

# Programmable Terminal NA-series

# **Practice Guide Subroutine Functions**

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#### Introduction

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# 1 Related Manuals

The following manuals are related to this manual.

Cat.No.	Model	Manual's Title
W504	SYSMAC-SE2□□□	Sysmac Studio Version 1 Operation Manual
	NA5-15W □ □ □ □	
V117	NA5-12W □ □ □ □	Brogrammoble Terminal Hear's Manual (Hardware)
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V120	NA5-9W□□□□	Programmable Terminal Startup Guide
	NA5-7W□□□□	

# 2 Overview

### 2-1 What Is Subroutine?

A function on NS series to create and execute your own, simple program is called macro. This function is called *Subroutine* in NA series.

Subroutine can perform a function that is not supported by NA's basic function as with the existing macro:

- Set desired processing on an event freely, and
- Discriminate arithmetic operations and conditions.

### 2-2 Subroutine Language Specification

NA series subroutine is described in VisualBasic.

You can use commands written in Visual Basic in NA series subroutine. However, not all the VisualBasic functions and commands used on Windows PC cannot be used. Operations of VisualBasic commands are limited on NA series.



#### Additional Information

Commands for NA series consist of operators/functions described in Subroutine Reference Manual, NA-only functions and NA-only objects.

Select Help (H) - Instruction Word (I) under SysmacStudio Menu Bar. Then you can see Subroutine Reference Manual.



### Precautions for Correct Use

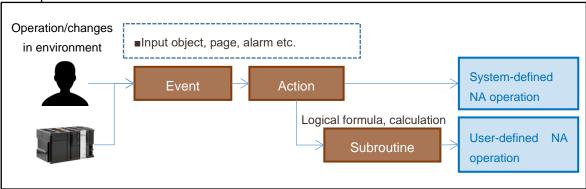
VisualBasic of NA series doesn't have library install/import function to connect external devices. For this reason, external devices that require library installation and operation by driver cannot be installed to NA.

# 2-3 Operation Overview

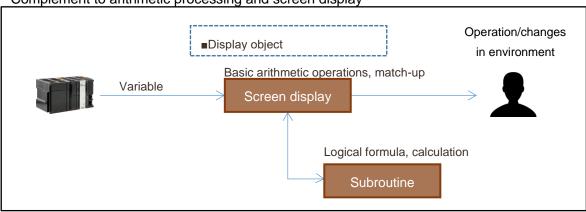
NA series subroutines are used to execute the following two processings:

- O Complement Event and Action, and
- O Complement arithmetic processing and screen display.

Complement to Event and Action



Complement to arithmetic processing and screen display





### **Additional Information**

Refer to page 31, "Supplementary Note" for details. Commands for NA series consist of operators/functions described in Subroutine Reference Manual, NA-only functions and NA-only objects.

Select Help (H) - Instruction Word (I) under SysmacStudio Menu Bar. Then you can see Subroutine Reference Manual.

# **Event and Action**

#### 3-1 What Are Event and Action?

NA series can detect operations from outside and data changes with Event function. Various controls are possible if you set basic operations and subroutines to an Action and register that Action with a detected Event.

#### 3-2 Types of Event

The actions with what subroutines can be registered on NA series are to be registered with the following five types of event.

Туре	Where to set	Event that a subroutine is settable
Global event	NA's setting screen, global events in Multiview Explorer	Start a project, conditions, fixed cycle, Function Key operation
Page event	NA's setting screen, events and actions when a screen page is opened	Open a page, close a page, conditions, Function Key operation
Object event	NA's setting screen, events and actions when a component on the screen is selected.	Major settable items differ by component (e.g. Touch, Release). Some components don't have setting items.
Alarm event	NA's setting screen, events and actions when an alarm item that is described in User alarm/Multiview Explorer is selected	Issuing an alarm, checked, cancelled
IAG event	NA's setting screen, events and actions when an IAG component on the screen is selected	The event which is created at the same time that IAG is made.



### **Additional Information**

IAG (Intelligent Application Gadget) is the function loaded on NA series. It modularizes a project to re-use it easily. You can develop a screen with speed and ease.



# Precautions for Correct Use

Only on-screen IAG component that has registered an event can be set for IAG event. If an event has not been registered on an IAG component, any registrable event is not listed even though you select an IAG component. As a result, you cannot inscribe an action.

