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<b>Bold</b>	Bold formatting is used for buttons, menus, page names, and other UI elements.	Click <b>OK</b> .
Courier font	Courier font is used for commands	Run the <code>cd /d C:/window</code> command to enter the Windows system folder.
<i>Italic</i>	Italic formatting is used for parameters and variables.	<code>bae log list --instanceid</code> <i>Instance_ID</i>
[] or [a b]	This format is used for an optional value, where only one item can be selected.	<code>ipconfig [-all -t]</code>
{ } or {a b}	This format is used for a required value, where only one item can be selected.	<code>switch {active stand}</code>

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# 1. Connect a Modbus slave device to an edge instance over Modbus TCP

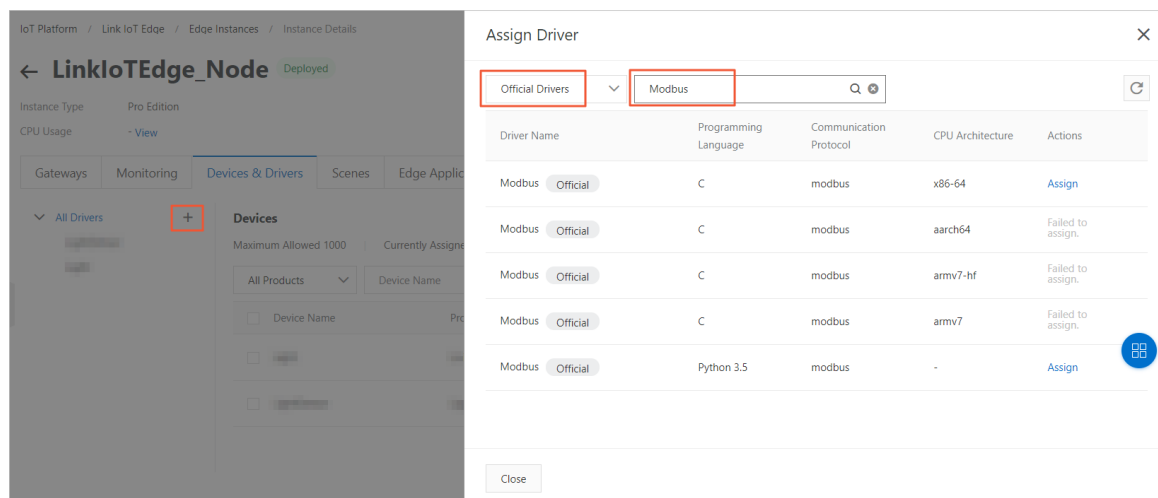
Modbus is a communication protocol based on the master/slave model. The master device requests data from slave devices. The Modbus driver of a gateway serves as the master device, and devices that connect to the gateway through the Modbus driver serve as slave devices. After the master device sends a query message to a slave device, the slave device sends a response message.

## Preparations

1. A Ubuntu 16.04 x86\_64 system is prepared to run a gateway.
2. A Windows host is prepared to run a Modbus slave simulator.
3. Download a Modbus slave simulator from the URL of [Modbus tools](#) and install the simulator on the Windows host.
4. Check the firewall settings of the Windows host and make sure that access to the Modbus slave device is allowed through port 502. If the access is denied, disable the firewall or change firewall settings to allow access to the port.
5. Create an edge instance and enable a gateway. For more information, see [Build an environment](#).

## Step 1: Assign a Modbus driver to the edge instance

1. Log on to the [Link IoT Edge console](#).
2. In the left-side navigation pane, click **Edge Instances**, and click **View** next to the required edge instance.
3. Assign the required Modbus driver to the edge instance based on the CPU of the related gateway. For more information, see [Modbus drivers](#).



4. On the Instance Details page of the edge instance, click the name of the assigned driver. Then, click **Driver Configurations** in the **Devices** section.
5. In the Driver Configurations panel, click **Add Channel**. In the Add Channel panel, set the required parameters to add a channel to the Modbus driver.

For more information about the parameters, see [Modbus driver configurations](#).

Add Channel

\* Channel Name

Channel

\* Transmission Mode

☐ RTU ☒ TCP

\* IP Address

192.168.56.102

\* Port Number

502


OK

Cancel

## Step 2: Assign a sub-device to the Modbus driver

1. In the **Devices** section, click **Assign Sub-device**. In the Assign Sub-device panel, assign a sub-device to the edge instance.

You can select an existing Modbus device or create a sub-device. To create a sub-device, proceed with the following steps.

 **Note** If you want to select an existing Modbus device, the product to which the device belongs must be connected to a gateway by using the Modbus protocol. For more information, see [Create a product](#).

2. In the **Assign Sub-device** panel, click **Add Sub-device**.

Assign Sub-device

Device Name (Full Name)

Q

All

Not Assigned

<input type="checkbox"/>	Device Name	Product	Status	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>				

Assign

Close

Got a new device?

Add Sub-device

3. In the **Add Device** dialog box, click **Create Product** and create a product to which the new Modbus device belongs.

Add Device

Note: DeviceName can be empty. When it is empty, the system automatically generates a globally unique identifier as the DeviceName.

\* Product

Create Product

You can create custom TSL for your products to achieve complex business logic involving properties, events, and services. To configure TSL, you can[Configure](#)

DeviceName

Enter a device name

OK

Cancel

4. In the **Create Product** dialog box, set the parameters as required and click **OK**.
- Parameter description

Parameter	Description
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Parameter	Description
Product Name	The name of the product. The product name must be unique within the current Alibaba Cloud account. The name must be 4 to 30 characters in length and can contain letters, digits, underscores (_), hyphens (-), at signs (@), and parentheses ().
Gateway Connection Protocol	The communications protocol. You must set this parameter to Modbus.
Authentication Mode	The authentication method. Select an authentication method that is suitable for your devices. For more information, see <a href="#">Authenticate devices</a> .
Product Description	The description of the product. This parameter is optional.

5. In the **Add Device** dialog box, the new product is automatically specified in the drop-down list of the Product section. Click **Configure** to add a custom feature to the product. For more information, see [Add a TLS feature](#).



### Create Self-Defined Feature ✕

\* Feature Type ?

Properties Services Events

\* Feature Name ?

aaa

\* Identifier ?

aaa

Unit

Select a unit ▼

Description

Enter a description

0/100

\* Extended Information ?

+Add Extended Information

OK

Cancel

6. In the **Add Self-defined Feature** dialog box, click Properties and set the required parameters. Then, click **Add Extended Information**.

In the Add Extended Information dialog box, set the required parameters to specify the data points of the Modbus sub-device.

Add Extended Information

\* Operation Type

Holding Registers (read and write, 0x03-read, 0x06-write)

\* Register Address ?

0x0

\* Original Data Type

int16

\* Value Range ?

-2147483648

~

2147483647

\* Switch High Byte and Low Byte in Register ?

false

\* Switch Register Bits Sequence ?

