

AI Runtime Connector (10.1.5.1 draft)

 **DRAFT for 10.1.5.1.** This page is a child-preview of the live [AI Runtime Connector](#) page. The live page will be updated after Marco's review. Reviewers are invited to check tool names, descriptions, groupings, and parameter defaults against the locked 10.1.5.1 design.

AI Runtime Connector (10.1.5.1 draft) — refreshed tool catalog, renamed gate-bit categories, and the Operator Subset for TServer-embedded chat.

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What Changed in 10.1.5.1

Release 10.1.5.1 rebuilds the RuntimeMCP tool surface for LLM-efficacy (atomic-interaction, bounded payloads) and to reflect the broader scope of the AI Runtime connector — it reads every runtime-object root, not just Tag/*. The short summary:

- **10 tools total** (9 platform tools + solution-authored custom tools), up from the 7 documented in v1.1 (Feb 2026).
- Session bootstrap merged: runtime_get_info and runtime_set_target collapse into a single runtime_connect(solution?, profile?).
- Semantic rename: runtime_browse_uns runtime_browse_object_model (the tool walks all 12 runtime roots, not just the P1-strict UNS).
- Verb-shift rename: runtime_get_object_context runtime_describe_object — and it absorbs the former runtime_find_by_iri via a new iri parameter.
- runtime_list_by_type runtime_list_instances, now bounded with max_results + name_mask wildcard filter.
- All list / browse / history / alarm tools gain server-side max_* caps with a truncated flag on the response.
- runtime_list_derived_types dropped — redundant with runtime_describe_object's derivedTypes context block.
- Gate-bit category names in Solution Settings shift from historical *Enable Get** labels to scope-accurate *Enable *Tools* labels, and the wire-level gating was extended so every tool inside a category honors its category toggle (no partial coverage).

Gate-Bit Categories (Solution Settings)

The MCP for Runtime GroupBox in Solution Settings Data Servers now shows four category toggles plus the master toggle. **Bit positions in ModelOptions are unchanged** — existing 10.1.4 solutions decode identically; only the labels and C# accessor names change.

Checkbox label	Category	Covers	Bit
Enable MCP for Runtime	Master	Gates every RuntimeMCP tool. runtime_connect is gated only by this master so AI clients can bootstrap before any sub-category is enabled.	0x0002
Enable UNS Tools	UNS	runtime_get_value, runtime_browse_object_model, runtime_search_uns, runtime_describe_object, runtime_list_instances. All 5 tools honor this bit uniformly.	0x04
Enable Alarm Tools	Alarm	Dedicated alarm-query tools only: runtime_get_active_alarms, runtime_query_alarm_history.	0x08
Enable Historian Tools	Historian	runtime_get_tag_history.	0x10
Enable Custom Tools	Custom	Solution-authored [McpServerTool] methods on MCP Tool script classes.	0x20

Category semantics. Categories are defined by the TOOL being invoked, not by the runtime-object namespace the path happens to address:

- **Reading a value from the Alarm.* namespace** (e.g., runtime_get_value("Alarm.TotalCount")) stays under *Enable UNS Tools*. Any runtime-object value read is UNS-category regardless of path.
- **The alarm-state-of-a-tag overlay** inside runtime_describe_object (reports whether a specific tag is currently in alarm state) is describing the tag — UNS data — and gates on *Enable UNS Tools*, not *Enable Alarm Tools*.
- **Enable Alarm Tools** governs *only* the dedicated alarm-query tools that hit the alarm subsystem's state machine and historian: runtime_get_active_alarms and runtime_query_alarm_history.

Available Tools

AI Runtime provides **9 built-in platform tools + solution-authored custom tools**, organized by function.