### 3-2-1 Events Settable to Global /Page Event

Event	Description	Global event	Page event
Condition	Occurs when the set condition is met.	0	0
Click F1 key*1*3	Occurs when F1 key is released.	0	0
Touch F1 key*1	Occurs when F1 key is pressed.	0	0
Release F1 key*1*3	Occurs when F1 key is released.	0	0
Click F2 key *1 *3	Occurs when F2 key is released.	0	0
Touch F2 key*1	Occurs when F2 key is pressed.	0	0
Release F2 key*1*3	Occurs when F2 key is released.	0	0
Click F3 key*1 *3	Occurs when F3 key is released.	0	0
Touch F3 key*1	Occurs when F3 key is pressed.	0	0
Release F3 key*1 *3	Occurs when F3 key is released.	0	0
Periodic execution	Occurs in determined intervals.	0	-
Start project <sup>*2</sup>	Occurs when a project is formatted.	0	-
Display page	Occurs while a page is displayed.	-	0
Non-display page	Occurs while a page is hidden.	-	0

- \*1) Setting for F1-F3 keys of page events has priority over those of projects.

  That means you can set two operations to one key and use them: the operation of a function which is set with a project and the one which performs in a specific page.
- \*2) Result of access to external variables is not certified at the start of a project just after start-up. Avoid the processing that requires access to external variables.
- \*3) Both Click and Release occur when an object is released, but performances at page switching are different:
  - Click event is <u>not</u> issued when a page is switched with pressing an object, and
  - Release event is issued when a page is switched with pressing an object.

# 3-2-2 Events Assignable to Object Event

Event	Description
Click*1	Generated when an object is released.
Touch	Occurred while an object is pressed.
Release*1	Occurred while an object is released.
Change Select	Generated when selected item is changed.
Checked	Occurred when you check a box.
Unchecked	Occurred when you uncheck a box.

- \*1) Both Click and Release occur when an object is released, but performances at page switching are different:
  - Click event is not issued when a page is switched with pressing an object,
  - Release event is issued when a page is switched with pressing an object.

#### Components and assignable events

Component	Click	Touch	Release	Checked	Unchecked	Change Select
Button	0	0	0	-	-	-
Momentary Button	0	0	0	-	-	-
Reset Button	0	0	0	-	-	-
Set Button	0	0	0	•	-	-
Toggle Button	0	0	0	-	-	-
Ellipse	-	0	0	-	-	-
Curve	-	0	0	-	-	-
Rectangle	-	0	0	-	-	-
Triangle	-	0	0	-	-	-
Polygon	-	0	0	•	-	-
Line	-	0	0	ı	-	-
Polyline	-	0	0	-	-	-
Flags	-	0	0	-	-	-
Label	-	0	0	-	-	-
Data Edit	-	0	0	1	-	-
Data Display	-	0	0	-	-	-
DateTime	-	0	0	1	-	-
Textbox	-	0	0	1	-	-
Arrow (except curved)	-	0	0	-	-	-
Checkbox	-	-	-	0	0	-
Radio Button	-	-	-	0	0	-
Tab Control	-	-	-	-	-	0
Drop-down	-	-	-	-	-	0
Listbox	-	-	-	-	-	0



# Additional Information

The following components (not listed) cannot be set to the events:

- Lamp (bit/data),
- Standard Control (slider),
- Gauge (circle/semicircle/horizontal/vertical),
- HMI Control (trend graph/line graph/media player/user alarm viewer/recipe viewer).

NOTE: User alarm viewer has no assignable event item. However, events can be set on User alarm on which each user alarm condition is registered.



# Precautions for Correct Use

Since National flag is consisted with image components, you can set a Touch/Release event to it as is the case with image components.

Except curved arrows, Touch/Release events are able to be set on most arrows.

Factory equipment images (e.g. conveyor, tank) have no assignable event.

# 3-2-3 Events Assignable to User Alarm Event

Event	Description
Acknowledged	Occurs when a user alarm is checked.
Cleared	Occurs when a user alarm is cancelled.
Raised	Occurs when a user alarm is issued.

# 3-2-4 Events Assignable to IAG Object Event

Event	Description		
(User-defined name)	Occurred according to an event generation condition of an IAG component.		



