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MDT Solution proposal

Automatic shading with the MDT Shutter Actuator or Universal Actuator.

Info:

Current MDT shutter and universal actuators have the function for automatic shading directly integrated. The sun position is continuously calculated, which means that only those windows exposed to the sun are shaded during the day. For this to work, the actuator needs the brightness values, for example from the MDT weather station, in addition to the location. The date and time required for the calculation can be received from an MDT Time Switch or an MDT IP Interface, for example. At the end of this document, you will find an overview of all MDT devices that can provide the time to the KNX bus.

Hint:

In this solution proposal, we assume that the shutter or universal actuator has already been put into operation with its basic functions. This includes in particular the correctly set movement times for up/down and the slat adjustment time. These are either determined manually using a stopwatch and entered in the ETS or automatically saved for actuators with movement time measurement. Further information on the procedure can be found in the technical manual of your actuator.

Used devices in this solution proposal: MDT Shutter Actuator JAL-0410.02

This solution proposal is transferable to all MDT actuators with the "Automatic shading" function. The function names may differ.

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1 Assumption for this example:

For the solution proposal, let's assume the following situation:

East facade: There are blinds on the east facade (channel A). In the morning, the slats should

provide enough shade to prevent direct sunlight from entering the rooms. After the

end of shading, the slats should turn horizontally but remain down.

South facade: There are also blinds on the south facade (channel B). In addition, a patio door with

two door contacts is located here.

West facade: Roller shutters are installed on the west facade (channel C). During shading, these

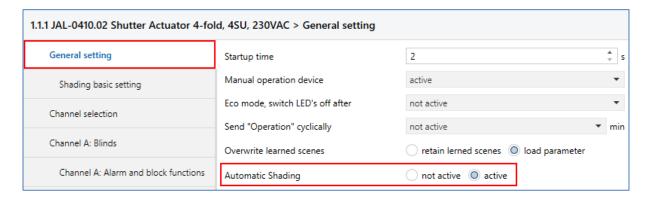
are to move to two different scene positions and open after shading. The positions of the scenes can be overwritten. Feature: The sun sets behind a mountain on the

west side.

2 Activate the shading function:

2.1 General setting:

The automatic shading must first be activated globally.





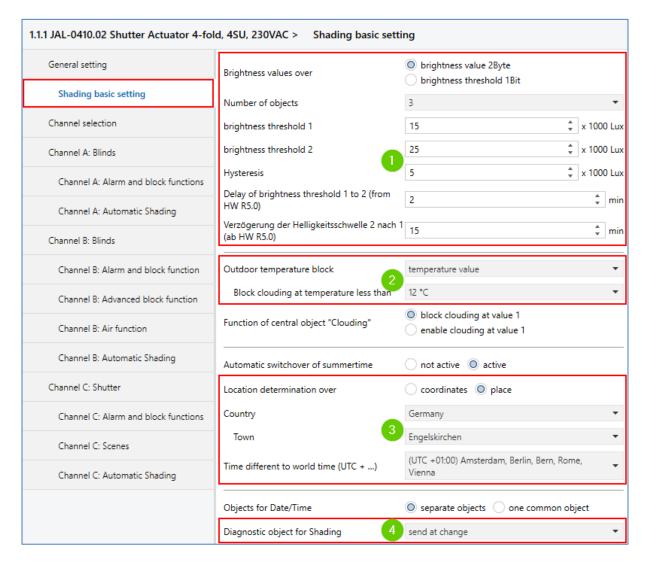
2.2 Shading basic setting:

First, we set the amount of brightness values and their thresholds. The MDT weather station we are using provides 2-byte values for east, south and west, so we set the number of objects to [3]. The values for brightness thresholds 1 and 2 are individual and must be adjusted to your own needs (1). If the automatic shading starts too early, increase the lux values, for example. Make sure that the brightness threshold 1 remains lower than brightness threshold 2. If, for example, a roller shutter moves up and down too frequently when clouds pass by, increase the delay times between the thresholds.

