

OPC UA Provider Gateway for OPC UA

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1. Introduction

This is a user's guide for "CAO provider for OPC UA Connection (hereafter, OPCUA provider)", which establishes a connection between CAO with PLC (Programmable Logic Controller) through the OPC UA (OLE for Process Control Unified Architecture) server.

With this provider, CAO-compatible tools can access a PLC and a display where OPCUA server is equipped, as well as a robot.

This OPCUA provider provides the security function to establish safe connection with the OPCUA server, and the access function to access the information stored in the connected device.

2. Outline of the provider

2.1. Outline

OPC UA provider is a genuine ORiN provider that connects with CAO of ORiN, and an OPC UA client that supports the OPC UA specification as well (Figure 2-1). This provider establishes connection between CAO with OPCUA-compatible server, providing access not only with robots and PLCs but also OPCUA-compatible various devices.

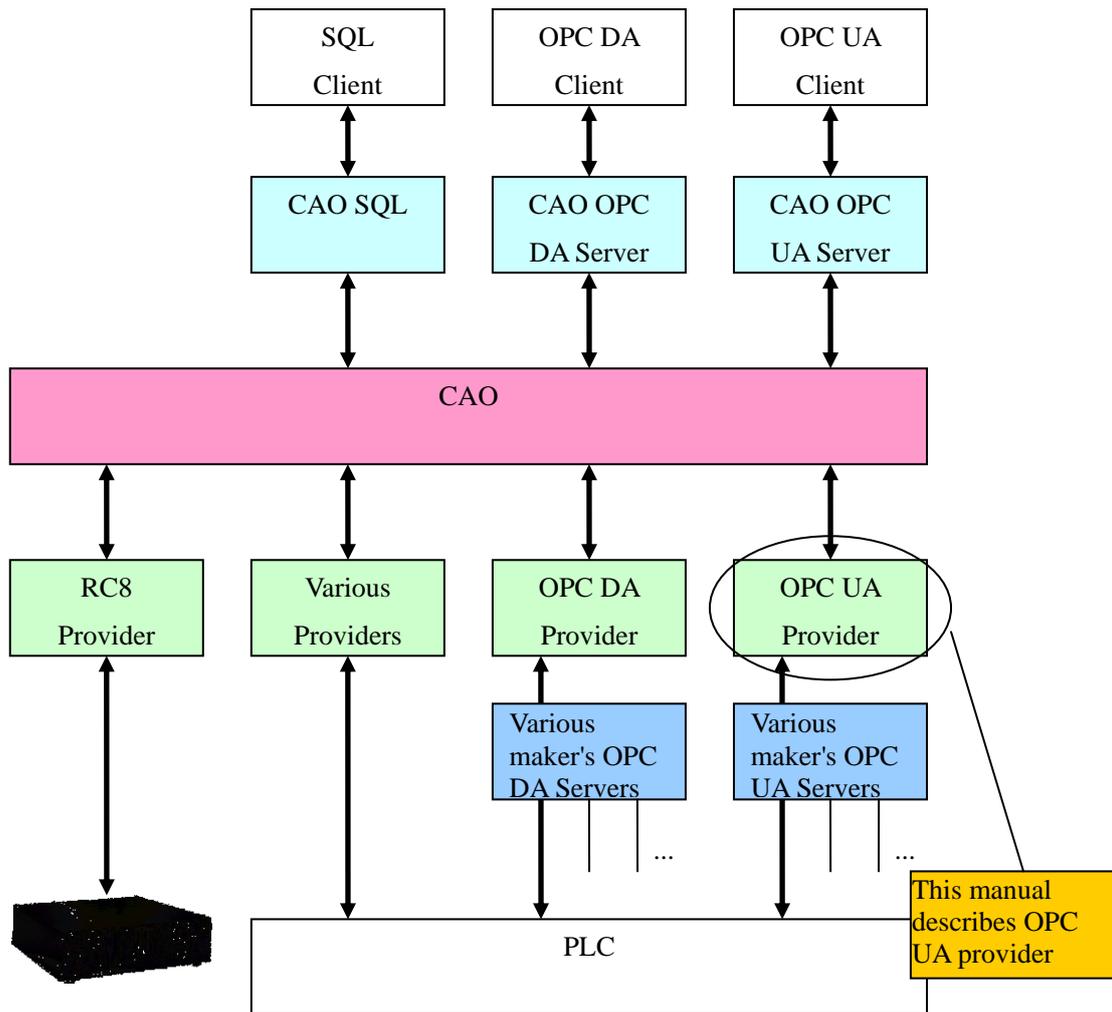


Figure 2-1 CAO provider for OPC UA connection

This OPC UA provider allows CaoVariable objects to refer to values of Item retained by OPCUA server. The purpose of OPC DA provider and OPC UA provider are the same but these have no compatibility.

Moreover, the alarm state of the Item value can be observed as a function of AE, and the event be received.

- It corresponds to DA(DataAccess) of OPC UA and AE(Alarm&Event) in this provider.

Table 2-1 OPC UA provider

File name	CaoProvOPCUA.dll
ProgID	CaoProv.OPCUA
Registry registration ¹	regsvr32 CaoProvOPCUA.dll
Remove registry registration	regsvr32 /u CaoProvOPCUA.dll

¹ If the registry is installed by ORiN SDK, you do not need to register/delete it manually

2.2. Method and Property

2.2.1. CaoWorkspace::AddController method

The following shows AddController method for CaoWorkspace class of the CAO

```
AddController
(
    "<Controller name>",           // controller name
    "CaoProv. OPCUA",             // Provider name. Fixed.
    "<Machine name>",             // Machine name that the provider runs.
    "<Option>"                    // Option character string(OPC UA option)
)
```

In this example, <Provider name> is fixed; <Machine name> means other provider.

The following shows the format of <Option>.

<Option> ::= Server=<OPC UA server URL>[, AccessPath=<Setting value>][, Security=<Setting value>:<Setting value>][, Der=<Setting value>][, Pem=<Setting value>][, Password=<Setting value>][, User=<Setting value>:<Setting value>][, Certificate=<Setting value>][, PrivateKey=<Setting value>]

Enter the URL of OPC UA server in <OPC UA server URL>. This is prerequisite. Parameters enclosed by "[]" are not prerequisite items, and default values will be used if not specified. The specified value is interpreted based on the OPC UA server being called. For other options, refer to Table 2-2.

Format AddController(<bstrCtrlName:BSTR>,<bstrProvName>,
<bstrPCName:BSTR>,<bstrOption:BSTR>))

<bstrCtrlName>	:	[in] Controller name(VT_BSTR) Specify an arbitrary character strings
<bstrProvName>	:	[in] Provider ProgID(VT_BSTR) Specify a fixed character string of "CaoProv.OPCUA"
<bstrPCName>	:	[in] PC name (VT_BSTR) Specify a PC name that is used for the remote connection. Specify null string ("") for the local connection.
<bstrOption>	:	[in] Option character string (VT_BSTR) Specify option character strings to ensure the connection. To specify each option, use comma-delimited following format.. <OptionName>=<Value>,<OptionName>=<Value>,.. Example: "Server=opc.tcp://192.168.100.100:4890/CaoOPCUA, AccessPath=OPCUA.CAO/RC8"

The following table lists options that are specified in the <bstrOption> option character strings.

