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About This Manual

You can use this manual to familiarize yourself with DIAdem features and how to use them. Each chapter describes a DIAdem panel.

This manual contains exercises for finding, analyzing, and presenting data, and for automating functions to process your data. The exercises do not take long, and they make it easier for you to get started with DIAdem. Each chapter concludes with a summary of the main points.

Conventions

The following conventions are used in this manual:

- <> Angle brackets indicate a key you press to perform a function, for example, <Ctrl> for the control key.
- » The » symbol leads you through nested menu items and dialog box options to a goal. The settings **Help»Examples** instruct you to open the **Help** menu and select the menu item **Examples**.
-  This icon denotes a tip, which alerts you to advisory information.
-  This icon denotes a note, which alerts you to important information.
- bold** Bold text denotes items that you must select or click in DIAdem, such as menu items and dialog box options. Parameters are also in bold type.
- italic* Italic text denotes variables, emphasis, cross-references, or an introduction to important concepts.
- monospace Text in this font denotes text or characters that you should enter from the keyboard, such as sections of code, programming examples, and syntax examples. This font is also used for the proper names of disk drives, paths, folders, programs, subprograms, subroutines, device names, functions, operations, commands, variables, controls, events, methods, filenames and extensions, and code excerpts.
- monospace bold** Bold text in this font denotes the messages and responses that the computer automatically outputs to the screen.

Related Documentation

For more information on DIAdem, refer to the following documentation:

- *NI DIAdem: Data Mining, Analysis, and Report Generation*
This DIAdem manual describes the structure of DIAdem and how you use DIAdem to find data, to execute analyses, to create reports, and to combine all the functions in scripts.
- *DIAdem Help*, which you open via **Help»Contents**, or <F1>.
The DIAdem help offers you procedures and dialog box help for each panel, as well as references to object oriented interfaces, to functions, to commands, and variables for programmers.
- *NI DataFinder Server Edition: Search Engine for Technical Data*
This manual describes how you use the DataFinder server to index data files in networks. Users connect DIAdem with a DataFinder server to search for the indexed data.

Introduction to DIAdem

DIAdem is the interactive National Instruments software for finding and managing technical data, for mathematically and graphically-interactively analyzing data, and for presenting data in reports. In a uniform environment, DIAdem offers a unique combination of tools that are tailored to the requirements of technicians, engineers, and scientists. You can adjust all the tools to your tasks and automate them in scripts which drastically reduce the evaluation time.

The DIAdem DataFinder enables you to find test data quickly and intuitively, and to identify correlations within the data. To use the DataFinder you do not require a database or support from the IT-department because the DataFinder is ready for use directly after installation.

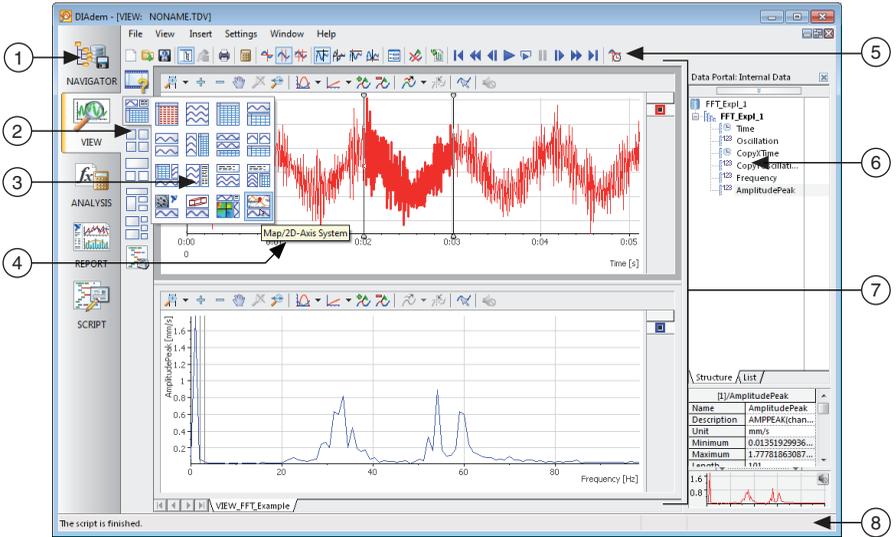
Working with DIAdem

DIAdem groups related functions in panels. Use the panel bar that is on the left of the DIAdem screen to switch panels. Each panel provides all the tools for one of the following tasks:

- Use DIAdem NAVIGATOR to find, to load, and to manage data. Use the DataFinder to search for data on your computer and in the network, and to navigate through the found data files and databases. You load the data into the Data Portal so that all DIAdem panels can work with the data, which is organized in channels.
- Use DIAdem VIEW to view, to analyze, and to edit data as curves in axis systems. In channel tables you can edit and delete the data as values and enter new data. You synchronize videos or the map display of a test drive with data. You project data onto 3D models or map 3D data in two-dimensional contour areas.
- Use DIAdem ANALYSIS to analyze data mathematically. You can apply predefined standard mathematical functions, including basic mathematics, curve fitting, signal analysis, and statistics. The dialog boxes for these standard functions guide you through the calculation so you do not have to enter a formula. You select the input data and the settings. Use the DIAdem Calculator to define and calculate your own formulas.
- Use DIAdem REPORT to document data and present results. In 2D and 3D axis systems you display your data as curves, as bar diagrams, and as surfaces. In 2D and 3D tables you list channel contents. You can label your report with comments and text and illustrate the report with graphics and formulas.
- Use DIAdem SCRIPT to automate tasks in a script, which combines several work steps for recurring sequences such as standard calculations and serial evaluations. Scripts, which you can record interactively, use the functions of all DIAdem panels. You can add program structures and dialog boxes to scripts in the integrated script editor.

When you select a panel, DIAdem changes the user interface so that you can quickly find the functions you want. Each DIAdem panel has its own group bar to the right of the panel bar as shown in Figure 1-1. Open a group bar, click a function group, and select a function. The workspace also changes with the DIAdem panel and displays a folder hierarchy or a worksheet. The toolbars and the context menus contain frequently used functions, which DIAdem also adapts to the selected panel.

Figure 1-1. The Elements of the DIAdem User Interface



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Panel bar 2 Group bar 3 Function group 4 Tooltip of the selected function | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 DIAdem VIEW toolbar 6 Data Portal 7 DIAdem VIEW workspace 8 Status bar |
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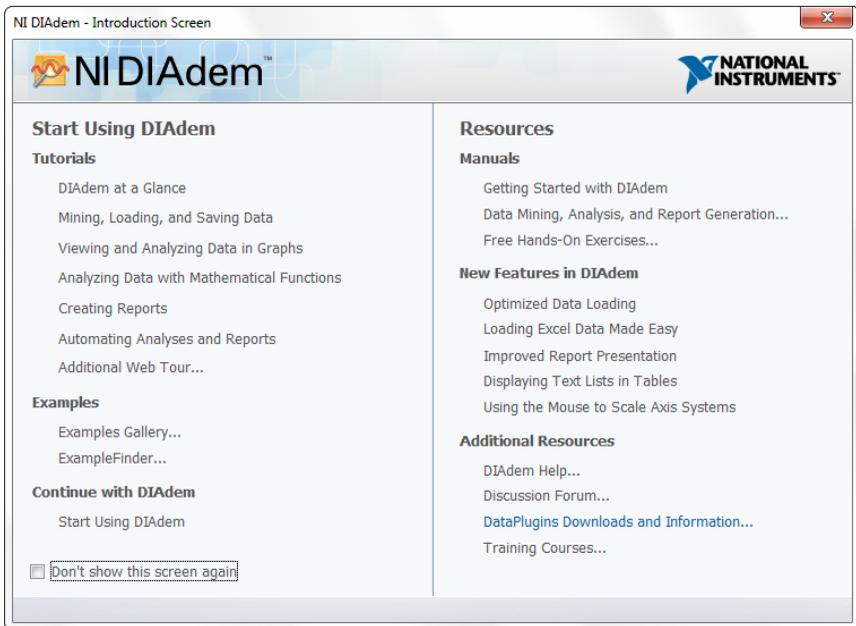
The Introduction Screen

When you launch DIAdem, the DIAdem introduction screen appears. The introduction screen includes video tutorials and examples that show you how to work with DIAdem. The information on DIAdem contains tips for newcomers and for advanced users and leads you to related information on the internet.



Note If DIAdem does not display the introduction screen when DIAdem launches, select **Help»Introduction** to open the introduction screen.

Figure 1-2. The DIAdem Introduction Screen



Use the tutorials in the introduction screen to learn how to use DIAdem. The DIAdem panels contain tutorials in the tutorials function group that explain the respective panel. Refer to the DIAdem Web site ni.com/diadem for further videos.

Use the Example Gallery or the ExampleFinder to load and execute examples and to use these examples as templates for your own applications. The table of contents of the ExampleFinder contains procedures which are step-by-step instructions for the solution of certain tasks. Reproduce the steps of a procedure to learn how to solve the described task.

Finding Data

Use DIAdem NAVIGATOR to find, to load, and to manage data. Use the DataFinder to search for data on your computer and in the network, and to navigate through the found data files and databases. You load the data into the Data Portal so that all DIAdem panels can work with the data, which is organized in channels.

Mining Data

Use the **Quick Search** to search for a term if you do not know whether the property belongs to a file, a group, or a channel. Use the **Advanced Search** to combine several search conditions and to specify which properties you are searching for.