false

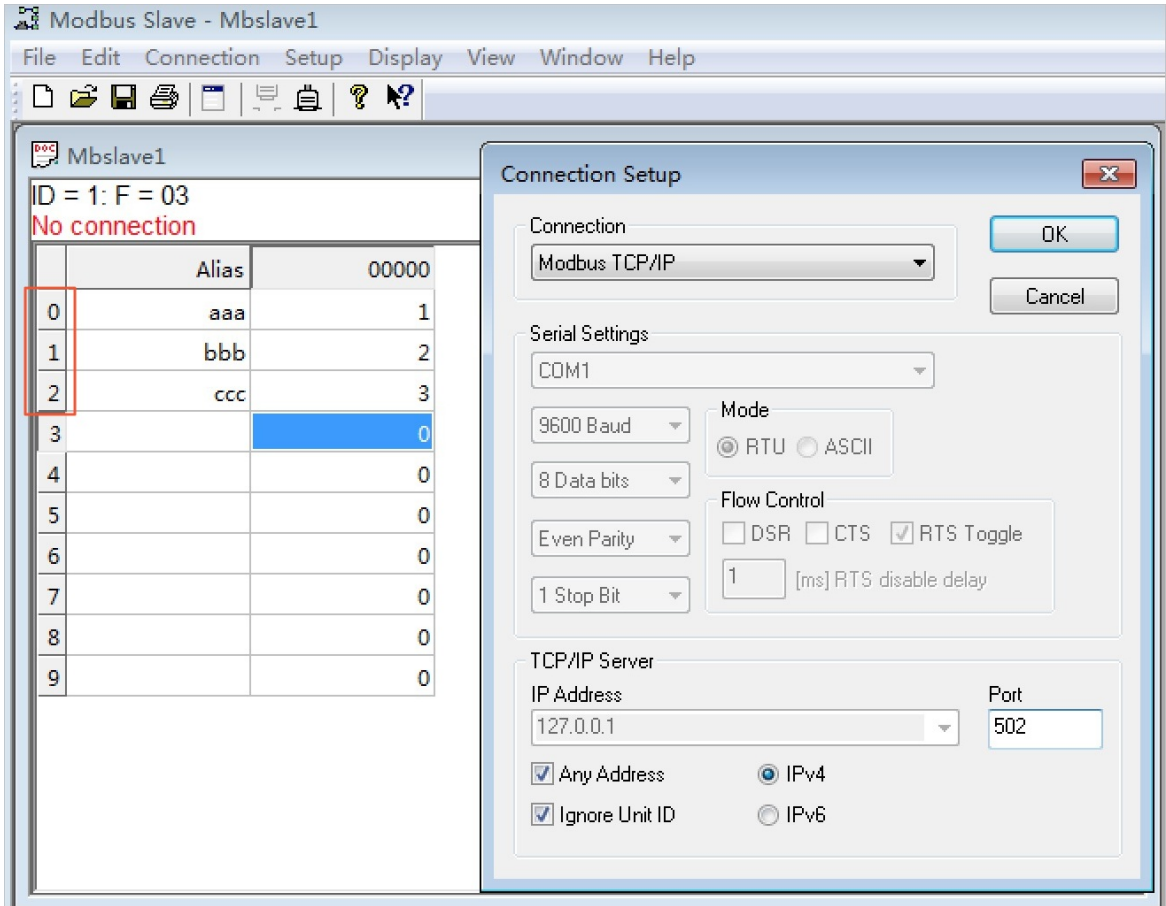
\* Zoom Factor ?

1

\* Data Report ?

At Specific Time

Set the Register Address parameter based on the data points of the simulated Modbus slave device, as shown in the following figure. In this example, three attributes named aaa, bbb, and ccc are created. These attributes correspond to the data points 0, 1, and 2 of the Modbus slave device.



7. Go to the **Add Device** dialog of the **Instance Details** page in the [Link IoT Edge console](#). Then, add a Modbus device.

Add Device

Note: DeviceName can be empty. When it is empty, the system automatically generates a globally unique identifier as the DeviceName.

\* Product

ModbusProduct

Create Product

You can create custom TSL for your products to achieve complex business logic involving properties, events, and services. To configure TSL, you can [Configure](#)

DeviceName

Enter a device name

OK

Cancel

Step 3: Configure and deploy the edge instance

1. Assign the new Modbus device to the edge instance.

2. After the device is assigned to the edge instance, click **Device Configurations** in the Actions column of the device. Then, use a channel to associate the device with the Modbus driver.

← LinkIoTEdge\_Node

Deployed

View Deployment Logs

Reset

Deploy

Instance Type

Pro Edition

CPU Usage

View

Gateways

Monitoring

Devices & Drivers

▼ All Drivers

+

Modbus

Assign

Device Configurations

DeviceName: device1

Product: ModbusProduct

\* Associated Channel

Channel

Create

Edit

\* Device Station Number

1

Data Collection Interval (ms)

1000

OK

Cancel

Device Name

Device Status

Actions

Inactive

Device Configurations

Debug

View

Remove

Parameters

Parameter	Description
Associated Channel	Select the channel that you have added in the <a href="#">Step 1: Assign a Modbus driver to the edge instance</a> section.

Parameter	Description
Device Station Number	To view the value, check the ID of the Modbus slave device in Step 6 of the <a href="#">Step 2: Assign a sub-device to the Modbus driver</a> section. In this example, the value of this parameter is 1.

- On the **Instance Details** page, click **Deploy** in the upper-right corner of the page to deploy the edge instance.
- Log on to the [IoT Platform console](#). In the left-side navigation pane, choose **Devices > Devices**. On the Devices page, click **View** next to the required Modbus product.

On the **Device Details** page, choose **TSL Data > Status**. On the Status tab, view the properties of the Modbus product.

Device Information
Topic List
Thing Model Data
Device Shadow
Manage Files
Device Log
Online Debug

Status
Events
Invoke Service

Real-time Refresh ☐

aaa
View Data
1
May 19, 2020, 19:26:15.207

bbb
View Data
2
May 19, 2020, 19:26:03.310

ccc
View Data
3
May 19, 2020, 19:25:54.150

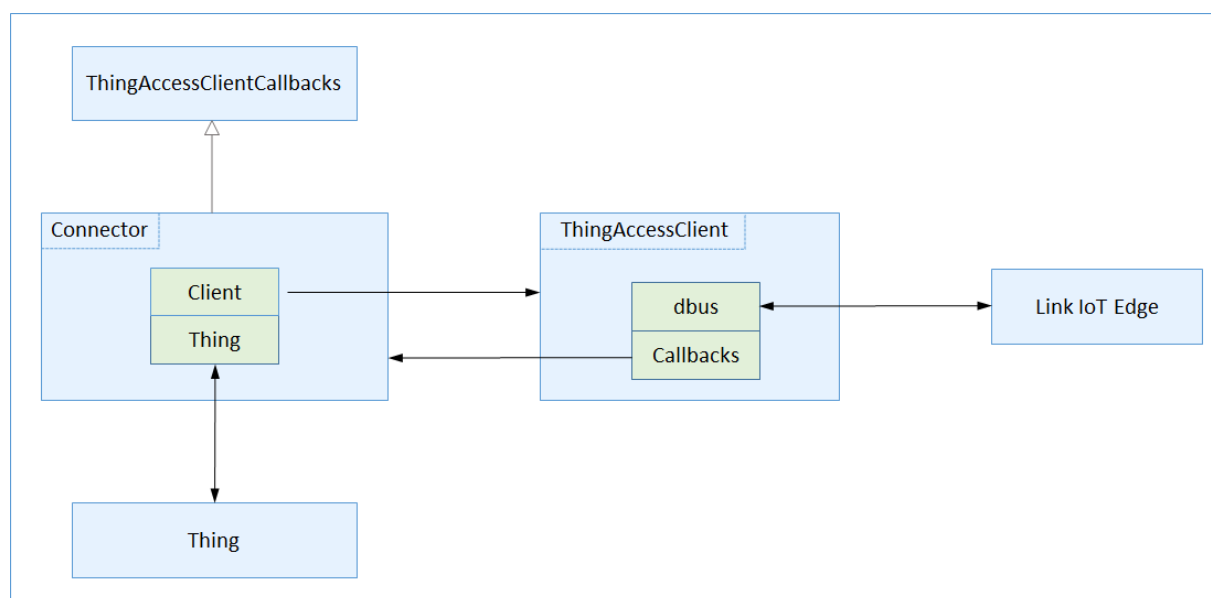
## 2.Develop a driver with the Connector architecture

This topic describes how to develop a driver with the Connector architecture, which is clear and flexible. For your convenience, we recommend that you use the Connector architecture to develop drivers.

Currently, the Connector architecture is only applicable to device SDKs developed in Node.js and Python.

### Overview

The following figure shows the Connector architecture.



A driver with the Connector architecture consists of the following classes:

- **ThingAccessClient**

The **ThingAccessClient** class is encapsulated in a device SDK and provides multiple methods for sub-devices to send data to and receive data from Link IoT Edge. The **ThingAccessClient** class can call callback functions of the **ThingAccessClientCallbacks** class. When receiving a request with the pointer of a callback function specified, the **ThingAccessClient** class obtains required data from Link IoT Edge and then calls the callback function. In the Connector architecture, callback functions of the **ThingAccessClientCallbacks** class are implemented in the **Connector** class.