Info — 1 tool

Tool	Description
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runtime_connect	Connect to a Framework runtime and receive the Context Package (solution identity, profile, namespaces, quality codes, tool workflows, objType schemas, custom tools). CALL THIS FIRST at the start of every session. No-args mode: returns the current Context Package for whichever runtime this MCP is already bound to. With-args mode (HTTP retargetable only): rebinds this RuntimeMCPHttp instance to a different (solution, profile) BEFORE returning the Context Package. STDIO mode and HTTP-pinned mode: args are accepted but silently ignored; the response includes a warnings field noting this. Port is a consequence of ExecutionProfile — resolved from the running TServer's command line.
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UNS Tools — 5 tools (gate: Enable UNS Tools)

Tool	Description
runtime_get_value	Get the current LIVE value of a tag or object from the running solution's Unified Namespace (UNS). Returns: value, quality (0=Bad, 64=Uncertain, 192=Good), timestamp, and metadata (description, units, min/max) when available. Reads live operational data — not solution configuration from Designer. Use for: process values (Tag.*), system status (Server.*), alarm counts (Alarm.*), device status (Device.*). For historical values over a time range, use runtime_get_tag_history.
runtime_browse_object_model	Browse the live runtime object-model tree — returns child nodes at the specified path. Works across all runtime roots: Tag root tag folders; Tag.Plant1/Line2 tags inside a folder; Tag.Pump1 UserType members; Server server properties; Alarm.Group alarm groups; Device.Channel device channels. Bounded by max_results (default 50, hard max 200).
runtime_search_uns	Ranked semantic search across the live runtime UNS — UserTypes, Tags, members, Enumerations, and AssetTree folders. Scores across Name, DisplayText, Labels, SourceIri, and (auto-thresholded) Attributes annotation content. Returns ranked matches with matchReason, snippet, score (0.0–1.0). Tag matches additionally include live runtimeValue, quality, timestamp. Scopes: all, udts, tags, members, enums, folders. Bounded by max_results (default 20, hard max 100).
runtime_describe_object	Describe a single runtime UNS object — inheritance chain, derived UDTs, and (for Tag paths) live current value, quality, timestamp, and alarm state. Pass EITHER path OR iri (exactly one). Path form: slash-delimited tag Name (Plant1/Line2/Motor1, optionally with Tag. prefix), or bare UDT name (Motor). IRI form: reverse-lookup by external SourceIri from an ontology import; the object's canonical path is resolved first, then described. IRI ambiguity returns IRI_AMBIGUOUS with the first 2 matches so the caller can disambiguate by path.
runtime_list_instances	List all live tags of a given UDT (UserType), with current value/quality/timestamp for each. Returns one row per matching tag, ordered alphabetically by tag name. Optional include_derived=true expands to subclass UDTs via the BaseUserType walk. Optional name_mask narrows to tags whose Name matches a wildcard pattern (e.g. Motor*, Area1/*, *_Pump) — applied BEFORE max_results truncation. Bounded (default 50, hard max 200).

Alarm Tools — 2 tools (gate: Enable Alarm Tools)

Tool	Description
runtime_get_active_alarms	Get currently ACTIVE alarms from the running solution. Returns alarms that are in alarm state right now (not yet normalized), including tag name, message, priority, active time, area, and group. This is LIVE alarm status, not alarm configuration or history. For PAST alarms that have already normalized, use runtime_query_alarm_history. Bounded by max_results (default 20, hard max 200).
runtime_query_alarm_history	Query HISTORICAL alarm records from the Alarm Historian database. Only SELECT statements are allowed; INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, DROP, and other modifying statements are blocked. Available columns: TagName, Message, ActiveTime, AckTime, NormTime, UserName, Priority, Area, GroupName. Server-side row cap applies even if the SQL omits TOP — max_rows defaults to 100 (hard max 1000).

Historian Tools — 1 tool (gate: Enable Historian Tools)

Tool	Description
runtime_get_tag_history	Query HISTORICAL time-series data for a tag from the Historian database. The tag must be configured for Historian storage in the solution to have historical data available. This retrieves STORED historical data, not the current live value — use runtime_get_value for the current value. 10.1.5.1 ships raw-truncate only (server-side cap via max_points). Aggregation / downsampling parameters (avg, min, max, bucket_size) are planned for 10.1.6 — narrow the time range or lower log frequency when the truncation flag fires. Bounded (default 500, hard max 2000).

