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1 About this Documentation

This documentation contains information on the PLC programming with the »PLC Designer« and makes the introduction to the powerful language constructs of IEC 61131 easier for you.

Target group

This documentation is directed to persons who accomplish the PLC programming with the »PLC Designer.

Information on the validity

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3.2	02/2011	TD29	Communication manuals (PDF) for control technology integrated

Tip

Information and tools regarding the Lenze products can be found in the download area on: http://www.Lenze.com.

1.1 Liability

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2 Lenze specifications

The »PLC Designer« is based on the »CoDeSys« (Controller Development System) IEC development environment of the company 3S - Smart Software Solutions GmbH, Kempten.

In contrast to »CoDeSys« the »PLC Designer« does not support the following functions/hardware:

- CanDevice (CANopen Slave)
- DeviceNet modules
- Encoder and sercos interfaces
- CoDeSys HMI
- CoDeSys Target-Visualization

2.1 Migration of the Lenze targets

In control technology, Lenze targets support the communication of the interlinked field devices via the bus lines CANopen (Logic) and CANopen (Motion).

Information on establishing communication via the bus lines CANopen (Logic) and CANopen (Motion) can be found in the " CANopen control technology" communication manual.

2.1.1 Updating the Lenze target "V5 Logic" to "V6 Logic with Motion"

Step	V5 Logic -> V6 Logic	V5 Logic -> V6 Logic with Motion
1	Open the org. V5 project	Open the org. V5 project
2	Set the "Save configuration files in project" option	Set the "Save configuration files in project" option
3	Save project	Save project
4	Select the V6 target under Target system settings -> Configuration	Select the V6 target under Target system settings -> Configuration
5	Add the 3S_CANOpenMaster.lib function library in the Library manager	Add the 3S_CANOpenMaster.lib function library in the Library manager
6	Save and close project	Save and close project
7	Open project	Open project
8	Translate project completely	Translate project completely

2.1.2 Updating the Lenze target "V5 Logic with Motion" to "V6 Logic with Motion"

Step	V5 Logic with Motion-> V6 Logic	V5 Logic with Motion- > V6 Logic with Motion
1	Do not convert, as Motion components are lost during conversion to the Logic target!	Open org. V5 project
2		Set "Save configuration files in project“ option
3		Save project
4		Select the V6 target under Target system settings Ω Configuration
5		Add the following function libraries in the Library manager to the project: 3S_CANOpenMaster.lib SM_CANWatch.lib SM_CAN.lib und LenzeCANdrive.lib
6		Remove the\Motion\Drives\CAN\3S_CanDrv.lib function library from the project in the Library manager
7		Add the 3S_CanDrv.lib function library to the project in the Library manager
8		Save and close project
9		Open project
10		Translate project completely
		Possibly incompatibilities are caused by new lib versions which then have to be individually edited manually. Example: In contrast to the version from the V5 target, the SMC_Interpolator FB from the V6 target has two basic inputs.

2.1.3 Updating the Lenze target "V6 Logic" to "V6 Logic with Motion"

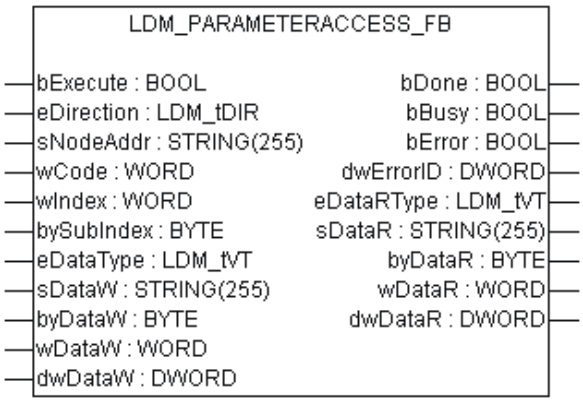
Step	V6 Logic -> V6 Logic with Motion
1	Open org. V6 Logic project
2	Select the V6 Logic + Motion Target under Target system settings Ω Configuration
3	Translate project completely

2.2 Lenze Function Blocks and Functions

2.2.1 The LDM_ParameterAccess_FB function block

Function library: PlcDataManagerAccess.lib

With the **LDM_ParameterAcces_FB** function block the device parameters of the industrial PC can be read and written by the PLC.



Note!

The LDM_ParameterAccess_FB PLC block does not support codes that contain float/double parameters (e.g. supply voltage C00205 or rechargeable battery voltage C00207).

If this block is still used for such codes, error number 532 ("Error if the format from the code number is not BYTE, WORD, DWORD or BSTR") will be reported.

Inputs

Identifier/data type	Information/possible settings
bExecute BOOL	Rising edge starts the access
eDirection LDM_tDIR	Access direction LDM_READ - read LDM_WRITE - write
sNodeAddr STRING(255)	Topology address '/' - access to parameters of the industrial PC
wCode WORD	Code of the parameter (Lenze) Then wIndex has to be set to 0
wIndex WORD	Index of the parameter (CANopen) Then wCode has to be set to 0
bySubIndex BYTE	Subindex/subcode of the parameter
eDataType LDM_tVT	Specification of the type of the parameter to be written Example: LDM_VT_I2 : 2 bytes integer Example: LDM_VT_I4 : 4 bytes integer
sDataW STRING(255)	Value to be written (string) - table Connection between the inputs and outputs and the data type
byDataW BYTE	Value to be written (1*byte) - table Connection between the inputs and outputs and the data type
wDataW WORD	Value to be written (2*byte) - table Connection between the inputs and outputs and the data type
dwDataW WORD	Value to be written (4*byte) - table Connection between the inputs and outputs and the data type

Outputs

Identifier/data type	Value/meaning
bDone BOOL	TRUE if operation has been completed successfully
bBusy BOOL	TRUE as long as the operation is running without errors
bError BOOL	TRUE if an error has occurred
dwErrorID DWORD	Greater 0 if an error has occurred
eDataRType LDM_tVT	Returned type of the parameter read {LDM_VT_EMPTY, LDM_VT_I4, ...}
sDataR STRING(255)	Value read (string) - table Connection between the inputs and outputs and the data type
byDataR BYTE	Value read (1*byte) - table Connection between the inputs and outputs and the data type
wDataR ORD	Value read (2*byte) - table Connection between the inputs and outputs and the data type
dwDataR DWORD	Value read (4*byte) - table Connection between the inputs and outputs and the data type

Connection between the inputs and outputs and the data type

Input, output	Data type
sDataR, sDataW	LDM_VT_BSTR
byDataR, byDataW	LDM_VT_I1, LDM_VT_UI1
wDataR, wDataW	LDM_VT_I2, LDM_VT_UI2
dwDataR, dwDataW	LDM_VT_I4, LDM_VT_UI4, LDM_VT_DATE

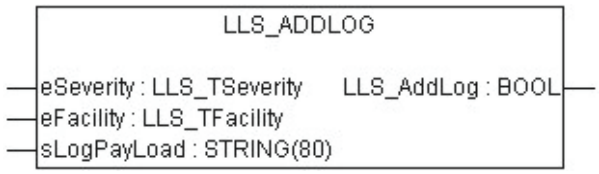
Error messages from the function block

Error number	Meaning
507	Incorrect format specification during a write access
531	Incorrect format specification during the assignment
532	Code contains float/double parameters (e. g. supply voltage C00205 or voltage of rechargeable battery C00207); this format is not supported by the POU.
further	Internal software error; please address the Lenze service.

2.2.2 The function LLS_AddLog - generate a logbook

Function library: PlcLoggingAccess.lib

This function renders it possible to make an entry in the logbook of the industrial PC. The function supplies a return value TRUE if the entry was carried out.



Inputs

Identifier/data type	Information/possible settings
eSeverity LLS_TSeverity	Logging Severity - risk of the error • LLS_FatalError • LLS_Error, LLS_Warning • LLS_Information The Enum parameter eSeverity (IEC_INT) transferred to Add2Log as severity (BYTE).
eFacility LLS_TFacility	Logging Facility: - area from which the error is reported • LLS_PLC_USER_LOG_SCOPE1 • LLS_PLC_USER_LOG_SCOPE2 • LLS_PLC_USER_LOG_SCOPE3 The Enum parameter eFacility (IEC_INT) is transferred to Add2Log as Facility (WORD).
sLogPayLoad STRING(80)	Logbook entry The Ansi string from "sLogPayLoad" is transferred to Add2Log as 1-byte string parameter. ("hs", SLOGPAYLOAD)

2.3 CANopen / PROFIBUS / EtherCAT

The "CANopen control technology", "PROFIBUS control technology", and "EtherCAT control technology" communication manuals provide some detailed information on the commissioning and diagnostics of "Logic" and "Motion" field devices.

Note

- Control technology release 2.5 does not support EtherCAT.
- In the Lenze control technology, PROFIBUS can only be used as "Logic bus".
- The mapping required for cross communication has to be created in the »PLC Designer«. When the PLC is started, the entire configuration/PDO mapping is written to the Servo Drives 9400. During this process, the entries from the »Engineer« are overwritten.

2.4 PLC program for the documentation of a cycle time violation

A cycle time violation can be documented in the IPC logbook by a code as described in the following.

For the determination of the required cycle time of a PLC project, please observe the procedures described in the "CANopen control technology" and "EtherCAT control technology" communication manuals (section "Determining the minimum cycle time of the PLC project").

The library "SysTaskInfo.lib" is used for evaluating the task runtimes. Via the **Taskinfo()** function block that is included, the following information can be retrieved:

Max./last jitter:
They are updated during a positive edge at the input bBeginCycle.

Min./max./last task runtime:
They are updated during a negative edge at the input bBeginCycle.

Function:

- Using the "taskinfo" function block from the "SysTaskInfo.lib" library information can be queried via a task.
- Using the "LLS_AddLog" function a logbook entry can be generated from the PLC in the logbook of the IPC.
- If the measured jitter is greater than the cycle time, a task cycle has been omitted and a corresponding logbook entry will be generated in the logbook of the IPC.

Code in the PLC Designer:

```
MyTaskInfo (bReset := FALSE, bBeginCycle := TRUE, tCycleTime
:= 1000);
IF MyTaskInfo.tJitterLast > MyTaskInfo.tCycleTime THEN
   LLS_AddLog( eSeverity:= LLS_Warning, eFacility:=
   LLS_PLC_USER_LOG_SCOPE1, 'cycle time violation' );
END_IF
```

Logbook entry of the IPC:

```
00539 2009-03-29 08:55:48  cycle time violation
Soft PLC                   Warning
>                          PLC_USER_LOG_LEVEL1
```

Precondition:

- The "SysTaskInfo.lib" and "SysLibTime.lib" libraries have been integrated into the PLC Designer project.
- The following code must be called cyclically in the task to be checked.
- The cycle time specified in the function block must correspond to the task interval (task configuration --> task properties).

2.5 Visualisation via the "PLC Designer OPC Server"

By default the visualisation (VisiWinNET) under Windows XP uses the OPC tunnel to visualise the items of the IPC. With communication via the "PLC Designer OPC Server" the »PLC Designer« offers an individual path. To configure the "PLC Designer OPC Server" start the file OPCConfig.exe in the directory:
Programme\Lenze\PlcDesigner\<Version>\OPC

3 A Brief Introduction to PLC Designer

3.1 What is »PLC Designer«

»PLC Designer« is a complete development environment for your PLC.

»PLC Designer« puts a simple approach to the powerful IEC language at the disposal of the PLC programmer. Use of the editors and debugging functions is based upon the proven development program environments of advanced programming languages (such as Visual C++).

3.2 Overview of PLC Designer Functions...

3.2.1 How is a project structured?

A project is put into a file named after the project. The first POU (Program Organization Unit) created in a new project will automatically be named PLC_PRG. The process begins here (in compliance with the main function in a C program), and other POUs can be accessed from the same point (programs, function blocks and functions).

Once you have defined a Task Configuration, it is no longer necessary to create a program named PLC_PRG. You will find more about this in the Task Configuration chapter.

There are different kinds of objects in a project: POUs, data types, display elements (visualizations) and resources.

The Object Organizer contains a list of all the objects in your project.

3.2.2 How do I set up my project?

First you should configure your PLC in order to check the accuracy of the addresses used in the project.

Then you can create the POUs needed to solve your problem.

Now you can program the POUs you need in the desired languages.

Once the programming is complete, you can compile the project and remove errors should there be any.

3.2.3 How can I test my project?

Once all errors have been removed, activate the **simulation**, log in to the simulated PLC and "load" your project in the PLC. Now you are in Online mode.

Now open the window with your **PLC Configuration** and test your project for correct sequence. To do this, enter input variables manually and observe whether outputs are as expected. You can also observe the value sequence of the local variables in the POUs. In the **Watch and Receipt Manager** you can configure data records whose values you wish to examine.

3.2.4 Debugging

In case of a programming error you can set breakpoints. If the process stops at such a breakpoint, you can examine the values of all project variables at this point in time. By working through sequentially (single step) you can check the logical correctness of your program.

3.2.5 Additional Online Functions

Further debugging functions:

You can **set** program variables and inputs and outputs at certain values.

You can use the **flow control** to check which program lines have been run.

A **Log** records operations, user actions and internal processes during an online session in a chronological order.

If activated in the target settings the **Sampling Trace** allows you to trace and display the actual course of variables over an extended period of time.

Also a target specific function is the **PLC Browser** which can serve to request certain information from the PLC.

Once the project has been set up and tested, it can be loaded down to the hardware and tested as well. The same online functions as you used with the simulation will be available.

3.2.6 Additional PLC Designer Features

The entire project can be documented or exported to a text file at any time.

For **communication** purposes »PLC Designer« has a symbolic interface and a DDE interface. A Gateway Server plus OPC Server and DDE Server are components of the **PLC Designer**-standard installation packet.

Using the appropriate **target settings**, which can be loaded with the aid of a target file (Target Support Package) allows to load the same PLC Designer project to various target systems.

Network global variables and a **Parameter Manager** might be available, if activated by the current target settings, for data exchange within a network of controllers.

ENI: The 'Engineering Interface' can be used to access any desired source code management program via the ENI Server, which is running as an independent process. PLC Designer POUs and compile files can be filed in that data base and are by that accessible also by other clients of the ENI Server. This allows multi user operation during the work on a PLC Designer project, it provides a common data pool for different tools besides »PLC Designer« and it makes possible a version management.

Tools: This functionality also is target dependent and allows to start target-specific executable files in a PLC Designer project. Besides that files can be defined, which should be loaded to the controller. Connections to external tools can be pre-defined in the target file or/and inserted in the project Resource tree.

A **PLC Designer visualization** can be processed target specifically to be available as **Web-Visualization** and/or **Target-Visualization**. This allows to run and view the visualization via Internet or on a PLC-monitor.

4 What is What in PLC Designer

4.1 Project Components...

4.1.1 Project

A project contains all of the objects in a PLC program. A project is saved in a file named after the project. The following objects are included in a project:

POUs (Program Organization Units), data types, visualizations, resources, and libraries.

4.1.2 POU (Program Organization Unit)

Functions, function blocks, and programs are POUs which can be supplemented by actions.

Each POU consists of a declaration part and a body. The body is written in one of the IEC programming languages which include IL, ST, SFC, FBD, LD or CFC.

»PLC Designer« supports all IEC standard POUs. If you want to use these POUs in your project, you must include the library standard.lib in your project.

POUs can call up other POUs. However, recursions are not allowed.

4.1.3 Function

A function is a POU, which yields exactly one data element (which can consist of several elements, such as fields or structures) when it is processed, and whose call in textual languages can occur as an operator in expressions.

When declaring a function do not forget that the function must receive a type. This means, after the function name, you must enter a colon followed by a type.

A correct function declaration can look like this example:

```
FUNCTION Fct: INT
```

In addition, a result must be assigned to the function. That means that function name is used as an output variable.

A function declaration begins with the keyword FUNCTION. Regard the Recommendations on the naming.

Example of a function Fct in IL, in which three input variables are declared:

The first both input variables get multiplicated and then divided by the third one. The function returns the result of this operation:

Declaration part:

```
FUNCTION Fct: INT
VAR_INPUT
PAR1:INT;
PAR2:INT;
PAR3:INT;
END_VAR
```

Implementation part:

```
LD PAR1
MUL PAR2
DIV PAR3
ST Fct
```

Calling a function:

In **ST** a function call can be used as operand in an expression.

In **SFC** a function call can only take place within actions of a step or a transition.

Note!

»PLC Designer« allows using global variables within a function. This intentionally deviates from the IEC61131-3 standard, which prescribes that return value of a function **only** will be modified by the input parameters. Thus the difference between functions and programs is just, that functions return only one return value and that their parameters and return values are handled over the stack.

Examples for calling the above described function Fct:

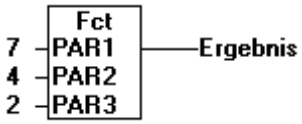
in IL:

```
LD 7
Fct 2,4
ST  Ergebnis
```

in ST:

```
Ergebnis := Fct(7, 2, 4);
```

in FUP:



Stop!

If a local variable in a function is declared as RETAIN, this will be without any effect. The variable will not be saved in the Retain area !

Note!

If you define a function in your project with the name **CheckBounds**, you can use it to check for range overflows in arrays (see chapter Datatypes).

If you define functions in your project with the names **CheckDivByte**, **CheckDivWord**, **CheckDivDWord** and **CheckDivReal**, you can use them to check the value of the divisor if you use the operator DIV, for example to avoid a division by 0 (see chapter IEC Operators...).

If you define functions with the names **CheckRangeSigned** and **CheckRangeUnsigned**, then range exceeding of variables declared with subrange types (see chapter Data types) can be intercepted.

All these check function names are reserved for the described usage.

4.1.4 Function Block

A function block is a POU which provides one or more values during the procedure.

As opposed to a function, a function block provides no return value.

A function block declaration begins with the keyword FUNCTION_BLOCK. Regard the Recommendations on the naming.

Reproductions or instances (copies) of a function block can be created.

The call of a function block is done via a function block instance.

Example in IL of a function block with two input variables and two output variables:

One output (iMulErg) is the product of the two inputs, the other (xVergl) is a comparison for equality:

Declaration part:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK FUB

VAR_INPUT

iPar1:INT;
iPar2:INT;

END_VAR

VAR_OUTPUT

iMulErg:INT;
xVergl:BOOL;

END_VAR
```

Implementation part in IL:

```
LD iPar1
MUL iPar2
ST iMulErg

LD iPar1
EQ iPar2
ST xVergl
```

4.1.5 Function Block Instances

Reproductions or *instances* (copies) of a function block can be created.

Each instance possesses its own identifier (the Instance name), and a data structure which contains its inputs, outputs, and internal variables. Instances are declared locally or globally as variables, whereas the name of the function block is indicated as the type of an identifier.

Regard the Recommendations on the naming.

Example of an instance with the name INSTANCE of the FUB function block:

```
fubInstance: FUB;
```

Function blocks are always called through the instances described above.

Only the input and output parameters can be accessed from outside of an function block instance, not its internal variables.

Example for accessing an input variable

The function block FB has an input variable in1 of the type INT.

```
PROGRAM prog

VAR
fbinst1:fb;
END_VAR

LD 17
ST  fbinst1.in1
CAL fbinst1

END_PROGRAM
```

The declaration parts of function blocks and programs can contain instance declarations. Instance declarations are not permitted in functions.

Access to a function block instance is limited to the POU in which it was declared unless it was declared globally.

The instance name of a function block instance can be used as the input for a function or a function block.

Note!

All values are retained after processing a function block until the next it is processed. Therefore, function block calls with the same arguments do not always return the same output values!

If there at least one of the function block variables is a retain variable, the total instance is stored in the retain area.

4.1.6 Calling a function block

The input and output variables of a function block can be accessed from another POU by setting up an instance of the function block and specifying the desired variable using the following syntax:

```
<Instance name>.<Variable name>
```

Assigning parameters at call:

If you would like to set input and/or output parameters when you call the function block, you can do this in the text languages IL and ST by assigning values to the parameters after the instance name of the function block in parentheses (for input parameters this assignment takes place using ":=" just as with the initialization of variables at the declaration position, for output parameters "=>" is to be used).

If the instance is inserted via input assistant (<F2>) with option **With arguments** in the implementation window of a ST or IL POU, it will be displayed automatically according to this syntax with all of its parameters. But you not necessarily must assign these parameters.

Example:

FBINST is a local variable of type of a function block, which contains the input variable xx and the output variable yy. When FBINST is inserted in a ST program via input assistant, the call will be displayed as follows and then can be supplemented with the desired values: FBINST1(xx:= , yy=>);

InOutVariables at call:

Please regard, that the InOutVariables (VAR_IN_OUT) of a function block are handed over as pointers. For this reason in a call of a function block no constants can be assigned to VAR_IN_OUTs and there is no read or write access from outside to them.

Example

Calling a VAR_IN_OUT variable inout1 of function block fubo in a ST module:

```
VAR
 fuboinst:fubo;
 iVar1:int;
END_VAR
iVar1:=2;
fuboinst(iInOut1:=iVar1);
```

not allowed in this case: “fuboinst(iInOut1:=2);” or “fuboinst.iInOut1:=2;”

Examples for calling function block FUB:

Function block FUB: see above, chapter 'Function Block':

Declaration part:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK FUB

VAR_INPUT

iPAR1:INT;
iPAR2:INT;

END_VAR

VAR_OUTPUT

iMELERG:INT;
xVERGL:BOOL;

END_VAR
```

Implementation part:

```
LD iPar1
MUL iPar2
ST iMulErg

LD iPar1
EQ iPar2
ST xVergl
```

The multiplication result is saved in the variable ERG, and the result of the comparison is saved in QUAD. An instance of FUB with the name INSTANCE is declared.

Calling FUB in IL:

Declaration part:

```
PROGRAM AWLaufruf

VAR

xQuad :       BOOL;
fubinstanz :  FUB;
iErg:         INT:=0;

END_VAR
```

Implementation part:

```
CAL   fubinstanz(iPar1:=5;iPar2:=5);

LD    fubinstanz.xVergl
ST    xQuad

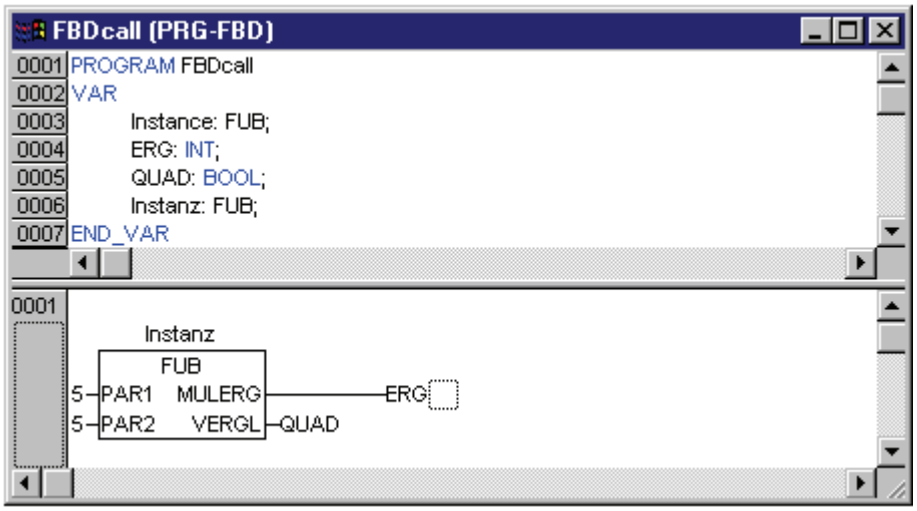
LD    fubinstanz.iMulErg
ST    iErg
```

Calling FUB in ST (Declaration part as shown above for IL):

```
PROGRAM STaufruf

fubinstanz(iPar1:=5;iPar2:=5);   bzw. fubinstanz;
QUAD:=fubinstanz.xVergl;
ERG:=funbinstanz.iMulErg;
```

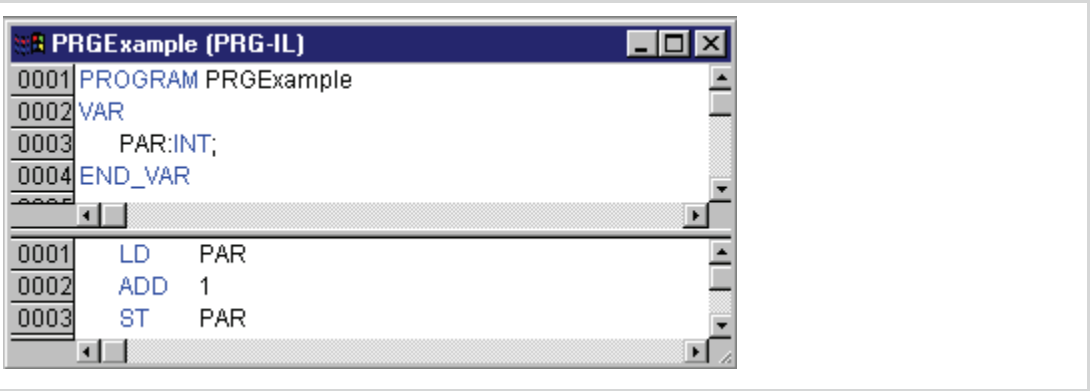
Calling FUB in FBD (Declaration part as shown above for IL):



In SFC function block calls can only take place in steps.

4.1.7 Program

A program is a POU which returns several values during operation. Programs are recognized globally throughout the project. All values are retained from the last time the program was run until the next.



Example of a program

Programs can be called. A program call in a function is not allowed. There are also no instances of programs.

If a POU calls a program, and if thereby values of the program are changed, then these changes are retained the next time the program is called, even if the program has been called from within another POU.

This is different from calling a function block. There only the values in the given instance of a function block are changed.

These changes therefore play a role only when the same instance is called.

A program declaration begins with the keyword PROGRAM. Regard the Recommendations on the naming.

If you would like to set input and/or output parameters when you call the program, you can do this in the text languages IL and ST by assigning values to the parameters after the program name in parentheses (for input parameters this assignment takes place using ":=" just as with the initialization of variables at the declaration position, for output parameters "=>" is to be used).

If the program is inserted via input assistant (<F2>) with option **With arguments** in the implementation window of a ST or IL POU, it will be displayed automatically according to this syntax with all of its parameters. But you not necessarily must assign these parameters.

Examples for program calls:

In IL:

```
CAL PRGexample2

LD PRGexample2.out_var

ST  ERG

or with assigning the parameters (input assistant "With
arguments", see above):

CAL PRGexample2(in_var:=33, out_var=>erg )
```

In ST:

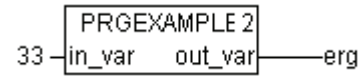
```
PRGexample2;

Erg := PRGexample2.out_var;

or with assigning the parameters (input assistant "With
arguments", see above):

PRGexample2(in_var:=33, out_var=>erg );
```

In FBD:



Example for a possible call sequence for PLC_PRG:

See the program PRGexample shown in the picture at top of this chapter:

```
LD 0
ST  PRGexample.PAR (*Default setting for PAR is 0*)
CAL IL call (*ERG in IL call results in 1*)
CAL ST call (*ERG in ST call results in 2*)
CAL FBD call (*ERG in FBD call results in 3*)
```

If the variable PAR from the program PRGexample is initialized by a main program with 0, and then one after the other programs are called with above named program calls, then the ERG result in the programs will have the values 1, 2, and 3. If one exchanges the sequence of the calls, then the values of the given result parameters also change in a corresponding fashion.

4.1.8 PLC_PRG

The PLC_PRG is a special predefined POU. Each project must contain this special program. This POU is called exactly once per control cycle.

The first time the **'Project' 'Object Add'** command is used after a new project has been created, the default entry in the POU dialog box will be a POU named PLC_PRG of the program type. You should not change this default setting!

If tasks have been defined, then the project may not contain any PLC_PRG, since in this case the procedure sequence depends upon the task assignment.

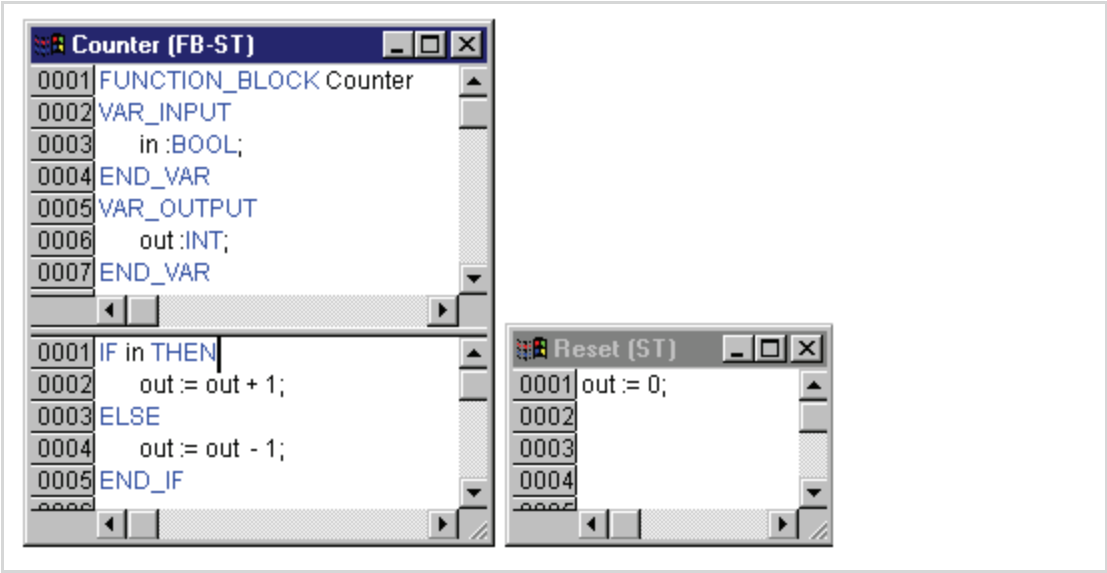
Stop!

Do not delete or rename the POU PLC_PRG (assuming you are not using a Task Configuration)! PLC_PRG is generally the main program in a single task program.

4.1.9 Action

Actions can be defined and assigned to function blocks and programmes ('Project' 'Add action'). The action represents a further implementation which can be entirely created in another language as the "normal" implementation. Each action is given a name.

An action works with the data from the function block or programme which it belongs to. The action uses the same input/output variables and local variables as the "normal" implementation uses.



Example for an action of a function block

In the example given, calling up the function block Counter increases or decreases the output variable "out", depending on the value of the input variable "in". Calling up the action Reset of the function block sets the output variable to zero. The same variable "out" is written in both cases.

Calling an action:

An action is called up with <Program_name>.<Action_name> or <Instance_name>.<Action_name>. Regard the notation in FBD (see example below) ! If it is required to call up the action within its own block, one just uses the name of the action in the text editors and in the graphic form the function block call up without instance information.

Examples for calls of the above described action from another POU:

Declaration for all examples:

```
PROGRAM PLC_PRG
VAR
 Inst : Counter;
END_VAR
```

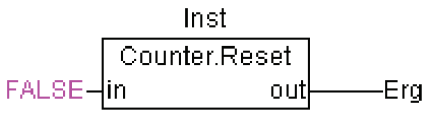
Call of action 'Reset' in another POU, which is programmed in **IL**:

```
CAL Inst.Reset(In := FALSE)
LD Inst.out
ST  ERG
```

Call of action 'Reset' in another POU, which is programmed in **ST**:

```
Inst.Reset(In := FALSE);
Erg := Inst.out;
```

Call of action 'Reset' in another POU, which is programmed in **FBD**:



Note!

Actions play an important role in blocks in sequential function charts, see Sequential Function Chart.
The IEC standard does not recognise actions other than actions of the sequential function chart.

4.1.10 Resources

You need the resources for configuring and organizing your project and for tracing variable values:

- Global Variables which can be used throughout the project or network
- Library manager for adding libraries to the project
- Log for recording the actions during an online session
- Alarm Configuration for the configuration of the alarm handling in the project
- PLC Configuration for configuring your hardware
- Task Configuration for guiding your program through tasks
- Watch and Receipt Manager for displaying variable values and setting default variable values
- Target Settings for selection and if necessary final configuration of the target system
- Workspace as an image of the project options

Depending on the target system and on the target settings made in »PLC Designer« the following resources also might be available in your project:

- **Sampling Trace** for graphic display of variable values
- **Parameter Manager** for data exchange with other controllers in a network
- **PLC-Browser** as controller monitor
- **Tools** – availability depending on target – for calling external tool programs from within »PLC Designer«
- **SoftMotion** functionality (due to license) with CNC-Editor (CNC program list) and CAM-Editor

4.1.11 Libraries

You can include in your project a series of libraries whose POUs, data types, and global variables you can use just like user-defined variables. The libraries standard.lib and util.lib are standard parts of the program and are always at your disposal.

See 'Library Manager'.

4.1.12 Data types

Along with the standard data types the user can define his own data types. Structures, enumeration types and references can be created.

See 'Data Types'.

4.1.13 Visualization

»PLC Designer« provides visualizations so that you can display your project variables. You can plot geometric elements off-line with the help of the visualization. In Online mode, these can then change their form/color/text output in response to specified variable values.

A visualization can be used as a pure operating interface for a PLC with CoDeSys HMI or as a Web-Visualization or Target-Visualization running via Internet resp. directly on the PLC.

See for more details: in chapter 'Visualization'.

4.2 Languages...

Supported Languages

»PLC Designer« supports all languages described by the standard IEC-61131:

Textual Languages:

- Instruction List (IL)
- Structured Text (ST)

Grafic Languages:

- Sequential Function Chart (SFC)
- Function Block Diagram (FBD)
- Ladder Diagram (LD)

Additionally there is available - basing on the Function Block Diagram - the grafic Continuous Function Chart (CFC).

4.2.1 Instruction List (IL)...

An instruction list (IL) consists of a series of instructions. Each instruction begins in a new line and contains an operator and, depending on the type of operation, one or more operands separated by commas.

In front of an instruction there can be an identification *mark* (label) followed by a colon (:).

A comment must be the last element in a line. Empty lines can be inserted between instructions.

Example:

```
LD 17
ST lint (* Kommentar *)
GE 5
JMPC next
LD idword
EQ istruct.sdword
STN test
next:
```

Modifiers and operators in IL

In the IL language the following operators and modifiers can be used.

Modifiers:

• C	with JMP, CAL, RET:	The instruction is only then executed if the result of the preceding expression is TRUE.
• N	with JMPC, CALC, RETC:	The instruction is only then executed if the result of the preceding expression is FALSE.
• N	otherwise:	Negation of the operand (not of the accumulator)

Below you find a table of all operators in IL with their possible modifiers and the relevant meaning:

Operator	Modifiers	Meaning
LD	N	Make current result equal to the operand
ST	N	Save current result at the position of the operand
S		Then put the Boolean operand exactly at TRUE if the current result is TRUE
R		Then put the Boolean operand exactly at FALSE if the current result is TRUE
AND	N,(	Bitwise AND
OR	N,(	Bitwise OR
XOR	N,(	Bitwise exclusive OR
ADD	(	Addition
SUB	(	Subtraction
MUL	(	Multiplication
DIV	(	Division
GT	(	>
GE	(	>=
EQ	(	=
NE	(	<>
LE	(	<=
LT	(	<
JMP	CN	Jump to the label
CAL	CN	Call programor function block or
RET	CN	Leave POU and return to caller.
)		Evaluate deferred operation

Click here to get a listing of all IEC operators.

Example of an IL program while using some modifiers:

LD	TRUE	(*load TRUE in the accumulator*)
ANDN	BOOL1	(*execute AND with the negated value of the BOOL1 variable*)
JMPC	mark	(*if the result was TRUE, then jump to the label "mark"*)
LDN	BOOL2	(*save the negated value of *)
ST	ERG	(*BOOL2 in ERG*)
label:		
LD	BOOL2	(*save the value of *)
ST	ERG	*BOOL2 in ERG*)

It is also possible in IL to put **parentheses after an operation**. The value of the parenthesis is then considered as an operand.

For example:

```
LD  2
MUL 2
ADD 3
Erg
```

Here is the value of Erg 7. However, if one puts parentheses:

```
LD 2
MUL (2
ADD 3
)
ST Erg
```

the resulting value for Erg is 10, the operation MUL is only then evaluated if you come to ")"; as operand for MUL 5 is then calculated.

4.2.2 Structured Text (ST)...

The Structured Text consists of a series of instructions which, as determined in high level languages, ("IF..THEN..ELSE") or in loops (WHILE..DO) can be executed.

Example:

```
IF value < 7 THEN
 WHILE value < 8 DO
  value:=value+1;
 END_WHILE;
END_IF;
```

Expressions

An *expression* is a construction which returns a value after its evaluation.

Expressions are composed of operators and operands. An operand can be a constant, a variable, a function call, or another expression.

Valuation of expressions

The evaluation of expression takes place by means of processing the operators according to certain *binding rules*. The operator with the strongest binding is processed first, then the operator with the next strongest binding, etc., until all operators have been processed.

Operators with equal binding strength are processed from left to right.

Below you find a table of the ST operators in the order of their binding strength:

Operation	Symbol	Binding strength
Put in parentheses	(expression)	Strongest binding
Function call	Function name (parameter list)	
Exponentiation	EXPT	
Negate Building of complements	- NOT	
Multiply Divide Modulo	* / MOD	
Add Subtract	+ -	
Compare	<,>,<=,>=	
Equal to Not equal to	= <>	
Boolean AND	AND	
Boolean XOR	XOR	
Boolean OR	OR	Weakest binding

Instruction type	**Example**
Assignment	A:=B; CV := CV + 1; C:=SIN(X);
Calling a function block and use of the FB output	CMD_TMR(IN := %IX5, PT := 300); A:=CMD_TMR.Q
RETURN	RETURN;
IF	D:=B*B; IF D<0.0 THEN C:=A; ELSIF D=0.0 THEN C:=B; ELSE C:=D; END_IF;

Instruction type	Example
CASE	CASE INT1 OF 1: BOOL1 := TRUE; 2: BOOL2 := TRUE; ELSE BOOL1 := FALSE; BOOL2 := FALSE; END_CASE;
FOR	J:=101; FOR I:=1 TO 100 BY 2 DO IF ARR[I] = 70 THEN J:=I; EXIT; END_IF; END_FOR;
WHILE	J:=1; WHILE J<= 100 AND ARR[J] <> 70 DO J:=J+2; END_WHILE;
REPEAT	J:=-1; REPEAT J:=J+2; UNTIL J= 101 OR ARR[J] = 70 END_REPEAT;
EXIT	EXIT;
Empty instruction	;

Assignment operator

On the left side of an assignment there is an operand (variable, address) to which is assigned the value of the expression on the right side with the assignment operator :=

Example:

```
Var1 := Var2 * 10;
```

After completion of this line Var1 has the tenfold value of Var2.

Calling function blocks in ST

A function block is called in ST by writing the name of the instance of the function block and then assigning the values of the parameters in parentheses. In the following example a timer is called with assignments for the parameters IN and PT. Then the result variable Q is assigned to the variable A.

The result variable, as in IL, is addressed with the name of the function block, a following point, and the name of the variable:

```
CMD_TMR(IN := %IX5, PT := 300);

A:=CMD_TMR.Q
```

RETURN instruction

The RETURN instruction can be used to leave a POU, for example depending on a condition

IF instruction

With the IF instruction you can check a condition and, depending upon this condition, execute instructions.

Syntax:

```
IF <Boolean_expression1> THEN

<IF_instructions>

{ELSIF <Boolean_expression2> THEN

<ELSIF_instructions1>

.

.

ELSIF <Boolean_expression n> THEN

<ELSIF_instructions n-1>

ELSE

<ELSE_instructions>}

END_IF;
```

The part in braces {} is optional.

If the <Boolean_expression1> returns TRUE, then only the <IF_Instructions> are executed and none of the other instructions.

Otherwise the Boolean expressions, beginning with <Boolean_expression2>, are evaluated one after the other until one of the expressions returns TRUE. Then only those instructions after this Boolean expression and before the next ELSE or ELSIF are evaluated.

If none of the Boolean expressions produce TRUE, then only the <ELSE_instructions> are evaluated.

Example:

```
IF temp<17
THEN heating_on := TRUE;
ELSE heating_on := FALSE;
END_IF;
```

Here the heating is turned on when the temperature sinks below 17 degrees. Otherwise it remains off.

CASE instruction

With the CASE instructions one can combine several conditioned instructions with the same condition variable in one construct.

Syntax:

```
CASE <Var1> OF
<Value1>: <Instruction 1>
<Value2>: <Instruction 2>
<Value3, Value4, Value5>: <Instruction 3>
<Value6 .. Value10>: <Instruction 4>
...
<Value n>: <Instruction n>
ELSE <ELSE instruction>
END_CASE;
```

A CASE instruction is processed according to the following model:

- If the variable in <Var1> has the value <Value i>, then the instruction <Instruction i> is executed.
- If <Var 1> has none of the indicated values, then the <ELSE Instruction> is executed.
- If the same instruction is to be executed for several values of the variables, then one can write these values one after the other separated by commas, and thus condition the common execution.
- If the same instruction is to be executed for a value range of a variable, one can write the initial value and the end value separated by two dots one after the other. So you can condition the common condition.

Example:

```
CASE INT1 OF
1, 5: BOOL1 := TRUE;
 BOOL3 := FALSE;
2: BOOL2 := FALSE;
 BOOL3 := TRUE;
10..20: BOOL1 := TRUE;
 BOOL3:= TRUE;
ELSE
 BOOL1 := NOT BOOL1;
 BOOL2 := BOOL1 OR BOOL2;
END_CASE;
```

FOR loop

With the FOR loop one can program repeated processes.

Syntax:

```
INT_Var :INT;

FOR <INT_Var> := <INIT_VALUE> TO <END_VALUE> {BY <Step
size>} DO
```

<Instructions>

```
END_FOR;
```

The part in braces {} is optional.

The <Instructions> are executed as long as the counter <INT_Var> is not greater than the <END_VALUE>. This is checked before executing the <Instructions> so that the <instructions> are never executed if <INIT_VALUE> is greater than <END_VALUE>.

When <Instructions> are executed, <INT_Var> is always increased by <Step size>. The step size can have any integer value. If it is missing, then it is set to 1. The loop must also end since <INT_Var> only becomes greater.

Example:

```
FOR Counter:=1 TO 5 BY 1 DO

Var1:=Var1*2;

END_FOR;

Erg:=Var1;
```

Let us assume that the default setting for Var1 is the value 1. Then it will have the value 32 after the FOR loop.

Note!

<END_VALUE> must not be equal to the limit value of the counter <INT_VAR>. For example: If the variable Counter is of type SINT and if <END_VALUE> is 127, you will get an endless loop.

WHILE loop

The WHILE loop can be used like the FOR loop with the difference that the break-off condition can be any Boolean expression. This means you indicate a condition which, when it is fulfilled, the loop will be executed.

Syntax:

```
WHILE <Boolean expression>

<Instructions>

END_WHILE;
```

The <Instructions> are repeatedly executed as long as the <Boolean_expression> returns TRUE. If the <Boolean_expression> is already FALSE at the first evaluation, then the <Instructions> are never executed. If <Boolean_expression> never assumes the value FALSE, then the <Instructions> are repeated endlessly which causes a relative time delay.

Note!

The programmer must make sure that no endless loop is caused. He does this by changing the condition in the instruction part of the loop, for example, by counting up or down one counter.

Example:

```
WHILE counter<>0 DO
 Var1 := Var1*2;
 Counter := Counter-1;
END_WHILE
```

The WHILE and REPEAT loops are, in a certain sense, more powerful than the FOR loop since one doesn't need to know the number of cycles before executing the loop. In some cases one will, therefore, only be able to work with these two loop types. If, however, the number of the loop cycles is clear, then a FOR loop is preferable since it allows no endless loops.

REPEAT loop

The REPEAT loop is different from the WHILE loop because the break-off condition is checked only after the loop has been executed. This means that the loop will run through at least once, regardless of the wording of the break-off condition.

Syntax:

```
REPEAT
<Instructions>
UNTIL <Boolean expression>
END_REPEAT;
```

The <Instructions> are carried out until the <Boolean expression> returns TRUE.

If <Boolean expression> is produced already at the first TRUE evaluation, then <Instructions> are executed only once. If <Boolean_expression> never assumes the value TRUE, then the <Instructions> are repeated endlessly which causes a relative time delay.

Note!

The programmer must make sure that no endless loop is caused. He does this by changing the condition in the instruction part of the loop, for example by counting up or down one counter.

Example:

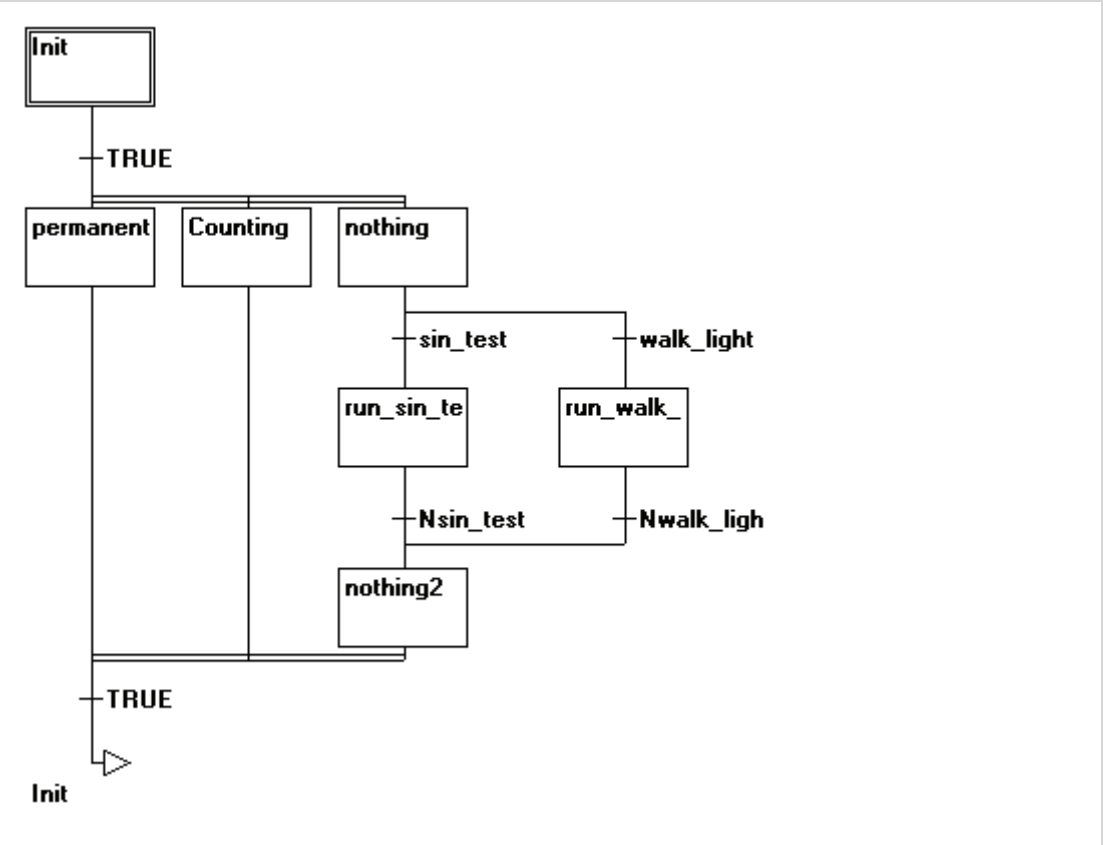
```
REPEAT
 Var1 := Var1*2;
 Counter := Counter-1;
UNTIL
 Counter=0
END_REPEAT;
```

EXIT instruction

If the EXIT instruction appears in a FOR, WHILE, or REPEAT loop, then the innermost loop is ended, regardless of the break-off condition.

4.2.3 Sequential Function Chart (SFC)...

The Sequential Function Chart (SFC) is a graphically oriented language which makes it possible to describe the chronological order of different actions within a program. For this the actions are assigned to step elements and the sequence of processing is controlled by transition elements.



Example for a network in the Sequential Function Chart

Step

A POU written in a Sequential Function Chart consists of a series of steps which are connected with each other through directed connections (transitions).

There are two types of steps.

The simplified type consists of an action and a flag which shows if the step is active. If the action of a step is implemented, then a small triangle appears in upper right corner of the step.

An IEC step consists of a flag and one or more assigned actions or boolean variables. The associated actions appear to the right of the step.

Action

An action can contain a series of instructions in IL or in ST, a lot of networks in FBD or in LD, or again in Sequential Function Chart (SFC).

With the simplified steps an action is always connected to a step. In order to edit an action, click twice with the mouse on the step to which the action belongs. Or select the step and select the menu command 'Extras' 'Zoom Action/Transition'. In addition, one input or output action per step is possible.

Actions of IEC steps hang in the Object Organizer directly under their SFC-POU and are loaded with a doubleclick or by pressing <Enter> in their editor. New actions can be created with 'Project' 'Add Action'. You can assign max. nine actions to one IEC step.

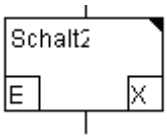
Entry or exit action

Additional to a step action you can add an entry action and an exit action to a step. An entry action is executed only once, right after the step has become active. An exit action is executed only once before the step is deactivated.

A step with entry action is indicated by an "E" in the lower left corner, the exit action by an "X" in the lower right corner.

The entry and exit action can be implemented in any language. In order to edit an entry or exit action, doubleclick in the corresponding corner in the step with the mouse.

Example of a step with entry and exit action:



Transition / Transition condition

Between the steps there are so-called transitions.

A transition condition must have the value TRUE or FALSE. Thus it can consist of either a boolean variable, a boolean address or a boolean constant. It can also contain a series of instructions having a boolean result, either in ST syntax (e.g. (i<= 100) AND b) or in any language desired (see 'Extras' 'Zoom Action/Transition'). But a transition may not contain programs, function blocks or assignments!

In the SFC-Editor a transition condition can be written directly at the transition symbol or an own editor window can be opened for entering the condition (see chapter 5.4.4, 'Extras' 'Zoom Action/Transition'). Regard that the instructions entered in the editor window will take precedence!

Note!

Besides transitions, inching mode can also be used to skip to the next step; see SFCtip and SFCtipmode.

Active step

After calling the SFC POU, the action (surrounded by a double border) belonging to the initial step is executed first. A step, whose action is being executed, is called active. In Online mode active steps are shown in blue.

In a control cycle all actions are executed which belong to active steps. Thereafter the respective following steps of the active steps become active if the transition conditions of the following steps are TRUE. The currently active steps will be executed in the next cycle.

Note!

If the active step contains an output action, this will only be executed during the next cycle, provided that the transition following is TRUE.

Regard the possibility to use implicit variables for scanning the status and time of steps resp. actions.

IEC step

Along with the simplified steps the standard IEC steps in SFC are available.

In order to be able to use IEC steps, you must link the special SFC library **lecsfc.lib** into your project.

Not more than nine actions can be assigned to an IEC step. IEC actions are not fixed as input, step or output actions to a certain step as in the simplified steps, but are stored separately from the steps and can be reused many times within a POU. For this they must be associated to the single steps with the command '**Extras"Associate action'**.

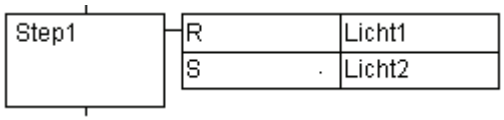
Along with actions, Boolean variables can be assigned to steps.

The activation and deactivation of actions and boolean variables can be controlled using so-called qualifiers. Time delays are possible. Since an action can still be active, if the next step has been processed, for example through the qualifier S (Set), one can achieve concurrent processes.

An associated boolean variable is set or reset with each call of the SFC block. That means, that at each call the variable gets re-assigned value TRUE resp. FALSE.

The actions associated with an IEC step are shown at the right of the step in a two-part box. The left field contains the qualifier, possibly with time constant, and the right field contains the action name respectively boolean variable name.

An example for an IEC step with two actions:



In order to make it easier to follow the processes, all active actions in online mode are shown in blue like the active steps. After each cycle a check is made to see which actions are active.

Pay attention here also to the restrictions on the use of time-qualifiers in actions that are repeatedly re-used within the same cycle (see 'Qualifier')!

Note!

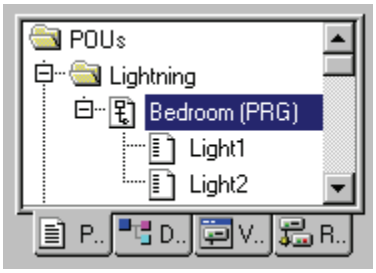
If an action has been inactivated, it will be executed **once more**. That means, that each action is executed at least twice (also an action with qualifier P).

In case of a call first the deactivated actions, then the active actions are executed, in alphabetical order each time.

Whether a newly inserted step is an IEC step depends upon whether the menu command **'Extras' 'Use IEC-Steps'** has been chosen.

In the Object Organizer the actions hang directly underneath their respective SFC POUs. New actions can be created with 'Project' 'Add Action'.

In order to use IEC steps you must include in your project the special SFC library Iecsfc.lib .



SFC POU with actions in the Object Organizer

Qualifier

In order to associate the actions with IEC steps the following qualifiers are available:

N	Non-stored	The action is active as long as the step
R	overriding Reset	The action is deactivated
S	Set (Stored)	The action is activated and remains active until a Reset
L	time Limited	The action is activated for a certain time, maximum as long as the step is active
D	time Delayed	The action becomes active after a certain time if the step is still active and then it remains active as long as the step is active.
P	Pulse	The action is executed just one time if the step is active
SD	Stored and time Delayed	The action is activated after a certain time and remains active until a Reset
DS	Delayed and Stored	The action is activated after a certain time as long as the step is still active and remains active up to a Reset
SL	Stored and time limited	The action is activated for a certain time

The qualifiers L, D, SD, DS and SL need a time value in the TIME constant format. This value can be entered directly (e.g. “T#5s”) or by a variable of datatype TIME (e.g. “t_var”).

Note!

When an action has been deactivated it will be **executed once more**. This means that each action at least is executed twice (also an action with qualifier P).

Implicit variables in SFC

In SFC implicitly declared variables ("flags") can be used to scan the status of steps and actions as well as the time of steps. These flags each are set at the beginning of a cycle. For IEC steps and IEC actions they are provided by the library iecsfc.lib (structures SFCStepType and SFCActionType), which is included automatically in a project, for the simplified steps they are implemented in »PLC Designer«.

Scan of the step or action status via boolean variables:

- For IEC steps: **<stepname>.x** resp. **<stepname>._x**: <StepName>.x shows the current activation status. <StepName>._x shows the activation status for the next cycle. If <StepName>.x=TRUE, the step will be executed in the current cycle. If <StepName>._x=TRUE and <StepName>.x=FALSE, the step will be executed in the following cycle, i.e. <StepName>._x gets copied to <StepName>.x at the beginning of a cycle.
- For simplified steps: **<stepname>** resp. **_<stepname>**: If <StepName>=TRUE, the step will be executed in the current cycle. If _<StepName>=TRUE, the step will be executed in the following cycle, i.e. <StepName> gets copied to _<StepName> at the beginning of a cycle.
- For IEC-actions: **<actionname>.x** gets TRUE as soon as the action gets active (<actionname>._x is only for internal purposes, not for a status scan).

Time of a step via TIME variables:

The following implicit variables give the current time span which has passed since the step had got active; this is only for steps which have a minimum time configured in the step attributes.

- For IEC steps: **<stepname>.t** (<stepname>._t not usable for external purposes)
- For simplified steps: **_time<stepname>**. BUT: If this implicit variable should be used for scan purposes, it also must be declared explicitly as a TIME variable; e.g. "_timeStep1 : TIME;"
- For IEC actions: the implicit time variables are not used.

These status flags can be used in each action and transition of the SFC module. But they can also be accessed from other programs:

Example: boolvar1:=sfc.step1.x;

step1.x in this example is an implicit boolean variable showing the status of IEC step "step1" in POU "sfc1".

SFC Flags

For controlling the operation of SFC POUs flags can be used, which are created implicitly during running the project. To read this flags you have to define appropriate global or local variables as inputs or outputs. Example: If in a SFC POU a step is active for a longer time than defined in the step attributes, then a flag will be set, which is accessible by using a variable "SFCError" (SFCError gets TRUE in this case).

The following flag variables can be defined:

SFCEnableLimit: This variable is of the type BOOL. When it has the value TRUE, the timeouts of the steps will be registered in SFCError. Other timeouts will be ignored.

SFCInit: When this boolean variable has the value TRUE the sequential function chart is set back to the Init step. The other SFC flags are reset too (initialization). The Init step remains active, but is not executed, for as long as the variable has the value TRUE. It is only when SFCInit is again set to FALSE that the block can be processed normally.

SFCReset: This variable, of type BOOL, behaves similarly to SFCInit. Unlike the latter, however, further processing takes place after the initialization of the Init step. Thus for example the SFCReset flag could be re-set to FALSE in the Init step.

Note!

As from compiler version 2.3.7.0 SFCReset also can be used to reset boolean actions associated to IEC steps, which was not possible before.

SFCQuitError: Provided that the Execution of the SFC diagram is stopped for as long as this boolean variable has the value TRUE whereby a possible timeout in the variable SFCError is reset. All previous times in the active steps are reset when the variable again assumes the value FALSE. It is a pre-condition that the flag SFCError has been defined also, which registers any timeout in the SFC.

SFCPause: Execution of the SFC diagram is stopped for as long as this boolean variable has the value TRUE.

SFCError: This Boolean variable is TRUE when a timeout has occurred in a SFC diagram. If another timeout occurs in a program after the first one, it will not be registered unless the variable SFCError is reset first. It is a pre-condition that SFCError is defined, if you want to use the other time-controlling flags (SFCErrorStep, SFCErrorPOU, SFCQuitError, SFCErrorAnalyzation).

SFCTrans: This boolean variable takes on the value TRUE when a transition is actuated.

SFCErrorStep: This variable is of the type STRING. If SFCError registers a timeout, in this variable is stored the name of the step which has caused the timeout. It is a pre-condition that the flag SFCError has been defined also, which registers any timeout in the SFC.

SFCErrorPOU: This variable of the type STRING contains the name of the block in which a timeout has occurred. It is a pre-condition that the flag SFCError has been defined also, which registers any timeout in the SFC.

SFCCurrentStep: This variable is of the type STRING. The name of the step is stored in this variable which is active, independently of the time monitoring. In the case of simultaneous sequences the step is stored in the branch on the outer right. No further timeout will be registered if a timeout occurs and the variable SFCError is not reset again.

SFCErrorAnalyzationTable: This variable of type ARRAY [0..n] OF ExpressionResult provides the result of an analyzation of a transition expression. For each component of the expression, which is contributing to a FALSE of the transition and thereby to a timeout of the preceding step, the following information is written to the structure ExpressionResult: name, address, comment, current value.

This is possible for maximum 16 components (variables), thus the array range is max. 0..15).

The structure ExpressionResult as well as the implicitly used analyzation modules are provided with the library AnalyzationNew.lib. The analyzation modules also can be used explicitly in other POUs, which are not programmed in SFC.

It is a pre-condition for the analyzation of a transition expression, that a timeout is registered in the preceding step. So a time monitoring must be implemented there and also the variable SFCError (see above) must be defined in the declaration window.

SFCTip, **SFCTipMode**: This variables of type BOOL allow inching mode of the SFC. When this is switched on by SFCTipMode=TRUE, it is only possible to skip to the next step if SFCTip is set to TRUE. As long as SFCTipMode is set to FALSE, it is possible to skip even over transitions.

Note!

Regard also the implicit variables usable for scanning the status and time of steps resp. actions.

Alternative branch

Two or more branches in SFC can be defined as alternative branches. Each alternative branch must begin and end with a transition. Alternative branches can contain parallel branches and other alternative branches. An alternative branch begins at a horizontal line (alternative beginning) and ends at a horizontal line (alternative end) or with a jump.

If the step which precedes the alternative beginning line is active, then the first transition of each alternative branch is evaluated from left to right. The first transition from the left whose transition condition has the value TRUE is opened and the following steps are activated (see active step).

Parallel branch

Two or more branches in SFC can be defined as parallel branches. Each parallel branch must begin and end with a step. Parallel branches can contain alternative branches or other parallel branches. A parallel branch begins with a double line (parallel beginning) and ends with a double line (parallel end) or with a jump. It can be provided with a jump label.

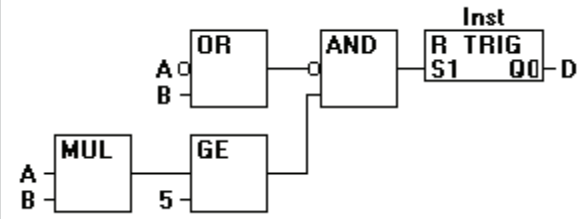
If the parallel beginning line of the previous step is active and the transition condition after this step has the value TRUE, then the first steps of all parallel branches become active (see active step). These branches are now processed parallel to one another. The step after the parallel end line becomes active when all previous steps are active and the transition condition before this step produces the value TRUE.

Jump

A jump is a connection to the step whose name is indicated under the jump symbol. Jumps are required because it is not allowed to create connections which lead upward or cross each other.