# Precautions for Correct Use

You cannot set a new event (e.g. Touch/Click) to an object of IAG component placed on the screen.

It is necessary to register an operation event as the event that IAG component issues before you create an IAG component.

### 3-2-5 Events Assignable with IAG Project

Actions on which the usable subroutines are set can be registered to the events below. I

Type	Where to set	Event that a subroutine is settable
IAG component	IAG creating screen, events and	Conditions
screen event	actions when an IAG component is	
	opened.	
Object event	IAG creating screen, events and	Major settable items differ by
	actions when a component placed	component (e.g. Touch, Release).
	in IAG component frame is	Some components don't have
	selected.	setting items.



# Precautions for Correct Use

IAG component event basically conforms to a page event and an object event at NA screen creation.

Since IAG component has no notion of page, the events related to page open/close operation of external function key are not available.

#### 3-3 Configuration for Action

Prepared action items for basic operation (e.g. screen switching) make NA control easier.

Standard actions for events include subroutines with NA series.

Select Subroutine in Action Settings, and enter the name of the subroutine to variable. Then you can execute the subroutine that is assigned as an action for each event.



### Additional Information

Actions settable to an event have various configuration items other than subroutine. Refer to page 28, "Supplementary Note".

# **Subroutine**

# 4-1 Types of Subroutine

Three types of subroutines are used with NA series.

Туре	Description	Trigger	Operation condition
Global subroutine	Common subroutine in a whole project. It is created under a global subroutine of HMI project.	Global event Page event Object event User alarm event Call from Global subroutine	All time
Page subroutine	Subroutine for each page. You can generate it with code editor of HMI project page. Also a subroutine can be created directly for each event of an object in a page.	Page event Object event	A target page is displayed.
IAG subroutine	You can describe executable subroutines inside IAG components with the operation event of IAG component's objects.	IAG object event	A page with IAG is displayed.



# Additional Information

You can refer to the subroutine names of each item in a list using code explorer of SysmacStudio.



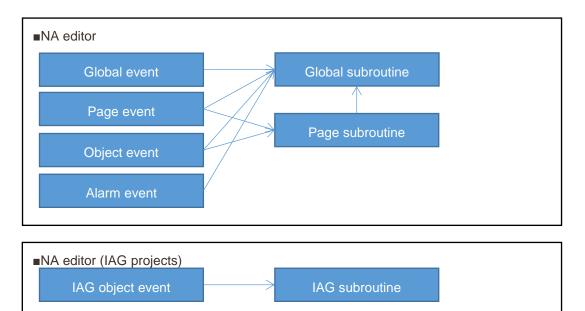
# Precautions for Correct Use

Subroutines described inside IAG components are not able to be referenced from a project's code explorer in NA editor.

You can refer to them from only a project in which that IAG component has been created.

# 4-2 Call Out a Subroutine

In NA series, you can execute an Event that contains a subroutine by setting a subroutine name as a parameter. The subroutine should be set to the Event's Action.





# Precautions for Correct Use

Global subroutines are able to be called out from all the events and executed. A Page subroutine that is described in another page cannot be called out to execute it. To call and execute that subroutine, describe its name in the subroutine code (nesting).

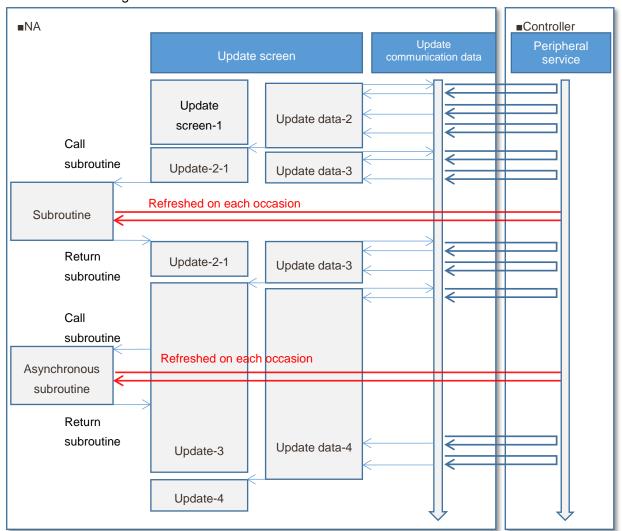
# 4-3 Operation

Regardless of the type of subroutine, every subroutine is executed as a synchronous operation after an event is driven. All other processings stop until the subroutine process ends.