Table 2-2 Option character strings of CaoWorkspace::AddController

Option	Description																																																			
Server=<OPC UA server URL>	URL of OPC UA server [prerequisite] Example: "Server=opc.tcp://192.168.100.100:4890/CaoOPCUA"																																																			
AccessPath=[Access path]	Default access path You can set desired access path individually by AccessPath option of AddVariable. If not, the value specified here will be used.																																																			
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Aes256Sha256RsaPss	Sign									
Aes256Sha256RsaPss	SignAndEncrypt									
Der=[Security certificate file name]	Specify a file name for the security certificate file (Default: Null)									
Pem=[Security private key file name]	Specify a file name for the security private key (Default: Null)									
Password=[Security password]	Specify a security password (Default: Null)									
User=[Username : Password]	Specify a username and password for the user authentication. (Default: Null)									
Certificate=[User authenticate certificate file name]	Specify a file name of certificate that is used at the certificate authenticate (Default: Null)									
PrivateKey=[User authenticate private key file name]	Specify a file name of private key that is used at the certificate authenticate (Default: Null)									
TrustServer=[<True False>]	<p>Specify the behavior when the server certificate does not exist in the certificate trust list. (Default: True)</p> <p>True: Trust and connect</p> <p>False: Not trust this server certificate. Not connect</p>									
EventAutoACK=[<True False>]	<p>Specify the operation when the condition event of OPCUA is received. (default: True)</p> <p>True: Return the ACK response automatically.</p> <p>False: Do not return the ACK response automatically. (Respond by the Reply method of OnMessage)</p>									
EventNodeIds=[((Node ID)[,(Node ID)[...]])]	<p>Specifies the nodeID of the event whose properties are to be retrieved when CaoMessage is received.</p> <p>Node ID = namespace index, identifier type, identifier</p> <p>Namespace indexes: namespace indexes for node IDs defined on the server.</p> <p>Identifier type: Identifier data type.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Setting</th> <th>value</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Numeric</td> <td>0</td> <td>Specify the identifier numerically.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>String</td> <td>1</td> <td>Specify the identifier as a character string.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Identifier: Identifier of the node.</p> <p>You can specify more than one. (Default: Unspecified)</p>	Setting	value	Description	Numeric	0	Specify the identifier numerically.	String	1	Specify the identifier as a character string.
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Numeric	0	Specify the identifier numerically.								
String	1	Specify the identifier as a character string.								

(See 2.2.2.1)

Example

```

Dim oCtrl As Object
Set oCtrl =
caoWorkspace.AddController("OpcUa","CaoProv.CaoOPCUA","", "Server=opc.tcp://192.168.100.100:4890/C
aoOPCUA, AccessPath=OPCUA.CAO/RC8")
    
```

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Dim oCtrl As Object
Set oCtrl =
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aoOPCUA, AccessPath=OPCUA.CAO/RC8,EventNodeIds=((2,0,1011),(2,0,1010))")
    
```

2.2.2. CaoController::AddVariable method

The following shows the CaoController::AddVariable method of CAO.

```

CaoController::AddVariable
(
    "<Variable name>", // Variable name
    "<Option>" // Option character string
)
    
