

# ETAS Data Operator V1.3



## User Guide

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Intended use

ETAS Data Operator software is designed to streamline the preprocessing of measurement files, ensuring consistency and uniformity in the data preparation process. The intuitive graphical user interface allows users to easily perform quality checks, conversions, resampling, and trimming of measurement data. This software is particularly beneficial when dealing with a large number of files that need to be processed uniformly, as it eliminates the risk of non-identical results that can occur when using different preprocessing tools. By validating and preparing data in a uniform manner, ETAS Data Operator facilitates efficient processing of measurement data recorded in different formats and unknown states.

## 1.2 Target group

This product is intended for trained and qualified personnel involved in the development and calibration of automotive ECUs. The content is tailored to meet the specific needs of individuals with expertise in handling measurement files in the automotive sector.

## 1.3 Classification of Safety Messages

Safety messages warn of dangers that can lead to personal injury or damage to property:



### **DANGER**

**DANGER** indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



### **WARNING**

**WARNING** indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



### **CAUTION**

**CAUTION** indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

### **NOTICE**

**NOTICE** indicates a situation that, if not avoided, could result in damage to physical property.

### **ATTENTION**

**ATTENTION** indicates a situation that, if not avoided, could result in damage to digital property like data loss, data corruption and system vulnerability.

## 1.4 Safety Advice

Adhere to the ETAS Safety Advice for Data Operator V1.3, which is available within the Data Operator product. ETAS GmbH cannot be made liable for damage that is caused by incorrect use and not adhering to the safety instructions. Take all information on environmental conditions into consideration before setup and operation (see the documentation of your computer, hardware, etc.).

## 1.5 Data protection

If the product contains functions that process personal data, legal requirements of data protection and data privacy laws shall be complied with by the customer. As the data controller, the customer usually designs subsequent processing. Therefore, he must check if the protective measures are sufficient.

## 1.6 Data and information security

To securely handle data in the context of this product, see the next sections about data and storage locations as well as technical and organizational measures.

### 1.6.1 Data and storage locations

The following sections give information about data and their respective storage locations for various use cases.

### 1.6.1.1 License management

When using the ETAS License Manager in combination with user-based licenses that are managed on the FNP license server within the customer's network, the following data are stored for license management purposes:

#### Data

- Communication data: IP address
- User data: Windows user ID

#### Storage location

- FNP license server log files on the customer network

When using the ETAS License Manager in combination with host-based licenses that are provided as FNE machine-based licenses, the following data are stored for license management purposes:

#### Data

- Activation data: Activation ID
  - Used only for license activation, but not continuously during license usage

#### Storage location

- FNE trusted storage  
C:\ProgramData\ETAS\FlexNet\fne\license\ts

### 1.6.2 Technical and organizational measures

We recommend that your IT department takes appropriate technical and organizational measures, such as classic theft protection and access protection to hardware and software.

## 1.7 Licensing

A valid license is required to use the software. You can obtain a license in one of the following ways:

- from your tool coordinator
- via the self-service portal on the ETAS website at [www.etas.com/support/licensing](http://www.etas.com/support/licensing)
- via the ETAS License Manager

To activate the license, you must enter the Activation ID that you received from ETAS during the ordering process.

For more information about ETAS license management, see the [ETAS License Management FAQ](#) or the ETAS License Manager help.

[To open the ETAS License Manager help](#)

The ETAS License Manager is available on your computer after the installation of any ETAS software.

1. From the Windows Start menu, select **E > ETAS > ETAS License Manager**.

The ETAS License Manager opens.

2. Click in the ETAS License Manager window and press F1.

The ETAS License Manager help opens.

### 1.7.1 License Variants

Each license has its own purchase number and must be ordered separately.

#### **DATAOPERATOR\_GUI**

Allows you to start and use the Data Operator graphic user interface (GUI).

#### **DATAOPERATOR\_WORKER**

Required for the background process used for data conversion. Each job that is run binds one worker license. If you want to run multiple jobs at the same time, multiple worker licenses are required.



## 2 Installation

### [2.1 System Requirements](#)

### [2.2 Installing](#)

### [2.3 Uninstalling](#)

## 2.1 System Requirements

The following minimum system prerequisites have to be met:

Required hardware	1,0 GHz PC 4 GB RAM Graphics with a resolution of at least 1024 x 768, 32 MB RAM
Required operating system	Windows® 10, Windows® 11
Required free disk space	1 GB (not including the size for application data)

The following system prerequisites are recommended:

Required hardware	2,0 GHz Dual-Core PC or equivalent 32 GB RAM Graphics with a resolution of 1680 x 1050, 128 MB RAM
Required operating system	Windows® 10, Windows® 11
Required free disk space	>2,0 GB

## 2.2 Installing

1. Navigate to the location of the Data Operator X.X x64.exe and double-click it.  
The installation wizard opens.
2. Select the **Destination Folder** for the Data Operator installation.  
Click **Browse** to browse for the destination folder.
3. Click **Install**.
4. After the installation is finished, select whether to directly run Data Oper-

ator by activating/deactivating the **Run Data Operator** checkbox.

