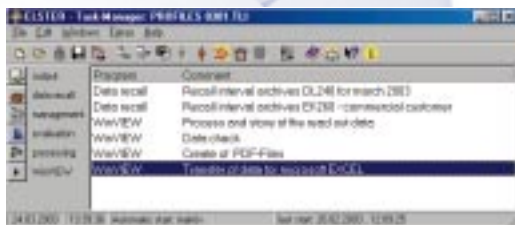


AUTOMATE ROUTINE TASKS:

Program Control Software WinTASK

The automatic readout of load profiles and energy data relevant for billing purposes is now an integral part of the business process for energy suppliers. On top of that, there is also a demand for certain recurring tasks connected with this process to be automated. In this case, the program control software WinTASK in connection with the other ELSTER software components offers a wide range of possibilities.

Using WinTASK several programs can be controlled automatically and in line with time requirements. To do this, the data call-up software WinCOMS and the data management software WinVIEW can be called up one after the other in the Task Manager (see diagram). The basis for the entries in the Task Manager are already pre-defined data call-up commands with WinCOMS or defined evaluations with WinVIEW.



For this purpose, all entries that are stored in WinCOMS can be directly selected for WinTASK. The data processing which is then necessary to

archive the readout data is also controlled by WinTASK. It is then no problem to carry out any evaluations or data export processes using WinVIEW. In this context, with the data management software WinVIEW (see Journal 3-2002), it is possible to carry out individual evaluations. The settings necessary for these evaluations can be stored as a file so that they are then available at

a later date. This makes it possible to fully automate an evaluation process for data export tasks.

The following are examples of tasks that can be carried out with WinTASK:

- ▶ Automatic preparation of monthly lists
- ▶ Creation of PDF files to send to specific customers
- ▶ Fully automatic update of meter reading data in the Internet
- ▶ Plausibility control of readout data
- ▶ Archiving of data

The diagram shows how, with the help of WinTASK, the consumption data from several metering points at ELSTER can be fully automatically read out, archived and prepared for presentation in the Internet.

The use of WinTASK is not limited to special ELSTER programs. Using the export files created by WinTASK, the user can also integrate other programs such as WORD or EXCEL into the automatic process. In connection with makros it is then possible to control further tasks for 'external' programs.

Would you like to automate routine tasks? Then, why not ask for our demo version of the program?

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