```

To use the OPC UA provider, set the arguments as follows.

<Variable name> ::= <Item ID>
<Option> ::= [[AccessPath=<Access path>] [,RequestType=<Variable type to receive data>][,NamespaceIndex=< Namespace indexes>],IdentifierType=< Identifier type>],Identifier=< Identifier>]]

Parameters enclosed by "[]" are not prerequisite items, and default values will be used if not specified. The specified value is interpreted based on the OPC UA server being called. For the data type to receive data, use VT_TYPE. Refer to Table 2-4 for information about VT_TYPE and its value. Refer to Table 2-3 for other options.

For about available system variables, refer to 2.2.3

Format AddVariable(<bstrVariableName:VT_BSTR>[,<vntOption:VT_BSTR>])

Table 2-3 Option character strings of CaoController::AddVariable

OPC option name	Description									
AccessPath [=<Access path>]	<p>Set an access path. (Default: AccessPath option value of the master controller)</p> <p>This overwrites the value of the AccessPath option of AddController.</p>									
RequestType [=<Variable type to receive data>]	Set the variable type to receive data (Default: VT_EMPTY)									
NamespaceIndex [=<Namespace indexes>]	<p>Specify the namespace indexes of the node ID defined on the server. (Default: Unspecified)</p> <p>(See 2.2.2.1)</p>									
IdentifierType [=<Identifier type>]	<p>Specifies the data type of the identifier. (Default: Unspecified)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="675 913 1362 1111"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="675 913 834 965">Setting</th> <th data-bbox="834 913 938 965">value</th> <th data-bbox="938 913 1362 965">Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="675 965 834 1016">Numeric</td> <td data-bbox="834 965 938 1016">0</td> <td data-bbox="938 965 1362 1016">Specify the identifier numerically.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="675 1016 834 1111">String</td> <td data-bbox="834 1016 938 1111">1</td> <td data-bbox="938 1016 1362 1111">Specify the identifier as a character string.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(See 2.2.2.1)</p>	Setting	value	Description	Numeric	0	Specify the identifier numerically.	String	1	Specify the identifier as a character string.
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Identifier [=<Identifier>]	<p>Specify the node identifier. (Default: Unspecified)</p> <p>(See 2.2.2.1)</p>									

2.2.2.1. Node ID

If you specify the namespace indexes, identifier type, or identifier, specify it by node ID. When specifying by node ID, an error will occur if all three types are not specified.

When specifying by node ID, search by item name and access path is not performed.

Example)

▼ NodeId	ns=5;s=Item_1
NamespaceIndex	5
IdentifierType	String
Identifier	Item_1

In the case of the item with the above settings on the OPC UA server, it will be

NamespaceInex = 5, IdentifierType = 1, Identifier = Item1

Table 2-4 VARIANT type data

Data type	Value	Size(byte)	Description
VT_I2	2	2	Single-precision (16-bit) integer
VT_I4	3	4	Double-precision (32-bit) integer
VT_R4	4	4	Single-precision (32-bit) floating-point
VT_R8	5	8	Double-precision (64-bit) floating-point
VT_CY	6	8	Same as VT_UI. Currency type
VT_DATE	7	8	Same as VT_R8. Aggregate days from 1899/12/30.
VT_BSTR	8	variable	Character string Unicode character and null terminator
VT_BOOL	11	2	Same as VT_I2. 0: FALSE -1: TRUE
VT_VARIANT	12	variable	VARIANT type (Available only for the variant type array)
VT_UI1	17	1	Unsigned character
VT_ARRAY	8192	variable	One-dimensional array which data type is mentioned above

Example

