

# imc SIMPLEX

Manual

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### What is the best way to read the imc SIMPLEX documents?

### Setting up

Before installing the software, start by reading the setting up description. This contains important tips for achieving problem-free installation.

#### Manual - complete documentation

The manual serves as reference material and describes how to operate the software.

### **Special notes**



### Warning

Warnings contain information that must be observed to protect the user from harm or to prevent damage to property.



### Note



### Reference

Notes denote useful additional information on a particular topic.

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Before you start Chapter 1

# 1 General introduction

# 1.1 Before you start

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# 2 Overview - Setting up

imc SIMPLEX enables extremely fast configuration of imc ARGUSfit-channels by means of validated sensor settings prepared in a cloud. This massively reduces the risk of errors in configurating a measurement system.

### **Application examples**

- When you scan a sensor with your cell phone, the sensor is displayed in imc STUDIO. By means of Drag&Drop it can be dragged to the target channel. The channel adopts all of the sensor's information and is ready for measurement.
- When you have a pile of cable terminals in front of you, how do you know which one is the right one? Simple: all cable terminals are equipped with RFID. The app lets you scan the cable terminals and obtain the info indicating what terminal you are holding in your hand.
- You have a cabinet full of sensors in their packaging. The packaging is equipped with RFIDs. Using the app, you can scan a package to find out what sensor it contains and whether it is right for your measurement, and even whether it is already appropriately calibrated.

### **Product overview**

imc SIMPLEX consists of three components: the imc STUDIO plug-in, the mobile app and the website.

Using the website interface it is possible to set up and configure sensors. This determines which imc measurement modules can measure with the sensors. The finished sensor configuration is made available in a database. If the sensor is equipped with RFID, a barcode or QR-code, it can be scanned with a cell phone. imc STUDIO then provides the appropriate sensor configuration to apply to the channel. It is also possible to enter specific measuring point definitions including harmonized signal names, or generic sensor types.

# Supported imc measurement device groups

A device belonging to the firmware group B - e.g. imc ARGUSfit, imc EOS.

# **System requirements**

- Browser: an up-to-date browser
- Cell phone operating system: Android 5 or higher, or IOS 10.3 or higher (find details in your respective app store)
- Cell phone: NFC-enabled or barcode/QR code enabled, depending on application
- imc STUDIO 2023 R3 or higher
- Connection to the internet with access to the imc SIMPLEX server

### Licensing

Licensing is independent of imc STUDIO and the imc LICENSE Manager.

- Separate licenses are required for imc SIMPLEX, which cover the use of the cloud services and the imc SIMPLEX Assistant.
- The license model is a subscription that is activated or renewed by paying an annual fee.
- Licensing involves creating user accounts on the imc SIMPLEX server. Upon order, the number of allowable user accounts is specified. Later extensions are supported.
- A user account includes the authorization to log in to the imc SIMPLEX server via the mobile app, the
  website and via imc STUDIO. In addition, depending on the configured user role, it allows the configuration
  and/or readout of sensor information. A user account is not bound to specific devices.

• The installation of the mobile app and the imc STUDIO plug-in are license-free. However, their meaningful use requires log-in with a licensed user account.

# 2.1 Administration

Along with access to an imc SIMPLEX-database, you obtain a user account having administrator rights.

### Initial setup of the database and of the administrator

If the database had already been used previously, the following steps are not required.

To begin with, setup of the database is performed. For this purpose, a license card ships with the system.



The license card contains a QR-code for registration. Open the link behind the QR-code and enter the info about the database and the Admin-user.

The database is created using the info entered and can now be used.

License card

The following actions are performed in the imc SIMPLEX Assistant. To do this, open the imc SIMPLEX <a href="https://simplex-assistant.imc-tm.com">https://simplex-assistant.imc-tm.com</a>

Login as the Admin-user.

In the role of this user, you can set up additional users.

### **User roles**

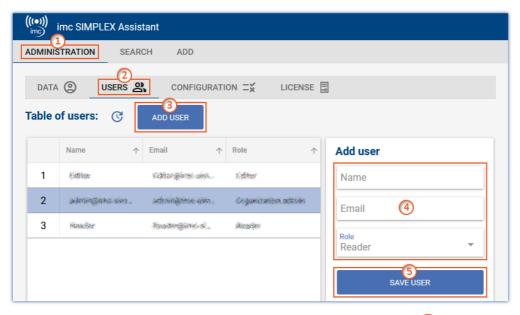
In order to use imc SIMPLEX, each user requires a user account. For this purpose, various user roles having various privileges are available:

Function	Reader	Editor	Admin
Sensor reading	•	•	•
Sensor assignment to channel	•	•	•
RFID scanning	•	•	•
Sensor setup		•	•
Sensor editing		•	•
Sensor deletion		•	•
User setup			•
User role editing			•

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### **Creating a user**

Open "Administration" > "Users" > "Add user"

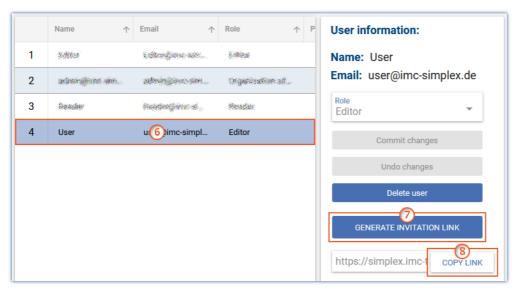


Enter the new user's name and e-mail address and specify their role  $\bigcirc$ 4. You can also change the role subsequently.

