User Guide for the openMDM® Application

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1. Introduction

1.1. General

The openMDM Application is an open source software platform for measured data management systems. In compliance with the ASAM ODS standard, this platform enables an ecosystem currently consisting of automotive companies to build in-house application as well as application vendors building commercial and open source solutions tools and systems.

The openMDM Application can serve many ASAM ODS compliant servers in parallel for data ingest, data exploration, test management, user and access management and more. Security mechanisms at data and functional level protect the stored information against unauthorized access.

In summary, it implements an industry standard platform for tools and products for ODS compliant products and tool chains.

The development of the platform and concepts is driven by the openMDM Eclipse Working Group. The source code, documentatation and concepts are part of the open source Eclipse mdmb project published under the business friendly Eclipse Public License 2.0 (EPL-2.0).

1.2. Features

The openMDM Application can be used to manage test and measurement data for a broad variety of domains. The openMDM web client offers a web based graphical user interface, that offers the following features:

- navigate through data structures
- search and retrieve of test and measurement data
- inspect data (Detail Viewer)
- collect data for further processing (Shopping Basket)
- visualize data (Chart Viewer)
- upload / download files, update, preview or delete existing files

With extended administration rights, a user can:

- configure preferences
- configure external systems

Refer to this chapter.
NOTE

This document includes screenshots of the openMDM Demo Application which is provided by the Eclipse openMDM Working Group. Please be aware that different domain specific openMDM applications have different data models and so different meta and measurement data.

NOTE

The test and measurement data are usually imported by server processes and stored in an standardized ASAM ODS data source. The way of storing the data is not part of this user manual.
2. The openMDM Web Client

2.1. Structure

The openMDM web client is the graphical user interface for the openMDM application. If you start the client, you get the following view:

![openMDM web client](image)

*Figure 1. openMDM web client*

**Elements:**

- **Menu bar:** Menus for language In this section general, About and Login / Logout, see this section. There is also the Administration menu, see this section.

- **Navigator:** Navigation in the openMDM data structures (e.g. project, pool, test, teststep, etc.), see this section.

- **Data Area:**
  
  In this area all data related functions can be found. These functions are divided into five tabs:

  a. **Details:** The Metadata for a selected node in the Navigator are shown, see this section.

  b. **MDM Search:** Different kinds of search are available like full text search, advanced search (attribute based), defining search filters and a result view, see this section.

  c. **Quick Viewer:** A simple X/Y ChartViewer to visualize the data of a measurement, see this section.

  d. **X/Y ChartViewer:** A more sophisticated viewer that can represent the data of a measurement in different views, see this section.

  e. **Files:** Upload new files and/or download, update, preview or delete existing files, see this section.

**NOTE** The openMDM5 main elements are written in *italic font* in this document.
2.2. Roles

For the web client three different roles for users are available:

- **DescriptiveDataAuthor**: users in this role can view, edit and update data. We denote users in this role just as *user*.
- **Admin**: additional rights for configuring / customize the web client for all users. See [here](#).
- **Guest**: restricted to read only.

**NOTE** When we talk about admin / administration in this document, we mean users in the *Admin* role. There are further configuration options, that can be only done on server side, we refer to this as *system administration*.
3. General Functions and Common Controls

In this section general functions from the Menu Bar are described, also common control elements and buttons that are used.

3.1. Login

A user name and password are required to log in to the openMDM Application. The user name and password is the same as for the related ASAM ODS user. Please ask your administrator when you aren't able to connect to the system.

After successful login, the start page of the openMDM5 Web Client appears.

NOTE It is possible to include single-sign-on functionality to the openMDM5 application. Please ask your administrator for this feature.

3.2. Logout

Logging out will end all of your ASAM ODS user sessions / connections.

3.3. Datasources

Select one or more datasources to work with. Furthermore you can specify to which datasources the client should connect to after login, by clicking the Default datasources button.

3.4. Language

Select a language for text and labels. Currently available languages are English and German (Deutsch). New languages can be defined and added by the system administration.

3.5. About

All necessary legal information for the open source software is listed, this includes: Trademarks, Copyright, Declared Project Licenses, Source Code location, Third-party Content and Cryptography.
3.6. Control elements

Hide element
To hide the associated element.

Open element
To open / show the associated element.

3.7. Buttons

Refresh
To refresh the actually selected element.

Copy link
To copy the link of actually selected element.

Shopping Basket
To add the selection to the Shopping Basket.