```
Dim oVar As Object
Set oVar = caoCtrl.AddVariable("@CURRENT_ANGLE", "")
Debug.Print oVar.Value
```

2.2.3. CaoController::get_VariableNames property

Obtain the system variable list.

2.2.4. CaoController::OnMessageEvent

"OPCUA" In the provider, the following OnMessage events are generated.

Number	Explanation
1	Simple event
2	Tracking event
3	Condition event

• Simple event

Occurrence condition	When you fill the occurrence condition of the simple event set with the server by the change of the value	
Number	1	
Value	Array index:0 Type:VT_DATE	Generation date
	Array index:1 Type:VT_I4	Severity (1-1000)
	Array index:2 Type:VT_BSTR	Message
	Array index:3 Type:VT_ARRAY VT_VARIANT	(only if specified in EventNodeIds) Array of added property values
Explanation	<p>Generation date:Date when event was generated</p> <p>Severity:Severity of event set with server</p> <p>Message:Message of event set with server</p> <p>Array of added property values: List of property values for the event specified by EventNodeIds during AddController.</p>	

•Tracking event		
Occurrence condition	When you fill the occurrence condition of the tracking event set with the server by the change of the value	
Number	2	
Value	Array index:0 Type:VT_DATE	Generation date
	Array index:1 Type:VT_I4	Severity (1-1000)
	Array index:2 Type:VT_BSTR	Message
	Array index:3 Type:VT_BSTR	Generation source
	Array index:3 Type:VT_ARRAY VT_VARIANT	(only if specified in EventNodeIds) Array of added property values

Explanation	<p>Generation date:Date when event was generated</p> <p>Severity:Severity of event set with server</p> <p>Message:Message of event set with server</p> <p>Generation source:Variable where event is generated</p> <p>Array of added property values: List of property values for the event specified by EventNodeIds during AddController.</p>
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•Condition event		
Occurrence condition	When you fill the occurrence condition of the condition event set with the server by the change of the value	
Number	3	
Value	Array index:0 Type:VT_DATE	Generation date
	Array index:1 Type:VT_I4	Severity (1-1000)
	Array index:2 Type:VT_BSTR	Message
	Array index:3 Type:VT_BSTR	Generation source
	Array index:4 Type:VT_BSTR	Condition name
	Array index:5 Type:VT_I4 or VT_BSTR or VT_UI4, VT_UI2, VT_UI2, VT_UI1[8] or VT_UI1[]	Condition identifier
	Array index:6 Type:VT_I4	Condition name space index
	Array index:7 Type:VT_BOOL	Hold flag
	Array index:8 Type:VT_ARRAY VT_VARIANT	(only if specified in EventNodeIds) Array of added property values

Explanation	<p>Generation date:Date when event was generated</p> <p>Severity:Severity of event set with server</p> <p>Message:Message of event set with server</p> <p>Generation source:Variable where event is generated</p> <p>Condition name:Condition name of generated condition event</p> <p>Condition identifier:Value in which generated condition event is identified</p> <p>Condition name space index:Name space index of condition identifier</p> <p>- Identify the condition event by condition identifier + condition name space.</p> <p>Hold flag:It is shown that the object condition was deleted for FALSE.</p> <p>Array of added property values: List of property values for the event specified by EventNodeIds during AddController.</p>
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2.2.5. CaoVariable::get_DateTime property

Obtain the time stamp of Item ID.

Note that the value is the time stamp at the time of get_Value property execution.

2.2.6. CaoVariable::get_Value property