A global subroutine has configuration for variable asynchronous operation of an event. The subroutine processing which is set on the event's action with this configuration is implemented as asynchronous operation.

When a global variable that is mapped by a controller is accessed, communication is started. It happens because current variable of a controller's main unit is updated when the code accesses.

The following shows interior behaviors in NA while a subroutine is executed.





# Precautions for Correct Use

Frequent repetition processing (e.g. For Next) or access to controller's global variable may slow down screen update processing.

Asynchronous configuration for events will prevent it.

### 4-4 Location to Describe

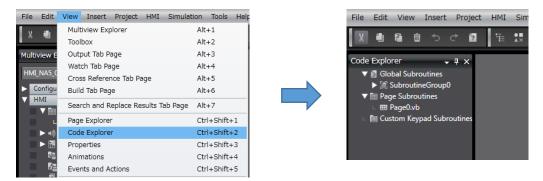
Basic functions for locations where to describe subroutines are explained in this section.

### 4-4-1 Code Explorer

Code Explorer is useful to display and edit code that used in a project.

Code Explorer is displayed at the left side of the same window of Multiview Explorer or Page Explorer. You can access all the code of a project easily.

Select Code Explorer to display it. The screen will appear (below).



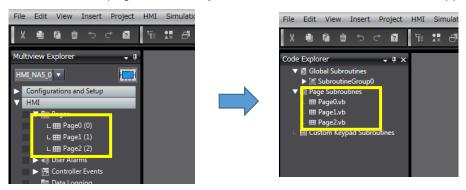
A global subroutine "SubroutineGroup0" and a page subroutine for Page0 "Page0.vb" has been generated initially in Code Explorer.

When a new page is added in HMI, Multiview Explorer, then the subroutine for the page is added in Code Explorer.

#### [Example]

Add Page1 and Page2 to the current page. Page1.vb and Page2.vb are added in Code Explorer.

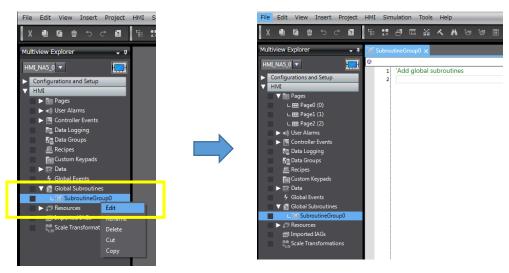
Double-click the page title which you want to edit. Code Editor screen appears.



# 4-4-2 Global Subroutine

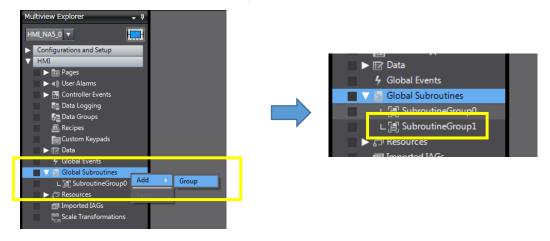
Select the subroutine group name under Global Subroutines in Multiview Explorer. Right-click it and a sub menu appears. Click Edit, then the code of the subroutine group is displayed.

Global subroutines are written in this screen.



You can add a group name for global subroutine.

Select Global Subroutines in Multiview Explorer and right-click it. A sub menu appears. Click Add - Group, then a new subroutine group is created.





### Additional Information

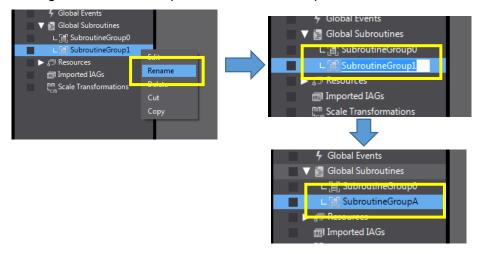
Every subroutine code of all the events in a project can be described in Global Subroutines area.

Adding groups and name them functions name makes it easier to handle them as global subroutines by function.

#### O Change subroutine's group name

Choose the subroutine group in Global Subroutines/Multiview explorer. Right-click it, then the submenu appears. Click Change Name to change the name of the subroutine group.