- **Connector**

The **Connector** class is the core of the Connector architecture. It provides the **connect** method for connecting sub-devices to Link IoT Edge and the **disconnect** method for disconnecting sub-devices from Link IoT Edge. In addition, the **Connector** class supports interfaces encapsulated by the **Thing** class for sub-devices to connect to Link IoT Edge. The **Connector** class implements callback functions of the **ThingAccessClientCallbacks** class. When constructing a **ThingAccessClient** object, the **Connector** class specifies the pointer of a callback function and transmits the pointer to the **ThingAccessClient** class. When receiving required data from Link IoT Edge, the **ThingAccessClient** class calls the callback function.

- **Thing**

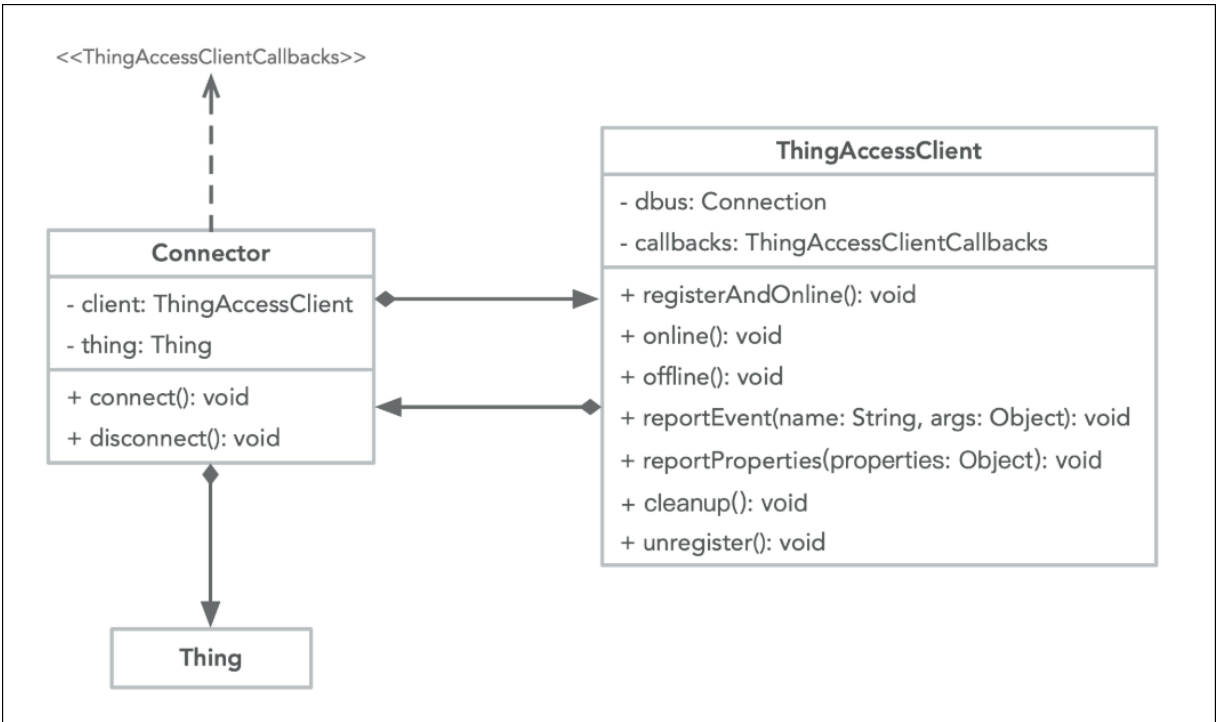
The Thing class directly interacts with sub-devices. It encapsulates interfaces of physical sub-devices for the Connector class to call, and provides object-oriented API operations for sub-devices to call. When the driver connects to a specific sub-device, the Thing class refers to the abstract class of the sub-device, for example, the Light class of a light.

• Entry

The Entry class is the main entry point of a driver. It obtains the driver configuration, initializes the Thing and Connector classes, and then calls the connect method to connect a sub-device to Link IoT Edge. The Entry class can also call the disconnect method to disconnect a sub-device from Link IoT Edge.

The Connector class connects the abstract class of a sub-device and that of Link IoT Edge by combining the classes, hence the name. In this example, the abstract class of a sub-device and that of Link IoT Edge are Thing and ThingAccessClient, respectively.

The following figure shows a Unified Modeling Language (UML) class diagram.



Procedure

This section describes how to use a Node.js SDK to develop a driver with the Connector architecture. For more information about how to use a Python SDK to develop a driver, see [Link IoT Edge Thing Access SDK for Python](#).

Light

To develop a driver for a simulated light, follow these steps:

1. Define an abstract class for the simulated light that can be turned on or off by changing the value of the isOn property to *true* or *false*.

The sample code is as follows:

```
/**
 * Define an abstract class for the simulated light that can be turned on or off by cha
 * <code>isOn</code> property.
 */
class Light {
  constructor() {
    this._isOn = true;
  }
  get isOn() {
    return this._isOn;
  }
  set isOn(value) {
    return this._isOn = value;
  }
}
```

2. Define the Connector class. The Connector class provides the following features:

- Receives the configuration and an abstract object of the simulated light and constructs a ThingAccessClient object for interacting with Link IoT Edge.
- Implements three callback functions of the ThingAccessClientCallbacks class and uses the callback functions to call interfaces encapsulated by the Light class.
- Provides the connect and disconnect methods. The connect method can connect the simulated light to Link IoT Edge and the disconnect method can disconnect the simulated light from Link IoT Edge.

The sample code is as follows:

```
/**
 * Construct a class to combine ThingAccessClient and the abstract class of the simulat
 * ed light that connects
 * to Link IoT Edge.
 */
class Connector {
  constructor(config, light) {
    this.config = config;
    this.light = light;
    this._client = new ThingAccessClient(config, {
      setProperties: this._setProperties.bind(this),
      getProperties: this._getProperties.bind(this),
      callService: this._callService.bind(this),
    });
  }
  /**
   * Connect to Link IoT Edge and publish properties to it.
   */
  connect() {
    registerAndOnlineWithBackOffRetry(this._client, 1)
      .then(() => {
        return new Promise(() => {
          // Publish properties to Link IoT Edge.
          const properties = { 'LightSwitch': this.light.isOn ? 1 : 0 };
          this._client.reportProperties(properties);
        });
      });
  }
}
```



```

    })
    .catch(err => {
        console.log(err);
        return this._client.cleanup();
    })
    .catch(err => {
        console.log(err);
    });
}

/**
 * Disconnect from Link IoT Edge and stop publishing properties to it.
 */
disconnect() {
    this._client.cleanup()
        .catch(err => {
            console.log(err);
        });
}

_setProperties(properties) {
    console.log('Set properties %s to thing %s-%s', JSON.stringify(properties),
        this.config.productKey, this.config.deviceName);
    if ('LightSwitch' in properties) {
        var value = properties['LightSwitch'];
        var isOn = value === 1;
        if (this.light.isOn !== isOn) {
            // Report property changes to Link IoT Edge.
            this.light.isOn = isOn;
            if (this._client) {
                properties = {'LightSwitch': value};
                console.log(`Report properties: ${JSON.stringify(properties)}`);
                this._client.reportProperties(properties);
            }
        }
    }
    return {
        code: RESULT_SUCCESS,
        message: 'success',
    };
}

return {
    code: RESULT_FAILURE,
    message: 'The requested properties does not exist.',
};
}

_getProperties(keys) {
    console.log('Get properties %s from thing %s-%s', JSON.stringify(keys),
        this.config.productKey, this.config.deviceName);
    if (keys.includes('LightSwitch')) {
        return {
            code: RESULT_SUCCESS,
            message: 'success',
            params: {
                'LightSwitch': this.light.isOn ? 1 : 0,
            }
        };
    }
};

```

```

    }
    return {
      code: RESULT_FAILURE,
      message: 'The requested properties does not exist.',
    }
  }
  _callService(name, args) {
    console.log('Call service %s with %s on thing %s-%s', JSON.stringify(name),
      JSON.stringify(args), this.config.productKey, this.config.deviceName);
    return {
      code: RESULT_FAILURE,
      message: 'The requested service does not exist.',
    };
  }
}
}

```

### 3. Obtain the driver configuration and initialize the Connector class.

- Call the getConfig operation to obtain the driver configuration.
- Call the getThingInfos operation to obtain the information about and configuration of the simulated light.
- Initialize the Connector class.
- Call the connect method to connect the simulated light to Link IoT Edge.