Obtain the value of Item ID.

2.2.7. CaoVariable::put_Value property

Set the value of Item ID.

2.2.8. CaoVariable::get_ID property

This get_ID property gets the ID (node ID) of the item ID.

VT_ARRAY VT_VARIANT	
Array index:0 Type:VT_UI2	Namespace indexes
Array index:1 Type:VT_UI2	Identifier type 0: Numeric(VT_UI4) 1:String(VT_BSTR)
Array index:2 Type:VT_UI4 or VT_BSTR	Identifier

2.2.9. CaoMessage::Reply method

The ACK response can be returned to the generated alarm by using the Reply method of the CaoMessage

class.

2.3. Error code

In OPC UA provider, the following original error codes are defined. For about ORiN2 common errors, refer to the error code section of ORiN 2 programming guide

Table 2-5 Original error code list

Error name	Error number	Description
S_OPCUA_TRUST	0x00100800	Trusted with the server certificate
E_OPCUA_NOT_TRUST	0x80100800	Not trusted because no server certificate was confirmed
E_OPCUA_PKI_NOTFOUND	0x80100801	PKI (Public Key Infrastructure) was not found.
E_OPCUA_FAILED_USERCERTIFICATION	0x80100802	It failed in the user attestation.
E_OPCUA_FAILED_START	0x80100803	It failed in beginning the client application.
E_OPCUA_FAILED_CONNECTSESSION	0x80100804	It failed in the connection of the session.
E_OPCUA_FAILED_GETENDPOINT	0x80100805	It failed in the acquisition of the end point.
E_OPCUA_FAILED_OPENUSERCERTIFICATE	0x80100806	The user certificate was not opened.
E_OPCUA_FAILED_LOADUSERPRIVATEKEY	0x80100807	It failed in loading the user private key.
E_OPCUA_ENDPOINT_NOTFOUND	0x80100808	The specified end point did not exist.
E_OPCUA_FAILED_ADDSESSION	0x80100809	It failed in the addition of the session.
E_OPCUA_CERTIFICATE_SETTINGNOW	0x8010080a	It started opening other instances with an individual certificate setting it.
E_OPCUA_OTHERINSTANCE_EXIST	0x8010080b	It tried to set an individual certificate with other instances existed.

E OPCUA_INVALID_ACCESSPATH	0x8010080c	The access passing is invalid.
E OPCUA_VARIABLENAME_NOTEXIST	0x8010080d	It is a variable identifier that doesn't exist.
E OPCUA_TYEMISMATCH	0x8010080e	The type is not corresponding.
E OPCUA_BADVARTYPE	0x8010080f	It is an illegal type.
E OPCUAAE_ACK_NOTCOMPATIBLE_EVENT	0x80100810	It is not possible to respond.
E OPCUAAE_ACK_EVENTAUTOACK_ENABLED	0x80100811	An automatic response is set.
E OPCUA_SECURITY_CHECKS_FAILED	0x80100812	An error occurred verifying security.
E OPCUA_NODEID_NOTEXIST	0x80100813	A NodeId that does not exist.
E OPCUA_NODEID_NOTENOUGHOPTIONS	0x80100814	There are not enough option strings for NodeId.
E OPCUA_ACCESSDENIED	0x80100815	Unable to write because of anonymous authentication.
E OPCUA_NO_TYPE_INFORMATION	0x80100816	The specified item has no type information.
E OPCUA_NOT_STRUCTURE_TYPE	0x80100817	The specified item is not a structure type.
E OPCUA_UNSUPPORTED_TYPE	0x80100818	This type is not supported.

3. Command Reference

3.1. Controller classes

Command	Function	Page
GetTypeInfo	Gets the type information of the structure.	20

3.1.1. CaoController::Execute(“GetTypeInfo”) Command

Gets the type information (field name list) of the structure.

Format GetTypeInfo()

Argument : VT_ARRAY | VT_VARIANT
 [0]: Namespace indexes (VT_UI2)
 [1]: Identifier type (VT_UI2) 0: Numeric/1:String
 [2]: Identifier (VT_UI4 or VT_BSTR)

Return value : VT_ARRAY | VT_VARIANT
 Mixed sequence of the following.
 VT_BSTR: Field Name
 VT_ARRAY | VT_VARIANT: Child structure information
 ---VT_BSTR: Field name of the parent structure
 ---VT_ARRAY | VT_VARIANT: Structure type information

Usage

example