Edit
To edit the associated attributes.

Save
To save the associated changed/edited component. It can be a view or a filter or the Shopping
Basket.

Delete

To delete selected or associated component.

Clear

To reset changed/edited components (search conditions), or clear components (search results, Shopping Basket).

Download and download with options

To download the selected component. Some components have many options for download.

Upload

To upload the selected component (file, Shopping Basket).

Open

To open the associated component.

Link and unlink

To link or unlink the selected component to the associated component.
4. Navigation

4.1. Overview Data Structure

The test and measurement data are stored in a hierarchical structure and visualized in the Navigator. The top level element(s) in the tree show the "environments", the data belong to. In every environment, it starts with the top level element "project" and you can drill down to a "test" element and its "measurement" elements by drilling deeper in the storage hierarchy.

In this section the different levels of the test data storage and navigation will be described. The standard navigation panel uses and provides the structure of the data as stored in the ASAM ODS data source. Alternatively you can choose different navigation structures by using the NodeProvider.

Environment

The top level element(s) in the tree show the data source(s), the data belong to.

Project

The top level of the data is the "project" level. It's the highest grouping criteria for test data.

Pool

The second level for grouping and characterize test data is the "pool" or "subproject level". It's used to categorized and group the tests in a project.

Test

The third level is the highest level with test data. A test belongs to a pool and it includes beside test data the so called teststeps.

Teststep

The fourth level is the teststep level. Usually a teststep is defined for a limited number of measurements. A teststep belongs to a test and it includes beside teststep data the measurement data.

Measurements
The lowest level of the test data is the measurement level. It includes imported measurement data for a teststep. A measurement belongs to a teststep.

4.2. Navigator

The Navigator offers the possibility to browse the openMDM data sets. It is a tree, which shows the openMDM data structure. The view of data structure in the Navigator is configurable and determined by the chosen Node Provider configuration. The openMDM Client provides a default configuration for the standard openMDM view. This shows the metadata from the connected ODS database in the following hierarchy:

- Project (e.g. PMV 2PV or PMV Model P)
- Pool (e.g. Engine Noise Measurements or PBN Measurements)
- Test (e.g. PBN_UNECE_R51_20190703160224)
- Teststep (e.g. PBN_UNECE_R51_Left_Acc_70)
- Measurement (e.g. Channel)

![Hierarchical levels in the Navigator](image)

Figure 3. Hierarchical levels in the Navigator

In this screenshot the Node Provider "default" is selected.

With the right mouse button (context menu,) you can invoke a menu that offers you a choice of different functions depending on the current context.

- **Refresh**: Newly arrived information for the currently selected data object is shown in the navigation tree and in selected view in the right pane of the openMDM web client.
- **Refresh all**: Regardless of the current data object, all the newly arrived information is shown in the tree.
- **Copy link**: Copy the REST URL for the currently selected data object.
- **Add to Shopping Basket**: Storage of the currently selected data object (multiple selection...
possible) in the *Shopping Basket*.

*Figure 4. Context menu in the Navigator*
5. Search

In the second tab in the right pane of the openMDM web client is the MDM Search. The MDM Search consists of three areas:

- Full Text Search: search for a (sub) string in the metadata. Can be combined with the advanced search.
- Advanced search: Search using multiple attributes. Named search filters can be created and updated for reuse or be deleted.
- Criteria: select search filter, source and result type for a search.
- Results: show search results in a result view.

![Figure 5. MDM Search](image)

5.1. Defining the scope of a search via Criteria selection

With the criteria selection you can define the scope of your search by different options:

**Search filter (for Advanced Search only):** Select a named search filter. A search filter definition contains search attributes and can be reused. If a filter is selected then its search attributes are available in the Advanced Search area.

**Source:** If you have multiple data sources, you can select one or more the search will be executed on. A multiple selection of environments is possible.

**Result type:** You can select the result type. The following types are available:

- Test
- Teststep
When choosing a teststep or measurement as result type you should configure accordingly teststep or measurement specific attributes in your result list.

### 5.2. Full Text Search

The full text search (like Google text search) in one text field. You can search for a (sub) string or text in the metadata. The criteria "Source" and "Result type" define the scope of the search.

You can define a more sophisticated search using the available operators. These operators are described as tool tip text in the search text field.

![Figure 6. Search with * operator](image)

The full text search can be executed stand alone or in combination with the advances search, depending on the check box Advanced Search inactivated or activated.

