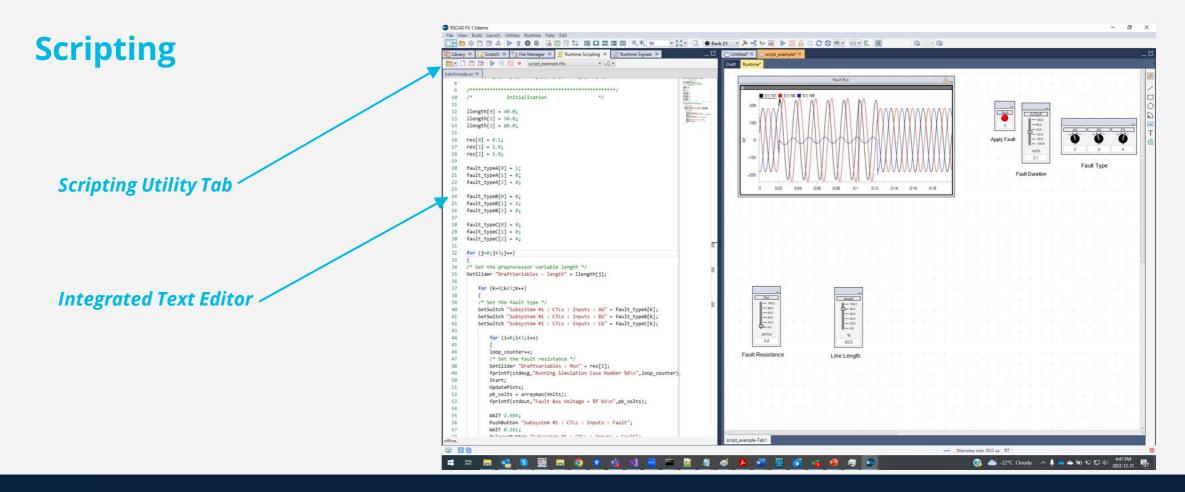


#### **RunTime Signals Utility Tab**

- Runtime Signals Utility Tab allows signals to be drag and dropped onto the runtime canvas
- RunTime objects like Meters, Graphs, 3P RMS, Vector Displays, Switches, Buttons etc. can be grouped in containers to be easily moved together and re-arranged.
- Multiple types of RunTime objects can be added at one time making it faster to create an HMI for a simulation







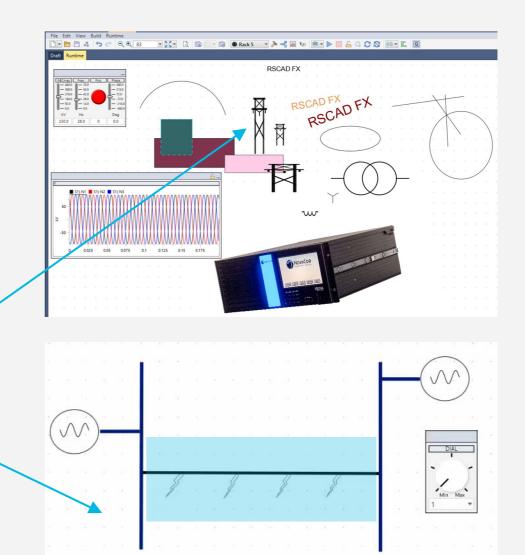


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#### **Enhanced Runtime Graphics**

- Increased number of shape properties gives increased flexibility
- Added the ability to add multiple resizable images so that it is easier to make HMIs
   representing the simulation.
- Properties can be changed conditionally based on signals in simulation.