```
Dim result As Variant
result = caoCtrl.Execute(“GetTypeInfo”, Array(8, 1, “TestValue”))
```

4. Certificate files

In OPCUA provider, following two types of certificates are available.

- Application certificate
- Certificate for the certificate authentication

This section describes these certificates and the way of creation.

4.1. Application certificate

To start OPCUA provider, an application certificate and the private key file are required. The certificate used here is the same one that is used in the security connection.

The application certificate file and the private key file will be created in the "certs" folder and the "private" folder, respectively. These folders are stored in the "¥PKI¥store" under application's install folder. For the way of creation, see Section 3.3.

Certificate file is "cert_server_self_signed.der" under the [certs] folder

Private Key file is "private_key_server_self_signed.pem" under the [private] folder

You can use [Der], [Pem] or [Password] option to specify them as well.

*If these files are specified, multiple controllers cannot be handled.

Example)

- If any controller exists, a controller that designates an application certificate cannot be added
- A new controller cannot be added while a controller that designates an application certificate is used.

Provider startup will be failed if these files do not exist or do not work properly.

4.2. Certificate for the authentication with the certificate

The following authentications are available

- Anonymous authentication
- User name authentication
- Certificate authentication

This certificate is required for the "Certificate authentication"

The application certificate file and the private key file will be created in the "certs" folder and the "private" folder, respectively. These folders are stored in the "¥UserCertificate" under application's install folder. For the way of creation, see Section 3.3.

Certificate file is "cert_client_user.der" under the [certs] folder

Private Key file is "private_key_client_user.pem" under the [private] folder

Provider startup will be failed if these files do not exist or do not work properly

4.3. Creating a Certificate

This subsection describes how to create a certificate.

To create a certificate, do as the following steps.

- ① Start "create_store.bat"
- ② A certificate is automatically created and will be stored in the setting destination.

5. Sample program

5.1. UA Demo Server (manufactured by Softing)

The following sample program shows the way to; connect to the UA Demo Server, manufactured by Softing ; with the Put button, set the character string in the textbox to the value of ItemID:StringValue ; with the Get button, get the value of ItemID:StringValue, and then display the value.

List 5-1**Sample.frm**