4.2.4 Function Block Diagram (FBD)...

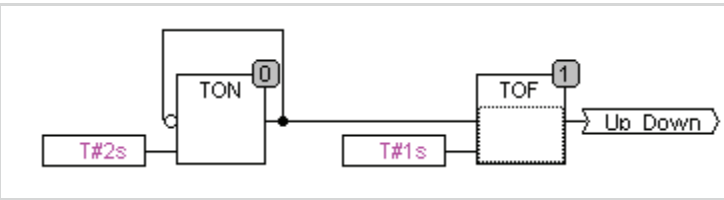
The Function Block Diagram is a graphically oriented programming language. It works with a list of networks whereby each network contains a structure which represents either a logical or arithmetic expression, the call of a function block, a jump, or a return instruction.



Example of a network in the Function Block Diagram

4.2.5 The Continuous Function Chart (CFC)...

The continuous function chart bases on the Function Block Diagram language. However it does not operate with networks, but rather with freely placeable elements. This allows feedback, for example.



Example of a network in the continuous function chart editor

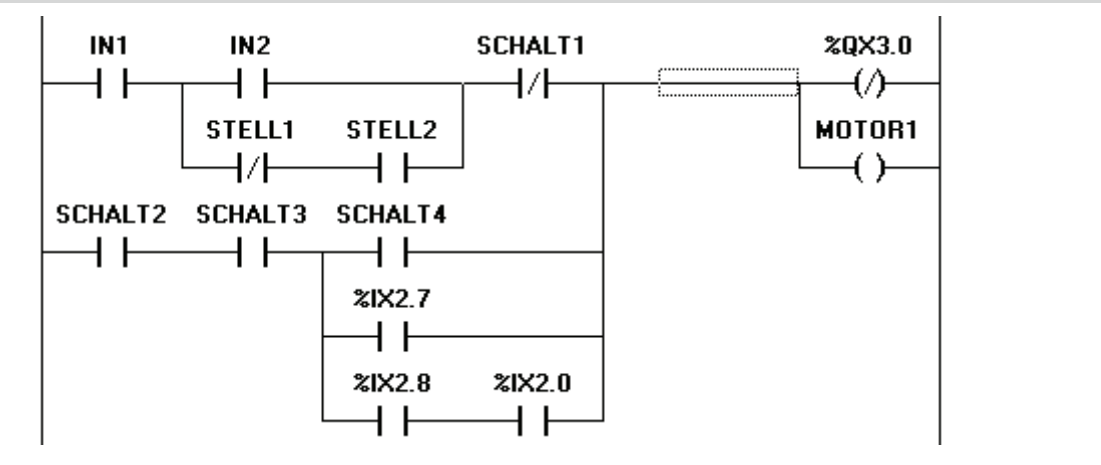
4.2.6 Ladder Diagram (LD)...

The Ladder Diagram is also a graphics oriented programming language which approaches the structure of an electric circuit.

On the one hand, the Ladder Diagram is suitable for constructing logical switches, on the other hand one can also create networks as in FBD. Therefore the LD is very useful for controlling the call of other POUs.

The Ladder Diagram consists of a series of networks. A network is limited on the left and right sides by a left and right vertical current line. In the middle is a circuit diagram made up of contacts, coils, and connecting lines.

Each network consists on the left side of a series of contacts which pass on from left to right the condition "ON" or "OFF" which correspond to the Boolean values TRUE and FALSE. To each contact belongs a Boolean variable. If this variable is TRUE, then the condition is passed from left to right along the connecting line. Otherwise the right connection receives the value OFF.



Example of a network in a Ladder Diagram made up of contacts and coils

Contact

Each network in LD consists on the left side of a network of *contacts* (contacts are represented by two parallel lines: | |) which from left to right show the condition "On" or "Off".

These conditions correspond to the Boolean values TRUE and FALSE. A Boolean variable belongs to each contact. If this variable is TRUE, then the condition is passed on by the connecting line from left to right, otherwise the right connection receives the value "Out".

Contacts can be connected in parallel, then one of the parallel branches must transmit the value "On" so that the parallel branch transmits the value "On"; or the contacts are connected in series, then contacts must transmit the condition "On" so that the last contact transmits the "On" condition. This therefore corresponds to an electric parallel or series circuit.

A contact can also be negated, recognizable by the slash in the contact symbol: |/|. Then the value of the line is transmitted if the variable is FALSE.

Coil

On the right side of a network in LD there can be any number of so-called coils which are represented by parentheses:**( )**. They can only be in parallel. A coil transmits the value of the connections from left to right and copies it in an appropriate Boolean variable. At the entry line the value ON (corresponds to the Boolean variable TRUE) or the value OFF (corresponding to FALSE) can be present.

Contacts and coils can also be negated (in the example the contact SWITCH1 and the coil %QX3.0 is negated). If a coil is negated (recognizable by the slash in the coil symbol: **(/)**), then it copies the negated value in the appropriate Boolean variable. If a contact is negated, then it connects through only if the appropriate Boolean value is FALSE.

Function blocks in the Ladder Diagram

Along with contacts and coils you can also enter function blocks and programs In the network they must have an input and an output with Boolean values and can be used at the same places as contacts, that is on the left side of the LD network

Set/Reset coils

Coils can also be defined as set or reset coils. One can recognize a set coil by the "S" in the coil symbol: **(S)**) It never writes over the value TRUE in the appropriate Boolean variable. That is, if the variable was once set at TRUE, then it remains so.

One can recognize a reset coil by the "R" in the coil symbol: **(R)**) It never writes over the value FALSE in the appropriate Boolean variable: If the variable has been once set on FALSE, then it remains so.

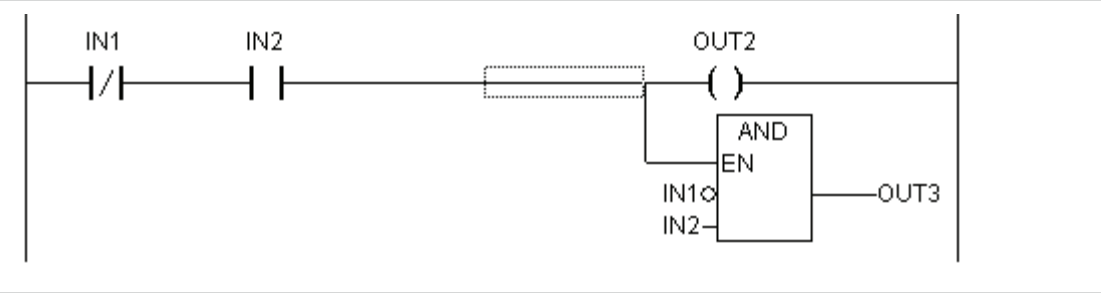
LD as FBD

When working with LD it is very possible that you will want to use the result of the contact switch for controlling other POUs. On the one hand you can use the coils to put the result in a global variable which can then be used in another place. You can, however, also insert the possible call directly into your LD network. For this you introduce a POU with EN input.

Such POUs are completely normal operands, functions, programs, or function blocks which have an additional input which is labeled with EN. The EN input is always of the BOOL type and its meaning is: The POU with EN input is evaluated when EN has the value TRUE.

An EN POU is wired parallel to the coils, whereby the EN input is connected to the connecting line between the contacts and the coils. If the ON information is transmitted through this line, this POU will be evaluated completely normally.

Starting from such an EN POU, you can create networks similar to FBD.



Example of a LD network with an EN POU

4.3 Debugging, Online Functions...

4.3.1 Sampling Trace

The Sampling Trace allows you to trace the value sequence of variables, depending upon the so-called trigger event. This is the rising edge or falling edge of a previously defined Boolean variable (trigger variable). **»PLC Designer«** permits the tracing of up to 20 variables. 500 values can be traced for each variable.

4.3.2 Debugging

The debugging functions of **PLC Designer** make it easier for you to find errors.

In order to debug, run the command **'Project' 'Options'** and in the dialog box that pops up under Build options select activate option **Debugging**.

4.3.3 Breakpoint

A breakpoint is a place in the program at which the processing is stopped. Thus it is possible to look at the values of variables at specific places within the program.

Breakpoints can be set in all editors. In the text editors breakpoints are set at line numbers, in FBD and LD at network numbers, in CFC at POUs and in SFC at steps. No breakpoints can be set in function block instances.

Stop!

Runtime system PLC Designer SP 32 Bit Full will deactivate the watchdog function of the concerned task as soon as the execution of the program currently is stopped at a breakpoint.

4.3.4 Single step

Single step means:

- In IL: Execute the program until the next CAL, LD or JMP command.
- In ST: Execute the next instruction.
- In FBD, LD: Execute the next network.
- In SFC: Continue the action until the next step.

By proceeding step by step you can check the logical correctness of your program.

4.3.5 Single Cycle

If Single cycle has been chosen, then the execution is stopped after each cycle.

4.3.6 Change values online

During operations variables can be set once at a certain value (write value) or also described again with a certain value after each cycle (force value). In online mode one also can change the variable value by double click on the value. By that boolean variables change from TRUE to FALSE or the other way round, for each other types of variables one gets the dialog **Write Variable xy**, where the actual value of the variable can be edited.

4.3.7 Monitoring

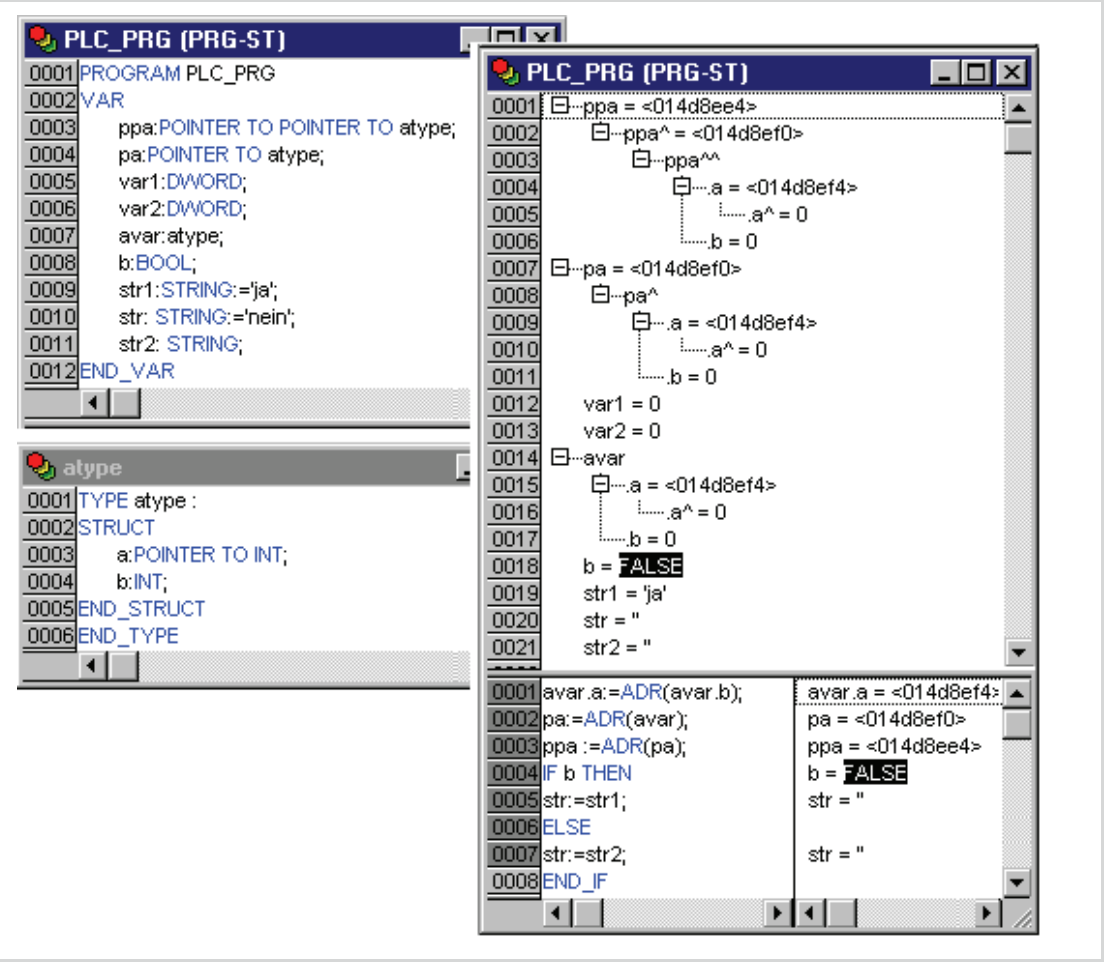
In Online mode, all displayable variables are read from the controller and displayed in real time. You will find this display in the declarations and program editor; you can also read out current values of variables in the watch and receipt manager and in a visualization. If variables from instances of function blocks are to be monitored, the corresponding instance must first be opened.

```
In monitoring VAR_IN_OUT variables, the de-referenced value
is output.
```

In monitoring pointers, both the pointer and the de-referenced value are output in the declaration portion. In the program portion, only the pointer is output:

```
+ --pointervar = '<'pointervalue'>'
```

POINTERs in the de-referenced value are also displayed accordingly. With a simple click on the cross or a double-click on the line, the display is either expanded or truncated.



Example for Monitoring of Pointers

In the implementations, the value of the pointer is displayed. For de-referencing, however, the de-referenced value is displayed.

Monitoring of ARRAY components: In addition to array components indexed by a constant, components are also displayed which are indexed by a variable:

```
anarray[1] = 5
anarray[i] = 1
```

If the index consists of an expression (e.g. [i+j] or [i+1]), the component can not be displayed.

Note!

If the maximum number of variables which can be monitored, has been reached, for each further variable instead of the current value the string "Too many monitoring variables" will be displayed.

4.3.8 Simulation

During the simulation the created PLC program is not processed in the PLC, but rather in the calculator on which **PLC Designer** is running. All online functions are available. That allows you to test the logical correctness of your program without PLC hardware.

Note!

POUs of external libraries do not run in simulation mode.

4.3.9 Log

The log chronologically records user actions, internal processes, state changes and exceptions during Online mode processing. It is used for monitoring and for error tracing (see Online Functions).

4.4 The Standard...

The standard IEC 61131-3 is an international standard for programming languages of Programmable Logic Controllers.

The programming languages offered in **PLC Designer** conform to the requirements of the standard.

According to this standard, a program consists of the following elements:

- Structures (see Data Types)
- POUs
- Global Variables

The general language elements are described in the sections Identifier, Addresses, Types, Comments, and Constants.

The processing of a **PLC Designer** program starts with the special POU PLC_PRG. The POU PLC_PRG can call other POUs.

5 We Write a Little Program

5.1 Controlling a Traffic Signal Unit...

5.1.1 Introduction

Let us now start to write a small example program. It is for a simple traffic signal unit which is supposed to control two traffic signals at an intersection. The red/green phases of both traffic signals alternate and, in order to avoid accidents, we will insert yellow or yellow/red transitional phases. The latter will be longer than the former.

In this example you will see how time dependent programs can be shown with the language resources of the IEC1131-3 standard, how one can edit the different languages of the standard with the help of »PLC Designer«, and how one can easily connect them while becoming familiar with the simulation of »PLC Designer«.

5.1.2 Create POU

Starting always is easy: Start **PLC Designer** and choose 'File' 'New'.

In the dialog box which appears, the first POU has already been given the default name PLC_PRG. Keep this name, and the type of POU should definitely be a program. Each project needs a program with this name. In this case we choose as the language of this POU the Continuous Function Chart Editor (CFC)

Now create three more objects with the command 'Project' 'Object Add' with the menu bar or with the context menu (press right mouse button in the Object Organizer). A program in the language Sequential Function Chart (SFC) named SEQUENCE, a function block in the language Function Block Diagram (FBD) named TRAFFICSIGNAL, along with a POU WAIT, also of the type function block, which we want to program as an Instruction List (IL).

5.1.3 What does TRAFFICSIGNAL do?

In the POU TRAFFICSIGNAL we will assign the individual trafficsignal phases to the lights, i.e. we will make sure that the red light is lit red in the red phase and in the yellow/red phase, the yellow light in the yellow and yellow/red phases, etc.

5.1.4 What does WAIT do?

In WAIT we will program a simple timer which as input will receive the length of the phase in milliseconds, and as output will produce TRUE as soon as the time period is finished.

5.1.5 What does SEQUENCE do?

In SEQUENCE all is combined so that the right light lights up at the right time for the desired time period.

5.1.6 What does PLC_PRG do?

In PLC_PRG the input start signal is connected to the traffic lights' sequence and the "color instructions" for each lamp are provided as outputs.

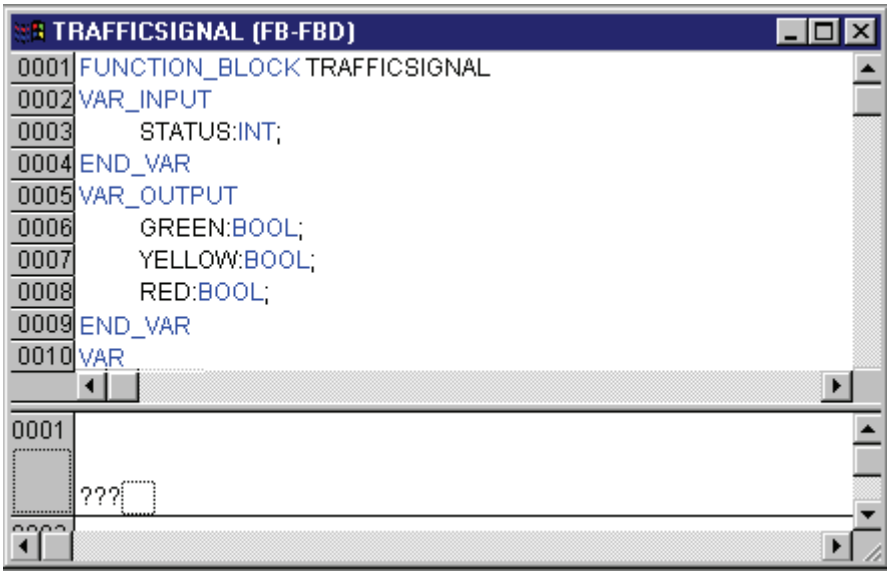
5.1.7 TRAFFICSIGNAL simulation

Now test your program in simulation mode. Compile (**'Project' 'Build'**) and load (**'Online' 'Login'**) it. Start the program by **'Online' 'Start'**, then set variable ON to TRUE, e.g. by a double-click on the entry "ON" in the input box of the CFC editor. This will mark the variable as prepared to be set to <TRUE>. Then press <Ctrl><F7> or command 'Online' 'Write values', to set the value. Now variable START in ABLAUF (which we had set to TRUE manually in the first extension level of the program) gets this value by variable ON, which is used in PLC_PRG. This will make run the traffic light cycles. PLC_PRG has changed to a monitoring window. Click twice on the plus sign in the declaration editor, the variable display drops down, and you can see the values of the individual variables.

5.1.8 "TRAFFICSIGNAL" declaration

Let us now turn to the POU TRAFFICSIGNAL. In the declaration editor you declare as input variable (between the keywords VAR_INPUT and END_VAR) a variable named STATUS of the type INT. STATUS will have four possible conditions, that is one for the TRAFFICSIGNAL phases green, yellow, yellow/red andred.

Correspondingly our TRAFFICSIGNAL has three outputs, that is RED, YELLOW and GREEN. You should declare these three variables. Then the declaration part of our function block TRAFFICSIGNAL will look like this:

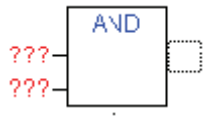


Function block TRAFFICSIGNAL, declaration part

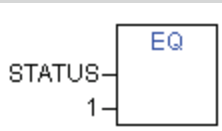
5.1.9 "TRAFFICSIGNAL" body

Now we determine the values of the output variables depending on the input STATUS of the POU. To do this go into the body of the POU. Click on the field to the left beside the first network (the gray field with the number 0001). You have now selected the first network. Choose the menu item 'Insert' 'Box'.

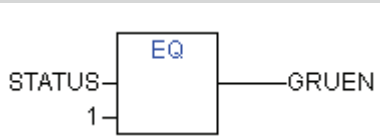
In the first network a box is inserted with the operator AND and two inputs:



Click on the text AND, so that it appears selected and change the text into EQ. Select then for each of the two inputs the three question marks and overwrite them with "STATUS" respecively "1".



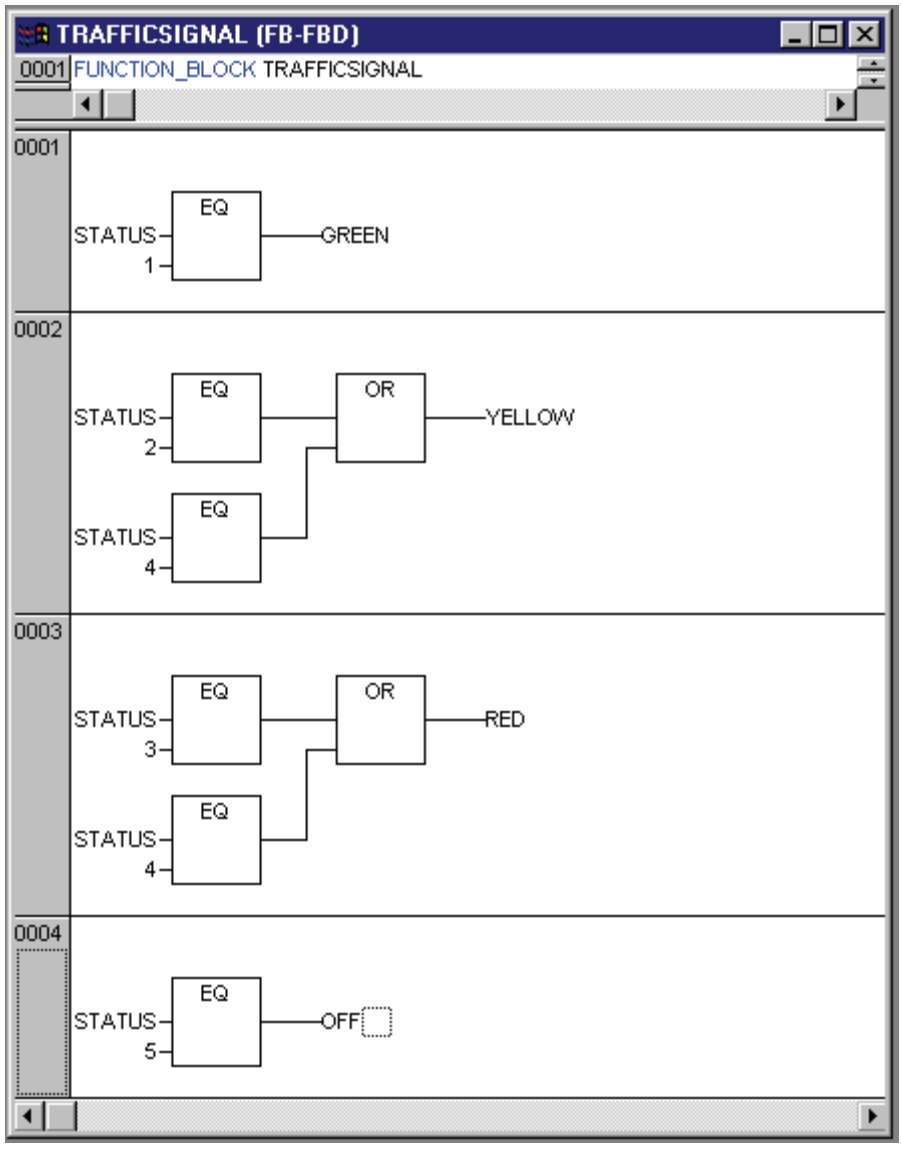
Click now on a place behind the EQ Box. Now the output of the EQ operation is selected. Choose 'Insert' 'Assign'**.** Change the three question marks ??? to GREEN. You now have created a network with the following structure:



STATUS is compared with 1, the result is assigned to GREEN. This network thus switches to GREEN if the preset state value is 1.

For the other TRAFFICSIGNAL colors we need two more networks. To create the first one execute command **'Insert' 'Network (after)'** and insert an EQ-Box like described above. Then select the output pin of this box and use again command **'Insert' 'Box'**. In the new box replace "AND" by "OR". Now select the first output pin of the OR-box and use command **'Insert' 'Assign'** to assign it to "GELB". Select the second input of the OR-box by a mouse-click on the horizontal line next to the three question marks, so that it appears marked by a dotted rectangle. Now use **'Insert' 'Box'** to add a further EQ-box like described above.

Finally the network should look like shown in the follwoing:



Function block TRAFFICSIGNAL, instruction part

In order to insert an operator in front of another operator, you must select the place where the input to which you want to attach the operator feeds into the box.

Then use the command 'Insert' 'Box'. Otherwise you can set up these networks in the same way as the first network.

Now our first POU has been finished. TRAFFICSIGNAL, according to the input of the value STATUS, controls whichever light color we wish.

5.1.10 Connecting the standard.lib

For the timer in the POU WAIT we need a POU from the standard library. Therefore, open the library manager with **'Window' 'Library Manager**. Choose 'Insert' 'Additional library'. The dialog box appears for opening files. From the list of the libraries choose standard.lib.

5.1.11 "WAIT" declaration

Now let us turn to the POU WAIT. This POU is supposed to become a timer with which we can determine the length of the time period of each TRAFFICSIGNAL phase. Our POU receives as input variable a variable TIME of the type TIME, and as output it produces a Boolean value which we want to call OK and which should be TRUE when the desired time period is finished. We set this value with FALSE by inserting at the end of the declaration (before the semicolon, however) " := FALSE ".

For our purposes we need the POU TP, a clock generator. This has two inputs (IN, PT) and two outputs (Q, ET). TP does the following:

As long as IN is FALSE, ET is 0 and Q is FALSE. As soon as IN provides the value TRUE, the time is calculated at the output ET in milliseconds. When ET reaches the value PT, then ET is no longer counted. Meanwhile Q produces TRUE as long as ET is smaller than PT. As soon as the value PT has been reached, then Q produces FALSE again. See the chapter on the standard library for short descriptions of all POUs.

In order to use the POU TP in the POU WAIT we must create a local instance from TP. For this we declare a local variable ZAB (for elapsed time) of the type TP (between the keywords VAR, END_VAR).

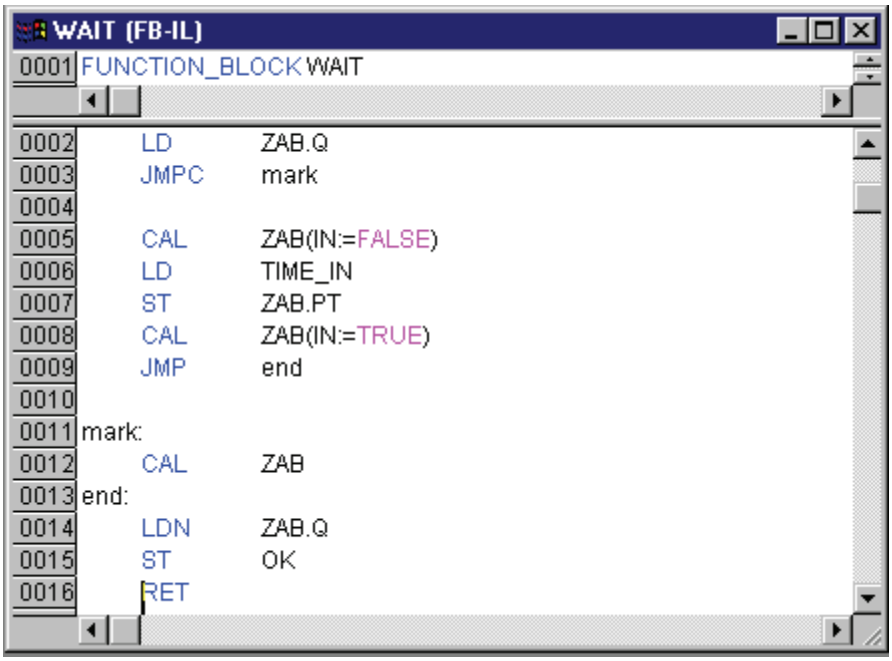
The declaration part of WAIT thus looks like this:



Function Block WAIT, Declaration Part

5.1.12 "WAIT" body

In order to create the desired timer, the body of the POU must be programmed as follows:



Function Block WAIT, Instruction Part

At first it is checked whether Q has already been set at TRUE (as though the counting had already been executed), in this case we change nothing with the occupation of ZAB, but we call the function block ZAB without input (in order to check whether the time period is already over).

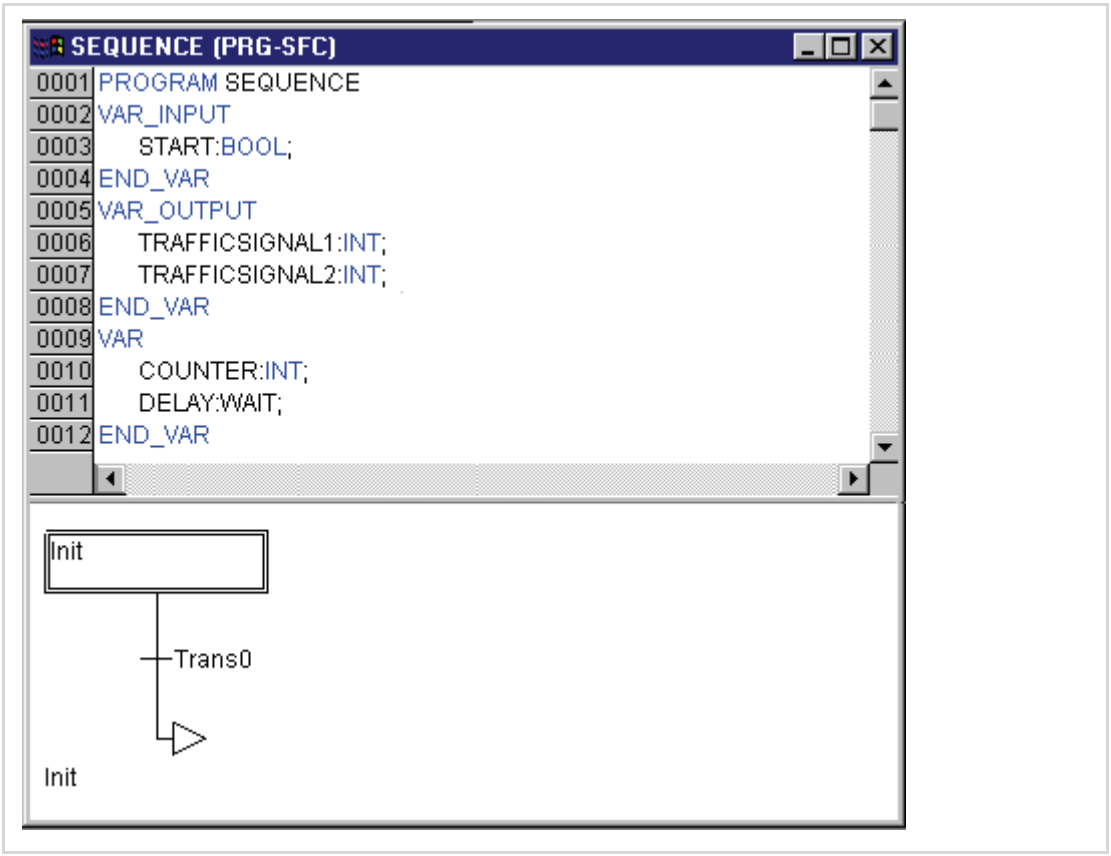
Otherwise we set the variable IN in ZAB at FALSE, and therefore at the same time ET at 0 and Q at FALSE. In this way all variables are set at the desired initial condition. Now we assign the necessary time from the variable TIME into the variable PT, and call ZAB with IN:=TRUE. In the function block ZAB the variable ET is now calculated until it reaches the value TIME, then Q is set at FALSE.

The negated value of Q is saved in OK after each execution of WAIT. As soon as Q is FALSE, then OK produces TRUE.

The timer is finished at this point. Now it is time to combine our two function blocks WAIT and SEQUENCE in the main program PLC_PRG.

5.1.13 "SEQUENCE" first expansion level

First we declare the variables we need. They are: an input variable START of the type BOOL, two output variables TRAFFICSIGNAL1 and TRAFFICSIGNAL2 of the type INT and one of the type WAIT (DELAY as delay). The program SEQUENCE now looks like shown here:



Program SEQUENCE, First Expansion Level, Declaration Part

5.1.14 Create a SFC diagram

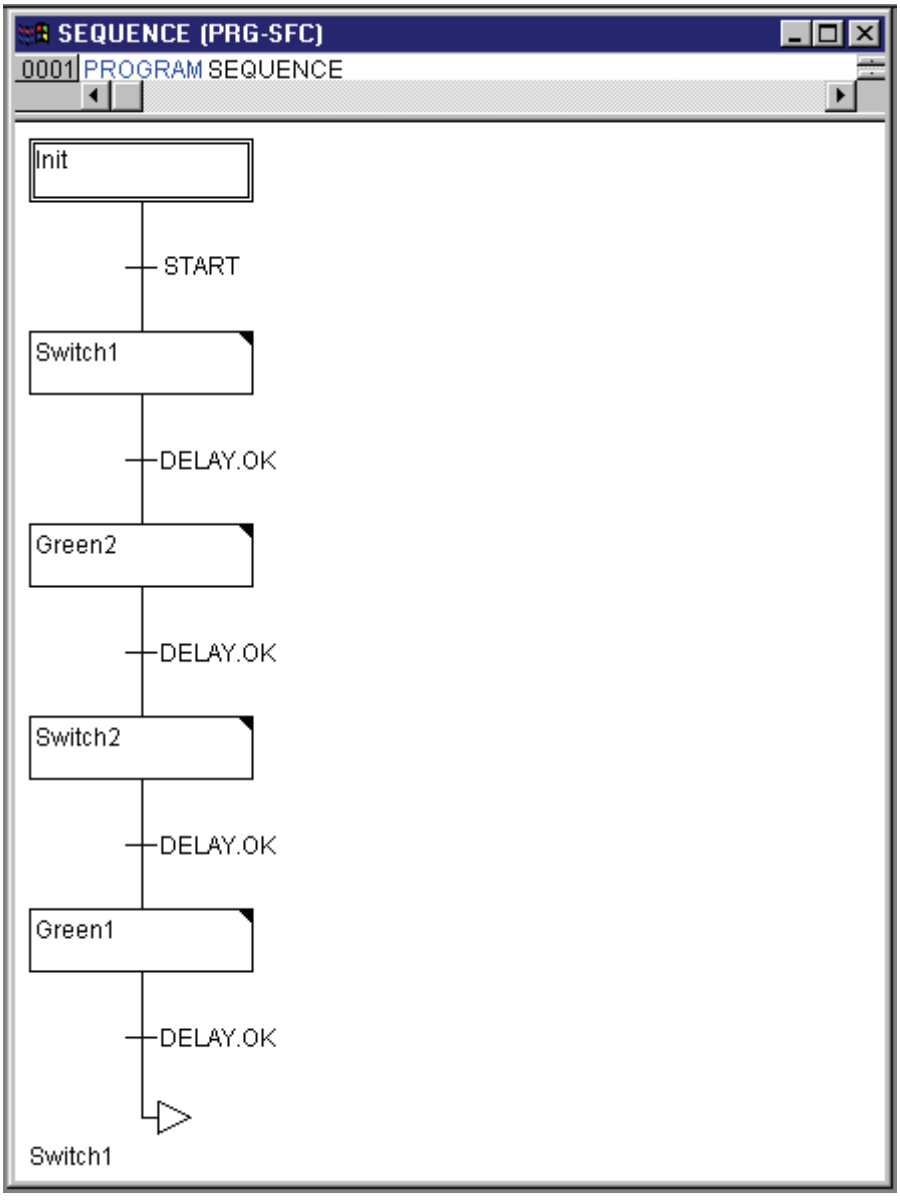
The beginning diagram of a POU in SFC always consists of an action "Init" of a following transition "Trans0" and a jump back to Init. We have to expand that.

Before we program the individual action and transitions let us first determine the structure of the diagrams. We need one step for each TRAFFICSIGNAL phase. Insert it by marking Trans0 and choosing 'Insert' 'Step transition (after)'. Repeat this procedure three more times.

If you click directly on the name of a transition or a step, then this is marked and you can change it. Name the first transition after Init "START", and all other transitions "DELAY.OK".

The first transition switches through when START is TRUE and all others switch through when DELAY in OK produces TRUE, i.e. when the set time period is finished.

The steps (from top to bottom) receive the names Switch1, Green2, Switch2, Green1, whereby Init of course keeps its Name. "Switch" should include a yellow phase, at Green1 TRAFFICSIGNAL1 will be green, at Green2 TRAFFICSIGNAL2 will be green. Finally change the return address of Init after Switch1. If you have done everything right, then the diagram should look like in the following image:

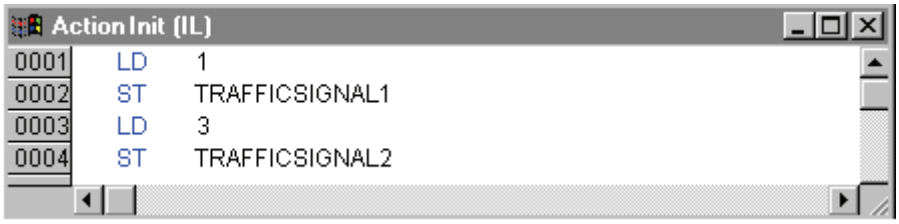


Program SEQUENCE, First Expansion Level, Instruction Part

Now we have to finish the programming of the individual steps. If you doubleclick on the field of a step, then you get a dialog for opening a new action. In our case we will use IL (Instruction List).

5.1.15 Actions and transition conditions

In the action of the step **Init** the variables are initialized, the STATUS of TRAFFICSIGNAL1 should be 1 (green). The state of TRAFFICSIGNAL2 should be 3 (red). The action Init then looks like in the following image:



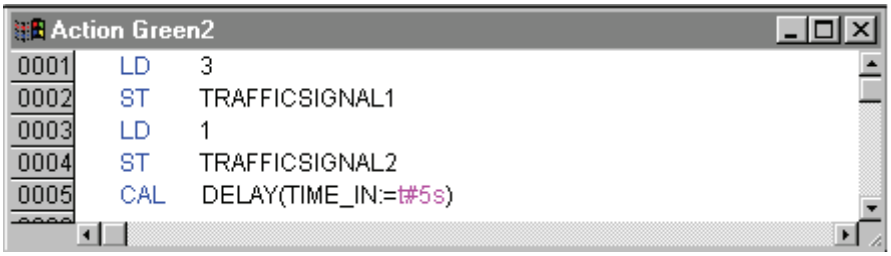
Action Init

Switch1 changes the sate of TRAFFICSIGNAL1 to 2 (yellow), and that of TRAFFICSIGNAL2 to 4 (yellow-red). In addition, a time delay of 2000 milliseconds is set. The action is now as follows:



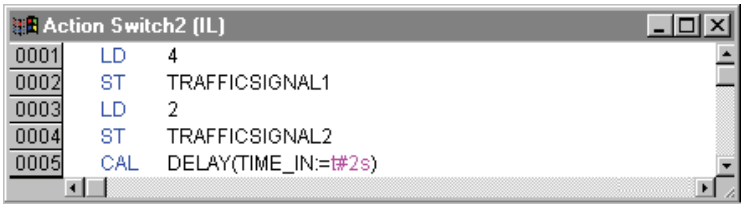
Action Switch1

With **Green2** TRAFFICSIGNAL1 is red (STATUS:=3), TRAFFICSIGNAL2 green (STATUS:=1), and the delay time is 5000 milliseconds.



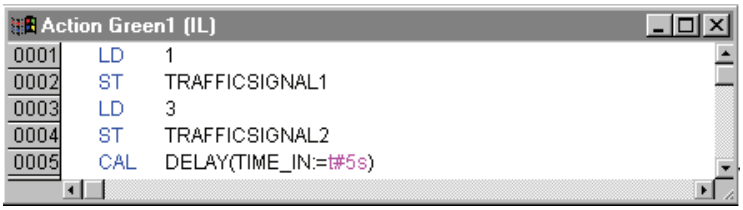
Action Green2

At **Switch2** the STATUS of TRAFFICSIGNAL1 changes to 4 (yellow-red), that of TRAFFICSIGNAL2 to 2 (yellow). A time delay of 2000 milliseconds is now set.



Action Switch2

With **Green1** TRAFFICSIGNAL1 is green (STATUS:=1), TRAFFICSIGNAL2 is red (STATUS:=3), and the time delay is set to5000 milliseconds.



Action Green1

The first expansion phase of our program is completed.

If you want to do a first test of POU ABLAUF in simulation mode, perform the following steps:

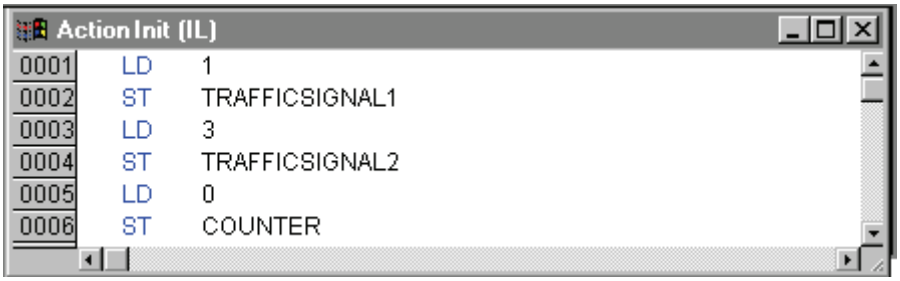
- Open POU PLC_PRG. Each project starts running with PLC_PRG. In order to be able to provisionally start POU ABLAUF, insert a box and replace "AND" by "ABLAUF". Remain the inputs and outputs unassigned for the moment.
- Compile the project via 'Project' 'Build'. In the message window you should get "0 Errors, 0 Warnings". Now check if option 'Online' 'Simulation' is activated and use command 'Online' 'Login' to get into simulation mode. Start program with 'Online' 'Start'. Open POU ABLAUF by a double-click on entry "ABLAUF" in the Object Organizer. The program is started now, but to get it run, variable START must be TRUE. Later this will be set by PLC_PRG but at the moment we have to set it manually within the POU. To do that, perform a double-click on the line in the declaration part, where START is defined (START=FALSE). This will set the option "<:=TRUE>" behind the variable in turquoise color. Now select command 'Online' 'Write values' to set this value. Thereupon START will be displayed in blue color in the sequence diagram and the processing of the steps will be indicated by a blue mark of the currently active step.

When you have finished this intermediate test use command 'Online' 'Logout' to leave the simulation mode and to continue programming.

5.1.16 "SEQUENCE" second expansion level

In order to ensure that our diagram has at least one alternative branch, and so that we can turn off our traffic light unit at night, we now include in our program a counter which, after a certain number of TRAFFICSIGNAL cycles, turns the unit off.

At first we need a new variable COUNTER of the type INT. Declare this as usual in the declaration part of SEQUENCE, and initialize it in Init with 0.

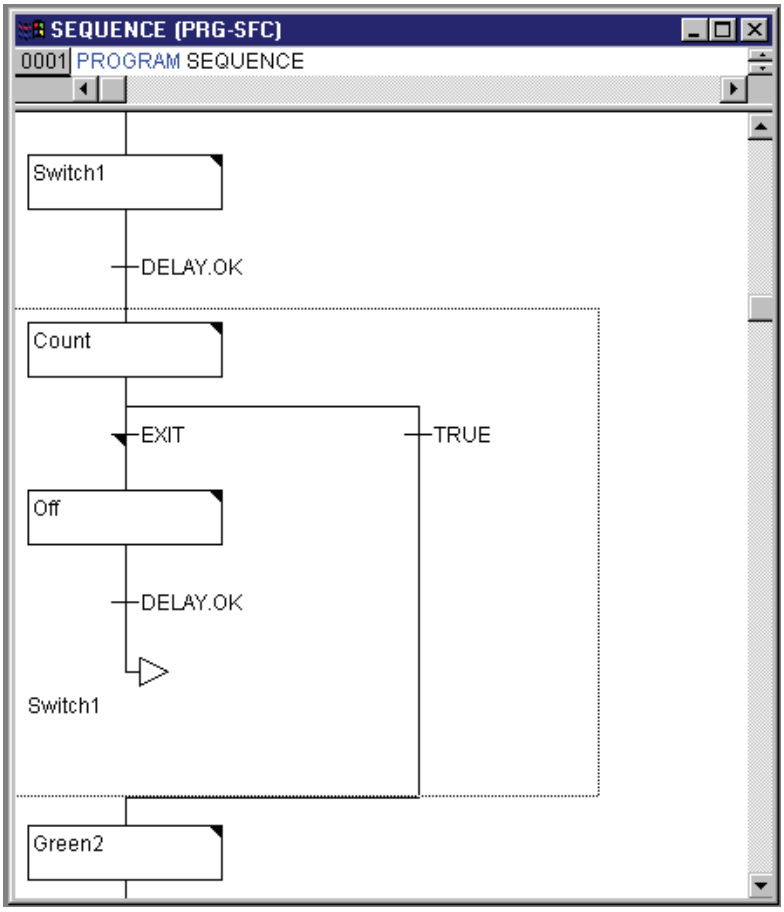


Action Init, Second Version

Now select the transition after Switch1 and insert a step and then a transition. Select the resulting transition and insert an alternative branch to its left. After the left transition insert a step and a transition. After the resulting new transition insert a jump after Switch1.

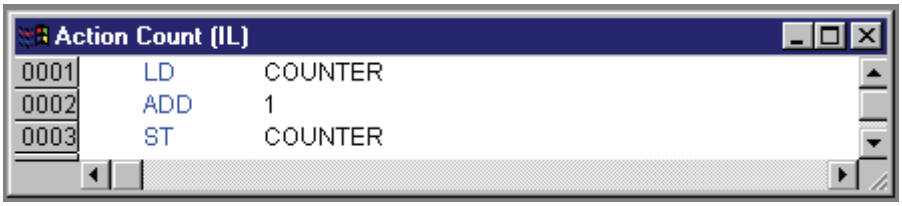
Name the new parts as follows: the upper of the two new steps should be called "Count" and the lower "Off". The transitions are called (from top to bottom and from left to right) EXIT, TRUE and DELAY.OK.

The new part should look like the part marked with the black border in the following image:



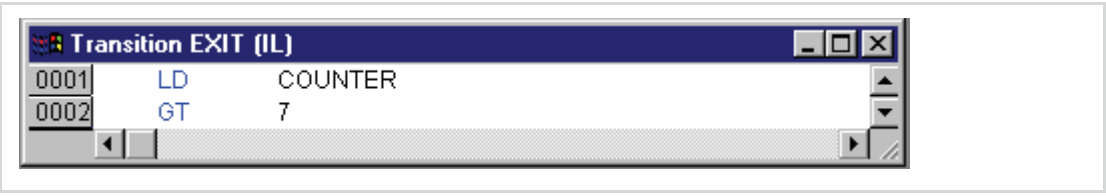
Program SEQUENCE, Second Expansion Level, Instruction Part

Now two new actions and a new transition condition are to be implemented. At the step Count the variable COUNTER is increased by one:



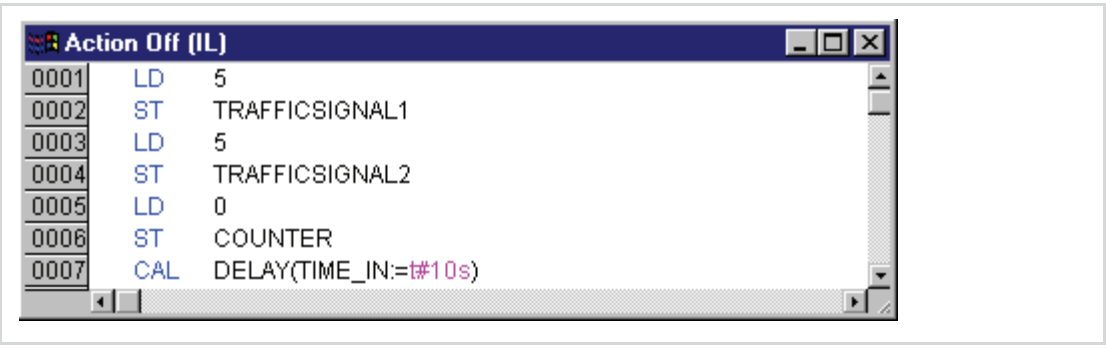
Action Count

The EXIT transition checks whether the counter is greater than a certain value, for example 7:



Transition EXIT

At Off the state of both lights is set at 5(OFF), (or each other number not equal 1,2,3 or 4) the COUNTER is reset to 0, and a time delay of 10 seconds is set:



Action Off

5.1.17 The result

In our hypothetical situation, night falls after seven TRAFFICSIGNAL cycles, for ten seconds the TRAFFICSIGNAL turns itself off, then we have daylight again, the traffic light unit turns itself on again, and the whole process starts again from the beginning. If you like, do another test of the current version of your program in simulation mode before we go on to create the POU PLC_PRG.

5.1.18 PLC_PRG

We have defined and correlated the time sequencing of the phases for both sets of traffic lights in the block SEQUENCE. Since, however, we see the traffic lights system as a module of a bus system, e.g. CAN bus, we have to make input and output variables available in the block PLC_PRG. We want to start-up the traffic lights system over an ON switch and we want to send each of the six lamps (each traffic light red, green, yellow) the corresponding "signal command" for each step of the SEQUENCE. We are now declaring appropriate Boolean variables for these six outputs and one input, before we create the programme in the editor, and are allocating them, at the same time, to the corresponding IEC addresses.

The next step is declare the variables Light1 and Light2 of the type Phases in the declaration editor.

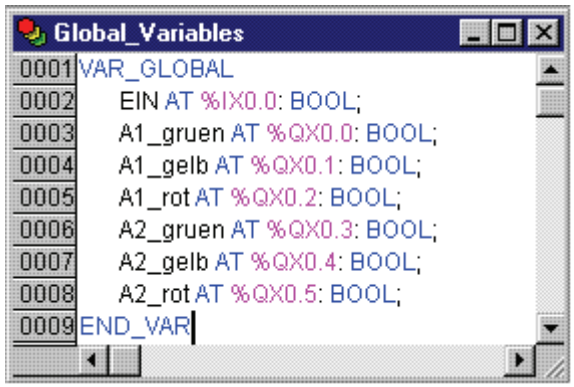


Declaration LIGHT1 and LIGHT2

These deliver the Boolean value of each of the six lights to the above mentioned six outputs for each step of the block SEQUENCE. We are not, however, declaring the output variables which are foreseen within the PLC_PRG block but under Resources for Global Variables instead. The Boolean input variable IN, which is used to set the variable START in the block SEQUENCE to TRUE, can be set in the same way. ON is also allocated to an IEC address.

Select the tab Resources and open the list Global Variables.

Make the declaration as follows:



Declaration of the Input-/Output Variables for a CAN-Configuration

The name of the variable (e.g. IN) is followed, after AT, by a percent sign which begins the IEC address. I stands for input, Q for output, B (used in this example) stands for byte and the individual bits of the module are addressed using 0.0 (0.1, 0.2, etc.). We will not do the needed controller configuration here in this example, because it depends on which target package you have available on your computer. Please see PLC configuration for further information.

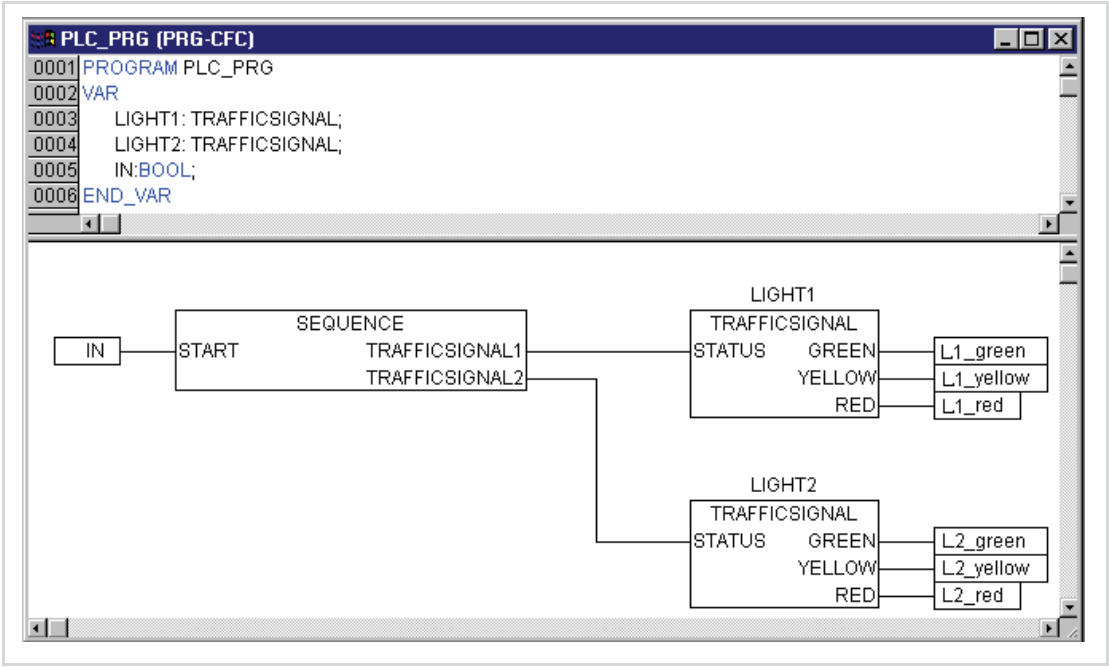
We now want to finish off the block PLC_PRG.

For this we go into the editor window. We have selected the Continuous Function Chart editor and we consequently obtain, under the menu bar, a CFC symbol bar with all of the available elements (see The Continuous Function Chart Editor).

Click on the right mouse key in the editor window and select the element **Box**. Click on the text AND and write "SEQUENCE" instead. This brings up the block SEQUENCE with all of the already defined input and output variables. Insert two further block elements which you name PHASES. Phases is a function block and this causes you to obtain three red question marks over the block which you replace with the already locally declared variables LIGHT1 and LIGHT2. Now set an element of the type **Input**, which award the title ON and six elements of the type **Output** which you award variable names to, as described, namely L1_green, L1_yellow, L1_red, L2_green, L2_yellow, L2_red.

All of the elements of the programme are now in place and you can connect the inputs and outputs, by clicking on the short line at the input/output of an element and dragging this with a constantly depressed mouse key to the input/output of the desired element.

Your program should finally look like the example shown here.



PLC_PRG, Declaration and presentation with the continuous function chart editor

5.1.19 TRAFFICSIGNAL simulation

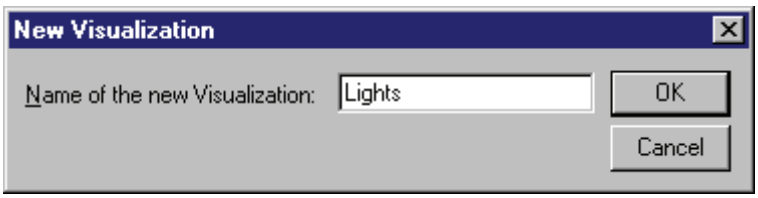
Now test your program in simulation mode. Compile (**'Project' 'Build'**) and load (**'Online' 'Login'**) it. Start the program by **'Online' 'Start'**, then set variable ON to TRUE, e.g. by a double-click on the entry "ON" in the input box of the CFC editor. This will mark the variable as prepared to be set to <TRUE>. Then press <Ctrl><F7> or command 'Online' 'Write values', to set the value. Now variable START in ABLAUF (which we had set to TRUE manually in the first extension level of the program) gets this value by variable ON, which is used in PLC_PRG. This will make run the traffic light cycles. PLC_PRG has changed to a monitoring window. Click twice on the plus sign in the declaration editor, the variable display drops down, and you can see the values of the individual variables.

5.2 Visualizing a Traffic Signal Unit...

With the visualization of **PLC Designer** you can quickly and easily bring project variables to life. We will now plot two traffic signals and an ON-Switch for our traffic light unit which will illustrate the switching process.

5.2.1 Creating a new visualization

In order to create a visualization you must first select the range of **Visualization** in the Object Organizer. First click on the lower edge of the window on the left side with the **POU** on the register card with this symbol  and the name **Visualization**. If you now choose the command 'Project' 'Object Add', then a dialog box opens.

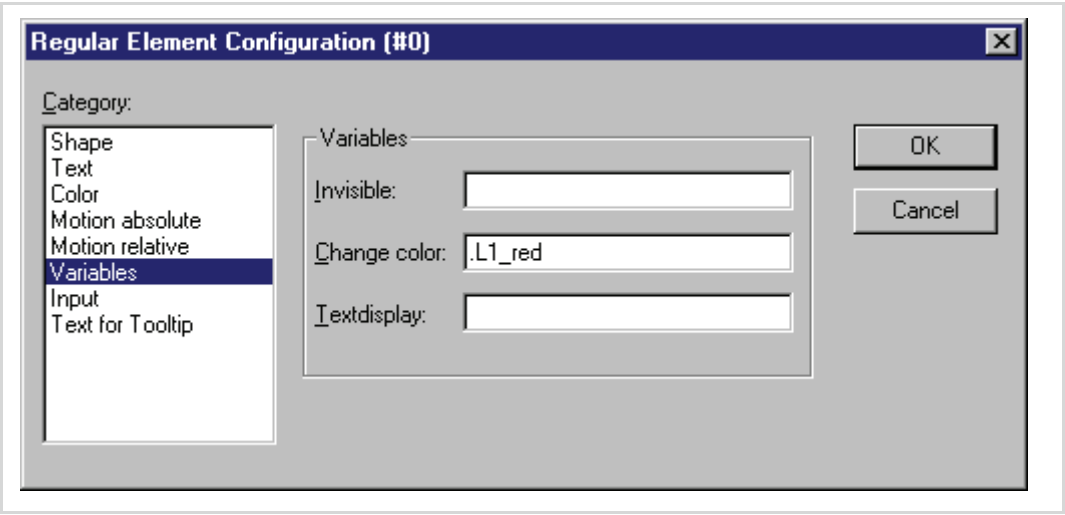


Enter here any name. When you confirm the dialog with **OK**, then a window opens in which you can set up your new visualization.

5.2.2 Insert element in Visualization

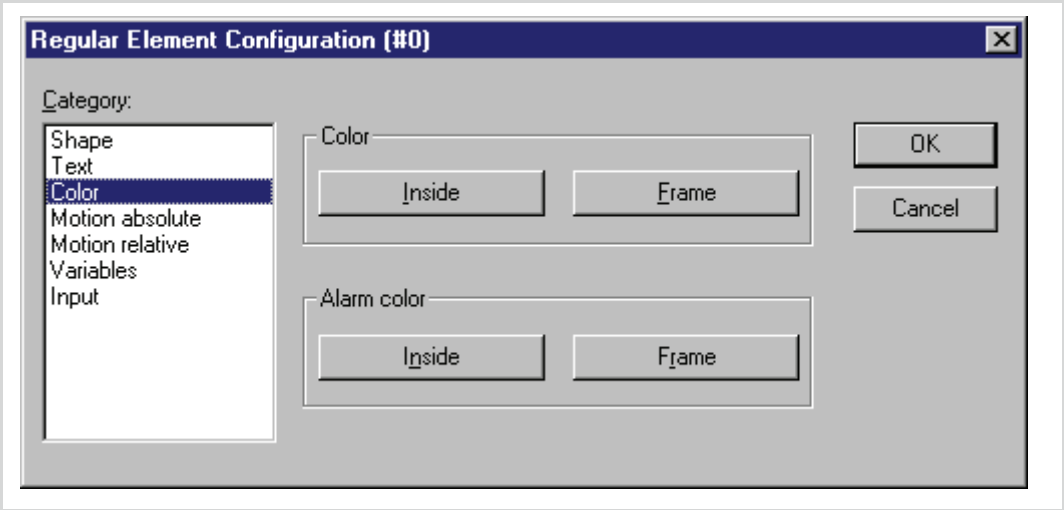
For our TRAFFICSIGNAL visualization you should proceed as follows:

- Give the command 'Insert' 'Ellipse'.Insert..Ellipse.>Proc and try to draw a medium sized circle (?2cm). For this click in the editor field and draw with pressed left mouse button the circle in its length.
- Now doubleclick the circle. The dialog box for editing visualization elements opens
- Choose the category Variables and in the field Change color enter the variable name .L1_red or "L1_red". That means that the global variable L1_red will cause the color change as soon as it is set to TRUE. The dot before the variable name indicates that it is a global variable, but it is not mandatory.



- Then choose the category **Color** and click on the button **Inside** in the area **Color**. Choose as neutral a color as possible, such as black.

- Now click on the button **within** in the area **Alarm color** and choose the red which comes closest to that of a red light.



The resulting circle will normally be black, and when the variable RED from TRAFFICSIGNAL1 is TRUE, then its color will change to red. We have therefore created the first light of the first TRAFFICSIGNAL!

5.2.3 The other traffic lights

Now enter the commands 'Edit' 'Copy' (<Ctrl>+<C>) and then twice 'Edit' 'Paste' (<Ctrl>+<V>). That gives you two more circles of the exact same size lying on top of the first one. You can move the circles by clicking on the circle and dragging it with pressed left mouse button. The desired position should, in our case, be in a vertical row in the left half of the editor window. Doubleclick on one of the other two circles in order to open the configuration dialog box again. Enter in the field Change Color of the corresponding circle the following variables:

for the middle circle: L1_yellow

for the lowest circle: L1-green

Now choose for the circles in the category **Color** and in the area **Alarm color** the corresponding color (yellow or green).