### 5.3. Advanced Search (Attribute Based Search)

For the Advanced Search activate the Advanced Search check box and expand the Advanced Search area.

**IMPORTANT** The button "Search" on the right hand side of the Full Text Search starts all types to searches, even if the text filed is empty.

### 5.3.1. Define an attribute based search

Create a new filter and select your attributes by opening the View Editor via this button.
In the Advanced Search you can see the selected attributes:

If you select an attribute which is part of all selected environments (see Source) then the attribute is an so called global search attribute. The search with a global attribute is executed in all environments.
If you select an attribute which isn’t part of all selected environments then the attribute is an environment specific attribute and the search is executed in the related environments only.

The Advanced Search area contains the following elements (in each row):

- **Attributes**: These first two columns contain the names of the data object and the object attribute.
- **Operators**: Operators for the attribute and their search criteria can be set in this column. The operators should be self-explanatory.
- **Value**: Search values are entered here.
- **Remove Button**: This button remove the selected row form the advanced search.

### 5.3.2. Use, create, update or delete an existing filter

- **Create a new filter**: Define attributes. For reuse you can save and name the search filter using the *Save search filter* button. You can assign a new name or override an existing filter by choosing the dedicated filter name.

- **Use an existing filter**: Select a Search Filter in the *Search Filter* drop down box. Activate the Advanced Search check box.

- **Update an existing filter**: Select a Search Filter in the *Search Filter* drop down box. Make your changes by opening the View Editor with the *Edit search filter* button. You can assign a new name or override an existing filter by choosing the dedicated filter name. Then use the *Save view* button. You can assign a new name or override an existing filter by choosing the dedicated filter name.

- **Delete an existing filter**: Select a Search Filter in the *Search Filter* drop down box. Use the *Delete search filter* button.

### 5.3.3. Do the search

For the advanced search you have:

- to fill the values for the defined attributed
- to define the operator ( =, <, >, like)
- optionally: fill the search text field
- to define your data source(s)
- to choose the result type

Use the button “Search” on the right hand side of the Full Text Search.
**5.4. Search Result**

Using the buttons in the upper left area of the result area, you can select an existing result-view, create a new view or edit, save and delete existing views with View Editor.

Using the buttons in the upper right result area, you can clear the search results or add selected search results to the Shopping Basket.
Figure 10. Add result to Shopping Basket
6. Shopping Basket

Store data objects such as projects, pools, tests, teststeps, measurements etc. for further processing.

6.1. Collect data in the Shopping Basket

The Shopping Basket is located in the lower left area of the openMDM web client. It is a container for data objects. Any data objects can be selected in the Navigator (multiple selection is possible) and placed per context menu in the Shopping Basket, to use them as selection for further processing with other openMDM components.

![Figure 11. Storage of data in the Shopping Basket](image)

Using the buttons in the upper left area of the area, you can create new views, edit existing views with the View Editor, save edited views or delete existing views. The procedure is similar to that described here.

6.2. Exporting data from the Shopping Basket (ATFX)

Using the buttons in the upper right area of the view, you can clear, download, upload, open or save data of the Shopping Basket.

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7. View editor

Notiz BMW: Diese Funktionalität muss evtl. im Client vereinfacht werden (verständlich für einen Anfänger).

With this editor you can create new search filters, edit existing search filters, create new views for search results or *Shopping Basket* and edit existing views for search results or *Shopping Basket*.

With click on one of this buttons starts the View Editor dialog.

![View Editor](image)

**Figure 12. View Editor**

You can search for elements via the search field:
The procedure is always similar, see as e.g. here.
8. View data (Detail Viewer)

In the first tab in the right pane of the openMDM web client is the Details. It responds to the selection within the Navigator. The component Details has 5 tabs.

- General
- Unit Under Test
- Test Sequence
- Test Equipment
- Sensors

Notiz (BMW): bzgl. Bulletpoints:
Sollten wir in der GUI evtl. intuitiver gestalten (weil ein Anwender vielleicht nichts von UUT, TS, TE weiß)

Figure 14. Metadata in the Details

The first tab is called the General. It shows the attributes (= metadata) of the currently selected data object in the Navigator. If selected data object in the Navigator isn’t a Test or a Teststep or a Measurement then shows only the metadata without any tab.

If selected data object in the Navigator is a Test or a Teststep or a Measurement then all 5 tabs are visible.