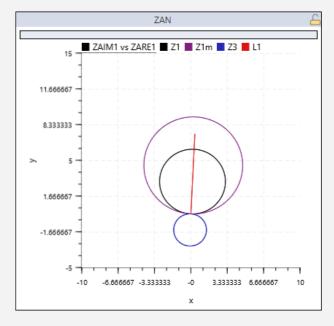






#### **Other Notable Features in Runtime**

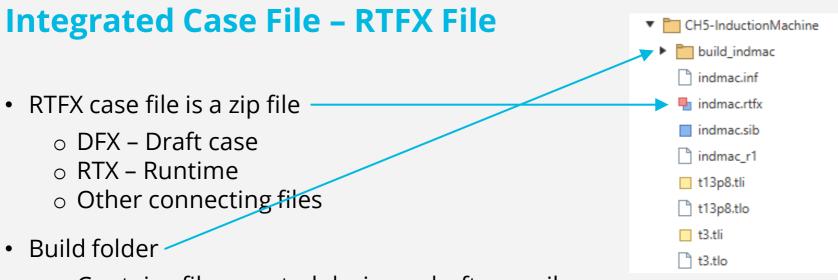
- Added Undo/Redo Functionality.
- Tighter integration of Draft and Runtime so that changes in one does not break the other.
  - Ex: Moving signals between Subsystems or between Mainstep-Substep)
- Improved Relay Characteristics Curves in Plots.
- Added support for saving plot data in COMTRADE v2013 format.







### **RSCAD-FX FEATURES**



 $\,\circ\,$  Contains files created during a draft compile

• All other files (Cable, Tline, etc.)

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 $_{\odot}\,$  Linked to RTFX case file by being in the same directory

• When the user converts a .sib file to .rtx, the conversion will put it inside the RTFX zip file

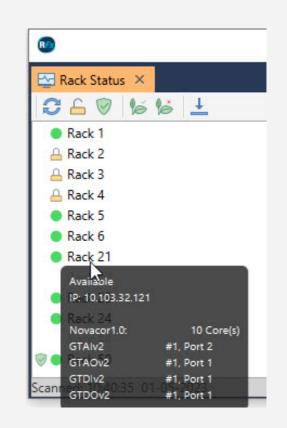


### **RSCAD-FX FEATURES**

#### **Rack Status Utility Tab**

- Provides easy access to available hardware configurations
- Provides information on
  - Current status (Free/Used/Locked)
  - $\circ$  IP address
  - $\circ$  Number of Cores
  - $\circ\,$  Connected peripheral cards and port numbers
- Rack Security
- Retrieve Rack Logs
- Low Power Mode







### **RSCAD-FX FEATURES**

#### **Search Feature**

- Moved existing functionality into a utility tab
- Required in order to consolidate **Runtime and Draft searches**
- Kept existing Tree view

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### **RSCAD-FX FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

#### **Python Scripting**

- Moving towards Python-based scripting.
- Increasingly common feature requests from clients.
- Future scripting enhancements will be made for Python Scripting only.
- Legacy scripting support will remain but will be deprecated.



• Functionality will probably be released in stages.



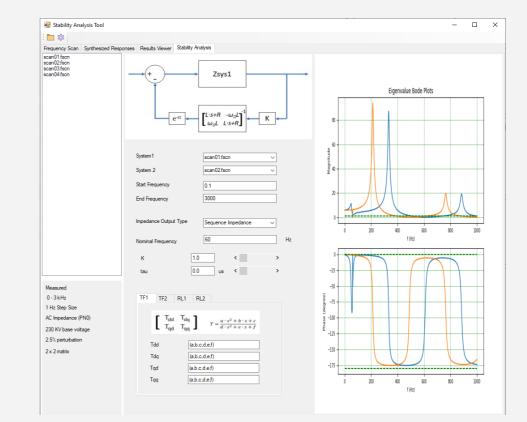


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#### **Stability Analysis Tool**

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- Tool to analyze the harmonic scan.
- Input impedance as a function of frequency can be measured and plotted
- The effect of providing specific closed loop control of the measured systems can be analyzed.
- phase margin and magnitude margin of the closed loop systems is provided.







### **RSCAD-FX FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

#### **Incremental Improvements**

- Bug fixes
- Refinements based on the feedback received.
- Performance improvements
- There were several omissions from the initial Runtime FX release due to time constraints. Those features will be added in future.
  - o Displaying meters as a graphs
  - $\circ\,$  Saving plots as vector graphics
- Going forward RSCAD-FX development will be an ongoing, continual process to address the feedback from users.



### **Questions?**