To make optimal use of the solar energy in the cold months, the outside temperature can be used to lock the shading. To do this, set the desired temperature up to which the shading should be locked (2).

The shutter actuator requires the location of the installation to calculate the exact position of the sun. You can select a predefined location from the list or set it precisely by coordinates (3).

The diagnostic object is an important tool for commissioning and troubleshooting and should be set to [send at change] during initial commissioning (4).





3 Diagnostic objects:

3.1 Diagnostic object for shading:

If the diagnostic object - as described in chapter 2.2 - is activated, it provides important information for error diagnosis in the ETS.

Example 1: ERR: Date

→ The actuator has been programmed and has not yet received the date and time necessary to calculate the position of the sun. This is the message with the highest priority.

Example 2: M1 S1 A210 E35

Mx: Provides information about the status of the automatic shading. The following table provides an overview of the possible states. Automatic shading is therefore only possible in the **M1** state.

	Release shading	Lock shading	Outdoor temperature lock					
MO	not active	not active	not active					
M1	active	not active	not active					
M2	not active	active	not active					
M3	active	active	not active					
M4	not active	not active	active					
M5	active	not active	active					
M6	not active	active	active					
M7	active	active	active					

Sx: Displays the currently exceeded brightness threshold.

S0	No brightness threshold reached
S1	Brightness threshold 1 is exceeded
S2	Brightness threshold 2 is exceeded

Axxx: Sun [azimuth] in degrees

A210	The current sun angle is 210 degrees

Exx: Sun [elevation] in degrees

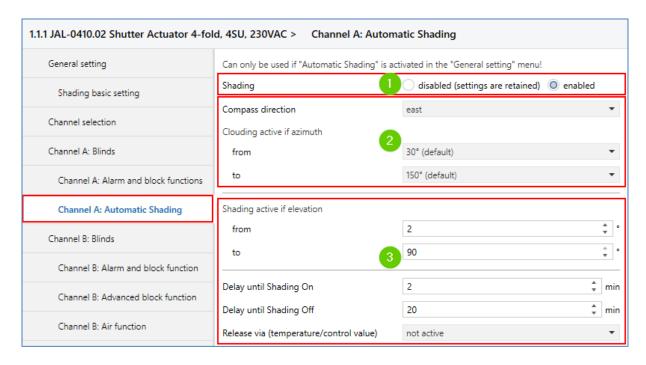
A35	The current sun elevation is 35 degrees
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3.2 Channel-specific diagnosis:

In addition to the diagnostic object of the automatic shading described in Chapter 3.1, the channel-specific diagnostic object provides further helpful information. For instance, about an active shading [Auto Sun Position] or an open window [Window open]. For more information, please refer to the manual of the actuator used.



4 Settings Channel A (East), Blind:



Automatic shading is activated per channel (1). After preselecting the compass direction of the window to be shaded, the exact horizontal angles [azimuth] from \rightarrow to, can be set in degrees (2). Websites that show the course of the sun on a map are a useful tool. After entering your location, you can read off the exact values.

Example:

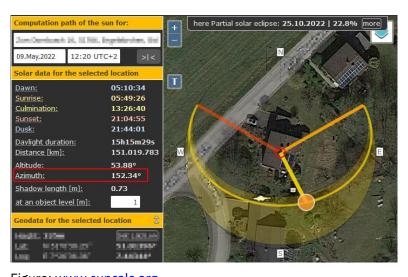
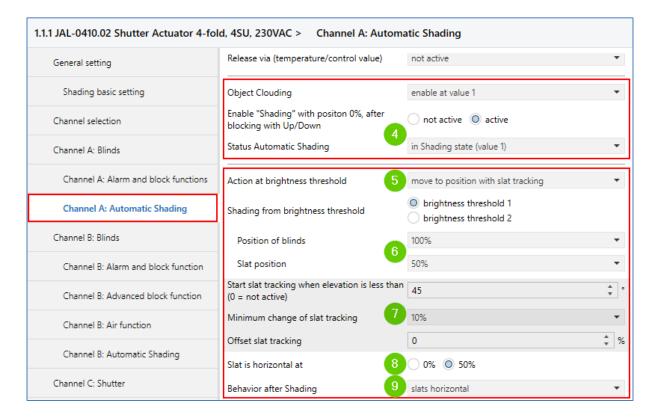