Executing a Quick Search

To find data with a **Quick Search**, complete the following steps.

1. Select **DIAdem NAVIGATOR**.



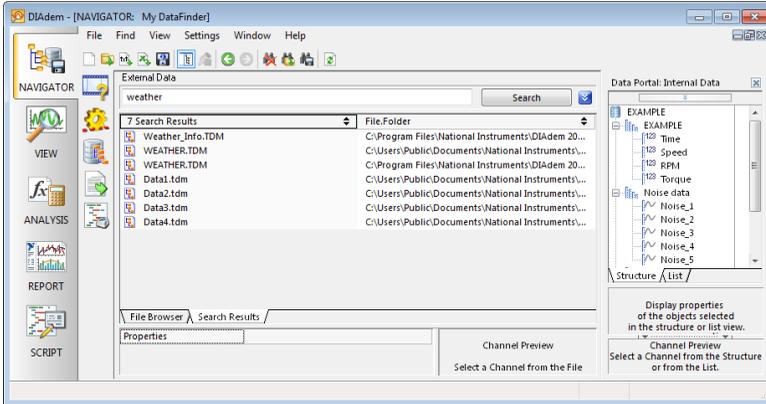
The file browser in the NAVIGATOR panel offers external data in a tree structure.

2. Enter `Weather` in the input area, to find all the data sets that contain the term `Weather`.
3. Click **Search**.



In the quick search DIAdem does not distinguish whether the data set contains the term as the name or the property of a file, of a channel group, or of a channel. DIAdem displays all files that contain the term `Weather` or compound terms such as `Weather data`, as **Search Results** as shown in Figure 2-1.

Figure 2-1. Search Results of the Quick Search



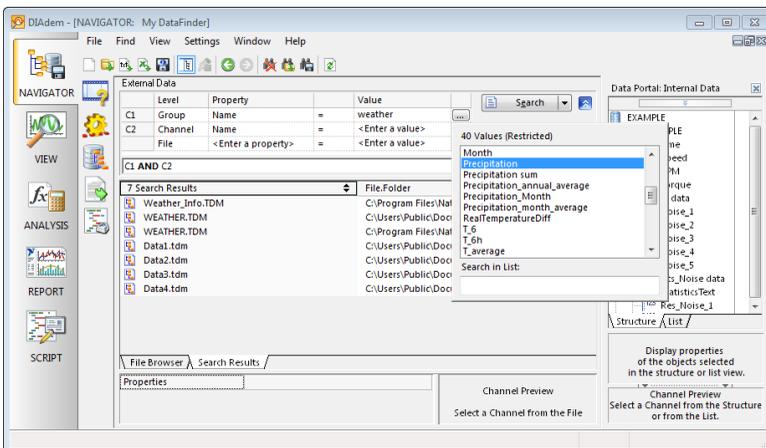
Executing an Advanced Search

To find data with an **Advanced Search**, complete the following steps.

1. Click the **Advanced Search** button to specify the search results more accurately, as shown in Figure 2-2.



Figure 2-2. Selection List with the Channel Names of the Indexed Data



2. Click **File** in the first row of the **Level** column and select **Group**.
 - a. Click **<Enter a property>** in the **Property** column of the first row and select **Name**.
 - b. Click the button with the three dots at the end of the first line. DIAdem lists the names of all the groups found.
 - c. Double-click the group name **Weather**.



Note If the list does not contain the term **Weather**, DIAdem has not been able to index all example files yet. Select **Settings»My DataFinder»Configure»Indexer»Start Now** to start indexing.

Define another search condition in the second row to specify the search more accurately.

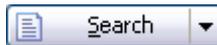
3. Click **File** in the second row of the **Level** column and select **Channel**.
 - a. Click **<Enter a property>** in the **Property** column of the second row and select **Name**.
 - b. Click the button with the three dots at the end of the second row. DIAdem lists the names of all the channels found, as shown in Figure 2-2.
 - c. Double-click the channel name **Precipitation**.

As you can see in the logical operations line under the search conditions, DIAdem connects several search conditions with the **AND** operator by default.

4. Replace **AND** with **OR** in the logical operations line to create the following operation:

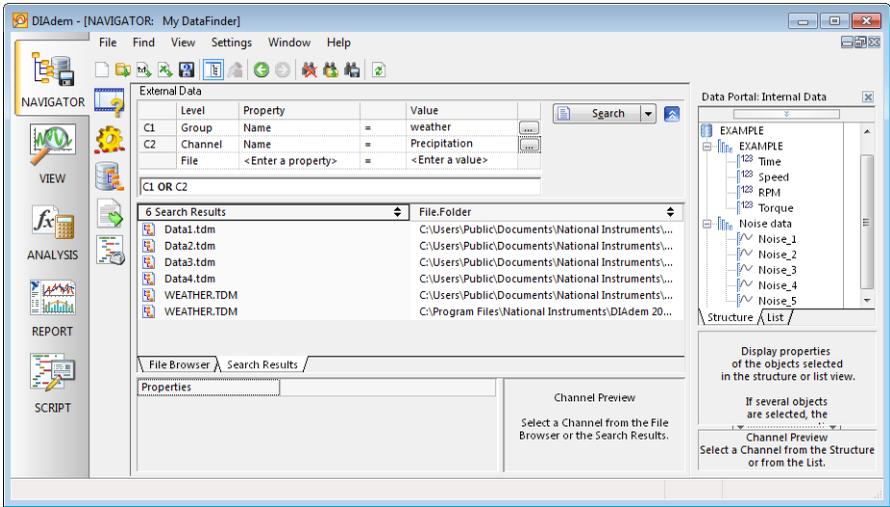
C1 OR C2

5. Click **Search**.



DIAdem displays the **Search Results**, as shown in Figure 2-3. Each of the listed files contains a group with the name `Weather` or a channel with the name `Precipitation`.

Figure 2-3. Search Results of the Advanced Search



Browsing in Data Sets

Complete the following steps to open data files in the file browser in order to inspect search results.

1. Right-click the `Data1.tdm` file in the search results to open the context menu.
2. Select **Display in File Browser** from the context menu.

DIAdem switches from the search results to the file browser and displays the `Data1.tdm` file with the TDM file symbol in the tree structure.

If the file browser knows the file format, it displays the respective file symbol before the file. If the file browser does not know the file format, it displays the file symbol with a question mark.

3. Click the plus sign in front of the file symbol to view the channel groups.



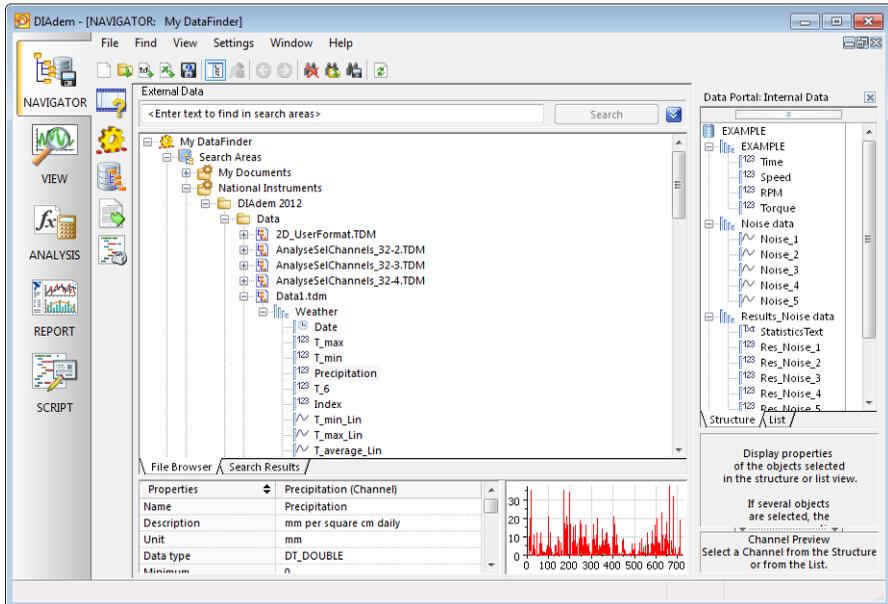
4. Click the plus sign in front of the `Weather` channel group to view the channels.



- Click the **Precipitation** channel.

DIAdem lists all the channel groups and channels that are contained in a file, in a tree structure. You can browse down to the channel level in the files if the file format supports browsing. You can find further information on the selected file, channel group, or channel in the **Properties** window below the **File Browser** as shown in Figure 2-4. If you select a channel, the channel preview to the right of the properties display shows the channel data as a curve.

Figure 2-4. Browsing the Found Files in the File Browser



Loading and Managing Data

If you want to work with the data you have found, you must load the data into the Data Portal. To load data and to remove unnecessary data, complete the following steps.

- Click **Delete Internal Data** on the toolbar.



