

# StationScout

Substation Automation System Testing



# Smart testing for Automation, Control and SCADA communication

## Visualize IEC 61850 and make testing easy

Testing automation and communication systems is as time consuming as testing the protection. StationScout, together with the MBX1 test set, simplifies these tests and reduces the required effort significantly.

Firstly, StationScout provides a clear status overview of your substation during commissioning and operation. Secondly, it makes it possible to trace signals through the whole system.

Finally, by using the powerful simulation features, the time needed for testing the whole SCADA signalling can be shortened significantly.

Innovative views support commissioning and maintenance engineers during the entire lifecycle of Substation Automation Systems (SAS) based on IEC 61850. When working with IEC 61850, StationScout becomes the ideal solution.

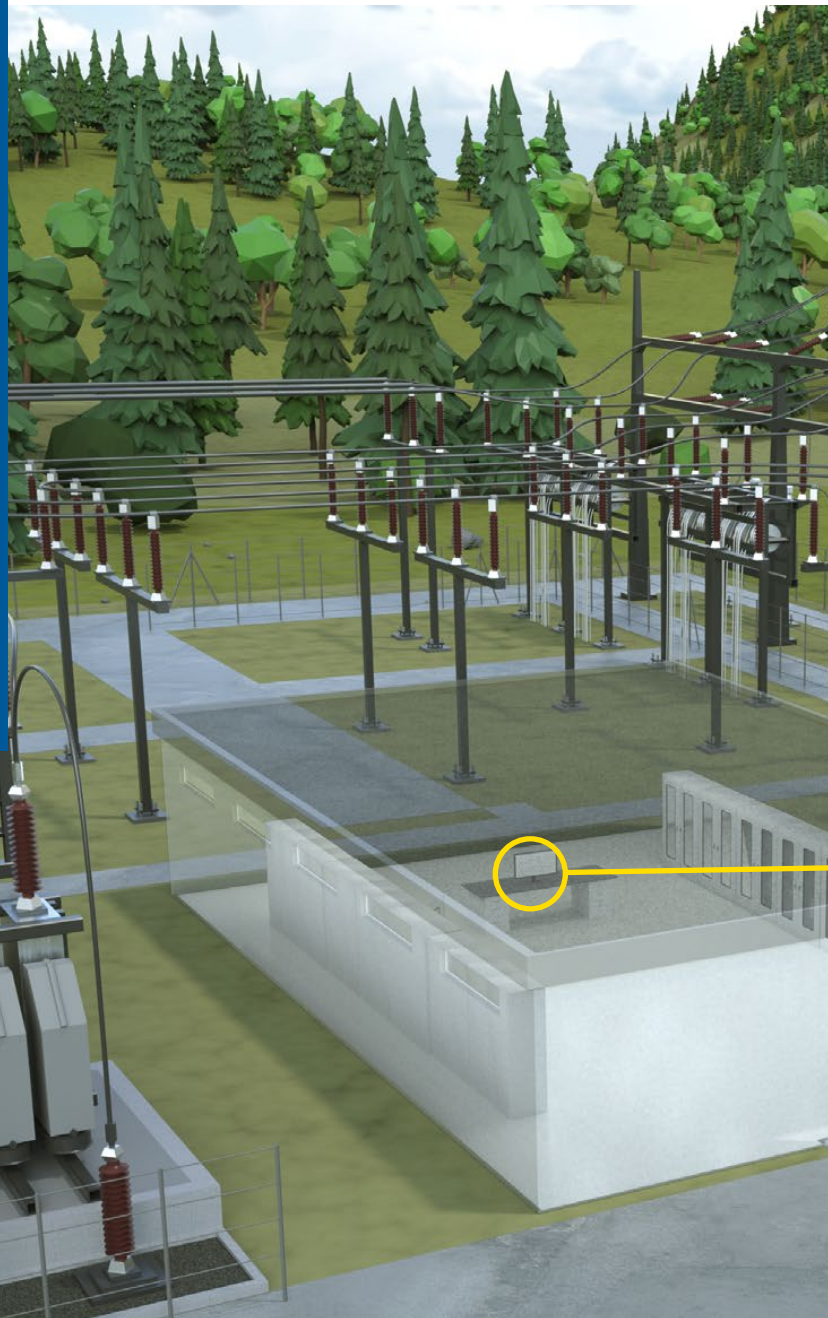
## What is IEC 61850?

