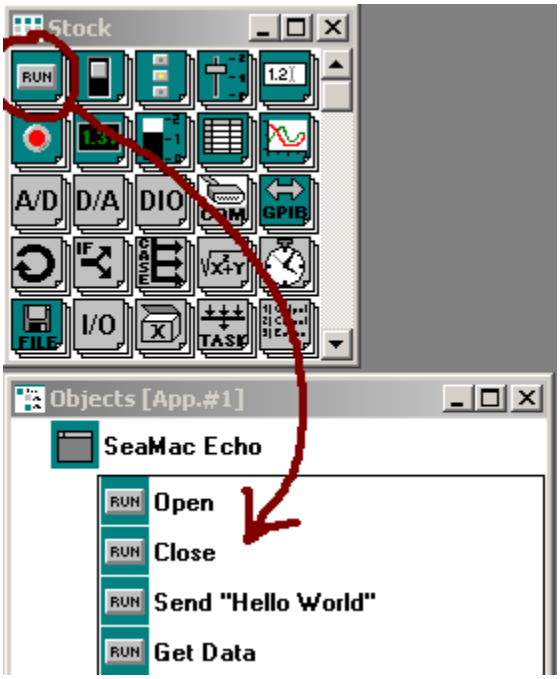
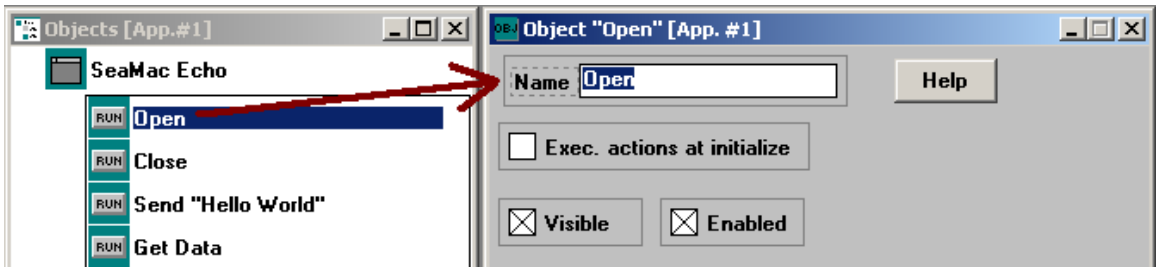
TestPoint with SeaMAC:

It is very easy to use any SeaMAC card with TestPoint. Install the card as per the directions in SeaMAC.hlp or your manual, and use the “SeaMAC Drivers” icon in the control panel to find out what port the card is installed as.

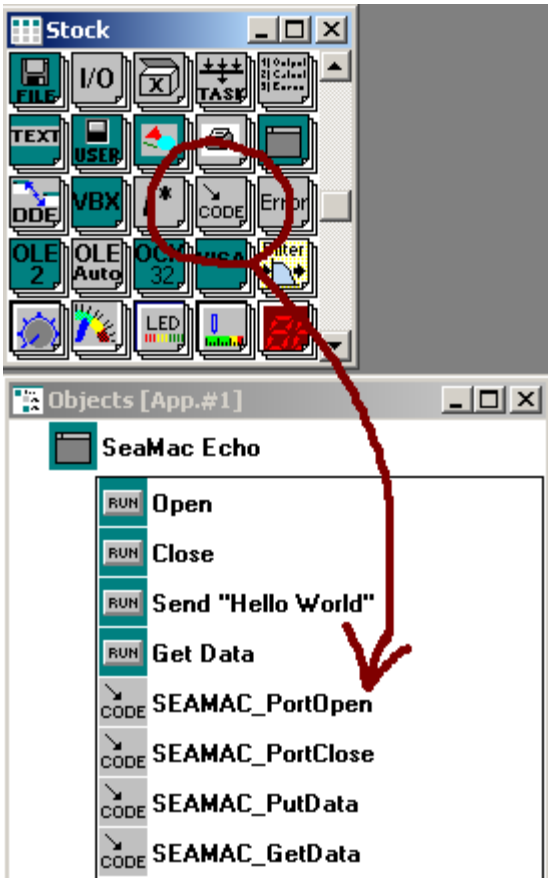
The method of attaching external APIs, (or any arbitrary .DLL,) to TestPoint is given in chapter 23 of the manual. For each call into the DLL, a separate "CODE" icon is brought into your list of objects. The "DLL filename" is SEAMAC32.DLL, and the "Subroutine Name" is any of the calls listed in the API. (Do not include the parentheses in the "Subroutine Name.")