# [Example] Change "SubroutineGroup1" to "SubroutineGroup\_A"



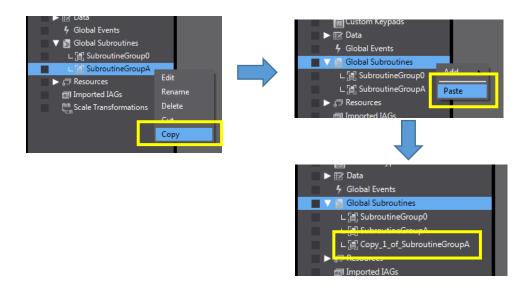
#### O Copy a global subroutine group

Choose the subroutine group in Global Subroutines/Multiview Explorer. Right-click it, then the sub menu appears. Select Copy.

Right-click Global Subroutine in Multiview Explore. Select Paste in the sub menu.

Copy of the subroutine group including code is pasted. Change the group name to identify it easily. Use Rename.

Build error results if more than one subroutines with the same name exist in one project. To avoid the error, change the subroutine name in the copied group.

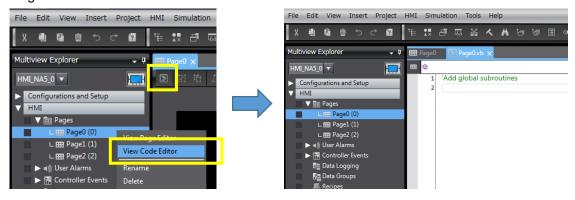


# 4-4-3 Page Subroutine

Choose the page name in HMI/Multiview Explorer. Right-click it, then the submenu appears. Select View Code Editor to display the code of the page.

The code is also shown clicking icon in Page Editor screen.

Page subroutines are described in the screen below.

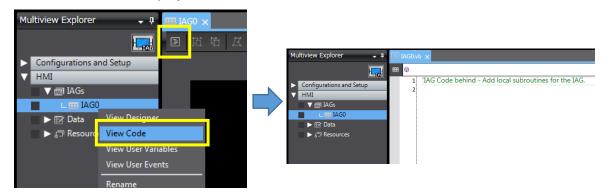


### 4-4-4 Code View of IAG Component Creation Screen

Select the IAG component and right-click to display submenu. Click View Code, then the code of the page is shown.

The code is also shown clicking icon in Design view screen.

Subroutines of IAG project is described in the screen below.



### 4-5 Assistance Function

### 4-5-1 Color Code

A code screen where subroutines are described has Color code to support users to write syntaxes.

The followings are examples of Color code.

- Blue : Reserved word for VB system. E.g. Sub, Dim, Call
   Red : Variable which registered in Global variable list
- Green : Comment line. A line with a "' "on the head becomes a comment line.
- Red underline : Syntax error



### **Additional Information**

There are two types of syntax error display: which is displayed on input and which shows an error after build execution.

An error display after build execution (with red underline) doesn't automatically disappear even if corrected.

It disappears after the build is executed again and ensured that it is correct.

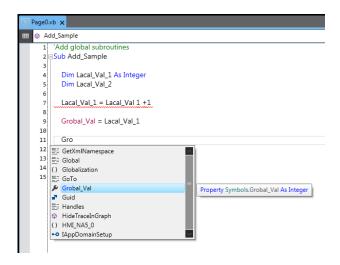
# 4-5-2 IntelliSense

When you enter an object name or a library command name to edit code, the code editor automatically shows a list of candidate. This function is called IntelliSense.

Using IntelliSense, you can check a variable's spelling or objects and methods to be used.

If a context of VB program is right, IntelliSense is automatically popped-up. If not, you are possibly making a mistake.

Ctrl-Alt-Space makes IntelliSense popped-up anywhere and shows every possible option.



# **5** Subroutine Creating Procedure

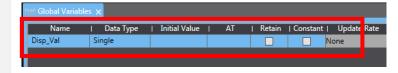
### 5-1 NA Project

The following is a procedure to set subroutines on events and actions on the component placed on the screen

1. Put a button and a data display component on a Page screen.



Enter a variable which is to be assigned to the data display component in Global Variables table.
 [Example]
 A single type variable Disp\_Val is registered.



 Enter the variable of the previous section, Disp\_Val, in Conditional Expression/Operation field in Data display component property.