IEC 61850 is the established standard for communication in substations. The devices in such systems are IEDs (Intelligent Electronic Devices). IEDs use standardized communication to share information with each other, even if they are from different vendors. For the different types of communication, the following services are utilized:

C/S (Client/Server) for direct communication between two devices, where one acts as a server and one as a client – a typical application is a report from an IED to the HMI (Human Machine Interface). This communication is defined in IEC 61850-8-1 as MMS (Manufacturing Messaging Specification).

GOOSE (Generic Object Oriented Substation Event) for fast transmission of events such as protection trips. Sent out as multicast (one-to-many) GOOSE is also typically applied for interlocking.

SV (Sampled Values) to transmit measured values from measurement transformers ("Merging Units") to the substation network. Sent out as multicast.





## The concept

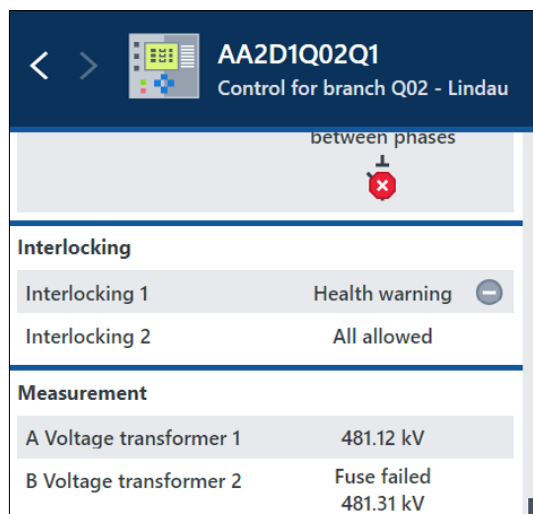
StationScout comes with innovative software and the digital substation test set, MBX1. The test set allows cyber secure connection to the substation network and can simulate dozens of IEDs with C/S and GOOSE.

The intuitive user interface visualizes communication in the SAS, delivering the characteristics of an IED in an easy to read manner and supports the user in finding relevant information quickly.

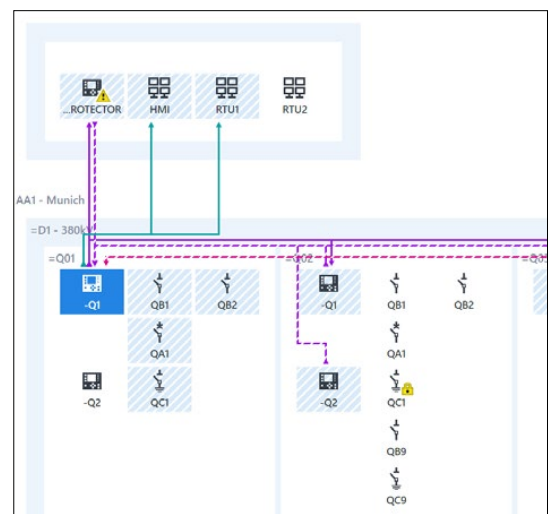
When connected to the substation network, the values within the IED data models, as well as the connected assets, can be seen and communication signals can be easily traced through the SAS. All IEDs which are not available may be simulated to make testing of the entire SAS possible.