Lets get started. First drag four “Pushbutton” objects to the objects list and name them as shown in the examples.

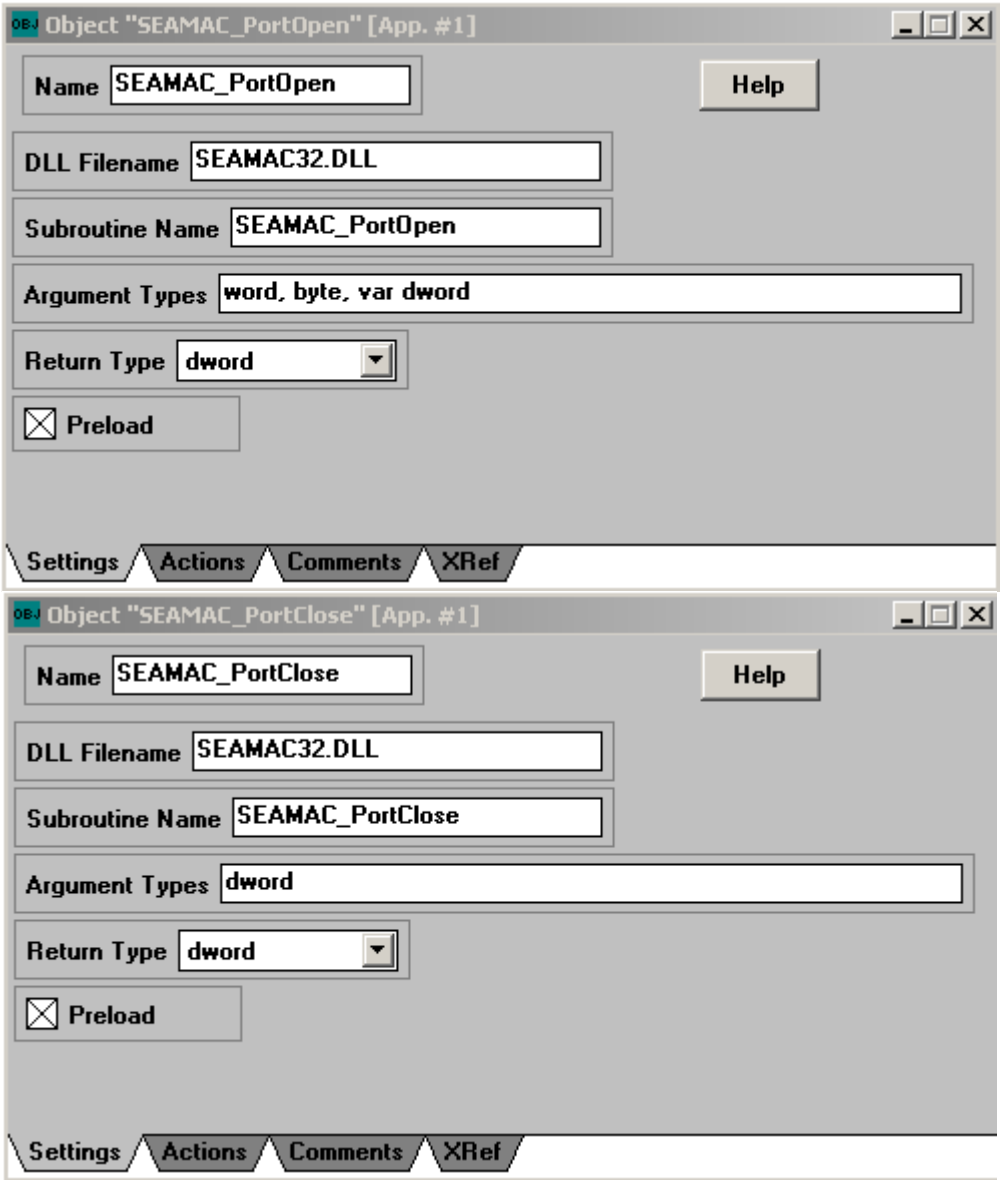




Now that we have the Buttons on the form lets add the code that makes it all work! Drag four "Code" objects to the object list.