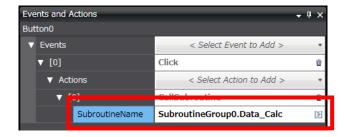
 Choose Click in Events field of Events and Actions.
 Enter the subroutine's name in SubroutineName to assign the subroutine to the action.
 [Example]

SubroutineName: Data\_Calc

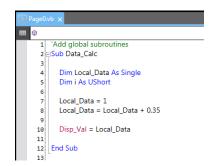
NOTE: The frame of Subroutine Name field is red (means error) because the subroutine code has not been described yet at this point.



 If you want to describe the subroutine code in Global subroutine, enter the subroutine name with its global subroutine group name.

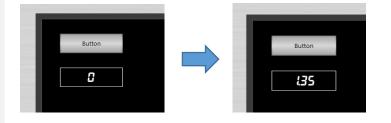


6. Open the code editor of the current screen to write the code. Execute the build to test.



7. Startup a simulator to check operation.

Confirm if the data display component shows the result of subroutine after pressing the onscreen button.





### Additional Information

- A subroutine is executed only once and ends after it is called out.
- Declared variables in a subroutine cannot be assigned to screen components.
- Only variables which registered in Global Variables table can be assigned to screen components.
- In order to display a variable that declared and operated in a subroutine, execute the following processes for a variable registered in Global Variables table:
- 1) Assign it to a component's property, and
- 2) Substitute the value within the subroutine process.

# 5-2 IAG Project

Subroutines in IAG projects are described basically in the same way as those in NA projects. The following is a procedure to assign subroutines to events and actions of onscreen components.

 Place a button and a data display component on a screen of IAG component.



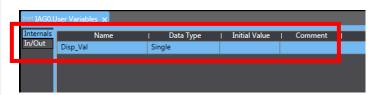
Open IAG user variable view. Enter a variable to be assigned to the data display component in Internal variable table/IO variable table.

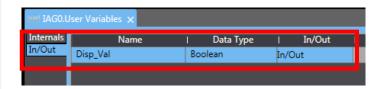
[Example]

A single type variable Disp\_Val is registered.

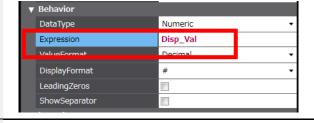
#### NOTE:

Internal variable table is for the variables used only within IAG. IO variable table is used when you use the same variable in the screen with the IAG component. It is necessary to change IO configuration, from In to In/Out.





 Enter the variable of the previous section, Disp\_Val, in Conditional Expression/Operation field in Data display component property.



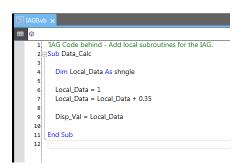
 Choose Click in Event field of Event and Action.
 Enter the subroutine's name in SubroutineName to assign the subroutine to the action.
 [Example]

SubroutineName: Data\_Calc

NOTE: The frame of Subroutine Name field is red (means error) because the subroutine code has not been described yet at this point.

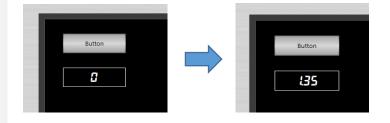


 Open the code editor of the current screen to write the code. Execute the build to test.



5. Startup a simulator to check operation.

Confirm if the data display component shows the result of subroutine after pressing the onscreen button.





### Additional Information

- A subroutine is executed only once and ends after it is called out.
- Declared variables in a subroutine cannot be assigned to screen components.
- Only variables which registered in Global Variables table can be assigned to screen components.
- In order to display a variable that declared and operated in a subroutine, execute the following processes for a variable registered in Global Variables table:
- 1) Assign it to a component's property, and
- 2) Substitute the value within the subroutine process.

# **Supplementary Note**

# 1. Action Table

The following table shows the Actions (incl. subroutines) settable to Events.