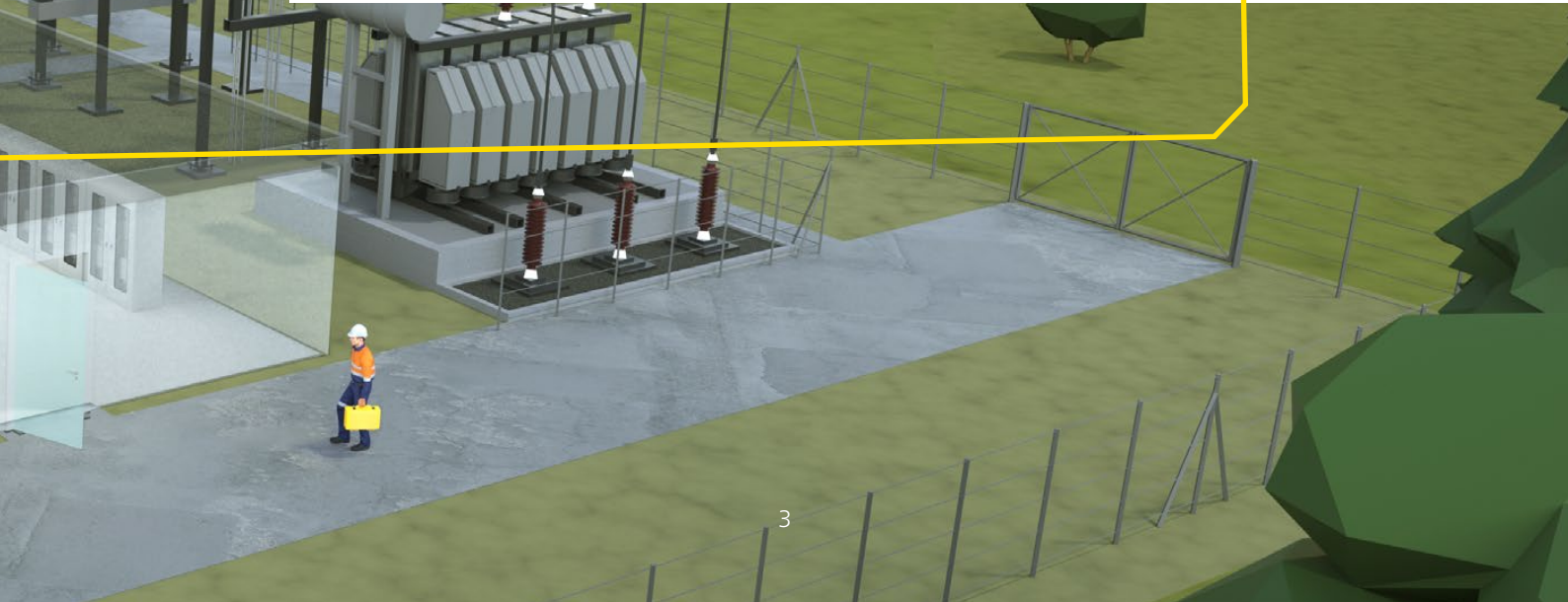
StationScout supports **all project phases** of IEC 61850 SAS.



The IED summary uses clearly understandable and editable names instead of IEC 61850 abbreviations. Information is grouped according to their application, which helps the engineer trace signals. Easy to use browsing and navigation elements support this task.



Smart Overview visualizes communication links and status information of IEDs and primary assets. GOOSE subscription and report issues can be observed.



trip conditioning	No issue
Breaker failure	No issue
<b>Control</b>	
QB1: Switch controller 1	
QB2: Switch controller 2	

## Straightforward signal tracing

To find communication errors in the SAS, commissioning engineers have to trace signals all the way from the source to each receiver. In hardwired systems this “point-to-point” testing is very time consuming, IEC 61850 systems are even more challenging in this regard. With StationScout it becomes easy to follow signals. The propagation of GOOSE and Report signals through the SAS are visualized in an intuitive diagram – the **Smart Overview**.