5.2.4 The TRAFFICSIGNAL case

Now enter the command 'Insert' 'Rectangle', and insert in the same way as the circle a rectangle which encloses the three circles. Once again choose as neutral a color as possible for the rectangle and give the command **'Extras' 'Send to back'** so that the circles are visible again.

If simulation modeis not yet turned on, you can activate it with the command 'Online' 'Simulation'.

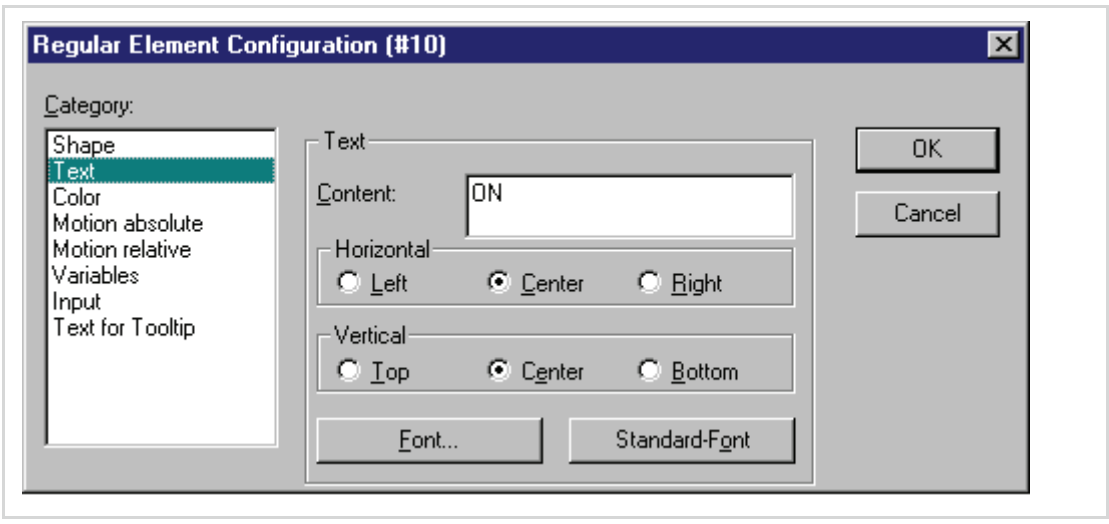
If you now start the simulation with the commands 'Online' 'Login' and 'Online' 'Run', then you can observe the color change of the first traffic signal.

5.2.5 The second traffic signal

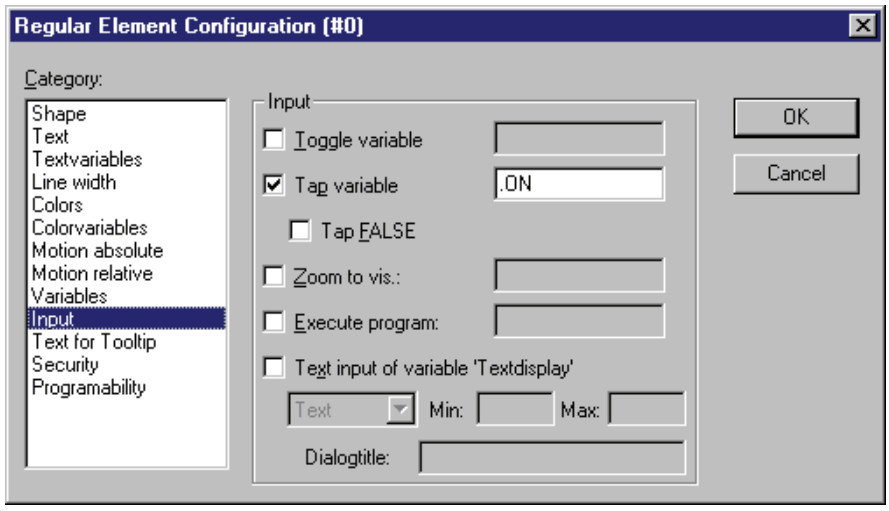
The simplest way to create the second traffic signal is to copy all of the elements of the first traffic signal. For this you select all elements of the first traffic signal and copy them (as before with the lights of the first traffic signal) with the commands **'Edit' 'Copy'** and **'Edit' 'Paste'**. You then only have to change the text "TRAFFICSIGNAL1" in the respective dialog boxes into "TRAFFICSIGNAL2", and the visualization of the second traffic signal is completed.

5.2.6 The ON switch

Insert a rectangle and award it, as described above, a colour for a traffic light of your choice and enter .ON at **Variables** for the **Change color**. Enter "ON" in the input field for **Content** in the category Text.



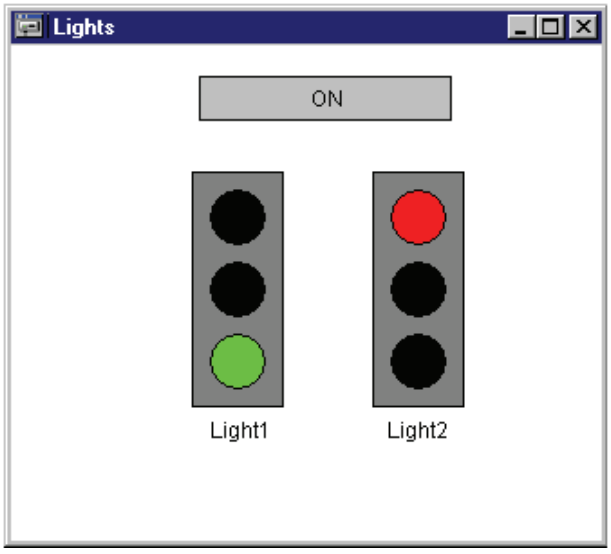
In order to set the variable ON to TRUE with a mouse click on the switch, activate option 'Toggle variable' in category 'Input' and enter variable name ".ON" there. Variable keying means that when a mouse click is made on the visualization element the variable .ON is set to the value TRUE but is reset to the value FALSE when the mousekey is released again (we have created hereby a simple switch-on device for our traffic lights program).



5.2.7 Font in the visualization

In order to complete the visualization you should first insert two more rectangles which you place underneath the traffic signals.

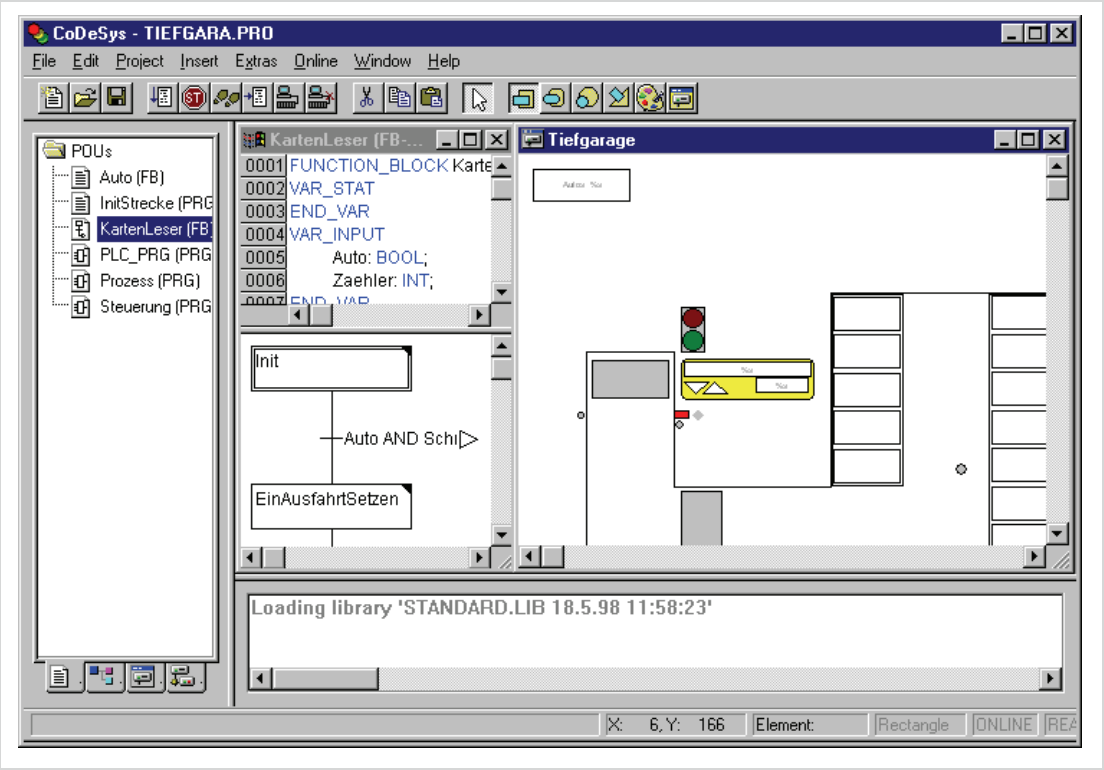
In the visualizations dialog box set white in the category **Color** for **Frame** and write in the category **Text** in the field **Contents** "Light1" or "Light2". Now your visualization looks like this:



6 The Individual Components

6.1 The Main Window...

6.1.1 Components of the Main Windows

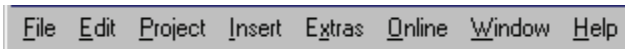


The following elements are found in the main window of »PLC Designer« (from top to bottom):

- The Menu bar
- The Tool bar (optional); with buttons for faster selection of menu commands.
- The Object Organizer with register cards for POUs, Data types, Visualizations, and Resources
- A vertical screen divider between the Object Organizer and the Work space of »PLC Designer«
- The Work space in which the editor windows are located
- The Message Window (optional)
- The Status bar (optional); with information about the current status of the project

6.1.2 Menu bar

The menu bar is located at the upper edge of the main window. It contains all menu commands.



6.1.3 Tool bar

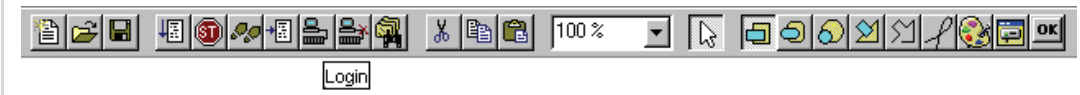
By clicking with the mouse on a symbol you can select a menu command more quickly. The choice of the available symbols automatically adapts itself to the active window.

The command is only carried out when the mouse button is pressed on the symbol and then released.

If you hold the mouse pointer for a short time on a symbol in the tool bar, then the name of the symbol is shown in a Tooltip.

In order to see a description of each symbol on the tool bar, select in Help the editor about which you want information and click on the tool bar symbol in which you are interested.

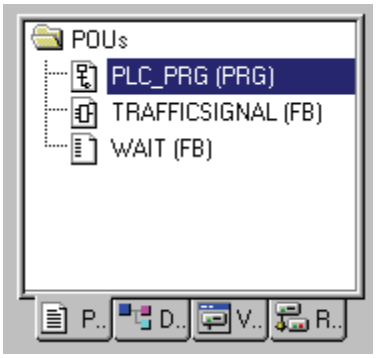
The display of the tool bar is optional (see 'Project' 'Options' category Desktop).



6.1.4 Object Organizer

The Object Organizer is always located on the left side of **»PLC Designer«**. At the bottom there are four register cards with symbols for the four types of objects **POUs**, **Data types**, Visualizations and Resources**.** In order to change between the respective object types click with the mouse on the corresponding register card or use the left or right arrow key.

You will learn in chapter Managing Objects in a Project how to work with the objects in the Object Organizer.



6.1.5 Screen divider

The screen divider is the border between two non-overlapping windows. In **»PLC Designer«** there are screen dividers between the Object Organizer and the Work space of the main window, between the interface (declaration part) and the implementation (instruction part) of POUs and between the Work space and the message window.

You can move the screen divider with the mouse pointer. You do this by moving the mouse with the left mouse button pressed.

Make sure the screen divider always remains at its absolute position, even when the window size has been changed. If it seems that the screen divider is no longer present, then simply enlarge your window.

6.1.6 Work space

The Work space is located on the right side of the main window in **»PLC Designer«**. All editors for objects and the library manager are opened in this area. The current object name appears in the title bar; in the case of POUs an abbreviation for the POU type and the programming language currently in use appears in brackets after it.

You find the description of the editors in the chapter The Editors

Under the menu item **'Window'** you find all commands for window management.

6.1.7 Message window

The message window is separated by a screen divider underneath the work space in the main window.

It contains all messages from the previous compilations, checks or comparisons. Search results and the cross-reference list can also be output here.

If you doubleclick with the mouse in the message window on a message or press <Enter>, the editor opens with the object. The relevant line of the object is selected. With the commands 'Edit' 'Next error' and 'Edit' 'Previous error' you can can quickly jump between the error messages.

The display of the message window is optional (see 'Window' 'Messages').

6.1.8 Status bar

The status bar at the bottom of the window frame of the main window in **»PLC Designer«** gives you information about the current project and about menu commands.

If an item is relevant, then the concept appears on the right side of the status bar in black script, otherwise in gray script.

When you are working in online mode, the concept **Online** appears in black script. If you are working in the offline mode it appears in gray script.

In Online mode you can see from the status bar whether you are in the simulation (**SIM**), the program is being processed (**RUNS**), a breakpoint is set (**BP**), or variables are being forced (**FORCE**).

With text editor the line and column number of the current cursor position is indicated (e.g. **Line:5, Col.:11**). In online mode '**OV**' is indicated black in the status bar. Pressing the <Ins> key switches between Overwrite and Insert mode.

If the mouse point is in a visualization, the current **X** and **Y position** of the cursor in pixels relative to the upper left corner of the screen is given. If the mouse pointer is on an **Element**, or if an element is being processed, then its number is indicated. If you have an element to insert, then it also appears (e.g. **Rectangle**).

If you have chosen a menu command but haven't yet confirmed it, then a short description appears in the status bar.

The display of the statusbar is optional (see 'Project' 'Options' category Desktop).

6.1.9 Context Menu

Shortcut: <Shift>+<F10>

Instead of using the menu bar for executing a command, you can use the right mouse button. The menu which then appears contains the most frequently used commands for a selected object or for the active editor. The choice of the available commands adapts itself automatically to the active window. The choice of the available commands adapts itself automatically to the active window.

6.2 Project Options...

With this command the dialog box for setting options is opened. The options are divided into different categories. Choose the desired category on the left side of the dialog box by means of a mouse click or using the arrow keys and change the options on the right side.

An image of the options which are set for the current project, will be found in the Resources tab in component 'Workspace'.

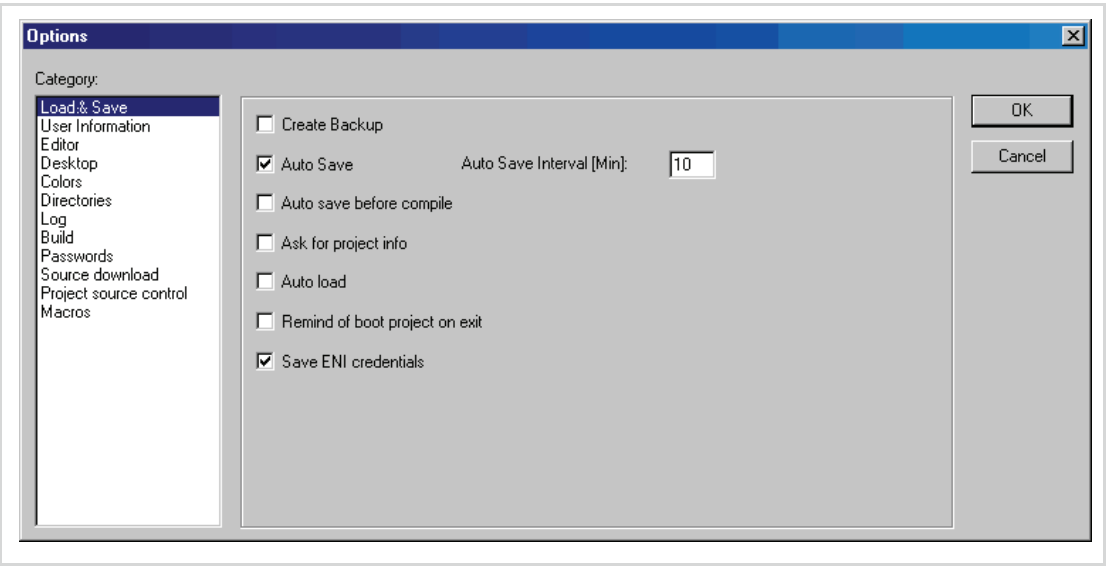
The settings amongst other things serve to configure the view of the main window. They are, unless determined otherwise, saved in the file "plcdesigner.ini" and restored at the next **PLC Designer** startup.

You have at your disposal the following categories:

	stored in PLC Designer	stored in project
Load & Save	x	
User information	x	
Editor	x	
Desktop	x	
Color	x	
Directories	Cat. Common	Cat. Project
Log	x	
Build		
Passwords		
Source download	x	
Symbol configuration	x	
Project Source Control		x
Macros		x

6.2.1 Options for Load & Save

If you choose this category in the Options dialog box , then you get the following dialog box:

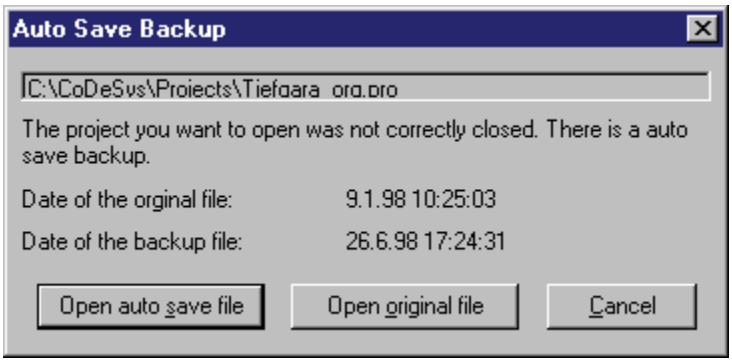


Option dialog box of the category Load & Save

When activating an option, a check (✓) appears before the option.

Create Backup: »PLC Designer« creates a backup file at every save with the extension ".bak". Contrary to the *.asd-file (see below, 'Auto Save') this *.bak-file is kept after closing the project. So you can restore the version you had before the last project save.

Auto Save: While you are working, your project is saved according to a defined time interval (**Auto Save Interval**) to a temporary file with the extension ".asd" in the projects directory. This file is erased at a normal exit from the program. If for any reason »PLC Designer« is not shut down "normally" (e.g. due to a power failure), then the file will not get erased. When you open the file again the following message appears:



You can now decide whether you want to open the original file or the auto save file.

If a library *.lib is opened as project, a corresponding auto-save-file "*.asl" will be created.

Auto save before compile: The project will be saved before each compilation. In doing so a file with the extension ".asd" resp. ".asl" will be created, which behaves like described above for the option 'Auto Save'.

Ask for project info: When saving a new project or saving a project under a new name, the project info is automatically called. You can visualize the project info with the command 'Project' 'Project info' and also process it.

Auto Load: At the next start of »PLC Designer« the last open project is automatically loaded. The loading of a project at the start of »PLC Designer« can also take place by entering the project in the command line.

Remind of boot project on exit: If the project has been modified and downloaded without creating a new boot project since the last download of a boot project, then a dialog will advise the user before leaving the project: "No boot project created since last download. Exit anyway ?".

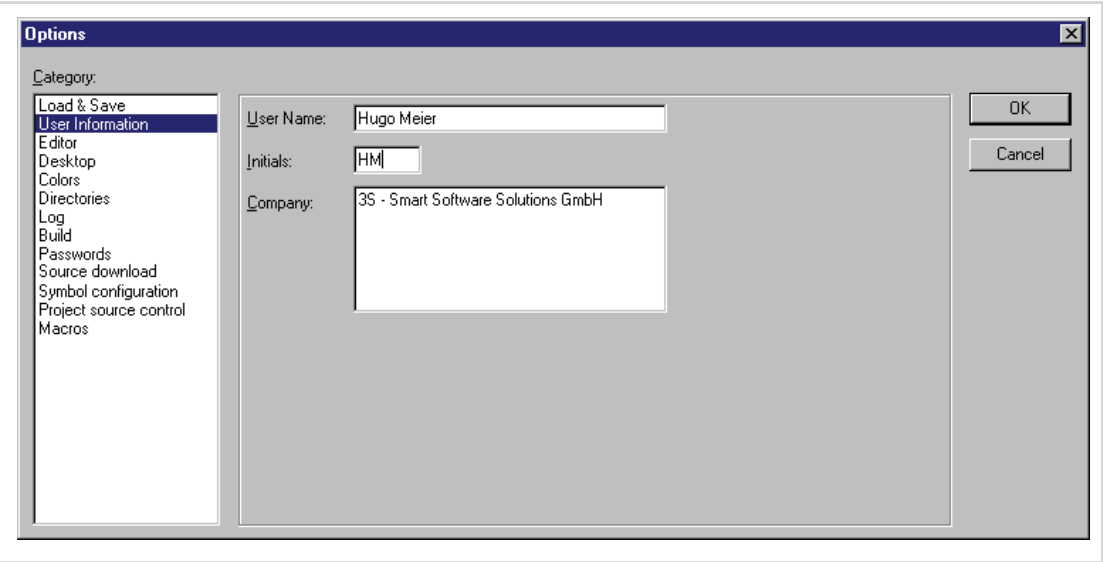
Save ENI credentials: User name and Password, as they might be inserted in the Login dialog for the ENI data base, will be saved. Concerning the access data, entered once by the user at 'Open project from source code manager' ('File' 'Open') in this case additionally user name and password will be saved in the plcdesigner.ini file.

Note!

The settings will be stored in »PLC Designer«.

6.2.2 Options for User information

If you choose this category in the Options dialog box, then you get the following dialog box:



Options dialog box of the category User information

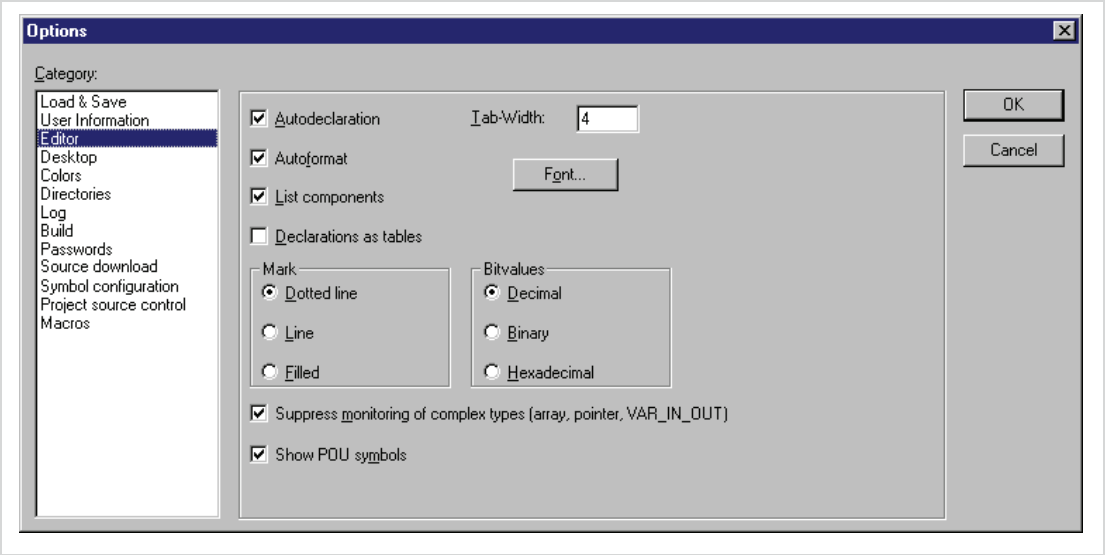
To User information belong the **Name** of the user, his **Initials** and the **Company** for which he works. Each of the entries can be modified.

Note!

The settings will be stored in »PLC Designer«.

6.2.3 Options for Editor

If you choose this category in the Options dialog box, then you get the following dialog box:



Options dialog box of the category Editor

You can make the following settings for the Editors:

Autodeclaration: If this option is activted , then after the input of a not-yet-declared variable a dialog box will appear in all editors with which this variable can be declared.

Autoformat: If this option is activted, then »PLC Designer« executes automatic formatting in the IL editor and in the declaration editor. When you finish with a line, the following formatting is made: 1.Operators written in small letters are shown in capitals; 2. Tabs are inserted to that the columns are uniformly divided.

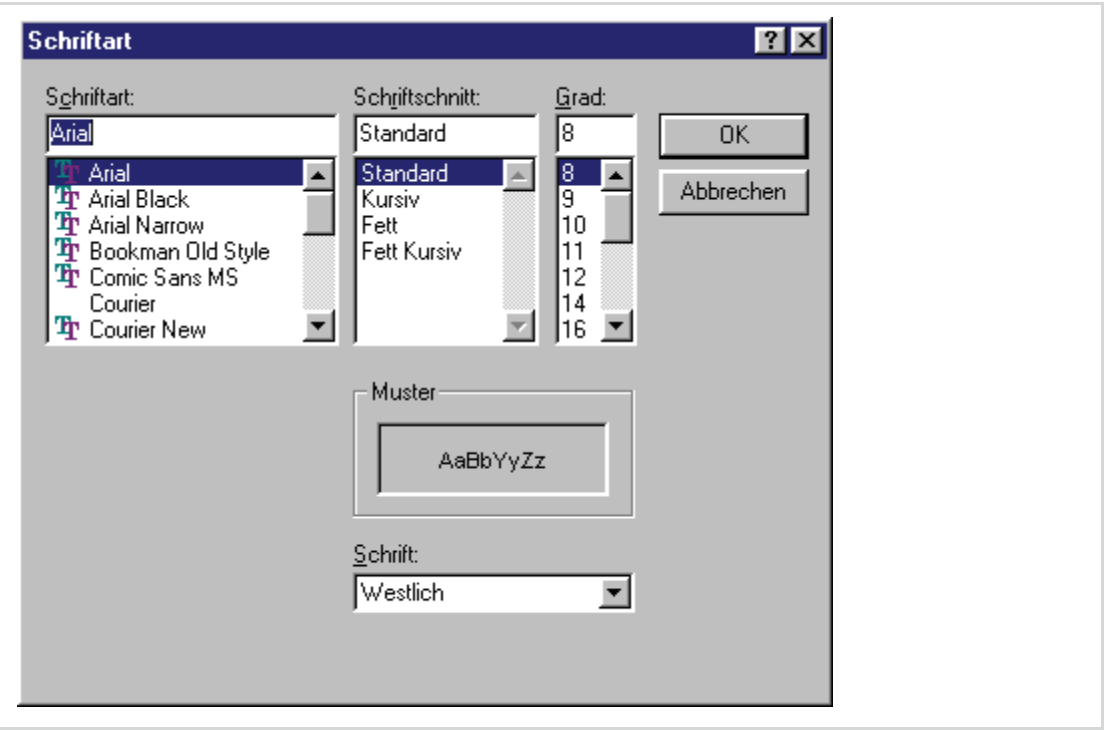
List components: If this option is activated, then the **Intellisense** functionality will be available to work as an input assistant. This means that if you insert a dot at a position where a identifier should be inserted, then a selection list will open, offering all global variables which are found in the project. If you insert the name of a function block instance, then you will get a selection list of all inputs and outputs of the instanced function block. The Intellisense function is available in editors, in the Watch and Receiptmanager, in visualizations and in the Sampling Trace.

Declarations as tables: If this option is activated, then you can edit variables in a table instead of using the usual declaration editor. This table is sorted like a card box, where you find tabs for input variables, output variables local variables and in_out variables. For each variable there are edit fields to insert **Name, Address**, **Type**, **Initial** and **Comment**.

Tab-Width: In the field **Tab-Width** in the category Editor of the Options dialog box you can determine the width of a tab as shown in the editors. The default setting is four characters, whereby the character width depends upon the font which is chosen.

Font: By clicking on the button **Font** in the category Editor of the Options dialog box you can choose the font in all PLC Designer editors. The font size is the basic unit for all drawing operations. The choice of a larger font size thus enlarges the printout, even with each editor of »PLC Designer«.

After you have entered the command, the font dialog box opens for choosing the font, style and font size.



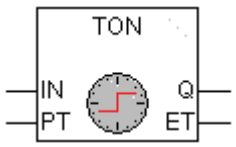
Dialog box for setting the font

Mark: When choosing Mark in the Editor category in the Options dialog box you can choose whether the current selection in your graphic editors should be represented by a dotted rectangle (Dotted), a rectangle with continuous lines (Line) or by a filled-in rectangle (Filled). In the last case the selection is shown inverted.

Bitvalues: When choosing Bitvalues in the category Editor of the Options dialog box you can choose whether binary data (type BYTE, WORD, DWORD) during monitoring should be shown Decimal, Hexadecimal, or Binary.

Suppress monitoring of complex types (Array, Pointer, VAR_IN_OUT): If this option is activated, complex data types like arrays, pointers, VAR_IN_OUTs will not get displayed in the monitoring window in online mode.

Show POU symbols: If this option is activated, in the module boxes which are inserted to a graphic editor, additionally symbols will get displayed, if those are available in the library folder as bitmaps. The name of the bitmap-file must be composed of the name of the module and the extension ".bmp". Example: For module TON there is a symbol file TON.bmp available. The box will be displayed as follows:

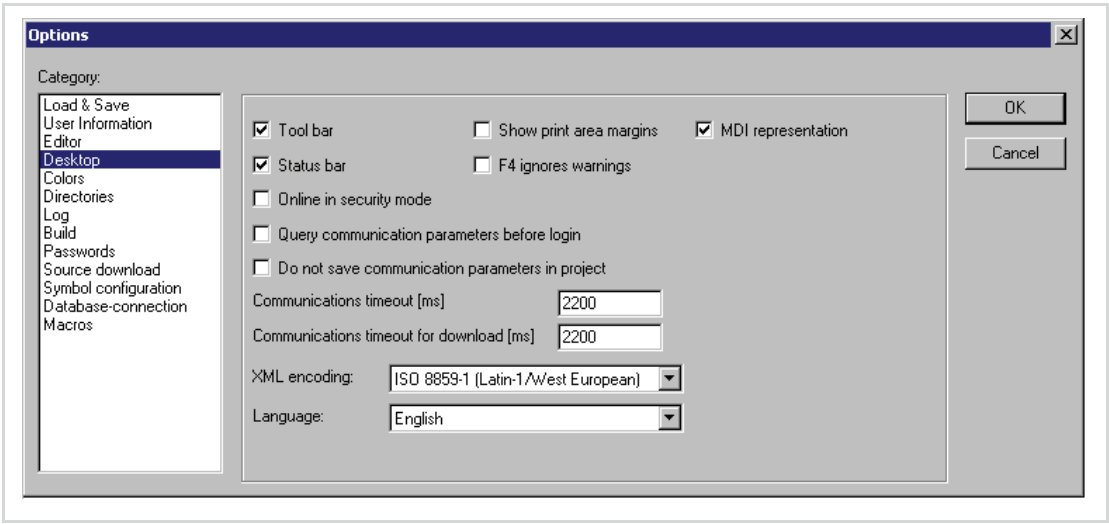


Note!

The settings will be stored in »PLC Designer«.

6.2.4 Options for the Desktop

If you choose this category in the Options dialog box, then you get the following dialog box:



Options dialog box of the category Desktop

When an option is activated, a check appears in front of it.

Tool bar: The tool bar with the buttons for faster selection of menu commands becomes visible underneath the menu bar.

Status bar: The status bar at the lower edge of the PLC Designer main window becomes visible.

Online in Security mode: In Online mode with the commands 'Run', 'Stop', 'Reset' 'Toggle Breakpoint', 'Single cycle', 'Write values', 'Force values' and 'Release force', a dialog box appears with the confirmation request whether the command should really be executed. If supported by the target system, an extended dialog might be available when you want to load the actual project from the programming system to the PLC If there is already a project on the PLC, this dialog will display the project information of that project as well as the information of the project currently to be loaded. This project information also will be available in case of creating a boot project when there is already one on the PLC.
This option is saved with the project.

Query communication parameters before login: As soon as the command 'Online' 'Login' is executed, first the communication parameters dialog will open. To get in online mode you must first close this dialog with OK.

Do not save communication parameters in project: The settings of the communication parameters dialog ('Online' 'Communication Parameters') will not be saved with the project.

Show print area margins: In every editor window, the limits of the currently set print range are marked with red dashed lines. Their size depends on the printer characteristics (paper size, orientation) and on the size of the "Content" field of the set print layout (menu: 'File" "Documentation Settings").

F4 ignores warnings: After compilation, when F4 is pressed in a message window, the focus jumps only to lines with error messages; warning messages are ignored.

MDI representation: Per default this option (**M**ultiple-**D**ocument-**I**nterface) is activated and thus several windows can be opened at the same time. If the option is deactivated (SDI mode) only one window can be opened and will be displayed in full screen mode. Exception: The action of a program and the program itself can be displayed side by side even in MDI mode.

Communications timeout [ms]: for standard communication services: Time span in milliseconds, after which the communication to the target system will be terminated if no more activity is detected. Possible values: 1-10000000 ms.

Communications timeout for download [ms]: for long lasting communication services (program download, file up- and download, boot project creation and check): Time span in milliseconds after which the communication to the target system will be terminated if no more activity is detected (Download Wait Time). Possible values: 1-10000000 ms.

XML-Encoding: The format for XML-exports can be selected. The default setting is "ISO 8859-1". This concerns the communication via ENI, Message Interface and COM Automation Interface, as well as each user-triggered XML-export from »PLC Designer«. An exception is the XML-export of the Licensing Manager.

Language: Define here, in which language the menu and dialog texts should be displayed.

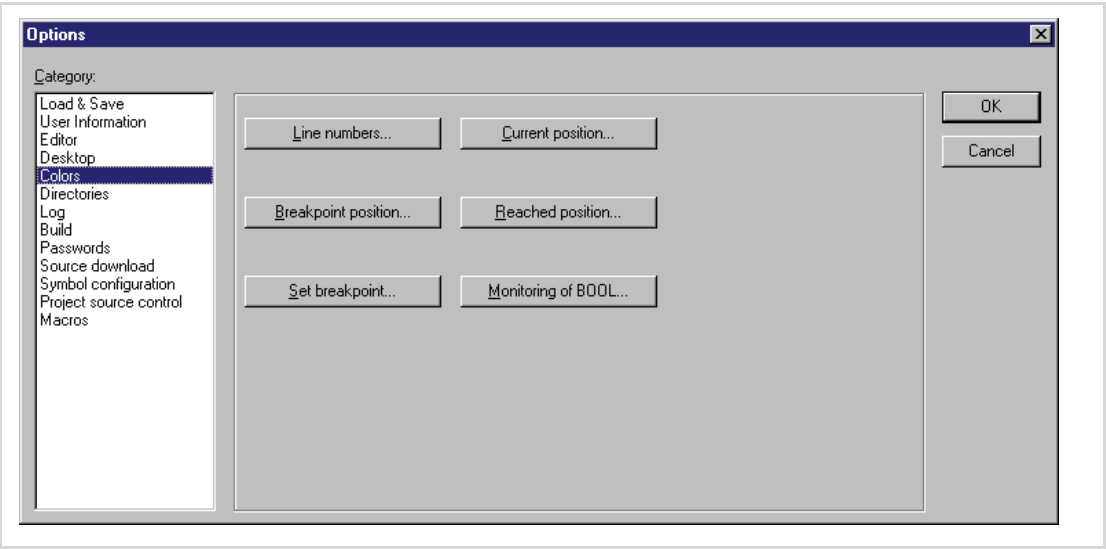
Note!

Please note, that the language choice is not possible under Windows 98T !

The settings will be stored in »PLC Designer«.

6.2.5 Options for Colors

If you choose this category in the Options dialog box , then you get the following dialog box:



Options dialog box of the category Color

You can edit the default color setting of **PLC Designer**. You can choose whether you want to change the color settings for **Line numbers** (default presetting: light gray), for **Breakpoint positions** (dark gray), for a **Set breakpoint** (light blue), for the **Current position** (red), for the **Reached Positions** (green) or for the **Monitoring of Boo**lean values (blue).

If you have chosen one of the indicated buttons, the dialog box for the input of colors opens.



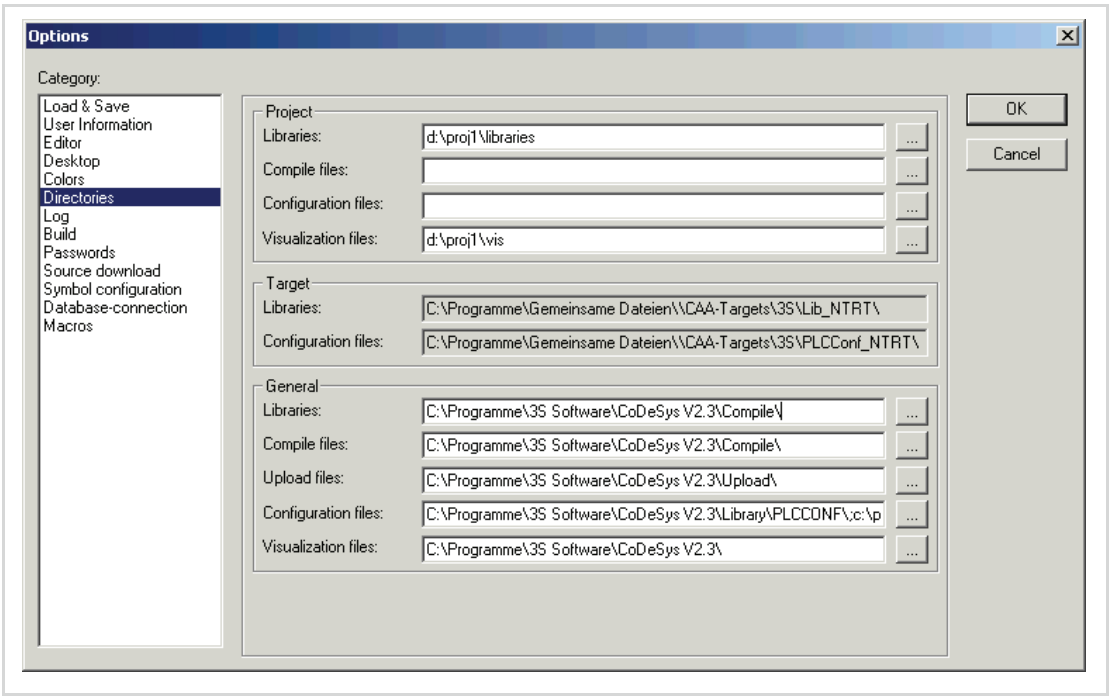
Dialog box for setting colors

Note!

The settings will be stored in »PLC Designer«.

6.2.6 Options for Directories

If you choose this category in the Options dialog box, then you get the following dialog box:



Options dialog box of the category Directories

Directories can be entered in the **Project** and **Common** areas for »PLC Designer« to use in searching for **Libraries**, controller **Configuration** and **Visualization files** (bitmaps, XML-files for dynamic texts etc.) iles, as well as for storing **Compile** and source-**Upload files**. (Compile files for example are map- and list-files, not however e.g. symbol files ! The latter will be saved in the project directory.) If you activate the button (...) behind a field, the directory selection dialog opens. For library and configuration files, several paths can be entered for each, separated by semicolons ";".

Note!

Library paths can be entered based on the project file's path by prefixing a dot ".". If e.g. ".\libs" is entered, the libraries will be searched in 'C:\programs\projects\libs', if the current project is in 'C:\programs\projects'. For information on library paths see also: 'Insert' 'Additional Library'.Chapter Library Manager, 'Insert' 'Additional Library'.

Do not use empty spaces and special characters except for "_" in the directory pathes.

The **Target** area just displays the directories for libraries and configuration files set in the target system, e.g. through entries in the Target file. These fields cannot be edited, but an entry can be selected and copied (right mouse button context menu).

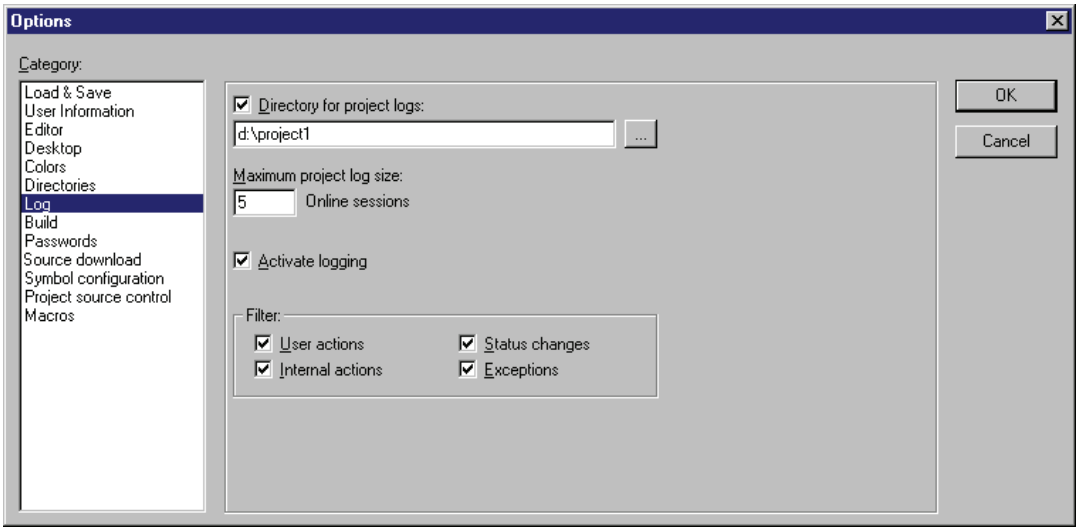
»PLC Designer« generally searches first in the directories entered in 'Project', then in those in 'Target' (defined in the Target file), and finally those listed under 'Common'. If two files with identical names are found, the one in the directory that is browsed first will be used.

Note!

The settings for area Common will be stored in »PLC Designer«, those for area Project in the project..

6.2.7 Options for Log

If you choose this category in the Options dialog box, then you get the following dialog box:



Option dialogue for the category Log

In this dialog, you can configure a file that acts as a project log, recording all user actions and internal processes during Online mode processing (see also: Log).

If an existing project is opened for which no log has yet been generated, a dialog box opens which calls attention to the fact that a log is now being set up that will receive its first input after the next login process.

The log is automatically stored as a binary file in the project directory when the project is saved. If you prefer a different target directory, you can activate the option **Directory for project logs:** and enter the appropriate path in the edit field. Use the  button to access the "Select Directory" dialog for this purpose.

The log file is automatically assigned the name of the project with the extension .log. The maximum number of **Online sessions** to be recorded is determined by **Maximum project log size**. If this number is exceeded while recording, the oldest entry is deleted to make room for the newest.

The Log function can be switched on or off in the Option field **Activate logging**.

You can select in the **Filter** area which actions are to be recorded: User actions, Internal actions, Status changes, Exceptions. Only actions belonging to categories checked here will appear in the Log window and be written to the Log file. (For a description of the categories, please see Log).

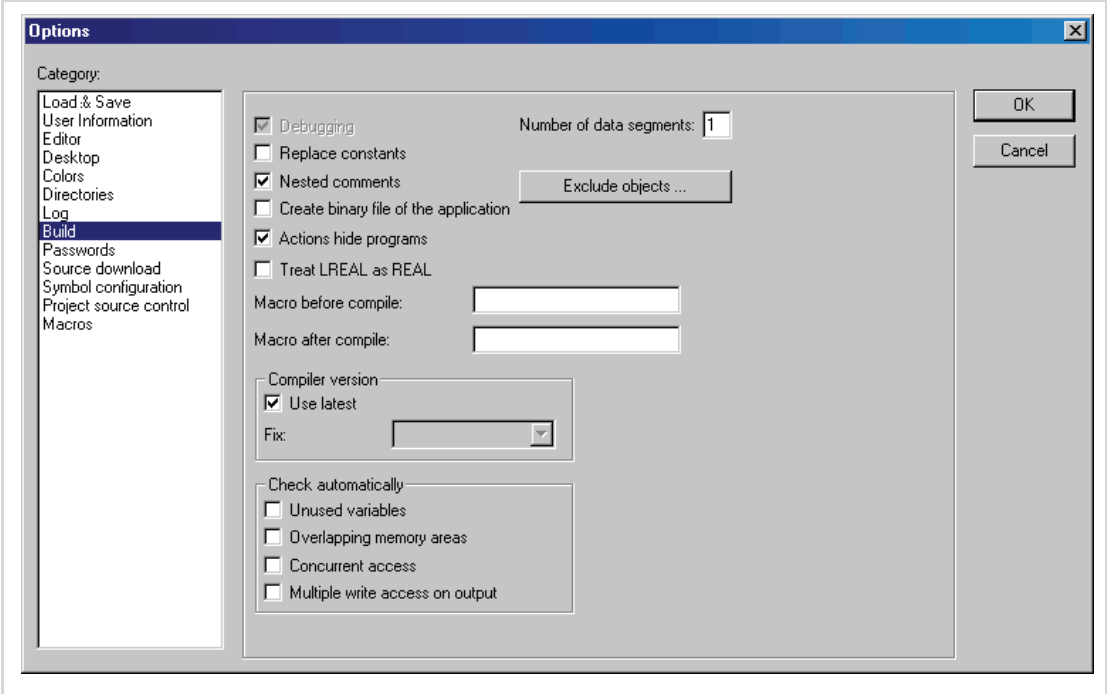
The Log window can be opened with the command 'Window' 'Log'.

Note!

The settings will be stored in »PLC Designer«.

6.2.8 Options for Build

If you choose this category in the Options dialog box , then you get the following dialog box:



Options dialog box of the category Build

Debugging: It depends on the target descriptions whether this option can be activated/deactivated by the user resp. which is the given setting . If it is activated, additional debugging code is created, that is the code can become considerably larger. The debugging code is needed in order to make use of the debugging functions offered by »PLC Designer« (e.g. breakpoints). When you switch off this option, project processing becomes faster and the size of the code decreases. The option is stored with the project.

Replace constants: The value of each constant of scalar type (thus not for strings, arrays and structures) is loaded directly, and in Online mode the constants are displayed in green. Forcing, writing and monitoring of a constant is then no longer possible. If the option is deactivated, the value is loaded into a storage location via variable access (this does in fact allow writing the variable value, but implies longer processing time).

Nested comments: Comments can be placed within other comments.

Example:

```
(*
a:=inst.out; (* to be checked *)
b:=b+1;
*)
```

Here the comment that begins with the first bracket is not closed by the bracket following "checked," but only by the last bracket.

Stop!

Currently this option must be used carefully: If the setting in the project does not match the setting chosen in a library which also has been created in »PLC Designer« and now is used is the project, compiler errors will occur, which are hard to interpret by the user and often cannot be cleared!

Create binary file of the application: A binary image of the generated code (boot project) is created in the project directory during compilation. File name: <project_name>.bin. By comparison, the command 'Online' 'Create boot project' sets up the boot project on the controller.

Actions hide programs: This option is activated per default, when a new project is created. It means: If a local action has the same name like a global variable or a program, the following hierarchy is valid: local variable before local action before global variable before program.

Note!

If an existing project is opened, which has been created with a previous PLC Designer version, the option will be deactivated per default. Thus the previously vlid hierarchy (local varaible before global variable before program before local action) can be kept.

Treat LREAL as REAL: If this option is activated, (availability depends on the runtime system, default: not activated), the compile will handle LREAL values as REAL values. This can be used for creating platform independent projects.

Number of data segments: Here you define how many memory segments should be allocated in the PLC for the project data. This space is needed to make possible Online Change even if new variables have been added. If during compilation you get the message "Out of global data memory...", enter a higher number. In this regard local program variables will be handled like global variables.

Exclude objects: This button opens the dialog **Exclude objects from build**: In the tree of project components select those POUs which should not be regarded during compilation and activate option **Exclude**. Hereupon the excluded POUs will be displayed green-colored in the selection tree. Press button **Exclude unused**, if you just want to get displayed those POUs which are currently used in the program. Regard that a single object which is selected in the Object Organizer can also be excluded from build by using the command 'Exclude from build' from the context menu.

Compiler Version: Here you define the compiler version to be used. PLC Designer versions after V2.3.3 (version, service pack, patch) will include besides the actual compiler version also the previous compiler versions (back to V2.3.3). If you want to get the project compiled with the latest compiler version in any case, activate option **Use latest**. In this case however it will be checked whether the currently opened programming system is also of that version. If this is not true, the compiler version matching the actually used programming system version will be used!. If the project should be compiled with a specific version, define this via the selection list at **Fix**.

In order to exert control over the compilation process you can set up two macros:

The macro in the **Macro before compile** field is executed before the compilation process; the macro in the **Macro after compile** field afterwards. The following macro commands can not, however, be used here: file new, file open, file close, file save as, file quit, online, project compile, project check, project build, project clean, project rebuild, debug, watchlist.

Check automatically:

In order to get the semantic correctness checked at each compilation of the project the following options can be activated:

- Unused variables
- Overlapping memory areas
- Concurrent access
- Multiple write access on output

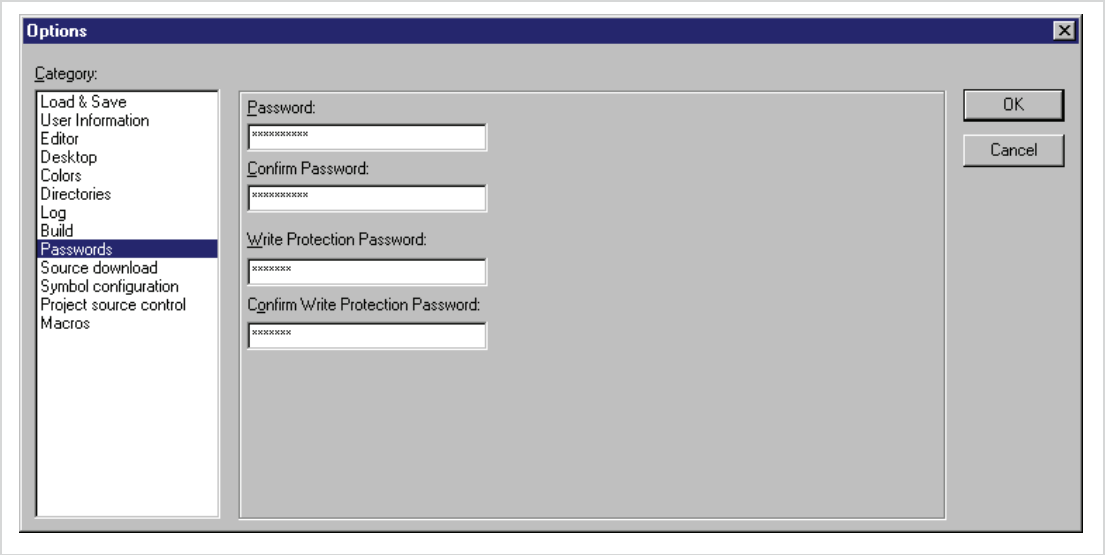
The results will be displayed in the message window. These checks also can be initiated by the respective commands of the 'Check' submenu in the 'Project' menu. If supported by the target system, negative check results will produce compiler errors.

Note!

All entries in the Build Options dialog are stored with the project.

6.2.9 Passwords

If you choose this category in the Options dialog box, then you get the following dialog box:



Options dialog box of the category Passwords

To protect your files from unauthorized access »PLC Designer« offers the option of using a password to protect against your files being opened or changed.

Enter the desired password in the field **Password**. For each typed character an asterisk (*) appears in the field. You must repeat the same word in the field **Confirm Password**. Close the dialog box with **OK**. If you get the message:

"The password does not agree with the confirmation",

then you made a typing error during one of the two entries. In this case repeat both entries until the dialog box closes without a message.

If you now save the file and then reopen it, then you get a dialog box in which you are requested to enter the password. The project can then only be opened if you enter the correct password. Otherwise PLC Designer reports:

"The password is not correct."

Along with the opening of the file, you can also use a password to protect against the file being changed. For this you must enter a password in the field **Write Protection Password** and confirm this entry in the field underneath.

A write-protected project can be opened without a password. For this simply press the button **Cancel**, if »PLC Designer« tells you to enter the write-protection password when opening a file. Now you can compile the project, load it into the PLC, simulate, etc., but you cannot change it.

Of course it is important that you memorize both passwords. However, if you should ever forget a password, then contact the manufacturer of your PLC.

The passwords are saved with the project.

In order to create differentiated access rights you can define user groups and "Passwords for user groups").

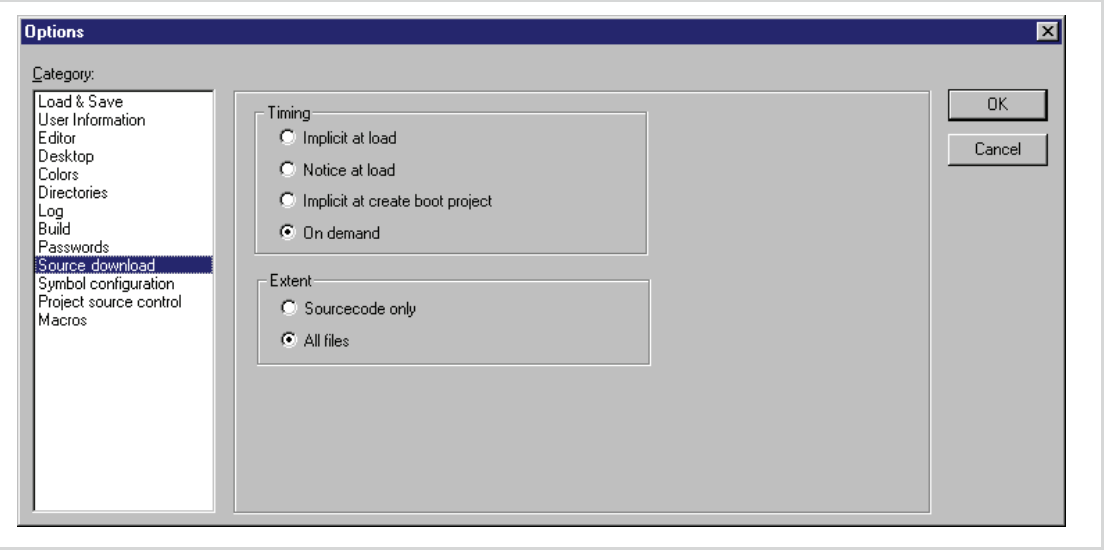
Additionally regard the extended possibilities to protect a project by encryption which for example can help to protect a library from getting used without having entered a key.

Note!

The settings will be stored in the project.

6.2.10 Source download

The following dialog will be opened when you select this category:



Option dialog for the category Source download

You can choose to which **Timing** and what **Extent** the project is loaded into the controller system. The option **Sourcecode only** exclusively involves just the PLC Designer file (file extension .pro). The option **All files** also includes files such as the associated library files, visualization bitmaps, configuration files, etc.

Using the option **Implicit at load** allows the selected file range to be automatically loaded into the controller system on the command **'Online'** 'Download'.

Using the option **Implicit at create boot project** allows the selected file range to be automatically loaded into the controller system on the command 'Online' 'Create boot project'.

Using the option **Notice at load** offers a dialog, when the command **'Online'** 'Download' is given, with the question "Do you want to write the source code into the controller system?". Pressing **Yes** will automatically load the selected range of files into the controller system, or you can alternatively finish with **No**.

When using the option **On demand** the selected range of files must be expressly loaded into the controller system by giving the command 'Online' 'Sourcecode download'.

The project which is stored in the controller system can be retrieved by using 'File' 'Open' with Open project from PLC. The files will be unpacked in the process.

Note!

The settings will be stored in »PLC Designer«.

6.2.11 Options for 'Symbol Configuration'

The dialog presented here is used for configuring the symbol file which will be created during each compilation of the project. The symbol file is created as a text file <project name>.sym respectively as a binary file <project name>.sdb (the format is depending on the used gateway version) in the project directory. The file is needed for data exchange with the controller via the symbolic interface and will be used for that purpose e.g. by OPC- or GatewayDDE-Server.

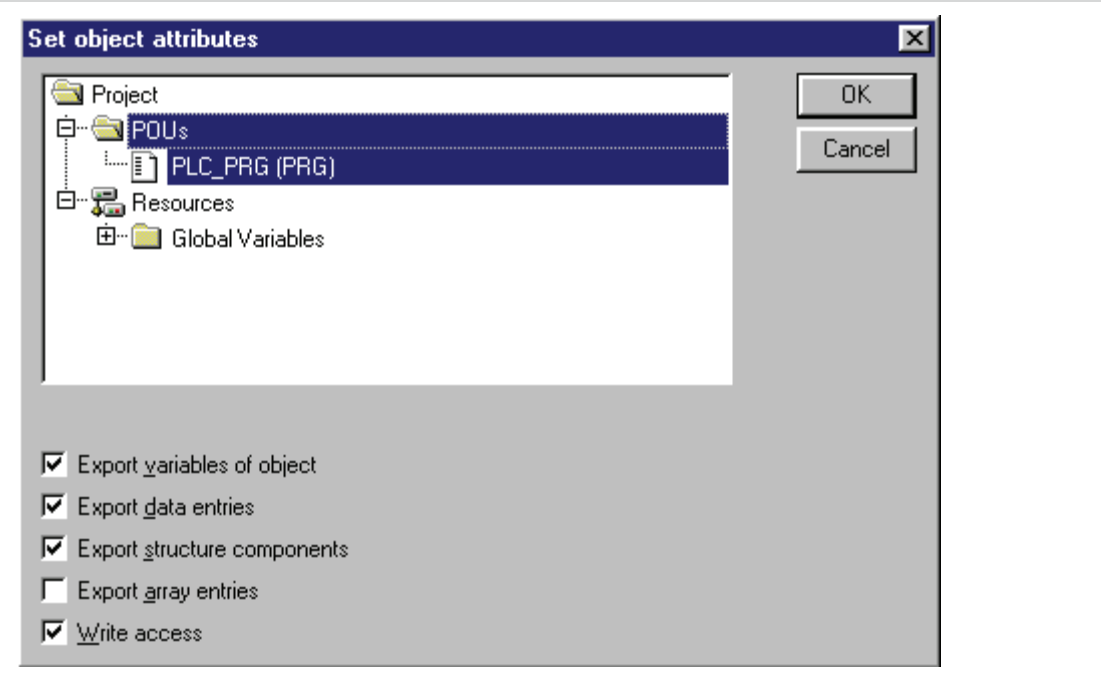
If the option **Create symbol entries** is activated, then symbol entries for the project variables will be automatically written to the symbol file. Otherwise only version info about file and project is contained.

If additionally the option **Dump XML symbol table** is activated, then also an XML file containing the symbol information will be created in the project directory. It will be named <project name>.SYM_XML.

Regard the following when configuring the symbol entries:

If option 'Symbol config from INI-file' is activated in the target settings, then the symbol configuration will be read from the plcdesigner.ini file or from another ini-file which is defined there. (In this case the dialog 'Set object attributes' in »PLC Designer« cannot be edited).

If option 'Symbol config from INI-file' is not activated, the symbol entries will be generated in accordance with the settings you can make in the 'Set object attributes' dialog. You get there using the **Configure symbol file** button:



Dialog 'Set object attributes' (in option category Symbol configuration)

Use the tree-structured selection editor to mark the variables which should be entered in the symbol file. For this purpose you can select a POU's entry (e.g. Global Variables) which automatically will mark all variables belonging to this POU, or you can select particular variables. For the selected set of entries then activate the desired options in the lower part of the dialog box by mouse-clicks on the corresponding option boxes. Activated options are displayed checked. The following options can be set:

Export variables of object: The variables of the selected object are exported into the symbol file.

The following options can take effect only if the **Export variables of object** option is activated:

- **Export data entries**: Entries for access to the global variables are created for object's structures and arrays.
- **Export structure components**: An individual entry is created for each variable component of object's structures.
- **Export array entries**: An individual entry is created for each variable component of object's arrays.
- **Write Access**: Object's variables may be changed by the OPC server.

Once the option settings for the currently selected variables are complete, other POUs can be also be selected - without closing the dialog before - and given an option configuration. This can be carried out for any desired number of POU selections, one after the other.

When the dialog box is closed by selecting **OK**, all configurations carried out since the dialog box was opened are applied.

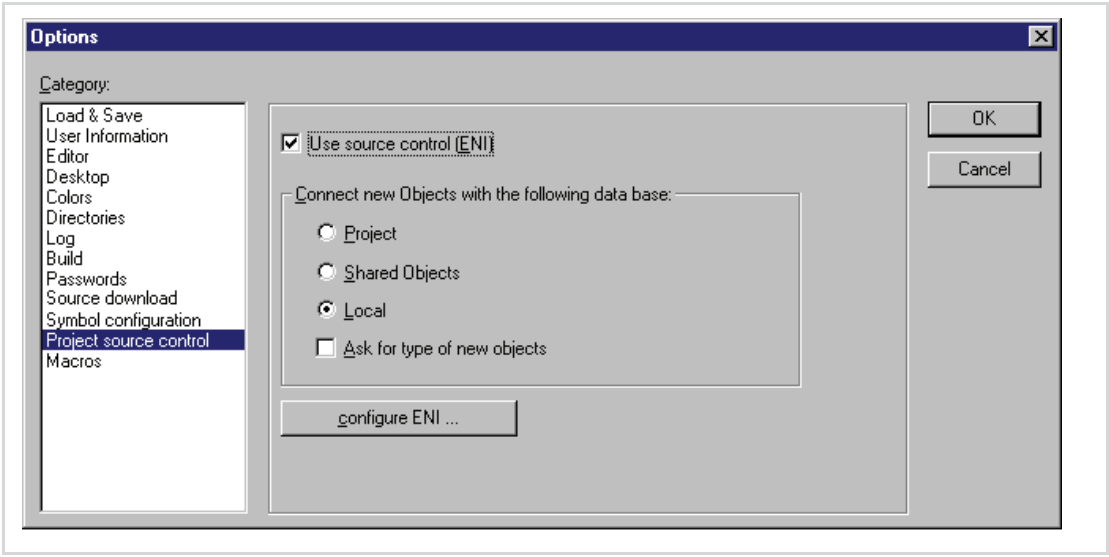
Note!