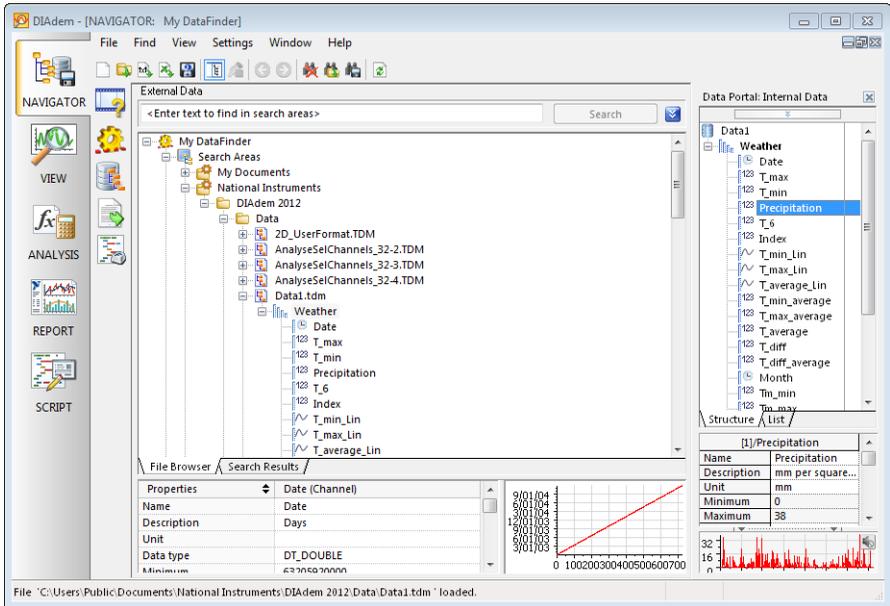
- Click the **Weather** channel group in the file browser to select this channel group.



3. Drag and drop the selected channel group into the Data Portal.

The Data Portal displays the `Weather` channel group with all the channels, as shown in Figure 2-5. If you select a channel, the channel preview of the Data Portal displays the channel data as a curve.

Figure 2-5. Loading Data from the File Browser to the Data Portal



Note If you modify data in the Data Portal, DIADEM does not save the changes automatically. The changes are executed only in the memory and not in the data file from which you loaded the data. This enables you to experiment with data without modifying the original data.

Saving Data

To save the data in the Data Portal, complete the following steps.

1. Navigate to the DIADEM folder `Data` in the `National Instruments` folder.
2. Select the `Weather` channel group in the Data Portal.
3. Drag and drop `Weather` to the `Data` folder.
4. Enter the file name `Weather_data` in the **Save As** dialog box.
5. Select the file type `National Instruments TDM Files (*.tdm)`.
6. Click **Save**.

Summary

The summary provides an overview of the topics discussed in this chapter. It also includes additional information.

DataFinder

In the search input area of the DataFinder you enter search conditions to find your data. You also can drag and drop properties from the properties display of the Data Portal or of the file browser into the search input area. In the logical operations line you connect the search conditions with AND and OR and use parentheses to specify queries more precisely. DIAdem lists the files found in the search areas on the **Search Results** tab.

DataFinder Server Edition

The DataFinder Server Edition indexes data files in the network and enables up to 25 DIAdem users to access common search areas simultaneously. You can enable security settings and use archiving systems.

Search Areas

Search areas are folders of the file system, which the DataFinder indexes. Select **Settings» My DataFinder»Configure** to modify the search areas of the DataFinder.

File Browser

The **File Browser** displays the files of the search areas in a tree structure. Right-click the empty space of the file browser to open the context menu and hide or show the folders of the local file system in a separate tree.

Internal Data in the Data Portal

DIAdem manages internal data in the Data Portal, which is visible in all panels. In all DIAdem panels you work with the channels of the internal data and their descriptive information.

DIAdem saves result data in the Data Portal. You can display and edit the channel contents in DIAdem VIEW.



Tip You do not need the <Shift> or <Ctrl> keys to select several channels in the Data Portal; just click the symbols next to the channel names. DIAdem displays a cursor with a plus sign.

Channel Groups

Channel groups contain channels and descriptive properties of the channel groups. Use different channel groups to organize your data. You can define a channel group as a default group, for example, to automatically group together all the calculation results from DIAdem ANALYSIS. DIAdem displays the group name of the default group in bold type.

Channels

Channels contain data series that you measured during a test, loaded from an external data set, or calculated with DIAdem. DIAdem distinguishes numeric channels, waveform channels, time channels, and text channels. Numeric channels contain data series, waveform channels contain data series and the associated x-channel as a generation instruction, time channels contain time data series, and text channels contain text.

Properties

Properties are information about the data, which DIAdem saves with the data series in a TDM file. The data set properties contain the name of the author and the storage date, the channel group properties contain the name of the measurement and comments, and the channel properties contain the data type and the channel unit. In addition to the standard properties, you can create your own custom properties for the data set, the channel group, and the channel. DIAdem displays the properties in the properties displays of the file browser and of the Data Portal.

Units Catalog

The channel unit is a special channel property because you can organize the channel units in the units catalog. Use the units catalog to assign a physical quantity and a unit to measurement values, for example, the quantity speed and the unit kilometers per hour. If you assign the unit mile per hour from the units catalog to the speed channel, DIAdem can convert the channel values.

Viewing and Evaluating Data

Use DIAdem VIEW to view, to analyze, and to edit data as curves in axis systems. In channel tables you can edit and delete the data as values and enter new data. You synchronize videos or the map display of a test drive with data. You project data onto 3D models or map 3D data in two-dimensional contour areas.

Viewing Curves

To view the loaded data set in an axis system, complete the following steps.



Note If you have not completed the exercise from the previous chapter, load the data set `Data1.tdm` located in the DIAdem Data folder. You find this folder in the DIAdem NAVIGATOR file browser in the search area **National Instruments**.

1. Select **DIAdem VIEW**.



2. Click **New Layout**.



3. Click **Regular Worksheet Partitions** on the group bar.



4. Click **Two Areas** in this function group.



Note Each panel has its own group bar on the left side. When you click a button on the group bar, DIAdem opens the function group where you can select a function.

- Select the Date time channel in the Data Portal.

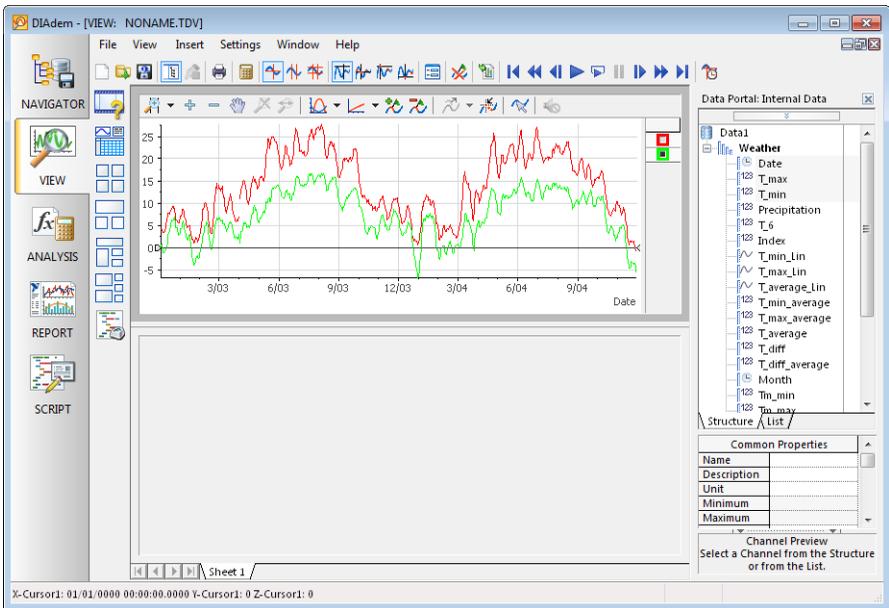


- Click the symbol shown below before the channel name to also select the numeric channels T_max and T_min. The cursor changes its color and displays a plus sign.



- Drag and drop the three channels selected in the Data Portal into the upper worksheet area.
- Select **2D Axis System** in the selection dialog box.
 DIADEM displays the axis system as shown in Figure 3-1.

Figure 3-1. Viewing Temperature Data as Curves



Note If you select several numeric channels in the Data Portal and drop the channels onto an axis system, DIADEM assigns the first channel you select to the x-axis. If you select only one channel, DIADEM uses the index to display a numeric channel and uses the x-part to display a waveform channel.

Zooming Curve Sections

In DIAdem VIEW you can zoom curves with the band zoom or the frame zoom from the axis system toolbar. For a close-up view of curves, complete the following steps.

1. Click **Band Zoom** on the axis system toolbar.



2. Click the axis system and drag open the band to specify the width of the curve section.
3. Click **Move** on the axis system toolbar and move the curves to the section that you want to magnify.



4. Click **Zoom In** on the axis system toolbar to increase the zoom in the selected section.



5. Click **Zoom Off** to return from the zoomed area to the complete curve.



6. Click **Move** again to disable the move mode and to reactivate the cursor.



Editing Curves

In DIAdem VIEW you can measure curves, and copy, delete, and interpolate curve sections. Use the curve cursor, the maximum values cursor, or the minimum values cursor on the DIAdem VIEW toolbar to measure a curve. To edit curve sections use the flag functions on the axis system toolbar. The functions on the toolbar of the axis system influence the curves in the associated axis system whereas the functions on the DIAdem VIEW toolbar influence all areas.

Measuring Curves

To follow the curve points with the curve cursor in an axis system, complete the following steps.

1. Click **Curve Cursor** on the toolbar.



2. Click the axis system and move the curve cursor along the curve.

DIAdem displays the x-values and the y-values of the curve points in a tooltip next to the crosshair cursor that follows the cursor.

3. Click a checkbox on the right side of the axis system to select a different curve as the leading curve.



DIAdem displays the coordinates of the new leading curve in the tooltip.