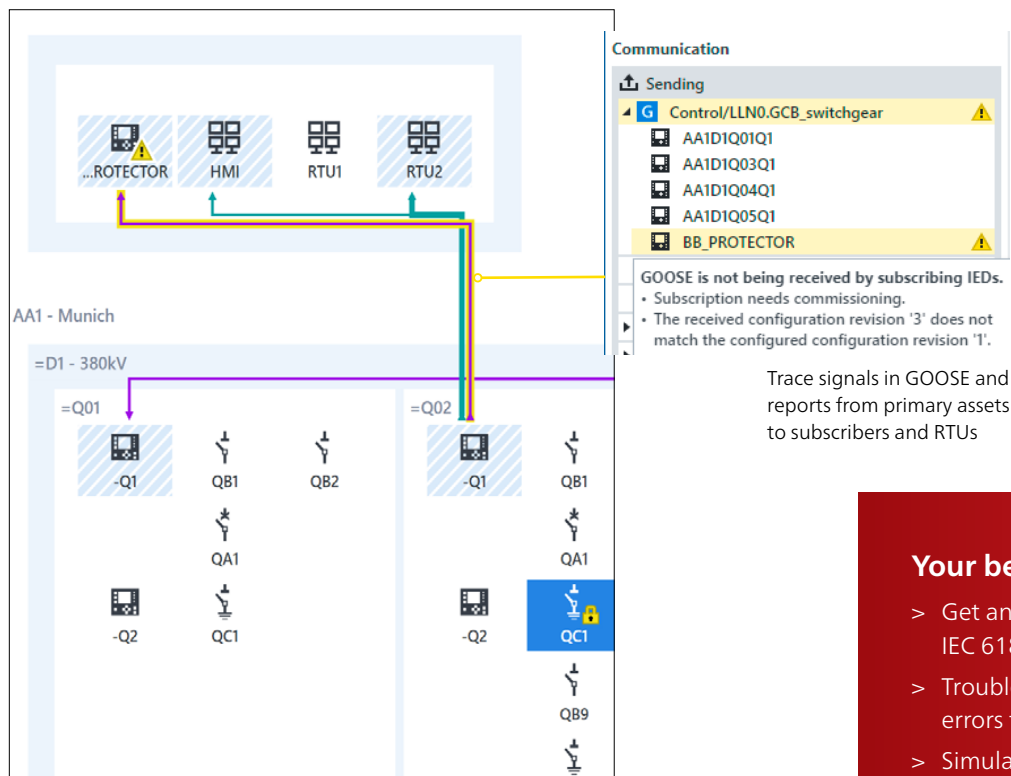
Being able to trace any signal in the overview screen significantly reduces troubleshooting time.

Furthermore, communication errors from both the sending and receiving side are displayed on the diagram making troubleshooting even simpler (receiving side errors are only shown if LGOS is supported by the IED). Immediately after loading an SCL configuration file (SCD file), StationScout visualizes all communication relationships in the SAS. When StationScout is connected to the substation, this information is augmented with live data.

## Watch signals

Collect signals from whole substation into a single list to watch and to change values comfortably during simulation.

AA1D1Q02Q1	
QA1: Circuit breaker	
QA1: Switch position	15:06:20
AA1D1Q02Q2	
QC9: Circuit switch 5	
QC9: Switch position 5	15:06:14
AA1D1Q04Q1	
QA1: Circuit breaker	
QA1: Switch position	15:04:49
QB2: Circuit switch 1	
QB2: Switch position 1	15:04:49



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## Your benefits

- > Get an overview of the signal flows in the IEC 61850 substation
- > Troubleshoot communication and logic errors faster
- > Simulate missing components or the whole SAS
- > Reuse test plans at recommissioning and after security patches

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# Covering the whole lifecycle of a SAS



**Simulation** of IEDs with their inputs and outputs.



**Clear visualization** of communication and status overview of the SAS.

Simulated equipment

**Design, specification and engineering**

Start with IEC 61850 on your desk, check a new concept or adapt an existing one. StationScout visualizes the whole system and simulates missing equipment – if required, it can even simulate the whole system.