Double clicking on one of the code objects will bring up the object property dialog box. Open all the code property dialog boxes and set up as per the examples below.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Name
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Help
DLL Filename
SEAMAC32.DLL
Subroutine Name
SEAMAC_PortOpen
Argument Types
word, byte, var dword
Return Type
dword
Preload
Settings
Actions
Comments
XRef
Object "SEAMAC_PortClose" [App. #1]
Name
SEAMAC_PortClose
Help
DLL Filename
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Argument Types
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Return Type
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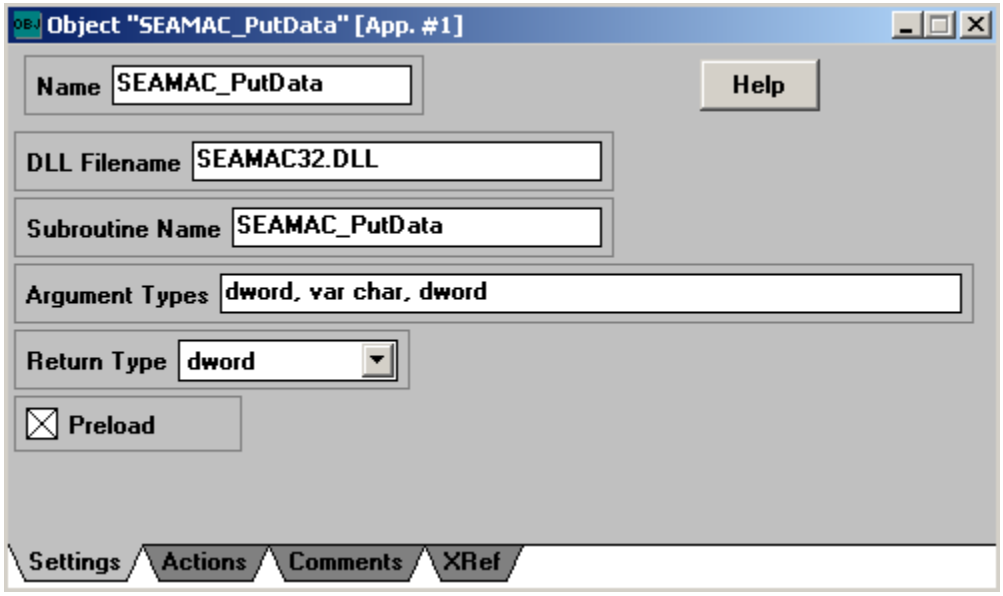
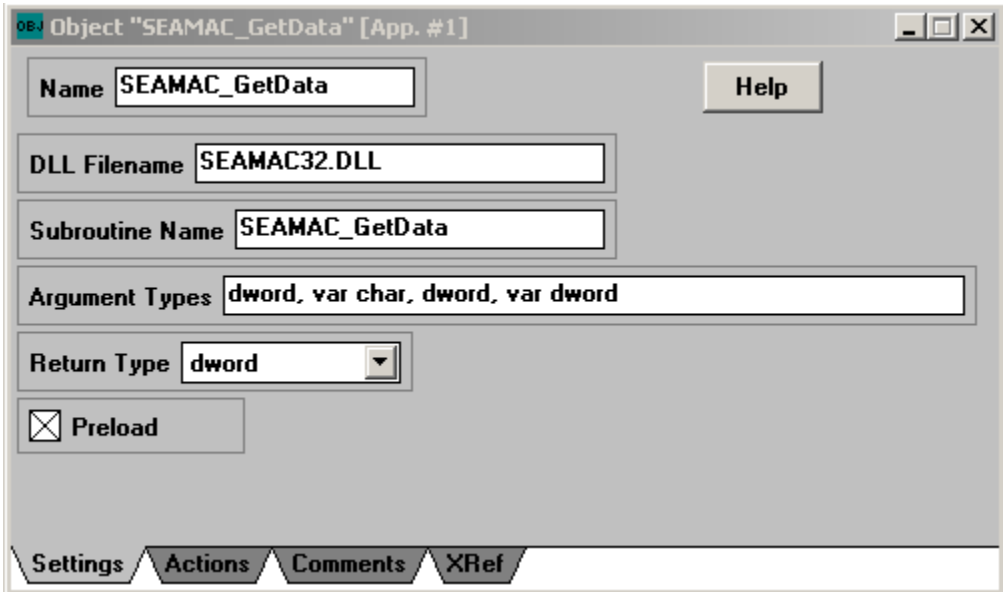
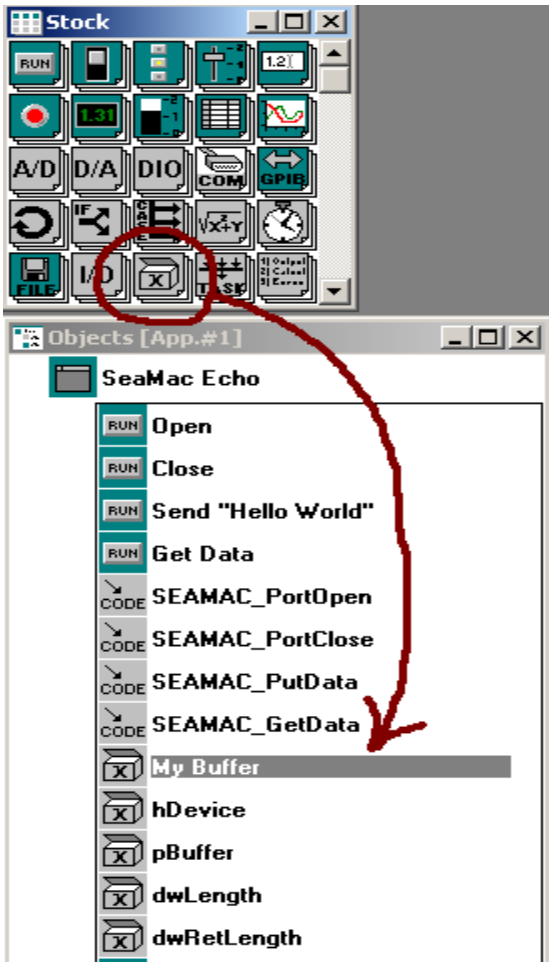
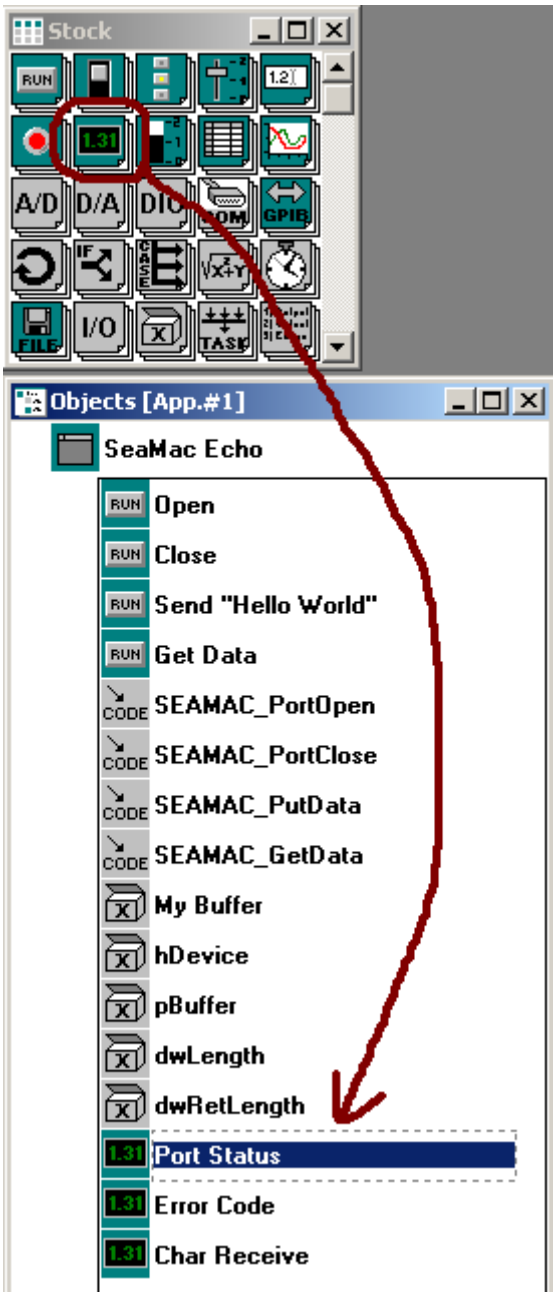