Regard the possibility of using pragmas in the declaration of a variable, which define that the variable is taken to the symbol file with restricted access or that it is excluded from the symbol file.

The settings will be stored in »PLC Designer«.

6.2.12 Options for 'Project source control'

This dialog is used to define whether the project should be managed in a project data base and to configure the ENI interface correspondingly.



Options dialog box of category Project source control

Use source control (ENI): Activate this option, if you want to access a project data base via the ENI Server in order to administer all or a selection of POUs of the project in this data base. Preconditions: ENI Server and data base must be installed and you must be registered as an user in the database. See also the documentation for the ENI-Server resp. in chapter 'ENI'.

If the option is activated, then the data base functions (Check in, Get last version etc.) will be available for handling the project POUs. Then some of the data base functions will run automatically like defined in the options dialogs, and in the menu 'Project' 'Data Base Link' you will find the commands for calling the functions explicitly. Besides that a tab 'Data base-connection' will be added in the dialog Properties, where you can assign a POU to a particular data base category.

Connect new Objects with the following data base:

Here you set a default: If a new object is inserted in the project ('Project' 'Object' 'Add'), then it will automatically get assigned to that object category which is defined here. This assignment will be displayed in the object properties dialog ('Project' 'Object' 'Properties') and can be modified there later. The possible assignments:

Project: The POU will be stored in that data base folder which is defined in the dialog ENI configuration/Project objects in the field 'Project name'.

Shared Objects: The POU will be stored in that data base folder which is defined in the dialog ENI configuration/Shared objects in the field 'Project name'.

Local: The POU will not be managed in a ENI data base, but only will be stored locally in the project.

Besides 'Project objects' and 'Shared objects' there is a third data base category 'Compile files' for such objects which are not created until the project has been compiled. Therefore this category is not relevant for the current settings.

Ask for type of new objects: If this option is activated, then whenever a new object is added to the project, the dialog 'Object' 'Properties' will open, where you can choose to which of the three object categories mentioned above the POU should be assigned. By doing so the standard setting can be overwritten.

configure ENI: This button opens the first of three ENI configuration dialogs:

Each object of a project, which is determined to get managed in the ENI data base, can be assigned to one of the following data base categories: 'Project objects', 'Shared objects' or 'Compile files'. For each of these categories a separate dialog is available to define in which data base folder it should be stored and which presettings should be effective for certain data base functions:

- Dialog ENI configuration / Project objects
- Dialog ENI configuration / Shared objects
- Dialog ENI configuration / Compile files

Note!

Each object will be stored also locally (with project) in any case.

The dialog will open one after the other if you are doing a primary configuration. In this case a **Wizard** (Button **Next**) will guide you and the settings entered in the first dialog will be automatically copied to the other ones, so that you just have to modify them if you need different parameter values.

If you want to modify an existing configuration, then the three dialogs are combined in one window (three tabs).

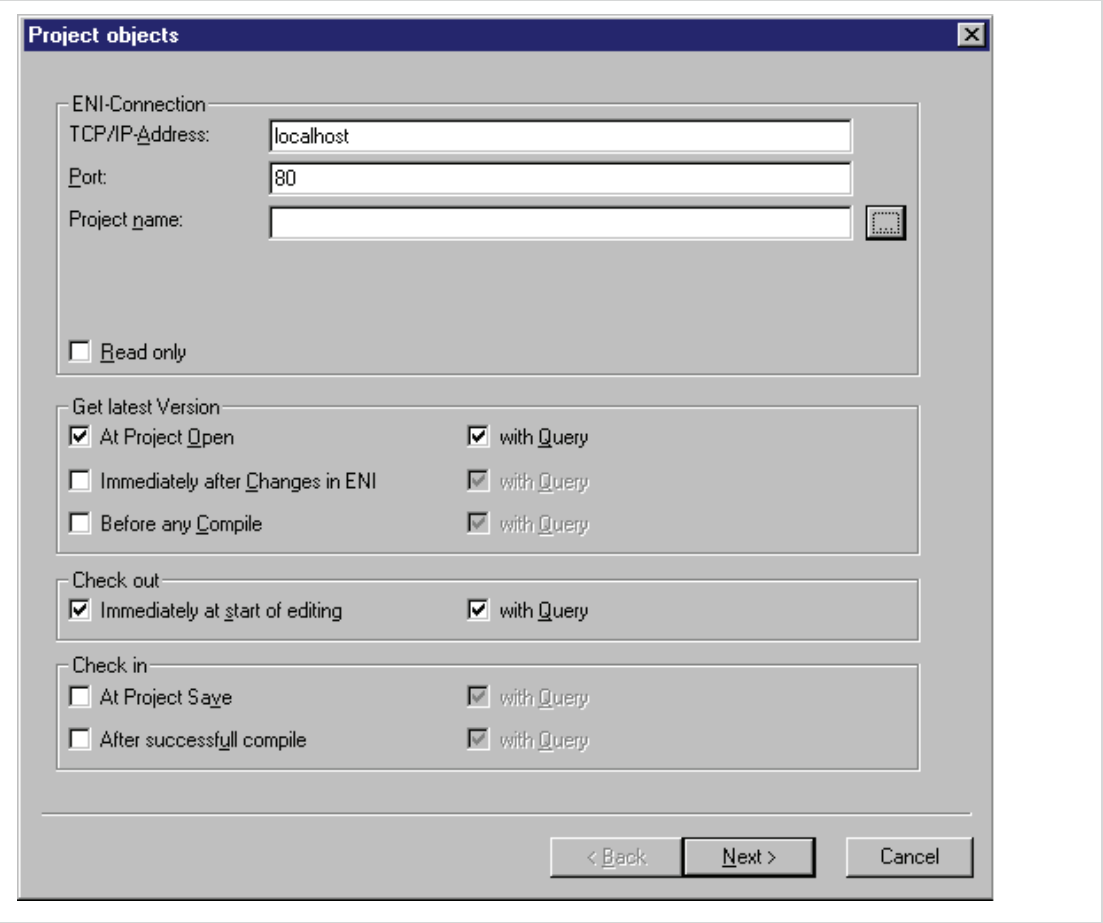
If you have not yet logged in successfully to the data base before, then the Login dialog will be opened automatically.

Note!

The settings will be stored in the project.

6.2.13 Options for project objects and shared objects regarding the project data

These dialogs are part of the configuration of the project data base options ('Project' 'Options' 'Project source control'). Here you define the access parameters for the data base **categories** 'Project objects' und 'Shared objects'. Both dialogs contain the same items. (A third dialog is available for the configuration of the access to the data base category Compile files.



Dialog 'Project objects' in options category Project source control

ENI-Connection

TCP/IP-Address:	Address of the computer where the ENI-Server is running
Port:	Default: 80; must be the same as set in the configuration parameters of the ENI Server
Project name:	Name of the data base folder where the objects of this category should be stored. Press button ... to open a folder tree of the already existing data base projects. If the desired folder already exists, you can select it in this tree and it will be entered in the 'Project name' edit field. If you had not logged in to the ENI Server until you try to open the folder tree by button ..., then you will first get the Login dialog where you must enter 'User name' and 'Password' as defined in your ENI user account to get access to the three data base categories.
Read only	If this option is activated, then only read access is possible to the above defined data base folder.

Get latest Version

The data base function 'Get latest Version' (Menu 'Project' 'Data Base Link' copies the actual version of POUs from the above defined data base folder to the currently opened project, whereby the local version of objects will be overwritten. This will be done automatically for all objects, for which the version found in the data base differs from that in the project, as soon as one of the chosen timing conditions will meet. Choose the options by setting a check mark:

At Project Open	As soon as the project is opened in »PLC Designer«
Immediately after Changes in ENI	As soon as a newer version of the POU is checked in to the data base (e.g. by another user); then the POU will be updated in the current project immediately and an appropriate message will pop up.
Before any Compile	Before any compile process in »PLC Designer«

Check out

The data base function 'Check out' means that the POU will be marked as 'in the works' and will be locked for other users until it will be de-blocked again by a 'Check in' or 'Undo check out'.

If the option **Immediately at start of editing** is activated, then an object will be checked out automatically as soon as you start to edit it. If the object is currently already checked out by another user (indicated by a red cross before the object name in the PLC Designer object organizer), then a message will pop up.

Check in

The data base function 'Check in' means, that a new version of the object will be created in the data base. The older versions will be kept anyway.

You can activate one or both of the following options to define the time of automatic Checking in:

At Project Save	as soon as the project is saved
After successfull compile	as soon as the project has been compiled without errors

For each of the options 'Get last version', 'Check out' and 'Check in' additionally the option **with Query** can be activated. In this case, before the corresponding action is carried out, a dialog opens where you still can decide to cancel the action or otherwise confirm it.

The items of the dialog 'Shared objects' are the same like in the dialog 'Project objects' described above. The settings apply to all objects which are assigned to the data base category 'Shared objects'.

If you do a primary configuration, the configuration dialogs will appear one after the other and you will be guided by a wizard (button **Next**). The settings made in the first dialog will automatically be inherited to the other ones. So those just have to be edited if modifications are necessary.

Cancel will close the dialog without saving the done modifications in the currently opened dialog. You return to the main dialog 'Options' 'Project source control'.

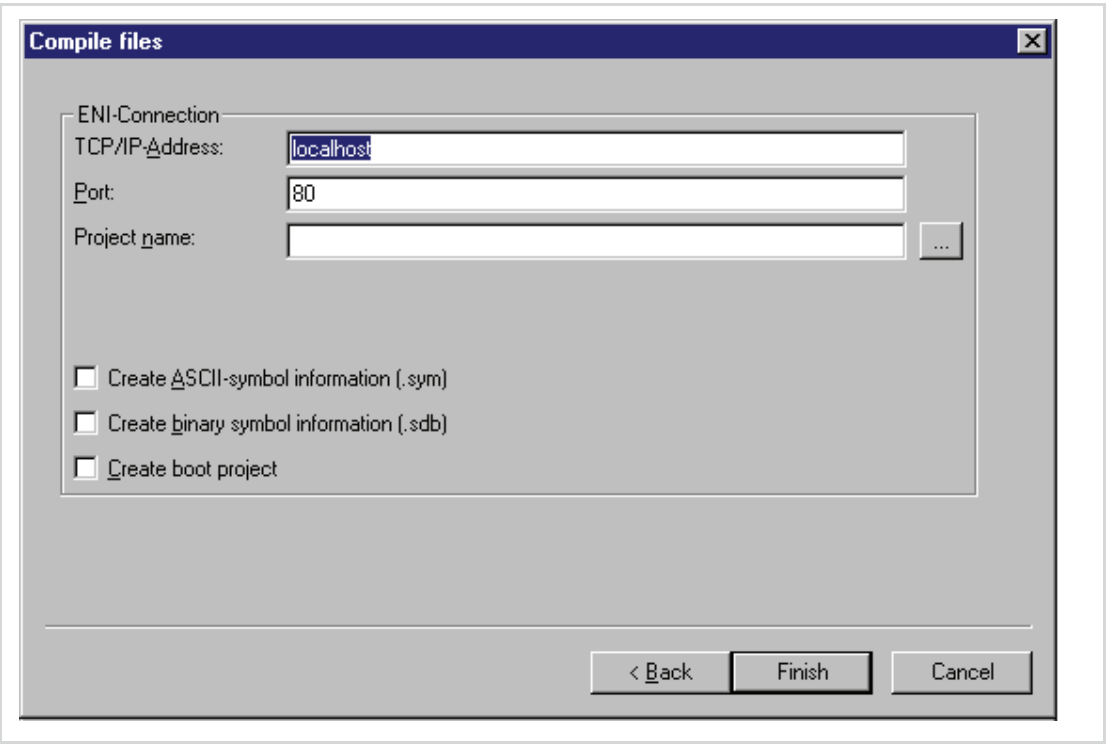
If an already existing configuration has been modified, then the new settings (for all three dialogs) can be saved by pressing **OK**. After that the dialog will be closed and you return to the main dialog 'Options' 'Project source control'.

Note!

The settings will be stored in the project.

6.2.14 Options for Compile Files regarding the project data base

This dialog is part of the option settings for the project data base('Project' 'Options' 'Project source control'). Here you define how the objects of category 'Compile files' will be handled in the data base. (Besides that two further dialogs are available to define this for objects of category 'Project objects' and 'Shared objects'.)



Dialog 'Compile files' in category Project source control

For the input fields **TCP/IP-Address**, **Port**, **Project name** see the description of dialog Project objects/Shared objects.

Create ASCII-symbol information (.sym) Create binary symbol information (.sdb)	If this option is activated, then whenever a symbol file *.sym (text format) resp. *.sdb (binary format) will be created, this file will be written to the data base automatically. The entries in the symbol file are created like defined in the Project options category 'Symbol configuration'.
Create boot project	If this option is activated, then whenever a boot project will be created, this file will be written to the data base automatically .

If you do a primary configuration, the configuration dialogs will appear one after the other, guided by a wizard (button **Next**). The settings made in the first dialog will automatically be inherited to the other ones. So those just have to be edited if modificiations are necessary.

Cancel will close the dialog without saving the done modifications in the currently opened dialog (the settings made in the previous dialogs will be kept anyway). You return to the main dialog 'Options' 'Project source control'.

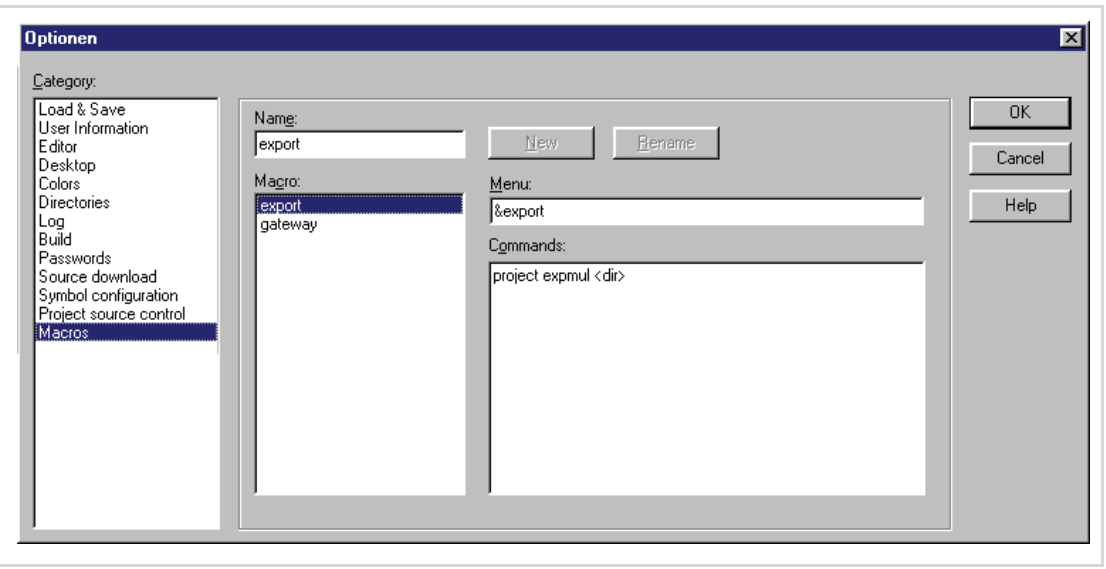
If an already existing configuration has been modified, then the new settings (for all three dialogs) can be saved by pressing **OK**. After that the dialog will be closed and you return to the main dialog 'Options' 'Project source control'.

Note!

The settings will be stored in the project.

6.2.15 Options for 'Macros'

If you choose this category in the Options dialog, the following dialog box opens:



Options dialog for the category Macros

In this dialog, macros can be defined using the commands of the PLC Designer batch mechanism, which can then be called in the 'Edit' 'Macros' menu.

Perform the following steps to define a new macro:

- In the input field Name, you enter a name for the macro to be created. After the New button is pressed, this name is transferred into the Macrolist field and marked as selected there. The macro list is represented in a tree structure. The locally defined macros are positioned one below the other. If macro libraries (see below) are integrated, then the library names will be listed and by a mouse-click on the plus- resp. minus-signs in front of those entries you can open or close a list of the library elements.

- The Menu field is used to define the menu entry with which the macro will appear in the 'Edit' 'Macros' menu. In order to be able to use a single letter as a short-cut, the letter must be preceded by the symbol '&'. Example: the name "Ma&cro 1" generates the menu entry "Macro 1". Example: the name "Ma&cro 1" will create a menu item "Macro 1".
- In the editor field Commands you define and/or edit the commands that are to constitute the newly created or selected macro. All the commands of the PLC Designer batch mechanism and all keywords which are valid for those are allowed. You can obtain a list by pressing the Help button. A new command line is started by pressing <Ctrl><Enter>. The context menu with the common text editor functions is obtained by pressing the right mouse button. Command components that belong together can be grouped using quotation marks.
- If you want to create further macros, perform steps 1-3 again, before you close the dialog by pressing the OK-button.

  If you want to **delete** a macro, select it in the macro list and press button <Del>.

  If you want to rename a macro, select it in the macro list, insert a new name in the edit field 'Name' and then press button **Rename**.

  To **edit** an existing macro, select it in the macro list and edit the fields 'Menu' and/or 'Commands'. The modifications will be saved when pressing the OK-button.

  As soon as the dialog is closed by pressing the **OK**-button the actual description of all macros will be saved in the project.

  The macro menu entries in the 'Edit' 'Macros' menu are now displayed in the order in which they were defined. The macros are not checked until a menu selection is made.

Macro libraries:

Macros can be saved in external macro libraries. These libraries can be included in other projects.

- Creating a macro library containing the macros of the currently opened project: Press button **Create**. You get the dialog **Merge project**, where all available macros are listed. Select the desired entries and confirm with OK. The selection dialog will close and dialog **Save Macrolibrary** will open. Insert here a name and path for the new library and press button **Save**. The library will be created named as **<library name>.mac** and the dialog will be closed.
- Including a macro library <library name>.mac in the currently opened project: Press button **Include**. The dialog **Open Macrolibrary** will open, which shows files with extension *.mac. Select the desired library and press button **Open**. The dialog will be closed and the library will be added to the tree of the Macrolist.

Note!

The macros of a project also can be exported ('Project' 'Export').

The settings will be stored in the project.

6.3 Managing Projects...

The commands which refer to entire project are found under the menu items 'File' and 'Project'. See the book 'Managing Projects..' in the contents tab of this online help for the respective items.

6.3.1 'File' 'New'

Symbol: 

With this command you create an empty project with the name "Untitled". This name must be changed when saving.

6.3.2 'File' 'New from template'

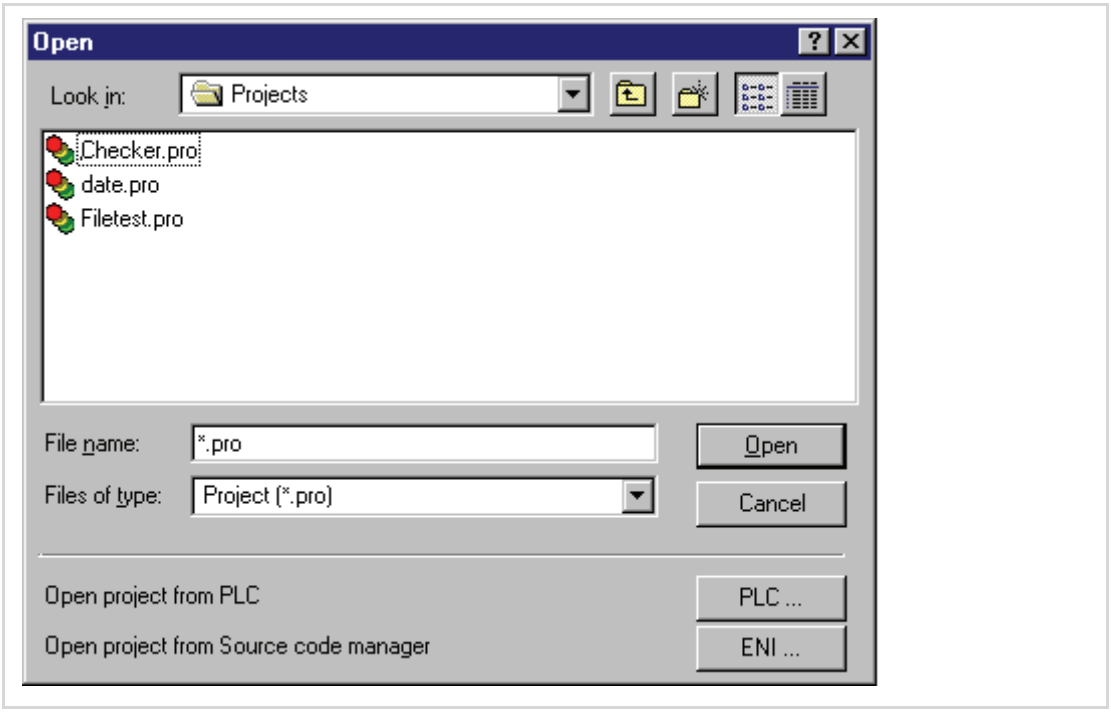
Use this command to open any desired PLC Designer project as a "template" project. The dialog for opening a project file will be available and the selected project will be opened with project name "Unknown".

6.3.3 'File' 'Open'

Symbol: 

With this command you open an already existing project. If a project has already been opened and changed, then »PLC Designer« asks whether this project should be saved or not.

The dialog box for opening a file appears, and a project file with the extension "*.pro" or a library file with the extension "*.lib" must be chosen. This file must already exist. It is not possible to create a project with the command **"Open"**.



Dialog box for opening a file

Open a project from the PLC

To upload a project file from the PLC, press PLC at Open project from PLC. You will obtain, as next, the dialog Communication parameters (see menu 'Online' 'Communication parameters') for setting the transmission parameters when no connection exists yet to the PLC. Once an on-line connection has been created, the system checks whether the same named project files already exist in the directory on your computer hard disc. When this is the case you receive the dialogue Load the project from the controller where you can decide whether the local files should be replaced by those being used by the controller. (This sequence is the reverse of the sequence of 'Online' 'Load source code', with which the project source file is stored in the controller. Do not confuse with 'Create Boot project'!)

Note!

Please note, that you in any case have to give a new name to a project, when you load it from the PLC to your local directory, otherwise it is unnamed. If supported by the target system, a 'Title' entered in the Project info will be pre-defined as new project file name. In this case at loading the project from the PLC the dialog for saving a file will open, where the new file name automatically is entered and can be confirmed or modified.

If there has not yet been loaded a project to the PLC, you get an error message.

(See also 'Project' 'Options' category 'Source download').

Open a project from Source code manager (ENI data base)

To open a project which is stored in a ENI project data base, activate option **Open project from Source code manager** can be used . It is a precondition that you have access to an ENI Server which serves the data base. Press button ENI..., to get a dialog where you can connect to the server concerning the data base category 'Project objects'.

Insert the appropriate access data (TCP/IP-Address, Port, User name, Password, Read only) and the data base folder (Project name) from which the objects should be get and confirm with **Next**. The dialog will be closed and another one will open where you have to insert the access data for the data base category 'Shared objects'. If you press button **Finish** the dialog will be closed and the objects of the defined folders will automatically be retrieved and displayed in the PLC Designer Object manager. If you want to continue to keep the project objects under data base control, then open the Project options dialogs to set the desired parameters.

The access data are stored in the plcdesigner.ini file, user name and password however only if the project option 'Save ENI credentials' (see Chapter 4.2, Category Load & Save) is activated.

Most recently opened files

The most recently opened files are listed in the Files menu below the command 'File' 'Exit'. If you choose one of them, then this project is opened.

If Passwords or User groups have been defined for the project, then a dialog box appears for entering the password.

6.3.4 'File' 'Close'

With this command you close the currently-open project. If the project has been changed, then **PLC Designer** asks if these changes are to be saved or not.

If the project to be saved carries the name "Untitled", then a name must be given to it (see 'File' 'Save as').

6.3.5 'File' 'Save'

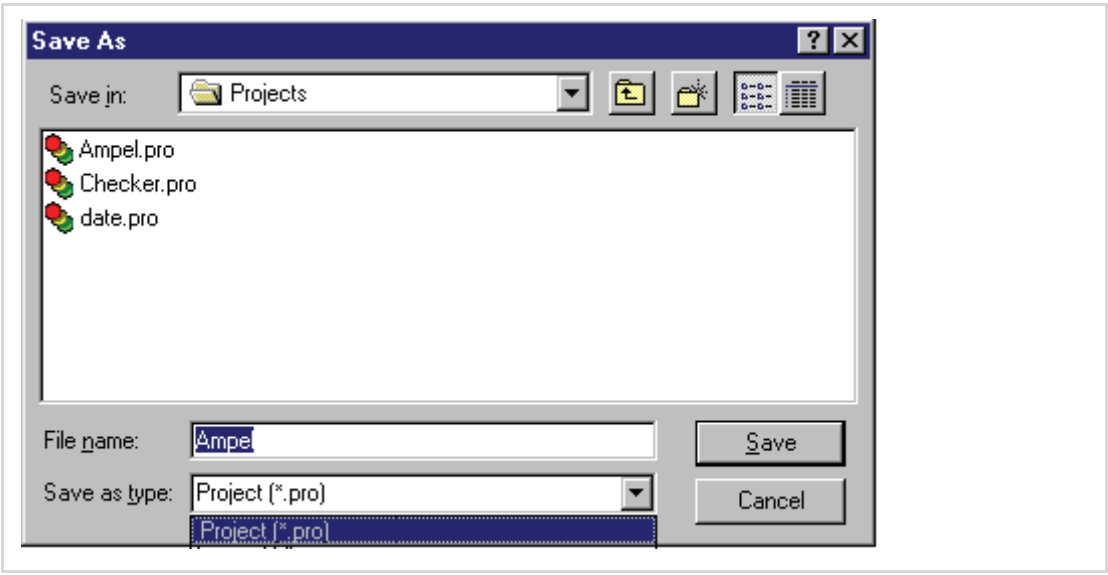
Symbol:  **Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<S>**

With this command you save any changes in the project. If the project to be saved is called "Untitled", then you must give it a name (see 'File' 'Save as').

6.3.6 'File' 'Save as'

With this command the current project can be saved in another file or as a library. This does not change the original project file.

After the command has been chosen the Save dialog box appears. Choose either an existing **File name** or enter a new file name and choose the desired **file type**.



Dialog box for Save as

If the project is to be saved under a new name, then choose the file type **PLC Designer Project (*.pro)**.

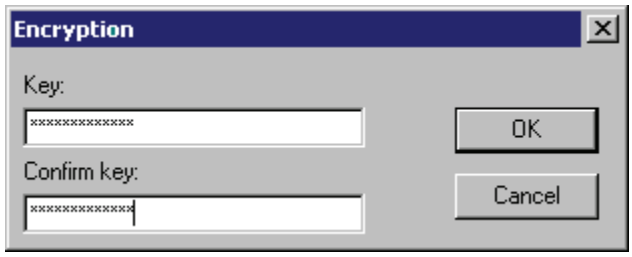
If you choose the file type **Project Version 1.5 (*.pro), 2.0 (*.pro), 2.1 (*.pro) or 2.2 (*.pro)**, then the current project is saved as if it were created with the version 1.5, 2.0, 2.1 or 2.2. Specific data of the version 2.3 can thereby be lost! However, the project can be executed with the version 1.5, 2.0, 2.1 or 2.2.

You can also save the current project as a library in order to use it in other projects. Choose the file type **Internal library (*.lib)** if you have programmed your POUs in **PLC Designer**.

Choose the file type **External library (*.lib)** if you want to implement and integrate POUs in other languages (e.g. C). This means that another file is also saved which receives the file name of the library, but with the extension "*.h". This file is constructed as a C header file with the declarations of all POUs, data types, and global variables. If external libraries are used, in the simulation mode the implementation, written for the POUs in **»PLC Designer«**, will be executed. Working with he real hardware the implementation written in C will be executed.

Encryption of a project:

In order to save the project as an encrypted project or library, choose option **Encrypted PLC Designer Project (*.pro)** resp. **Encrypted internal library (*.lib)** or **Encrypted external library (*.lib)**. In this case you get the 'Encryption' dialog , where you can define and confirm a **key**. The project later cannot be opened esp. a library cannot be used without this key :

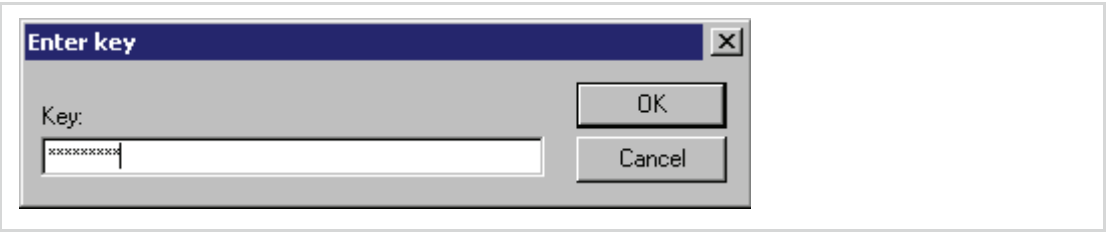


Dialog for the encryption of a project

The encryption extends the protection of a project, which up to now was only possible via the assignment of passwords for access and write protection. These possibilities will exist further on, but regard that they e.g. cannot avoid that a library is included in a project without the need of entering a library password (key).

A key once defined will be saved with any further savings of the project. To modify that key, you have to use again the 'Save as' dialog.

If an encrypted project should be opened resp. if an encrypted library should be used in a project, the dialog asking for the key will appear.



Dialog for entering the key

Licensing a library:

If you want save the project as a licensed library, you can add the appropriate licensing information in the dialog 'Edit Licensing Information'. Open the dialog by pressing the button **Edit license info...**. See for a description in 'License Management in »PLC Designer«'.

After having done all settings, press **OK**. The current project will be saved in the indicated file. If the new file name already exists, then you are asked if you want to overwrite this file.

When saving as a library, the entire project is compiled. If an error occurs thereby, then you are told that a correct project is necessary in order to create a library. The project is then not saved as a library.

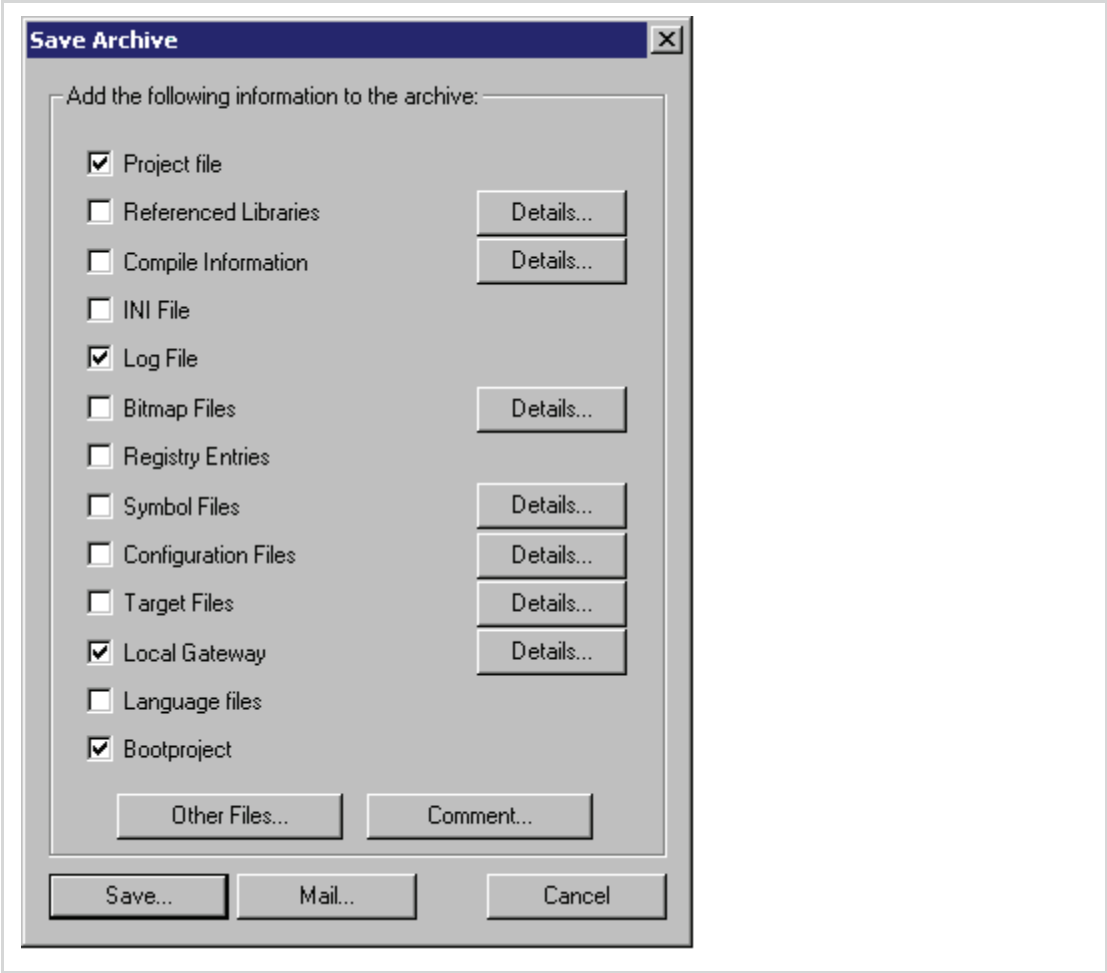
6.3.7 'File' 'Save/Mail Archive'

This command is used to set up and create a project archive file. All files which are referenced by and used with a **PLC Designer** project can be packed in a compressed zip file. The zip file can be stored or directly can be sent in an email. This is useful if you want to give forward a set of all project relevant files.

Note!

The archive function is not practical for restoring a project environment. It is designated for an easy packing of all files belonging to a project. When unpacking an archive the paths of the particular files must be adapted to the actual PLC Designer environment !

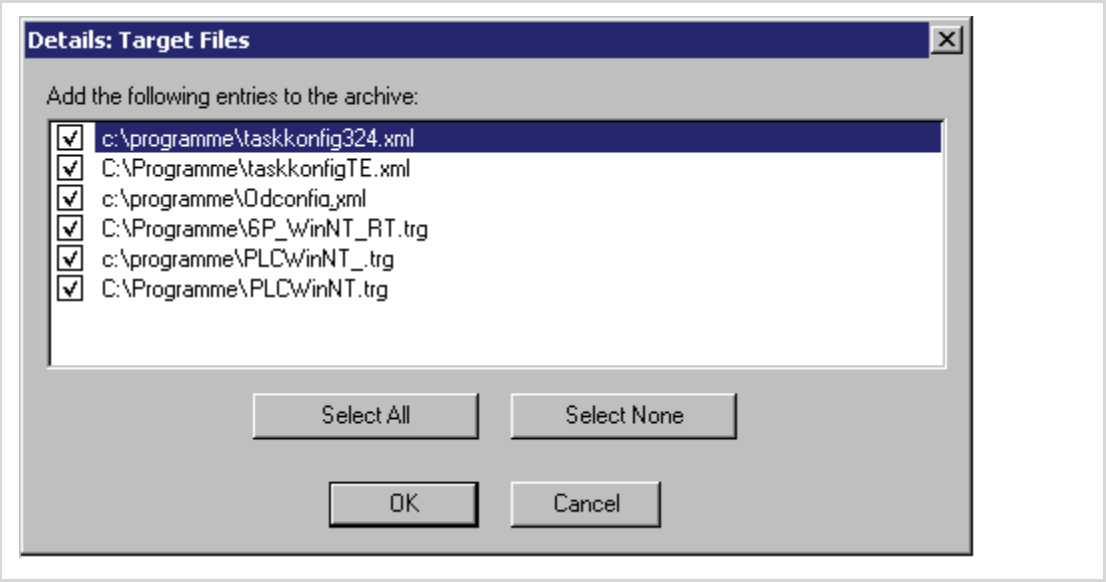
When the command is executed, the dialog box **Save Archive** opens:



Dialog box for Setting up an Archive ZIP

Here you can define which file categories should be added to the archive zip file: Select or deselect a category by activating/deactivating the corresponding checkbox. Do this by a single mouseclick in the checkbox or by a doubleclick on the category name. If a category is marked with ☑, all files of this category will be added to the zip file, if it is marked with ☐, none of the files will be added. To select single files of a category press the corresponding button **Details**.

The dialog Details will open with a list of available files.



Dialog box for detailed selection of files for the Archive ZIP

The dialog shows a list of all files which are available for the category: Automatically alle files are selected, an exception is category 'Target Files' where only the files are selected which are relevant for the currently set target system. For modifying the selection activate resp. deactivate the desired files. With the button **Select All** all files of the list are selected, with **Select None** none of them. A single file can be selected/deselected by a mouseclick in the checkbox, also by a doubleclick on the list entry or by pressing the spacebar when the list entry is marked.

Close the Details dialog with **Save** to store the new settings.

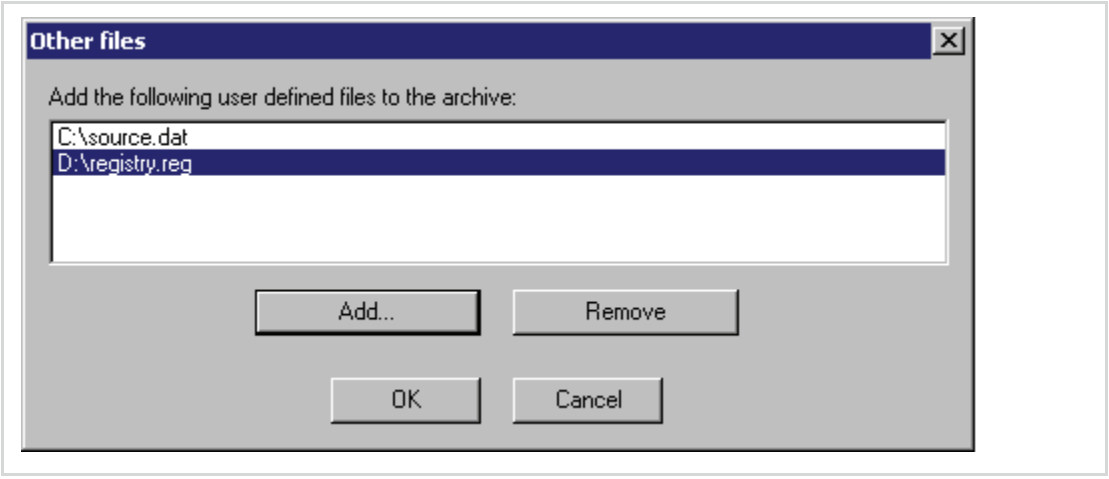
In the main dialog the checkbox of categories, for which not all files are selected, will appear with a grey background color .

The following file categories are available, the right column of the table shows which files can be added to the zip file:

Category	Files
Project File	projectname.pro (the PLC Designer project file)
Referenced Libraries	*.lib, *.obj, *.hex (libraries and if available the corresponding object and hex-files)
Compile Information	*.ci (compile information), *.ri (download/reference information) <temp>.* (temporary compile and download files) also for simulation
INI File	plcdesigner.ini
Log File	*.log (project log file)

Category	Files
Bitmap Files	*.bmp (bitmaps for project POUs and visualizations)
Registry Entries	Registry.reg (Entries for Automation Alliance, Gateway and SPS; the following subtrees will be packed: HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\3S-Smart Software Solutions HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\AutomationAlliance"
Symbol Files	*.sdb, *.sym (symbolic information)
Configuration files	files used for PLC configuration (configuration files, device files, icons etc.): e.g. *.cfg, *.con, *.eds, *.dib, *.ico ....
Target Files	*.trg (target files in binary format for all installed targets) *.txt (target files for the installed targets in text format, if available)
Local Gateway	Gateway.exe, GatewayDDE.exe, GClient.dll, GDrvBase.dll, GDrvStd.dll, GHandle.dll, GSymbol.dll, GUtil.dll, further DLLs in the gateway directory if available
Language Files	language files used for visualizations (*.vis, *.xml)
Bootproject	Bootproject files <project name>.prg, <project name>.chk resp. the target specific bootproject files.

To add any other files to the zip, press the button **Other Files**. The dialog 'Other files' will open where you can set up a list of desired files.



Dialog box for adding other files for the Archive ZIP

Press the button Add to open the standard dialog for opening a file, where you can browse for a file. Choose one and confirm with Open. The file will be added to the list in the 'Other files' dialog. Repeat this for each file you want to add. To delete entries from the list, press the button Remove. When the list of selected files is ok, close the dialog with OK.

To add a Readme file to the archive zip, press the button **Comment**. A text editor will open, where you can enter any text. If you close the dialog with OK, during creation of the zip file a **readme.txt** file will be added. Additionally to the entered comments it will contain information about the build date and version of **PLC Designer**.

If all desired selections have been made, in the main dialog press

- **Save...** to create and save the archive zip file: The standard dialog for saving a file will open and you can enter the path, where the zip should be stored. The zip file per default is named **<projectname>.zip**. Confirm with **Save** to start building it. During creation the current progress status is displayed and the subsequent steps are listed in the message window. There also a message will be displayed if any file could not not been found.
- **Mail...** to create a temporary archive zip and to automatically generate an empty email which contains the zip as an attachment. This feature only works if the MAPI (Messaging Application Programming Interface) has been installed correctly on the system, otherwise an error message is generated. During setup of the email the progressing status is displayed and the steps of the action are listed in the message window. The temporary zip file will be removed automatically after the action has been finished.
- **Cancel** to cancel the action; no zip file will be generated.

Note!

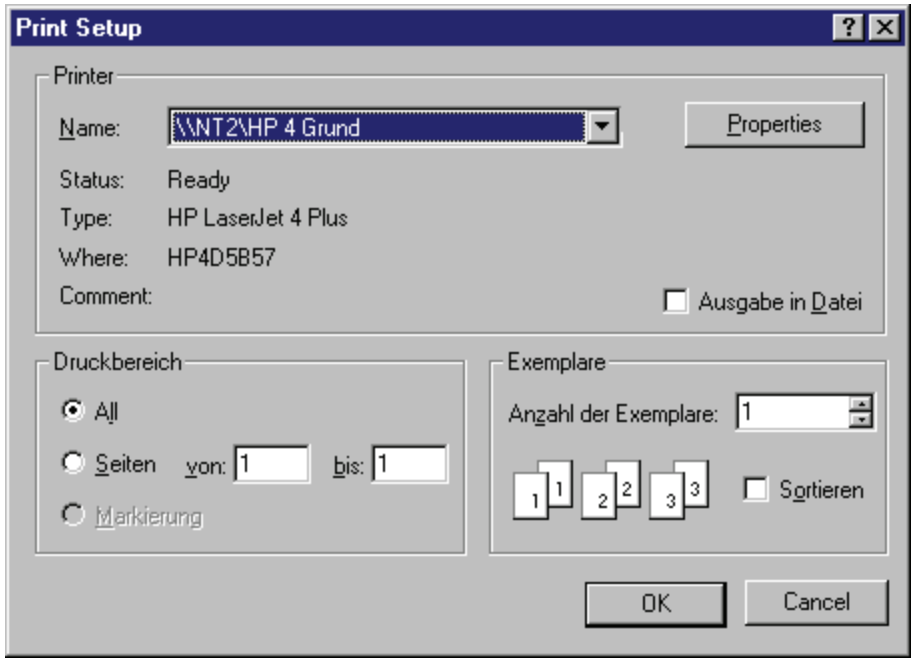
After **unpacking** the archive zip on a different system it might be necessary to adapt the file paths !

6.3.8 'File' 'Print'

Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<P>

With this command the content of the active window is printed.

After the command has been chosen, then the Print dialog box appears. Choose the desired option or configure the printer and then click **OK**. The active window is printed. Color output is available from all editors.



Print dialog box

You can determine the **number of the copies** and print the version to a file.

With the button **Properties** you open the dialog box to set up the printer.

You can determine the layout of your printout with the command 'File' 'Printer Setup'.

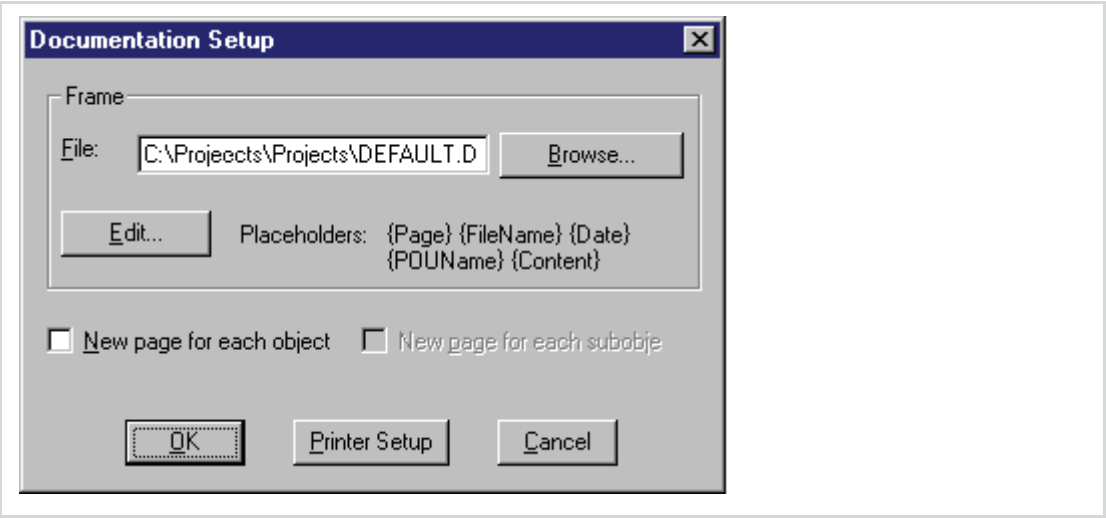
During printing the dialog box shows you the number of pages already printed. When you close this dialog box, then the printing stops after the next page.

In order to document your entire project, use the command 'Project' 'Document'.

If you want to create a document frame for your project, in which you can store comments regarding all the variables used in the project, then open a global variables list and use the command **'Extras' 'Make docuframe file'**.

6.3.9 'File' 'Printer setup'

With this command you can determine the layout of the printed pages. The following dialog box is now opened:



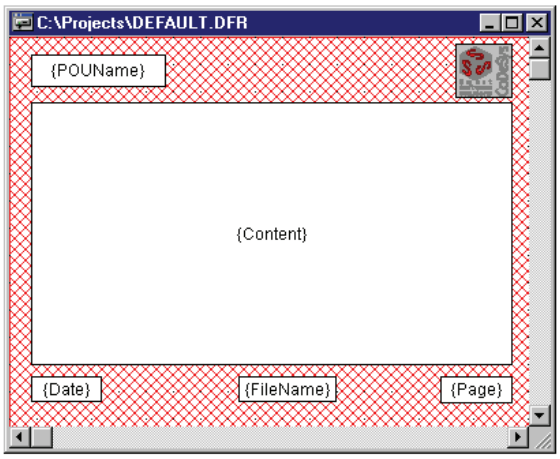
Page Layout Dialog Box

In the field **File** you can enter the name of the file with the extension ".dfr" in which the page layout should be saved. The default destination for the settings is the file DEFAULT.DFR.

If you would like to change an existing layout, then browse through the directory tree to find the desired file with the button **Browse**

You can also choose whether to begin a **new page for each object** and **for each subobject**. Use the **Printer Setup** button to open the printer configuration.

If you click on the **Edit** button, then the frame for setting up the page layout appears. Here you can determine the page numbers, date, filename and POU name, and also place graphics on the page and the text area in which the documentation should be printed.



Window for pasting the placeholders on the page layout

With the menu item **'Insert' 'Placeholder'** and subsequent selection among the five placeholders (**Page, POU name, File name, Date, and Content**), insert into the layout a so-called placeholder by dragging a rectangle the layout while pressing the left mouse button. In the printout they are replaced as follows:

Command	Placeholder	Effect
Page	{Page}	Here the current page number appears in the printout.
POU name	{POU Name}	Here the current name of the POU appears.
File name	{File Name}	Here the name of the project appears.
Date	{Date}	Here the current date appears.
Contents	{Contents}	Here the contents of the POU appear.

In addition, with **'Insert' 'Bitmap'** you can insert a bitmap graphic (e.g. a company logo) in the page. After selecting the graphic, a rectangle should also be drawn here on the layout using the mouse. Other visualization elements can be inserted (see Visualizations). If the template was changed, then **PLC Designer** asks when the window is closed if these changes should be saved or not.

Note!

In order to be aware of the page format which will be valid for printouts, define the layout as described above and additionally activate option 'Show print area margins' in the project options, category Desktop.

6.3.10 'File' 'Exit'

Shortcut: <Alt>+<F4>

With this command you exit from **PLC Designer**.

If a project is opened, then it is closed as described in 'File' 'Save'.

6.3.11 'Project' 'Build'

Shortcut: <F11>

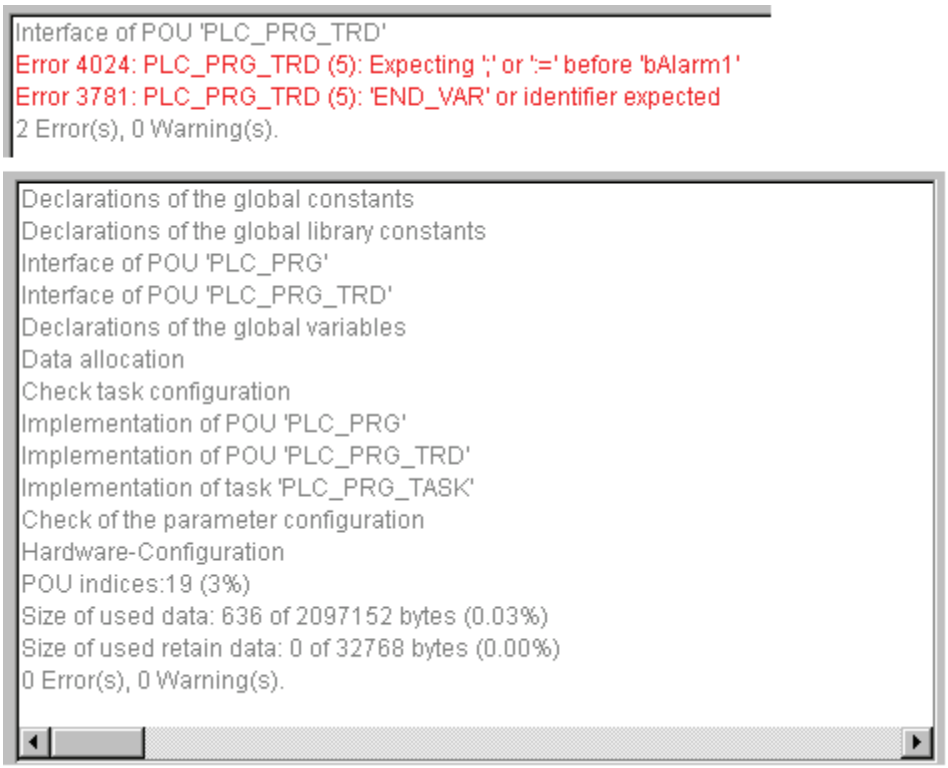
The project is compiled using 'Project' 'Build'. The compilation process is basically incremental, that is only changed POUs are recompiled. The necessary information about the last compilation is stored in a *.ci-file when the project is saved. A non-incremental compilation can also be obtained if the command 'Project' 'Clear all' is first executed.

For target systems that support Online Change, all POUs that will be loaded into the controller on the next download are marked with a blue arrow in the Object Organizer after compilation.

The compilation process that is carried out with 'Project' 'Build' occurs automatically if the controller is logged-in via 'Online' 'Log-in'.

During compilation a message window is opened which shows the progress of the compilation process, any errors and warnings which may occur during compilation as well as information on the used POU indices and memory space (number and percentage). Errors and warnings are marked with numbers. Using F1 you get more information about the currently selected error.

See the listing of all available error messages and warnings.



Example for error messages and compile information in the message window of a project

If the option **Save before compilation** is selected in the options dialog of the Load & Save category, the project is stored before compilation.

A object selected in the Object Organizer resp. several objects can be excluded from compilation by command 'Exclude from build' which is available in the context menu, resp. via an appropriate configuration ('Exclude objects') in the Options for Build (see chapter Options for Build).

Note!

Cross references are created during compilation and are stored with the compilation information. In order to be able to use the command 'Show Call Tree' resp. to get up to date results with the commands 'Show Cross Reference' and 'Unused Variables', 'Overlapping memory areas', 'Concurrent Access', 'Multiple Writes to output' ('Project' 'Check' menu), rebuild the project after any change.

6.3.12 'Project' 'Rebuild all'

With 'Project' 'Rebuild all', unlike the incremental compilation ('Project' 'Build'), the project is completely recompiled. Download-Information is not discarded, however, as is the case with the command 'Clean All'. Regard the possibility to exclude objects from compilation (see chapter Options for Build).

6.3.13 'Project' 'Clean all'

With this command, all the information from the last download and from the last compilation is deleted.

After the command is selected a dialog box appears, reporting that Login without new download (Online Change) is no longer possible. At this point the command can either be cancelled or confirmed.

Note!

After having done a 'Clean all', an Online Change on the PLC project is only possible if the *.ri file with the project information from the last download was first renamed or saved outside the project directory (see 'Load download information') and can now be loaded explicitly prior to logging-in.

6.3.14 'Project' 'Load download information'

With this command the Download-Information belonging to the project can get reloaded. After choosing the command the standard dialogue 'File Open' opens.

The Download-Information is saved automatically at each download and, dependent on the target system, potentially also at each offline creation of a boot project to a file, which is named **<project name><target identifier>.ri** and which is put to the project directory. This file gets reloaded each time the project is reopened and at login it is used to check the code of which POUs has been changed. Only these POUs will then be loaded to the PLC during online change procedure. Thus the *.ri-file is a precondition for an Online Change.

Note!

Using command **'Project' 'Clean all'** the *.ri-file belonging to the current project automatically gets deleted from the projects directory, so that no online change will be possible until the *.ri-file can be reloaded from another directory or from a renamed ri-file.

6.3.15 'Project' 'Translate into another language'

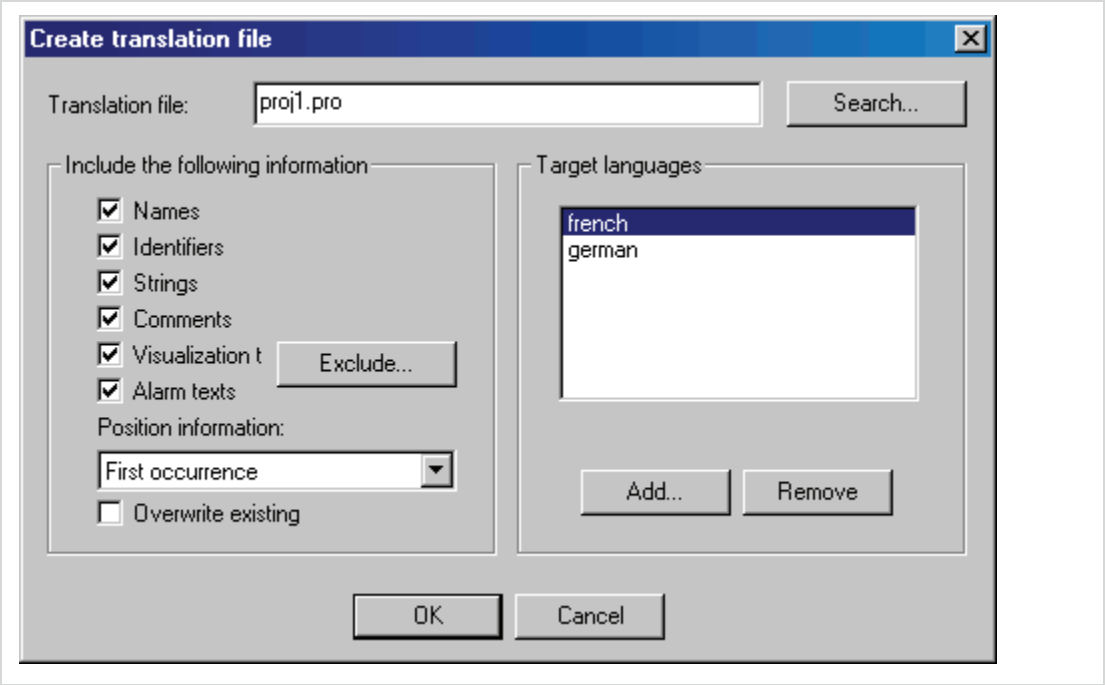
This menu item is used for translating the current project file into another language. This is carried out by reading in a translation file that was generated from the project and externally enhanced in the desired national language with the help of a text editor. The project can be just displayed or really get translated into one of the generated language versions.

The following menu sub-items are present:

- Create translation file
- Translate project
- Show project translated
- Toggle translation
- See also: 'Editing of the translation file'

6.3.16 Create translation file

This command in the 'Project' 'Translate into another language' menu leads to the 'Create translation file' dialog.



Dialog for creating a translation file

In the **Translation file** field, enter a path that shows where the file is to be stored. The default file extension is *.tlt; this is a text file. You also can use the extension *.txt, which is recommended, if you want to work on the file in EXCEL or WORD, because in this case the data are organized in table format.

If there already exists a translation file which you want to process, give the path of this file or use the **Search** button to reach the standard Windows file selection dialog.

The following information from the project can optionally be passed to the translation file that is being modified or created, so that they will be available for translation: **Names** (names, e.g. the title 'POUs' in Object Organizer), **Identifiers**, **Strings**, **Comments**, **Visualisation texts**, **Alarm texts**. In addition, **Position information** for these project elements can be transferred.

If the corresponding options are checked, the information from the current project will be exported as language symbols into a newly created translation file or added to an already existing one. If the respective option is not selected, information belonging to the pertinent category, regardless of which project it came from, will be deleted from the translation file.

Texts in Visualizations:

The option "Visualisation texts" only concerns 'Text' and 'Tooltip-Text' of a visualization element. Regard the following items when using a translation file for visualization texts:

- A *.tlt- or *.txt translation file only can be used with »PLC Designer« or CoDeSys HMI, not however with Target-Visualization or Web-Visualization. It might be better to use a special visualization language file *.vis.
- Switching to another language is only possible in online mode. This means that the visualization texts will not be translated by command' 'Translate into another language'. A language change can only occur in Online mode if the corresponding language is entered in the 'Extras' 'Settings' dialog.
- If a *.tlt- or *.txt-file should be used for visualization texts ('Text' and 'Text for Tooltip'), the texts must be bracketed by two "#" symbols in the configuration dialog of the visualization element (e.g. #text#) in order to be transferred to the translation file.

Position information: This describes with the specifications file path, POU and line the position of the language symbol made available for translation. Three options are available for selection:

'None':	No position information is generated.
'First appearance':	The position on which the element first appears is added to the translation file.
'All':	All positions on which the corresponding element appears are specified.

If a translation file created earlier is to be edited which already contains more position information than that currently selected, it will be correspondingly truncated or deleted, regardless of which project it was generated from.

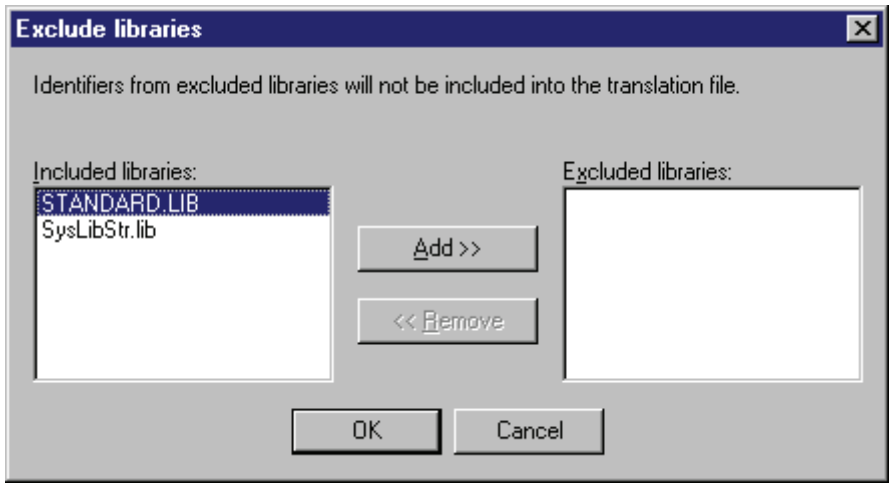
Note!

A maximum of 64 position specifications will be generated per element (language symbol), even if the user has selected "All" under "Position Information" in the ‚Create Translation File' dialog.

Overwrite existing: Existing position information in the translation file, that is currently being processed, will be overwritten, regardless of which project generated it.