**Tests created in the design phase are available for repetition through the whole lifecycle.**

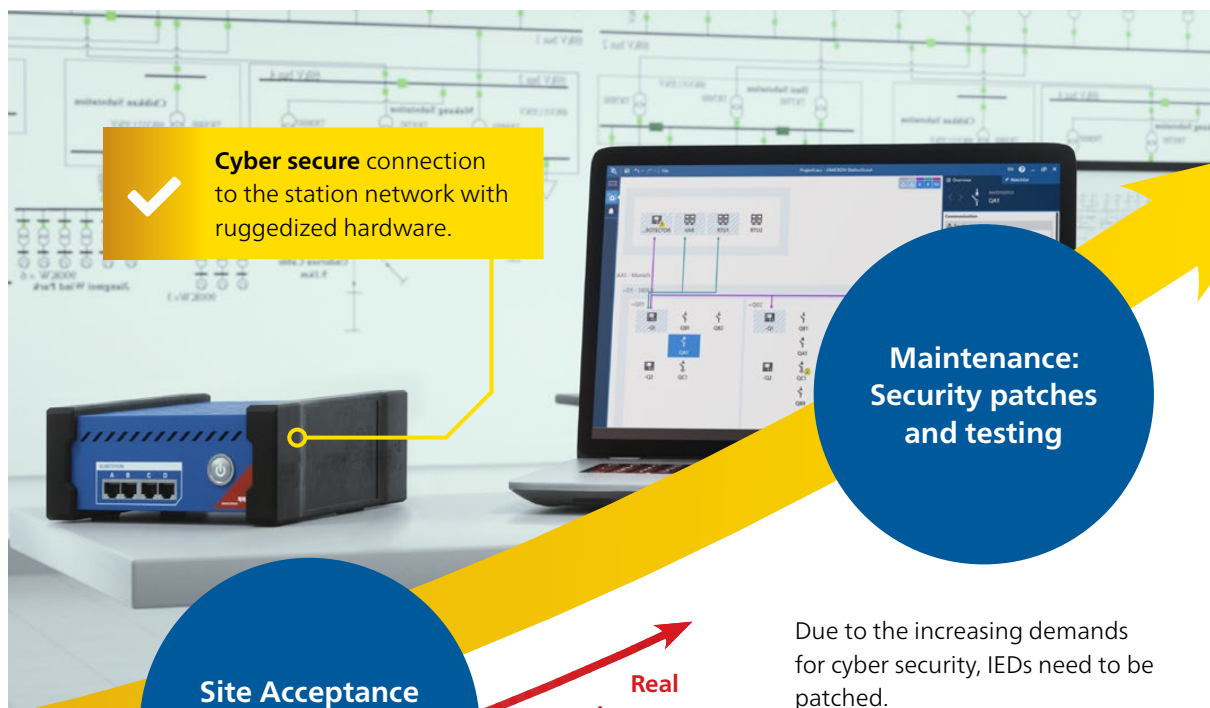
**Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT)**

Partly simulated

Modern SAS are rigorously tested in the factory. Missing servers (IEDs) and clients (SCADA or RTU) can be simulated, making real testing possible right from the beginning.



**See live values with a single click**



**Cyber secure** connection to the station network with ruggedized hardware.

**Maintenance:**  
Security patches and testing

**Site Acceptance Testing (SAT) and commissioning**

**Real equipment**

Due to the increasing demands for cyber security, IEDs need to be patched.

With StationScout you can use the prepared tests and simulate equipment that can not be taken out of service for testing. Even complex logic can be re-tested easily.



**Formerly created test cases can be reused**

On-site tests have to be performed at least once with real equipment. Testing every point within the SCADA system (including all details) can be performed by simulating the client even without a control center.



**Repeat previous tests and simulations**

### Who uses StationScout?

- > Utilities performing factory- or site acceptance-tests
- > SAS commissioning experts
- > Protection testers
- > Communication and commissioning engineers
- > Developers of IEDs and SAS
- > Planners, certification labs, system integrators, SAS maintenance engineers, ...