5. Click **Finish**.

⇒ The installation is completed. You can now use Data Operator:

## 2.3 Uninstalling

1. Navigate to the Data Operator installation folder.

2. Double-click `Uninstall DataOperatorX.X.exe`.

The uninstall wizard opens.

3. Click **Uninstall**.

4. After the uninstallation is finished, click **Finish**.

⇒ The uninstallation is completed.

## 3 Quick start guide

### Start a job

1. In the **Sources** step of the **Create job** tab, [add files](#) or [add a folder](#) to the job.
  2. (Optional) "[Add operations to the job](#)" on [page 13](#) you want to perform to the measurement files
  3. In the **Destination** step, select the [destination format and folder](#) and click **Start job**.
- ⇒ The job starts. You can track its progress in the [Jobs progress](#) tab.

## 4 Working with Data Operator

This chapter describes the individual steps and operations available in the **Create job** view, where you define how your measurement data should be processed—from input selection to output configuration.

To import a previously saved configuration and restore all settings and operations, use the **Import configuration** button. See also, "[Export a configuration](#)" on page 23.




### [4.1 Add files](#)

### [4.2 Add a folder](#)



### [4.3 Add operations to the job](#)

### [4.4 Start the job](#)

## 4.1 Add files

1. In the **Sources** step, click  **Add files**.
2. In the file selection dialog, select the files you want to add to the job.  
Supported file formats:  
\*.a2l, \*.ascii, \*.dat, \*.dxl, \*.mat, \*.mf4, \*.mock, \*.mrf, \*.parquet, \*.tsv, and \*.dia.  
The validity of MF4 files is automatically checked upon adding. The **Valid** column displays a green check mark for valid files and a red cross for corrupt ones.
3. Click **Open**.  
All selected files are added to the job will be processed.
4. To remove individual files from the list, use .
5. To remove all added files and folders, use .

## 4.2 Add a folder

1. In the **Sources** step, click  **Add folder**.
2. In the folder selection dialog, select the folder you want to add to the job.
3. Click **Select Folder**.  
The folder is added as an expandable section in the sources list.
4. To validate all MF4 files in the folder, click .

The **Valid** column displays a green check mark for valid files and a red cross for corrupt ones.

5. To filter the files in the folder, expand the folder section and use the **File selection filter** input field.


Use \* as a wildcard for multiple characters and ? for single characters.


For more complex filters, use regular expressions in [ES6 format](#).


6. To create a subfolder for the output files of this folder, enter a name in the **Output sub path** input field.

7. To validate the filtered MF4 files, click .


The **Valid** column displays a green check mark for valid files and a red cross for corrupt ones.

8. To update the folder contents (e.g., if files have been added or removed externally), click .

9. To remove the folder from the sources list, use .

10. To remove all added files and folders, use .

## 4.3 Add operations to the job


1. In the **Add operation** step, select an operation from the drop-down list.
  2. Click .
- ⇒ The selected operation is added to the job.

The following operations can be added to the job:

### 4.3.1 Filter signals

Filtering signals requires a LAB file that lists the signals you want to keep.

To create such a file using Data Operator, see "[Creating a LAB file for filtering signals](#)" on page 21.

1. In the **Filter** step, click .
2. In the file selection dialog, select the LAB file you want to use for filtering.
3. Click **Open**.

### 4.3.2 Resample data

You can define a new sampling rate, which can effectively reduce the file size.

1. In the **Resample** step, enter a positive value in the **Resampling period** input field.
2. Select the time unit from the drop-down list.

### 4.3.3 Trim files

Files can be trimmed at a single time step by using only one input field, or at two time steps by filling in both fields. If a field is left empty, the original start or end of the file is used by default.

1. In the **Trim/Cut** step, enter a positive value in the **Start** and/or **End** input field.

The file is cut after the specified time step relative to the start time of the measurement file.

2. To select the unit, use the drop-down list.

### 4.3.4 Combine files

You can combine multiple files into a single output file.

There are two modes available:

#### Merge

Merge files based on their timestamps and align them on a common timeline.

1. In the **Combine** step, select **Merge**.
2. Select whether to **Keep** or to **Reduce** the gap between data.
3. If you select **Reduce**, you must define a **Fixed gap** and a **Gap threshold**. To select the unit, use the drop-down list.
  - **Gap threshold:** Gaps equal to or larger than this value will be reduced.
  - **Fixed gap:** Specifies the new gap size to apply to gaps that meet or exceed the threshold.

#### Append

Append files one after another into a single file.

1. In the **Combine** step, select **Append**.
2. Select the order in which files are combined:
  - **Creation time:** Based on the creation time of each file.
  - **Sequence:** Based on the order files were added in the **Source** step.
3. In the **Fixed gap** input field, enter the time gap to insert between files. To select the unit, use the drop-down list.