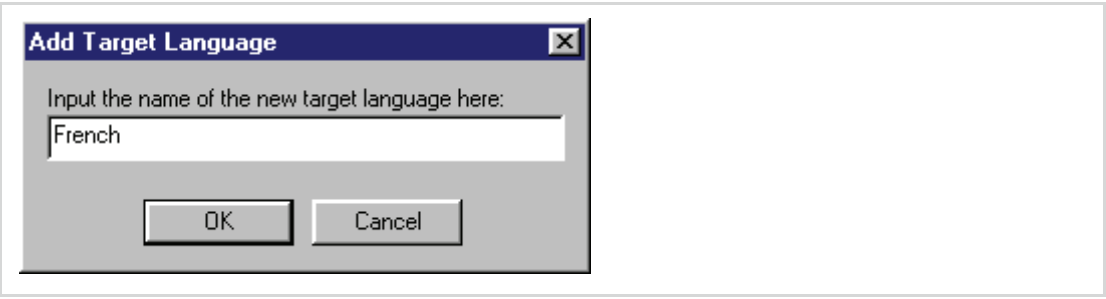
Target languages: This list contains identifiers for all languages which are contained in the translation file, as well as those to be added upon completion of the 'Create translation file' dialog.

The **Exclude** button opens the 'Exclude libraries' dialog. Here, libraries included to the project can be selected, whose identifier information is not to be transferred to the translation file. To accomplish this, the corresponding entry in the table **Included libraries** on the left is selected with the mouse and placed in the **Excluded libraries** table to the right using the **Add** button. Likewise, entries already placed there can be removed using the **Remove** button. OK confirms the setting and closes the dialog.



Dialog for excluding library information for the translation file

The **Add** button opens the **'Add Target Language'** dialog:



Dialog for adding a target language (Project, Translate into Another Language)

A language identifier must be entered into the editor field; it may not have a space or an umlaut character (ä, ö, ü) at either the beginning or the end.

OK closes the 'Add Target Language' dialog and the new target language appears in the target language list.

The **Remove** button removes a selected entry from the list.

You may also confirm the "Create translation file" dialog via **OK**, in order to generate a translation file.

If a translation file of the same name already exists you will get the following confirmation message to be answered Yes or No:

" The specified translation file already exists. It will now be altered and a backup copy of the existing file will be created. Do you want to continue?"

No returns you without action to the 'Create translation file' dialog. If **Yes** is selected, a copy of the existing translation file with the filename "Backup_of_<translation file>.xlt" will be created in the same directory and the corresponding translation file will be modified in accordance with the options that have been entered.

The following takes place when a translation file is generated:

- For each new target language, a placeholder ("##TODO") is generated for each language symbol to be displayed. (See 'Editing of the translation file' for how to work on the translation file.)
- If an existing translation file is processed, file entries of languages that appear in the translation file, but not in the target language list, are deleted, regardless of the project from which they were generated.

6.3.17 Editing of the translation file

The translation file must be opened and saved as a text file. The signs ## mark keywords. The ##TODO-placeholders in the file can be replaced by the valid translation. For each language symbol a paragraph is generated which starts and ends with a type identifier. For example ##NAME_ITEM and ##END_NAME_ITEM include a section for the name of an object as used in the object organizer. (COMMENT_ITEM marks sections for comments, IDENTIFIER_ITEM those for identifiers, STRING_ITEM those for strings and VISUALTEXT_ITEM those for visualization texts).

See in the following an example of a translation file paragraph which handles the name of one of the POUs of the project. ST_Visu. The target languages shall be English(USA) and French. In this example the position information of the project element which should be translated has been added:

before translation:

```
##NAME_ITEM
[D:\plcdesigner\projects\Bspdt_22.pro::ST_Visualisierung::0]
ST_Visualisierung
##English :: ##TODO
##French :: ##TODO
##END_NAME_ITEM
```

after translation:

The ##TODOs have been replaced by the English resp. French word for 'Visualisierung':

```
##NAME_ITEM
[D:\plcdesigner\projects\Bspdt_22.pro::ST_Visualisierung::0]
ST_Visualisierung
##English :: ST_Visualization
##French :: ST_Visu
##END_NAME_ITEM
```

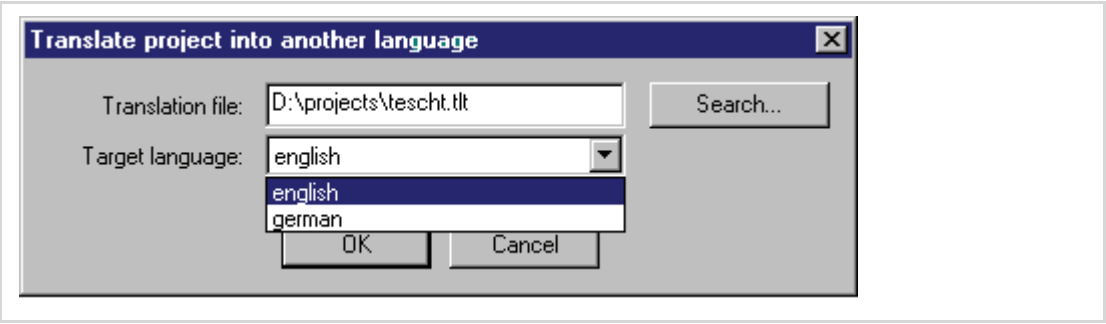
Please check that the translated Identifier and Names remain valid concerning the standard and that strings and comments are in correct brackets. Example: For a comment (##COMMENT_ITEM) which is represented with "(* Kommentar 1)" in the translation file, the "##TODO" behind "##English" must be replaced by a "(* comment 1 *)". For a string (##STRING_ITEM) represented with "zeichenfolge1" the "##TODO" must be replaced by "string1".

Note!

The following parts of a translation file should not be modified without detailed knowledge: Language block, Flag block, Position information, Original texts.

6.3.18 Translate Project (into another Language)

This command in the 'Project' 'Translate into Another Language' menu opens the 'Translate Project into Another Language' dialog.



Dialog for translating the project into another language

The current project can be translated into another language if an appropriate translation file is used.

Note!

If you want to save the version of the project in the language in which it was originally created, save a copy of the project prior to translation under a different name.

The translation process cannot be undone.

Consider in this context the possibility just to display the project in another language (in this display version then however not editable).

In the field **Translation file**, provide the path to the translation file to be used. By pressing **Search** you may access the standard Windows file selection dialog.

The field **Target language** contains a list of the language identifiers entered in the translation file, from which you can select the desired target language.

OK starts the translation of the current project into the chosen target language with the help of the specified translation file. During translation, a progress dialog is displayed, as well as error messages, if any. After translation, the dialog box and all open editor windows of the project are closed.

Cancel closes the dialog box without modification to the current project.

If the translation file contains erroneous entries, an error message is displayed after OK is pressed, giving the file path and the erroneous line, e.g.:
"[C:\Programs\plcdesigner\projects\visu.tlt (78)]; Translation text expected"

Note!

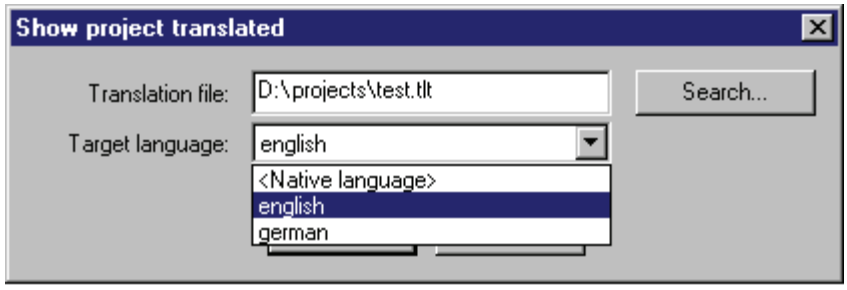
Regard the specialities for texts in visualizations.

6.3.19 'Show project translated'

If there is a translation file available for the project, you can display one of the language versions defined there, without overwriting the original language version of the project.

(Regard this possibility in comparison to the "real" translating of a project, which you would do with the command 'Translate Project', and which would mean to create a new version of the project !)

The command 'Translate this project' in menu 'Project' 'Translate into another language' opens the dialog 'Translate project into another language'.



Dialog for displaying the project in another language

In field **Translation file** insert the path of the translation file, you want to use. You can receive assistance by the standard dialog for opening a file which is opened by button **Browse**.

In field **Target language** you find a selection list, which besides the entry "<Native language>" also offers the language identifiers which are defined by the currently set translation file. The original language is that one, which is currently saved with the project. (It only could be changed by a 'Project' 'Translate'.) Choose one of the available languages and confirm the dialog with OK. Thereupon the project will be displayed in the chosen language, **but cannot be edited in this view !**

If you want to change back to viewing the project in its original language, use command 'Switch translation'.

Note!

Regard the specialities for texts in visualizations.

6.3.20 'Toggle translation'

If you have got displayed the project (not editable) in another language by command 'Show project translated', you can now switch between this language version and the (editable) original version by using the command 'Switch translation' of menu 'Project' 'Translate (into another Language)' .

Note!

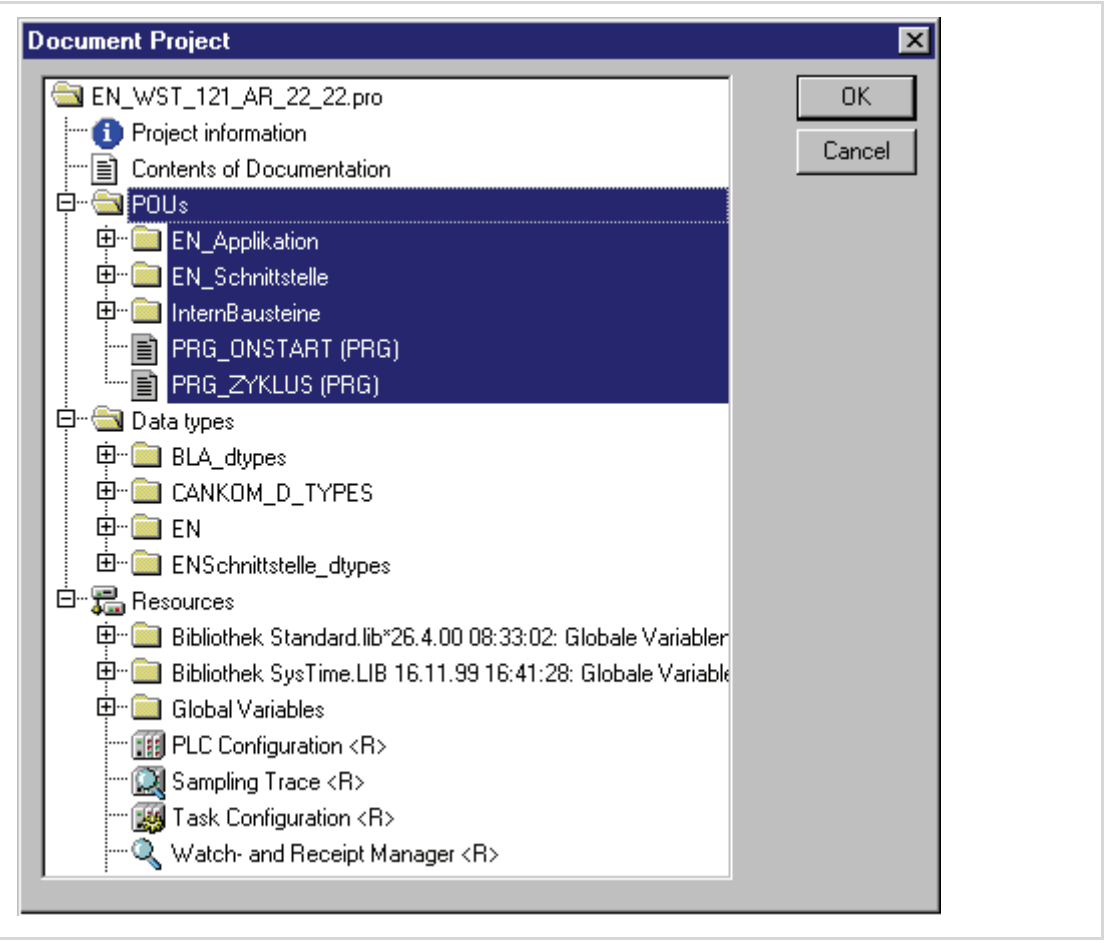
Regard the specialities for texts in visualizations.

6.3.21 'Project' 'Document'

This command lets you print the documentation of your entire project. The elements of a complete documentation are:

- The POUs,
- the contents of the documentation,
- the data types,
- the visualizations
- the resources, global variables, variables configuration, the Sampling Trace, the PLC Configuration, the Task Configuration, the Watch and Receipt Manager)
- the call trees of POUs and data types, as well as
- the cross reference list.

For the last two items the project must have been built without errors.



Dialog box for project documentation

Only those areas in the dialog box are printed which are highlighted in blue.

If you want to select the entire project, then select the name of your project in the first line.

If, on the other hand, you only want to select a single object, then click on the corresponding object or move the dotted rectangle onto the desired object with the arrow key. Objects which have a plus sign in front of their symbols are organization objects which contain other objects. With a click on a plus sign organization object is expanded, and with a click on the resulting minus sign it can be closed up again. When you select an organization object, then all relevant objects are also selected. By pressing the <Shift> key you can select a group of objects, and by pressing the <Ctrl> key you can select several individual objects.

Once you have made your selection, then click on **OK**. The Print dialog box appears. You can determine the layout of the pages to be printed with 'File' 'Printer setup'.

6.3.22 'Project' 'Export'

With **PLC Designer** projects can be exported or imported. That allows you to exchange programs between different IEC programming systems.

There is a standardized exchange format for POUs in IL, ST, and SFC (the Common Elements format of IEC 1131-3). For the POUs in LD and FBD and the other objects **PLC Designer** has its own filing format since there is no text format for this in IEC 1131 3.

The selected objects are written to an ASCII file.

POUs, data types, visualizations, and the resources can be exported. In addition, entries in the library manager, that is the linking information to the libraries, can be exported (not the libraries themselves!).

Stop!

Re-importing an exported FBD or LD POU results in an error if a comment in the graphical editor contains a single quotation mark ('), as this will be interpreted as the beginning of a string !

Once you have made your selection in the dialog box window (the same way as with 'Project' 'Document'), you can decide, whether you want to export the selected parts to one file or to export in separate files, one for each object. Switch on or off the option **One file for each object** then click on **OK**. The dialog box for saving files appears. Enter a file name with the expansion ".exp" respectively a directory for the object export files, which then will be saved there with the file name <objectname.exp>.

6.3.23 'Project' 'Import'

In the resulting dialog box for opening files select the desired export file.

The data is imported into the current project. If an object with the same name already exists in the same project, then a dialog box appears with the question "Do you want to replace it?": If you answer **Yes**, then the object in the project is replaced by the object from the import file. If you answer **No**, then the name of the new objects receives as a supplement an underline and a digit ("_0", "_1", ..). With **Yes, all** or **No, all** this is carried out for all objects.

If the information is imported to link with a library, the library will be loaded and appended to the end of the list in the library manager. If the library was already loaded into the project, it will not be reloaded. If, however, the export file that is being imported shows a different storage time for the library, the library name is marked with a "*" in the library manager (e.g. standard.lib*30.3.99 11:30:14), similar to the loading of a project. If the library can not be found, then an information dialog appears: "Cannot find library {<path>\}<name> <date> <time>", as when a project is loaded.

In the message window the import is registered.

6.3.24 'Project' 'Siemens Import'

In the submenu "Siemens Import" you find the commands for importing POUs and variables from Siemens-STEP5 files.

The following commands are available:

- "Import from SEQ symbol file"
- "Import from S5 file"

6.3.25 'Project' 'Compare'

This command is used to compare two projects or to compare the actual version of one project with that which was saved last.

Overview:

Definitions:	**actual project:**	Project, which you are currently working on.
	reference project:	Project, which should be compared with the actual project.
	compare mode:	in this mode the project will be displayed after the command 'Project' 'Compare' has been executed.
	unit:	Smallest unit which can be compared. Can be a line (declaration editor, ST editor, IL editor), a network (FBD editor, LD editor) or a element/POU (CFC editor, SFC editor).

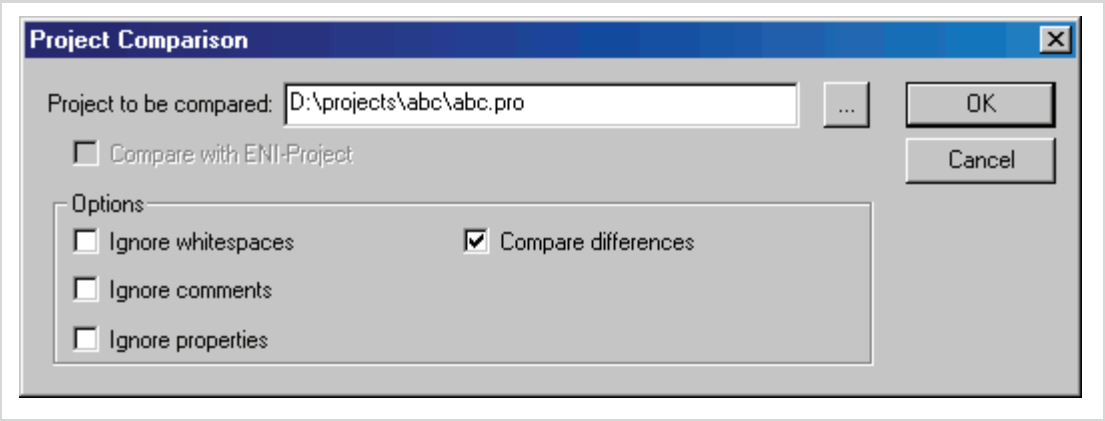
In compare mode the actual project and the reference project will be presented in a bipartited window. The names of the POUs, for which differences have been found, are marked by color. For editor POUs also the content of the POUs is displayed in a vis-a-vis way. The results and the way of presenting in compare mode depend on: 1. what filters have been activated for the compare run, affecting the consideration of whitespaces and comments during comparison; 2. whether modification within lines or networks or elements are evaluated as a completely new inserting of a POU or not.

The version of the reference project can be accepted for single differences or for 'all equally marked' differences. To accept means that the version of the reference project is taken over to the actual project.

Please note: In compare mode (see status bar: COMPARE) the project cannot get edited !

6.3.26 Execute comparison

After executing the command 'Project' 'Compare' the dialog **Project Comparison** opens:



Dialog for Project Comparison

Insert the path of the reference project at **Project to compare**. Press button  if you want to use the standard dialog for opening a project. If you insert the name of the actual project, the current version of the project will be compared with the version which was saved last.

If the project is under source control in an ENI data base, then the local version can be compared with the actual version found in the data base. For this activate option **Compare with ENI-Project.**

The following options concerning the comparison can be activated:

Ignore whitespaces: There will be detected no differences which consist in a different number of whitespaces.

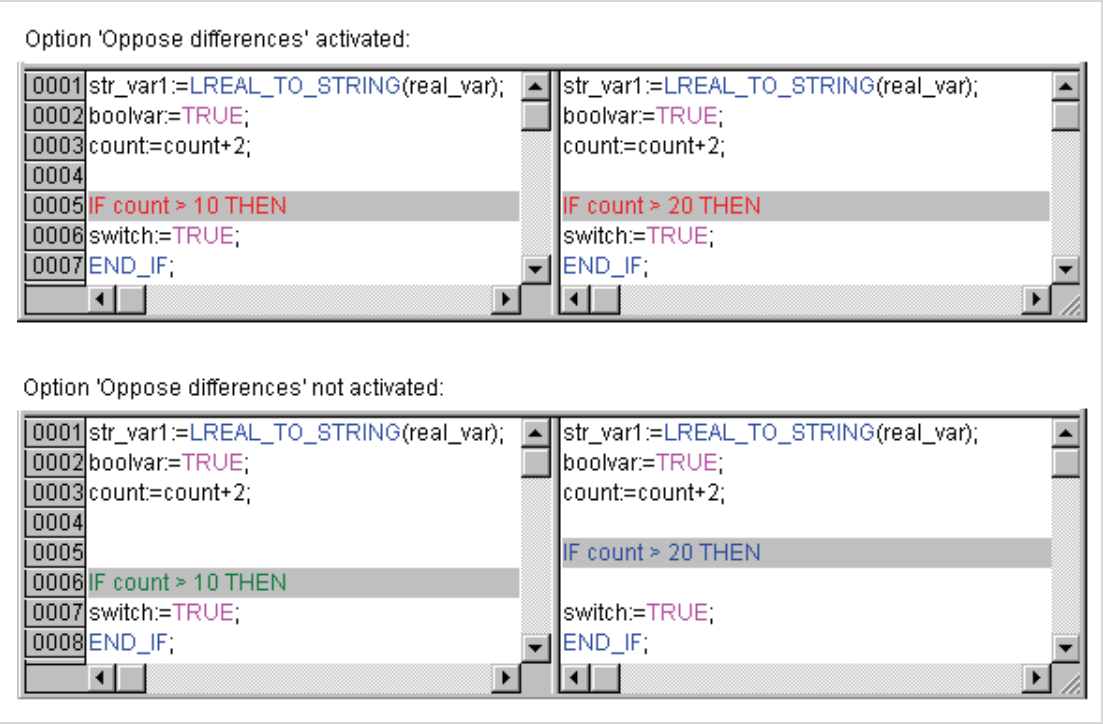
Ignore comments: There will be detected no differences in comments.

Ignore properties: There will be detected no differences in object properties.

Compare differences: If a line, a network or an element within a POU has been modified, in compare mode it will be displayed in the bipartited window directly opposite to the version of the other project (marked red, see below). If the option is deactivated, the corresponding line will be displayed in the reference project as 'deleted' and in the actual project as 'inserted' (blue/green, see below). This means it will not be displayed directly opposite to the same line in the other project.

Example:

Line 0005 has been modified in actual project (left side).



Example for "Oppose differences"

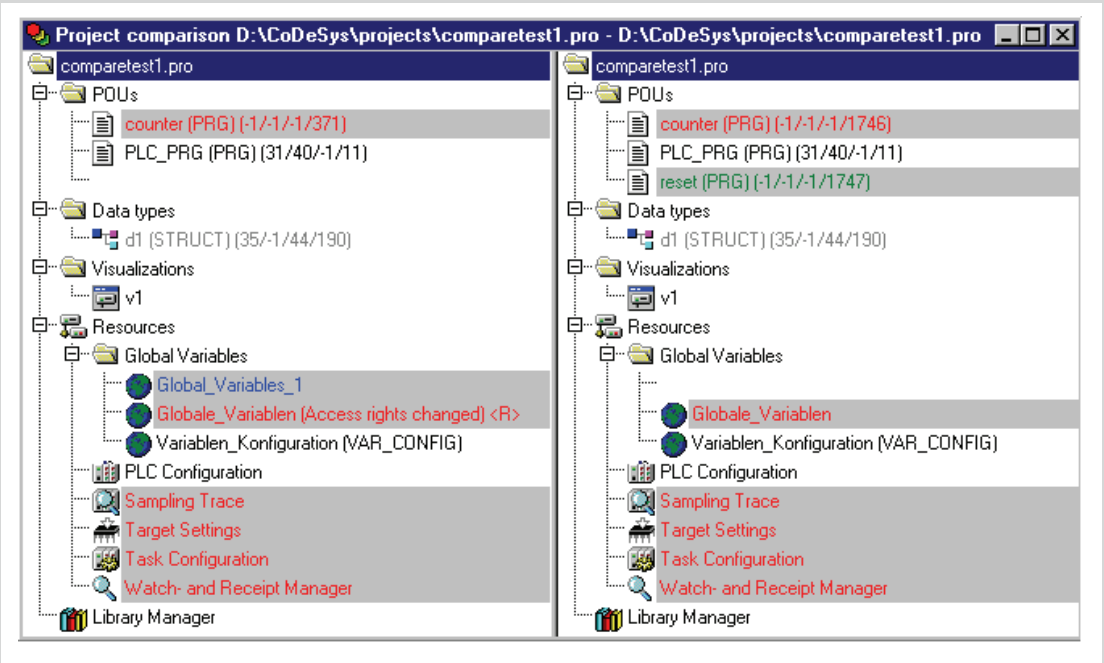
When the dialog 'Project Comparison' is closed by pressing OK, the comparison will be executed according to the settings.

6.3.27 Representation of the comparison result

First the structure tree of the project, titled with "Project Comparison", will be opened to display the results of the comparison. Here you can select particular POUs to see the found differences in detail.

1. Project overview in compare mode:

After the project compare has been executed, a bipartited window opens which shows the project in compare mode. In the title bar you find the project paths: "Project comparison <path of actual project> - <path of reference project>". The actual project is represented In the left half of the window, the reference project in the right one. Each structure tree shows the projects' name at the uppermost position, apart from that it corresponds to the the object organizer structure.



Example, Project in Compare mode

POUs which are different, are marked in the structure tree by a shadow, a specific color and eventually by an additional text :

- **Red:** Unit has been modified; is displayed with red colored letters in both partitions of the window.
- **Blue:** Unit only available in compare project; a gap will be inserted at the corresponding place in the structure overview of the actual project.
- **Green:** Unit only available in actual project; a gap will be inserted at the corresponding place in the structure overview of the actual project.
- **Black**: Unit for which no differences have been detected.

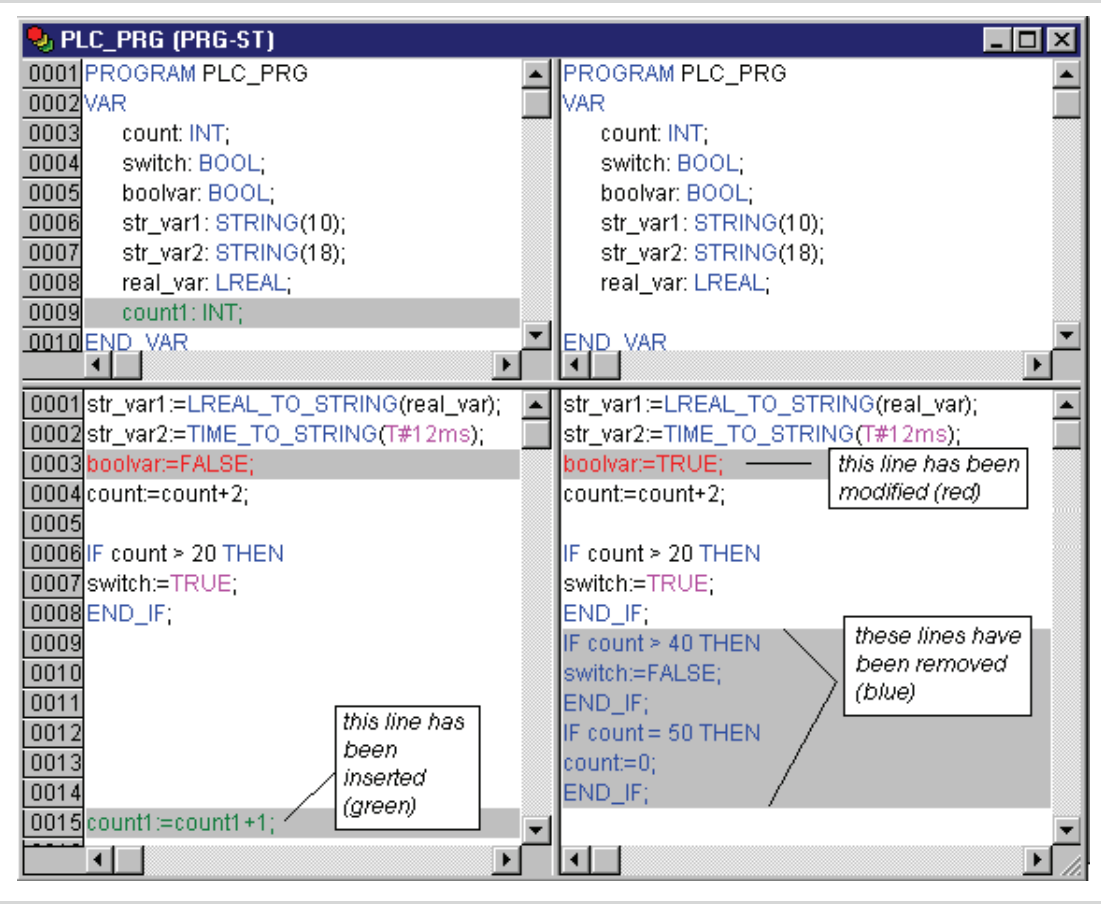
- **"(Properties changed)"**: This text is attached to the POU name in the project structure tree, if differences in the properties of the POU have been detected.
- **"(Access rights changed)"**: This text is attached to the POU name in the project structure tree, if differences in the access rights of the POU have been detected.

2. POU contents in compare mode:

By a double click on a line in the structure overview, which is marked red because of a modification, the POU is opened.

If it is a text or graphic editor POU, it will be opened in a bipartited window. The content of the reference project (right side) is set opposite to that of the actual project (left side). The smallest unit which will be regarded during comparison, is a line (declaration editor, ST, IL), a network (FBD, LD) or an element (CFC, SFC). The same coloring will be used as described above for the project overview.

Example:



Example, POU in compare mode

If it is not a editor POU, but the task configuration, the target settings etc., then the POU version of the actual and the reference project can be opened in separate windows by a double click on the respective line in the project structure. For those project POUs no further details of differences will be displayed.

6.3.28 Working in the compare mode

If the cursor is placed on a line in the bipartited window, which indicates a difference, the menu 'Extras' resp. The context menu offers a selection of the following commands, depending on whether working in the project overview or in a POU.

- 'Next difference'
- 'Previous difference'
- 'Accept change'
- 'Accept changed item'
- 'Accept properties'
- 'Accept access rights'

Note!

The acceptance of different project parts (differences) or access right properties is only possible from the reference project of the actual project, not vice versa.

6.3.29 'Extras' 'Next difference'

Shortcut: <F7>

This command is available in the compare mode (see above 'Project' 'Compare').

The cursor jumps to the next unit, where a difference is indicated. (line in project overview, line/network/element in POU)

6.3.30 'Extras' 'Previous difference'

Shortcut: <Shift><F7>

This command is available in the compare mode (see above 'Project' 'Compare').

The cursor jumps to the previous unit, where a difference is indicated . (line in project overview, line/network/element in POU)

6.3.31 'Extras' 'Accept change'

Shortcut: <Space>

This command is available in the compare mode (see above 'Project' 'Compare').

For all units, which are cohering with that one where the cursor currently is placed, and which have the same sort of difference marking, (e.g. subsequent lines), the version of the reference project will be accepted for the actual project (only possible in this direction!). The corresponding units will be shown (with the corresponding coloring) in the left side of the window.

For accepting changes of particular units please use 'Accept changed item'.

Note!

The acceptance of different project parts (differences) or access right properties is only possible from the reference project of the actual project, not vice versa.

6.3.32 'Extras' 'Accept changed item'

Shortcut: <Ctrl> <Spacebar>

This command is available in the compare mode (see above 'Project' 'Compare').

Only the single unit (line, network, element) where the cursor is currently placed, will be accepted for the actual version. The corresponding units will be shown (with the corresponding coloring) in the left side of the window.

If for a POU, which has got marked red-colored in the structure tree because of a change of its content, this change gets accepted, then the POU will be indicated by yellow coloring in the actual project.

POUs which are only available in the current project because of 'Accept changed item', also will be indicated by yellow coloring. POUs which have been removed from the current project because of 'Accept changed item', will be indicated by yellow coloring in the reference project.

Note!

The acceptance of different project parts (differences) or access right properties is only possible from the reference project of the actual project, not vice versa.

6.3.33 'Extras' 'Accept properties'

This command is available in the compare mode (see above 'Project' 'Compare').

The object properties for the POU, where the cursor is currently placed, will be accepted for the actual project as they are set in the reference version.

Note!

The acceptance of different project parts (differences) or access right properties is only possible from the reference project of the actual project, not vice versa.

6.3.34 'Extras' 'Accept access rights'

This command is available in the compare mode only in project overview: (see above 'Project' 'Compare').

The object access rights for the POU, where the cursor is currently placed, will be accepted for the actual project as they are set in the reference version .

6.3.35 'Project' 'Merge'

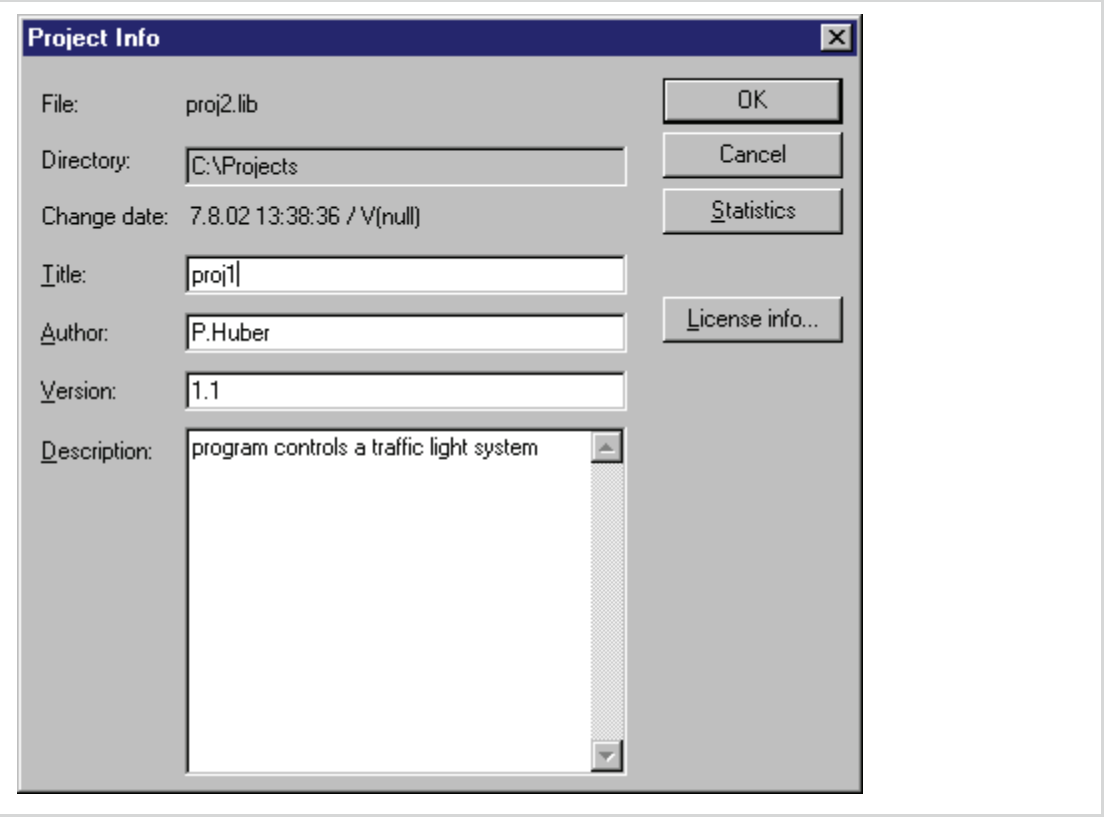
With this command you can merge objects (POUs, data types, visualizations, and resources) as well as links to libraries from other projects into your project.

When the command has been given, first the standard dialog box for opening files appears. When you have chosen a file there, a dialog box appears in which you can choose the desired object. The selection takes place as described with 'Project' 'Document' .

If an object with the same name already exists in the project, then the name of the new object receives the addition of an underline and a digit ("_1", "_2" ...).

6.3.36 'Project' 'Project info'

Under this menu item the information about your project can be saved. When the command has been given, then the following dialog box opens:



Dialog box for entering project information

The following project information is displayed:

- **File** name
- Directory path
- The time of the most recent change (**Change date**)

This information can not be changed.

In addition, you can add the following information:

- A **Title** of the project:

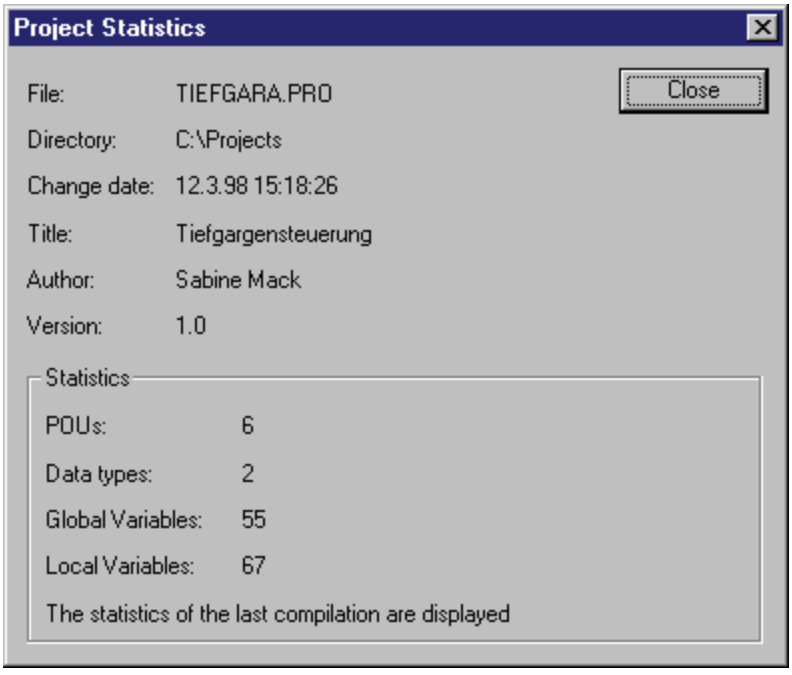
Note!

If supported by the target system, this title automatically will be proposed as project file name, when the project gets loaded by command 'File' 'Open project from PLC' (In this case the dialog for saving a file will open).

- the name of the **Author**,
- the **Version** number, and
- a **Description** of the project.

This information is optional. When you press the button **Statistics** you receive statistical information about the project.

It contains information such as the number of the POUs, data types, and the local and global variables as they were traced at the last compilation.



Example of project statistics

The button **License info** will be available, if you work on a PLC Designer project, which had been saved already with licensing information by the command 'File' 'Save as...'. In this case the button opens the dialog 'Edit Licensing Information', where you can modify or remove the license (see chapter 'License Management in »PLC Designer«')

If you choose the option **Ask for project info** in the category **Load & Save** in the Options dialog box, then while saving a new project, or while saving a project under a new name, the project info dialog is called automatically.

6.3.37 'Project' 'Global Search'

With this command you can search for the location of a text in POUs, data types, or in the objects of the global variables.

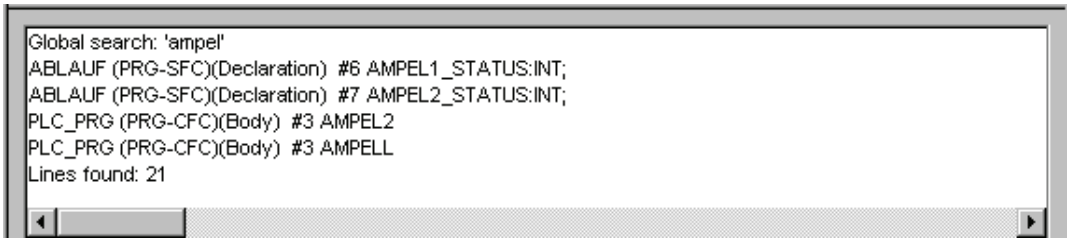
When the command is entered, a dialog box opens in which you can choose the desired object. The selection is made as in the 'Project' 'Document' description.

If the selection is confirmed with **OK**, the standard dialog for Search will be opened. This appears immediately when the command 'Global Search' is invoked via the symbol  in the menu bar; the search is then automatically carried out in all searchable parts of the project. The most recently entered search strings can be selected through the combo box of the **Search for** field. If a text string is found in an object, the object is loaded into the corresponding editor or in the library manager and the location where the string was found is displayed. The display of the text that is found, as well as the search and find next functions behave similarly to the command 'Edit' 'Search'.

If you select the **In message window** button, all locations where the series of symbols searched for appears in the selected object will be listed line by line in tabular form in the message window. Afterward, the number of locations found will be displayed.

If the report window was not opened, it will be displayed. For each location that is found, the following will be displayed:

- Object name
- Location of the find in the Declaration (Decl) or in the Implementation (Impl) portion of a POU
- Line and network number if any
- The full line in the text editors
- Complete text element in the graphic editors



Message window with search result display

If you double-click the mouse on a line in the message window or press <Enter>, the editor opens with the object loaded. The line concerned in the object is marked. You can jump rapidly between display lines using the function keys <F4> and <Shift>+<F4>.

6.3.38 'Project' 'Global replace'

With this command you can search for the location of a text in POUs, data types, or the objects of the global variables and replace this text by another. This is executed in the same way as with 'Project' 'Global Search' or 'Edit' 'Replace'. The libraries, however, are not offered for selection and no display in the message window is possible.

Results are displayed in the message window.

6.3.39 'Project' 'Check'

This command provides commands for checking the semantic correctness of the project. The status of the most recent compilation will be regarded. If you have changed the project in the mean time, do a recompilation in order to get an up to date check result. Otherwise you will get an appropriate warning in the message window.

A submenu listing the following commands will open:

- Unused Variables
- Overlapping memory areas
- Concurrent Access
- Multiple Write Access on Output

The results will be displayed in the message window.

Note!

In the project options, category 'Build', you can define these semantic checks to be done at each compilation of the project automatically.

6.3.40 Unused Variables

This function in the 'Project' 'Check' menu searches for variables that have been declared but not used in the program. They are outputted by POU name and line, e.g.: PLC_PRG (4) – var1. Variables in libraries are not examined.

Results are displayed in the message window.

6.3.41 Overlapping memory areas

This function in the 'Project' 'Check' menu tests whether in allocation of variables via the "AT" declaration overlaps have arisen at specific memory areas. For example, an overlap occurs when allocating the variables "var1 AT %QB21: INT" and "var2 AT %QD5: DWORD" because they both use byte 21. The output then appears as follows:

%QB21 is referenced by the following variables:
PLC_PRG (3): var1 AT %QB21
PLC_PRG (7): var2 AT %QD5

Results are displayed in the message window.

6.3.42 Multiple Write Access on Output

This function of the 'Project' 'Check' menu searches for memory areas to which a single project gains write access at more than one place. The output then appears as follows:

%QB24 is written to at the following locations:
PLC_PRG (3): %QB24
PLC_PRG.POU1 (8): %QB24

Results are displayed in the message window.

6.3.43 Concurrent Access

This function in the 'Project' 'Check' menu searches for memory areas of IEC addresses which are referenced in more than one task. No distinction is made here between read and write access. The output is for example:

%MB28 is referenced in the following tasks :
Task1 – PLC_PRG (6): %MB28 [read-only access]
Task2 – POU1.ACTION (1) %MB28 [write access]

Results are displayed in the message window.

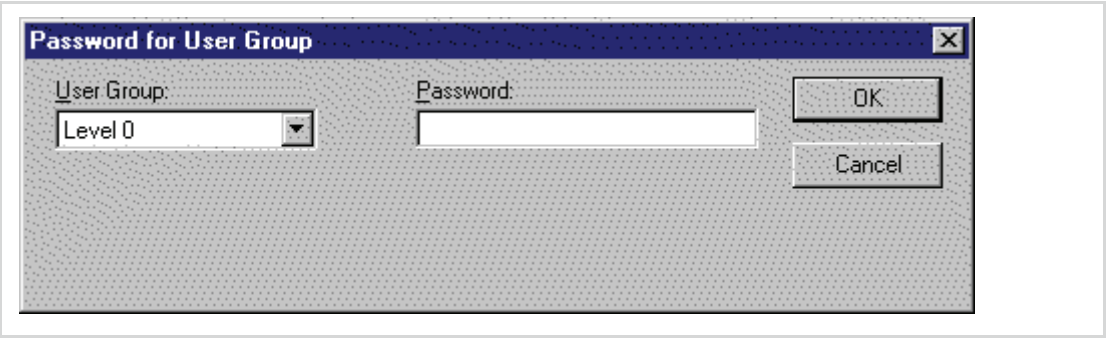
6.3.44 User groups

In **»PLC Designer«** up to eight user groups with different access rights to the POUs, data types, visualizations, and resources can be set up. Access rights for single objects or all of them can be established. Only a member of a certain user group can open a project. A member of such a user group must identify himself by means of a password.

The user groups are numbered from 0 to 7, whereby the Group 0 has the administrator rights, i.e. only members of group 0 may determine passwords and access rights for all groups and/or objects.

When a new project is launched, then all passwords are initially empty. Until a password has been set for the 0 group, one enters the project automatically as a member of the 0 group.

If a password for the user group 0 is existing while the project is loaded, then a password will be demanded *for all* groups when the project is opened. For this the following dialog box appears:



Dialog box for password entry

In the combobox **User group** on the left side of the dialog box, enter the group to which you belong and enter on the right side the relevant **password**. Press **OK**. If the password does not agree with the saved password, then the message appears:

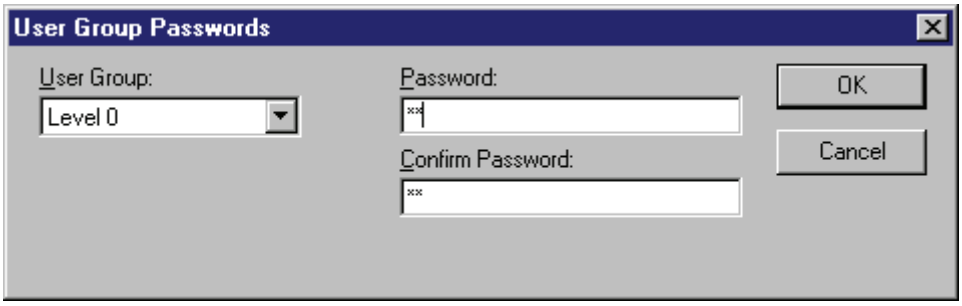
"The password is not correct."

Only when you have entered the correct password the project can be opened.

With the command 'Passwords for user group' you can assign the passwords, and with 'Object' 'Access rights' you can define the rights for single objects or for all of them.

6.3.45 'Project' 'User group passwords'

With this command you open the dialog box for password assignment for user groups. This command can only be executed by members of group 0. When the command has been given, then the following dialog box appears:



Dialog box for password assignment

In the left combobox **User group** you can select the group. Enter the desired password for the group in the field **Password**. For each typed character an asterisk (*) appears in the field. You must repeat the same password in the field **Confirm password**. Close the dialog box after each password entry with **OK**. If you get the message:

"The password does not agree with the confirmation",

then you made a typing error during one of the two entries. In this case repeat both entries until the dialog box closes without a message.

Then, if necessary, assign a password for the next group by calling the command again.

Note!

If passwords are not assigned to all user groups, a project can be opened by way of a group to which no password was assigned!

Use the command 'Object' 'Access rights' to assign the rights for single objects or all of them.

Concerning the protection of a project regard also the following:

- Passwords for access and write protection
- Encryption of a project at project saving

6.3.46 'Project 'Data Base Link'

This menu item is only available if you have activated the option 'Use source control (ENI)' in the project options dialog for category 'Project source control'. A submenu is attached where you find the following commands for handling the object resp. the project in the currently connected ENI data base:

Login (The user logs in to the ENI Server)

If an object is marked in the Object Organizer and the command **Data Base Link** is executed (from the **context menu**, right mouse button), then the following commands will be available for executing the corresponding data base actions. If the user had not logged in successfully to the ENI Server before, then the dialog 'Data base Login' will open automatically and the chosen command will not been executed until the login was successful:

- Define
- Get Latest Version
- Check Out
- Check In
- Undo Check Out
- Show differences
- Show Version History

If the command 'Data Base Link' in the 'Project' menu is activated, then additional menu items will be available, which concern all objects of the project:

- Multiple Define
- Get All Latest Versions
- Multiple Check Out
- Multiple Check In
- Multiple Undo Check Out
- Project Version History
- Label Version
- Add Shared Objects
- Refresh Status

How the status of an object resp. its handling in the data base is displayed in the Object Organizer :

Grey shaded icon: Object is stored in the data base (source control)

Green check in front of the object name: Object is checked out in the currently opened project.

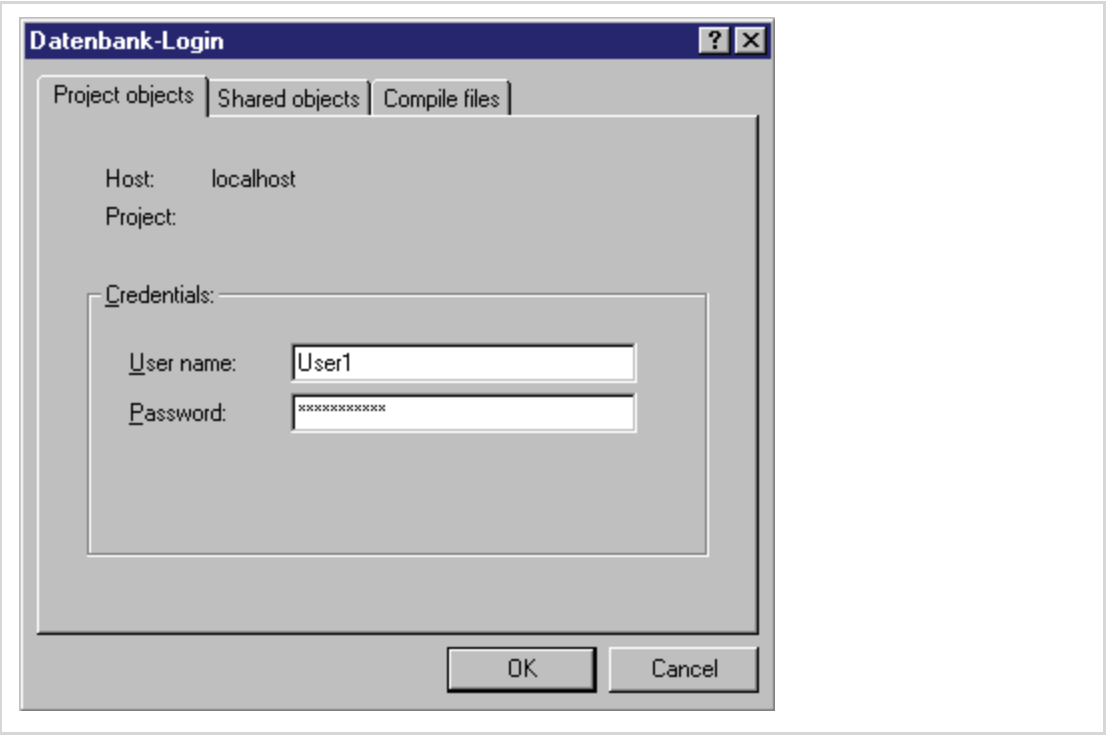
Red cross in front of the object name: Object is currently checked out by another user.

<R> behind object name: The object can only be read, but not edited.

Please regard: some objects (Task configuration, Sampling Trace, PLC Configuration, Target Settings, Watch and Receipt Manager) are per default assigned with a <R> as long as they are not checked out. This means that you will not automatically be asked whether the object should be checked out, as soon as you start to edit the object; it not necessarily means that you cannot edit the object. If there is no write access then the command 'Check out' will not be available.

Login

This command will open the dialog 'Login' where you can enter the access data for the ENI data base via the ENI Server. The access data also have to be defined in the ENI Server (ENI Admin, User Management) and – depending on the currently used data base – also in the user management of the data base. After the command has been executed, first the Login dialog for category 'Project objects' will open.



Dialog 'Login'

The following items are displayed:

- **Data base**: project objects
- **Host**: address of the computer where the ENI Server is running (must match with the entry in field 'TCP/IP address' in the project options dialog for 'Project source control').
- **Project**: Name of the data base project (must match with the entry in field 'Project name' in the project options dialog for 'Project source control'/category 'Project Objects').

Credentials:

- Insert **User name** and **Password**.
- When option **Use as default** for this project is activated, then the above entered access data will automatically be used for any further communication between the actual PLC Designer project and the data base concerning objects of the actual category.
- Press OK to confirm the settings. The dialog will be closed and automatically the Login dialog for 'Shared objects' will open. Enter the access data in the same way as described for the 'Project objects' and confirm with OK. Do the same in the third Login dialog which will be opened for category 'Compile files'.
- The Login dialog will always open as soon as you try to access the data base before having logged in successfully like described above.

Note!

If you want to save the access data with the project, activate option 'Save ENI credentials' in the project options, category 'Load & Save'.

Define

Command: 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Define'

Here you can define, whether the object which is currently marked in the Object organizer should be kept in the data base or just locally in the project. A dialog will open, where you can choose one of the two data base categories 'Project' or 'Shared objects', or the category 'Local'.

The icons of all objects which are managed in the data base will be displayed grey-shaded in the Object organizer. Shared objects are displayed with turquoise letters.

Get Latest Version

Command: 'Project' Data Base Link'Get Latest Version'

The current version of the object which is marked in the Object organizer will be copied from the data base and will overwrite the local version. In contrast to the Check Out action the object will not be locked for other users in the data base.

Check Out

Command: 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Check Out'

The object which is marked in the Object organizer will be checked out from the data base and by that will be locked for other users.

When executing the command the user will get a dialog 'Check out object'. A comment can be added there which will be stored in the version history of the object in the data base. Line breaks are inserted by <Ctrl>+<Enter>. If the version of the object differs from that in the local project, an appropriate message will be displayed and the user can decide whether the object should be checked out anyway.

After the dialog has been closed with OK, the checked-out object will be marked with a green check in the object organizer of the local project. For other users it will be appear marked with a red cross and will not be editable by them.

Check In

Command: 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Check In'

The object which is marked in the Object organizer will be checked in to the data base. Thereby a new version of the object will be created in the data base. The old versions will be kept anyway.

When executing the command the user will get a dialog 'Check in object'. There a comment can be added which will be stored in the version history of the object in the data base. Line breaks are inserted by <Ctrl>+<Enter>.

After the dialog has been closed with OK the green check in front of the object name in the Object organizer will be removed.

Undo Check Out

Command: 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Undo Check Out'

Use this command to cancel the Checking out of the object which is currently marked in the Object organizer. Thereby also the modifications of the object which have been made locally, will be canceled. No dialog will appear. The unchanged last version of the object will be kept in the data base and it will be accessible again for other users. The red cross in front of the object name in the Object organizer will disappear.

Show Differences

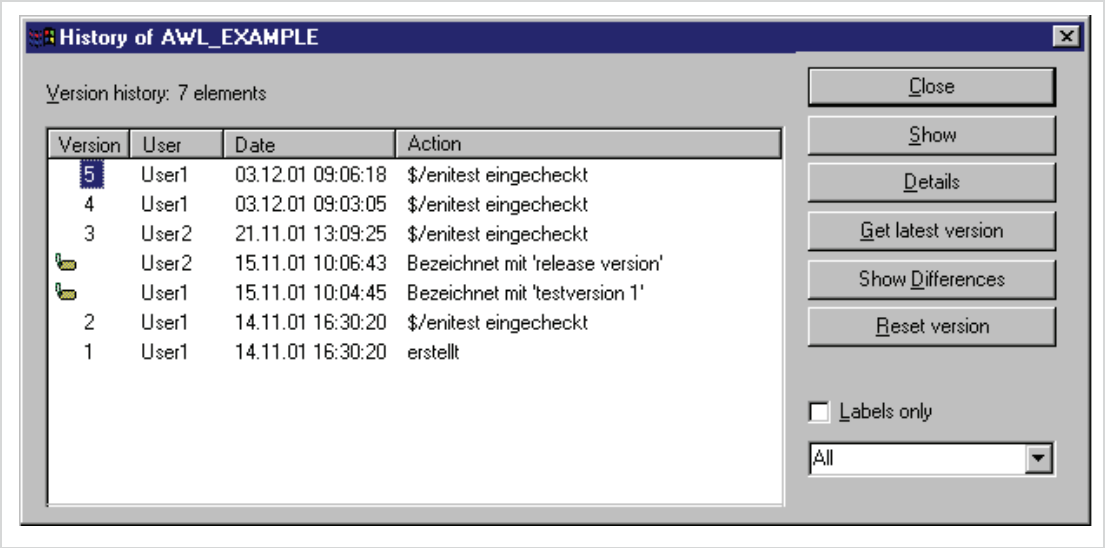
Command: 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Show Differences'

The object which is currently opened by the user in »PLC Designer« will be displayed in a window which is divided up in two parts. There the local version, which is currently edited by the local user, will be opposed to the last (actual) version which is kept in the data base. The differences of the versions will be marked like described for the project comparison (see 'Project' 'Compare').

Show Version History

Command: 'Project' 'Data Base Link' Show Version History'

For the currently marked object in the Object organizer a dialog 'Version history of <object name> will be opened. There all versions of the object are listed which have been checked in to the data base or which have been labeled there:



Dialog showing the History of the version

The following information is given:

Version: Data base specific numbering of the versions of the object which have been checked in one after the other. Labeled versions get no version **number** but are marked by a label-icon.

User: Name of the user, who has executed the check-in or labeling action

Date: Date and time stamp of the action

Action: Type of the action which has been executed. Possible types: 'created' (the object has been checked in to the data base for the first time), 'checked in' (all check-in's of the object excluding the first one) and 'labeled with <label>' (a label has been assigned to this version of the object)

The buttons:

Close: The dialog will be closed.

Display: The version which is currently marked in the table will be opened in a window in PLC Designer. The title bar shows: "ENI: <name of the project in the data base>/<object name>

Details: The dialog 'Details of Version History' will open:

> **File** (name of the project and the object in the data base), **Version** (see above), **Date** (see above), **User** (see above), Comment (Comment which has been inserted when the object has been checked in resp. has been labeled). Use the buttons **Next** resp. **Previous** to jump to the details window of the next or previous entry in the table in dialog 'Version history of ..'.

Get latest version: The version which is marked in the table will be loaded in »PLC Designer« and there will overwrite the local version.

Differences: If in the table only one version of an object is marked, then this command will cause a comparison of this version with the latest (actual) data base version. If two versions are marked, then those will be compared. The differences are displayed in a bipartited window like it is done at the project comparison.

Reset version: The version which is marked in the table will be set as latest version. All versions which have been checked in later will be deleted ! This can be useful to restore an earlier status of an object.

Labels only: If this option is activated, then only those versions of the object will be displayed in the table, which are marked by a label.

Selection box below the option 'Labels only': Here you find the names of all users which have executed any data base actions for objects of the current project. Select 'All' or one of the names if you want to get the version history concerning all users or just for a certain one.

Multiple Define

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Multiple Define'

Use this command if you want to assign several objects at a single blow to a certain data base category. The dialog **'Properties'** will open like described for command 'Define'. Choose the desired category and close the dialog with OK. After that the dialog **'ENI-Selection'** will open, listing all POUs of the project which are considered for the chosen category (Example: if you choose category 'shared objects' then the selection window will only offer the POUs of the Resources tab). The POUs are presented in a tree structure complying to that of the Object Organizer. Select the desired POUs and confirm with OK.

Get All Latest Versions

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Get All Latest Versions'

The latest version of each object of the currently opened project, which is kept under source control, will be called from the data base. Consider the following:

- If in the meantime additional objects have been stored to the data base project folder, then those will now be added to the local project in »PLC Designer«.
- If objects have been deleted in the data base in the meantime, those will not be deleted in the local project, but they will automatically get assigned to category 'Local'.
- The latest version of objects of category 'Shared Objects' will only be called, if these objects are already available in the local project. For further information see command 'Get latest version'.

Multiple Check Out

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Multiple Check Out'

You can check out several objects at a single blow. For this the dialog **'ENI-Selection'** will open, listing all POUs of the project. Select those which should be checked out and confirm with OK. For further information see command 'Check Out'.

Multiple Check In

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Multiple Check In'

You can check in several objects at a single blow. For this the dialog **'ENI-Selection'** will open, listing all POUs of the project. Select those which should be checked in and confirm with OK. For further information see command 'Check In'.

Multiple Undo Check Out

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' Undo Multiple Check Out'

You can undo the check out action for several objects at a single blow. For this the dialog **'ENI-Selection'** will open, listing all POUs of the project. Select those for which you want to cancel the check out and confirm with OK. For further information see command 'Undo Check Out'.

Project Version History

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Project Version History

If the chosen data base system supports that functionality, you can use this command to view the version history for the currently opened project.

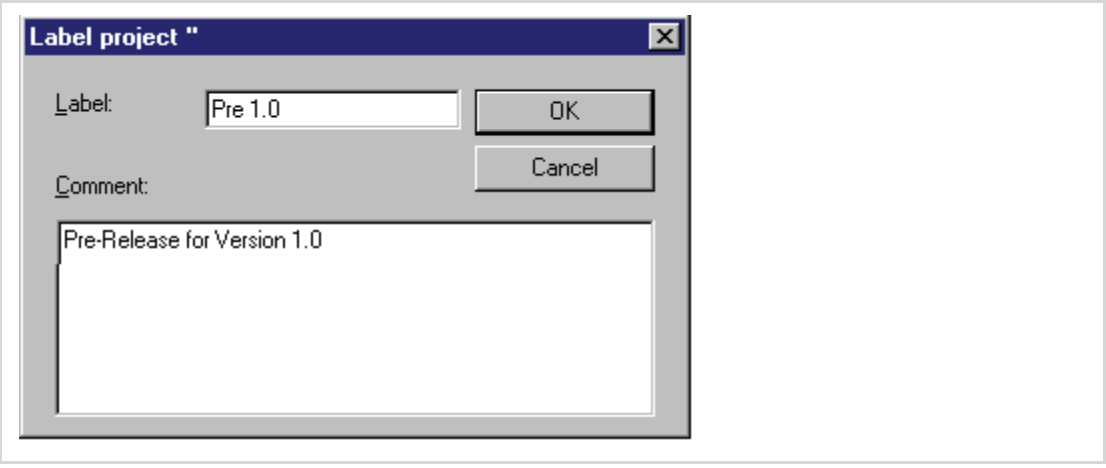
The dialog 'History of <data base project name>' will open. It shows the actions (create, check in, label) which have been performed for the particular objects of the project in a chronological order. The total number of objects is displayed behind **Version history**. The dialog can be handled like described for command 'Show Version History', but regard the following:

- The command 'Reset Version' is only available for single objects.
- The command 'Get latest version' means that all objects of the version of the currently marked object will be called to the local project ! That means, that the objects in »PLC Designer« will be overwritten with the older version. But: Local objects, which were not yet part of the project in that older version, will not be removed from the local project ! If a labeled version is called, which contains Shared Objects, then the user will get a dialog where he can decide whether those Shared Objects should be called also or not.