The sample code is as follows:

```

// Obtain the configuration that is automatically generated when the simulated light is
// bound to this driver. getConfig()
.then((config) => {
  // Obtain the simulated light information, for example, the product key and device
  // name of the simulated light, from config.
  const thingInfos = config.getThingInfos();
  thingInfos.forEach((thingInfo) => {
    const light = new Light();
    // The value format of the ThingInfo parameter is supported by config of Connector.
    // Pass the ThingInfo parameter directly.
    const connector = new Connector(thingInfo, light);
    connector.connect();
  });
});

```

## Light Sensor

To develop a driver for a simulated light sensor, follow these steps:

1. Define an abstract class for the simulated light sensor that automatically runs when a listener listens to it and stops running when the listener is cleaned.

The sample code is as follows:

```

/**
 * Define an abstract class for the simulated light sensor that starts to publish illumination
 * between 100
 * and 600 with 100 delta changes when a listener listens to it.
 */
class LightSensor {

```

```
constructor() {
  this._illuminance = 200;
  this._delta = 100;
}

get illuminance() {
  return this._illuminance;
}

// Start to work.
start() {
  if (this._clearInterval) {
    this._clearInterval();
  }
  console.log('Starting light sensor...');
  const timeout = setInterval(() => {
    // Update illuminance and delta.
    let delta = this._delta;
    let illuminance = this._illuminance;
    if (illuminance >= 600 || illuminance <= 100) {
      delta = -delta;
    }
    illuminance += delta;
    this._delta = delta;
    this._illuminance = illuminance;
    if (this._listener) {
      this._listener({
        properties: {
          illuminance,
        }
      });
    }
  }, 2000);
  this._clearInterval = () => {
    clearInterval(timeout);
    this._clearInterval = undefined;
  };
  return this._clearInterval;
}

stop() {
  console.log('Stopping light sensor ...');
  if (this._clearInterval) {
    this._clearInterval();
  }
}

listen(callback) {
  if (callback) {
    this._listener = callback;
    // Start to work when a listener listens to it.
    this.start();
  } else {
    this._listener = undefined;
    this.stop();
  }
}
}
```

## 2. Define the Connector class. The Connector class provides the following features:

- Receives the configuration and an abstract object of the simulated light sensor and constructs a ThingAccessClient object for interacting with Link IoT Edge.
- Implements three callback functions of the ThingAccessClientCallbacks class and uses the callback functions to call interfaces encapsulated by the LightSensor class.
- Provides the connect and disconnect methods. The connect method can connect the simulated light sensor to Link IoT Edge and the disconnect method can disconnect the simulated light sensor from Link IoT Edge.

The sample code is as follows:

```
/**
 * Construct a class to combine ThingAccessClient and the abstract class of the simulated
 light sensor that connects to Link IoT Edge. */
class Connector {
  constructor(config, lightSensor) {
    this.config = config;
    this.lightSensor = lightSensor;
    this._client = new ThingAccessClient(config, {
      setProperties: this._setProperties.bind(this),
      getProperties: this._getProperties.bind(this),
      callService: this._callService.bind(this),
    });
  }
  /**
   * Connect to Link IoT Edge and publish properties to it.   */
  connect() {
    registerAndOnlineWithBackOffRetry(this._client, 1)
      .then(() => {
        return new Promise(() => {
          // Run, listen to the simulated light sensor, and report property data change
s of the sensor to Link IoT Edge.
          this.lightSensor.listen((data) => {
            const properties = {'MeasuredIlluminance': data.properties.illuminance};
            console.log(`Report properties: ${JSON.stringify(properties)}`);
            this._client.reportProperties(properties);
          });
        });
      })
      .catch(err => {
        console.log(err);
        return this._client.cleanup();
      })
      .catch(err => {
        console.log(err);
      });
  }
  /**
   * Disconnect from Link IoT Edge.
   */
  disconnect() {
    // Clean the listener.
    this.lightSensor.listen(undefined);
  }
}
```

```
this._client.cleanup()
    .catch(err => {
        console.log(err);
    });
}

_setProperties(properties) {
    console.log('Set properties %s to thing %s-%s', JSON.stringify(properties),
        this.config.productKey, this.config.deviceName);
    return {
        code: RESULT_FAILURE,
        message: 'The property is read-only.',
    };
}

_getProperties(keys) {
    console.log('Get properties %s from thing %s-%s', JSON.stringify(keys),
        this.config.productKey, this.config.deviceName);
    if (keys.includes('MeasuredIlluminance')) {
        return {
            code: RESULT_SUCCESS,
            message: 'success',
            params: {
                'MeasuredIlluminance': this.lightSensor.illuminance,
            }
        };
    }
    return {
        code: RESULT_FAILURE,
        message: 'The requested properties does not exist.',
    }
}

_callService(name, args) {
    console.log('Call service %s with %s on thing %s-%s', JSON.stringify(name),
        JSON.stringify(args), this.config.productKey, this.config.deviceName);
    return {
        code: RESULT_FAILURE,
        message: 'The requested service does not exist.',
    };
}
}
```

3. Obtain the driver configuration and initialize the Connector class.

- Call the getConfig operation to obtain the driver configuration.
- Call the getThingInfos operation to obtain the information about and configuration of the simulated light sensor.
- Initialize the Connector class.
- Call the connect method to connect the simulated light sensor to Link IoT Edge.

The sample code is as follows:

```
// Obtain the configuration that is automatically generated when the simulated light sensor is bound to this driver. getConfig()
.then((config) => {
    // Obtain the information about the simulated light sensor, for example, the product key and device // name of the simulated light sensor, from config.    const thingInfos = config.getThingInfos();
    thingInfos.forEach((thingInfo) => {
        const lightSensor = new LightSensor();
        // The value format of the ThingInfo parameter is supported by config of Connector. Pass the ThingInfo parameter directly.        const connector = new Connector(thingInfo, lightSensor);
        connector.connect();
    });
});
```

## 3. Connect an OPC UA sub-device to a gateway

This topic describes how to connect an OPC Unified Architecture (OPC UA) sub-device to a gateway and enable the sub-device to interact with IoT Platform.

### Prerequisites

- A Docker runtime environment is built for Link IoT Edge Pro.
- An edge instance is created and the gateway assigned to the edge instance is brought online. For more information, see [Link IoT Edge Pro](#).

### Step 1: Build an OPC UA Server

The following table describes the environment requirements for an OPC UA Server.