### 4.3.5 Slice data by duration

Files can be divided into time-based slices of a defined duration.

1. In the **Duration slice** step, enter a positive value in the **Duration** input field to define the length of each slice.
2. To select the unit, use the drop-down list.

#### 4.3.6 Slice data by condition

Files can be divided into rule-based slices with user-defined conditions.

1. In the **Rule based slice** step, enter a Python expression that returns a boolean value (true or false).

**Example:** `vehicleSpeed > 50`

#### 4.3.7 Annotate GPS

GPS data can be annotated with information retrieved from © OpenStreetMap.

1. In the **Longitude signal name** input field, enter the exact name of your longitude signal.
2. In the **Latitude signal name** input field, enter the exact name of your latitude signal.
3. Under **Annotation types**, select the annotations you want to add to your data.

See also, "[Annotate GPS](#)" on page 32.

#### 4.3.8 Shift signal time

Apply a time offset to specific signals to align them with other data.

1. In the **Signal list** input field of the **Time shift signals** step, enter the names of the signals to shift.  
Separate multiple signal names with semicolons (;).
2. In the **Time offset** input field, enter the time value to shift the signals.  
Use a positive value to delay the signals or a negative value to shift them earlier.
3. To select the unit, use the drop-down list.


#### 4.3.9 Map signals

Create a new signal using values from a list of candidate signals, selected in order of priority.



1. In the **Mapped signal name** input field of the **Signal mapping** step, enter a name for the new signal.
2. In the **Candidate signal** section, define one or more source signals:

- i. In the **Signal name** input field, enter the name of the original signal to map from.
- ii. (Optional) In the **Device** input field, enter the name of the device the signal belongs to.

The first matching signal from the list is used.

3. Click  to add additional signals to the priority list.

Signals are evaluated from top to bottom.

4. To remove a candidate signal entry, click .
5. To define additional mapped signals, each with its own candidate list, click .

#### 4.3.10 Calculate signals

Add a new signal by defining a formula based on existing signal data.

1. In the **Calculated signal name** input field of the **Calculated signals** step, enter a name for the new signal to be created.
2. In the **Formula** input field, enter a formula using existing signal names:
  - The formula uses Python syntax.
  - NumPy functions are available and can be used in the formula via the np prefix.

**Example:** `np.sqrt(signal_name)`

For a list of available functions, refer to the [NumPy math function documentation](#).



#### Note

The result of the formula must have the same length as the input signals.

Modifying time values or sampling is not supported within formulas.

3. To define another calculated signal, click .



## 4.4 Start the job

When you are satisfied with all the settings made in the **Operations** steps, you can start the job.



1. In the **Destination** step, select a **Format family** from the drop-down list.
2. Select a **Format** the corresponding drop-down list.

The available formats depend on the format family.

3. To select the destination folder, click .
  4. In the folder selection dialog, select the destination folder.
  5. Click **Select Folder**.
  6. Select an option to handle naming conflicts in the destination folder:
    - **Keep both/Resolve conflicts**: Keeps all files by appending a numeric suffix (e.g., \_1, \_2, etc.) to the new file name. The number increases automatically to avoid overwriting existing files.
    - **Overwrite existing**: Overwrites existing files with the same name.
  7. (Optional) In the **Output file prefix** and/or **suffix** input fields, enter custom text to add to the output file names.
  8. (Optional) Activate any of the following checkboxes:
    - **Copy MDF4 events**: Only relevant if both the source and destination file formats are MDF4. Copies the events from the source to the target MDF4 file.
    - **Detect duplicates**: Detects duplicate signals in measurement files. The results of this operation can be found in the job log.
    - **Export configuration**: Saves the configuration with all settings as JSON file to the destination folder. It can be used with the [Data Operator CLI](#) or imported back into Data Operator, see "[Import a configuration](#)" on page 23.
  9. Click .
- ⇒ The job starts. You can track its progress in the [Jobs progress](#) tab.

## 5 CLI guide

The Command Line Interface (CLI) allows automated data processing with Data Operator.

It is especially useful for incorporating tasks such as automatic filtering and resampling of measurement data into CI/CD pipelines or other automation workflows.



### Note

A valid **DATAOPERATOR\_WORKER** license is required during processing when using the CLI functionality of Data Operator.

### 5.1 Working with the CLI

The commands available in the Data Operator CLI are described in the ["Commands" on the next page](#) section.

To use the CLI, you must first create a configuration using the Data Operator GUI application.

#### *Generate a workflow*

1. In Data Operator make your desired settings as described in ["Working with Data Operator" on page 12](#).
  2. In the **Destination** step, activate the **Export configuration** checkbox.
  3. Click **Start job**.
- ⇒ The configuration is saved as JSON file to the destination folder.