Copying Curve Sections

To select a curve section and to copy the data of the curve section into the Data Portal, complete the following steps.

1. Click **Band Cursor** on the toolbar.



2. Click the axis system at 3 . 04 and drag open the band cursor up to 12 . 03.

Click between the two lines to move the band cursor along the curves. Move the cursor lines to specify the width of the band cursor.

3. Click **Set Flags** on the axis system toolbar to mark the points of the leading curve in the selected time segment.



Note If you press <Shift> at the same time, DIAdem marks the points of all curves in this section.

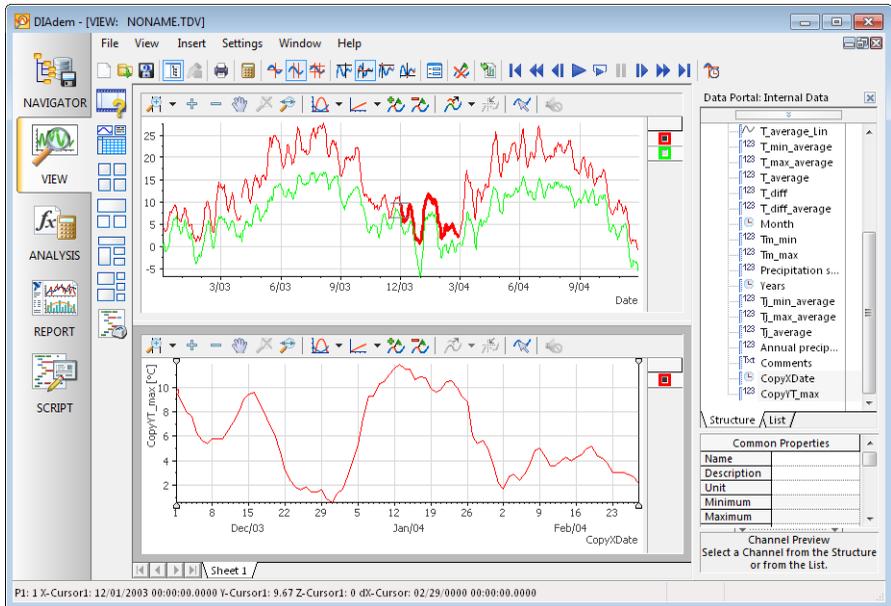
- Click **Flags: Copy Data Points** on the axis system toolbar to copy the data of the marked curve points to new channels.



In the Data Portal, DIAdem creates a time channel and a numeric channel with the values of the copied curve section.

- Drag and drop the new channels into the bottom workspace.
- Select **2D Axis System**. DIAdem displays the copied curve section as shown in Figure 3-2.

Figure 3-2. Selecting Curve Sections and Copying them in the Data Portal



- Click **Remove Flags from All Data** on the DIAdem VIEW toolbar to undo the selections.



Editing Data in Channel Tables

In channel tables you can edit and delete data and add new data. You can enter or generate new data manually.

To edit values in a channel table and to generate new values complete the following steps.

1. Click **Assigned Worksheet Partitions** on the group bar.



2. Click **Channel Table** in this function group.



DIAdem creates a new worksheet with a channel table.

3. Select the channels `Comments`, `CopyXDate`, and `CopyYT_max` in the Data Portal.
4. Drag and drop the channels selected in the Data Portal into the channel table.

DIAdem displays the columns in the order in which you select the channels in the Data Portal.

5. Click the cell in the **CopyYT_max** column, row **10**.
6. Enter the value `1` and press `<Enter>`.

DIAdem also displays the new value in the curve in the bottom axis system on the previous worksheet.

7. Right-click next to the channel table or into an empty column and select **Create New Channel** from the context menu.
 - a. Enter the channel name `Generated_Channel`.
 - b. Click **OK** to create the new channel in the channel table and in the Data Portal.
8. Right-click the first cell of the empty column **Generated_Channel** and select **Generate** from the context menu.
 - a. Enter `0.5` as the step width and `100` as the number of values.
 - b. Click **OK** to create the channel values.

DIAdem displays the channel table as shown in Figure 3-3.

Figure 3-3. Editing and Generating Data in Channel Tables

The screenshot displays the NI DIAdem software interface. The main window is titled "DIAdem - [VIEW: NONAME.TDV]". The interface includes a menu bar (File, View, Insert, Settings, Window, Help), a toolbar, and a left-hand sidebar with sections for NAVIGATOR, VIEW, ANALYSIS, REPORT, and SCRIPT. The central area shows a table titled "All Channels" with columns: Name, CopyXDate, CopyT_max, and Generated_Channel. Below this is a "Channel Contents" table with columns: Index, CopyXDate, CopyT_max, and Generated_Channel. The right-hand side features a "Data Portal: Internal Data" window showing a list of channels and a "Structure List" window showing a table with columns: Name and Generated_Channel. A small graph is visible at the bottom right of the Data Portal.

Name	CopyXDate	CopyT_max	Generated_Channel
Number	25	26	27
Length	90	90	198
Unit		°C	
Description	Days	Copied channel value...	

Channel Contents	CopyXDate	CopyT_max	Generated_Channel
1	12/01/2003 00:00:00...	9.66666666666667	1
2	12/02/2003 00:00:00...	8.83333333333333	1.5
3	12/03/2003 00:00:00...	8	2
4	12/04/2003 00:00:00...	7.6	2.5
5	12/05/2003 00:00:00...	6.25	3
6	12/06/2003 00:00:00...	5.6	3.5
7	12/07/2003 00:00:00...	5.4	4
8	12/08/2003 00:00:00...	5.8	4.5
9	12/09/2003 00:00:00...	5.8	5
10	12/10/2003 00:00:00...	1	5.5
11	12/11/2003 00:00:00...	6.5	6
12	12/12/2003 00:00:00...	7.14285714285714	6.5
13	12/13/2003 00:00:00...	8	7
14	12/14/2003 00:00:00...	9	7.5
15	12/15/2003 00:00:00...	9.42857142857143	8
16	12/16/2003 00:00:00...	9.57142857142857	8.5
17	12/17/2003 00:00:00...	8.71428571428571	9
18	12/18/2003 00:00:00...	7.85714285714286	9.5
19	12/19/2003 00:00:00...	6.85714285714286	10
20	12/20/2003 00:00:00...	6.14285714285714	10.5
21	12/21/2003 00:00:00...	4.71428571428571	11
22	12/22/2003 00:00:00...	3.14285714285714	11.5
23	12/23/2003 00:00:00...	2.28571428571429	12

Name	Generated_Channel
Description	Generated_Ch...
Unit	
Minimum	0
Maximum	49.5

To use the layout with all worksheets as a template for similar data sets, click **Save Layout As**. Enter the file name **MyView**.

Summary

The summary provides an overview of the topics discussed in this chapter. It also includes additional information.

Layouts

A layout can contain several worksheets. DIAdem saves layouts separately from the channels. You can reuse the layout as a template for data sets with a similar structure.

Areas

Partition worksheets into areas to insert axis systems, channel tables, videos, 3D models, contours, maps, dialog boxes, text, and images. You can move the separating bars to resize any area in a worksheet. Use the **Assigned Worksheet Partitions** function group to add new worksheets with predefined areas to a layout.

Axis Systems

In axis systems you display data as curves, as spikes, or as stair curves. To insert data into an axis system, drag and drop channels from the Data Portal into an axis system. Use the band cursor and the frame cursor to zoom curve sections. You open the legend on the right side of an axis system.

Graphics Cursors

DIAdem VIEW offers various graphics cursors for evaluating curves in axis systems. The free cursor moves freely in the axis system and the curve cursor follows the curve from curve point to curve point. Other graphics cursors determine the maximum values and the minimum values of a curve. If an axis system contains several curves, the graphics cursor follows the leading curve that you specify with the checkboxes in the legend. DIAdem synchronizes all the cursors of a worksheet with each other and with videos and 3D models.

Flags

Use the band cursor and the frame cursor to mark curve sections with flags, to delete, to copy, or to recalculate the marked curve points.

Channel Tables

In channel tables you view the individual values of the channels, edit the values of all channel types, and add new values or channels. In the display properties of a channel table you can specify whether a channel table only displays the channels that were dragged and dropped into the table or whether the channel table automatically displays all channels of a group or of the Data Portal.

Videos

In video areas you show videos. If you display the associated measured values as curves in an axis system, you can move a graphics cursor along the curves to display the video frame associated with each measurement value. Double-click an empty video area to insert a video.

3D Models

In model areas you project the measured or simulated data as a color shading or as a deformation onto a model of the test object. For example, you display temperatures as color shading on a climate dummy, and you display strain on bridge elements as deformation. To do so, you insert the 3D model of the test object and connect each data channel with the respective model point. For model points with no sensor, DIAdem interpolates the values from the data of neighboring model points.

Contours

In contour areas you display 3D data two-dimensionally by displaying the third dimension of the data as a color value and with isolines. You can use a contour display, for example, to display and to analyze characteristic diagrams. If you move the graphics cursor over a contour, DIAdem displays the associated isolines dynamically. You can save the data of every associated isoline and also the x-parallel and y-parallel intersection in the Data Portal.

Maps

In map areas you display geographic data in map sections. For example you can follow the route of a test drive when you move the graphics cursor in an axis system along the data such as consumption, RPM, and torque collected during the test drive. To do so enter the recorded longitude and latitude and, for example, the time channel for the synchronization.