Figure: www.suncalc.org

Limiting the elevation (3) is useful if, for example, neighbouring buildings shade your own building. In this case, it is possible to raise the lower angle so that the own shading only starts when it is necessary. In addition to the possibility of delaying the shading channel by channel, the shading can be enabled by an (indoor) temperature or heating setpoint (1 byte).





Release, Lock, Status (4):

Group object "shading"

The "Shading" group object can be used as a release or lock object. Depending on the operating concept, we can deliberately lock or release the shading of individual channels with the value "1". In our example, we release the shading with the value "1".

Note: As overheating protection after a bus voltage reset, the automatic shading is also enabled in the "Enable at value 1" setting until it is disabled for the first time.

Enable "Shading" with position 0%, after locking with Up/Down → "active"

A current shading is stopped by an [Up/Down] command. This parameter releases the shading again when the upper end position is reached. For example, after a central [Up] command.

Status Automatic Shading

The status of the shading can be visualised as a 1-bit object in different ways:

[In shading state (value 1)] The status object is "1" while the channel is shaded.

[In standby state (value 1)] The status object is "1" as soon as the date and time have been

received and the channel is not locked.

As soon as [Brightness threshold 1] is exceeded, a defined position of the blind and slat is to be approached (5). In our case 100% height and 50% slat (6).

Note: If slat tracking is activated and the position of the sun is low, the shading also starts lower. The slat tracking parameters (7) are significantly affected by the slat shape and depth used.

Slat is horizontal at (8):

Explanation: If the blind opens with horizontal slats, it is usually "horizontal at 0 %". If, on the other hand, the blind is raised with the slats tilted upwards, it is "horizontal at 50 %".

After shading, the blind should remain down, only the slats turn horizontally (9).



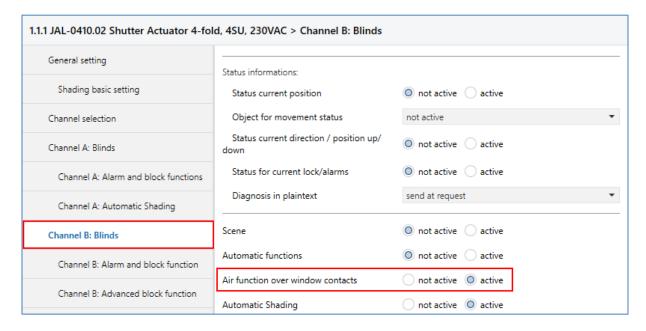
5 Settings Channel B (South), Blind:

This channel is set according to the example of channel A. Channel B shades the patio door, which is equipped with two door contacts (e.g., reed switch). The door contacts are connected to an MDT binary input and the states are processed further in the blind actuator.

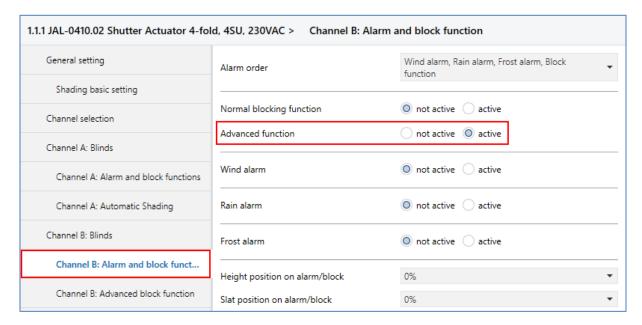
5.1 Air function (Patio door):

5.1.1 Preparation:

The air function is first activated in the channel settings.