Label Version

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Label Version'

This command is used to put a "label" on the actual version of each object of a project, so that exactly this project version can be recalled later. A dialog 'Label <data base project name>' will open. Insert a label name (**Label**) (e.g. "Release Version") and optionally a **Comment**. When you confirm with OK, the dialog will close and the label and the action "labeled with <label name>" will appear in the table of the version history, as well in the history for a single object as in the history of the project. Shared Objects which are part of the project will also get that label. A labeled version of the project does not get a version number, but is just marked with a label icon in the column 'Version'. If the option 'Labels only' is activated in the Version History dialog, then only labeled versions will be listed.



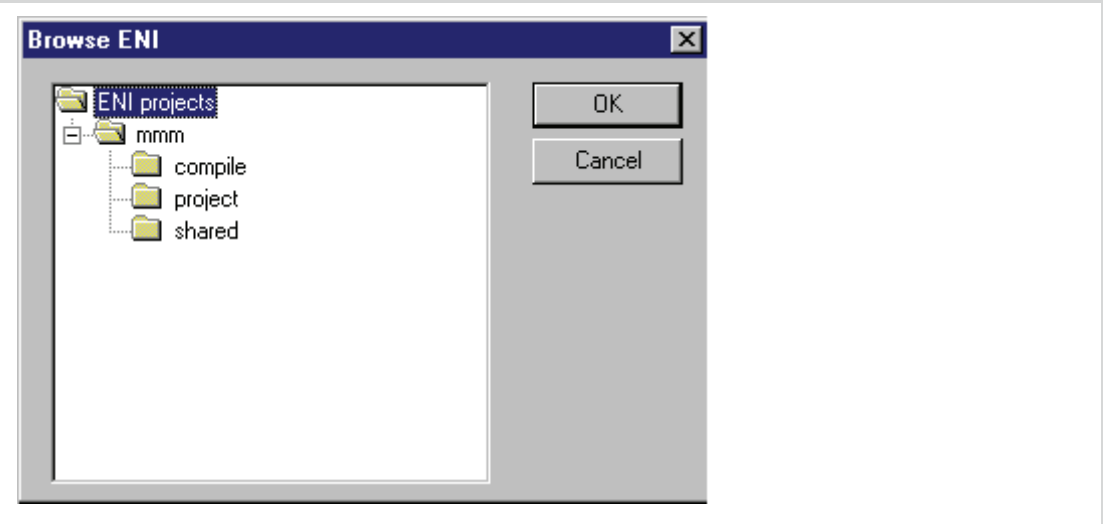
Dialog 'Label project <data base project name>'

Add Shared Objects

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Add Shared Objects'

Use this command if you explicitely want to add new objects of data base category 'Shared Objects' to the locally opened project in PLC Designer. For objects of category 'Project Objects' this is not necessary, because the command 'Get (all) latest version(s)' automatically calls all objects which are found in the data base project folder, even if there are some which not yet available in the local project. But for objects of category 'Shared Objects' in this case just those objects will be called which are already available in the local project.

So execute the command 'Add Shared Objects' to open the dialog 'Browse ENI'. A list in the right part of the window shows all objects which are available in the data base folder which is currently selected in the list on the left side. Choose the desired object and press OK or do a doubleclick on the entry to insert the object to the currently opened PLC Designer project.



Dialog 'Browse ENI'

Refresh Status

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Refresh Status'

Use this command to update the display in the Object Organizer, so that you can see the actual status of the objects concerning the source control of the project.

6.4 Managing Objects in a Project...

6.4.1 Object

POUs, data types, visualizations and the resources global variables, the variable configuration, the Sampling Trace, the PLC Configuration, the Task Configuration, and the Watch and Receipt Manager are all defined as "objects". The folders inserted for structuring the project are partially involved. All objects of a project are in the Object Organizer.

If you hold the mouse pointer for a short time on a POU in the Object Organizer, then the type of the POU (Program, Function or Function block) is shown in a Tooltip. For the global variables the tooltip shows the keyword (VAR_GLOBAL, VAR_CONFIG).

With drag & drop you can shift objects (and also folders, see 'Folder') within an object type. For this, select the object and shift it to the desired spot by holding down the left mouse button. If the shift results in a name collision, the newly introduced element will be uniquely identified by an appended, serial number (e.g. "Object_1").

6.4.2 Folder

In order to keep track of larger projects you should group your POUs, data types, visualizations, and global variables systematically in folders.

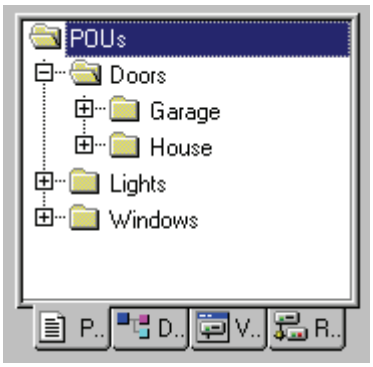
You can set up as many levels of folders as you want. If a plus sign is in front of a closed folder symbol  , then this folder contains objects and/or additional folders. With a click on the plus sign the folder is opened and the subordinated objects appear. With a click on the minus (which has replaced the plus sign) the folder can be closed again. In the context menu you find the commands 'Expand nodes' and 'Collapse nodes' with the same functions.

With Drag&Drop you can move the objects as well as the folders within their object type. For this select the object and drag it with pressed left mouse button to the desired position.

You can create more folders with the command 'New folder'.

Note!

Folders have no influence on the program, but rather serve only to structure your project clearly.



Example of folders in the Object Organizer

6.4.3 'New Folder'

With this command a new folder is inserted as a structural object. If a folder has been selected, then the new one is created underneath it. Otherwise it is created on the same level. If an action is selected, the new folder will be inserted at the level of the POU to which the action belongs.

The context menu of the Object Organizer which contains this command appears when an object or the object type has been selected and you have pressed the right mouse button or <Shift>+<F10>.

The newly inserted folder initially has the designation 'New Folder'. Observe the following naming convention for folders:

- Folders at the same level in the hierarchy must have distinct names. Folders on different levels can have the same name.
- A folder can not have the same name as an object located on the same level.

If there is already a folder with the name "New Folder" on the same level, each additional one with this name automatically receives an appended, serial number (e.g. "New Folder 1"). Renaming to a name that is already in use is not possible.

6.4.4 'Expand nodes' 'Collapse nodes'

With the command expand the objects are visibly unfolded which are located in the selected object. With Collapse the subordinated objects are no longer shown.

With folders you can open or close them with a double mouse click or by pressing <Enter>.

The context menu of the Object Organizer which contains this command appears when an object or the object type has been selected and you have pressed the right mouse button or <Shift>+<F10>.

6.4.5 'Project' 'Object Delete'

Shortcut: <Delete>

With this command the currently selected object (a POU, a data type, a visualization, or global variables), or a folder with the subordinated objects is removed from the Object Organizer and is thus deleted from the project. Deleting of an object can be reversed by the command 'Edit' 'Undo'.

You can get back the deleted objects by using the command 'Edit' 'Undo'.

If the editor window of the object was open, then it is automatically closed.

If you delete with the command 'Edit' 'Cut', then the object is parked on the clipboard.

6.4.6 'Project' 'Object Add'

Shortcut: <Insert>

With this command you create a new object. The type of the object (POU, data type, visualization, or global variables) depends upon the selected register card in the Object Organizer. Regard that in doing so possibly a template will be used for objects of type 'Global Variables', 'Data types', 'Function', 'Function Block' or 'Program' ., see below, chapter 'Save as template'.

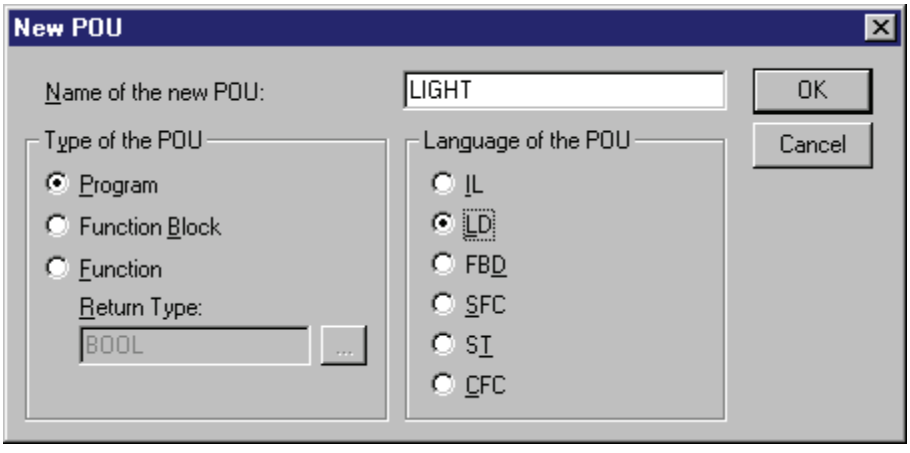
Enter the **Name of the new POU** in the dialog box which appears. Remember that the name of the object may not have already been used.

Take note of the following restrictions:

- The name of a POU can not include any spaces
- A POU can not have the same name as another POU, a data type and should not have the same as a visualization in order to avoid problems with visualization changes.
- A data type can not receive the same name as another data type or a POU.
- A global variable list can not have the same name as another global variable list.
- An action can not have the same name as another action in the same POU.
- A visualization can not have the same name as another visualization and should not have the same as a POU in order to avoid problems with visualization changes.

In all other cases, identical naming is allowed. Thus for example actions belonging to different POUs can have the same name, and a visualization may have the same as a POU.

In the case of a POU, the POU type (program, function or function block) and the language in which it is programmed must also be selected. 'Program' is the default value of **Type of the POU**, while that of **Language of the POU** is that of most recently created POU. If a POU of the function type is created, the desired data type must be entered in the **Return Type** text input field. Here all elementary and defined data types (arrays, structures, enumerations, aliases) are allowed. Input assistance (e.g. via <F2>) can be used.



Dialog for creating a new POU

After pressing **OK**, which is only possible if there is no conflict with the naming conventions described above, the new object is set up in the Object Organizer and the appropriate input window appears.

If the command **'Edit' 'Insert'** is used, the object currently in the clipboard is inserted and no dialog appears. If the name of the inserted object conflicts with the naming conventions (see above), it is made unique by the addition of a serial number appended with a leading underline character (e.g. "Rightturnsig_1").

If the project is under source control in an ENI data base, it may be (depends on the settings in the Project options dialog for 'Project source control') that you will be automatically asked in which data base category you want to handle the new object. In this case the dialog 'Properties' will open where you can assign the object to one of the data base object categories.

6.4.7 'Save as template'

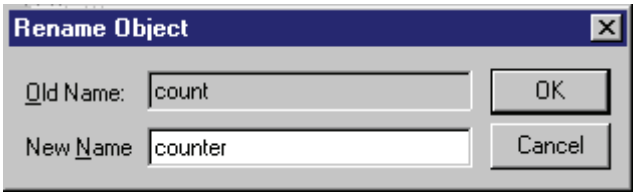
Objects of type 'Global Variables', 'Data types', 'Function', 'Function Block' or 'Program' can be saved as templates. Select the object in the Object Organizer and choose command 'Save as template' in the context menu (right mouse button). Hereupon each further new object of the same type will automatically initially get the declaration part of the template. The last created template for an object type will be used.

6.4.8 'Project' 'Object Rename'

Shortcut: <Spacebar>

With this command you give a new name to the currently-selected object or folder. Remember that the name of the object may not have already been used.

If the editing window of the object is open, then its title is changed automatically when the name is changed.



Dialog box for renaming a POU

6.4.9 'Project' 'Object Convert'

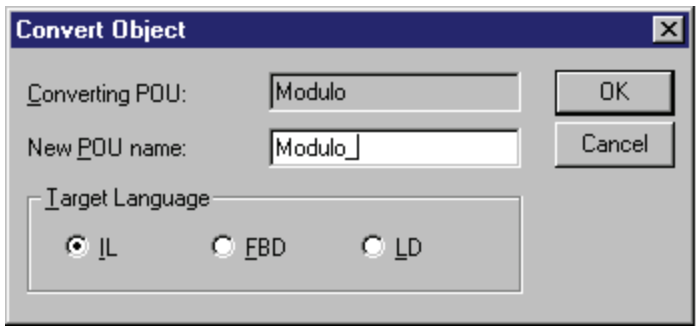
This command can only be used with POUs. You can convert POUs from the languages SFC, ST, FBD, LD, and IL into one of the three languages IL, FBD, and LD.

For this the project must be compiled. Choose the language into which you want to convert and give the POU a new name. Remember that the name of the POU may not have already been used. Then press **OK**, and the new POU is added to your POU list.

The type of processing that occurs during conversion corresponds to that which applies to compilation.

Stop!

Actions cannot be converted.



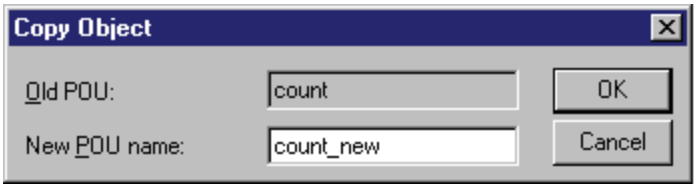
Dialog box for converting a POU

Regard the following possibility: A POU which has been created in the FBD-Editor, can - using the command 'Extras' 'View' be displayed and edited in the KOP-Editor as well without any conversion.

6.4.10 'Project' 'Object Copy'

With this command a selected object is copied and saved under a new name. Enter the name of the new object in the resulting dialog box. Remember that the name of the object may not have already been used.

If, on the other hand, you used the command **'Edit' 'Copy'**, then the object is parked on the clipboard, and no dialog box appears.



Dialog box for copying a POU

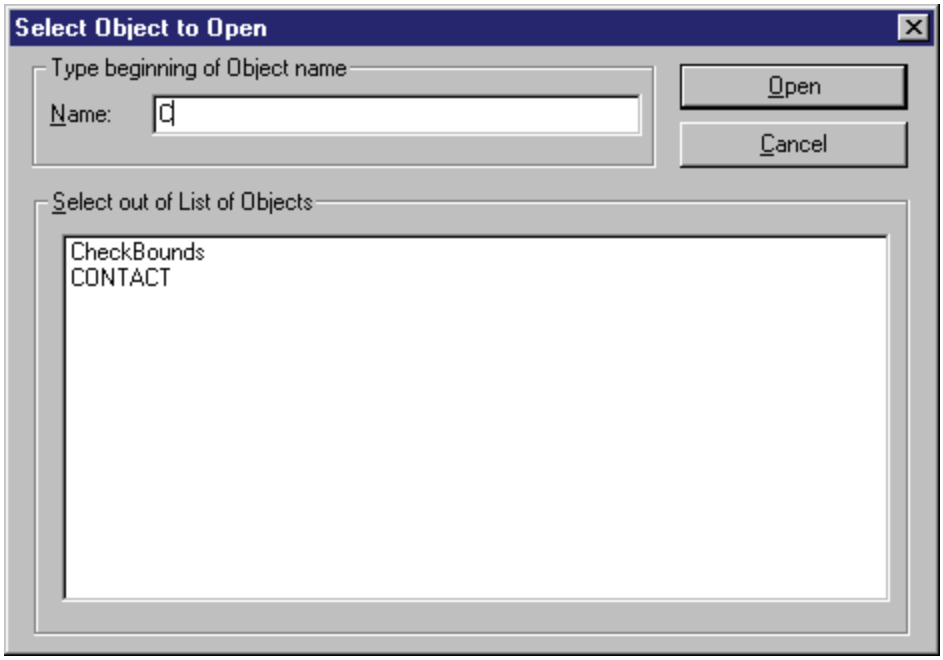
6.4.11 'Project' 'Object Open'

Shortcut: <Enter>

With the command you load a selected object within the Object Organizer into the respective editor. If a window with this object is already open, then it gets a focus, is moved into the foreground and can now be edited.

There are two other ways of opening an object:

- Doubleclick with the mouse on the desired object
- in the Object Organizer type the first letter of the object name. This will open a dialog box in which all objects of the available object types which have this initial letter are shown. Actions are listed with the notation <POU name>.<action name>. Due to the fact that the objects in the object selection dialog are listed alphabetically, the actions of a POU always get positioned below this POU. Select the desired object and click on the button **Open** in order to load the object in its edit window. Hereupon the object gets also marked in the object organizer and all folders which are hierarchically placed above the object will get expanded. This option is supported with the object type Resources only for global variables.



Dialog box for choosing the object to be opened

6.4.12 'Project' 'Object properties'

This command will open the dialog 'Properties' for that object which is currently marked in the Object organizer.

On the tab **Access rights** you find the same dialog as you get when executing the command 'Project' 'Object Access Rights'

It depends on the object and the project settings, whether there are additional tabs available where you can define object properties:

Global variable list:

In the tab 'Global variable list' the parameters concerning the actualization of the list and concerning the data exchange of network variables are displayed and can be modified here. This dialog also will be opened if you create a new global variable list by selecting one of the entries in section 'Global Variables' in the Object Organizer and executing the command 'Add Object'.

Visualization:

In the tab 'Visualization' you can define for the visualization object, how it should be used (see also: CoDeSys Visualization User Manual):

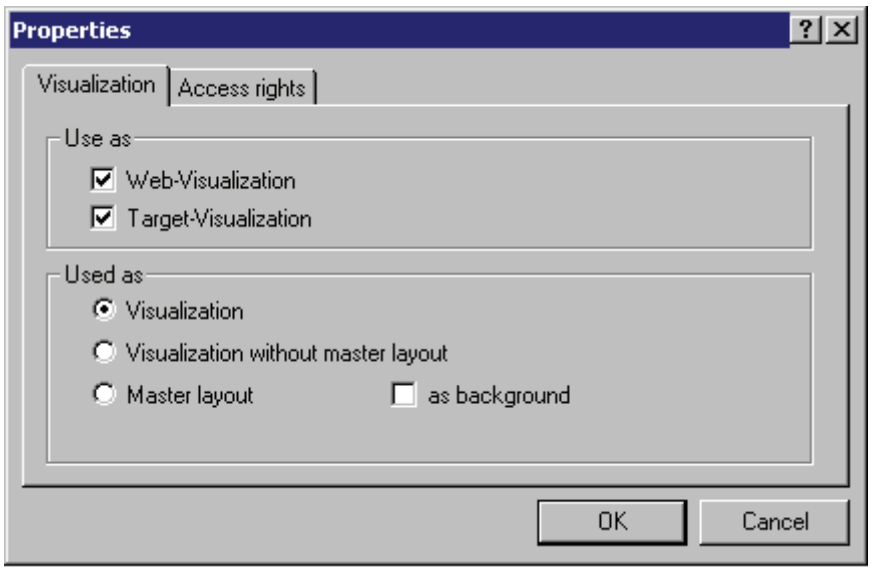
Use as: If in the target settings the option 'Web-Visualization' resp. 'Target-Visualization' is activated, then you can choose here whether the object should be part of the **Web-Visualization** resp. **Target--Visualization**.

Used as: Activate one of these settings referring to the possibility of using "Master layouts":

Visualization: The object is used as a normal visualization.

Visualization without master layout: If a Master Layout is defined in the project, it will not be applied to this visualization object.

Master layout: The object will be used as Master Layout. Per default the master layout always will be in the foreground of a visualization, except the option **as background** is activated.



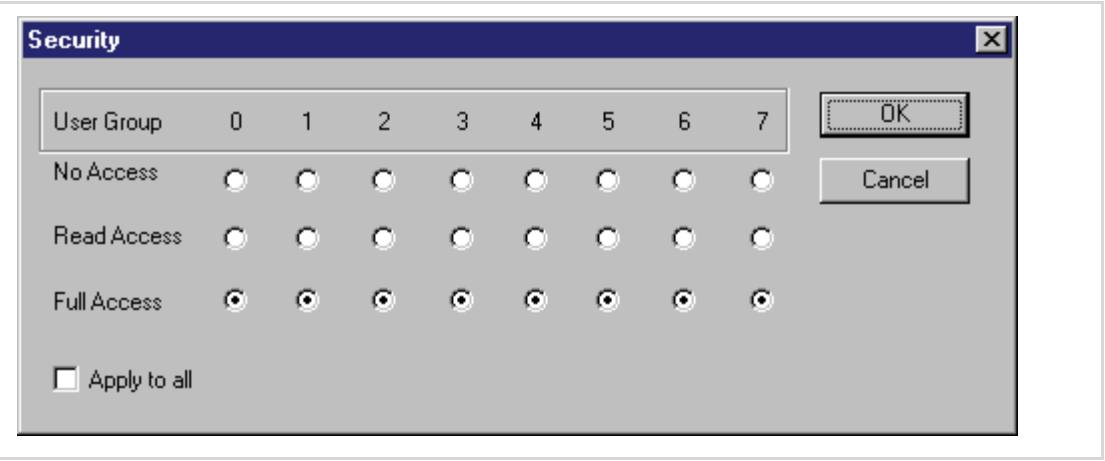
Properties Dialog, Visualization

Database-connection:

If the project is connected to an ENI data base (see 'Project' 'Options' 'Project source control'), then a tab 'Database-connection' will be available. Here you can display and modify the current assignment of the object to one of the data base categories resp. to the category 'Local'. See for further information: 'What is ENI'.

6.4.13 'Project' 'Object Access rights'

With this command you open the dialog box for assigning access rights to the different user groups. The following dialog box appears:



Dialog box for assigning access rights

Members of the user group 0 can now assign individual access rights for each user group. There are three possible settings:

- **No Access**: the object may not be opened by a member of the user group.
- **Read Access**: the object can be opened for reading by a member of the user group but not changed.
- **Full Access**: the object may be opened and changed by a member of the user group.

The settings refer either to the currently-selected object in the Object Organizer or, if the option **Apply to all** is chosen, to all POUs, data types, visualizations, and resources of the project.

The assignment to a user group takes place when opening the project through a password request if a password was assigned to the user group 0.

Please regard also the possibility to assign access rights concerning the operation of visualization elements (Visualization, Security).

6.4.14 'Project' 'Add Action'

This command is used to generate an action allocated to a selected block in the Object Organizer. One selects the name of the action in the dialog which appears and also the language in which the action should be implemented.

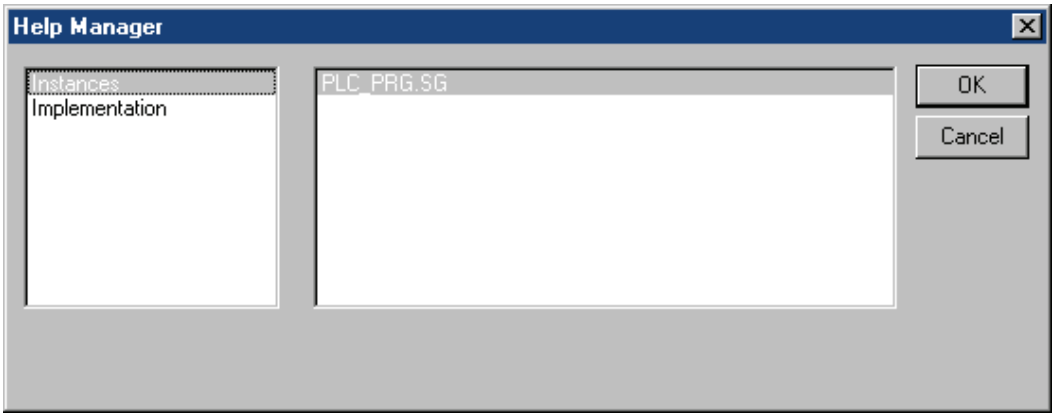
The new action is placed under your block in the Object Organiser. A plus sign appears in front of the block. A simple mouse click on the plus sign causes the action objects to appear and a minus sign appears in front of the block. Renewed clicking on the minus sign causes the actions to disappear and the plus sign appears again. This can also be achieved over the context menu commands 'Expand Node' and 'Collapse Node'.

6.4.15 'Project' 'View Instance'

With this command it is possible to open and display the instance of the function block which is selected in the Object Organizer. In the same manner, a double click on the function block in the Object Organizer gives access to a selection dialog in which the instances of the function block as well as the implementation are listed. Select here the desired instance or the implementation and confirm using OK. The desired item is then displayed in a window.

Note!

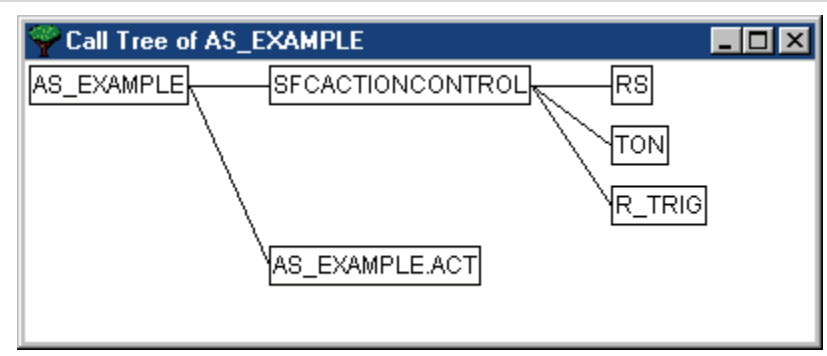
If you want to view instances, you first have to log in ! (The project has been compiled with no errors and downloaded to the PLC with 'Online' 'Login').



Dialog for opening an instance

6.4.16 'Project' 'Show Call Tree'

With this command you open a window which shows the call tree of the object chosen in the Object Organizer. Before this the project must have been compiled without any error (see 'Rebuild all'). The call tree contains both calls for POUs and references to data types.



Example of a call tree

6.4.17 'Projekt' 'Show cross reference'

With this command you open a dialog box which makes possible the output of all application points for a variable, address, or a POU. For this the project must be compiled (see 'Project' 'Build'**).**

At **name** enter the name (e.g. "ivar") or path (e.g. "PLC_PRG.fbi.ivar") of the element for which you want to get listed the cross references (input assistant <F2> can be used). If you specify "*", all elements will be regarded. Also just a partial string followed by "*", e.g. "INT_*" can be specified in order to get listed all elements, the names of which start with this string.

If the project has been changed since the last compile, the term "(Not up to date)" will be displayed in the title bar of the dialog. In this case any cross references which have been created recently will not be regarded in the list unless you do a re-compile !

By clicking on the button **Cross References** you get the list of all application points. Along with the POU and the line or network number, the variable name and the address binding, if any, are specified.

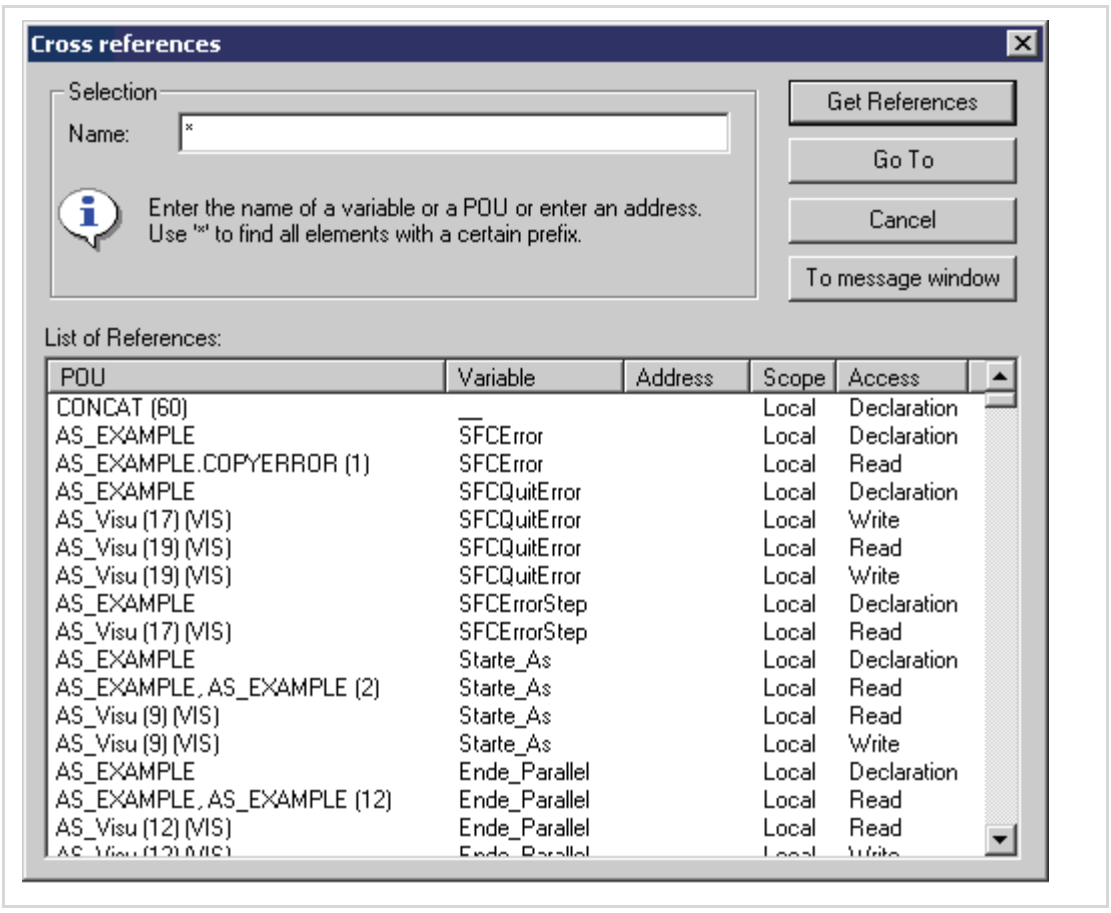
The Domain space shows whether this is a local or a global variable; the Access column shows whether the variable is to be accessed for ‚reading' or ‚writing' at the current location.

If the element is used within the address range of a structure or an array, this position will also be listed (Example: A variable wVar of type WORD is assigned to %MW2. A variable arrVar of type ARRAY [0..2] OF WORD is assigned to %MW0. If you call the cross reference list for wVar, arrVar[2] will be found). The same is true for structures.

If an element is used within a visualization, the visualization name will be shown in column "POU". However note the following concerning placeholders within a visualization: The cross reference list only regards variable name strings, which are already entered in the configuration of a visualization element, not however any names, which are generated during compilation of the project due to placeholder replacements !!

When you select a line of the cross reference list and press the button **Go To** or doubleclick on the line, then the POU is shown in its editor at the corresponding point. In this way you can jump to all application points without a time-consuming search.

In order to make processing easier, you can use the **Send to message window** button to bring the current cross reference list into the message window and from there change to the respective POU.



Dialog box and example of a cross reference list

Direct call of a cross reference list out of a POU editor or a watch list:

The cross reference list can be generated directly out of the editor (ST, FUP, KOP, AWL, CFC, AS), which is used to work on a POU, or out of a watch list. In this case in online as well as in offline mode the command Show cross references is available in the context resp. "Extras" menu,when a variable is selected in the editor resp. the watch list.

6.4.18 'Project 'Data Base Link'

This menu item is only available if you have activated the option 'Use source control (ENI)' in the project options dialog for category 'Project source control'. A submenu is attached where you find the following commands for handling the object resp. the project in the currently connected ENI data base:

- Login (The user logs in to the ENI Server)

If an object is marked in the Object Organizer and the command **Data Base Link** is executed (from the **context menu**, right mouse button), then the following commands will be available for executing the corresponding data base actions. If the user had not logged in successfully to the ENI Server before, then the dialog 'Data base Login' will open automatically and the chosen command will not been executed until the login was successful:

- Define
- Get Latest Version
- Check Out
- Check In
- Undo Check Out
- Show differences
- Show Version History

If the command 'Data Base Link' in the 'Project' menu is activated, then additional menu items will be available, which concern all objects of the project:

- Multiple Define
- Get All Latest Versions
- Multiple Check Out
- Multiple Check In
- Multiple Undo Check Out
- Project Version History
- Label Version
- Add Shared Objects
- Refresh Status

How the status of an object resp. its handling in the data base is displayed in the Object Organizer :

Grey shaded icon: Object is stored in the data base (source control)

Green check in front of the object name: Object is checked out in the currently opened project.

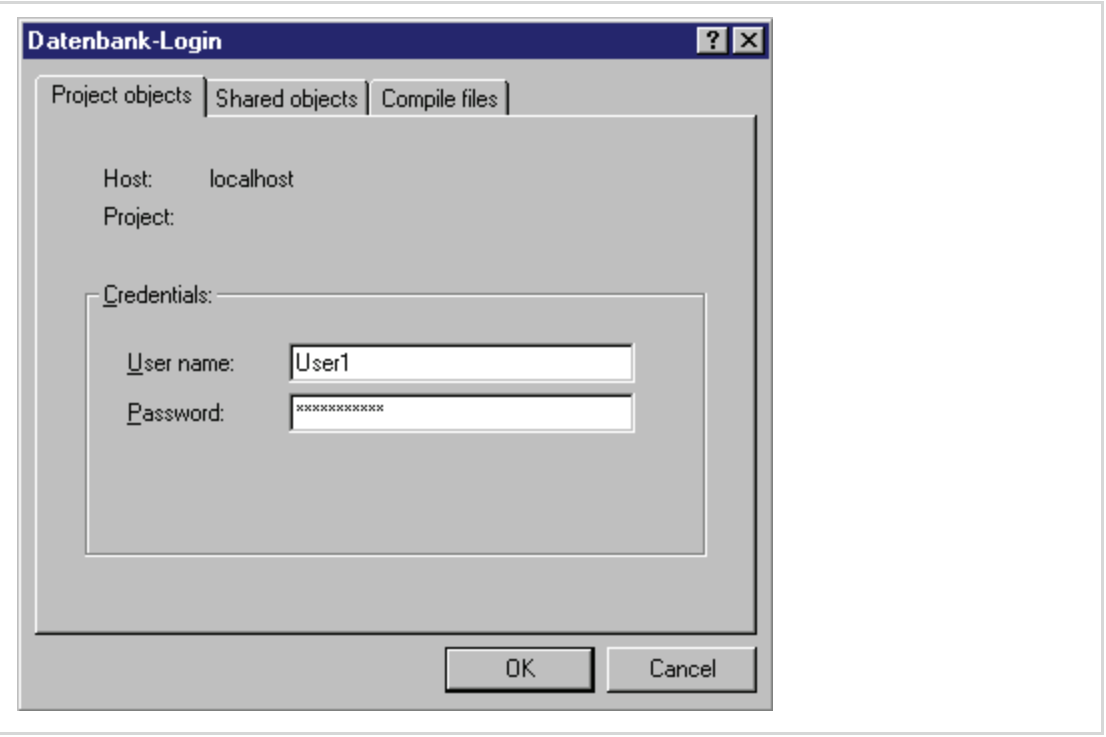
Red cross in front of the object name: Object is currently checked out by another user.

<R> behind object name: The object can only be read, but not edited.

Please regard: some objects (Task configuration, Sampling Trace, PLC Configuration, Target Settings, Watch and Receipt Manager) are per default assigned with a <R> as long as they are not checked out. This means that you will not automatically be asked whether the object should be checked out, as soon as you start to edit the object; it not necessarily means that you cannot edit the object. If there is no write access then the command 'Check out' will not be available.

Login

This command will open the dialog 'Login' where you can enter the access data for the ENI data base via the ENI Server. The access data also have to be defined in the ENI Server (ENI Admin, User Management) and – depending on the currently used data base – also in the user management of the data base. After the command has been executed, first the Login dialog for category 'Project objects' will open.



Dialog 'Login'

The following items are displayed:

- **Data base**: project objects
- **Host**: address of the computer where the ENI Server is running (must match with the entry in field 'TCP/IP address' in the project options dialog for 'Project source control').
- **Project**: Name of the data base project (must match with the entry in field 'Project name' in the project options dialog for 'Project source control'/category 'Project Objects').

Credentials:

- Insert **User name** and **Password**.
- When option **Use as default** for this project is activated, then the above entered access data will automatically be used for any further communication between the actual PLC Designer project and the data base concerning objects of the actual category.
- Press OK to confirm the settings. The dialog will be closed and automatically the Login dialog for 'Shared objects' will open. Enter the access data in the same way as described for the 'Project objects' and confirm with OK. Do the same in the third Login dialog which will be opened for category 'Compile files'.
- The Login dialog will always open as soon as you try to access the data base before having logged in successfully like described above.

Note!

If you want to save the access data with the project, activate option 'Save ENI credentials' in the project options, category 'Load & Save'.

Define

Command: 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Define'

Here you can define, whether the object which is currently marked in the Object organizer should be kept in the data base or just locally in the project. A dialog will open, where you can choose one of the two data base categories 'Project' or 'Shared objects', or the category 'Local'.

The icons of all objects which are managed in the data base will be displayed grey-shaded in the Object organizer. Shared objects are displayed with turquoise letters.

Get Latest Version

Command: 'Project' Data Base Link'Get Latest Version'

The current version of the object which is marked in the Object organizer will be copied from the data base and will overwrite the local version. In contrast to the Check Out action the object will not be locked for other users in the data base.

Check Out

Command: 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Check Out'

The object which is marked in the Object organizer will be checked out from the data base and by that will be locked for other users.

When executing the command the user will get a dialog 'Check out object'. A comment can be added there which will be stored in the version history of the object in the data base. Line breaks are inserted by <Ctrl>+<Enter>. If the version of the object differs from that in the local project, an appropriate message will be displayed and the user can decide whether the object should be checked out anyway.

After the dialog has been closed with OK, the checked-out object will be marked with a green check in the object organizer of the local project. For other users it will be appear marked with a red cross and will not be editable by them.

Check In

Command: 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Check In'

The object which is marked in the Object organizer will be checked in to the data base. Thereby a new version of the object will be created in the data base. The old versions will be kept anyway.

When executing the command the user will get a dialog 'Check in object'. There a comment can be added which will be stored in the version history of the object in the data base. Line breaks are inserted by <Ctrl>+<Enter>.

After the dialog has been closed with OK the green check in front of the object name in the Object organizer will be removed.

Undo Check Out

Command: 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Undo Check Out'

Use this command to cancel the Checking out of the object which is currently marked in the Object organizer. Thereby also the modifications of the object which have been made locally, will be canceled. No dialog will appear. The unchanged last version of the object will be kept in the data base and it will be accessible again for other users. The red cross in front of the object name in the Object organizer will disappear.

Show Differences

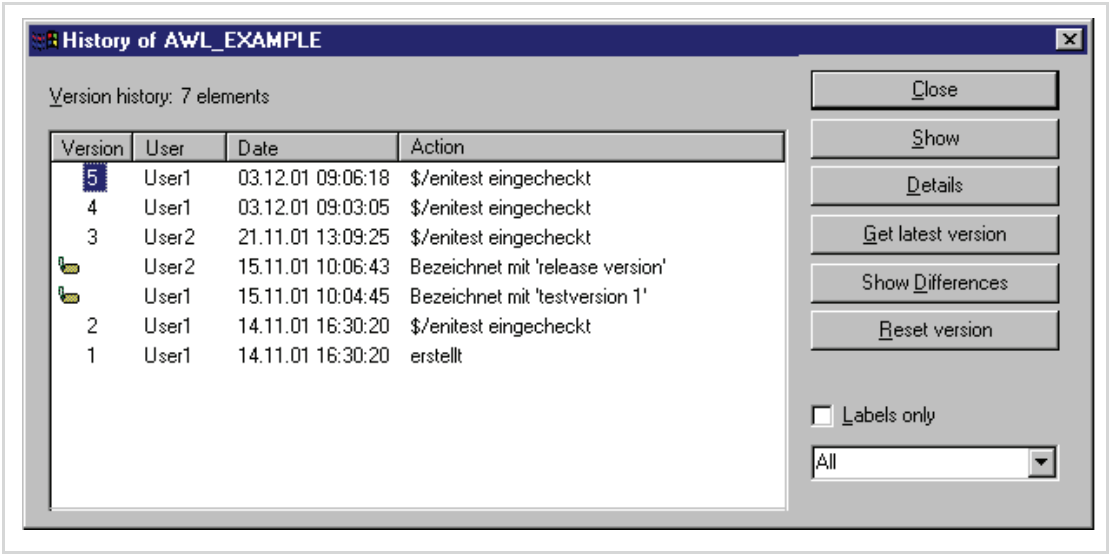
Command: 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Show Differences'

The object which is currently opened by the user in »PLC Designer« will be displayed in a window which is divided up in two parts. There the local version, which is currently edited by the local user, will be opposed to the last (actual) version which is kept in the data base. The differences of the versions will be marked like described for the project comparison (see 'Project' 'Compare').

Show Version History

Command: 'Project' 'Data Base Link' Show Version History'

For the currently marked object in the Object organizer a dialog 'Version history of <object name> will be opened. There all versions of the object are listed which have been checked in to the data base or which have been labeled there:



Dialog showing the History of the version

The following information is given:

- **Version**: Data base specific numbering of the versions of the object which have been checked in one after the other. Labeled versions get no version **number** but are marked by a label-icon.
- **User**: Name of the user, who has executed the check-in or labeling action
- **Date:** Date and time stamp of the action
- **Action**: Type of the action which has been executed. Possible types: 'created' (the object has been checked in to the data base for the first time), 'checked in' (all check-in's of the object excluding the first one) and 'labeled with <label>' (a label has been assigned to this version of the object)

The buttons:

- **Close**: The dialog will be closed.
- **Display**: The version which is currently marked in the table will be opened in a window in PLC Designer. The title bar shows: "ENI: <name of the project in the data base>/<object name>
- **Details**: The dialog 'Details of Version History' will open: **File** (name of the project and the object in the data base), **Version** (see above), **Date** (see above), **User** (see above), Comment (Comment which has been inserted when the object has been checked in resp. has been labeled). Use the buttons **Next** resp. **Previous** to jump to the details window of the next or previous entry in the table in dialog 'Version history of ..'.
- **Get latest version**: The version which is marked in the table will be loaded in »PLC Designer« and there will overwrite the local version.
- **Differences**: If in the table only one version of an object is marked, then this command will cause a comparison of this version with the latest (actual) data base version. If two versions are marked, then those will be compared. The differences are displayed in a bipartited window like it is done at the project comparison.
- **Reset version**: The version which is marked in the table will be set as latest version. All versions which have been checked in later will be deleted ! This can be useful to restore an earlier status of an object.
- **Labels only**: If this option is activated, then only those versions of the object will be displayed in the table, which are marked by a label.
- **Selection box** below the option 'Labels only': Here you find the names of all users which have executed any data base actions for objects of the current project. Select 'All' or one of the names if you want to get the version history concerning all users or just for a certain one.

Multiple Define

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Multiple Define'

Use this command if you want to assign several objects at a single blow to a certain data base category. The dialog **'Properties'** will open like described for command 'Define'. Choose the desired category and close the dialog with OK. After that the dialog **'ENI-Selection'** will open, listing all POUs of the project which are considered for the chosen category (Example: if you choose category 'shared objects' then the selection window will only offer the POUs of the Resources tab). The POUs are presented in a tree structure complying to that of the Object Organizer. Select the desired POUs and confirm with OK.

Get All Latest Versions

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Get All Latest Versions'

The latest version of each object of the currently opened project, which is kept under source control, will be called from the data base. Consider the following:

- If in the meantime additional objects have been stored to the data base project folder, then those will now be added to the local project in »PLC Designer«.
- If objects have been deleted in the data base in the meantime, those will not be deleted in the local project, but they will automatically get assigned to category 'Local'.
- The latest version of objects of category 'Shared Objects' will only be called, if these objects are already available in the local project. For further information see command 'Get latest version'.

Multiple Check Out

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Multiple Check Out'

You can check out several objects at a single blow. For this the dialog **'ENI-Selection'** will open, listing all POUs of the project. Select those which should be checked out and confirm with OK. For further information see command 'Check Out'.

Multiple Check In

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Multiple Check In'

You can check in several objects at a single blow. For this the dialog **'ENI-Selection'** will open, listing all POUs of the project. Select those which should be checked in and confirm with OK. For further information see command 'Check In'.

Multiple Undo Check Out

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' Undo Multiple Check Out'

You can undo the check out action for several objects at a single blow. For this the dialog **'ENI-Selection'** will open, listing all POUs of the project. Select those for which you want to cancel the check out and confirm with OK. For further information see command 'Undo Check Out'.

Project Version History

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Project Version History

If the chosen data base system supports that functionality, you can use this command to view the version history for the currently opened project.

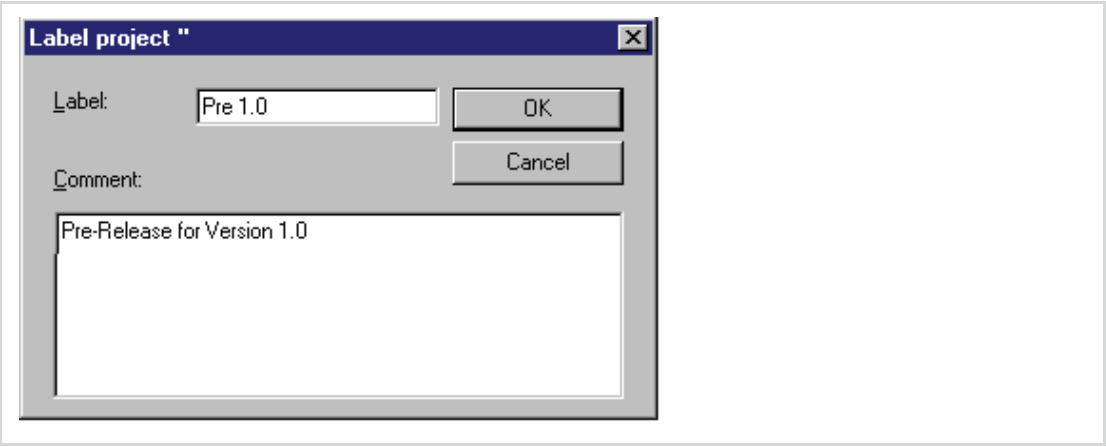
The dialog 'History of <data base project name>' will open. It shows the actions (create, check in, label) which have been performed for the particular objects of the project in a chronological order. The total number of objects is displayed behind **Version history**. The dialog can be handled like described for command 'Show Version History', but regard the following:

- The command 'Reset Version' is only available for single objects.
- The command 'Get latest version' means that all objects of the version of the currently marked object will be called to the local project ! That means, that the objects in »PLC Designer« will be overwritten with the older version. But: Local objects, which were not yet part of the project in that older version, will not be removed from the local project ! If a labeled version is called, which contains Shared Objects, then the user will get a dialog where he can decide whether those Shared Objects should be called also or not.

Label Version

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Label Version'

This command is used to put a "label" on the actual version of each object of a project, so that exactly this project version can be recalled later. A dialog 'Label <data base project name>' will open. Insert a label name (**Label**) (e.g. "Release Version") and optionally a **Comment**. When you confirm with OK, the dialog will close and the label and the action "labeled with <label name>" will appear in the table of the version history, as well in the history for a single object as in the history of the project. Shared Objects which are part of the project will also get that label. A labeled version of the project does not get a version number, but is just marked with a label icon in the column 'Version'. If the option 'Labels only' is activated in the Version History dialog, then only labeled versions will be listed.



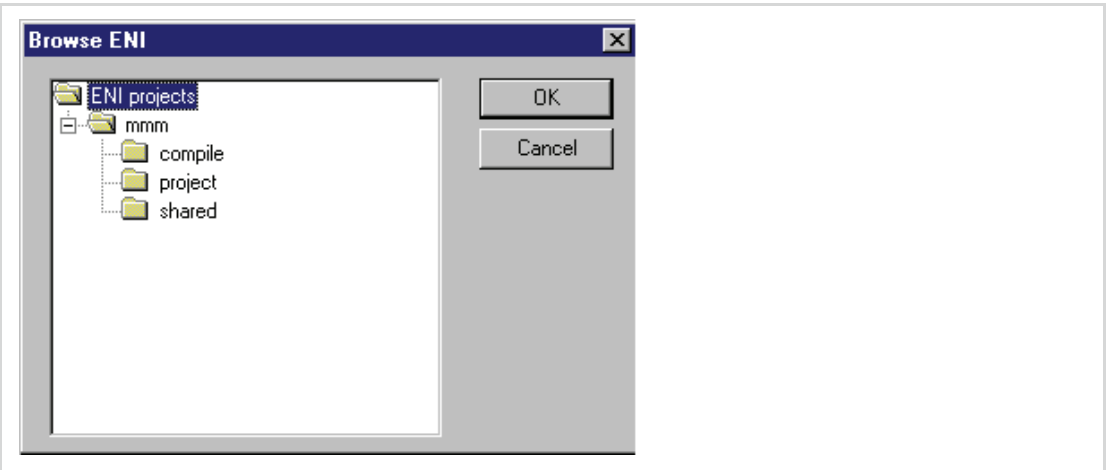
Dialog 'Label project <data base project name>'

Add Shared Objects

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Add Shared Objects'

Use this command if you explicitely want to add new objects of data base category 'Shared Objects' to the locally opened project in PLC Designer. For objects of category 'Project Objects' this is not necessary, because the command 'Get (all) latest version(s)' automatically calls all objects which are found in the data base project folder, even if there are some which not yet available in the local project. But for objects of category 'Shared Objects' in this case just those objects will be called which are already available in the local project.

So execute the command 'Add Shared Objects' to open the dialog 'Browse ENI'. A list in the right part of the window shows all objects which are available in the data base folder which is currently selected in the list on the left side. Choose the desired object and press OK or do a doubleclick on the entry to insert the object to the currently opened PLC Designer project.



Dialog 'Browse ENI'

Refresh Status

Command 'Project' 'Data Base Link' 'Refresh Status'

Use this command to update the display in the Object Organizer, so that you can see the actual status of the objects concerning the source control of the project.

6.5 General Editing Functions...

You can use the following commands in all editors and some of them in the Object Organizer. The commands are located under the menu item **'Edit'** and in the context menu that is opened with the right mouse button.

If the IntelliPoint-Software is installed on the computer, **»PLC Designer«** supports all functions of the MS IntelliMouse. In all editors with zoom functionality: To magnify press the <Strg> key while rolling the wheel of the mouse, to reduce roll backwards while the <Ctrl> key is pressed.

6.5.1 'Edit' 'Undo'

Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<Z>

This command undoes the action which was most recently executed in the currently-open editor window or in the Object Organizer; repeated use undoes all actions back to the time that the window was opened. This applies to all actions in the editors for POUs, data types, visualizations and global variables and in the Object Organizer.

With 'Edit' 'Redo' you can restore an action which you have undone.



Note!

The commands **Undo** and **Redo** apply to the current window. Each window carries its own action list. If you want to undo actions in several windows, then you must activate the corresponding window. When undoing or redoing in the Object Organizer the focus must lie here.

6.5.2 'Edit' 'Redo'

Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<Y>

With the command in the currently-open editor window or in the Object Organizer you can restore an action you have undone ('Edit' 'Undo').

As often as you have previously executed the command **'Undo'** , you can also carry out the command **'Redo'**.

Note!

The commands **'Undo'** and **'Redo'** apply to the current window. Each window carries its own action list. If you want to undo actions in several windows, then you must activate the corresponding window. When undoing or redoing in the Object Manager must lie there.

6.5.3 'Edit' 'Cut'

Symbol:  **Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<X>** or **<Shift>+<Delete>**)

This command transfers the current selection from the editor to the clipboard. The selection is removed from the editor.

In the Object Organizer this similarly applies to the selected object, whereby not all objects can be deleted, e.g. the PLC Configuration.

Remember that not all editors support the cut command, and that its use can be limited in some editors.

The form of the selection depends upon the respective editor:

- In the text editors IL, ST, and declarations the selection is a list of characters.
- In the FBD and LD editors the choice is a number of networks which are indicated by a dotted rectangle in the network number field or a box with all preceding lines, boxes, and operands.
- In the SFC editor the selection is a part of a series of steps surrounded by a dotted rectangle.
- In order to paste the content of the clipboard you use the command 'Edit' 'Paste'. In the SFC editor you can also use the commands 'Extras' 'Insert parallel branch (right)' or 'Extras' 'Paste after'.
- In order to copy a selection onto the clipboard without deleting it, use the command 'Edit' 'Copy'.
- In order to remove a selected area without changing the clipboard, use the command 'Edit' 'Delete'.

6.5.4 'Edit' 'Copy'

Symbol:  **Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<C>**

This command copies the current selection from the editor to the clipboard. This does not change the contents of the editor window.

With the Object Organizer this similarly applies to the selected object, whereby not all objects can be copied, e.g. the PLC Configuration.

Remember that not all editors support copying and that it can be limited with some editors.

For the type of selection the same rules apply as with **'Edit' 'Cut'**.

The form of the selection depends upon the respective editor:

- In the text editors (IL, ST, and declarations) the selection is a list of characters.
- In the FBD and LD editors the choice is a number of networks which are indicated by a dotted rectangle in the network number field or a box with all preceding lines, boxes, and operands.
- In the SFC editor the selection is a part of a series of steps surrounded by a dotted rectangle.
- In order to paste the content of the clipboard you use the command 'Edit' 'Paste'. In the SFC editor you can also use the commands 'Extras' 'Insert parallel branch (right)' or 'Extras' 'Paste after'.
- In order to delete a selected area and simultaneously put it on the clipboard, use the command 'Edit' 'Cut'.

6.5.5 'Edit' 'Paste'

Symbol:  **Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<V>**

Pastes the content of the clipboard onto the current position in the editor window. In the graphic editors the command can only be executed when a correct structure results from the insertion.

With the Object Organizer the object is pasted from the clipboard.

Remember that pasting is not supported by all editors and that its use can be limited in some editors.

The current position can be defined differently according to the type of editor:

- With the text editors (IL, ST, Declarations) the current position is that of the blinking cursor (a vertical line) which you place by clicking with the mouse).
- In the FBD and LD editors the current position is the first network with a dotted rectangle in the network number area. The contents of the clipboard are inserted in front of this network. If a partial structure has been copied, then it is inserted in front of the selected element.
- In the SFC editor the current position is determined the selection which is surrounded by a dotted rectangle. Depending upon the selection and the contents of the clipboard, these contents are inserted either in front of the selection or into a new branch (parallel or alternative) to the left of the selection.
- In SFC the commands 'Extras' 'Insert parallel branch (right)' or 'Extras' 'Paste after' can be used in order to insert the contents of the clipboard.
- In order to copy a selection onto the clipboard without deleting it, use the command 'Edit' 'Copy'.
- In order to remove a selected area without changing the clipboard, use the command 'Edit' 'Delete'.

6.5.6 'Edit' 'Delete"

Shortcut: <Del>

Deletes the selected area from the editor window. This does not change the contents of the clipboard.

In the Object Organizer this applies likewise to the selected object, whereby not all objects can be deleted, e.g. the PLC Configuration.

For the type of selection the same rules apply as with **'Edit' 'Cut'**.

The form of the selection depends upon the respective editor:

- In the text editors (IL, ST, and declarations) the selection is a list of characters.
- In the FBD and LD editors the selection is a number of networks which are highlighted with a dotted rectangle in the network number field.
- In the SFC editor the selection is a part of a series of steps surrounded by a dotted rectangle.
- In the library manager the selection is the currently selected library name.
- In order to delete a selected area and simultaneously put it on the clipboard, use the command 'Edit' 'Cut'.

6.5.7 'Edit' 'Find'

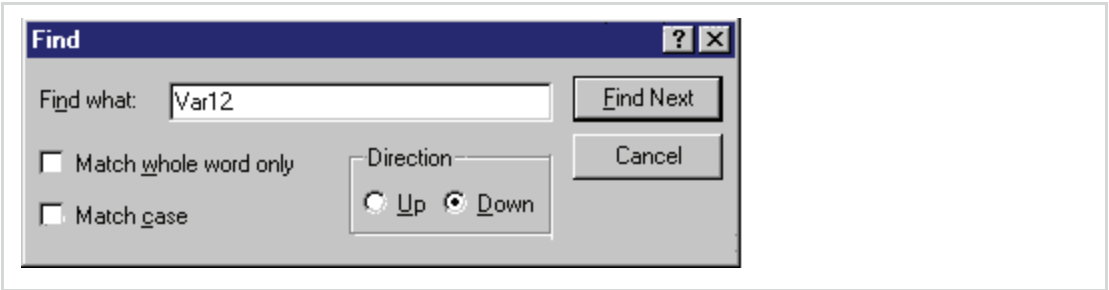
Symbol: 

With this command you search for a certain text passage in the current editor window. The Find dialog box opens. It remains opens until the button **Cancel** is pressed.

In the field **Find what** you can enter the series of characters you are looking for.

In addition, you can decide whether the text you are looking for **Match whole word only** or not, or also whether **Match case** is to be considered, and whether the search should proceed **Up** or **Down** starting from the current cursor position.

The button **Find next** starts the search which begins at the selected position and continues in the chosen search direction. If the text passages is found, then it is highlighted. If the passage is not found, then a message announces this. The search can be repeated several times in succession until the beginning or the end of the contents of the editor window has been reached. In the CFC editor the geometrical order of the elements will be regarded, the search will run from the left upper corner of the window to the right upper corner. Please regard that FBD POUs are processed from the right to the left !



Find dialog box

6.5.8 'Edit' 'Find next'

Symbol:  **Shortcut: <F3>**

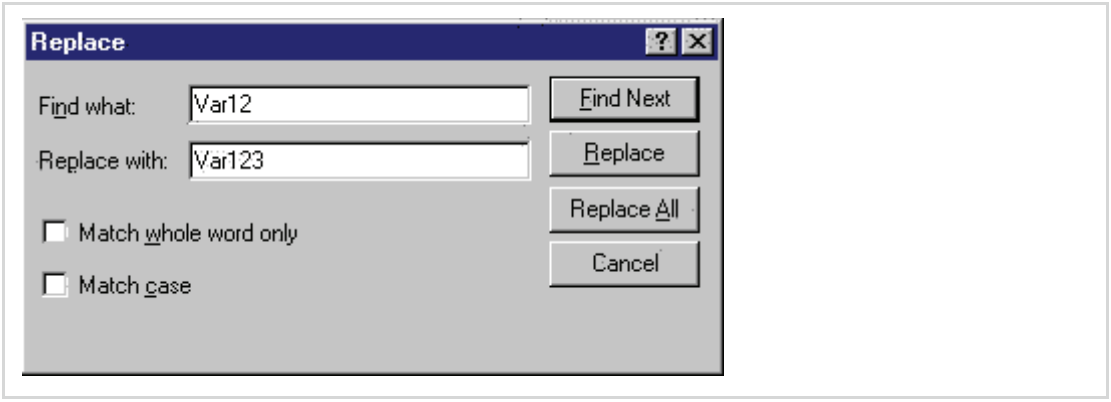
With this command you execute a search with the same parameters as with the most recent action 'Edit' 'Find'**.** Please regard that FBD POUs are processed from the right to the left !

6.5.9 'Edit' 'Replace'

With this command you search for a certain passage just as with the command 'Edit' 'Find', and replace it with another. After you have chosen the command the dialog box for find and replace appears. This dialog box remains open until the button **Cancel** or **Close** is pressed.

In the field behind **Find** automatically that string will be inserted which you have marked before in the editor. You also can enter the search string manually. Pressing button **Replace** will replace the current selection with the string which is given in the field **Replace with**. Use the button **Find Next** to get to the next passage where the string is found. Please regard, that FBD POUs are processed from the right to the left !

The button **Replace all** replaces every occurrence of the text in the field **Find next** after the current position with the text in the field **Replace with**. At the end of the procedure a message announces how many replacements were made.



Dialog box for find and replace

6.5.10 'Edit' 'Input Assistant'

Shortcut: <F2>

This command provides a dialog box for choosing possible inputs at the current cursor position in the editor window. In the left column choose the desired input category, select the desired entry in the right column, and confirm your choice with **OK**. This inserts your choice at this position.

The categories offered depend upon the current cursor position in the editor window, i.e. upon that which can be entered at this point (e.g. variables, operators, POUs, conversions, etc.).

If the option **With arguments** is active, then when the selected element is inserted, the arguments to be transferred are specified with it, for example: function block fu1 selected, which defines the input variable var_in: fu1(var_in:=);

Insertion of function func1, which uses var1 and var2 as transfer parameters:

```
func1(var1,var2)
```

It is basically possible to switch between structured and unstructured display of the available elements. This occurs through activation/deactivation of the **Structured Display** option.

Note!

For inserting identifiers you also can use the Intellisense functionality.