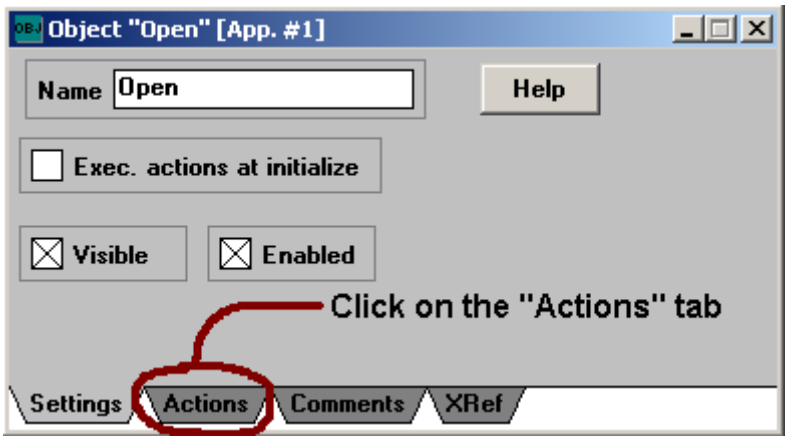
Now that the code properties are setup correctly we can setup a couple of "Containers" to store data. Drag five "Container" objects to the object list and name them as per example.



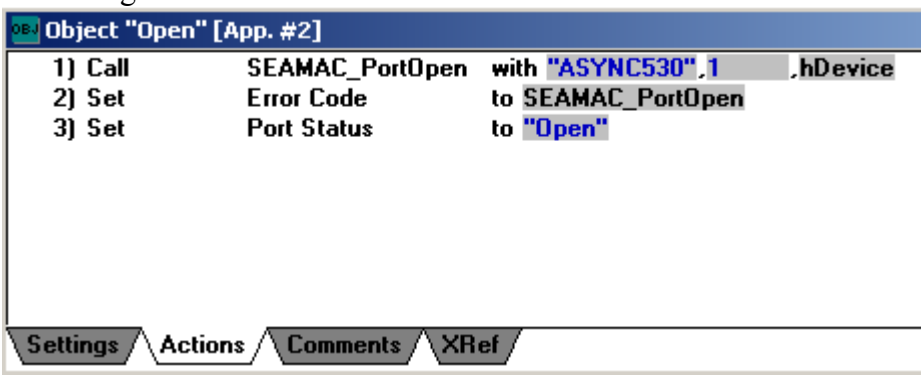
Lets add some "Display" objects so that we can view what is going on in our program. Drag three "Display" objects to the objects list and name as per example.