#### *Open Data Operator with PowerShell*

1. Open the Data Operator installation folder.
  2. Click in the address bar at the top of the file explorer.
  3. Type `powershell` and press ENTER.  
PowerShell opens in the current directory.
  4. To start Data Operator CLI, enter:  
`.\DataOperatorCLI.exe`
- ⇒ You can now use Data Operator CLI.

#### *Open Data Operator with Command Prompt (cmd)*

1. Open the Data Operator installation folder.
2. Click in the address bar at the top of the file explorer.
3. Type `cmd` and press ENTER.

Cmd opens in the current directory.

4. To start Data Operator CLI, enter:

```
DataOperatorCLI.exe
```

⇒ You can now use Data Operator CLI.

### *Run commands with PowerShell*

```
.\DataOperatorCLI.exe run [command]
```

#### **EXAMPLE**

```
.\DataOperatorCLI.exe run --help
```

### *Run commands with cmd*

```
DataOperatorCLI.exe run [command]
```

#### **EXAMPLE**

```
DataOperatorCLI.exe run --help
```

## 5.2 Commands

### **-h/--help**

Displays all available commands along with their descriptions.

### **-v/--version**

Outputs the current version number of Data Operator.

### **-d/--destination <path>**

Sets the output path where the processed data will be saved.

### **-s/--source <path>**

Specifies the path to the source file or folder to be processed.

### **-w/--workflow <path>**

Specifies the path to the configuration file (\*.js) you want to use.



#### **Note**

If a path contains spaces, enclose it in double quotation marks.

**EXAMPLE**

```
DataOperatorCLI.exe run -w C:\your\path\example.js -s  
"C:\your\source\file or folder" -d C:\y-  
our\destination\path
```

## 6 Use cases

### [6.1 Creating a LAB file for filtering signals](#)

### [6.2 Validating MF4 files](#)

### [6.3 Working with signals with device names](#)



### [6.4 Exporting and importing a configuration](#)

### [6.5 Searching for events using rule-based slicing](#)

## 6.1 Creating a LAB file for filtering signals

If you want to filter signals from a measurement file, you need a LAB file containing only the signals you want to keep (see ["Filter signals" on page 13](#)).


To create such a LAB file with Data Operator, follow the steps below.

1. In the **Sources** step of the **Create job** tab, [add the measurement files](#) whose signals you want to filter later.
  2. In the **Destination** step, select **LabFile** from the **Format family** drop-down list.
  3. From the **Format** drop-down list, select any LAB file format.
  4. Select the destination folder with .
  5. Click .
 


The LAB file is saved to the selected folder.
  6. In the Jobs progress tab, click Open destination folder for the respective job.
  7. Open the LAB file in a text editor of your choice (e.g., Notepad++).
  8. Delete the signals you want to remove from the measurement file later.
  9. Save the LAB file.
- ⇒ You can now use the created LAB file to filter the signals from your measurement files using the [Filter signals](#) operation.

## 6.2 Validating MF4 files

Check the validity of single MF4 files

1. In the **Sources** step, click .
  2. In the file selection dialog, choose the MF4 files you want to check.
- ⇒ Each file is automatically validated upon upload. The result is shown in the **Valid** column. A green check mark indicates a valid file, while a red cross indicates a corrupt one.


### Check the validity of MF4 files of a whole folder

1. In the **Sources** step, click .
2. In the folder selection dialog, choose the folder containing the MF4 files you want to check.





#### Note

If a filter is applied, only the visible (filtered) files in the folder are validated.

3. To validate all files in the folder, click .
- ⇒ The files are validated. The results are shown in the **Valid** column. A green check mark indicates a valid file, while a red cross indicates a corrupt one.

## 6.3 Working with signals with device names

Signals that include a device name are not supported in most processing steps. To work with such signals, you must first create a mapped signal without the device reference using the **Signal Mapping** step.

1. In the **Sources** step of the **Create job** tab, add the measurement file that contains the signals with device names.
  2. In the **Add operation** step, select **Signal mapping** from the drop-down list and click .
  3. In the **Signal mapping** step, go to the **Mapped signal name** input field and enter a name for the new signal.
  4. In the **Candidate signal** section:
    - i. In the **Signal name** input field, enter the name of the original signal.
    - ii. In the **Device** input field, enter the name of the device the signal belongs to.
  5. (Optional) To add another mapping, click  and repeat from step 2.
  6. In the **Destination** step, select the [destination format and folder](#), then click **Start job**.
- ⇒ The file containing the mapped signals without device names is saved to the destination folder. [Add this file](#) to a new job to use the signals in subsequent processing steps.

## 6.4 Exporting and importing a configuration


You can export a job configuration to reuse the same processing setup later or import an existing configuration to restore all job settings and operations.

An exported configuration file is also required to work with the [Data Operator CLI](#).