```
Option Explicit

Dim Eng As CaoEngine
Dim WS As CaoWorkspace
Dim Ctrl As CaoController
Dim Item As CaoVariable

Private Sub cmdGet_Click()

    ' Set values
    txtValue.Text = Item.Value

End Sub

Private Sub cmdPut_Click()

    ' Set values
    Item.Value = txtValue.Text
    txtValue.Text = ""

End Sub

Private Sub Form_Load()

    Set Eng = New CaoEngine
    Set WS = Eng.Workspaces(0)
    ' Obtain Variable objects
    Set Ctrl = WS.AddController("OpcUa", "CaoProv.OPCUA", "", _
    "Server=opc.tcp://192.168.100.100:51510/UA/DemoServer, AccessPath=Data/Static/Scalar")
    Set Item = Ctrl.AddVariable("StringValue", "")

End Sub

Private Sub Form_Unload(Cancel As Integer)

    Set Item = Nothing
    Set Ctrl = Nothing
    Set WS = Nothing
    Set Eng = Nothing

End Sub
```

5.2. CaoOPCUA

5.2.1. Use access path

The following sample program shows the way to; connect to the CaoOPCUA; with the Put button, set the character string in the textbox to the value of ItemID:S0 ; with the Get button, get the value of ItemID:S0, and then display the value.

List 5-2**Sample.frm**

```
Option Explicit

Dim Eng As CaoEngine
Dim WS As CaoWorkspace
Dim Ctrl As CaoController
Dim Item As CaoVariable

Private Sub cmdGet_Click()

    ' Obtain values
    txtValue.Text = Item.Value

End Sub

Private Sub cmdPut_Click()

    ' Set values
    Item.Value = txtValue.Text
    txtValue.Text = ""

End Sub

Private Sub Form_Load()

    Set Eng = New CaoEngine
    Set WS = Eng.Workspaces(0)
    ' Obtain Variable object
    Set Ctrl = WS.AddController("OpcUa", "CaoProv.OPCUA", "", _
        "Server=opc.tcp://192.168.100.100:4890/CaoOPCUA, AccessPath=OPCUA.CAO/RC8, " &
        "User=*****:*****")
    Set Item = Ctrl.AddVariable("S0", "")

End Sub

Private Sub Form_Unload(Cancel As Integer)

    Set Item = Nothing
    Set Ctrl = Nothing
    Set WS = Nothing
    Set Eng = Nothing

End Sub
```

5.2.2. Use node ID

The following sample program shows the way to; connect to the CaoOPCUA; with the Put button, set the character string in the textbox to the value of Node ID (namespace index: 5, identifier: Item_1) ; with the Get button, get the value of Node ID (namespace index: 5, identifier: Item_1), and then display the value.

List 5-3**Sample.frm**

```
Option Explicit

Dim Eng As CaoEngine
Dim WS As CaoWorkspace
Dim Ctrl As CaoController
Dim Item As CaoVariable

Private Sub cmdGet_Click()

    ' Obtain values
    txtValue.Text = Item.Value

End Sub

Private Sub cmdPut_Click()

    ' Set values
    Item.Value = txtValue.Text
    txtValue.Text = ""

End Sub

Private Sub Form_Load()

    Set Eng = New CaoEngine
    Set WS = Eng.Workspaces(0)
    ' Obtain Variable object
    Set Ctrl = WS.AddController("OpcUa", "CaoProv.OPCUA", "", _
        "Server=opc.tcp://192.168.100.100:4890/CaoOPCUA, User=*****:*****")
    Set Item = Ctrl.AddVariable("TEST", " NamespaceIndex=5, IdentifierType=8, Identifier=Item_1")

End Sub

Private Sub Form_Unload(Cancel As Integer)

    Set Item = Nothing
    Set Ctrl = Nothing
    Set WS = Nothing
    Set Eng = Nothing

End Sub
```