Item	Version	Installation command
Python	3.5.2 or later	None
PIP	9.0.1 or later	None
OPC UA	0.98.3 or later	<code>pip install opcua==0.98.3</code>

To build an OPC UA Server to simulate an LED light that is named demo\_led and has the temperature property and high\_temperature event, follow these steps:

1. Run the following command to download the package of the OPC UA Server:

```
wget http://iotedge-web.oss-cn-shanghai.aliyuncs.com/public/driverSample/opcua_simulation_server.tar.gz
```

2. Run the following commands to start the OPC UA Server:

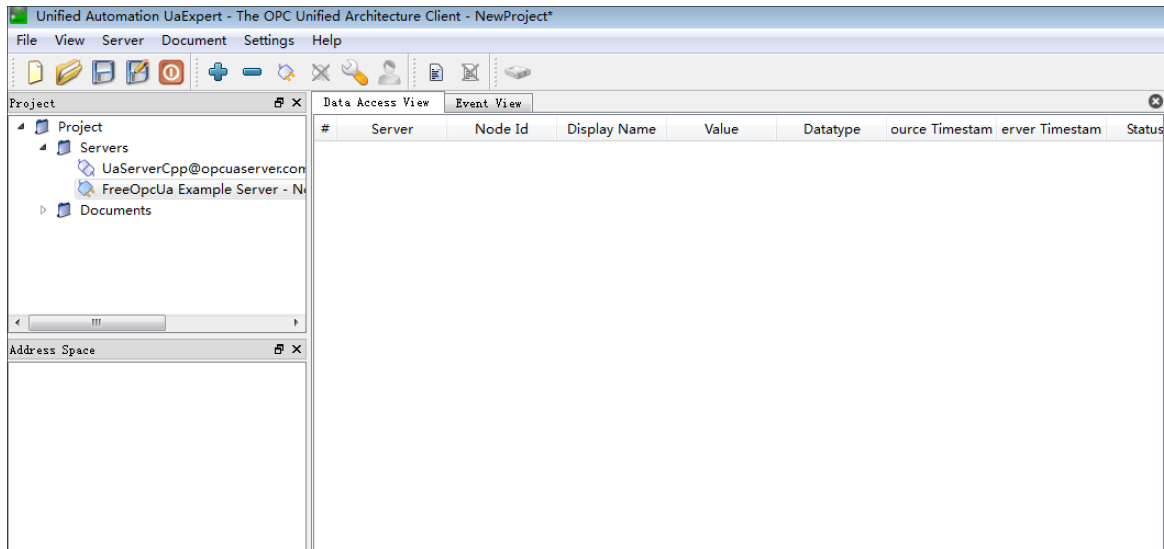
```
tar -zxvf opcua_simulation_server.tar.gz  
cd opcua_simulation_server && ./opcua_simulation_server.sh
```

### Step 2: Install an OPC UA client

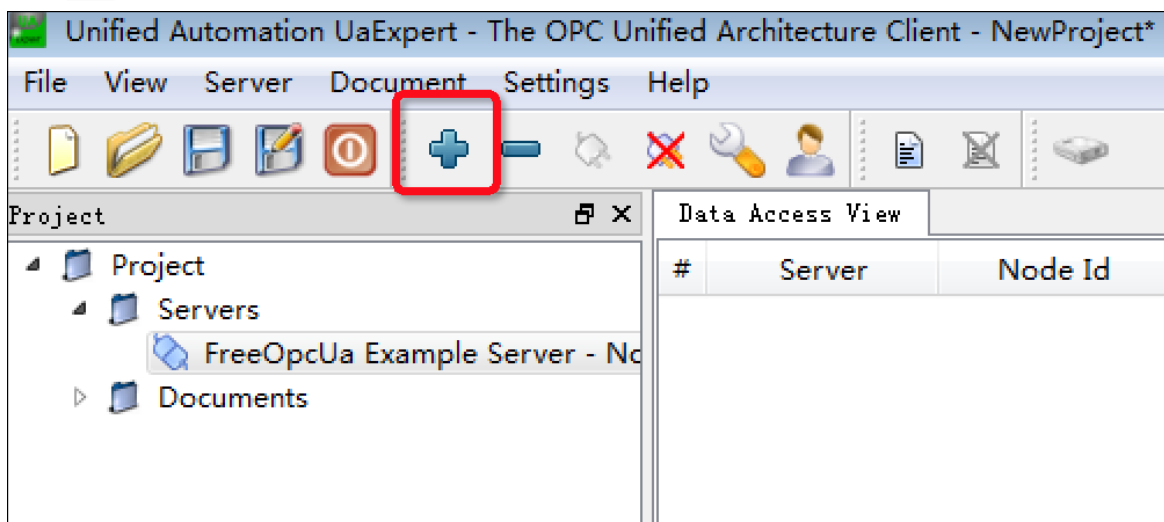
Before connecting the simulated LED light to a gateway through an OPC UA driver, you must configure the simulated LED light. When configuring the simulated LED light, you must use an OPC UA client to obtain the information about the simulated LED light from the OPC UA Server. The obtained information is required when you create a product and [configure the driver](#) in the IoT Platform console.

In this example, UaExpert is used as an OPC UA client.

1. [Download](#) and install UaExpert.
2. Start UaExpert.



3. Click **+** in the toolbar.

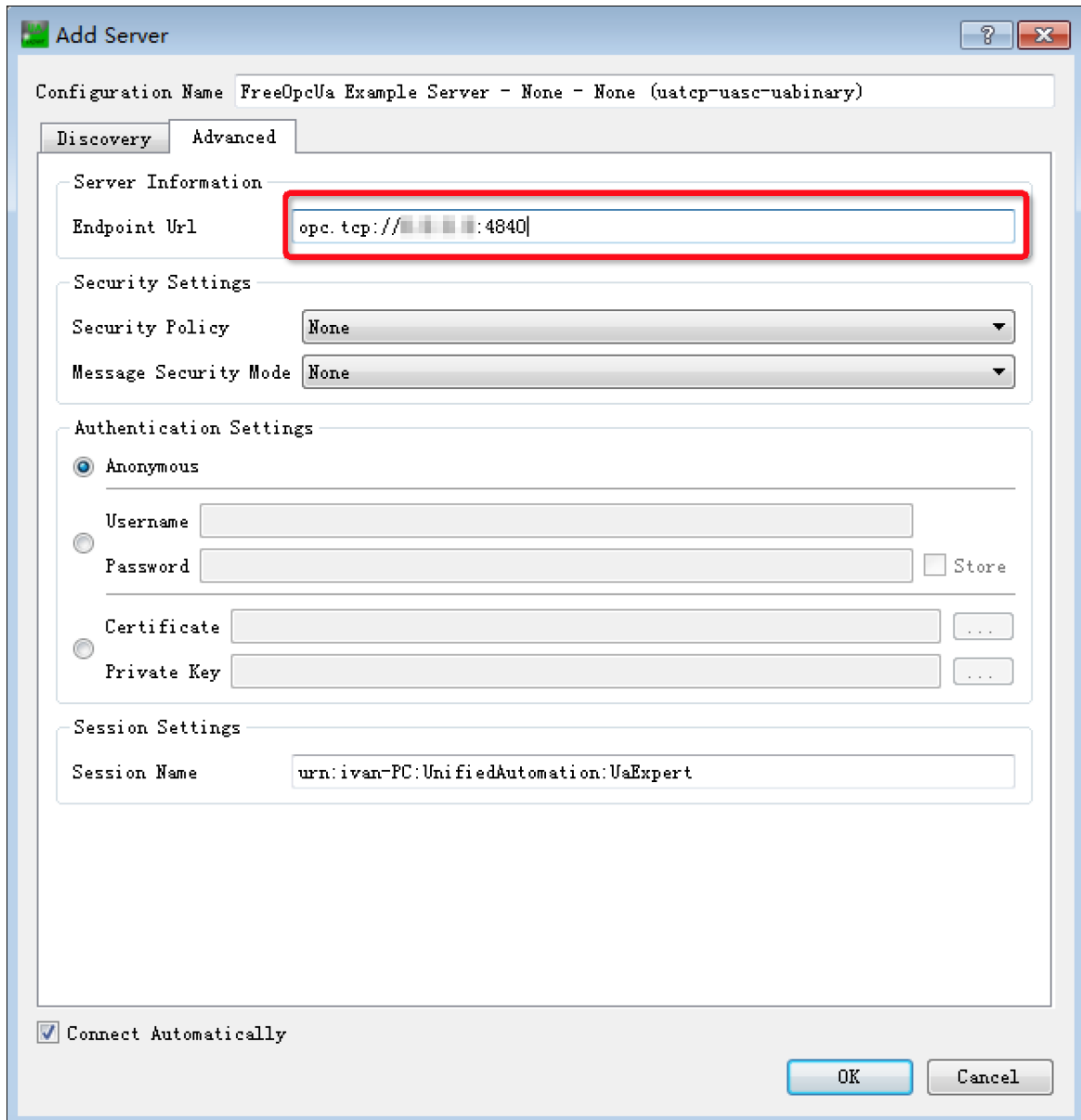


4. In the **Add Server** dialog box that appears, click the **Advanced** tab and set Endpoint Url to the URL of the OPC UA Server. In the URL, specify the IP address and port number of the host where the OPC UA Server resides in the `Host IP address:Port number` format.