### Export a configuration

1. In the **Sources** step of the **Create job** tab, [add a file](#) to the job.
  2. ["Add operations to the job" on page 13](#) that you want to export to the configuration file.
  3. In the **Destination** step, activate the **Export configuration** checkbox.
  4. Set the [destination format and folder](#) and click **Start job**.
- ⇒ The configuration file is saved as JSON file in the selected destination folder.


### Import a configuration

1. At the top of the **Create job** tab, click .
  2. In the file selection dialog, select a previously saved configuration file (\*.json).
- ⇒ All operations and settings defined in the configuration are restored.

## 6.5 Searching for events using rule-based slicing

If you want to search for specific events or conditions in your measurement data, you can use the **Rule based slice** operation.

This allows you to define logical expressions that isolate only the relevant parts of your data.

1. In the **Sources** step of the **Create job** tab, [add the measurement files](#) that contain the data you want to search.
2. In the **Add operation** step, select **Rule based slice** from the drop-down list and click .

3. In the **Condition** field, enter a Python expression that evaluates to true for rows that match your desired condition.

**Example:** `vehicleSpeed > 50 and brakePressure > 0`

4. In the **Destination** step, select the [destination format and folder](#), then click **Start job**.
5. Once the job is finished, got to the **Jobs progress** tab.
6. On the respective job card, click **Open destination folder**.

- ⇒ You can now review only the data segments where the defined condition was met – for example, to analyze specific events such as braking during high-speed driving.



## 7 User interface

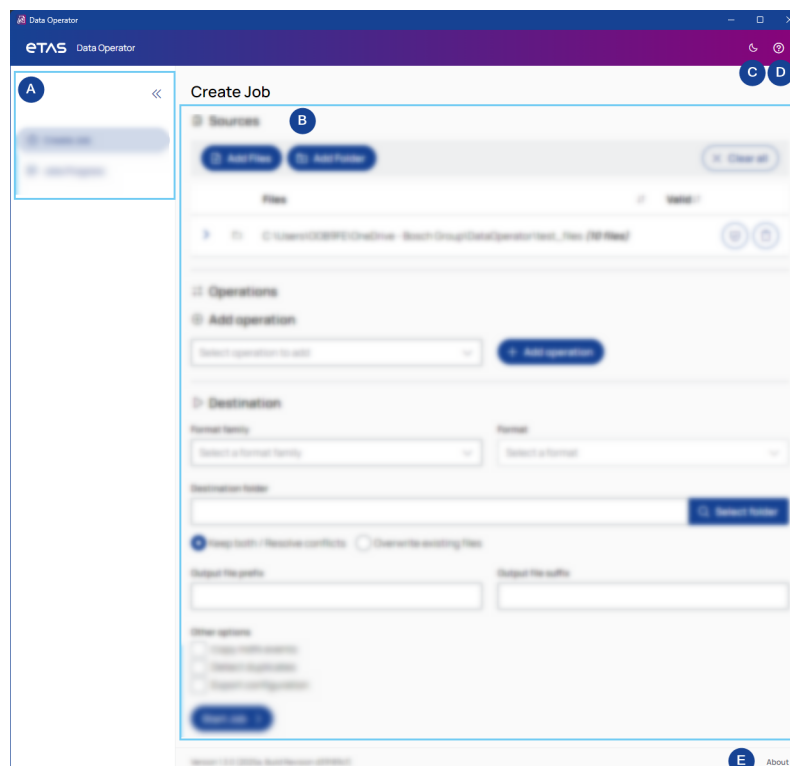
### [7.1 Main window](#)

### [7.2 Create job](#)

### [7.3 Destination](#)

### [7.4 Jobs progress](#)

## 7.1 Main window



### A. Navigation sidebar

Use the navigation sidebar to switch between job creation and job progress tabs.

To expand or collapse the sidebar, click the arrows in the top-right corner.

### B. Content

Displays the main content, depending on the selected view.

### C. Dark/Light mode

To toggle between light and dark mode, click the sun/moon in the top right corner.

### D. Help

Opens the PDF User Guide.

#### E. **About**

Shows the meta data of the app.

## 7.2 Create job

The **Create job** view provides a centralized interface for adding sources, selecting operations, and configuring destination settings such as file format and output folder.

 **Import configuration**

Import a previously saved configuration to restore all settings and operations. See also, "[Export a configuration](#)" on page 23.

 **Reset job**

Resets the current job. All settings are cleared, and all added files and folders are removed.