By means of the e-mail address, the user can later log in to imc SIMPLEX.

Click on "Save user" (5) to create the new user.

The new user then appears in the list. Select that user 6.



Click on the button "Generate invitation link" (7).

Next, click on the button "Copy link" (8). This copies the invitation link to the Clipboard.

By means of the link, the user can assign a password if desired. The link is valid for 4 weeks, after which a new link must be generated.

Send this link to the user.

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#### License

Open "Administration" > "License".

Here, important information on your database and on the status of your license is displayed.

Term	Description
Organization name	Name of the database
License ID	Internal number of the license
Status	Active: The database can be used at this time. The status is set to passive once the expiration date has been reached. Please arrange to renew your license in a timely manner.
Licensed users	The maximum user count. This number depends on how many you order. You can increase the number ordered at any time.
Expiration date	Date on which the database is deactivated. Please arrange to renew your license in a timely manner.

# 2.2 Opening the Web- and App-Assistant

The imc SIMPLEX-Assistant can be opened via a web browser. Or, you can use the app on your cell phone.

#### **Browser**

Use the following link:

https://simplex-assistant.imc-tm.com

Or open the tool window imc SIMPLEX 14 in imc STUDIO. From there, you can go to the Options by clicking the button 💮 . In the Options, you will find the button "Create and edit sensors". Also use this to access the website

Log on with your e-mail address and password.

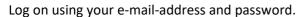
### **App**

Search in the respective app-store for imc SIMPLEX. Then install the app.

**Android** 









Activation under imc STUDIO Chapter 2

## 2.3 Activation under imc STUDIO

### **Activating the component**

Start by activating imc SIMPLEX by means of the Product configurator, in order to make it appear in the software.

### Logging on the user

Open the imc STUDIO Options.

Ribbon	View
Extra > Options (🍘)	all

Navigate in the Options to "Setup" > "SIMPLEX options".

Log on using your e-mail address and password.

Close the Options and apply the changes.

### Showing the tool window

In the main Setup window, the tool window "imc SIMPLEX" will now appear in the lower region next to the logbook.

If you use an existing database from an older version of imc STUDIO, it is possible that the tool window will not appear automatically. In order to make it appear, use the dialog: "Choose tool windows":

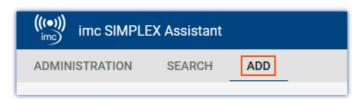
Ribbon	View
View > Choose Tool Windows ( )	Complete
Extra > Choose Tool Windows ( )	Standard

# 3 Setting up and configuring a sensor

The following actions are performed in the imc SIMPLEX Assistant. To do this, open the imc SIMPLEX homepage 13 in the browser: https://simplex-assistant.imc-tm.com

### Setting up a sensor

On the web interface, open the tab: "Add".



Use the buttons having their various symbols to page through the configuration, beginning with the Measurement Type. The next symbol-buttons only become enabled once the area currently open has been configured completely.

Each measurement type has different configuration possibilities. Thus under "Sensor" for example, different settings are available for a temperature measurement than for a pressure measurement.

### **Compatible measurement modules & systems**

In the notification box "Compatible Modules & Systems", a list of all devices and modules which support the current configuration is presented.



### **Configuring the sensor**

Symbol	Description	
Measurement	The sensor can be completely configured using the symbols "Measurement", "Sensor", —— "Calibration" and "Digitization". These settings directly affect the channel configuration and	
((•)) Sensor	thus the measurement results.	
Calibration	Be aware that the settings must be made for each of these areas proceeding from left to right. If any changes are made, all settings in areas located further to the right are discarded. Example: If you make any changes under "Sensor", all settings under "Calibration" and "Digitization" are discarded.	
Digitization		