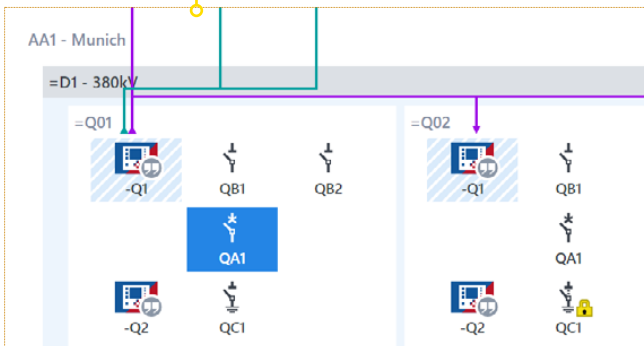
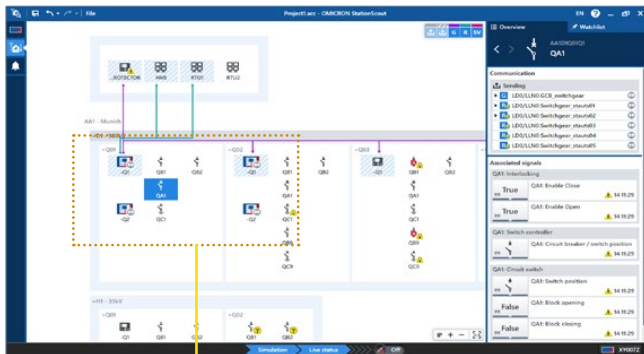
# Simulation and security

## Simulation when it's needed

Depending on project stage and on the testing situation, not all assets are available during the testing. The HMI might be missing while the protection is engineered, or the SCADA/HMI developers might need the protection staff for simulating certain messages, and of course, during the FAT none of the primary assets are available.

StationScout offers simulations as required during any stage and for any circumstance. Simulate missing IEDs, missing RTUs/Gateways/HMI, or any other equipment not available including binary I/O simulation for switchgear positions.

For this purpose, ISIO 200 binary I/O accessory devices can be connected to the StationScout unit MBX1.



Simulate IEDs, SCADA/HMI, and switchgear positions

## Maximum cyber security in IEC 61850 substations

To connect to the substation network, perform tests and simulate IEDs, StationScout comes with the special MBX1 test set.

This test set ensures maximum security, reliability and performance when connected to the substation network. Therefore the industrial-grade MBX1 hardware is equipped with encrypted storage, a cryptoprocessor module (TPM), and a secure firmware. MBX1 can be used in combination with IEDScout, StationScout, as well as future OMICRON solutions for the testing of power utility communication.

MBX1 represents the license of the software and can be shared within teams. An IEDScout license is also included in all StationScout packages.

Additionally a 19" rack variant is available – the RBX1 platform for rack mounting.



Powerful and secure: the MBX1 test set



Cyber secure rack-mountable RBX1 platform



# Troubleshooting and communication testing

Putting substation automation systems into operation is a time consuming task. Wiring and configuration errors have to be fixed – even after a successful factory acceptance test (FAT).

The **Smart Overview** in StationScout assists protection and control engineers by depicting what is configured in the engineering file as well as in the real substation.

- > Are the GOOSEs published and subscribed to properly?
- > Are the Report Control Blocks correctly used by the gateway?
- > How is a particular signal transmitted?