Dialog Boxes

In dialog boxes you enter values, check settings, or start functions to change the displays in other areas of the layout during the analysis. You can include every user dialog box to which you added the control `VIEWConnector` in the dialog editor of DIAdem SCRIPT.

Analyzing Data with Mathematical Functions

Use DIAdem ANALYSIS to analyze data mathematically. You can apply predefined standard mathematical functions, including basic mathematics, curve fitting, signal analysis, and statistics. The dialog boxes for these standard functions guide you through the calculation so you do not have to enter a formula. You select only the input data and the settings. Use the DIAdem Calculator to define and calculate your own formulas.

Using Standard Mathematical Functions

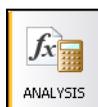
DIAdem has extensive libraries of standard mathematical functions in several function groups in DIAdem ANALYSIS. The results of the calculations are displayed in new channels in the Data Portal.



Note If you have not completed the exercise from the previous chapter, load the data set `Data2.tdm` located in the DIAdem `Data` folder. You find this folder in the DIAdem NAVIGATOR file browser in the search area **National Instruments**.

To create a new group for the calculation results, complete the following steps.

1. Select **DIAdem ANALYSIS**.



2. Right-click in the Data Portal and select **New»Group** from the context menu.
3. Enter `Results` as the **Name**. Enable the checkbox **Set default group**.
4. Click **OK**.

DIAdem displays the name of the default group in bold type in the Data Portal.

Calculating the Sum of Channel Values

To total the precipitation for the year 2003, complete the following steps.

1. Click **Statistics** on the group bar.



2. Click **Descriptive Statistics** in this function group.



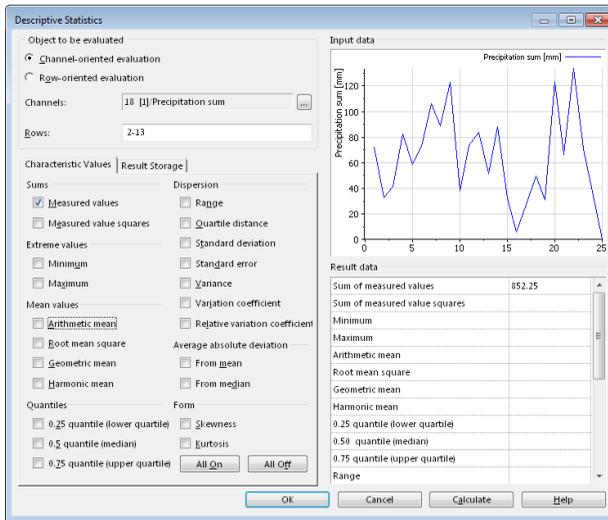
3. Click the button with the three dots at the end of the **Channels** entry field in the **Object to be evaluated** area.
4. Select [1]/Precipitation sum.
This notation means the `Precipitation sum` channel is in the first channel group.
5. Click **OK**.
6. Enter 2-13 as the **Rows**.



Tip To check which rows the precipitation for 2003 is in, switch to DIAdem VIEW and load the channels `Month` and `Precipitation sum` into a channel table. The `Month` channel contains the time values for the monthly precipitation totals.

7. Click **All Off** on the **Characteristic Values** tab to clear all the checkboxes of the characteristic values.
8. Select **Sums»Measured values**.

DIAdem shows the **Descriptive Statistics** dialog box as shown in Figure 4-1. The dialog box displays the channel preview of the precipitation sum in the top right-hand corner and displays the result data below the channel preview.

Figure 4-1. Precipitation Summation in Sections

Note If you want to execute further calculations with this standard function, click **Calculate**. The dialog box remains open for further entries.

9. Click **OK** to calculate the sum and to close the dialog box.
10. Right-click **Results/Sum** in the Data Portal and select **Rename**.
11. Enter **Precipitation_2003** as the channel name and press **<Enter>**.

Averaging Channels

To calculate the average monthly temperatures, complete the following steps.

1. Click **Channel Functions** on the group bar.



2. Click **Average Channels** in this function group.

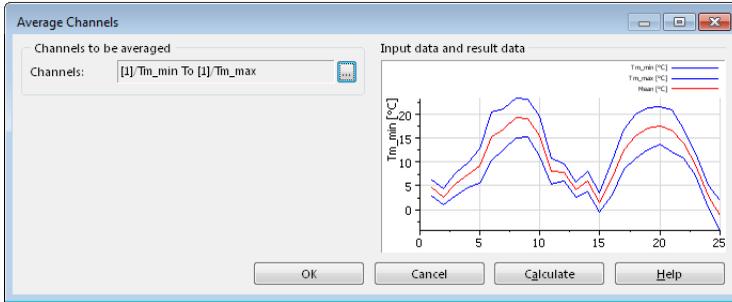


3. Click the button with the three dots at the end of the **Channels to be averaged** area.
4. Select **[1] / Tm_min**.
5. Press **<Ctrl>** and also select **[1] / Tm_max**.

- Click **OK**.

DIAdem displays the dialog box as shown in Figure 4-2.

Figure 4-2. Averaging Minimum and Maximum Temperatures



- Click **OK**.
- Right-click **Results/**Mean in the Data Portal and select **Rename**.
- Enter **Temperatures** as the channel name and press <Enter>.

Calculating with the Units Catalog

The DIAdem units catalog organizes physical quantities and the associated units. Use the units catalog to convert channels into other units.

To convert the calculated average monthly temperatures from degrees Celsius to degrees Fahrenheit, complete the following steps.

- Click **Channel Functions** on the group bar.



- Click **Convert Channel Unit** in this function group.

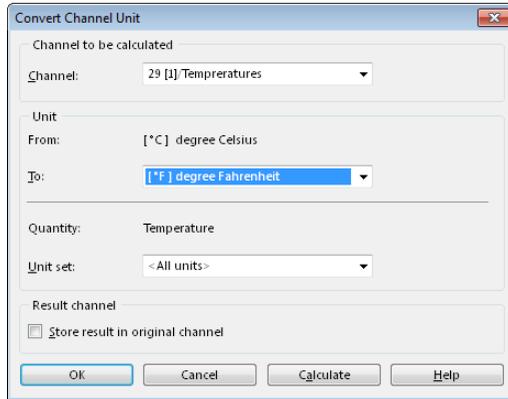


- In the **Channel** entry field in the dialog box area **Channel to be calculated** you find the channel [2]/Temperatures.

If you see a different channel there, select **Results/**Temperatures in the data portal, and drag the selected channel into the entry field.

- Select [$^{\circ}\text{F}$] degree Fahrenheit for **Unit»To** as shown in Figure 4-3.

Figure 4-3. Converting Channel Units with the Units Catalog



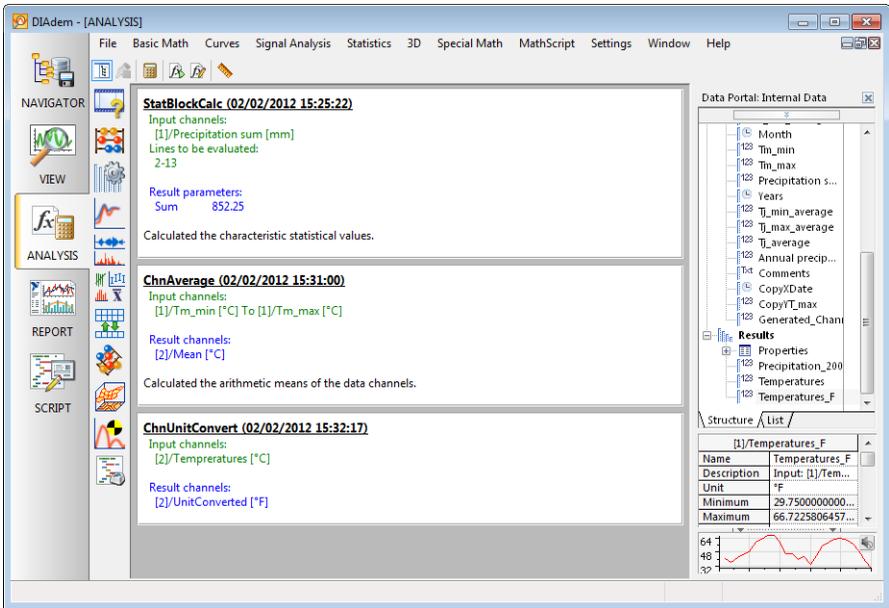
- Click **OK**.
- Right-click Results/UnitConverted in the Data Portal and select **Rename**.
- Enter Temperatures_F as the channel name and press <Enter>.



Note You also can convert channel data to a different unit in the Data Portal. To do so, click the unit entry field in the properties display and click the button with the three dots to open the **Symbol Input Help** dialog box.

In Figure 4-4 DIAdem ANALYSIS displays a record of the calculations, and the Data Portal shows new channels with the calculation results.

Figure 4-4. Record of the Calculations with Standard Functions



Refer to Figure 5-3 in the next chapter to view the curves of the average temperatures and the annual precipitation.

Calculating Formulas with the Calculator

Use the DIAdem Calculator to calculate your own mathematical formulas. In the Calculator you calculate with channels, variables, and values you enter. DIAdem stores the results in channels or variables.

To calculate the difference between the monthly maximum temperatures and the average temperatures, complete the following steps.