		Event				
Action	Description	Global	Page	Object	User alarm	IAG*1
Stop-Buzzer	Turn off a buzzer.	0	0	0	0	0
Start-Buzzer	Turn on a buzzer.	0	0	0	0	0
Start-Buzzer (only once)	Turn on a buzzer that sounds for only 0.25 sec.	0	0	0	0	0
Subroutine	Execute a subroutine that is registered in Global Subroutines/Page Subroutines.	0	0	0	0	0
Format-User alarm log	Clear User alarm log.	0	0	0	0	0
Close-Page	Close a designated page.	0	0	0	0	-
Subtract-Variable	Subtract an intended value from an intended variable.	0	0	0	0	0
Eject-SDmemory card	Make a SD memory card ready for ejection.	0	0	0	0	0
Control Input	Permit/prohibit input from a touch panel.	0	0	0	0	0
Exit-Critical session	Indicate the end of a critical session.	0	ı	-	ı	-
Addition-Variable	Add an intended value to an intended variable.	0	0	0	0	0
Inverse-Variable	Invert an intended Boolean type variable.	0	0	0	0	0
Login	Display login page.	0	0	0	0	0
Logout	Logout	0	0	0	0	0
Format-Variable	Assign an intended Boolean type variable to False.	0	0	0	0	0
Save-Screen shot	Capture a screen displayed on HMI main unit.	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>\*1) &</sup>quot;O" means an Action that is settable on IAG project screen can response to an Event, and

In the usual NA editor, the action which can be allocated to an event of onscreen IAG component is the same as an object.

<sup>&</sup>quot;-" means not

Action	Description	Global	Page	Object	User alarm	IAG
Seting-IME type	Change IME language setting.	0	0	0	0	0
Setting- Input focus	Set a focus to enter data.	-	0	0	-	-
Setting-User language	Change project's language setting.	0	0	0	0	-
Substitution-Variable	Assign an intended variable to an intended value.	0	0	0	0	0
Display-Page (User alarm)	Display a page that is assigned to an intended user alarm.	0	0	0	0	-
Display-Document (Full screen)	Display a file (e.g. PDF) in full-screen.	0	0	0	0	0
Display-Document (Window)	Display a file (e.g. PDF) in a window.	0	0	0	0	0
Display-Page	Display a page.	0	0	0	0	-
Display-Previous page	Display a previously shown page.	0	0	0	0	0
Display-System menu	Display system menu.	0	0	0	0	0
Display-Trouble shooter	Display NJ/NX series trouble shooter.	0	0	0	0	0
Start- Data log	Start data logging.	0	0	0	0	-
Stop-Data log	Stop data logging.	0	0	0	0	-
Start-Critical section	Indicate beginning of a critical section.	0	-	-	-	-
Event trigger	Assign a user event of IAG object.	-	-	-	-	0



# Precautions for Correct Use

An Event Trigger is displayed only on the action setting of IAG component and its object that consists of IAG component. It isn't shown in usual NA editor. An Event Trigger is an action item which is assigned to an event of IAG component. The event is occurred by operating onscreen IAG component.

# 2. Data Type Table

Both Global variables (NA) and Local variables (declared in a subroutine) are referenced. The local variables declared in a subroutine cannot be assigned to onscreen components or conditional expressions.

Type	Description/Value range		
Boolean	True(other than 0) or False(0)		
Short	16-bit signed integer		
	-32,768 to 32,767 (signed)		
Integer	32-bit signed integer		
	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647 (signed)		
Long	64-bit signed integer -9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to		
	9,223,372,036,854,775,807(9.2E+18) (signed)		
UShort	16-bit unsigned integer		
Char	0 to 65,535 (unsigned)		
	32-bit unsigned integer		
UInteger	0 to 4,294,967,295 (unsigned)		
Lllong	64-bit unsigned integer		
Ulong	0 to 18,446,744,073,709,551,615(1.8E+19) (unsigned)		
	Single-precision (32-bit) floating point number		
Single	-3.4028235E+38 to -1.401298E-45 (negative values)		
	1.401298E-45 to 3.4028235E+38 (positive values)		
	Double-precision (64-bit) floating point number -1.79769313486231570E+308 to		
Double	-4.94065645841246544E-324 (negative values)		
Dodbie	4.94065645841246544E-324 to		
	1.79769313486231570E+308 (positive values)		
String	0 to approx. billion Unicode characters		
SByte	8-bit signed integer		
Sbyle	-128 to 127 (signed)		
Duto	8-bit unsigned integer		
Byte	0 to 255 (unsigned)		
TimeSpan	A structure that expresses time interval.		
	0:00:00 on January 1, 0001 through 23:59:59 on December		
Date	31, 9999		
Decimal	16-byte		
	0 to +/-79,228,162,514,264,337,593,543,950,335		
	(+/-7.9E+28) (without a decimal point)		
	0 to +/-7.9228162514264337593543950335 (down to 28 decimal places)		
	Min. number other than 0:		
	+/-0.00000000000000000000000000000000000		
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#### 3. Function

You can write Functions in a program code that can be described with NA's code editor, in addition to Subroutines.