# "General" and "Identification"

Symbo	ol	Description
		Signal name: takes effect on "Channel Name"
	General - Test specimen	<ul> <li>Comment 1, 2, 3: takes effect on "Channel Comment". If this is filled out, the texts appearing in the channel comments are written in succession, divided by the character ".".</li> </ul>
		Image: not applied by the channel
		Last calibration date: date when the sensor was last calibrated
	General - Sensor	<ul> <li>Calibration interval: the interval at which repeat calibrations must be performed. The Sensors overview presents an indication of whether the calibration is still valid and for how long.</li> </ul>
		Sensor supplier: information for identifying the sensor
		Sensor name: information for identifying the sensor
	Identification - Sensor	<ul> <li>Sensor range lower limit: affects "Curve Properties" &gt; "Min"</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Sensor range upper limit: affects "Curve Properties" &gt; "Max"</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Sensor order no.: if present - for purposes of simplified reordering</li> </ul>
		Sensor serial no.: information for identifying the sensor
ID	Identification - RFID/QR	• imc SIMPLEX Tag I, II, III: RFID-tag - You can join existing RFID-tags to the sensor, or write your own numbers to an RFID by means of an appropriate mobile app. If you have multiple sensors of the same kind, you can assign the same tag to all of the RFIDs. For instance, use an appropriate mobile app to import the tag from the RFID and enter the number here. See also: "Create/dissolve link between RFID-tag with the imc SIMPLEX-app 17"."
		TEDS ID: is currently not in use
		• imc ID: automatically assigned unique ID. Is required for describing RFIDs.

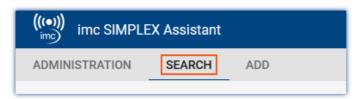
# Checking the sensor and adopting it into the database

Symbol	Description
Check	Once the sensor has been completely configured, the button "Check" causes an overview to be displayed. Additionally, the data are checked.
CHECK	If the entries are correct, configuration can be concluded by clicking on the button "Save data in imc SIMPLEX DB" and the sensor is then adopted into the database.

The sensor is now available to all users of the database.

## **Editing a sensor**

Open the "Search" tab on the web interface:



A list of all sensors appears.

In the table, select the sensor 1 which you wish to edit.

Click on the pencil icon, or the "Edit" button  $\bigcirc$ .



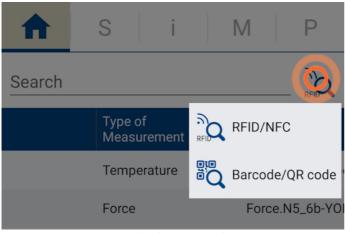
You can now change any parameters present.

# 3.1 RFID/NFC or barcode/QR code - link/release with the app

### **Prerequisites:**

- An NFC-enabled cell phone or barcode/QR code enabled
- The imc SIMPLEX app | 13 app is running on the cell phone.
- You are logged into the system with appropriate <u>user roles</u> 11.

### Toggling between modes: "RFID/NFC" and "Barcode/QR code"



Toggling between modes Click and hold the Sensor-Scan icon

- Click and hold the Sensor-Scan icon.
- A selection menu appears in which you can select the scan-method:
  - RFID/NFC
  - Barcode/QR code
- Select the scan-method desired.

### **Link with RFID tag**



- Ensure that "NFC" is activated on the cell phone.
- Select the target sensor in the app.
- Click on the Sensor-Scan symbol
- Scan the RFID chip.

If the RFID tag has not yet been assigned to a sensor, you will be asked if you want the "tag" to be assigned to the last sensor you selected.

If confirmed, the RFID tag will be linked to the sensor.

### Link with barcode/QR code tag



- Select the target sensor in the app.
- Click on the Sensor-Scan symbol
- Scan the code with the cell phone's camera.

If the tag has not yet been assigned to a sensor, you will be asked if you want the "tag" to be assigned to the last sensor you selected.

If confirmed, the tag will be linked to the sensor.

### **Removing the Tag-assignment**

If the tag was incorrectly assigned, it can be removed again using the app. To do this, **hold the green tag** on the "S" **side for a little longer** and confirm removal when prompted.

# 4 Applying the sensor configuration to the channel

In the "imc SIMPLEX" tool window, all information on the sensors present is displayed.

In order to assign a sensor's information and configurations to a channel, use Drag&Drop to drag the sensor to the appropriate channel. The configurations saved in the sensor are applied to the channel configuration.

If the target channel does not support the sensor, the mouse cursor symbol becomes the circle-backslash "prohibited" symbol. In the column "Compatible modules and systems", all modules are listed which are able to use the respective sensor.

# 5 Scan sensor via mobile phone

If the sensor is equipped with an RFID, bar code or QR-code, and this code is entered as a tag, it can be scanned using the app. imc STUDIO (tool window: "imc SIMPLEX") automatically filters for this "Tag". Only the sensor that was scanned last is displayed. You can then easily move it by means of Drag&Drop to the channel which is to measure with that sensor.

The filtering can be removed at any time.

The user who is logged on sets up the connection between imc STUDIO and the app. The same user must be logged on in both devices.

# 6 Information and tips



**FAQ** 

### Question: can multiple sensors be linked with an imc SIMPLEX-sensor?

**Answer:** Yes. There are two different ways.

- Using different tags: It is possible to linked up to 3 tags with an imc SIMPLEX-sensor.
- Using one tag with multiple sensors: It is possible to link one and the same tag with multiple sensors.
  - This is accomplished relatively easily with Barcodes/QR codes by means of multiple clicks.
  - When using RFID-chips, an app for writing to RFIDs is required, as well as writable RFIDs. In this
    way, it is possible to link any number of chips with the same tag.
     Search the app-store for "nfc tag writer". There you will find a variety of apps, including some for
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