For the next step, activate the "Advanced function" in the "Alarm and block functions".





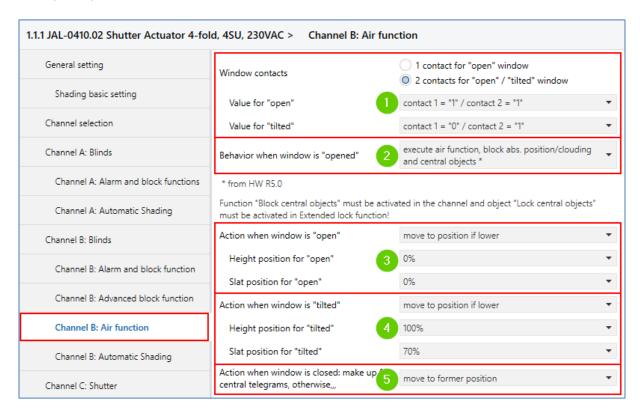
For complete lock-out protection when the patio door is open, all central commands must be disabled. To do this, we set the following parameter in the "Advanced block functions".

1.1.1 JAL-0410.02 Shutter Actuator 4-fold, 4SU, 230VAC > Channel B: Advanced block function							
General setting	Object "Block absolute position"	o not active active					
Shading basic setting	"Block absolute position" with Up/Down	not active active					
Channel selection	(Block absolute position" locks the Automatic Clouding too)						
Channel A: Blinds	Object "Block functions"	o not active active					
Channel A: Alarm and block functions	Object "Block central objects"	block "Absolute position" and "Up/Down" ▼					
Channel A: Automatic Shading	Object sends state (from HW R5.0)	not active active					
Channel B: Blinds	"Block central objects" with "Down"	not active active					
Channel B: Alarm and block function	Cancel "Block central object" when position is 0%	onot active active					
Channel B: Advanced block function							



5.1.2 Settings:

All required parameters can now be set.



The patio door has two reed contacts to distinguish between open and tilted. We select 2 contacts and set the values for "open" and "tilted" (1). When the patio door is open, we want to realise a complete lock-out protection. We select the behaviour: "Execute air function, lock abs. position/shading and central objects". (2) This ensures that the open door is not automatically closed by the blind. Now the height and slat positions for the opened (3) and tilted (4) patio door can be entered.

Result:

If the patio door is opened, the blind moves up and cannot automatically move down again until the door is closed. The only exception is the manual operation via the [Up/Down] object.

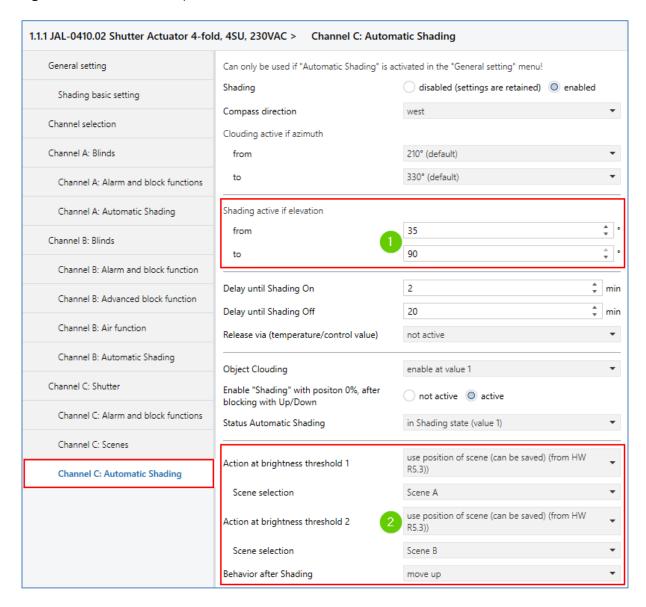
If the blind of the patio door is closed, the slats are automatically opened for ventilation when the door is tilted.