6.5.11 Unstructured Display

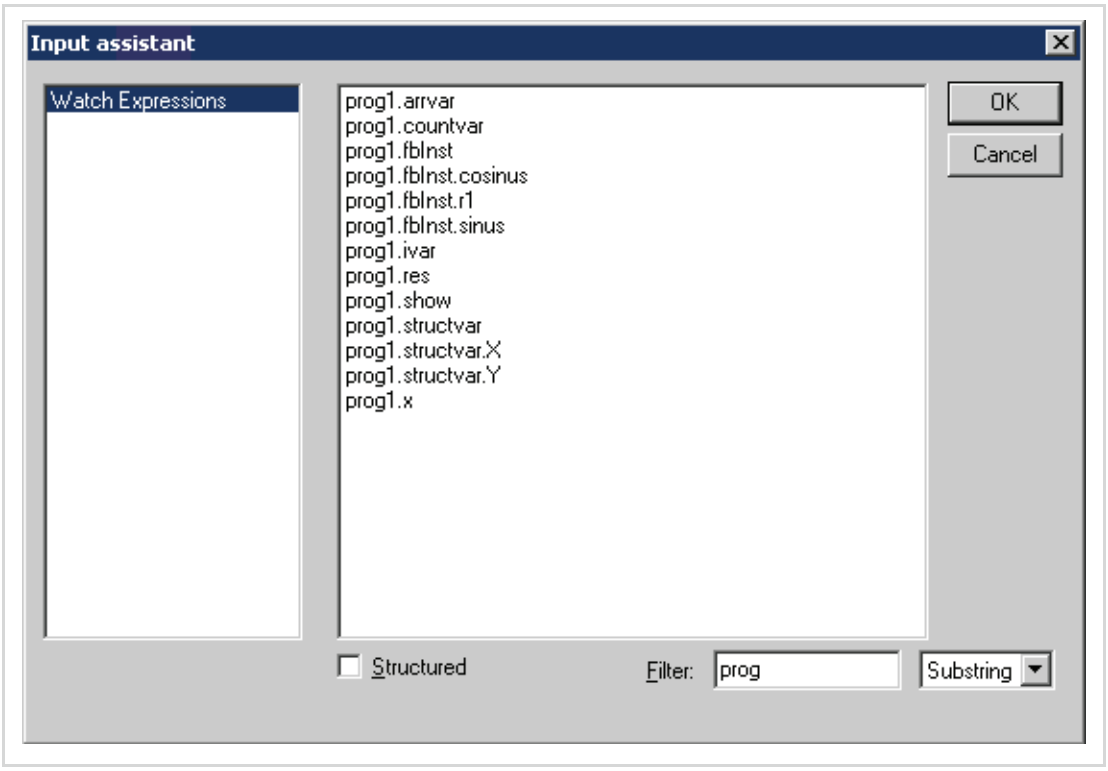
In the left part of the window always those categories of elements are listed which are relevant for the current insert position,. e.g. ST Operators, Local Variables, Global Variables, Standard Programs, Defined Programs, Watch Expressions etc. In the right part of the window the elements of the selected category are listed simply linearly sorted in alphabetical order.

At various places (e.g. in the Watch List), multi-stage variable names are required. In that event the Input Assistant displays the available variables with a preceded POU name, resp. in case of structured variables and function block instances additionally with the FB name resp. data type name. Examples: PLC_PRG.ivar, PLC_PRG.Structure1.Component1.

For global variables no POU name is added.

The desired element must be selected and then will be inserted at the insert position by OK.

When the non-structured input assistant is used in the Watch and Recipe Manager, then the range of offered watch variables (Watch Expressions) can be reduced by a filter. See: Creating Watch Lists, Recipes.



Dialog for unstructured input assistance

You can switch to structured display through activation of the **Structured Display.**

6.5.12 Structured Display

If **Structured** display is selected, the POUs, variables or data types will be sorted hierarchically. This is possible for standard programs, standard functions, standard function blocks, defined programs, defined functions, defined function blocks, global variables, local variables, defined types, watch variables. The visual and hierarchical display corresponds to that of the Object Organizer; if elements in a library are referred to, these are inserted in alphabetical order at the very top and the pertinent hierarchy is displayed as in the Library Manager.

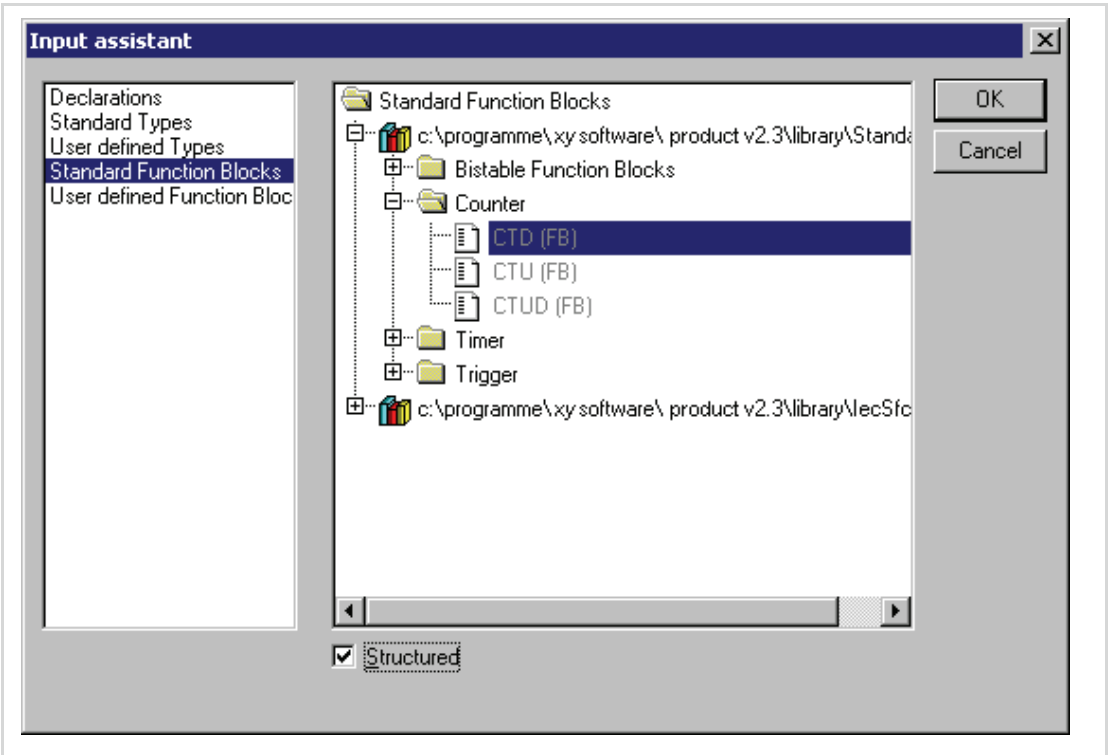
The **in- and output variables** of function blocks which are declared as local or global variables are listed in the category 'Local Variables' or 'Global Variables' under the instance name (e.g. Inst_TP ET, Inst_TP IN,...). To get there, select the instance name (e.g. Inst_TP) and confirm with **OK**.

If the **instance of a function block** is selected here, the option **With arguments** may be selected. In the text languages ST and IL as well as during task configuration, the instance name and the input parameters of the function block are then inserted.

For example, if Inst (DeklarationInst: TON;) is selected, the following is inserted:

Inst(IN:= ,PT:=)

If the option is not selected, only the instance name will be inserted. In the graphical languages or in the Watch window, only the instance name is generally inserted.



Dialog for structured input assistance

Components of **structures** are displayed in an analogue fashion to function block instances.

For **enumerations**, the individual enumeration values are listed under the enumeration type. The order is: enumerations from libraries, enumerations from data types, local enumerations from POUs.

The general rule is that lines containing sub-objects are not selectable (except instances, see above), but can only have their hierarchy display expanded or contracted by one level, as for multi-stage variable names.

If Input Assistant is invoked in the Watch and Recipe Manager or in the selection of trace variables in the trace configuration dialog, it is possible to make a **multiple selection**. When the <Shift> key is pressed, you can select a range of variables; when the <Ctrl> key is pressed you can select many individual variables. The selected variables are so marked. If, during range selection lines are selected that do not contain valid variables (e.g. POU names), these lines will not be included in the selection. When individual selections are made, such lines can not be marked.

In the **watch window** and in **trace configuration** it is possible to transfer structures, arrays or instances from the Input Assistant dialog. As a double click with the mouse button is associated with the extension or contraction of the element's hierarchy display, selection in these cases can only be confirmed by **OK**.

Thereafter, the selected variables are inserted line by line in the watch window, that is each selected variable is written on a separate line. In the case of trace variables, each variable is inserted in a separate line of the trace variables list.

If the maximum number of trace variables, 20, is exceeded during insertion of the selected variables, the error message „A maximum of 20 variables is allowed" appears. Further selected variables are then not inserted in the list.

You can switch to unstructured display through deactivation of option **Structured**.

Note!

Some entries (e.g. Global Variables) are only updated in the Input Assistant dialog after compilation.

6.5.13 'Edit''Autodeclare'

Shortcut: <Shift>+<F2>

This command opens the dialog for the declaration of a variable. This dialog also opens automatically when the option 'Project' 'Options' 'Editor' 'Autodeclaration' is switched on and when a new undefined variable is used the declaration editor.

6.5.14 'Edit' 'Next error'"

Shortcut: <F4>

After the incorrect compilation of a project this command can show the next error. The corresponding editor window is activated and the incorrect place is selected. At the same time in the message window the corresponding error message is shown.

6.5.15 'Edit' 'Previous error'"

Shortcut: <Shift>+<F4>

After the incorrect compilation of a project this command shows the previous error. The corresponding editor window is activated and the incorrect place is selected. At the same time in the message window the corresponding error message is shown.

6.5.16 'Edit' 'Macros'

This menu item leads to a list of all macros, which are defined for the project. (For info on generating macros see 'Project' 'Options' 'Macros'). When an executable macro is selected the dialog 'Process Macro'. The name of the macro and the currently active command line are displayed. The button Cancel can be used to stop the processing of the macro. In that event the processing of the current command will be finished anyway. Then an appropriate message is displayed in the message window and in the log during Online operation: "<Macro>: Execution interrupted by user".

Macros can be executed offline and online, but in each case only those commands are executed which are available in the respective mode.

6.6 General Online Functions...

The available online commands are assembled under the menu item **'Online'**. The execution of some of the commands depends upon the active editor.

The online commands become available only after logging in. See the book 'General Online Functions..' in the Contents tab of this online help. See the following chapters for a description.

Thanks to 'Online Change' functionality you have the possibility of making changes to programs on the running controller. See in this connection 'Online' 'Log-in'.

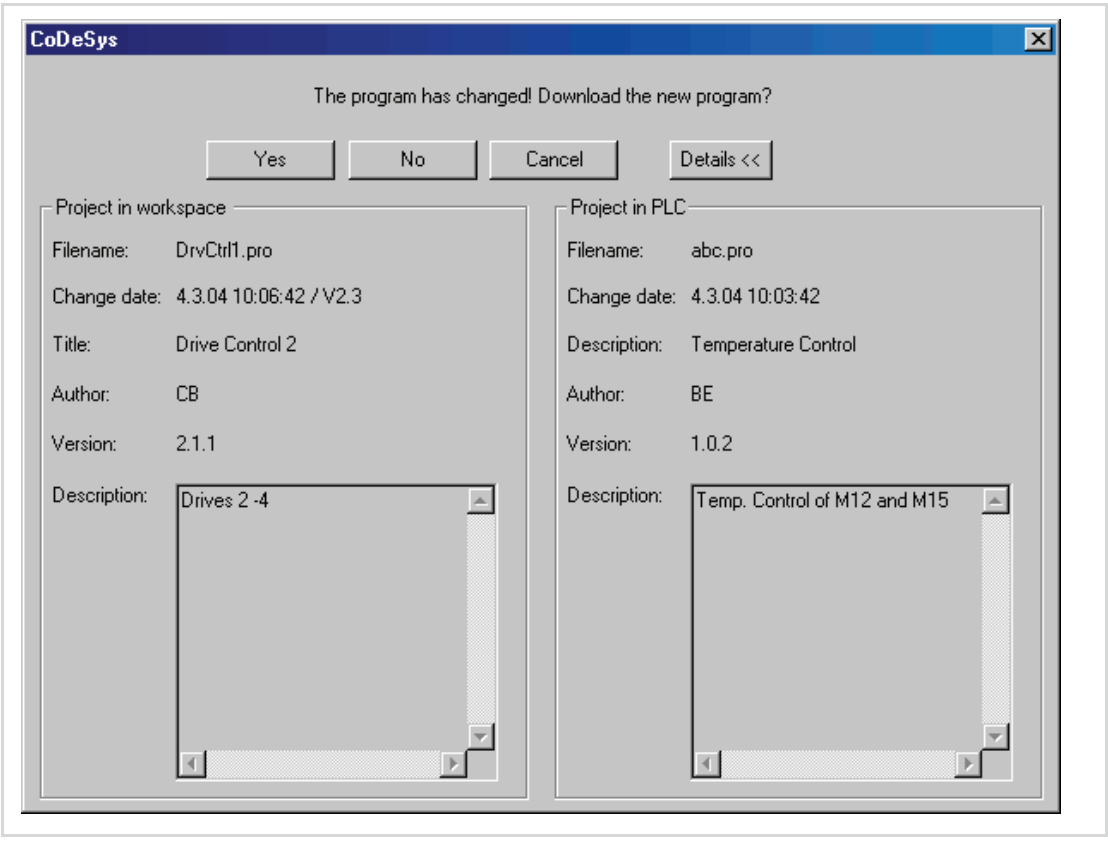
6.6.1 'Online' 'Login'

Symbol:  **Shortcut: <Alt>+<F8>**

This command combines the programming system with the PLC (or starts the simulation program) and changes into the online mode.

If the current project has not been compiled since opening or since the last modification, then it is compiled now (as with 'Project' 'Build'**)**. If errors occur during compilation, then **PLC Designer** does not change into Online mode.

If the current project was changed on the controller since the last download, but not closed, and if the last download information was not deleted with the command 'Project' 'Clear all', then after the command 'Login' a dialog opens with the question: „The program has been changed. Load changes? (**Online Change**)". By answering **Yes** you confirm that, on log-in, the modified portions of the project are to be loaded onto the controller. (Concerning this see below a diagram on the relations between Project-Build, Project-Download, Online Change and Login and also some hints on Online Change). **No** results in a log-in without the changes made since the last download being loaded onto the controller. **Cancel** cancels the command. <Load all> causes the entire project to be reloaded onto the controller.



Extended Login Dialog

If in the project options, category Desktop, the option 'Online in security mode' is activated and if the target system supports the functionality, in the Login dialog automatically also the **Project information** will be displayed. This is the project information of the project which is currently opened in »PLC Designer« and which is already available on the controller. Via button **Details <<** you can close this information part of the dialog. If the 'Online in security mode' option is not activated, you can explicitly open the project information display in the dialog via button

Note!

It depends on the target which button is set as default button.

Online Change does not cause a re-initialization of the variables, thus modifications of the initialization values will not be regarded ! Retain variables keep their values when an Online Change is done, they won't do that at a re-download of the project (see below, 'Online' 'Download').

After a successful login all online functions are available (if the corresponding settings in 'Project' 'Options' category 'Build' have been entered). The current values are monitored for all visible variable declarations.

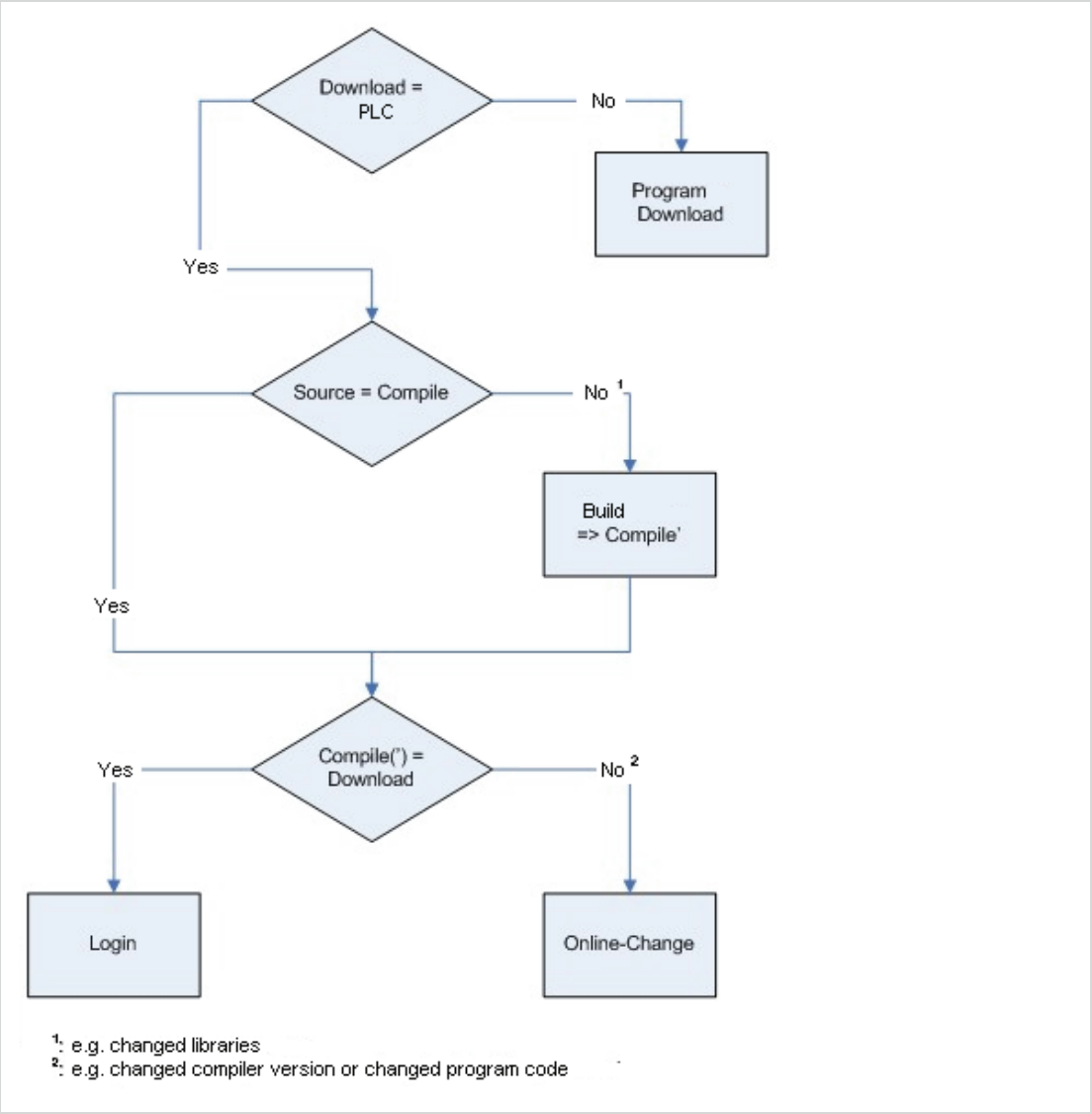
Use the 'Online' 'Logout' command to change from online back to offline mode.

Relations between Login – Build – Download – Online Change

See below a diagram which shows the relations between Login, Build (Compilation), Download and Online Change:

The following terms are used:

Source	current PLC Designer project (*.pro-file, local PC)
Compile	Compile information from the last build process, is needed for incremental compilation (*.ci-file, local PC)
Download	Information on what was loaded to the PLC at the last download (*.ri-file, local PC)
PLC	Project currently available on the PLC (*.prg-file, target system)



Hints on Online Change

- Online Change is not possible after modifications in the Task or PLC Configuration, after inserting a library and after performing 'Project' 'Clean all' (see below).
- If the download Information (file <projectname><targetidentifier>.ri), which had been created at the last download (might have been an Online Change also) of the project, has been deleted meanwhile (e.g. via command 'Project' 'Clean all', then no Online Change will be possible further on, except for: The ri-file has been saved at another location or has been renamed and therefore now is still available and can be loaded explicitly by command 'Project' 'Load download information'. Concerning this see also below 'Online Change for a project....'.
- Online Change does not cause a re-initialization of the variables, thus modifications of the initialization values will not be regarded !
- Retain variables keep their values when an Online Change is done, they won't do that at a re-download of the project (see below, 'Online' 'Download').

Online Change for a project which is running on several PLCs:

If you want to run a project *proj.pro* on two identical controllers PLC1 and PLC2 (same target system) and want to make sure that an update of the project on both controllers can be done via online change, do the following:

- Loading and starting project on PLC1, save download information for PLC1:

  Connect the PLC Designer project *proj.pro* to controller PLC1 (Online/Communication parameters) and load *proj.pro* on PLC1 (Online/Login, Download). At the download the file *proj00000001.ri* will be created in the projects directory, containing download information.

  Rename *proj00000001.ri,* e.g. to *proj00000001_PLC1.ri*. This save of the file with another file name is necessary because at a further download of *proj.pro* the file *proj00000001.ri* on another PLC would be overwritten with new download information and thus the information belonging to the download on PLC1 would be lost.

  Start the project on PLC1 and then log out ('Online' 'Start', 'Online' 'Logout').

- Loading and starting project on PLC2, save download information for PLC2:

  Now connect to controller PLC2 (using same target as PLC1) and download *proj.pro* on PLC2. Thus again a file *proj00000001.ri* will be created in the projects directory, now containing the information on the currently done download.

  Rename the new *proj00000001.ri* e.g. to *proj00000001_PLC2.ri* in order to store it explicitly.

  Start the project on PLC2 and log out ('Online' 'Start', 'Online' 'Logout'.

- Change project in »PLC Designer«:

  In »PLC Designer« now do the modifications in proj.pro which you afterwards want to transfer via Online Change to the program running on the both PLCs.

- Online Change on PLC1, Re-saving download information for PLC1:

  In order to make possible the Online Change for proj.pro on PLC1, first the download information referring to the download of proj.pro on PLC1 must be restored. At login »PLC Designer« is looking for a file proj00000001.ri. But you have stored the appropriate download information in file *proj00000001_PLC1.ri*.

  Now you have 2 possibilities:

  – You can rename proj00000001_PLC1.ri again to proj00000001.ri. Thus at a login on PLC1 automatically the appropriate download information is available and »PLC Designer« will ask you whether you want to do an Online Change.

  – Instead of this you explicitly can load the file *proj00000001_PLC1.ri* before login by using command 'Project' 'Load Download Information'. In this case no renaming of the ri-file is necessary.

- Online Change on PLC2, Re-saving download information for PLC2:

  In order to make possible an Online Change concerning the modifications in proj.pro done in (3) also on PLC2 please perform the corresponding steps for *proj00000001_PLC2.ri* as described in step (4) .

6.6.2 If the system reports

Error:

"The selected controller profile does not match that of the target system..."

Check that the target system entered in the target system settings (Resources) matches the parameters entered in 'Online' 'Communications parameters'.

Error:

„Communication error. Log-out has occurred"

Check whether the controller is running. Check whether the parameters entered in **'Online' 'Communications parameters'** match those of your controller. In particular, you should check whether the correct port has been entered and whether the baud rates in the controller and the programming system match. If the gateway server is used, check whether the correct channel is set.

Error:

"The program has been modified! Should the new program be loaded?"

The project which is open in the editor is incompatible with the program currently found in the PLC (or with the Simulation Mode program being run). Monitoring and debugging is therefore not possible. You can either choose "No," logout, and open the right project, or use "Yes" to load the current project in the PLC.

Message:

„The program has been changed. Load changes? (ONLINE CHANGE)".

The project is running on the controller. The target system supports 'Online Change' and the project has been altered on the controller with respect to the most recent download or the most recent Online Change. You may now decide whether these changes should be loaded with the controller program running or whether the command should be cancelled. You can also, however, load the entire compiled code by selecting the **Load all** button.

6.6.3 'Online' 'Logout'

Symbol:  **Shortcut <Ctrl>+<F8>**

The connection to the PLC is broken, or the Simulation Mode program is ended and is shifted to the offline mode.

Use the 'Online' 'Login' command to change to the online mode.

6.6.4 'Online' 'Download'

This command loads the compiled project in the PLC.

During compilation the Download-Information gets saved in a file called **<projectname>0000000ar.ri** , which is used during Online Change to compare the current program with the one most recently loaded onto the controller, so that only changed program components are reloaded. This file is erased by the command 'Project' 'Clear all' ! Concerning Online Change on several PLCs please see: chapter 'Online' Login'. Regard that the *.ri-file also gets updated during an Online Change.

Depending on the target system settings at each creation of a boot project in offline mode the *.ri-file might be regenerated.

Only persistent variables keep their values even after a download.

6.6.5 'Online' 'Run'

Symbol:  **Shortcut: <F5>**

This command starts the program in the PLC or in Simulation Mode.

This command can be executed immediately after the 'Online' 'Download' command, or after the user program in the PLC has been ended with the 'Online' 'Stop' command, or when the user program is at a break point, or when the 'Online' 'Single Cycle' command has been executed.

6.6.6 'Online' 'Stop'

Symbol:  **Shortcut <Shift>+<F8>**

Stops the execution of the program in the PLC or in Simulation Mode between two cycles.

Use the 'Online' 'Run' command to continue the program.

6.6.7 'Online' 'Reset'

This command resets – with **exception of the retain variables (VAR RETAIN)** - all variables to that specific value, with which they have got initialized (also those variables which have been declared as VAR PERSISTENT !). If you have initialized the variables with a specific value, then this command will reset the variables to the initialized value. All other variables are set at a standard initialization (for example, integers at 0). As a precautionary measure, »PLC Designer« asks you to confirm your decision before all of the variables are overwritten. The situation is that which occurs in the event of a power failure or by turning the controller off, then on (warm restart) while the program is running.

Use the 'Online' 'Run' command to restart the program.

See also 'Online' 'Reset (original)', 'Online' 'Reset (cold)' and - for an overview on reinitialization - Remanent variables.

6.6.8 'Online' 'Reset (cold)'

This command corresponds to 'Reset', but besides of "normal" and persistent variables **also sets back retain variables (!)** to their initialization values. The situation is that which occurs at the start of a program which has been downloaded just before to the PLC (cold start). See in this connection also 'Online' 'Reset', 'Online' 'Reset Original' and - for an overview on reinitialization - Remanent variables.

6.6.9 'Online' 'Reset (original)'

This command resets **all** variables including the remanent ones (VAR RETAIN and VAR PERSISTENT) to their initialization values and erases the user program on the controller. The controller is returned to its original state. See in this connection also 'Online' 'Reset', 'Online' 'Cold Reset' and - for an overview on reinitialization - Remanent variables.

6.6.10 'Online' 'Toggle Breakpoint'

Symbol:  **Shortcut: <F9>**

This command sets a breakpoint in the present position in the active window. If a breakpoint has already been set in the present position, that breakpoint will be removed.

The position at which a breakpoint can be set depends on the language in which the POU in the active window is written.

In the Text Editors (IL, ST), the breakpoint is set at the line where the cursor is located, if this line is a breakpoint position (recognizable by the dark-gray color of the line number field). You can also click on the line number field to set or remove a breakpoint in the text editors.

In FBD and LD, the breakpoint is set at the currently selected network. In order to set or remove a breakpoint in the FBD or LD Editor, you can also click on the network number field.

In SFC, the breakpoint is set at the currently selected step. In SFC you can also use <Shift> with a doubleclick to set or remove a breakpoint.

If a breakpoint has been set, then the line number field or the network number field or the step will be displayed with a light-blue background color.

If a breakpoint is reached while the program is running, the program will stop, and the corresponding field will be displayed in a red background color. In order to continue the program, use the 'Online' 'Run', 'Online' 'Step in', or 'Online' 'Step Over' commands.

You can also use the Breakpoint dialog box to set or remove breakpoints.

6.6.11 'Online' 'Breakpoint Dialog Box'

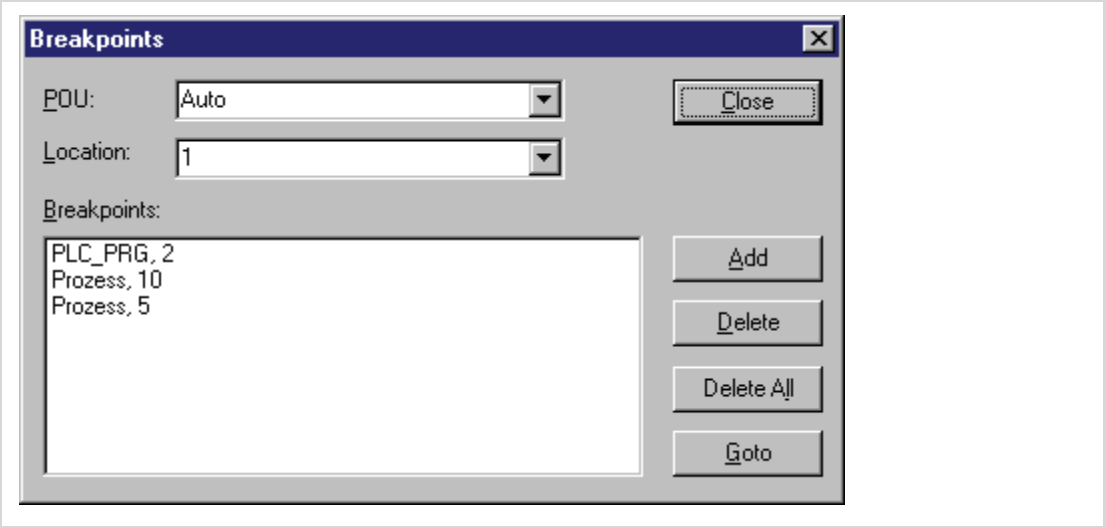
This command opens a dialog box to edit breakpoints throughout the entire project. The dialog box also displays all breakpoints presently set.

In order to set a breakpoint, choose a POU in the **POU** combobox and the line or the network in the **Location** combobox where you would like to set the breakpoint; then press the **Add** button. The breakpoint will be added to the list.

In order to delete a breakpoint, highlight the breakpoint to be deleted from the list of the set breakpoints and press the **Delete** button.

The **Delete All** button can be used to delete all the breakpoints.

In order to go to the location in the editor where a certain breakpoint was set, highlight the respective breakpoint from the list of set breakpoints and press the **Go to** button.



Breakpoint Editing Dialog Box

To set or delete breakpoints, you can also use the 'Online' 'Toggle Breakpoint' command.

6.6.12 'Online' 'Step over'

Symbol:  **Shortcut: <F10>**

This command causes a single step to execute. If a POU is called, the program stops after its execution. In SFC a complete action is executed.

If the present instruction is the call-up of a function or of a function block, then the function or function block will be executed completely. Use the 'Online' 'Step In' command, in order to move to the first instruction of a called function or function block.

If the last instruction has been reached, then the program will go on to the next instruction in the POU.

6.6.13 'Online' 'Step in'

Shortcut: <F8>

A single step is executed. The program is stopped before the first instruction of a called POU.

If necessary, there will be a changeover to an open POU.

If the present position is a call-up of a function or of a function block, then the command will proceed on to the first instruction in the called POU.

In all other situations, the command will function exactly as 'Online' 'Step Over'.

6.6.14 'Online' 'Single Cycle'

Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<F5>

This command executes a single PLC Cycle and stops after this cycle.

This command can be repeated continuously in order to proceed in single cycles.

The Single Cycle ends when the 'Online' 'Run' command is executed.

6.6.15 'Online' 'Write values'

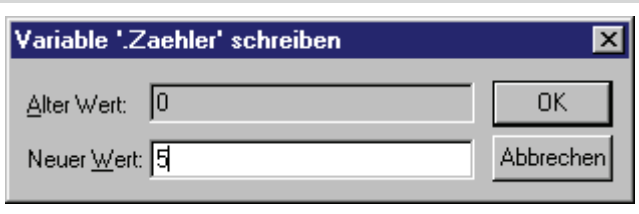
Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<F7>

With this command, one or more variables are set – one time only! – to user defined values at the beginning of a cycle. (see 'Online' 'Force values' for setting permanently)

The values of all single-element variables can be changed, so long as they are also visible in Monitoring.

Before the command 'Write values' can be executed, a variable value must be ready to be written:

For non-boolean variables a double mouse click in performed on the line in which a variable is declared, or the variable is marked and the <Enter> key is pressed. The dialog box 'Write variable <x>' then appears, in which the value to be written to the variable can be entered.



Dialog for writing of variables

For boolean variables, the value is toggled (switched between TRUE and FALSE, with no other value allowed) by double-clicking on the line in which the variable is declared; no dialog appears.

The value set for Writing is displayed in brackets and in turquoise colour behind the former value of the variable. e.g. a=0 <:=34>.

Note!

Exception: In the FBD and LD Editor the value is shown turquoise without brackets next to the variable name.

Set the values for as many variables as you like.

The values entered to be written to variables can also be corrected or deleted in the same manner. This is likewise possible in the 'Online' 'Write/Force dialog' (see below).

The values to be written that were previously noticed are saved in a **writelist (Watchlist)**, where they remain until they are actually written, deleted or transferred to a forcelist by the command 'Force values'.

The command to Write Values can be found at two places:

- Command 'Write Values' in the menu 'Online'.
- Button 'Write Values' in the dialog 'Editing the writelist and the forcelist'.

When the command 'Write values' is executed, all the values contained in the writelist are written, once only , to the appropriate variables in the controller at the beginning of the cycle, then deleted from the writelist. (If the command 'Force values' is executed, the variables in question are also deleted from the writelist, and transferred to the forcelist!)

Note!

In the sequential function chart language (SFC), the individual values from which a transition expression is assembled cannot be changed with 'Write values'. This is due to the fact that in monitoring the 'Total value' of the expression, not the values of the individual variables are displayed (e.g. "a AND b" is only displayed as TRUE if both variables actually have the value TRUE).

In FBD, on the other hand, only the first variable in an expression, used for example as input to a function block, is monitored. Thus a 'Write values' command is only possible for this variable.

6.6.16 'Online' 'Force values'

Shortcut: <F7>

With this command, one or more variables are permanently set (see 'Online' 'Write values' for setting only once at the beginning of a cycle) to user-defined values. The setting occurs in the run-time system, both at the beginning and at the end of the cycle.

The time sequence in one cycle: 1.Read inputs, 2. Force values 3. Process code, 4. Force values 5. Write outputs.

The function remains active until it is explicitly suspended by the user (command 'Online' 'Release force') or the programming system is logged-out.

For setting the new values, a **writelist** is first created, just as described under 'Online' 'Write values'. The variables contained in the writelist are accordingly marked in Monitoring. The writelist is transferred to a **forcelist** as soon as the command 'Online' 'Force values' is executed. It is possible that an active forcelist already exists, in which case it is updated as required. The writelist is then emptied and the new values displayed in red as 'forced'. Modifications of the forcelist are transferred to the program with the next 'Force values' command.

Note!

The forcelist is created at the first forcing of the variables contained in the writelist, while the writelist existed prior to the first writing of the variables that it contains.

The command for forcing a variable, which means that it will be entered into the forcelist can be found at the following places:

- Command 'Force Values' in the menu 'Online'.
- Button 'Force Values' in the dialog 'Editing the writelist and the forcelist'.

Note!

In the sequential function chart language, the individual values from which a transition expression is assembled cannot be changed with 'Force values'. This is due to the fact that in monitoring the 'Total value' of the expression, not the values of the individual variables are displayed (e.g. "a AND b" is only displayed as TRUE if both variables actually have the value TRUE).

In FBD, on the other hand, only the first variable in an expression, used for example as input to a function block, is monitored. Thus a 'Force values' command is only possible for this variable.

6.6.17 'Online' 'Release force'

Shortcut: <Shift>+<F7>

This command ends the forcing of variable values in the controller. The variable values change again in the normal way.

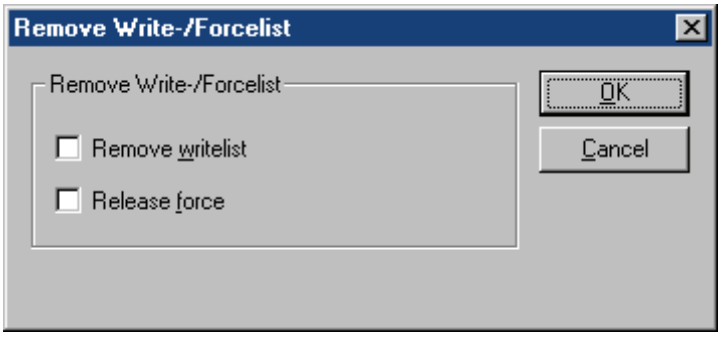
Forced variables can be recognized in Monitoring by the red color in which their values are displayed. You can delete the whole forcelist, but you can also mark single variables for which the forcing should be released.

To delete the whole forcelist, which means to release force **for all variables**, choose one of the following ways:

- Command 'Release Force' in menu 'Online'.
- Button 'Release Force' in dialog 'Editing the writelist and the forcelist'
- Delete the whole forcelist using the command 'Release Force' in the dialog 'Remove Write-/Forcelist'. This dialog opens if you choose the command 'Release Force' while also a writelist exists.
- To release force only **for single variables** you have to mark these variable first. Do this in one ways described in the following. After that the chosen variables are marked with an turquoise extension <Release Force>:
- A double mouse click on a line, in which a non boolean variable is declared, opens the dialog 'Write variable <x>'. Press button <Release Force for this variable> .
- Repeat double mouse clicks on a line in which a boolean variable is declared to toggle to the display <Release Force> at the end of the line.
- In the menu 'Online' open the Write/Force-Dialog and delete the value in the edit field of the column 'Forced value'.

When for all desired variables the setting "<Release Force>" is shown in the declaration window, choose the command 'Force values' to transfer the modifications of the forcelist to the program.

If the current writelist (see 'Online' 'Write Values') is not empty while you execute the command 'Release Force', the dialog 'Remove Write-/Forcelist' will be opened. There the user has to decide whether he just wants to **Release Force** or additionally wants to **Remove the writelist** or if he wants to remove both lists.

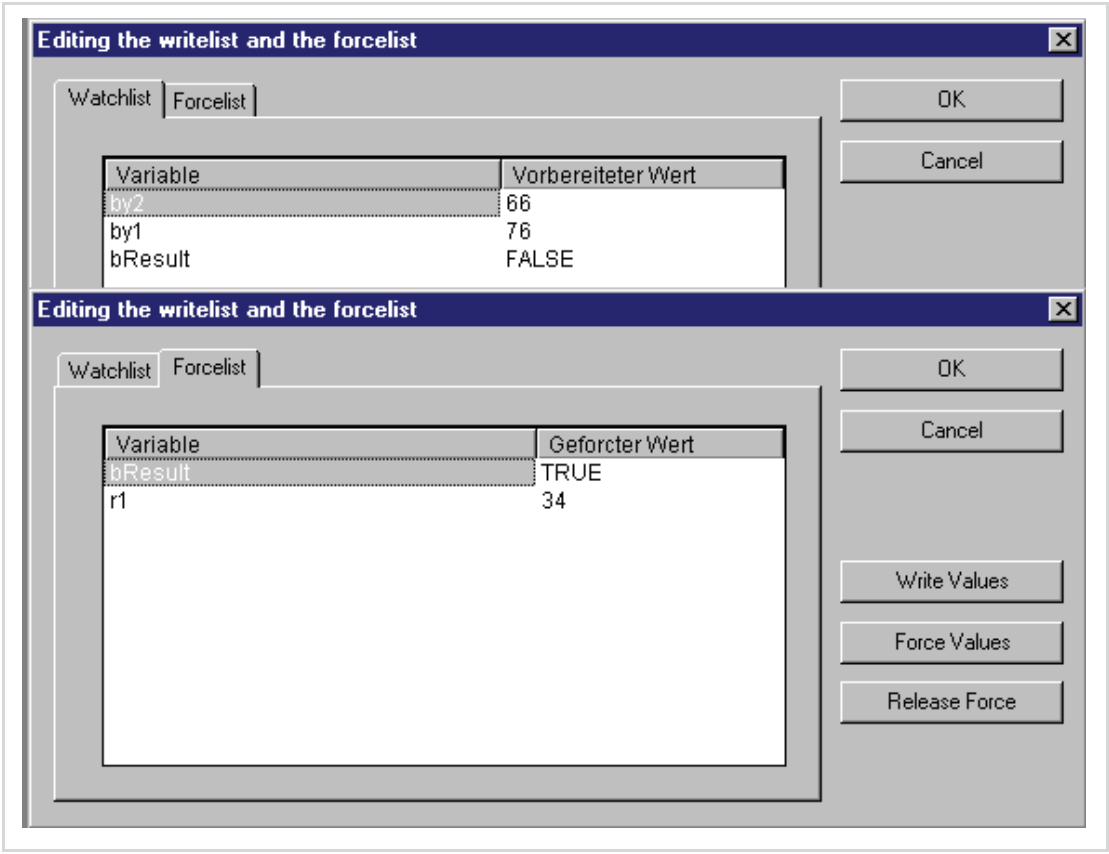


Dialog for removing Write-/Forcelists

6.6.18 'Online' 'Write/Force' Dialog'

Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<Shift>+<F7>

This command leads to a dialog which displays in two registers the current writelist (**Watchlist**) and forcelist (**Forcelist**). Each variable name and the value to be written to it or forced on it are displayed in a table.



Dialog for editing the writelist and the forcelist

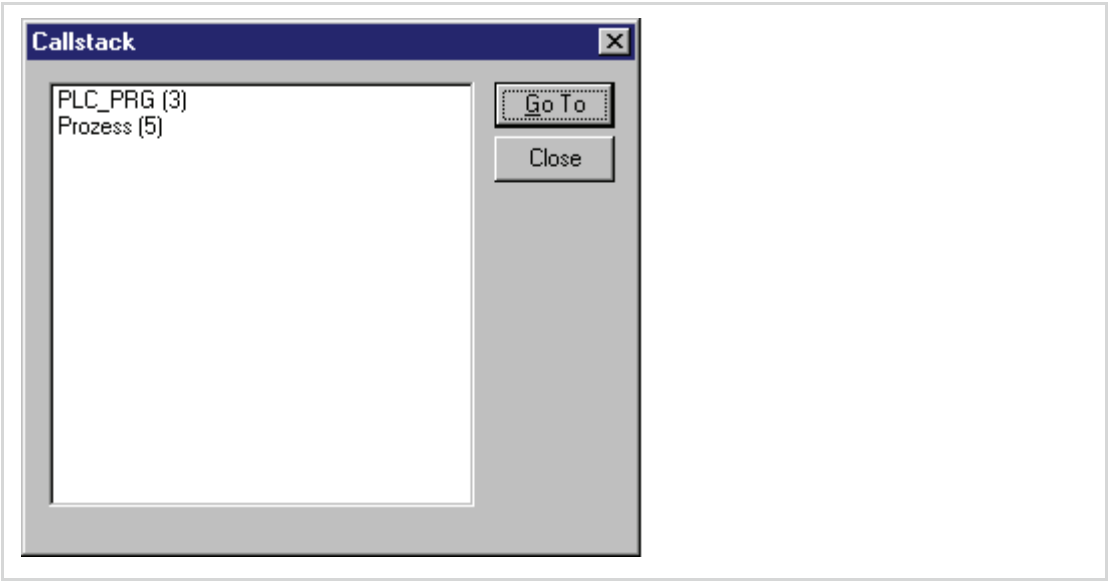
The variables reach the watchlist via the commands 'Online' 'Write Values' and are transferred to the forcelist by the command 'Online' 'Force Values'. The values can be edited here in the „Prepared Value" or „Forced Value" columns by clicking the mouse on an entry to open an editor field. If the entry is not type-consistent, an error message is displayed. If a value is deleted, it means that the entry is deleted from the writelist or the variable is noticed for suspension of forcing as soon as the dialog is closed with any other command than **Cancel**.

The following commands, corresponding to those in the Online menu, are available via buttons:

- **Force Values:** All entries in the current writelist are transferred to the forcelist, that is the values of the variables in the controller are forced. All variables marked with 'Release Force' are no longer forced. The dialog is then closed.
- **Write Values:** All entries in the current writelist are written once only to the corresponding variables in the controller. The dialog is then closed.
- **Release Force:** All entries in the forcelist will be deleted or, if a writelist is present, the dialog "Delete write-/forcelist" comes up, in which the user must decide whether he only wants to **release forcing** or **discard the writelist**, or both. The dialog will close at that point, or after the selection dialog is closed as the case may be.

6.6.19 'Online' 'Show Call Stack'

You can run this command when the Simulation Mode stops at a breakpoint. You will be given a dialog box with a list of the POU Call Stack.



Example of a Call Stack

The first POU is always PLC_PRG, because this is where the executing begins.

The last POU is always the POU being executed.

After you have selected a POU and have pressed the **Go to** button, the selected POU is loaded in its editor, and it will display the line or network being processed.

6.6.20 'Online' 'Display Flow Control'

Depending on the target system settings the user can activate resp. deactivate the Flow Control function. If it is activated, a check (✓) will appear in front of the menu item. Following this, every line or every network will be marked which was executed in the last PLC Cycle.

The line number field or the network number field of the lines or networks which just run will be displayed in green. An additional field is added in the IL-Editor in which the present contents of the accumulator are displayed. In the graphic editors for the Function Block Diagram and Ladder Diagram, an additional field will be inserted in all connecting lines not transporting any Boolean values. When these Out- and Inputs are verified, then the value that is transported over the connecting line will be shown in this field. Connecting lines that transport only Boolean values will be shaded blue when they transport TRUE. This enables constant monitoring of the information flow.

Note!

The runtime of a program will be increased by using flow control. This might cause timeouts in time-cyclic programs with high load.

At active breakpoint positions there is no flow control display.

If a **watchdog** has been defined for the concerned task, this will be switched off when the flow control is active.

6.6.21 'Online' 'Simulation'

If **Simulation Mode** is chosen, then a check (✓) will appear in front of the menu item.

In the simulation mode, the user program runs on the same PC under Windows. This mode is used to test the project. The communication between the PC and Simulation Mode uses the Windows Message mechanism.

If the program is not in simulation mode, then the program will run on the PLC. The communication between the PC and the PLC typically runs over the serial interface.

The status of this flag is stored with the project.

Note!

POUs of external libraries will not run in simulation mode.

6.6.22 'Online' 'Communication Parameters'

You are offered a special dialog for setting communication parameters when the communication between the local PC and the run-time system is running over a gateway server in your system. (If the OPC or DDE server is used, the same communications parameters must be entered in its configuration).

See the following items:

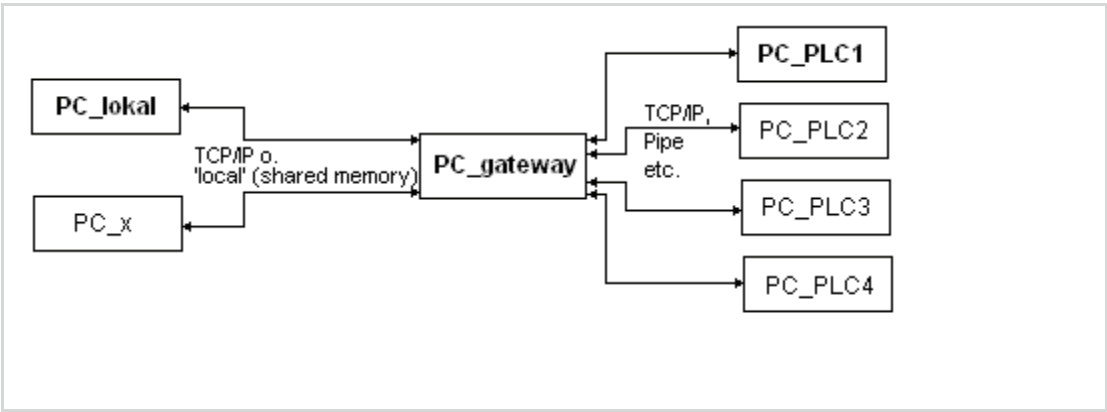
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6.6.23 Principle of a gateway system

Let us examine the principle of the gateway system before explaining the operation of the dialog:

A gateway server can be used to allow your local PC to communicate with one or more run-time systems. The setting concerning which run-time systems can be addressed, which is specifically configured for each gateway server, and the connection to the desired gateway server, is made on the local PC. Here it is possible that both the gateway server and the run-time system(s) can run together on the local PC. If we are dealing with a gateway server which is running on another PC we must ensure that it has been started there. If you are selecting a locally installed gateway server, it automatically starts when you log onto the target run-time system. You can recognize this through the appearance of a **PLC Designer** symbol on the bottom right in the task bar. This symbol lights up as long as you are connected to the run-time system over the gateway. The menu points **Info** and **Finish** are obtained by clicking with the right mousekey on the symbol. **Finish** is used to switch off the gateway.

See the following scheme for presenting a gateway system:



PC_local is your local PC, **PC_x** is another PC, which gateway addresses. **PC_gateway** is the PC on which the gateway server is installed, **PC_PLC1** through to **PC_PLC4** are PCs on which the run-time systems are running. The diagram shows the modules as separated but it is fully possible for the Gateway server and / or run-time systems to be installed together on the local PC.

Note!

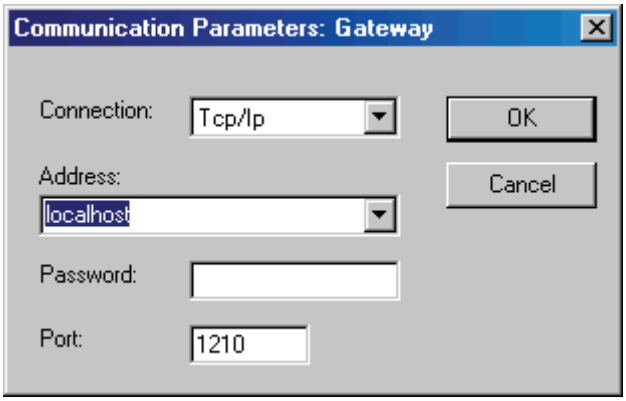
Please note that a connection to gateway is only possible over TCP/IP so make sure that your PC is configured appropriately!

The connections from gateway to the various run-time computers can, on the other hand, run over different protocols (TCP/IP, Pipe, etc.).

6.6.24 Setting up the desired gateway server and channel

Setting up the desired gateway server and channel in the Communication Parameters dialog:

To define the connection to the desired gateway server we open the dialog 'Communication Parameters Gateway' by pressing the button **Gateway**.



Example dialog, definition of the local connection to the gateway

Here you can enter and/or edit the following:

- The **type** of connection from your computer to the computer on which the gateway server that you want to use is running. If the gateway server is running on the local computer, connection via shared memory („local“) or via TCP/IP is possible; if connection to a different computer is needed, only TCP/IP can be used.
- The **address** of the computer, on which the gateway server that you want to use is running: IP address or the appropriate symbolic name such as e.g. localhost. Regard that leading zeros added to the address range number however are not allowed (example: not possible: '010.107.084.050', must be entered as '10.107.84.50'). On initial setup, the standard 'localhost' is offered as the computer name (address), which means that the locally installed gateway would be accessed. The name 'localhost' is set to be identical to the local IP address 127.0.0.1 in most cases, but you may in some cases have to enter this directly into the Address field. If you want to access a gateway server on another computer, you must replace 'localhost' with its name or IP address.
- The **password** for the selected gateway server, if it is on a remote computer. If it is incorrectly entered, or not entered at all, an error message appears.
  Note in this connection: you can give the locally installed gateway server a password with the following procedure: click with the right mouse button on the gateway symbol in the lower right portion of the toolbar and select „Change password“. A dialog comes up for changing or entering a password. If you access the gateway server locally any password that is entered will not be asked for.
- The computer’s **port** on which the gateway server that you wish to use is running, as a rule the correct value for the selected gateway is already given.

If the dialog is closed with **OK**, the corresponding entry (computer address) appears in the **Channels** field at the top of the 'Communication parameters' dialog, and below it the channels available on this gateway server.

Setting up the desired channel on the selected gateway server:

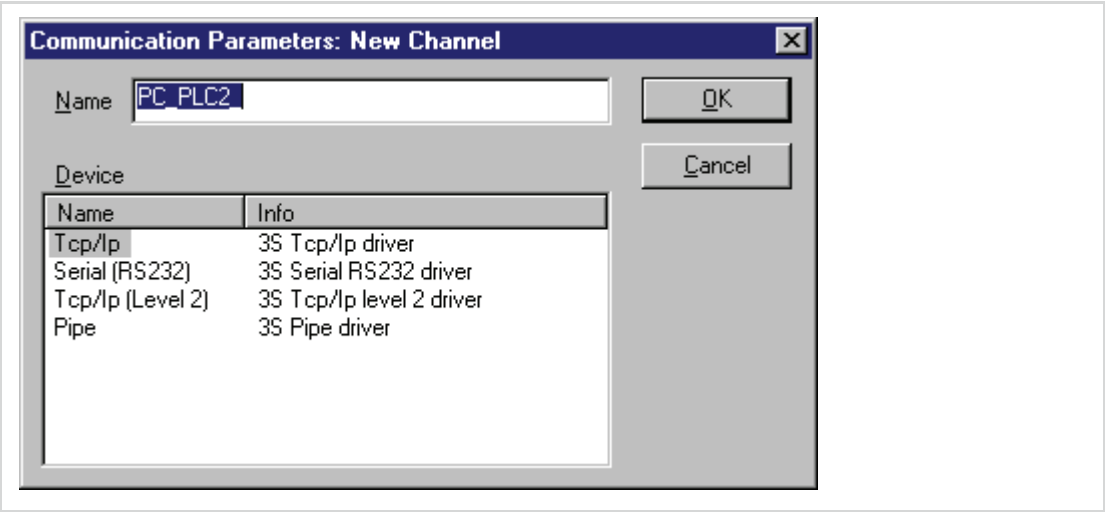
Now select one of the channels by clicking on an entry with the mouse. The corresponding parameters will then be shown in the table. If no connection can be established to the selected gateway address — possibly because it has not been started or the address is incorrect — the phrase 'not connected' appears in brackets after the address and a message 'No gateway with these settings could be found' appears. In this connection perform a quick check.

Once the desired channel is set up, close the dialog using **OK**. The settings are saved with the project.

6.6.25 Setting up a new channel for the local gateway server

You can set up new channels for the currently connected gateway server, which are then available for establishing further connection from the server, a connection to a controller for example. The options that you have in this regard depend on the particular choice of the number of device drivers installed on your computer.

Press the **New** button in the Communication Parameters dialog. The dialog **Communication Parameters: New Channel** comes up:



Example dialog, installing a new channel

- The input field **Name** automatically contains the name used for the last inputted channel. If no channel has yet been defined, the current gateway name will be offered, followed by an underline character , e.g. 'localhost_'. You can edit the channel name at this point. The channel name is purely informative, it does not have to be a unique name but it is recommended to use one.
- The **device** drivers available on the gateway computer are listed in the table under Device. In the Name column, select by mouse click one of the available drivers; the corresponding comment, if any, appears in the Info column.

If you close the '...New Channel' dialog with **OK**, the newly defined channel appears in the 'Communication Parameters' dialog as a new entry in **Channels** at the lowest position under the minus sign. So far, it is only stored locally in the project (see above). At this point you can edit the Value column (see tips below). Now confirm the entered parameters with OK, thus leaving the 'Communication Parameters' dialog.

In order for the newly entered gateway channel and its parameters to also be known to the gateway server xy, and thus also to make it available to other computers that access this gateway xy, you must **log into the run-time system.** If you then re-open the 'Online' 'Communication parameters' dialog, the new channel appears in the „channel tree“, not only in its previous position but also indented under the address or name of the gateway server xy. This indicates that it is known to the network. You can now open the Communication Parameter dialog on a computer other than the local one, select gateway xy and use its new channel.

If a communications error occurs when logging in, it is possible that the interface cannot be opened (e.g. COM1 for a serial connection) possibly because it is being used by another device. It is also possible that the controller is not running.

The parameters for a channel already known by the gateway server can no longer be edited in the configuration dialog. The parameter fields appear grey. You can, however, delete the connection as long as it is not active.

Note!

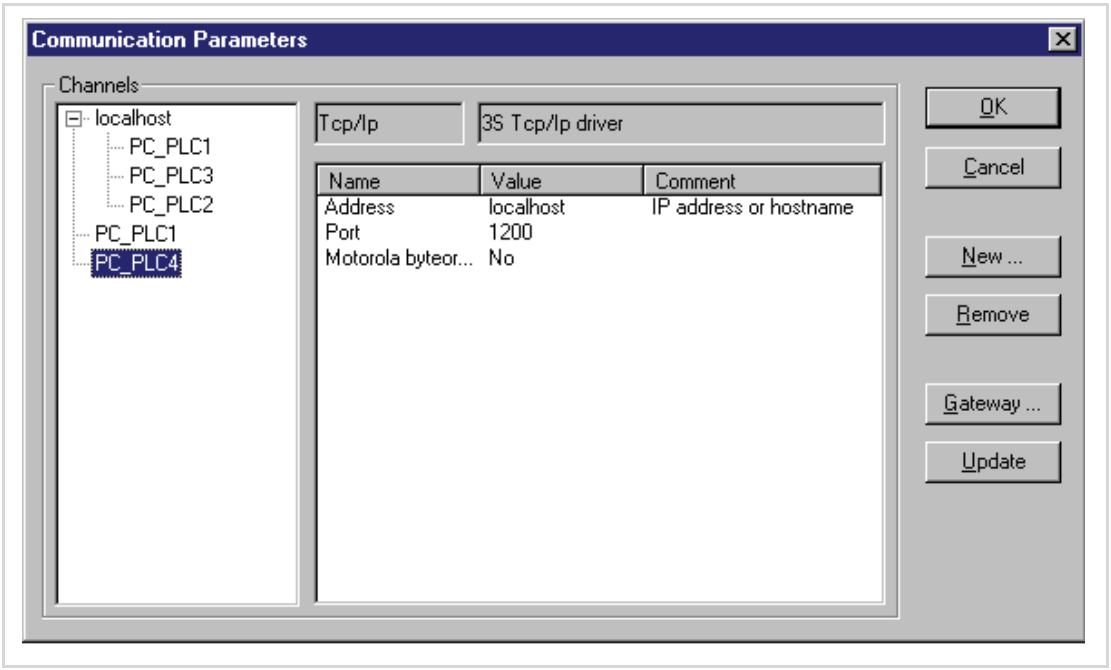
Please not that the deletion of a channel is not reversible. It occurs at the moment that you press on the button **Remove** !

6.6.26 What the communications parameters dialog on the local PC shows

This dialog is used to select a gateway server for the communication with a PLC. Furtheron there can be set up new channels for a gateway server which is installed on the local PC so that these channels can be used by other computers which are part of the network.

The current settings can be called up at any time using the button **Update**.

The dialog will appear as follows if the communications parameters have already been configured according to the example in 'Principle of a gateway system':



The Heading **Channels** lists two categories of connections:

- On the one hand all of the connections are shown which are installed on the currently connected gateway server called 'localhost'. Here the address or the name of this gateway is located on the upper position behind the minus sign, which in our example is running on the local computer. The appropriate address 'localhost' corresponds in the normal case to the IP address 127.0.0.1 of the local computer (PC_local). Below, indented to the right, are three addresses of run-time computers which the gateway channels are set-up to (PC_PLC1 to 3). They could have been configured both from the local PC or from the other PCs (PC_x) which are or were connected to the gateway server.

- The second category of the channels describes includes all connections to the gateway which can be set up from your local PC, over this configuration dialog for example. They create the "branch" which leads from the minus sign directly below to PC_PLC1 and PC_PLC4. These channel addresses do not necessarily have to be known yet at the gateway. For PC_PLC4 in the example described above, the configuration parameters are stored locally in the project but they will first be known to the gateway the next time log-in to the run-time system occurs. This has already occurred for PC_PLC1 since the associated gateway address has appeared as an additional "sub-branch" to the "channel tree".

In the central part of the dialog one finds the designation, in each case, of the left selected channel and the associated parameter under **Name**, **Value** and **Comment**.

6.6.27 Tips for editing the parameters in the communications parameters dialogue

You can only edit the text fields in the column **Value**.

Select a text field with the mouse, and get into the editing mode by double clicking or by pressing the space bar. The text input is finished by pressing the <Enter> key.

You can use <Tabulator> or <Shift> + <Tabulator> to jump to the next or the previous switching or editing possibility.

To edit numerical values it is possible with the arrow keys or the Page Up/Down keys to change the value by one or ten units respectively. A double click with the mouse also changes the value by increasing by one unit. A typing check is installed for numerical values: <Ctrl> + <Home> or <Ctrl> + <End> deliver the lowest or the highest value respectively for the possible input values for the type of parameter in question.

6.6.28 Quick check in the event of unsuccessful connection attempt to the gateway

You should make the following checks if the connection to the selected gateway computer is not successful. (You get the message „not connected" in the Communication Parameters dialog behind the gateway server address in the field Channels):

- Has the gateway server been started (the three-color symbol appears in the bottom right portion of the toolbar) ?
- Is the IP address that you entered in the 'Gateway: Communication Parameters' dialog really that of the computer on which the gateway is running ? (use „ping" to check)
- Is the TCP/IP connection working locally? The error may possibly lie with TCP/IP.

6.6.29 'Online' 'Sourcecode download'

This command loads the source code for the project into the controller system. This is not to be confused with the Code that is created when the project is compiled! You can enter the options that apply to Download (time, size) in the 'Project' 'Options' 'Source download ' dialog.

6.6.30 'Online' 'Create boot project'

With this command, the compiled project is set up on the controller in such a way that the controller can load it automatically when restarted. Storage of the boot project occurs differently depending on the target system. For example, on 386 systems three files are created: **default.prg** contains the project code, **default.chk** contains the code's checksum, **default.sts** contains the controller status after restart (start/stop).