Custom Tools (gate: Enable Custom Tools)

Solution authors expose additional tools by creating Scripts Classes of type **MCP Tool**. Methods decorated with [McpServerTool] + [Description (...)] attributes become tools on the RuntimeMCP surface for that solution. Recommended naming: runtime_<toolName> in snake_case. See the authoring guidance on the live AI Runtime Connector page for code examples and scripts-module patterns.

Restart the AI client (close from Task Manager, not just the window) after adding or modifying custom methods.

Operator Subset — TServer-Embedded Chat

In 10.1.5.1 the RuntimeMCP surface has two callers:

- **Chain A — external AI client.** Claude, GitHub Copilot, or any MCP-capable LLM reaches the runtime through RuntimeMCP.exe (STDIO) or RuntimeMCPHttp.exe (HTTP). Gets the full 9-tool platform surface plus the solution's custom tools. This is what the Available Tools section above describes.
- **Chain B — TServer-embedded operator chat.** The FrameworkX Display client talks to a local LLM (Qwen default) hosted inside TServer.exe. Offline-by-design: zero outbound network traffic; the chat runs entirely on the factory-network. Operators don't explore the namespace — the HMI tells them tag and equipment names — so the operator LLM gets a reduced tool set optimized for atomic interaction and small-model reliability.

Chain B exposes **4 platform tools + solution custom tools**:

- runtime_connect (bootstrap — always)
- runtime_get_value
- runtime_get_active_alarms
- runtime_get_tag_history
- + Custom tools (the primary operator UX carrier)

The Operator Subset is declared through a marker attribute read by the Chain B dispatcher — Chain A ignores the marker and serves the full surface. Operator-chat authoring and dispatcher details live in the Chat in Displays documentation (separate release track).

Deprecated / Removed Tools

Customers upgrading from 10.1.5 or earlier should update any AI prompts, solution-authored wrappers, or integration scripts that reference the old names:

Old name (10.1.5 and earlier)	10.1.5.1 replacement	Notes
runtime_get_info	runtime_connect	Same payload on no-args; optional (solution, profile) rebind only on HTTP retargetable instances.
runtime_set_target	runtime_connect (solution, profile)	Merged as the with-args branch.
runtime_browse_uns	runtime_browse_object_model	Same parameters plus a bounding max_results.
runtime_get_object_context	runtime_describe_object	Absorbs external-IRI lookup via a new iri parameter.
runtime_find_by_iri	runtime_describe_object (iri=...)	Merged into describe_object — same single-object intent, different lookup key. IRI ambiguity returns IRI_AMBIGUOUS.
runtime_list_by_type	runtime_list_instances	Renamed. Adds max_results + name_mask wildcard filter.
runtime_list_derived_types	— (removed)	Redundant: runtime_describe_object already returns derivedTypes in the context block.
runtime_search_tags	runtime_search_uns	(Renamed earlier in 10.1.5; retained here for completeness.)

Change Log

Version	Date	Changes
1.2 (draft)	2026-04-24	Refreshed for 10.1.5.1. Tool catalog went to 9 platform tools + custom (was 7). Session bootstrap unified as runtime_connect. runtime_browse_uns runtime_browse_object_model. runtime_get_object_context runtime_describe_object (absorbs runtime_find_by_iri). runtime_list_by_type runtime_list_instances with wildcard filter. Gate-bit categories relabeled to Enable *Tools and wire-level gating extended so every tool in a category honors its toggle uniformly. Category semantics clarified: alarm-state-of-tag is UNS data; Enable Alarm Tools governs only the dedicated alarm-query tools. Operator Subset section added.
1.1	2026-02	7 built-in tools; updated architecture diagram; added runtime_ prefix best practices.

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