1. Click the **Calculator** on the toolbar.



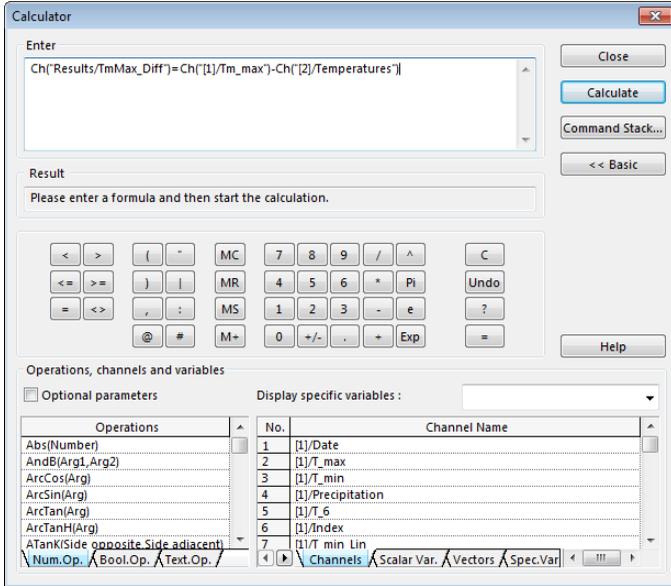
2. Enter the following formula in the Calculator entry field.

`Ch ("Results/TmMax_Diff ") =Ch (" [1] /Tm_max") -Ch (" [2] /Temperatures ")`



Tip Instead of typing in the entire formula double-click a channel on the **Channels** tab. DAdem inserts the channel name with the group index and the variable `Ch` at the cursor.

Figure 4-5. Calculating Formulas with the Calculator



3. Click **Calculate**.
4. Click **Close**.

DAdem adds the new channel `TmMax_Diff` to the `Results` channel group in the Data Portal.

Summary

The summary provides an overview of the topics discussed in this chapter. It also includes additional information.

Mathematical Functions

DIAdem ANALYSIS offers a variety of standard functions for analyzing your data. You assign input channels to standard functions, set parameters, and execute the calculation. Click **OK** to execute a calculation once and to close the dialog box. Click **Calculate** to execute several calculations with the same standard function.

Result Channels

DIAdem ANALYSIS saves calculation results in new channels. This enables you to calculate new data without overwriting the existing channels. In most dialog boxes of the standard functions you can select **Store result in original channel** to overwrite the existing channels.

Default Group

DIAdem stores the result channels of a calculation in the default group in the Data Portal. Define in the context menu a different group as the default group. DIAdem displays the group name of the default group in bold type.

Calculator

Use the Calculator to specify your own formulas for analyzing data. The Calculator has functions that range from simple arithmetic functions to advanced scientific and engineering functions. Use the Calculator to calculate channels, variables, and single values. DIAdem stores the results in channels or variables.

Units

If you assign units from the units catalog to the original channels, DIAdem automatically determines the unit of the result channels. Based on the physical quantities and units of the original channels, the division of distance by time results in a speed with the unit kilometers per hour, for example. Select **Settings»Options»Units** to add your own units and to define unit sets with preferred units.

Calculation Manager

To execute recurring analysis sequences with a mouse-click you can define simple as well as complex calculations in the calculation manager. An analysis sequence can contain user-specific formulas and default functions and can combine calculations when one calculation step accesses the result of a different calculation step.

Creating Reports

Use DIAdem REPORT to document data and present results. In 2D and 3D axis systems you display your data as curves, as bar diagrams, and as surfaces. In 2D and 3D tables you list channel contents. You can label your report with comments and text and illustrate the report with graphics and formulas. You use the Chart Wizard to create and to modify 2D axis systems and polar axis systems.

Creating Axis Systems

To create a new layout with the Chart Wizard, complete the following steps.



Note If you have not completed the exercise from the previous chapter, load the data set `Data3.tdm` located in the DIAdem `Data` folder. You find this folder in the DIAdem NAVIGATOR file browser in the search area **National Instruments**.

1. Select **DIAdem REPORT**.



2. Click **New Layout**.

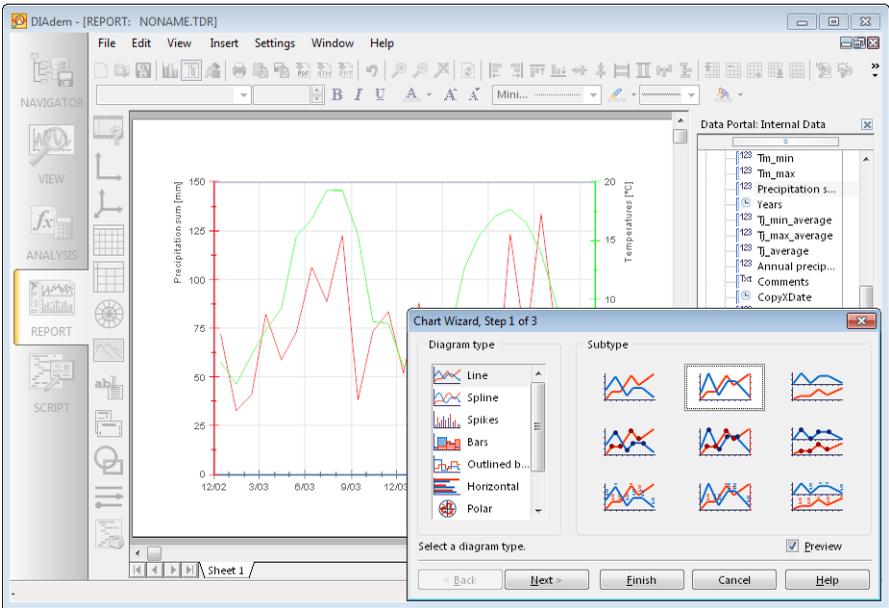


3. First select the `Weather/Month` channel in the Data Portal and then `Weather/Precipitation sum` and `Results/Temperatures`.
4. Right-click one of the selected channels and select **Chart Wizard** from the context menu. DIAdem opens the Chart Wizard and creates a new worksheet with an axis system. In the axis system, DIAdem displays the channels that are selected in the Data Portal as curves as shown in Figure 5-1. DIAdem assigns the first selected channel to the x-axis.

In Step 1 you select the diagram type. In Step 2 you add or delete curves. In Step 3 you specify the diagram display on several tabs. The preview as shown in Figure 5-1 directly displays how the diagram changes.

5. Click the diagram type **Lines with Several Y-Axes**.

Figure 5-1. The Chart Wizard Displays the Preview in the Worksheet



6. Click **Next** twice to open Step 3 of 3.
7. Select the **X-Axis** tab.
8. Enable **Manual from** for the value range and enter 01 . 01 . 2003 as the start and 12 . 31 . 2003 as the end.
9. Click **Finish** to create the axis system.

In the axis system, DIADEM displays the monthly precipitation and the monthly average temperatures over the date.



Tip You can open the Chart Wizard at several points in DIADEM. If you want to display curves with various x-channels, open the Chart Wizard on the toolbar. If you want to integrate axis systems into the current worksheet, open the Chart Wizard from the **2D Axis Systems** function group or the **Polar Axis Systems** function group. If you want to edit an axis system, open the Chart Wizard from the context menu of the axis system.

Editing Axis Systems

You can move and resize axis systems or parts of an axis system. To make it easier for you to see which objects you can select, DIAdem displays an object in a blue frame as soon as the mouse cursor idles on the object. Double-click the object to open its settings.

Complete the following steps to display the precipitations as bars.

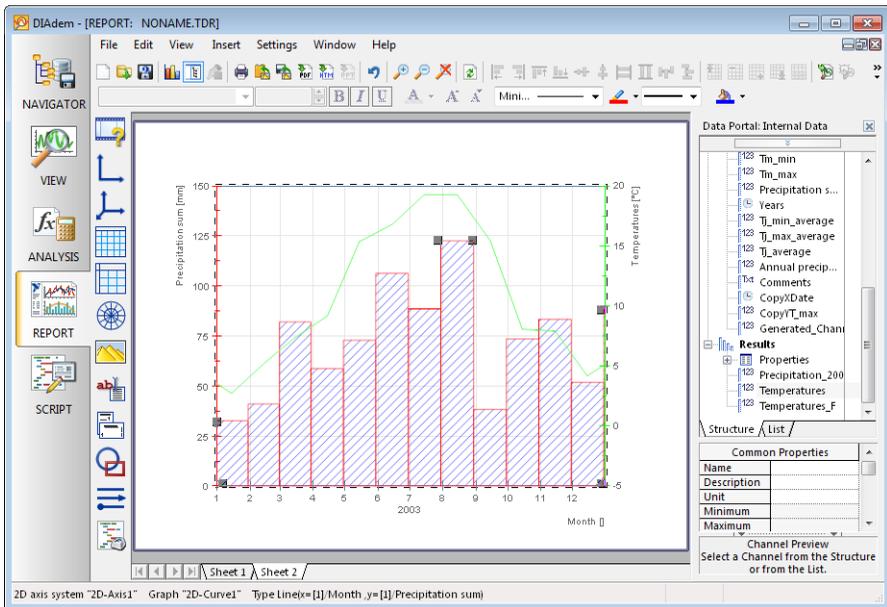
1. Double-click the red curve of the precipitation sum to open the associated curve parameter.
2. Select the **Display mode** Bars.



3. Click **OK** to close the dialog box.

DIAdem displays the worksheet as shown in Figure 5-2.

Figure 5-2. DIAdem Displays the Precipitation as Bars



4. Single-click into the axis system to select it.
5. To reduce the width of the axis system move the small square in the middle of the right edge of the selected axis system to the left.