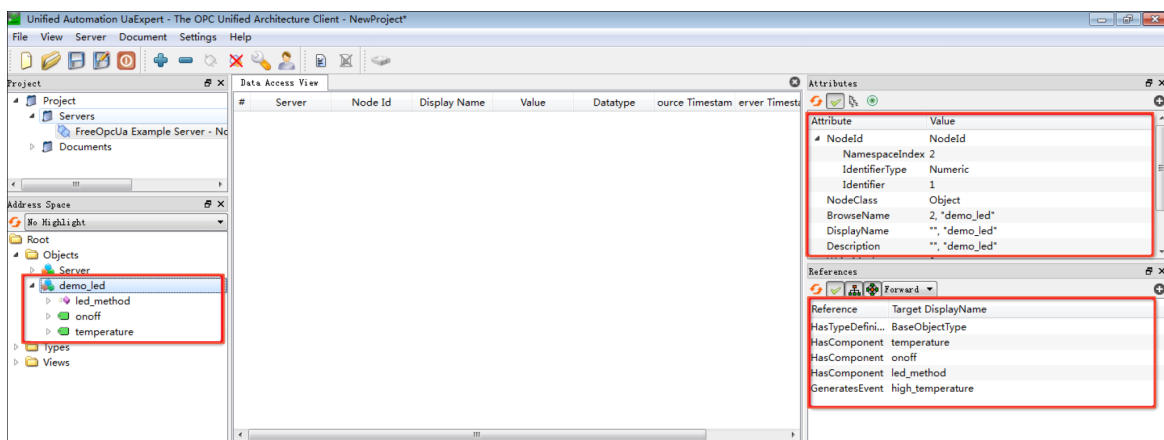
**Note** For example, if the default port number of the OPC UA Server is `4840` and the IP address is `192.168.1.1`, set the Endpoint Url parameter to the following value:

```
opc.tcp://192.168.1.1:4840
```





5. Click OK. The information about the simulated LED light appears.



### Step 3: Add the simulated LED light as an OPC UA sub-device

1. Create an OPC UA product. For more information, see [Create a product](#).

← **Create Product (Device Model)**

\* Product Name

demo\_led

\* Node Type

Directly Conn... Gateway sub... Gateway devi...

**Networking and Data Format**

\* Gateway Connection Protocol

OPC UA

\* Data Type ?

ICA Standard Data Format (Alink JSON)

✓ Authentication Mode

**More**

✓ Product Description

The following table describes some required parameters.

Parameter	Description
Node Type	Select <b>Gateway sub-device</b> .
Gateway Connection Protocol	Select <b>OPC UA</b> .

2. Add custom features for the product. For more information, see [Add a TSL feature](#).
  - o *Add a property*
    - a. Set required parameters for the property, as shown in the following figure.

### Create Self-Defined Feature ✕

\* Feature Type ?

Properties Services Events

\* Feature Name ?

\* Identifier ?

\* Data Type

▼

\* Value Range

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\* Step

Unit

▼

\* Read/Write Type

☒ Read/Write ☐ Read-only

Description

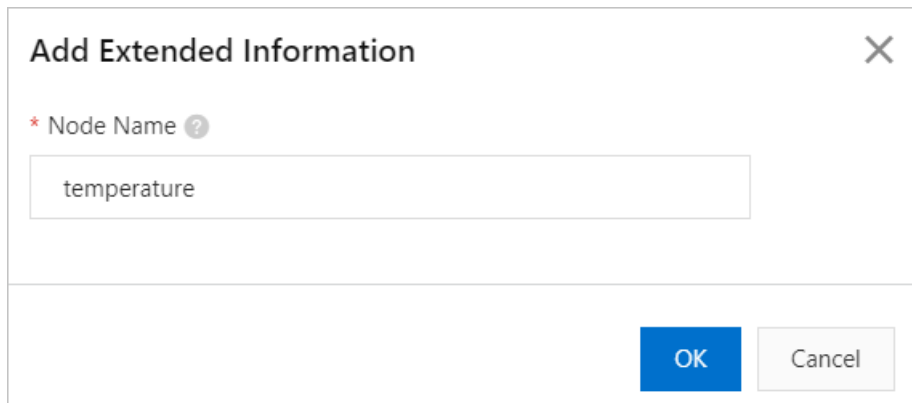
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\* Extended Information ?

[+Add Extended Information](#)

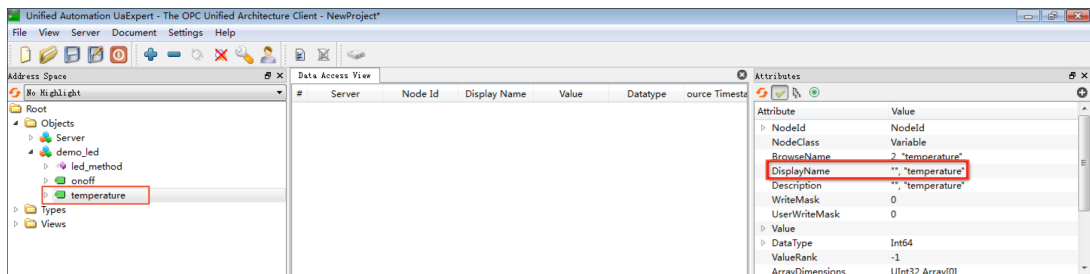
OK Cancel

- b. Click **Add Extended Information**. In the **Add Extended Information** dialog box that appears, set **Node Name**.



The dialog box titled "Add Extended Information" has a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains a label "\* Node Name ?" followed by a text input field containing the word "temperature". At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "OK" (blue) and "Cancel" (grey).

To obtain the value of **Node Name**, find the simulated LED light named **demo\_led** in **UaExpert** and click **temperature** under **demo\_led**. Check the value of **DisplayName** in the **Attributes** section on the right and use it as the value of **Node Name**.



- *Add a service*

- a. Set required parameters for the service, as shown in the following figure.

### Create Self-Defined Feature ✕

\* Feature Type ?

Properties **Services** Events

\* Feature Name ?

\* Identifier ?

\* Invoke Method: ?

☒ Asynchronous ☐ Synchronous

Input Parameters

[+ Add Parameter](#)

Output Parameters

[+ Add Parameter](#)

Description

0/100

\* Extended Information ?

[+Add Extended Information](#)

- b. Click **Add Parameter** under Input Parameters to add a parameter for the service.

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\* Parameter Name ?

temperature

\* Identifier ?

temperature

\* Data Type

int32

▼

\* Value Range

50

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100

\* Step

1

Unit

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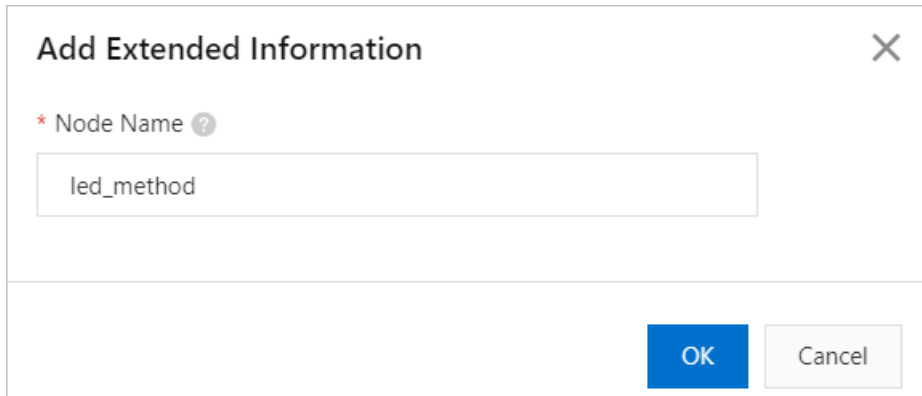
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Extended Information

\* Parameter Index: ?