When the door is closed again, central telegrams received in the meantime are caught up. For example: Central down in the evening. (5)



6 Settings Channel C (West), Roller Shutter Scenes:

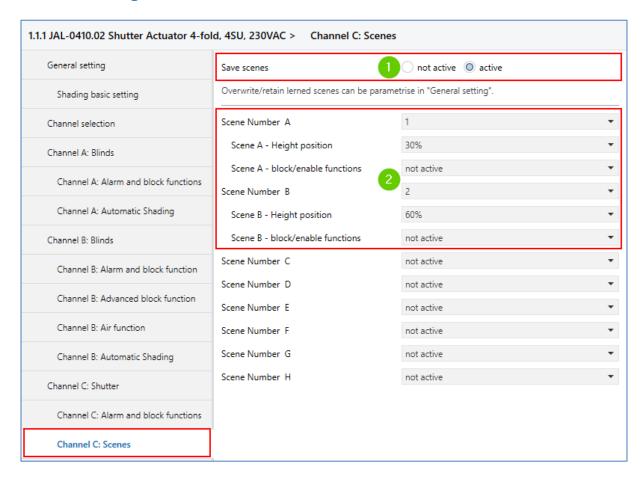
A roller shutter with west orientation is connected to channel C. Depending on the brightness, the roller shutter is to move to two different height positions by scenes and move up after shading. By using overwritable scenes, the positions can also be changed and saved afterwards without ETS - e.g., via a visualisation or a push-button.



Because the sun disappears behind a mountain in the west, the shading can already be disabled from an elevation angle of 35°, for example (1). At "Action at brightness threshold 1/2" we now select "Use position of scene". Each threshold is assigned to an internal scene number (for example, scene A/B) (2). The height positions are now set in the scene menu of the channel C, see next chapter. After the end of shading, the roller shutter moves UP.



6.1 Scene settings:



The use of scenes in automatic shading is useful if the height of the shading positions needs to be changed afterwards and without the ETS. For this purpose, it is important that the saving of scenes is activated (1). The internal scene numbers A and B assigned in the automatic shading are now assigned KNX scene numbers and the desired roller shutter height is set. We use the KNX scene 1 and 2, with the heights 30 % and 60 % (2).

Note: The KNX scene numbers used here are individual and must be adapted to your own project.

6.2 Using the KNX Scenes:

If automatic shading is active, the roller shutter heights set for scenes A and B are now activated. Additionally assigned scene functions, such as locking or release, are only executed with an external KNX scene recall via the group address. For example, calling up KNX scene number 1 could additionally lock the shading, while scene number 2 releases it again. It is also possible to overwrite the heights via the KNX scenes, e.g. by a long button press. This allows you to change the shading positions 1 and 2 without using the ETS. For further information on the use of KNX scenes, see Tips & Tricks at www.mdt.de.



