Tip of the Week:

Setting/Using Access Locks

TINE Security

- User Name
 - "easy to fake" but very practical for preventing inadvertent setting changes
 - Allowed Users List
 - File: users.csv
 - API: AppendRegisteredUserList()
 - Stock Property: "ADDUSER"
 - User taken from env (USERNAME) or java property (username)

TINE Security

- Network Address
 - Very hard to "fake"
 - Allowed Networks List:
 - File: ipnets.csv (ipxnets.csv)
 - API: AppendRegisteredIPNetsList()
 - Stock Property: "ADDIPNET"
 - Network Address from incoming ethernet packet

Checking the Access

- "READ" and "WRITE" access are de-coupled from input and output data!
- A "READ" call can send data to the server (as input parameters).
- A "WRITE" call can be a "trigger" which does not require data
 e.g. "INIT", "RESET", "STOP", etc.
- The equipment module dispatch handler always sees the requested "access".
 - eqm(devName, devProperty, dout, din, access)
- "WRITE" command should check that the CA_WRITE access bit is ON!

```
if (access & CA_WRITE)
{
    ...
}
```

ACCESS Locks

- Some control applications should be allowed to send command from only a single location (e.g. Interlock, transfer).
- But the application should be allowed to start and run in a read-only mode.
- Use an ACCESS LOCK
 - One and only one application client can issue WRITE command.

ACCESS LOCKS

- Three levels of access lock
 - Un-locked (LOCK_UNLOCKED)
 - Pre-emptive (LOCK_PREEMPTIVE)
 - Persistent (LOCK_PERSISTENT)
- STOCK Property "ACCESSLOCK"
 - "WRITE" takes 2 (short) parameters
 - Lock type and duration in seconds
 - "READ" returns 2 (NAME32) parameters
 - User and Network Address of the client with the lock

ACCESS Locks

- Pre-emptive Locks can (and must) be reassigned to the new caller.
- Persistent Locks cannot be pre-empted, but must be periodically renewed (maximum duration is 64 ksec -> 18 hrs).
- (Persistent Locks can be aborted with "LOCK_ABORT")
 - Back door to break an access lock (client disappeared?)
 - Better: maximum lock duration = 10 minutes and force the client to renew periodically.

ACCESS Locks

- If a lock exists and a WRITE command is called (by the caller with the lock) the CA_LOCKED access bit is added to the access!
- The Eqm dispatch handler can also request this bit!