The following settings can be made to the job:

### 7.2.1 Sources

### 7.2.2 Operations

7.2.2.1 Filter signals

7.2.2.2 Resample

7.2.2.3 Trim/Cut

7.2.2.4 Combine

7.2.2.5 Duration slice

7.2.2.6 Rule based slice

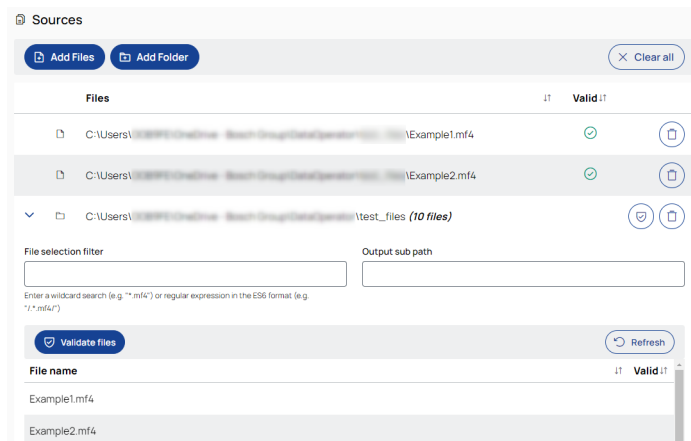
7.2.2.7 Annotate GPS

7.2.2.8 Time shift signals

7.2.2.9 Signal mapping

7.2.2.10 Calculated signals

## 7.2.1 Sources



### Add files

Opens a file selection dialog to choose files to add to the job.  
See also, "[Add files](#)" on page 12.

### Add folder

Opens a folder selection dialog to choose a folder to add to the job.  
See also, "[Add a folder](#)" on page 12.

### Clear all

Removes all added files and folders from the job.

## Files

Lists all files in the job, sorted by most recently added.

To sort the list alphabetically, ascending or descending, click the column header.

## Valid

This column shows whether an MF4 file is valid or corrupt.

A green check mark indicates a valid file, while a red cross indicates a corrupt one.



Validates all MF4 files in the folder.

A green check mark indicates a valid file, while a red cross indicates a corrupt one.

Single files are validated during upload.

When a filter is applied, only the visible (filtered) files are validated.



Removes the file from the job.



Refreshes the folder. Updates changes made to the folder outside the application.

## 7.2.2 Operations

The screenshot shows a panel titled "Operations" with a plus icon and a minus icon. Below the title is a button labeled "Add operation" with a plus icon. Underneath is a text input field with the placeholder text "Select operation to add" and a downward arrow. To the right of the input field is a blue button labeled "+ Add operation".

### Add operation

To select a processing step (operation) to include in the job, use the drop-down list.



After selecting an operation, click the Add operation button to add it to the job.

The following operations can be added to the job:

[7.2.2.1 Filter signals](#)

[7.2.2.2 Resample](#)

[7.2.2.3 Trim/Cut](#)

[7.2.2.4 Combine](#)

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[7.2.2.8 Time shift signals](#)

[7.2.2.9 Signal mapping](#)

[7.2.2.10 Calculated signals](#)

### 7.2.2.1 Filter signals

The screenshot shows a panel titled "Filter signals" with a plus icon and a minus icon. Below the title is a text input field with the placeholder text "Lab file for filtering signals". To the right of the input field is a blue button labeled "Select file".

 **Select file**

Opens a file selection dialog where you can select the LAB file to be used for filtering the signals.

Alternatively, you can type the path in the input field.

To create a LAB file for filtering signals with Data Operator, see "[Creating a LAB file for filtering signals](#)" on page 21.



To remove the operation from the job, click the trash can button.

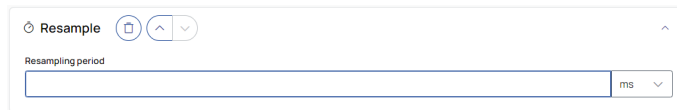


To move the operation up or down in the job sequence, use the arrow buttons next to the trash can icon.



To expand or collapse the operation, click the arrow in the top-right corner of the operation panel.

### 7.2.2.2 Resample



The screenshot shows the 'Resample' operation panel. It has a title bar with a trash can icon, up/down arrows, and an expand/collapse arrow. Below the title bar, there is a label 'Resampling period' followed by a text input field and a unit dropdown menu currently set to 'ms'.

#### Resampling period

Enter a positive integer to define the resampling period. To select the unit, use the drop-down list.



To remove the operation from the job, click the trash can button.

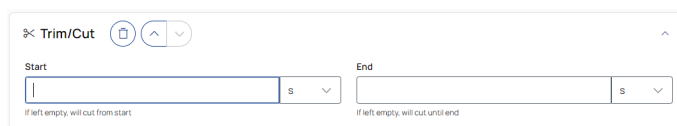


To move the operation up or down in the job sequence, use the arrow buttons next to the trash can icon.



To expand or collapse the operation, click the arrow in the top-right corner of the operation panel.

### 7.2.2.3 Trim/Cut



The screenshot shows the 'Trim/Cut' operation panel. It has a title bar with a trash can icon, up/down arrows, and an expand/collapse arrow. Below the title bar, there are two input fields: 'Start' and 'End'. Each field has a unit dropdown menu set to 's'. Below the 'Start' field, there is a small text note: 'If left empty, will cut from start.' Below the 'End' field, there is a small text note: 'If left empty, will cut until end.'