Figure 15. Test sequence tab in the Details
In next 4 tabs you can edit the single attribute values.
9. Visualize data

9.1. Quick Viewer

The component Quick Viewer is a simpler version of X/Y Chart Viewer with the possibility to switch between graphically or tabular view of channel values.

![Figure 16. Quick Viewer](image)

9.2. X/Y Chart Viewer

The X/Y Chart Viewer represents the data of measurements in different views. This includes the graphical and tabular view of channel values.

You can view one or more ChannelGroups, these are shown in the ChannelGroup selection panel. Each channel of a channel group has an associated axis type. If the axis type of a channel is y-axis, this channel is listed in the Y-Channel selection panel. If the type is x-axis, it is listed in the X-Channel selection panel. If the type is x/y-axis, it is listed in both, the Y-Channel and the X-Channel selection panel.

The following figure shows the general structure of the X/Y Chart Viewer on the basis of example data (= Channel).
9.2.1. Component bar

Different push buttons are located here to control the display in the upper right pane of the dialog (e.g. chart, data table, legend, decimal points, etc.)

9.2.2. Chart

By the selection of this button starts graphically view of channel values. All another functionalities of Component bar, Selection panel and Option panel are considered for this view.

Table

By the selection of this button starts tabular view of channel values. This view has only the page-navigation and the selection for number of lines.

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### 9.2.3. Selection panel

This panel is used to select the channels to be displayed. It consists of three areas. Channel-filtering with regular expressions is possible for the Channel Group and Y-Channel.

**Channel Group**

The upper area contains all currently available measurements to the data object selected in the **Navigator**.

**Y-Channel**

The middle area contains all of the channels that can be used as Y-axis, as well as its display unit. A multiple selection of Y-axes is possible.
X-Channel

The area below contains all the available X-axis of the measurement. As X-axis you can only select one channel.

9.2.4. Data display

In this dialog area, the selected channels are displayed. This can be done either graphically or in tabular form. A right-click menu provides additional functions.

9.2.5. Option panel

Settings for graphic values (size of X-axis, step size etc.).
10. Export / Import data

10.1. Attach external files

You can attach external files (such as drawings, descriptions, evaluations, etc.) to the data objects in the hierarchy levels test, test step and measurements. This is done via the tab **Files** of the openMDM Web Client. The view File attachments appears as an tab in the right pane of the openMDM web client.

![Figure 18. File attachments](image)

Using the buttons in the upper right area of the view, you can upload new files and/or download, update, preview or delete existing files.

10.2. Shopping basket

Data results collected in the Shopping Basket can be downloaded, e.g. as ATFX. These files can be also uploaded. The data can be saved in the application with a specific named and opened again. Result entries can be cleared. See [here](#).
11. Administrator Functions

An overview on the advanced functions for the administrator are described here. The functions are available in the Administrator tab.

NOTE

These functions are expert functions and very technical. For a deeper dive, we recommend the following technical documentation:

* Installation and Setup Guide for the openMDM Application
* Readme file of the Eclipse mdmbit project

To get the administration rights, your user has the be assigned to the administrator role, please ask your system administrator.

11.1. Configure preferences

The component Preferences includes the following scopes:

- **System**: preferences that are valid system wide
- **Source**: preferences are valid for the dedicated data source (environment)
- **User**: user specific preferences. Preferences are e.g. search filters a user has defined, they are stored automatically.

A preference is a pair of a unique key and a value. The key is composed of a prefix defining the purpose of the preference followed by an arbitrary but unique identifier string. It is recommended to choose the identifier the same as the preferences "name" field, in case there is one. The value holds the preference's data in a JSON string. More information.

![Figure 19. Preferences (User)](image)

In the screenshot you can see the "filter.nodes.Standard NVH" key, this row describes the search filter that was defined here.

11.2. Add a Node Provider

To add a Node Provider configuration, a system preference has to be added to the configuration. The configuration must be located in the system scope and the key must be prefixed with "nodeprovider.". 
11.3. Configure external systems

The component *External Systems* includes environment specific mapping information between an external system and the openMDM system attributes. You can import data from other data sources (e.g. ATFX files, csv files, xml files, ODS Server,...) that are not compliant to the openMDM5 application model, by defining a mapping of the metadata included in the source to the openMDM5 model. The openMDM5 application import function has to support the specific data source format.
Figure 21. External Systems (ATFx importer mapping in NVHdemo environment)