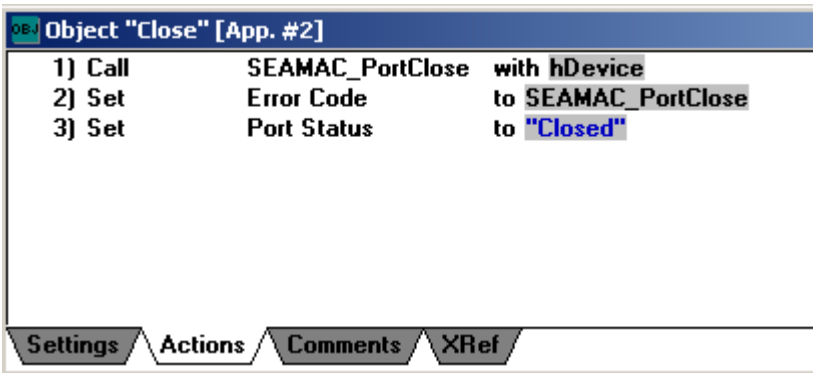


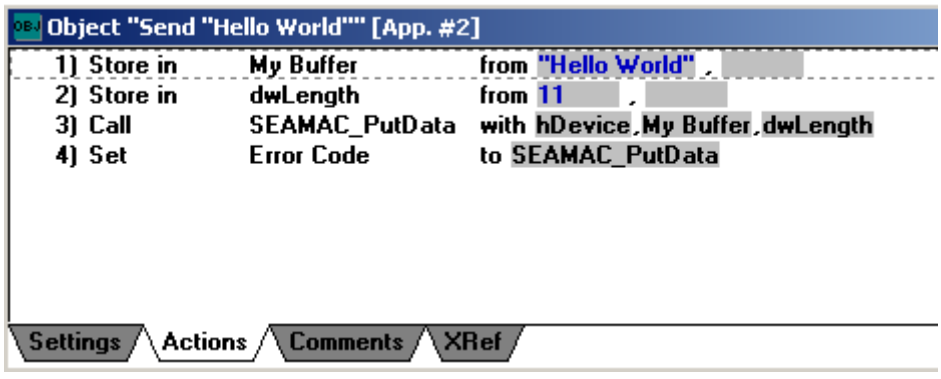
Lets get back to the "Pushbuttons". Double clicking on the pushbutton icons in the objects list will bring up their property dialog box. Click on the "Actions" tab and setup the four pushbuttons as per examples.

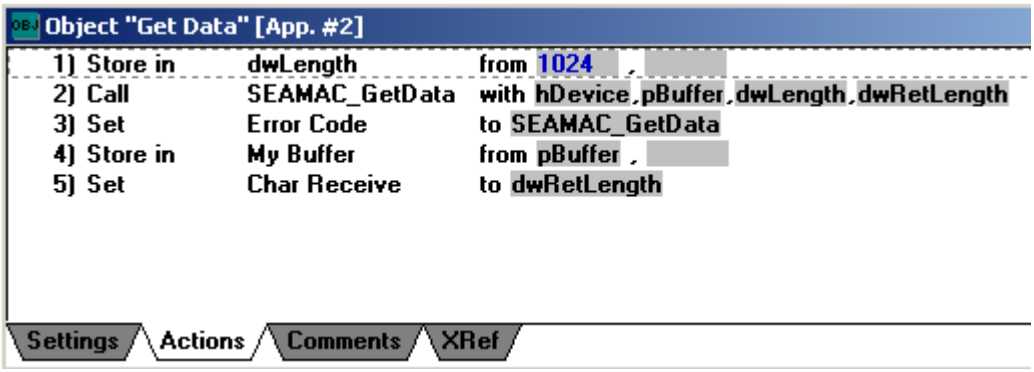


Here are the settings for each button.









Now that we have everything set up correctly, lets do some cosmetic cleanup. Here is an example of how ours turned out.

The SeaMAC example distributed here, SeaMacEcho.TST, works with with the SeaMAC driver set to "Async" protocol. The "Get Data" function in the example assumes that an external loopback is in place, but is not necessary for running the driver.