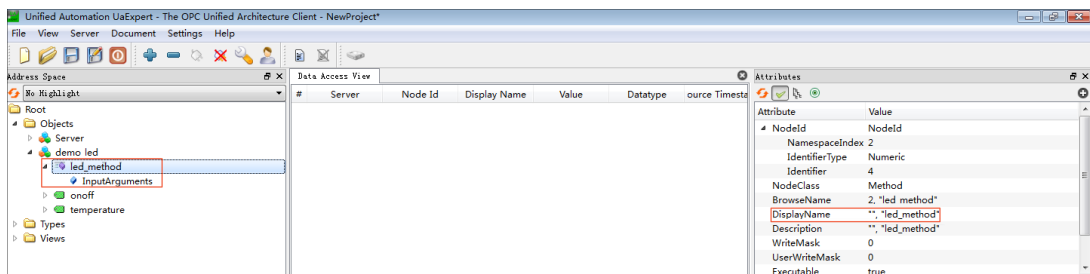
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- c. Click **Add Extended Information**. In the **Add Extended Information** dialog box that appears, set **Node Name**.



The dialog box titled "Add Extended Information" has a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains a label "\* Node Name ?" followed by a text input field containing the text "led\_method". At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel".

To obtain the value of **Node Name**, find the simulated LED light named **demo\_led** in **UaExpert** and click **led\_method** under **demo\_led**. Check the value of **DisplayName** in the **Attributes** section on the right and use it as the value of **Node Name**.



- *Add an event*

- a. Set required parameters for the event, as shown in the following figure.

### Create Self-Defined Feature ✕

\* Feature Type ?

PropertiesServicesEvents

\* Feature Name ?

\* Identifier ?

\* Event Type ?

☒ Info ☐ Alert ☐ Error

Output Parameters

[+ Add Parameter](#)

Description

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\* Extended Information ?

[+Add Extended Information](#)



- b. Click **Add Parameter** under Output Parameters to add a parameter for the event.

### Add Parameter ✕

\* Parameter Name ?

\* Identifier ?

\* Data Type

int32 ▼

\* Value Range

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\* Step

Unit

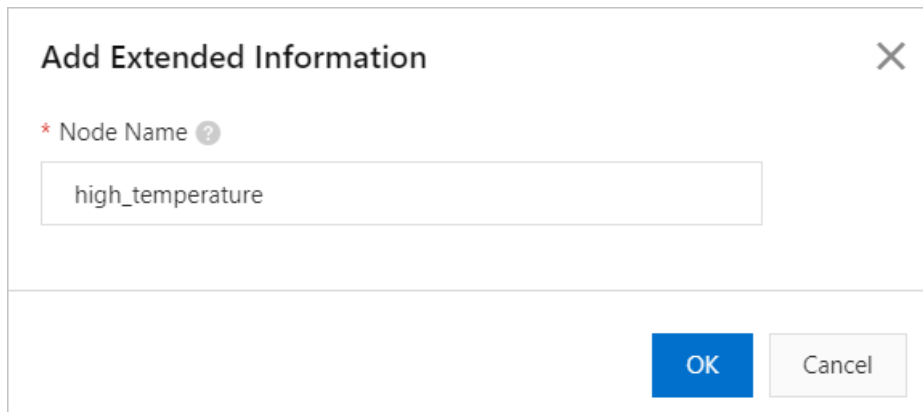
°C ▼

Extended Information

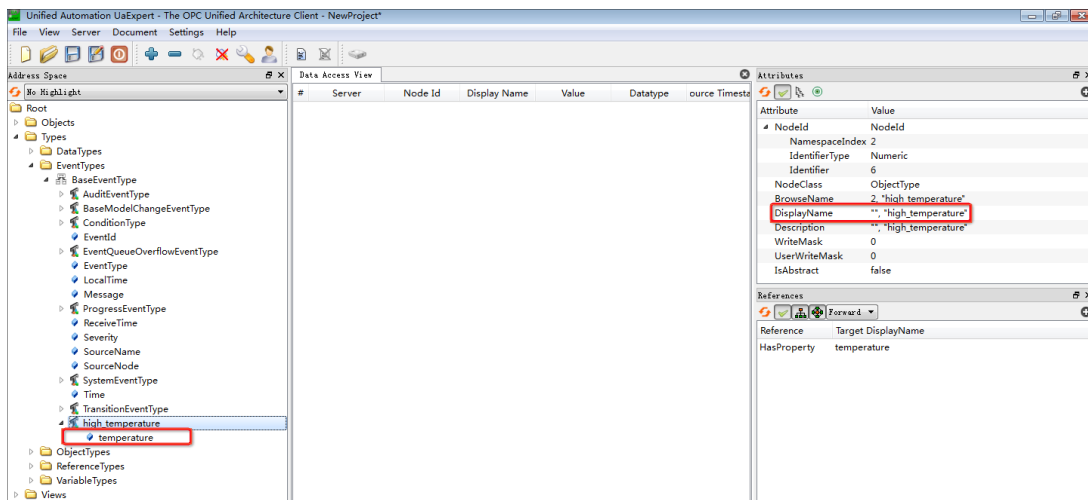
\* Parameter Index: ?

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- c. Click **Add Extended Information**. In the **Add Extended Information** dialog box that appears, set **Node Name**.



To obtain the value of **Node Name**, find the `high_temperature` event of the simulated LED light in UaExpert and click the event name. Check the value of **DisplayName** in the **Attributes** section on the right and use it as the value of **Node Name**.



3. Add the simulated LED light as a sub-device to the OPC UA product. For more information, see [Create a device](#).

Add Device ?

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Note: You do not need to specify DeviceName. If DeviceName is not specified, Alibaba Cloud issues a unique identifier as DeviceName.

Products

demo\_led

DeviceName ?

demo\_led

Alias ?

Enter an alias.

OK

Cancel

## Step 4: Configure the edge instance

1. On the homepage of the IoT Platform console, choose **Link IoT Edge > Edge Instances** in the left-side navigation pane. On the **Edge Instances** page, find the target edge instance and click **View** in the **Actions** column.
2. On the **Instance Details** page that appears, click the **Devices & Drivers** tab and then click **Assign Driver**. In the **Assign Driver** dialog box that appears, select **Official Drivers**, find the driver named OPCUA, and then click **Assign** in the **Actions** column.

The screenshot shows the 'Assign Driver' dialog in the LinkIoT Edge Node configuration interface. The dialog has a search bar at the top with 'OPCUA' entered. Below the search bar is a table with the following columns: Driver Name, Programming Language, Communication Protocol, CPU Architecture, and Actions. The table contains one row for 'OPCUA' with the following values: Python 3.5, opc-ua, and an 'Assign' button. The 'Assign' button is highlighted with a red box. The background shows the 'LinkIoTEdge\_Node' configuration page with the 'Devices & Drivers' tab selected.

IoT Platform / Link IoT Edge / Edge Instances / Instance Details

## ← LinkIoTEdge\_Node Deployed

Instance Type Pro Edition  
CPU Usage 27.81 % [View](#)