7 Linking the group addresses:

	Nur	Name	Object Function	Description	Group	Length	С	R	W	Т	U	Data Type
= ≵ 0)	Central function	Shutter up/down			1 bit	C	-	W	-	-	up/down
■ ≵ 1		Central function	Slats adjustment / Stop			1 bit	C	-	W	-	-	step
■ 2 2	2	Central function	Stop			1 bit	C	-	W	-	-	trigger
■ 2 3	,	Central function	Absolute position			1 byte	C	-	W	-	-	percentage (0100%)
■∤ 4	ļ	Central function	Absolute position of slat	S		1 byte	C	-	W	-	-	percentage (0100%)
■ 2 7		Time	Receive current values	Time	1/1/0	3 bytes	C	-	W	T	U	time of day
■ ≵ 8		Date	Receive current value	Date	1/1/1	3 bytes	C	-	W	Т	U	date
■∤ 9)	Central function	Brightness 1	Brightness east	1/1/2	2 bytes	C	-	W	Т	U	lux (Lux)
■ ≵ 1	0	Central function	Brightness 2	Brightness south	1/1/3	2 bytes	C	-	W	Т	U	lux (Lux)
■ ≵ 1	1	Central function	Brightness 3	Brightness west	1/1/4	2 bytes	C	-	W	Т	U	lux (Lux)
■ ≵ 1	2	Central function	Outdoor temperature	Outdoor temperature	1/1/5	2 bytes	C	-	W	Т	U	temperature (°C)
■ ‡ 1	3	Central function	Block Shading	Lock shading	1/1/6	1 bit	C	R	W	Т	-	enable
■ 2 1	4	Central function	Shading diagnosis	Shading diagnosis	1/1/7	14 bytes	C	R	-	Т	-	Character String (ASCII)
■ ‡ 2	3	Channel A: Blinds east	Blinds up/down			1 bit	C	-	W	-	-	up/down
■ ‡ 2	4	Channel A: Blinds east	Slats adjustment / Stop			1 bit	C	-	W	-	-	step
■‡ 4	9	Channel A: Blinds east	Enable Shading	Enable shading east	1/1/8	1 bit	C	-	W	-	-	switch
■ 2 5	0	Channel A: Blinds east	Status Shading state	Status shading east	1/1/9	1 bit	C	R	-	Т	-	state
■ ≵ 5		Channel A: Blinds east	Diagnosis text			14 bytes	C	R	-	Т	-	Character String (ASCII)
■ 2 5	2	Channel B: Blinds south	Blinds up/down			1 bit	C	-	W	-	-	up/down
■ 2 5	3	Channel B: Blinds south	Slats adjustment / Stop			1 bit	C	-	W	-	-	step
■ ≵ 6	8	Channel B: Blinds south	Block central object			1 bit	C	-	W	-	-	enable
■ 2 7	5	Channel B: Blinds south	Window contact 1	Window contact 1	1/1/10	1 bit	C	-	W	Т	U	boolean
■ 2 7	6	Channel B: Blinds south	Window contact 2	Window contact 2	1/1/11	1 bit	C	-	W	Т	U	boolean
■∤ 7	8	Channel B: Blinds south	Enable Shading	Enable shading south	1/1/12	1 bit	C	-	W	-	-	switch
■ 2 7	9	Channel B: Blinds south	Status Shading state	Status shading south	1/1/13	1 bit	C	R	-	Т	-	state
■ ≵ 8	0	Channel B: Blinds south	Diagnosis text			14 bytes	C	R	-	Т	-	Character String (ASCII)
■ ≵ 8	1	Channel C: Shutter west	Shutter up/down			1 bit	C	-	W	-	-	up/down
■ ≵ 8	3	Channel C: Shutter west	Stop			1 bit	C	-	W	-	-	trigger
■ ‡ 8	4	Channel C: Shutter west	Scene	Scene	1/1/17	1 byte	C	-	W	-	-	scene control
■ ‡ 1	07	Channel C: Shutter west	Enable Shading	Enable shading west	1/1/14	1 bit	C	-	W	-	-	switch
■ ≵ 1	80	Channel C: Shutter west	Status Shading state	Status shading west	1/1/15	1 bit	C	R	-	Т	-	state
■ ‡ 1	09	Channel C: Shutter west	Diagnosis text			14 bytes	C	R	-	Т	-	Character String (ASCII)

All group addresses required for the functions in this solution example are now linked. Group addresses for manual operation are not included.

The automatic shading is ready for use as soon as the actuator has received the time and date. The "Shading diagnosis" object [1/1/7] provides - as described in <u>chapter 3</u> - all important information for troubleshooting.



8 List of all MDT devices with time function:

KNX Time Switch
IP Interface
IP Router
Glass Central Operation Unit Smart
Central Operation Unit Smart 86
Shutter Push-button Smart 55
VisuControl Easy object server
SCN-IP100.03
BE-GBZx.01
BE-BZS86.01
WC-EASY.02

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