**Note**

Files can be trimmed at a single time step by using only one input field, or at two time steps by filling in both fields. If a field is left empty, the original start or end of the file is used by default.

**Start**

Enter a positive value to define the start point of the trimmed file. To select the unit, use the drop-down list.

**End**

Enter a positive value to define the end point of the trimmed file. To select the unit, use the drop-down list.



To remove the operation from the job, click the trash can button.



To move the operation up or down in the job sequence, use the arrow buttons next to the trash can icon.



To expand or collapse the operation, click the arrow in the top-right corner of the operation panel.

**7.2.2.4 Combine**
**Combination****Append**

Appends all files in the job sequentially into a single output file.

**Order**

**Creation time:** Appends files based on the creation time of the measurement files.

**Sequence:** Appends files in the order they were added in the **Source** step.

## Fixed gap

Inserts a fixed time gap between the appended files. To select the unit, use the drop-down list.

## Merge

Merges the data from the job's files into a single file based on their timestamps on a shared timeline.

## Gap

**Keep:** Keeps the original gaps between files unchanged.

**Reduce:** Reduces gaps based on the following settings.

- **Gap threshold:** Gaps equal to or larger than this value will be reduced. To select the unit, use the drop-down list.
- **Fixed gap:** Specifies the new gap size to apply to gaps that meet or exceed the threshold. To select the unit, use the drop-down list.



To remove the operation from the job, click the trash can button.

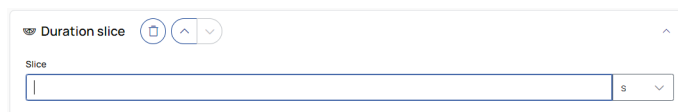


To move the operation up or down in the job sequence, use the arrow buttons next to the trash can icon.



To expand or collapse the operation, click the arrow in the top-right corner of the operation panel.

### 7.2.2.5 Duration slice



## Slice

Enter a positive integer to define the duration of each data slice. To select the unit, use the drop-down list.



To remove the operation from the job, click the trash can button.

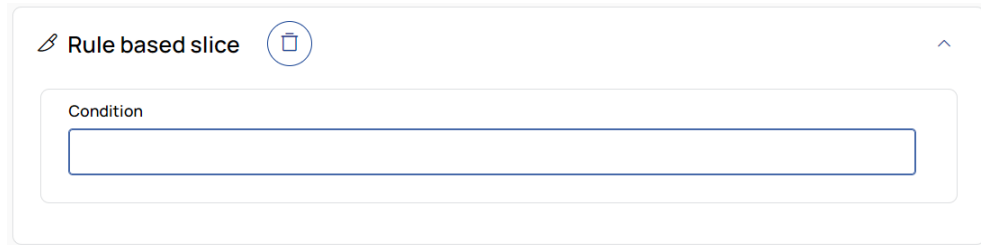


To move the operation up or down in the job sequence, use the arrow buttons next to the trash can icon.



To expand or collapse the operation, click the arrow in the top-right corner of the operation panel.

### 7.2.2.6 Rule based slice



Slices the data based on the condition.

#### Condition

Enter a condition using Python syntax that returns a boolean value (true or false).

Multiple signals can be used in the expression.

**Example:** `vehicleSpeed > 50`



To remove the operation from the job, click the trash can button.



To move the operation up or down in the job sequence, use the arrow buttons next to the trash can icon.



To expand or collapse the operation, click the arrow in the top-right corner of the operation panel.

### 7.2.2.7 Annotate GPS



#### Longitude signal name

Enter the exact name of the longitude signal.

#### Latitude signal name

Enter the exact name of the latitude signal.



## Annotation types

Select the types of annotations to add to your GPS data. The information used is obtained from © OpenStreetMap.

**Speed limit:** Maximum speed limits for road sections.

**Road type:** The classification of the road segment. The mapping is as follows:

Motorway: 1  
Trunk: 2  
Primary: 3  
Secondary: 4  
Tertiary: 5  
Unclassified: 6  
Residential: 7  
Service: 8  
Motorway link: 9  
Trunk link: 10  
Primary link: 11  
Secondary link: 12  
Tertiary link: 13

**Distance to traffic light:** Distance from the GPS position to the nearest traffic light.

**GPS velocity:** Instantaneous velocity calculated from changes in GPS position over time.



To remove the operation from the job, click the trash can button.



To move the operation up or down in the job sequence, use the arrow buttons next to the trash can icon.



To expand or collapse the operation, click the arrow in the top-right corner of the operation panel.

### 7.2.2.8 Time shift signals

Applies a time offset to the specified signals to align them with other data.

## Signal list

Enter the names of the signals to shift, separated by semicolons (;).

## Time offset

Enter the amount of time to shift the signals. Use a positive value to delay the signal or a negative value to shift it earlier. To select the unit, use the drop-down list.



To remove the operation from the job, click the trash can button.



To move the operation up or down in the job sequence, use the arrow buttons next to the trash can icon.