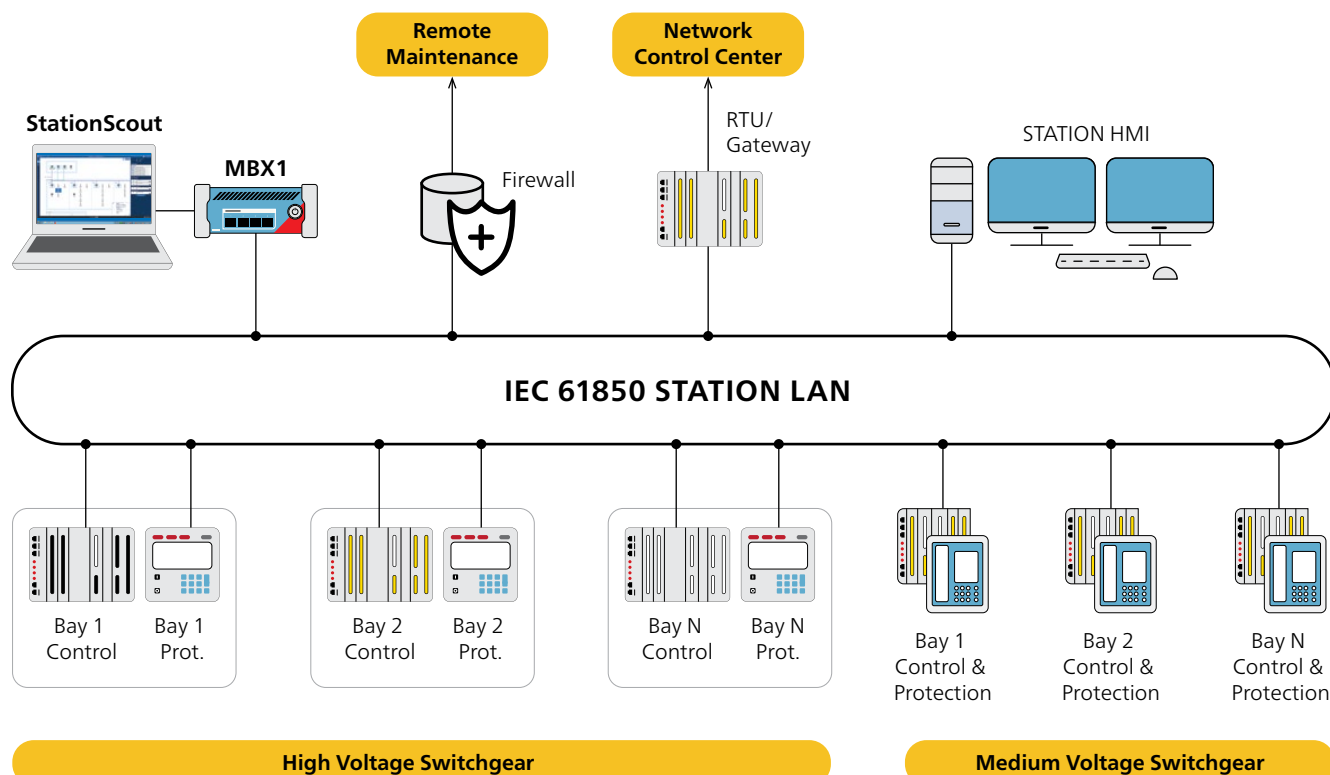
By clicking on an IED, a summary is shown detailing its relevant functions. Filters support selecting the communication of interest. Colored lines illustrate the signal flow. Engineering signal names are used from the SCL, if unavailable useful names are generated by StationScout or the utility's own naming conventions can be imported. Setup, workspace and configuration are stored in a file.

IEC 61850 terminology is avoided, drilling down to IEC 61850 level is still possible, but not necessary. Of course details, such as Report Control Blocks and GOOSE information, are still available if requested.

## Main applications

- > SAS and SCADA testing
- > Logic testing
- > Commissioning
- > Protection testing
- > Troubleshooting
- > Testing after firmware upgrade

StationScout works with **any network topology** – just connect it to the substation LAN:



# Commissioning features

## SCADA, RTU/Gateway testing

When commissioning a substation, all data, such as warning signals and measurement values, must be tested along with their transmission to the SCADA system – local and remote. With StationScout, SCADA signal testing can be simplified and accelerated. StationScout can inject all alerts, switchgear status signals, and measurement values by simulating IEDs. The engineer only needs to verify if the HMI and control center displays the signals correctly.

The StationScout Commissioning License allows to define test cases. Assessing, stimulating signals and recording results offer huge potential for cost savings. Passed or failed tests within a certain project stage can be exported and printed. Tests performed during commissioning can be repeated later after firmware updates or refurbishments. With its simulation features, StationScout can especially speed up FAT where only parts of the SAS are available.