Graphics and Lines

Illustrate reports with graphics and company logos. Use lines and rectangles to divide the worksheet or to highlight a description field.

To add a graphic to your worksheet, complete the following steps.

1. Click **Graphics** on the group bar.



2. Click **Load Graphic** in this function group.



3. Select `weather.jpg` in the `DIAdem Documents` folder and click **Open**.
4. Click and drag the graphic to the right edge of the workspace. Resize the graphic by dragging the small squares at the corners of the graphic.

To prepare a description field on the right of the worksheet, complete the following steps.

1. Click **Line and Arrows** on the group bar.



2. Click **Continuous Vertical Line** in this function group.



DIAdem inserts a vertical line on the right edge. Move this line slightly to the left to widen the description field.

Using Text and Variables as Labels

Add text and variables to a report to explain the contents and highlight specific items. All texts can include formula expressions and DIAdem variables, which DIAdem updates along with the rest of the report. Double @ characters indicate to DIAdem which parts of the text to evaluate dynamically.

To add a text to your report, complete the following steps.

1. Click **Text** on the group bar.



2. Click **Text** in this function group. The cursor changes to a text cursor.



3. Click at the top of the description field in the worksheet, where you want to enter a heading.
4. Enter the text `Weather report` and press <Enter>.
5. Enter `@@CurrDate@@` in the second line.
6. Click outside the text to conclude the entry.
7. Click the text. To resize the text, drag the small squares at the corners of the text with the mouse.

Adding and Formatting Channel Properties

Click the button with the three dots at the end of the entry field in the text editor dialog box to edit text and use variables and expressions. You can easily drag and drop channel properties from the Data Portal into the worksheet.

To add a channel property to your report and to edit the channel property, complete the following steps.

1. Select `Results/Precipitation_2003` in the Data Portal.
2. Click **Minimum** in the properties display of the Data Portal and drag the channel property into the description field.
3. Double-click the inserted text. The text editor displays the following text:

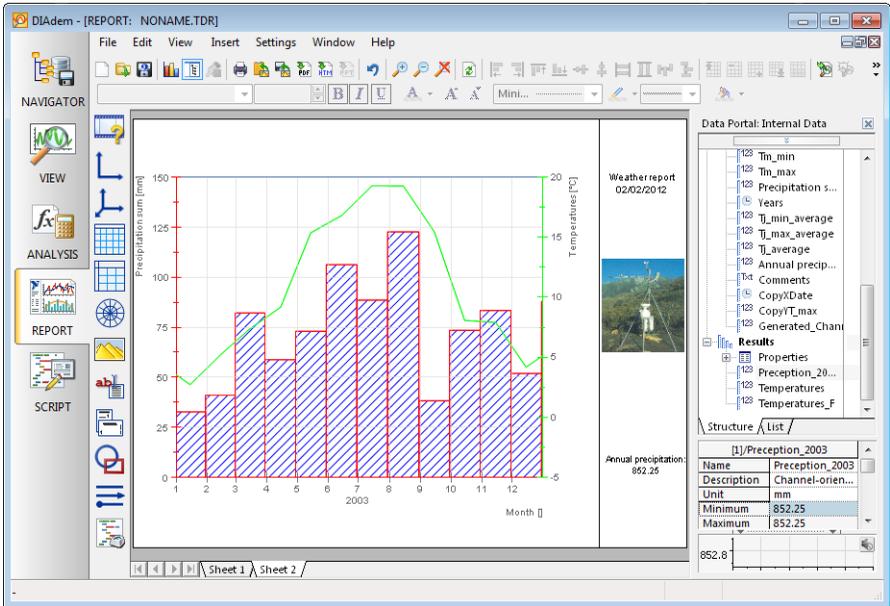

```
Minimum: @@Str(Data.GetChannel("[2]/Precipitation_2003").  
Properties("minimum").Value, "AutoAdj")@@
```

 - a. Replace the first word `Minimum:` with the description `Annual precipitation`.
 - b. Press <Enter> to position the value below the text.
 - c. Enter `mm` at the end of the text.
4. Click the **Position** tab and select `Centered` as the **Relative position**.
5. Click **OK**.
6. Select all texts and the graphic and click **Center Vertically** on the toolbar.



DIAdem displays the worksheet as shown in Figure 5-3.

Figure 5-3. Using Text and Variables as Labels



To use the layout with all worksheets as a template for similar data sets, click **Save Layout As**.

Summary

The summary provides an overview of the topics discussed in this chapter. It also includes additional information.

Layouts

A layout can contain several worksheets. DIAdem saves layouts separately from the channels. You can reuse layouts as templates for data sets with a similar structure.

Worksheets

Worksheets contain axis systems, tables, text, formulas, and graphics. To add data to the worksheet, drag and drop channels from the Data Portal into axis systems and tables. In addition to selecting data channels from the Data Portal, you also can add data channels by double-clicking an axis system or a table.

Select **Settings»Layout Setup»Worksheet Parameters** to change the page format of a worksheet so that, for example, the table of contents is in portrait format whereas the diagrams remain in the landscape format.

Master Layout

Use a master layout to create a uniform appearance for reports. The master layout remains unchanged in the background of all worksheets and consists of a landscape master and a portrait master. To create a master layout, select **File»Master Layout»New**.

Chart Wizard

You can use the Chart Wizard to create and to modify 2D axis systems and polar axis systems. The preview function displays each changed setting in the worksheet.

Axis Systems

Use axis systems to display channels as curves, as bars, and as surfaces. You double-click an axis system to edit the displayed curves, to add new curves, and to delete existing curves. To zoom curve sections, change the scaling of the x-axis and the y-axis with the mouse wheel as soon as you position the cursor over the respective axis.

Tables

Use tables to list the contents of numeric channels and also text channels. You double-click a table to edit the displayed columns, to add new columns, and to delete existing columns.

Text

Use text to label worksheets. Use the **Coordinate** display mode in the context menu of a curve to comment values. Text also can include variable information such as filenames or the current date. For DIAdem, the @@ characters indicate a variable expression. Click **Refresh** on the DIAdem REPORT toolbar to display the current variable contents.

Formulas

Use formulas to display calculation instructions in graphics. DIADEM uses the formula syntax of the Mathematical Markup Language (MathML) used in word processing.

Decorations

Use comments, lines, arrows, rectangles, and circles in a worksheet to highlight certain areas or curve points.

Graphics

Use graphics and logos to illustrate worksheets. DIADEM supports numerous different graphic formats including PNG, BMP, JPG, TIF, and WMF.

Automating Sequences

Use DIAdem SCRIPT to automate tasks in a script, which combines several work steps for recurring sequences such as standard calculations and serial evaluations. Scripts, which you can record interactively, use the functions of all DIAdem panels. You can add program structures and dialog boxes to scripts in the integrated script editor.

Creating Scripts

The recording mode is the easiest way to create scripts. When you enable the recording mode, DIAdem creates a new script in the script editor and records the steps you make in this script. To create a new script in the recording mode, complete the following steps.

1. Select **DIAdem SCRIPT**.

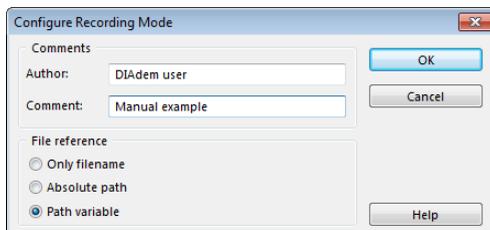


2. Click **Enable Recording Mode** on the toolbar to start recording the script.



3. Enter DIAdem user as the **Author** and Manual example as the **Comment** as shown in Figure 6-1.

Figure 6-1. Configuring the Recording Mode



DIAdem writes this information directly into the script code to help you identify the script in the future.

4. Click **OK**.

The status bar displays the recording mode symbol.



5. Select **DIAdem NAVIGATOR**.



6. Click **Delete Internal Data** to delete the data in the Data Portal.



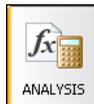
7. Enter `Weather` in the search input area of the quick search.

8. Click **Search**.



9. Drag and drop the `Data1.tdm` file into the Data Portal.

10. Select **DIAdem ANALYSIS**.



11. Click **Channel Functions** on the group bar.



12. Click **Average Channels** in this function group.



13. Click the button with the three dots at the end of the **Channels** entry field in the **Channels to be averaged** area.



14. In the selection dialog box that opens, select the channels [1]/Tm_min and [1]/Tm_max and click **OK**.
15. Click **OK** to calculate the average.
16. Select **DIAdem REPORT**.



17. Click **Load Layout**.



18. Select the layout Report2.tdr and click **Open**.
DIAdem automatically refreshes the display to show the data set you have just loaded.
19. Select **DIAdem SCRIPT**.