Functions are not to be registered in Action Settings as Subroutine, but can be called from a subroutine.

Item	Allocation to Action Configuration	Call from subroutine
Subroutine	0	0
Action	×	0

Functions have data type attribution, and able to return the operation result by value.

Also, they can take one or more variables as argument at run time.

Item	Argument	Return value
Subroutine	×/O*1	Not mandatory
Action	0	Mandatory

Subroutines don't have own data type attribute, thus suitable for the process not concerning the result.

[Example] Screen transition, sequential execution of plural subroutines

On the other hand, Functions are suitable for the process judging the result and controlling because they have own data type attribute.

[Example] Assigning different parameters to one operation expression in sequence to switch control according to the result

\*1) If a subroutine has arguments, it cannot be assigned to Action setting.

Generate a subroutine without arguments, and call a subroutine with arguments.



#### **Additional Information**

Processes, for example, making the same decision repeatedly in a subroutine are functioned. It enables to summarize decision processes and to reduce amount of program code.

Also, functioned decision expressions make batch correction/change possible by modifying the expressions in the function.

### 3-1. Function Creating Procedure

The following is the function describing procedure of NA project to call from a subroutine and use.

Data Type

Integer(10)

 Place buttons and data display components on the NA page screen as the right illustration shows.



**Events and Actions** 

Button0

▼ Events

▼ [0]

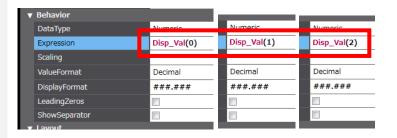
 Enter a variable which is allocated to the data display component in Global Variables table. [Example]

Variable: Disp\_Val Data type: Integer

Array: 10

 Enter the variable Disp\_Val, described in the previous section, in the property fields of three data display components on the screen.

Different array numbers are set to each variable.



< Select Event to Add >

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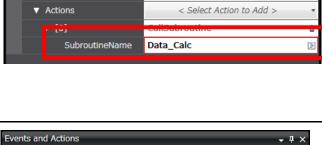
 Select Click from events of buttons and actions. Set a subroutine to Action.

Enter the name of subroutine. [Example]

Subroutine name: Data\_Calc

NOTE: The frame of Subroutine Name is displayed in red (means an error) because the subroutine has not been completed at this point.

5. If you write a subroutine code in Global Subroutines, describe its subroutine name with Global Subroutine Group name.



Click



 Open Code Editor of the current screen or Global Subroutine Group and enter the code in the right illustration.

#### [Description]

Declare Local\_Data, an array variable, in the subroutine Data\_Calc. Substitute different values into each variable.

The following process is executed repeatedly: Execute the function Add\_Data for the global variable Disp\_Val. Then substitute the returned value.

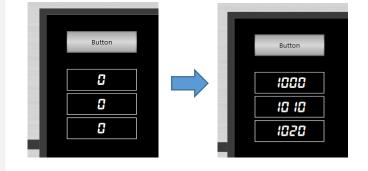
Array variable Data\_Calc is given to Add\_Data as an argument.

In function Add\_Data, 1000 is added to the passed value, and it is substituted as a return value.

```
'Add global subroutines
2 □Sub Data_Calc
3
     Dim Local_Data(10) As Integer
     Dim i As UShort
5
6
     Local Data(0) = 0
7
     Local_Data(1) = 10
8
9
     Local_Data(2) = 20
10
11
     For i = 0 To 2
       Disp_Val(i) = Add_Data(Local_Data(i))
12
13
     Next
14
   End Sub
15
16
  17
18
     Add_Data = Rd_Data + 1000
19
20
   End Function
21
22
```

7. Startup Simulator to confirm the subroutine's operation.

Click the button on the screen. Check if the data display components show the result of subroutine.





### Additional Information

- A function is executed only once and closed after it is called out.
- A simple expression is remade into a function in the sample above. Separating operation part (Function) and external variables exchanging part (Subroutine) in complex and repeating operation is useful to reduce program lines and to simplify the processing in a program.

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