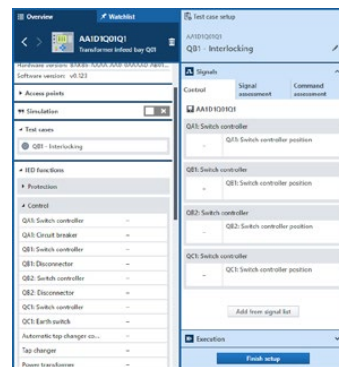
For quickly creating signal tests, you can directly import signals from your signal list and let StationScout create the test steps for switch states and single point status signals. Test steps for measurements can manually be added afterwards. These test plans can also be re-used during the SAT to visualize and assess the IEC 61850 signal flow.

## Automated testing of interlocking conditions and logics

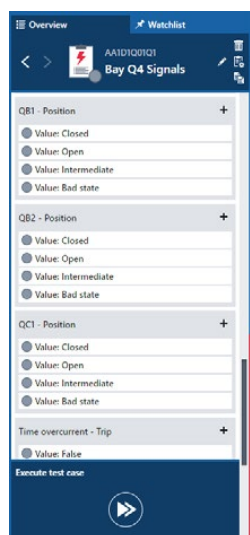
Logic is used in interlocking as well as in many other substation automation functions. Testing such logic functions is an essential part of FAT and SAT. To speed up testing, StationScout allows you to prepare test cases in the office and run it on your system with automated execution of control commands and automated assessments. The assessments include checking values from logical nodes like CIO, issuing switching commands, and checking the command response and switch state. Unavailable assets can be simulated, allowing testing during any project phase.

## Define and use test plans

Test cases are created by selecting the signals under test, as well as the signals associated.



Test case



Signal testing



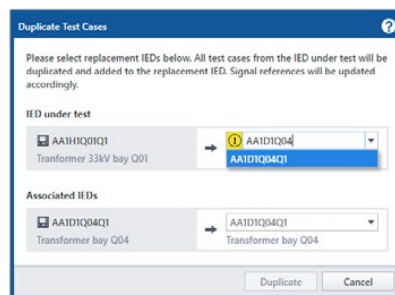
Interlocking test plan



A test case can be executed, duplicated to other IEDs and repeated.

## Write tests only once

Tests can already be developed in the specification phase and test cases can be re-used as templates from bay to bay. During engineering and FAT/SAT, IED configurations will likely be supplemented and adapted, which also means that the SCL file is updated. StationScout allows you to re-import single IEDs or the whole substation configuration from the updated SCL file while keeping your test cases and custom signal names.



Duplication of test cases

# Ordering information

StationScout consists of a test set and either the Smart Overview License, or the Commissioning License. For the test set there are two options available. The mobile MBX1 test set, or the rack-mountable RBX1 platform for permanent installation in substations.

## Software licenses

The **Smart Overview License** helps you visualize substations' data models and communications in a tidy overview.

### Features:

- > Smart Overview
- > ZeroLine View shows substation topology, feeders and bays
- > Multiple bays or whole substations with dozens of IEDs can be simulated comfortably
- > Simulation of IEDs
- > Detects communication problems
- > IEDScout included

[StationScout Smart Overview License](#) [VESC7001](#)

The **Commissioning License** has all the functionality of the Smart Overview License and comes with dedicated powerful features for testing and commissioning of IEC 61850 SAS.

### Features:

- > Smart Overview License functionality included
- > Creation of own test cases
- > Repeat tests previously created
- > Re-apply test cases to other bays
- > Documentation of all tests performed
- > Assessment of test cases
- > Automated execution of test cases
- > SCADA signal testing support

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## Hardware options

The **Smart Overview License** and the **Commissioning License** are available for the MBX1 and RBX1 test set.

	Description	Order No.
<a href="#">MBX1</a>	Mobile platform	VE007000
<a href="#">RBX1-40</a>	19-inch platform with 100-240 V supply	VE007011
<a href="#">RBX1-44</a>	19-inch platform with redundant 100-240 V supply	VE007012
<a href="#">RBX1-20</a>	19-inch platform with 44-75 V DC supply	VE007010
<a href="#">RBX1-22</a>	19-inch platform with redundant 44-75 V DC supply	VE007013



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