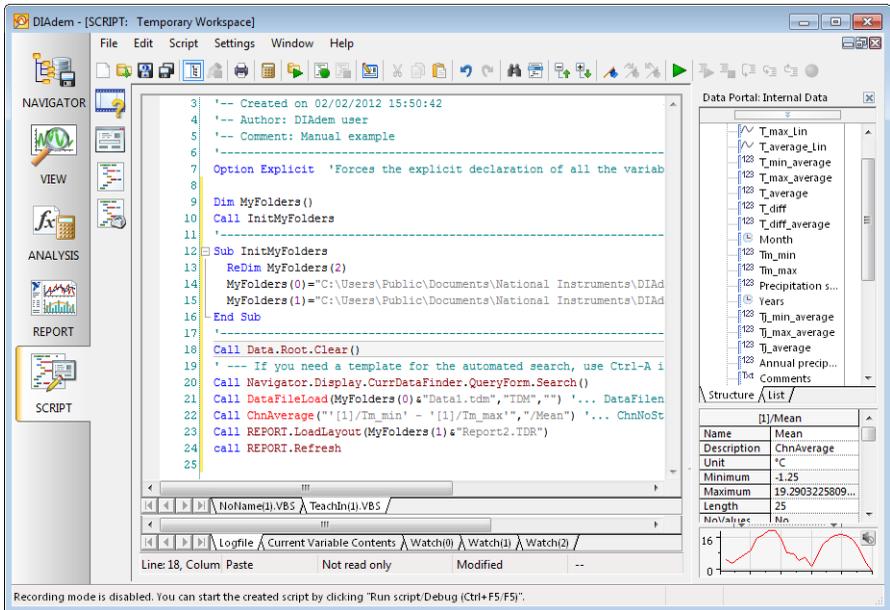


20. Click **Disable Recording Mode**.



DIAdem displays the recorded script in the script editor as shown in Figure 6-2.

Figure 6-2. Recording Actions in the Script Editor



After the commenting header, DIAdem declares the `MyFolders` path variable and assigns to this variable the paths to the data folder and to the document folder. If you want the script to load the data file or the report file from another folder, just change the paths at this exact point in the script.

Editing Scripts

In the recording mode you have recorded the search for weather data, loaded a data set, and created a report. Expand the recorded script to evaluate further weather data.

To select data interactively complete the following steps.

1. Replace the script line for loading the data file `Data1.tdm`

```
Call DataFileLoad (MyFolders (0) & "Data1.tdm", "TDM", "")
```

with the following script lines:

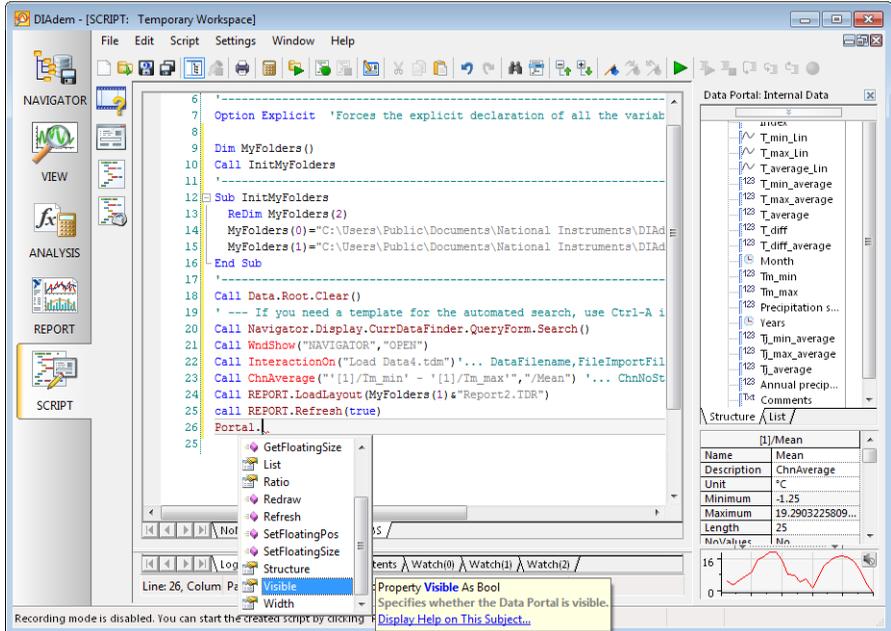
```
Call WndShow ("NAVIGATOR", "OPEN")
Call InteractionOn ("Load Data4.tdm")
```

The first script line opens the NAVIGATOR panel and the second line stops the script so that you can load data interactively.

2. After the last script line, enter the statement for hiding the DataPortal and use the CodeCompletion function to do so:
 - a. Enter Portal.

As soon as you enter the dot behind the Portal object, DIAdem offers the methods and properties available for this object, as shown in Figure 6-3.

Figure 6-3. CodeCompletion and the SmartInfo Make Editing Objects Easier



- b. Double-click Visible to insert this property into the script.
- c. Complete the script line as follows:

```
Portal.Visible = False
```

DIAdem displays the respective SmartInfo for every element in the selection list. Click **Display Help on this Subject** to open the help page on this object.

Testing Scripts

To test the modified script, complete the following steps.

1. Click **Run Script**.



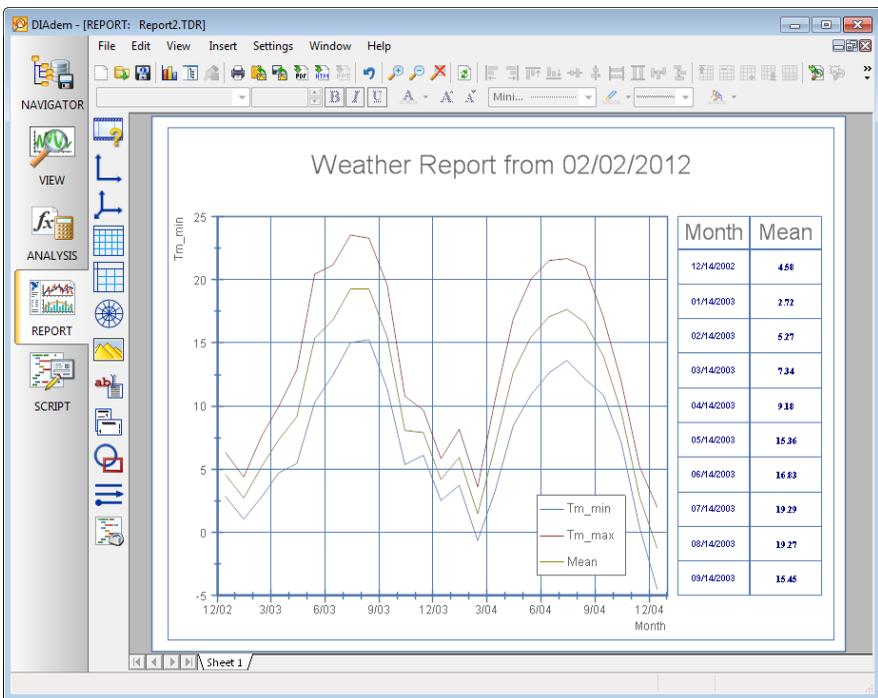
The script opens the NAVIGATOR panel and displays in the **Search Results** all the data files that contain the term `Weather`.

2. Click the file symbol in front of the `Data4.tdm` file to select the file.
3. Drag and drop the selected file into the Data Portal.
4. Click the message box **Load Data4.tdm** to end the interaction.



The script opens the REPORT panel. DIAdem refreshes the date displayed in the header and hides the Data Portal as shown in Figure 6-4.

Figure 6-4. Report Created with the Script



5. Click **Data Portal** to enable the Data Portal for further tasks.



Select **DIAdem SCRIPT** and click **Save File As** to save the script.

Summary

The summary provides an overview of the topics discussed in this chapter. It also includes additional information.

Scripts

Scripts allow you to execute a series of commands for finding data, loading data, analyzing data, and creating reports. You can use VBS functionality and DIAdem commands in scripts. You can integrate the standard dialog boxes in scripts or you can create your own dialog boxes.

Recording Scripts

In the recording mode DIAdem records the command for every action that you execute interactively, in a script.

<Ctrl-Shift-C>

In the recording mode, DIAdem does not usually record the value assignment for program variables. For example, press <Ctrl-Shift-C> in a DIAdem REPORT dialog box to record the values of the program variables. If DIAdem is not in the recording mode, press <Ctrl-Shift-C> to copy the program variable value assignment to the Windows clipboard. Then add these assignments to a script and modify the required program variables.

Script Editor

The script editor displays the program code of scripts. While you record actions in the recording mode, DIAdem records the commands directly in the script editor. Use functions such as go to line, bookmarks, restoring, and find and replace, to make script editing easier. Use the Microsoft Windows Script Debugger in the script editor to work through scripts step by step and to find errors.

If you click a command, a property, a method, or a variable, the SmartInfo displays the parameters of the command, the property, the method, or the value range of the variable. For further information click **Display Help on this Topic**.

CodeCompletion

If you enter the name of an object and complete the entry with a dot, the script editor offers the subobjects, events, properties, and methods that are available for this object. Add your selection to the object in the script with a double-click.

When you enter the first characters of a command, for example, and press <Ctrl-Spacebar>, the script editor automatically completes the command. If several commands start with these characters, the script editor offers a selection list of all the possible objects, commands, and procedures.

Interaction Mode

When you use the interaction mode, you can stop your script and work interactively with DIAdem. You enable the interaction mode in scripts with the `InterActionOn` command. To end the interaction mode, click the **End Interaction** button, which is on the toolbar in all panels or in the message box.

User Commands

To add commands to DIAdem, you can define user commands in a script. For example, you use user commands to run calculations in the calculator, to format axis systems in DIAdem REPORT, or to extend the range of functions in scripts.

User Dialog Boxes

Create user dialog boxes in the dialog editor in DIAdem SCRIPT to enter values, to request settings, or to start functions. Use events to connect elements from user dialog boxes and specify how the script proceeds depending on the previously specified settings.

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