To expand or collapse the operation, click the arrow in the top-right corner of the operation panel.

### 7.2.2.9 Signal mapping

Creates a new signal using values from a list of candidate signals, selected in order of priority.

## Mapped signal name

Enter the name for the new, mapped signal.

## Candidate signals

Provide the original signal names to pull data from. The first available match (from top to bottom) is used.

This can be used as a fallback or priority list for multiple sensors.

**Signal name:** The original name of the signal to match.

**Device:** Optionally specify the device the signal belongs to.



You can remove any entry using the trash can icon.

### + Add candidate

Adds another signal to the list of candidates.

### + Add mapped signal

Adds a new mapped signal entry, each with its own list of candidate signals.



To remove the operation from the job, click the trash can button.



To move the operation up or down in the job sequence, use the arrow buttons next to the trash can icon.



To expand or collapse the operation, click the arrow in the top-right corner of the operation panel.

## 7.2.2.10 Calculated signals

Adds a new calculated signal with its own formula and name.

### Calculated signal name

Enter a name for the new signal that will be created from the formula.

### Formula

Enter a formula using existing signal names. Only signals without a device name are supported.

The formula uses Python syntax, and NumPy functions are available via the np prefix.

**Example:** `np.sqrt(signal_name)`



#### Note

The result of the formula must have the same length as the input signals. Modifying time values or sampling is not supported within formulas.

### + Add calculated signal

Adds a new calculated signal with its own formula definition.



To remove the operation from the job, click the trash can button.



To move the operation up or down in the job sequence, use the arrow buttons next to the trash can icon.



To expand or collapse the operation, click the arrow in the top-right corner of the operation panel.

## 7.3

### Destination

The screenshot shows the 'Destination' configuration panel. It includes a 'Format family' dropdown set to 'MDF V4.x', a 'Format' dropdown set to 'MDF 4.11', a 'Destination folder' text input with a 'Select folder' button, radio buttons for 'Keep both / Resolve conflicts' (selected) and 'Overwrite existing files', 'Output file prefix' and 'Output file suffix' text inputs, and a section for 'Other options' with checkboxes for 'Copy md4 events', 'Detect duplicates', and 'Export configuration'. A 'Start Job >' button is at the bottom.

### Format family

To select the destination file format family, use the drop-down list.

### Format

To select the destination file format based on the selected format family, use the drop-down list.

### Destination folder



Opens a folder selection dialog where you can choose the destination folder to save the destination file to. Alternatively, you can type the path in the input field.

Select an option to handle naming conflicts in the destination folder:

**Keep both/Resolve conflicts:** Keeps all files by appending a numeric suffix (e.g., \_1, \_2, etc.) to the new file name. The number increases automatically to avoid overwriting existing files.

**Overwrite existing:** Overwrites existing files with the same name.

## Output file prefix/suffix

In the input fields, enter a prefix/suffix you want to add to the file names.

## Other options

**Copy MDF4 events:** Only relevant if both the source and destination file formats are MDF4. Copies the events from the source to the target MDF4 file.

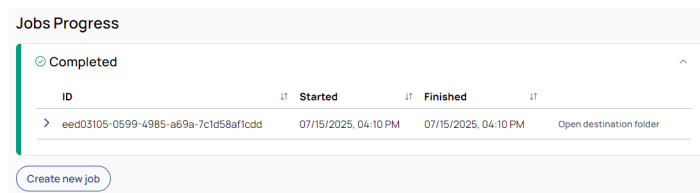
**Detect duplicates:** Detects duplicate signals in measurement files. The results of this operation can be found in the job log.

**Export configuration:** Saves the configuration with all settings as JSON file to the destination folder. It can be used with the [Data Operator CLI](#) or imported back into Data Operator, see "[Import a configuration](#)" on page 23.

Start job >

Starts the job with all the settings you made and opens the **Jobs progress** step, where you can see the status of the job's progress.

## 7.4 Jobs progress



ID	Started	Finished	
> eed03105-0599-4985-a69a-7c1d58af1cdd	07/15/2025, 04:10 PM	07/15/2025, 04:10 PM	Open destination folder

Create new job

## Status panel

Shows the status and meta data of the jobs.

To expand or collapse the panel, click the arrow in the top-right corner.

## Status

**Running:** The progress bar shows the progress status.

**Completed:** The **Open destination folder** button opens the destination folder for the job files.

**Failed:** The job failed.

## ID

Displays the ID of the job.

To sort the list alphabetically, ascending or descending, click the column header.

To expand, click the arrow next to the ID:

**Completed:** The path of the destination folder is displayed. Click to open the folder.

**Failed:** The error message is displayed. To open the error log file, click

Show log

## Started/Finished

Displays the time and date when the job was started and when it was finished.

To sort the list alphabetically, ascending or descending, click the column header.

Create new job

Jumps to the **Sources** step where you can start a new job.

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