Gateways Monitoring **Devices & Drivers** Scenes Edge Applications

▼ All Drivers +

### Devices

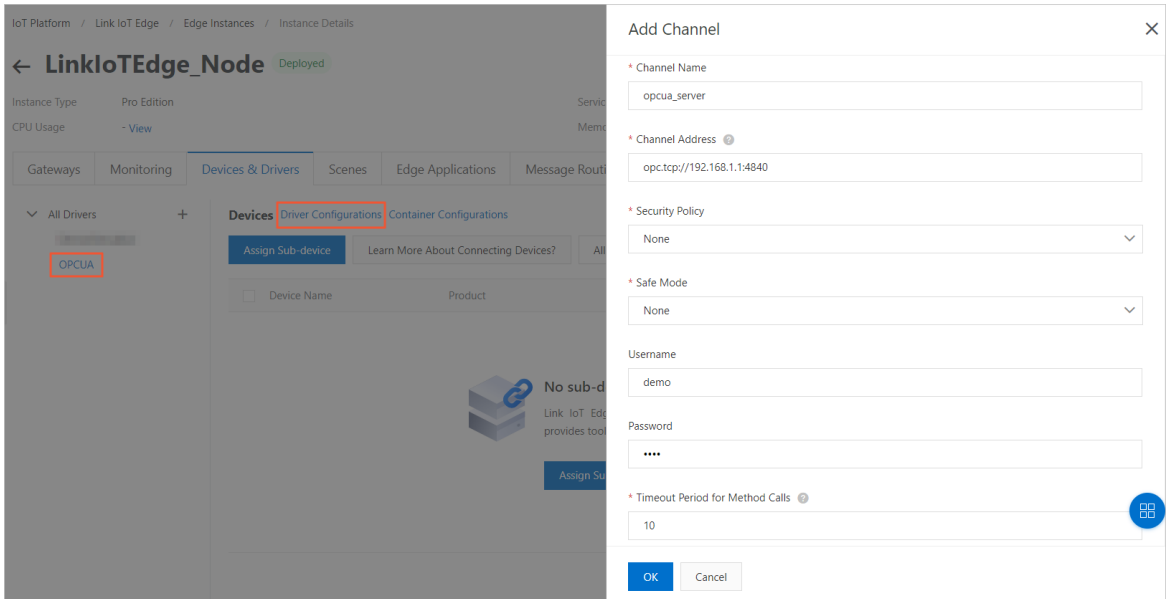
Maximum Allowed 1000 Currently Assigned 0

All Products ▼ Device Name

Driver Name	Programming Language	Communication Protocol	CPU Architecture	Actions
OPCUA <span>Official</span>	Python 3.5	opc-ua	-	<a href="#">Assign</a>

Close

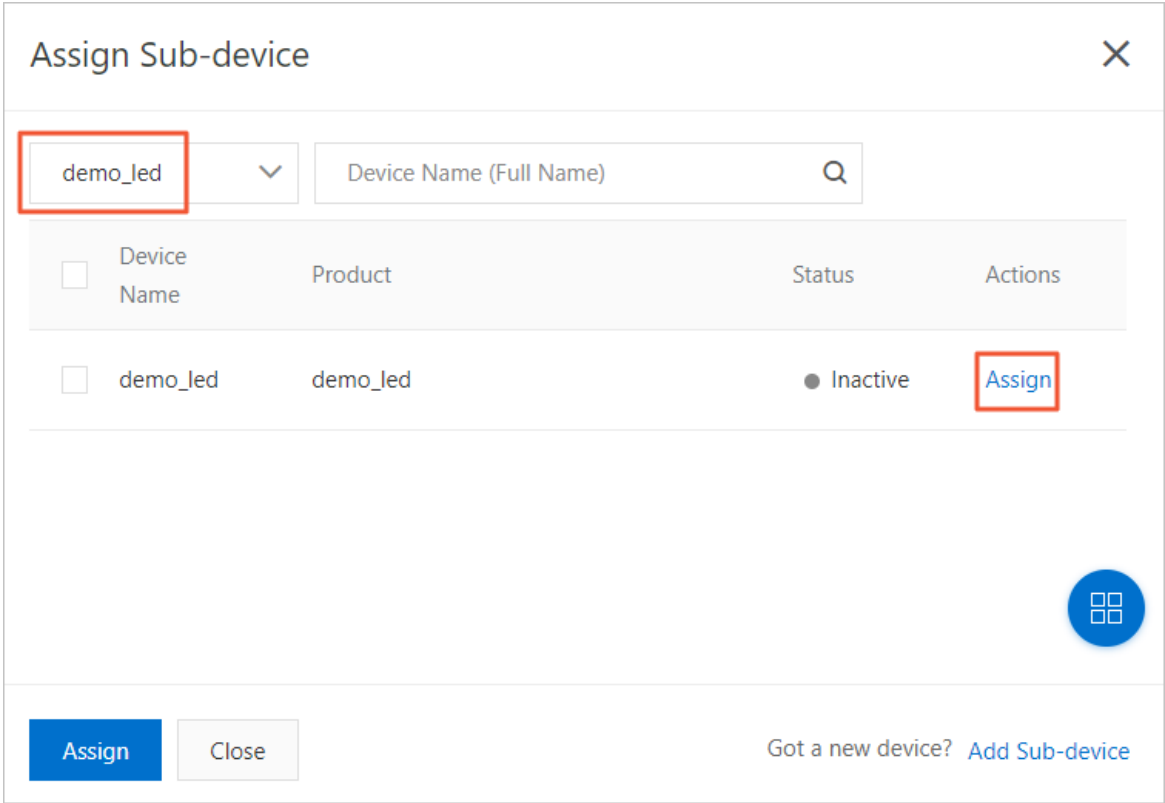
3. Go back to the **Devices & Drivers** tab, click **OPCUA** in the **All Drivers** section on the left, and then click **Driver Configurations** next to **Devices** on the right. In the **Driver Configurations** dialog box that appears, click **Add Channel**. In the **Add Channel** dialog box that appears, set channel parameters and click **OK**.



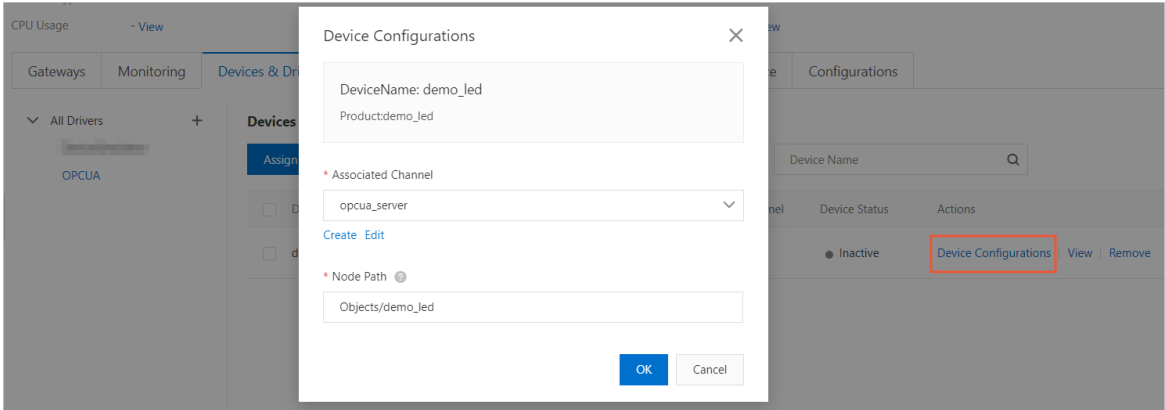
Description of channel parameters

Parameter	Description	Example
Channel Name	The name of the OPC UA channel.	<i>opcua_server</i>
Channel Address	The URL of the OPC UA Server.	<i>opc.tcp://192.168.1.1:4840</i>
Username	The username for connecting to the OPC UA Server.	<i>demo</i>
Password	The password for connecting to the OPC UA Server.	<i>abc123</i>
Timeout Period for Method Calls	The timeout period of a request for calling the OPC UA Server.	<i>10</i>

4. On the **Devices & Drivers** tab, click **OPCUA** in the **All Drivers** section on the left and click **Assign Sub-device** under **Devices**. In the **Assign Sub-device** dialog box that appears, find the simulated LED light and click **Assign** in the **Actions** column.



5. Go back to the **Devices & Drivers** tab, find the simulated LED light you assigned, and then click **Device Configurations** in the **Actions** column. The **Device Configurations** dialog box appears.



Description of parameters in the Device Configurations dialog box

Parameter	Description
Associate Channel	Select the channel you added.
Node Path	Set this parameter to the absolute path of the simulated LED light on the OPC UA Server. The path starts with Objects. In this example, the absolute path is <i>Objects/demo_led</i> .

6. On the **Instance Details** page of the edge instance, click **Deploy** in the upper-right corner to deploy the edge instance.
7. On the **Instance Details** page, click the **Devices & Drivers** tab. Click **OPCUA** in the **All Drivers**

section on the left, find the simulated LED light on the right, and then check whether the value of Device Status is Online.