The command 'Online' 'Create boot project' is also available in **offline mode** if the project has been built without errors. In this case the following files are created in the projects directory: **<projektname>.prg** for the boot project code, and **projektname>.chk** for the checksum. These files can be renamed as necessary and then be copied to a PLC.

Depending on the target system settings at the creation of a boot project in offline mode a new *.ri-file (download information) might be created. Also depending on the target setting a dialog will appear if this file is already existing.

Note!

If the project option **Implicit at create boot project** (category Source download) is activated, then the selected sources will be loaded automatically into the controller on the command 'Online' 'Create boot project'.

6.6.31 'Online' 'Write file to PLC'

This command is used for loading any desired file onto the controller. It opens the dialog for 'Write file to controller' in which you can select the desired file.

After the dialog is closed using the 'Open' button, the file is loaded into the controller and stored there under the same name. The loading process is accompanied by a progress dialog.

With the command 'Online' 'Load file from PLC' you can retrieve a file previously loaded on the controller.

6.6.32 'Online' 'Load file from PLC'

With this command, you can retrieve a file previously loaded into the controller using 'Online' 'Write file to PLC'. You receive the 'Load file from controller' dialog. Under Filename, provide the name of the desired file, and in the selection window enter the directory on your computer into which it is to be loaded as soon as the dialog is closed with the „Save" button.

6.7 Window set up...

Under the **'Window'** menu item you will find all commands for managing the windows. There are commands both for the automatic set up of your window as well as for opening the library manager and for changing between open windows. At the end of the menu you will find a list of all open windows in the sequence they were opened. You can switch to the desired window by clicking the mouse on the relevant entry. A check will appear in front of the active window.

6.7.1 'Window' 'Tile Horizontal'

With this command you can arrange all the windows horizontally in the work area so that they do not overlap and will fill the entire work area.

6.7.2 'Window' 'Tile Vertical'

With this command you can arrange all the windows vertically in the work area so that they do not overlap and will fill the entire work area.

6.7.3 'Window' 'Cascade'

With this command you can arrange all the windows in the work area in a cascading fashion, one behind another.

6.7.4 'Window' 'Arrange Symbols'

With this command you can arrange all of the minimized windows in the work area in a row at the lower end of the work area.

6.7.5 'Window' 'Close All'

With this command you can close all open windows in the work area.

6.7.6 'Window' 'Messages'

Shortcut: <Shift>+<Esc>

With this command you can open or close the message window with the messages from the last compiling, checking, or comparing procedure.

If the messages window is open, then a check (✓) will appear in front of the command.

6.8 Help when you need it...

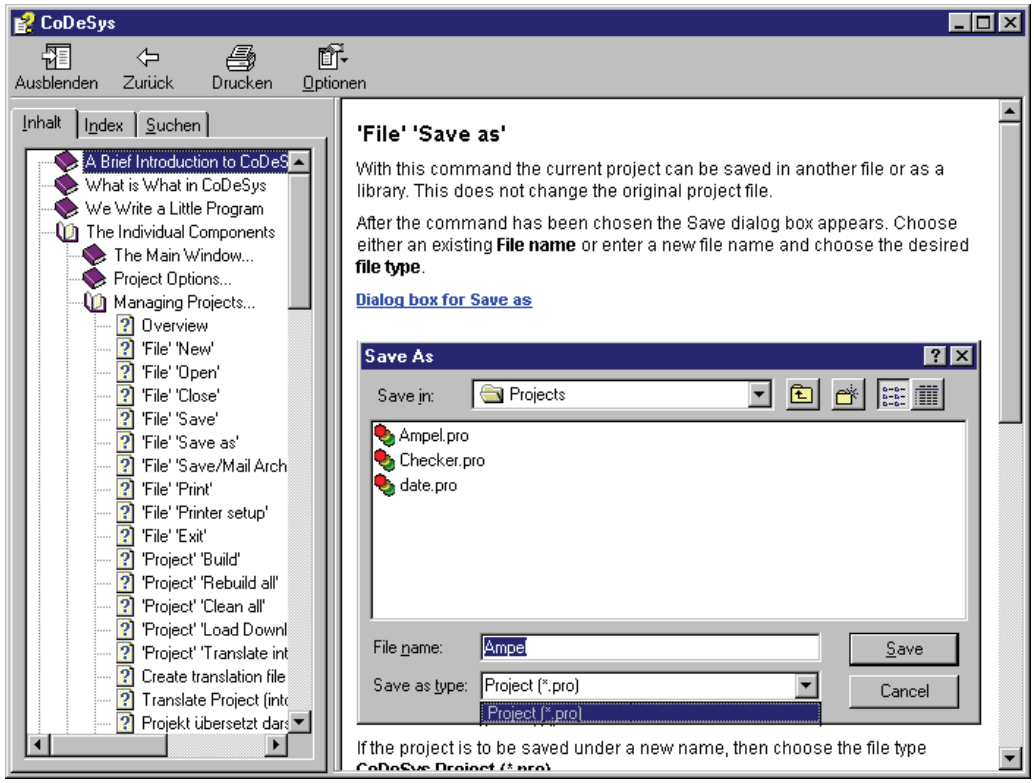
6.8.1 'Help' 'Contents' and 'Search'

With the commands Contents resp. Search in the Help menu you can open the help topics window, which will be displayed via the HTML Help Viewer (Internet Explorer V4.1 and higher).

The **Contents** tab shows the contents tree. The books can be opened and closed by a double-click or via the plus and minus signs. That page which is currently selected in the contents tree will be displayed in the right part of the window. Hyperlinks from the text to other help pages resp. expanding hotspots are marked by a different color and an underline. A mouse-click on such texts will open the linked page resp. will show the expanded text or a picture. For example you can click on "Help Topic Window" at the end of this page in order to get displayed a picture of a help window, or you can click on the hyperlink "Context Sensitive Help" in order to get to the respective help page.

In the **Index** tab you can look for help pages on specific items, in the **Search** tab a full-text search on all help pages can be done. Follow the instructions in the register cards.

See also: Context Sensitive Help.



Help Topics Window

6.8.2 Context Sensitive Help

Shortcut: <F1>

You can use the <F1> key in an active window, in a dialog box, or above a menu command in order to open the online help. When you perform a command from the menu, the help for the command called up at that time is displayed.

You can also highlight a text (for example, a key word or a standard function) and press <F1> to have the help displayed for that item.

7 Editors in PLC Designer

7.1 This is for all Editors...

7.1.1 Components of an Editor

All editors for POUs (Program Organization Units) consist of a declaration part and a body. The body can consist of other a text or a graphic editor; the declaration portion is always a text editor. Body and declaration part are separated by a screen divider that can be dragged, as required, by clicking it with the mouse and moving it up or down.

7.1.2 Print margins

The vertical and horizontal margins that apply when the editor contents are printed, are shown by red dashed lines if the **'Show print range'** option in the project options in the dialog **'Workspace'** was selected. The properties of the printer that was entered apply, as well as the size of the print layout selected in the 'File' 'Printer Setup' menu. If no printer setup or no print layout is entered, a default configuration is used (Default.DFR and default printer). The horizontal margins are drawn as if the options 'New page for each object' or 'New page for each sub-object' were selected in 'Documentation settings'. The lowest margin is not displayed.

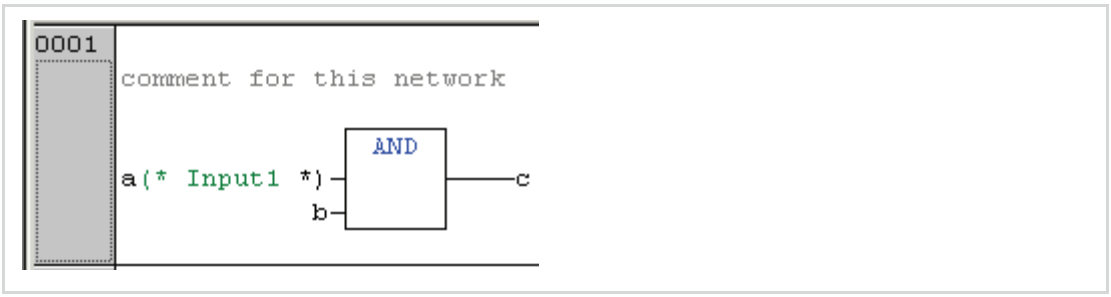
Note: An exact display of the print margins is only possible when a zoom factor of 100% is selected.

7.1.3 Comment

User comments must be enclosed in the special symbol sequences „(*" and „*)". Example: (*This is a comment.*)

- Comments are allowed in all text editors, at any location desired, that is in all declarations, in the IL and ST languages and in self-defined data types. If the project is printed out using a **template**, the comment that was entered during variable declaration appears in text-based program components after each variable.
- In the FBD and LD graphic editors, comments can be entered for each network. To do this, search for the network on which you wish to comment and activate **'Insert' 'Comment'**.
- Besides that comments always can be added where **variable names** are inserted.

Example in FBD for a network comment and for a comment placed behind an input variable:



In KOP a comment also can be added to each **contact** resp. each **coil**, if this is configured accordingly in the display options in menu 'Extras' 'Options'.

- In the Ladder Editor additionally a comment for each particular contact and coil can be added, if the corresponding options are activated in the menu 'Extras' 'Options'.
- In CFC there are special comment POUs which can be placed at will.
- In SFC, you can enter comments about a step in the dialog for editing step attributes.

Nested comments are also allowed if the appropriate option in the 'Project' 'Options' 'Build Options' dialog is activated.

In Online mode, if you rest the mouse cursor for a short time on a variable, the type and if applicable the address and comment of that variable are displayed in a **tooltip**.

7.1.4 Zoom to POU

Shortcut: <Alt>+<Enter>

With this command a selected POU is loaded into its editor. The command is available in the context menu (<F2>) or in the 'Extras' menu, if the cursor is positioned on the name of a POU in a text editor or if the POU box is selected in a graphic editor.

If you are dealing with a POU from a library, then the library manager is called up, and the corresponding POU is displayed.

7.1.5 Open instance

This command corresponds to the 'Project' 'Open instance' command.

It is available in the context menu (<F2>) or in the 'Extras' menu, if the cursor is positioned on the name of a function block in a text editor or if the function block box is selected in a graphic editor.

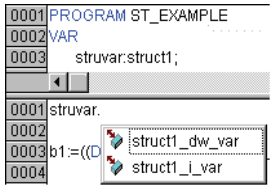
7.1.6 Intellisense Function

If the option List components is activated in the project options dialog for category 'Editor' , then the "Intellisense" functionality will be available in all editors, in the Watch and Receiptmanager, in the Visualization and in the Sampling Trace:

If you insert a dot "." instead of an identifier, a selection box will appear, listing all local and global variables of the project. You can choose one of these elements and press 'Return' to insert it behind the dot. You can also insert the element by a doubleclick on the list entry.

If you enter a function block instance or a structure variable followed by a dot, then a selection box listing all input and output variables of the corresponding function block resp. listing the structure components will appear, where you can choose the desired element and enter it by pressing 'Return' or by a doubleclick.

Example: Insert "struvar." -> the components of structure struct1 will be offered:



If you enter any string and press <Ctrl> + <Space Bar>, a selection box will appear listing all POUs and global variables available in the project. The list entry starting with the given string will be selected and can be entered to the program by pressing the <Enter> key.

7.1.7 Offline tooltip for Identifiers

In offline mode in all editors the following applies: If the cursor is placed on an editable identifier, in a tooltip the identifier's name, the variable class (e.g. VAR_GLOBAL), the data type, the variable's attributes (e.g. RETAIN), address and comment will be displayed.

7.1.8 Show cross references

If a variable identifier is selected in an editor, then this command "Show cross references" will be available in the 'Extras' menu or the context menu. It can be used to get a list of all positions within the project where the variable is used. For information on this cross reference list see: 'Project' 'Show cross reference'.

7.1.9 Add variables to watch list

If one or several variables or elements are selected in one of the POU editors, these can be inserted in a new or existing watch list via appropriate commands in the context menu. For details see 8.8.2. Creating Watchlists, Recipes.

7.2 Declaration Editor...

7.2.1 General

The declaration editor is used to declare variables of POUs and global variables, for data type declarations, and in the Watch and Receipt Manager. It gives access to the usual Windows functions, and even those of the IntelliMouse can be used if the corresponding driver is installed.

In Overwrite mode, **'OV'** is shown in black on the status bar; switching between Overwrite and Insert modes can be accomplished with the <Ins> key.

The declaration of variables is supported by syntax coloring.

The most important commands are found in the context menu (right mouse button or <Ctrl>+<F10>).

Note!

Regard the possibility of using pragmas to affect the properties of a variable concerning the compilation resp. precompilation process.

7.2.2 Declaration Part

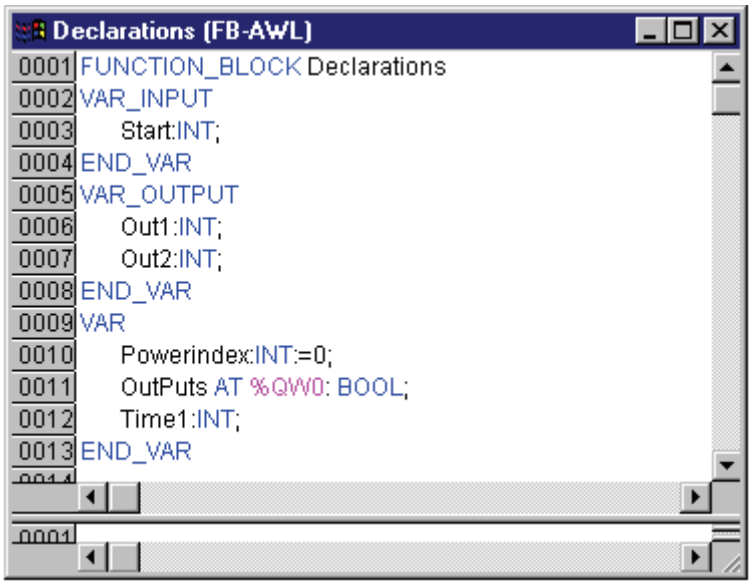
All variables to be used only in this POU are declared in the declaration part of the POU. These can include: input variables, output variables, input/output variables, local variables, remanent variables and constants. The declaration syntax is based on the IEC61131-3 standard.

Regard the possibility of using templates for objects of type 'Global Variables', 'Data types', 'Function', 'Function Block' or 'Program'.

Note!

Regard the possibility of using pragmas to affect the properties of a variable concerning the compilation resp. precompilation process.

An example of a correct declaration of variables in **»PLC Designer«**-Editor:



7.2.3 Recommendations on the naming of identifiers

Identifiers are defined at the declaration of variables (Variable names), user-defined data types and at the creation of POUs (functions, function blocks, programs) and visualizations. You might follow the following recommendations concerning the naming of identifiers in order to make it as unique as possible.

Variable names

The naming of variables in applications and libraries as far as possible should follow the Hungarian notation:

- For each variable a meaningful, short description should be found, the **base name**. The first letter of each word of a base name should be a capital letter, the others should be small ones (Example: FileSize). If needed additionally an translation file for other languages can be created.
- Before the base name, corresponding to the data type of the variable, **prefix(es)** are added in small letters.

Data type	lower limit	upper limit	Information content	Prefix	Comment
BOOL	FALSE	TRUE	1 Bit	x	
				b	reserved
BYTE			8 Bit	by	Bit string, not for arithm. operations
WORD			16 Bit	w	Bit string, not for arithm. operations
DWORD			32 Bit	dw	Bit string, not for arithm. operations
LWORD			64 Bit	lw	not for arithm. operations
SINT	-128	127	8 Bit	si	
USINT	0	255	8 Bit	usi	
INT	-32.768	32.767	16 Bit	i	
UINT	0	65.535	16 Bit	ui	
DINT	-2.147.483.648	2.147.483.647	32 Bit	di	
UDINT	0	4.294.967.295	32 Bit	udi	
LINT	-2^{63}	$2^{63} - 1$	64 Bit	li	
ULINT	0	$2^{64} - 1$	64 Bit	uli	
REAL			32 Bit	r	
LREAL			64 Bit	lr	
STRING				s	
TIME				tim	
TIME_OF_DAY				tod	
DATETIME				dt	
DATE				date	
ENUM			16 Bit	e	
POINTER				p	
ARRAY				a	

pointedly for BOOLean variables x is chosen as prefix, in order to differentiate from BYTE and also in order to accommodate the perception of an IEC-programmer (see addressing %IX0.0).

Examples:

```
bySubIndex: BYTE;
sFileName: STRING;
udiCounter: UDINT;
```

In nested declarations the prefixes are attached to each other in the order of the declarations:

Example:

```
pabyTelegramData: POINTER TO ARRAY [0..7] OF BYTE;
```

Function block instances and **variables** of user-defined data types as a prefix get a shortcut for the FB- resp. data type name (Examle: sdo).

Example:

```
cansdoReceivedTelegram: CAN_SDOTelegram;
TYPE CAN_SDOTelegram :     (* prefix: sdo *)
STRUCT
    wIndex:WORD;
    bySubIndex:BYTE;
    byLen:BYTE;
    aby: ARRAY [0..3] OF BYTE;
END_STRUCT
END_TYPE
```

Locale constants (c) start with prefix c and an attached underscore, followed by the type prefix and the variable name.

Example:

```
VAR CONSTANT
    c_uiSyncID: UINT := 16#80;
END_VAR
```

For **Global Variables** (g) and **Global Constants** (gc) an additional prefix + underscore is attached to the library prefix:

Examples:

```
VAR_GLOBAL
    CAN_g_iTest: INT;
END_VAR
VAR_GLOBAL CONSTANT
    CAN_gc_dwExample: DWORD;
END_VAR
```

User-defined data types (DUT)

The name of each **structure data type** consists of a library prefix (Example: CAN), an underscore and a preferably short expressive description (Example: SDOTelegram) of the structure. The associated prefix for used variables of this structure should follow directly after the colon.

Example:

```
TYPE CAN_SDOTelegram :     (* prefix: sdo *)
STRUCT
    wIndex:WORD;
    bySubIndex:BYTE;
    byLen:BYTE;
    abyData: ARRAY [0..3] OF BYTE;
END_STRUCT
END_TYPE
```

Enumerations start with the library prefix (Example: CAL), followed by an underscore and the identifier in capital letters.

Regard that in previous versions of PLC Designer ENUM values > 16#7FFF have caused errors, because they did not get converted automatically to INT values. For this reason ENUMs always should be defined with correct INT values.

Example:

```
TYPE CAL_Day :(
CAL_MONDAY,
CAL_TUESDAY,
CAL_WEDNESDAY,
CAL_THIRSDAY,
CAL_FRIDAY,
CAL_SATURDAY,
CAL_SUNDAY);
```

Declaration:

```
eToday: CAL_Day;
```

Functions, Function blocks, Programs (POU)

The names of functions, function blocks and programs consist of the library prefix (Example: CAN), an underscore and an expressive short name of the POU (Example: SendTelegram). Like with variables always the first letter of a word of the POU name should be a capital letter, the others should be small letters. It is recommended to compose the name of the POU of a verb and a substantive.

Example:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK CAN_SendTelegram (* prefix: canst *)
```

In the declaration part a short description of the POU should be provided as a comment. Further on all **inputs** and **outputs** should be provided with **comments**. In case of function blocks the associated prefix for set-up instances should follow directly after the name. **Actions** get no prefix; just actions which should be called only internally, i.e. by the POU itself, start with prv_.

Each **function** - for the reason of compatibility with previous PLC Designer versions - must have at least one parameter. **External functions** must not use structures as return values.

Identifiers for Visualizations

Note: Currently you must avoid that a visualization has the same name like another POU in the project. This would lead to problems in case of changes between visualizations.

7.2.4 Input Variable

Between the key words **VAR_INPUT** and **END_VAR**, all variables are declared that serve as input variables for a POU. That means that at the call position, the value of the variables can be given along with a call.

Example:

```
VAR_INPUT
 iIn1:INT (* 1. Inputvariable*)
END_VAR
```

7.2.5 Output Variable

Between the key words **VAR_OUTPUT** and **END_VAR**, all variables are declared that serve as output variables of a POU. That means that these values are carried back to the POU making the call. There they can be answered and used further.

Example:

```
VAR_OUTPUT
 iOut1:INT; (* 1. Outputvariable*)
END_VAR
```

7.2.6 Input and Output Variables

Between the key words **VAR_IN_OUT** and **END_VAR**, all variables are declared that serve as input and output variables for a POU.

Stop!

With this variable, the value of the transferred variable is changed ("transferred as a pointer", Call-by-Reference). That means that the input value for such variables cannot be a constant. For this reason, even the VAR_IN_OUT variables of a function block can not be read or written directly from outside via <functionblockinstance><in/outputvariable>.

Example:

```
VAR_IN_OUT
 iInOut1:INT; (* 1. Inputoutputvariable *)
END_VAR
```

7.2.7 Local Variables

Between the keywords **VAR** and **END_VAR**, all of the local variables of a POU are declared. These have no external connection; in other words, they can not be written from the outside.

Example:

```
VAR
 iLoc1:INT; (* 1. Local Variable*)
END_VAR
```

7.2.8 Remanent variables

Remanent variables can retain their value throughout the usual program run period. These include Retain variables and Persistent variables.

Example:

```
VAR RETAIN
 iRem1:INT; (* 1. Retain variable*)
END_VAR
```

Retain variables are identified by the keyword **RETAIN**. These variables maintain their value even after an uncontrolled shutdown of the controller as well as after a normal switch off and on of the controller (corresponding to command 'Online' 'Reset'). When the program is run again, the stored values will be processed further. A concrete example would be an piece-counter in a production line, that recommences counting after a power failure. All other variables are newly initialized, either with their initialized values or with the standard initializations.
Retains are reinitialized at 'Reset (cold)' and 'Reset (original)' and - contrary to Persistent variables - at a new download of the program.

Persistent variables are identified by the keyword **PERSISTENT.** Unlike Retain variables, these variables retain their value only after a re-Download, but not after an 'Online' 'Reset', 'Online' 'Reset (original)' or 'Online' 'Reset (cold)', because they are not saved in the "retain area". If also persistent variables should maintain their values after a uncontrolled shutdown of the controller, then they have to be declared additionally as VAR RETAIN variables. A concrete example of "persistent Retain-Variables" would be a operations timer that recommences timing after a power failure.

x = value will be retained - = value gets reinitialized

after Online command	VAR	VAR RETAIN	VAR PERSISTENT	VAR RETAIN PERSISTENT VAR PERSISTENT RETAIN
Reset			-	x
Reset cold			-	-
Reset origin			-	-
Download			x	x
Online Change			x	x

Stop!

If a local variable in a **program** is declared as VAR RETAIN, then exactly that variable will be saved in the retain area (like a global retain variable).

If a local variable in a **function block** is declared as VAR RETAIN, then the complete instance of the function block will be saved in the retain area (all data of the POU), whereby only the declared retain variable will be handled as a retain.

If a local variable in a **function** is declared as VAR RETAIN, then this will be without any effect. The variable will **not** be saved in the retain area ! If a local variable is declared as PERSISTENT in a function, then this will be without any effect also !

7.2.9 Constants, Typed Literals

Constants are identified by the key word **CONSTANT**. They can be declared locally or globally.

Syntax:

```
VAR CONSTANT
 <Identifier>:<Type> := <initialization>;
END_VAR
```

Example:

```
VAR CONSTANT

 c_iCon1:INT:=12; (* 1. Constant*)

END_VAR
```

See "Operands in »PLC Designer«" for a listing of possible constants. See there also regarding the possibility of using typed constants (Typed Literals).

7.2.10 External variables

Global variables which are to be imported into the POU are designated with the keyword EXTERNAL. They also appear in the Watch window of the declaration part in Online mode.

If the VAR_EXTERNAL declaration does not match the global declaration in every respect, the following error message appears: "Declaration of '<var>' does not match global declaration!"

If the global variable does not exist, the following error message appears: "Unkown global variable: '<var>'!"

Example:

```
VAR EXTERNAL

 iVarExt1:INT:=12; (* 1st external variable *)

END_VAR
```

7.2.11 Keywords

Keywords are to be written in uppercase letters in all editors. Keywords may not be used as variables. Examples for keywords: VAR, VAR_CONSTANT, IF, NOT, INT. See the list of keywords valid in »PLC Designer«.

7.2.12 Variables declaration

A variables declaration has the following syntax:

<Identifier> {AT <Address>}:<Type> {:=<initialization>};

The parts in the braces {} are optional.

Regarding the identifier, that is the name of a variable, it should be noted that it may not contain spaces or umlaut characters, it may not be declared in duplicate and may not be identical to any keyword. Upper/lowercase writing of variables is ignored, in other words VAR1, Var1 and var1 are not different variables. Underlines in identifiers are meaningful, e.g. A_BCD and AB_CD are interpreted as different identifiers. Multiple consecutive underlines at the beginning of an identifier or within a identifier are not allowed. The length of the identifier, as well as the meaningful part of it, are unlimited.

All declarations of variables and data type elements can include initialization. They are brought about by the ":=" operator. For variables of elementary types, these initializations are constants. The default-initialization is 0 for all declarations.

Example:

```
iVar1:INT:=12; (* Integer variable with initial value of
12*)
```

If you wish to link a variable directly to a definite address, then you must declare the variable with the keyword **AT**.

For faster input of the declarations, use the shortcut mode.

In function blocks you can also specify variables with incomplete address statements. In order for such a variable to be used in a local instance, there must be an entry for it in the variable configuration.

Pay attention to the possibility of an automatic declaration.

Note!

Regard the possibility of using pragmas to affect the properties of a variable concerning the compilation resp. precompilation process.

7.2.13 AT Declaration

If you wish to link a variable directly to a definite address, then you must declare the variable with the keyword **AT**. The advantage of such a procedure is that you can assign a meaningful name to an address, and that any necessary changes of an incoming or outgoing signal will only have to be made in one place (e.g., in the declaration).

Notice that variables requiring an input cannot be accessed by writing.

Examples:

```
xCounterHeat7 AT %QX0.0: BOOL;

wLightcabinetimpulse AT %IW2: WORD;

xDownload AT %MX2.2: BOOL;
```

Note!

If boolean variables are assigned to a Byte, Word or DWORD address, they occupy one byte with TRUE or FALSE, not just the first bit after the offset!

7.2.14 'Insert' 'Declaration keywords'

You can use this command to open a list of all the keywords that can be used in the declaration part of a POU. After a keyword has been chosen and the choice has been confirmed, the word will be inserted at the present cursor position.

You also receive the list, when you open the Input Assistant (<F2>) and choose the **Declarations** category.

7.2.15 'Insert' 'Type'

With this command you will receive a selection of the possible types for a declaration of variables. You also receive the list when you access the Input Assistant (<F2>).

The types are divided into these categories:

- Standard types BOOL, BYTE, etc.
- Defined types Structures, enumeration types, etc.
- Standard function blocks for instance declarations
- Defined function blocks for instance declarations
- **PLC Designer** supports all standard types of IEC1131-3

7.2.16 Syntax Coloring

In all editors you receive visual support in the implementation and declaration of variables. Errors are avoided, or discovered more quickly, because the text is displayed in color.

A comment left unclosed, thus annotating instructions, will be noticed immediately; keywords will not be accidentally misspelled, etc.

The following color highlighting will be used:

Blue	Keywords
Green	Comments in the text editors
Pink	Special constants (e.g. TRUE/FALSE, T#3s, %IX0.0)
Red	Input error (for example, invalid time constant, keyword, written in lower case,...)
Black	Variables, constants, assignment operators, ...

7.2.17 Shortcut Mode

The declaration editor for **»PLC Designer«** allows you to use the shortcut mode. This mode is activated when you end a line with <Ctrl><Enter>

The following shortcuts are supported:

- All identifiers up to the last identifier of a line will become declaration variable identifiers
- The type of declaration is determined by the last identifier of the line. In this context, the following will apply:

B or BOOL	gives the result	BOOL
I or INT	gives the result	INT
R or REAL	gives the result	REAL
S or string	gives the result	STRING

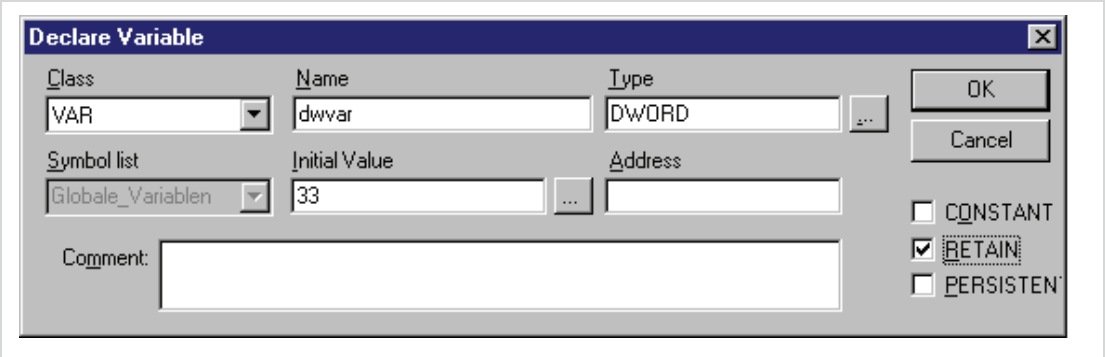
- If no type has been established through these rules, then the type is BOOL and the last identifier will not be used as a type (Example 1.).
- Every constant, depending on the type of declaration, will turn into an initialization or a string (Examples 2. and 3.).
- An address (as in %MD12) is extended around the ATATDeclaration>Proc... attribute(Example 4.).
- A text after a semicolon (;) becomes a comment (Example 4.).
- All other characters in the line are ignored (e.g., the exclamation point in Example 5.).

Examples:

Shortcut	Declaration
A	A: BOOL;
A B I 2	A, B: INT := 2;
ST S 2; A string	ST:STRING(2); (* A string *)
X %MD12 R 5 Real Number	X AT %MD12: REAL := 5.0;(* Real Number *)
B !	B: BOOL;

7.2.18 Autodeclaration

If the Autodeclaration option has been chosen in the Editor category of the Options dialog box , then a dialog box will appear in all editors after the input of a variable that has not yet been declared. With the help of this dialog box, the variable can now be declared.



Dialog Box for Declaration of Variables

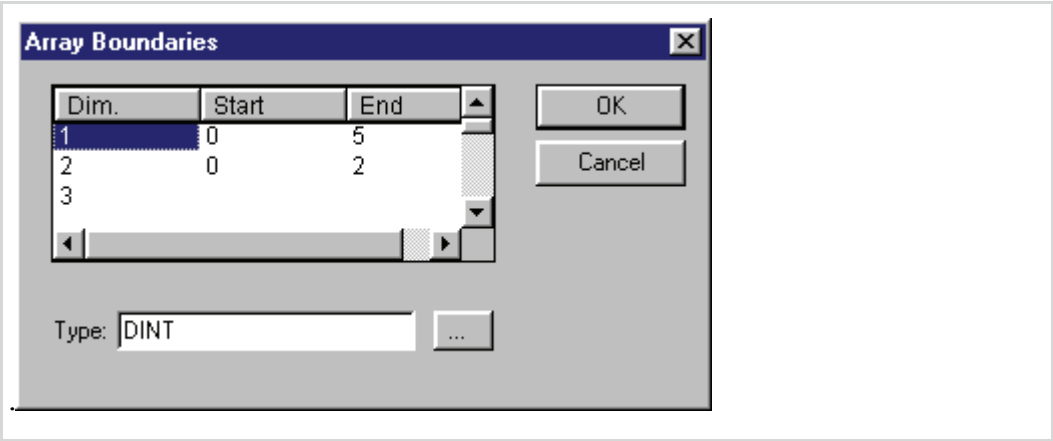
With the help of the **Class** combobox, select whether you are dealing with a local variable (**VAR**), input variable((**VAR_INPUT**), output variable (**VAR_OUTPUT**), input/output variable (**VAR_INOUT**), or a global variable (**VAR_GLOBAL**).

With the **CONSTANT**, **RETAIN**, **PERSISTENT** options, you can define whether you are dealing with a constant or a retain variable

The variable name you entered in the editor has been entered in the **Name** field, BOOL has been placed in the **Type** field. The  button opens the Input Assistant dialog which allows you to select from all possible data types.

Declaration of Arrays:

If ARRAY is chosen as the variable type, the dialog for entering array boundaries appears.



Dialog for determining array boundaries during automatic declaration

For each of the three possible dimensions (**Dim.**), array boundaries can be entered under **Start** and **End** by clicking with the mouse on the corresponding field to open an editing space. The array data type is entered in the **Type** field. In doing this, the  button can be used to call up an input assistant dialog.

Upon leaving the array boundaries dialog via the **OK** button, variable declarations in IEC format are set up based on the entries in the Type field in the dialog.
Example: ARRAY [1..5, 1..3] OF INT

In the field **Initial value**, you may enter the initial value of the variable being declared. If this is an array or a valid structure, you can open a special initialization dialog via the  button or , or open the input assistant dialog for other variable types.

In the initialization dialog for an array you are presented a list of array elements; a mouse click on the space following „:="opens an editing field for entering the initial value of an element.

In the initialization dialog for a structure, individual components are displayed in a tree structure. The type and default initial value appear in brackets after the variable name; each is followed by „:=". A mouse click on the field following „:=" opens an editing field in which you can enter the desired initial value. If the component is an array, then the display of individual fields in the array can be expanded by a mouse click on the plus sign before the array name and the fields can be edited with initial values.

After leaving the initialization dialog with **OK**, the initialization of the array or the structure appears in the field **Initial value** of the declaration dialog in IEC format.

Example: x:=5,field:=2,3,struct2:=(a:=2,b:=3)

In the **Address** field, you can bind the variable being declared to an IEC address (AT declaration).

If applicable, enter a **Comment**. The comment can be formatted with line breaks by using the key combination <Ctrl> + <Enter>.

By pressing **OK**, the declaration dialog is closed and the variable is entered in the corresponding declaration editor in accordance to the IEC syntax.

Note!

The dialog box for variable declaration you also get by the command 'Edit' 'Declare Variable'. If the cursor is resting on a variable in Online mode, the Autodeclare window can be opened with <Shift><F2> with the current variable-related settings displayed.

7.2.19 Line Numbers in the Declaration Editor

In offline mode, a simple click on a special line number will mark the entire text line.

In the online mode, a single click on a specific line number will open up or close the variable in this line, in case a structural variable is involved.

7.2.20 Declarations as tables

If the **Declarations as tables** option is activated in the Project Options (category ‘Editor’) or – if you already are working in the declaration editor - in the context menu, the declaration editor looks like a table. As in a card-index box, you can select the register cards of the respective variable types and edit the variables.

For each variable you are given the following entry fields.

Name:	Input the identifier of the variable.
Address:	If necessary, input the address of the variable (AT declaration)
Type:	Input the type of the variable. (Input the function block when instantiating a function block)
Initial:	Enter a possible initialization of the variable (corresponding to the ":= " assignment operator).
Comment:	Enter a comment here.

Both of the display types of the declaration editor can be changed without causing any problems. In the online mode, there are no different display types.

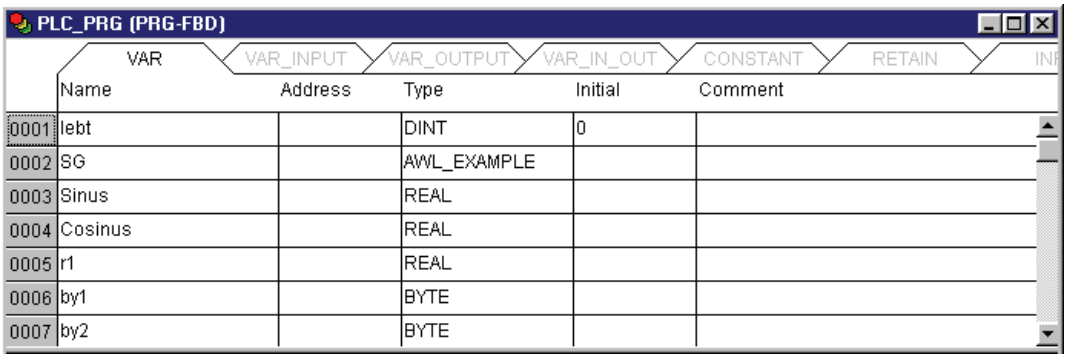
Insert new declaration:

In order to edit a new variable, select the 'Insert' 'New Declaration' command.

Sorting the declarations:

In order to sort the table entries, set the cursor to the line number bar at the left border of the editor window and choose one of the following commands in the context menu:

- **Sort by name**: All lines are sorted alphabetically according to the identifier names in column ‘Name’.
- **Sort by address**: All lines are sorted alphabetically according to the address entries in column ‘Address’.
- **Sort by type**: All lines are sorted alphabetically according to the type names in column ’Type’.
- **Original order**: The lines are displayed in the order in which they had been entered originally.



Declaration Editor as a Table

7.2.21 'Insert' 'New Declaration'

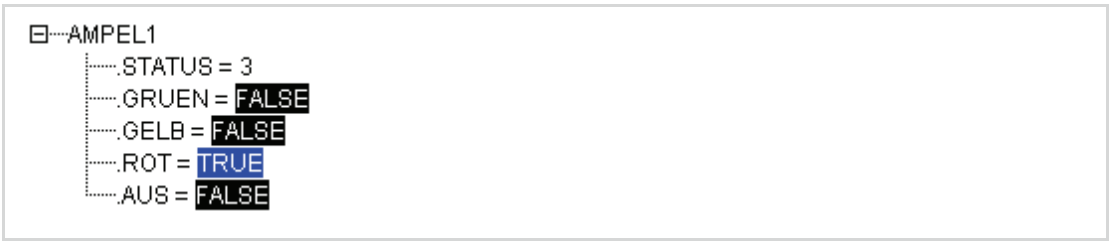
With this command you bring a new variable into the declaration table of the declaration editor. If the present cursor position is located in an field of the table, then the new variable will be pasted in the preceding line; otherwise, the new variable is pasted at the end of the table. Moreover, you can paste a new declaration at the end of the table by using the right arrow key or the tab key in the last field of the table.

You will receive a variable that has "Name" located in the **Name** field, and "Bool" located in the **Type** field, as its default setting. You should change these values to the desired values. Name and type are all that is necessary for a complete declaration of variables.

7.2.22 Declaration Editors in Online Mode

In online mode , the declaration editor changes into a monitor window. In each line there is a variable followed by the equal sign (=) and the value of the variable. If the variable at this point is undefined, three question marks (???) will appear. For function blocks, values are displayed only for open instances (command: 'Project' 'Open instance').

In front of every multi-element variable there is a plus sign. By pressing <Enter> or after doubleclicking on such a variable, the variable is opened up. In the example, the traffic signal structure would be opened up.



When a variable is open, all of its components are listed after it. A minus sign appears in front of the variable. If you doubleclick again or press <Enter>, the variable will be closed, and the plus sign will reappear.

Pressing <Enter> or doubleclicking on a single-element variable will open the dialog box to write a variable. Here it is possible to change the present value of the variable. In the case of Boolean variables, no dialog box appears; these variables are toggled.

The new value is displayed after the variable, in pointed brackets and in turquoise color, and remains unchanged. If the 'Online' 'Write values' command is given, then all variables are placed in the selected list and are once again displayed in black.

If the 'Online' 'Force values' command is given, then all variables will be set to the selected values, until the 'Release force' command is given. In this event, the color of the force value changes to red.

7.3 Pragma instructions

7.3.1 Pragmas, Overview

The pragma instruction is used to affect the properties of a variable concerning the compilation resp. precompilation process. It can be used in with supplementary text in a program line of the declaration editor or in its own line.

The pragma instruction is enclosed in curly brackets, upper- and lower-case are ignored: { <Instruction text> }

If the compiler cannot meaningfully interpret the instruction text, the entire pragma is handled as a comment and read over. A warning will be issued in this case.

Depending on the type and contents of pragma, the pragma either operates on the line in which it is located or on all subsequent lines until it is ended by an appropriate pragma, or the same pragma is executed with different parameters, or the end of the file is reached. By file we mean here: declaration part, implementation portion, global variable list, type declaration.

The opening bracket may immediately follow a variable name. Opening and closing brackets must be located on the same line.

The following pragmas are currently available in »PLC Designer«:

- Pragma {flag} for Initialization, Monitoring, Creation of symbols
- Pragma {bitaccess...} for the Bitaccess
- Pragma {link} for linking POUs during Compilation
- Pragma {parameter..}, {template...}, {instance...} for creating for Parameter Manager entries
- Pragmas for Controlling the Display of Library Declaration Parts

7.3.2 Pragma instructions for Initialization, Monitoring, Creation of symbols, Bitaccess

See on this page the description of the following pragmas:

- {flag ...} for initialization, monitoring, creation of symbols
- {bitaccess ... } for bitaccess
- {link} for forcing the linking of a POU or DUT during compilation

Pragma {flag} for Initialization, Monitoring, Creation of symbols

{flag [<flags>] [off|on]}

<flags> can be a combination of the following flags:

noinit:	The variable will not be initialized.
nowatch:	The variable can not be monitored
noread:	The variable is exported to the symbol file without read permission
nowrite:	The variable is exported to the symbol file without write permission
noread, nowrite:	The variable will not get exported to the symbol file

With the „**on**" modifier, the pragma operates on all subsequent variable declarations until it is ended by the pragma {flag **off**}, or until overwritten by another {flag <flags> on} pragma.

Without the „on" or „off" modifier, the pragma operates only on the current variable declaration (that is the declaration that is closed by the next semicolon).

Examples for use of pragma {flag}:

Initialization and monitoring of variables:

The variable a will not be initialized and will not be monitored. The variable b will not be initialized:

```
VAR
 a : INT {flag noinit, nowatch};
 b : INT {flag noinit };

END_VAR

VAR
 {flag noinit, nowatch on}
 a : INT;
 {flag noinit on}
 b : INT;
 {flag off}

END_VAR
```

Neither variable will be initialized:

```
{flag noinit on}

VAR
a : INT;
b : INT;

END_VAR

{flag off}

VAR
{flag noinit on}
a : INT;

b : INT;

{flag off}

END_VAR
```

Getting variables to the symbol file:

The flags „**noread**" and „**nowrite**" are used, in a POU that has read and/or write permission, to provide selected variables with restricted access rights. The default for the variable is the same as the setting for the POU in which the variable is declared. If a variable has neither read nor write permission, it will not be exported into the symbol file.

Examples:

If the POU has read and write permission, then with the following pragmas variable a can only be exported with write permission, while variable b can not be exported at all:

```
VAR
 a : INT {flag noread};
 b : INT {flag noread, nowrite};

END_VAR

VAR
 { flag noread on}
 a : INT;
 { flag noread, nowrite on}
 b : INT;
 {flag off}

END_VAR
```

Neither variable a nor b will be exported to the symbol file:

```
{ flag noread, nowrite on }
VAR
 a : INT;
 b : INT;
END_VAR
{flag off}

VAR
 { flag noread, nowrite on}
 a : INT;
 b : INT;
 {flag off}
END_VAR
```

The pragma operates additively on all subsequent variable declarations.

Example: (all POUs in use will be exported with read and write permission)

```
a : afb;

...

FUNCTION_BLOCK afB
VAR
 b : bfb {flag nowrite};
 c : INT;
END_VAR

...

FUNCTION_BLOCK bfB
VAR
 d : INT {flag noread};
 e : INT {flag nowrite};
END_VAR
```

„a.b.d": Will not be exported

„a.b.e": Will be exported only with read permission

„a.c": Will be exported with read and write permission.

Pragma {bitaccess...} for the Bitaccess

This pragma can be used to get a correct display of a variable, which is doing a bitaccess with the help of a global constant, in the input assistant, in the intellisense function and at monitoring in the declaration window. Furtheron it will effect that, when this variable is monitored in the declaration window of the particular POU, the used global constants are shown below the respective structure variable.

Note!

The project option 'Replace constants' (category Build) must be activated !

The pragma must be inserted in the declaration of the structure in a separate line. The line is not terminated by a semicolon.

Syntax:

{bitaccess <Global Constant> <Bitnumber> '<comment>'}

<Global Constant> : Name of the global constant, which must be defined in a global variables list.

<Bitnumber> : Value of the global constant, as defined in the global variables list.

For an **example** click here. See for an example in chapter Operands in CoDeSys, Addressing bits in variables.

7.3.3 Pragma {link} for linking a POU during code generation

Normally a POU (program, function, function block) or a data unit type definition (DUT) which is not called within the project, will not be linked during code generation. But it might be desired that a function, e.g. included in the project via a library, should be available after download on the runtime system even if it is not used by the application program directly (e.g. for any check operations). For this purpose you can add the {link} pragma at any desired position in the declaration part of a POU or in a DUT in order to force a linking of the POU anyway.

7.3.4 Pragma instructions for Parameter Manager entries

Pragma instructions can be inserted in variable declarations in order to create entries for these variables in parameter lists which are handled in the Parameter Manager. It depends on the target system, whether the Parameter Manager is available in the PLC Designer programming system. This means it must be activated in the target settings, category Networkfunctionality.

The syntax :

- The pragma instruction is enclosed in curly brackets, upper- and lower-case are ignored: { <Instruction text> }. If it is included in "normal" variable declarations, it must be set before the terminating semicolon of the declaration.
- Pragmas, which are used in the VAR_CONFIG interface, are set each in a single line and are not terminated with a semicolon !
- <name>: Name of the parameter list in the Parameter Manager. If the list does not yet exist, it will be created.
- <key>: Name of the attribute, i.e. column title in the parameter list; e.g. "Name", "Value", "Accesslevel" etc.; It depends on the definition of the customer specific parameter list type, which keys can be defined in the pragma. The key definitions are written separated by space characters, all together enclosed in square brackets. Regard the syntax for entries in instance lists for arrays, structure resp. function block components.(see below, 3.).
- <value>: Value of the attribute which is defined by <key>. If <value> contains empty spaces it must be enclosed in double quotation marks, e.g. ...accessright="read only"...

Note!

The pragma instructions will be effective as soon as the focus is changed, that means as soon as a precompile is done e.g. via leaving the editor window. Erroneous inputs will not be messaged until the project is compiled.

The following entries can be generated:

- Entries in parameter lists of type 'Variables'
  - from the declaration part of programs and global variables lists:

    For a variable defined in a PROGRAM- or VAR_GLOBAL declaration an entry in a parameter list of type 'Variables' can be created, if it is declared like described in the following: (If the parameter list does not yet exist, it will be created automatically)

    Syntax:

    {parameter list=<name> [<key>=<value> <key>=<value> ...further keys] }

    Example: Variable bvar is declared in a program. It should be entered in the parameter list parlist1 (type 'Variables') with symbolic name bvar1, value 102, index 16#1200 and subindex 16#2l.

```
VAR

bvar:INT{parameter list=parlist1 [name=bvar1 value=102
index=16#1200 subindex=16#1 ] };

END_VAR
```

  - via a declaration in the VAR_CONFIG Interface:

    There is the possibility to create an entry for a variable in a parameter list of type 'Variables' by placing a pragma in a VAR_CONFIG window (independent of variable configurations, which also are done in the VAR_CONFIG interface !): (If the parameter list does not yet exist, it will be created automatically)

    Syntax:

```
{parameter list=<name> path=<path> [ <key>=<value>
<key>=<value>  ...further keys  ] }
```

    <path> Path of the variable, for which the entry should be generated, e.g. "PLC_PRG.act1.var_x"

    Example: For variable var_x an entry is created in parameter list "varlist1", symbolic name is "xvar".

```
VAR_CONFIG

{parameter list=varlist1 path=PLC_PRG.act1.var_x [
name=xvar ] }

END_VAR
```

- Entries in parameter lists of type 'Template' via function blocks and structures
  - Pragmas in variable declarations in function blocks and structures can be used to create entries in parameter lists of type 'Template'. (If the template does not yet exist, it will be created automatically)

    Syntax:

    ```
    {template list=<name> [ <key>=<value> <key>=<value>
     ...further keys  ] }
    ```

    Example: Variable strvar, which is an element of structure "stru1", should be entered in a parameter list "templ1" of type 'Template'; symbolic name (member) of the entry is "struvar1, the access level is "low" :

    ```
    TYPE stru :

      STRUCT

      ivar:INT;

      strvar:STRING{template list=vorl1 [member=struvar1
    accesslevel=low] };

    END_STRUCT

    END_TYPE
    ```

- Entries in parameter lists of type 'Instance' (for arrays, function block- or structure variables)
  - via declarations in programs or global variable lists

    At the declaration of arrays, function block- or structure variables in a program or in a global variables list directly an parameter list of type 'Instance' can be created:

    Syntax:

    ```
    {instance list=<name>  template=<template>
    baseindex=<index> basesubindex=<subindex> [ <key>=<value
    for first element > <key>=<value for first element >
     ...further keys for first element  ] | [ <key>=<value
    for second element > <key>=<value for second element >
     ..further keys for second element  ] | [keys for
    further elements]}
    ```

    For arrays the key "template" will automatically be defined with the implicitly available template "ARRAY", for structures and function blocks an appropriate template must be available in the Parameter Manager and must be part of the here described declaration.

For each particular array- resp. structure or function block element an individual entry can be pre-defined in the parameter list: For example per each element an own definition [name=<elementname>] can be specified.

The key definitions of each particular element (all keys of a particular element must be enclosed by the same square brackets!) are to be arranged in a row, separated by empty spaces. The definition packages for the elements will automatically refer to the elements according to the ascending order of the index (Member). If there are not as many key-definitions available as there are elements in the array resp. the structure or the function block, then the remaining elements will get assigned the same values as the last individually defined element (Exception for key "name" for arrays, see below)! (see example 1b).

Automatisms concerning key "name" when entering arrays in parameter lists:

If you do not specify a name for an array element in the pragma, that element and all following elements automatically will get the names <POU name>_<Array variable name>_<corresponding array index number>.
Example: Array variable ARRVAR [1..8] of INT in POU PLC_PRG is to be entered in a variable list via a pragma; If key "name" is not defined in the pragma, the particular array elements in the parameter list automatically will be named "PLC_PRG_arrvar_1" to "PLC_PRG_arrvar_8".

"<name>_<first index number of array range>" for the first array element via the pragma, the following array elements in the parameter list automatically will be named “<name>_<corresponding index number>”.
Example: Array variable ARRVAR [1..8] of INT in is to be entered in a variable list via a pragma; The pragma just specifies [name=xyz_1]“ for the first array element and thus in the parameter list the following elements automatically will get the names "xyz_2" to "xyz_8”.

Stop!

Do not define a value for the key "Member"; this column will be filled automatically by using the array index values.

Examples:

Example1a: An array variable arr_1 is declared as described in the following in order to create a parameter list *arrinst* of type 'Instance' (if not yet available), in which the array components get entered, whereby each element first will get a symbolic name *xname_<index number>* (could be edited afterwards in the parameter manager) and the subindex will be counted up by 1 for each entry, starting with 0 (basesubindex). Accesslevel=low will be applied to all elements.

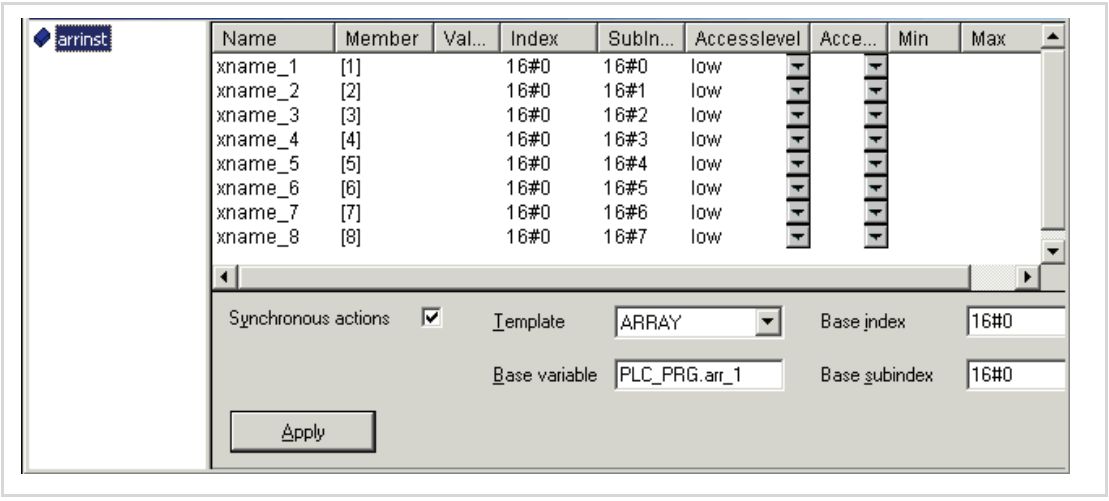
```
arr_1: ARRAY [1..8] OF INT{instance list=arrinst
template=ARRAY baseindex=16#0 basesubindex=16#0 [name=xname_1
accesslevel=low] };
```

Example1b: For an array variable *arr_1* just for the elements 1 to 4 already names are defined via the pragma, the elements 5 to 8 therefore automatically will get the name of element 4 extended by a Underline and the appropriate index number, i.e. "xname_5" to " xname_8". Regard that further key-definitions for a particular element must be entered within the same square brackets as shown here for the first and for the fourth element regarding the accesslevel:

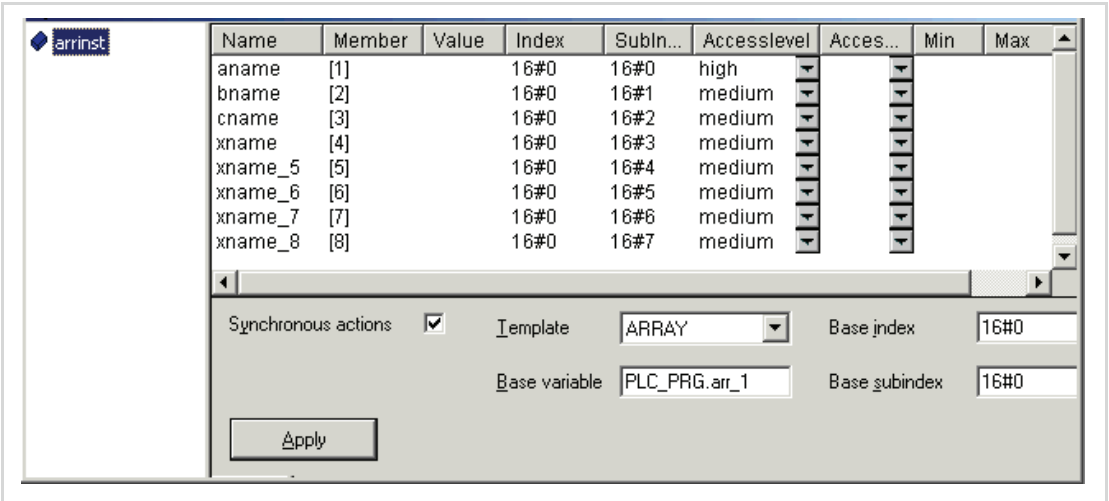
```
arr_1: ARRAY [1..8] OF INT{instance list=arrinst
template=ARRAY baseindex=16#0 basesubindex=16#0 [name=aname
accesslevel=high][name=bname][name=cname][name=xname
accesslevel=medium]};
```

Example 1a and 1b, Entries for an array in an instance list

Example1a:

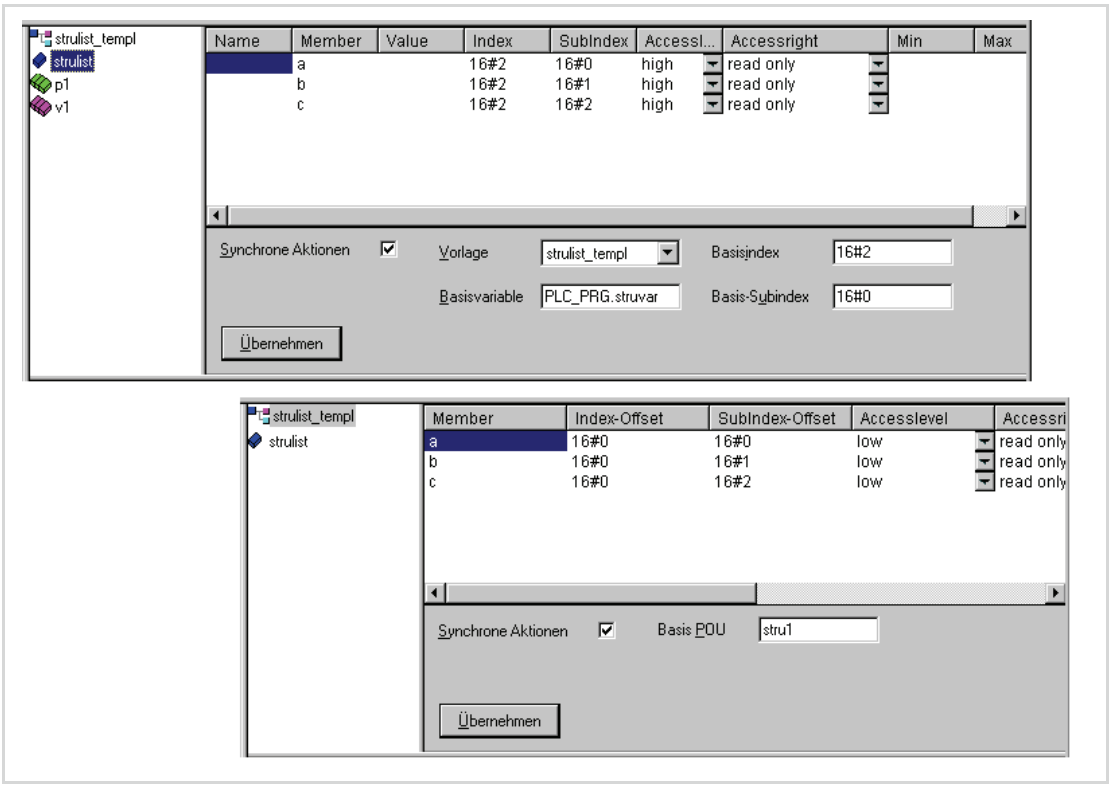


Example1b:



Example 2: A structure variable of type stru1 (contains variables a,b,c) is declared as described in the following in order to get entries in a parameter list of type 'Instance' which is basing on the template strulist_temp; the list will get entries for the components a,b,c, no symbolic names are assigned, the access level is set to "high" and each index value defined by the template will be increased by 2. Make sure that the template defined in the pragma is available in the Parameter Manager:

```
struvar:stru1{instance list=strulist template=strulist_templ
baseindex=16#2 basesubindex=16#0 [accesslevel=high] };
```



Example2, Entries for structure variable in Template

– via declarations in the VAR_CONFIG interface

  For variables which can be instanced, you can directly create entries in an parameter list of type 'Instance' by a pragma in a VAR_CONFIG window (independent of variable configuration definitions which are also done in this interface !). (If the template does not yet exist, it will be created automatically)

  Make sure that the Template defined in the pragma is already available in the Parameter Manager..

  Syntax:

```
{instance list=<name> path=<path>  template=<template>
baseindex=<index> basesubindex=<subindex>[ <key>=<value>
<key>=<value>  ...further keys ] }
```

  <path>: The instance path of the variable;e.g. "*PLC_PRG.fb1inst*", hereby *fb1inst* is an instance of function block *fb1*.

Example: The following entry in a VAR_CONFIG window will create entries for all variables of function block *fb1*in an instance list *varinst1* basing on the template *fb1_templ* (which must be already available). For each entry the index offset, which is predefined by the template, will be increased by 2 (baseindex), the subindex offset will not be modified (basesubindex). Each entry gets a symbolic name *fb1var*, which you must edit afterwards in the Parameter Manager.

```
VAR_CONFIG

{instance list=varinst1 path=PLC_PRG.fb1
template=fb1_templ baseindex=16#2 basesubindex=16#0 [
name=fb1var ]}

END_VAR
```

7.3.5 Pragmas for Controlling the Display of Library Declaration Parts

During creation of a library in »PLC Designer« you can define via pragmas which parts of the declaration window should be visible resp. not visible in the Library Manager later when the library will be included in a project. The display of the implementation part of the library will not be affected by that.

Thus comments or any variables declarations can be concealed from the user. The pragmas {library private} and {library public} each affect the rest of the same line resp. the subsequent lines, as long as they are not overwritten by the each other one.

Syntax: {library public} The subsequent test will be displayed in the Library Manager. {library private} : he subsequent test will be not displayed.

Example: See below the declaration part of a library, which is created in »PLC Designer«. The comment "(* this is for all *)" should be displayed in the Library Manager after having included the library in a project., the comment "(* but this is not for all ")" however should not be displayed.

The variables local and in2 also should not be displayed:

```
{library public}(* this is for all *) {library private} (*
this is not for all *)

{library public}

FUNCTION afun : BOOL

VAR_INPUT

in: BOOL;

END_VAR

{library private}

VAR

local: BOOL;

END_VAR

{library public}

VAR_INPUT

in2: BOOL;

{library private}

in3: BOOL;

{library public}

END_VAR
```

7.3.6 Pragma for nonpersistent data types

Normally the following is valid: Even if only one local variable in a function block or a structure is declared persistent, at usage of an instance automatically all components will be stored in the persistent information (persist.dat) on the runtime system. In order to save space you can use the pragma

{nonpersistent}

in the declaration of the function block resp. the structure. It effects that only those components of the function block resp. structure, which are declared as "persistent", will be entered to the persistent info.

Example:

If an instance of the following function block is declared as persistent, only variables local and fblevel3 will be written to the persistent info. Without pragma {nonpersistent} all function block variables would be stored there.

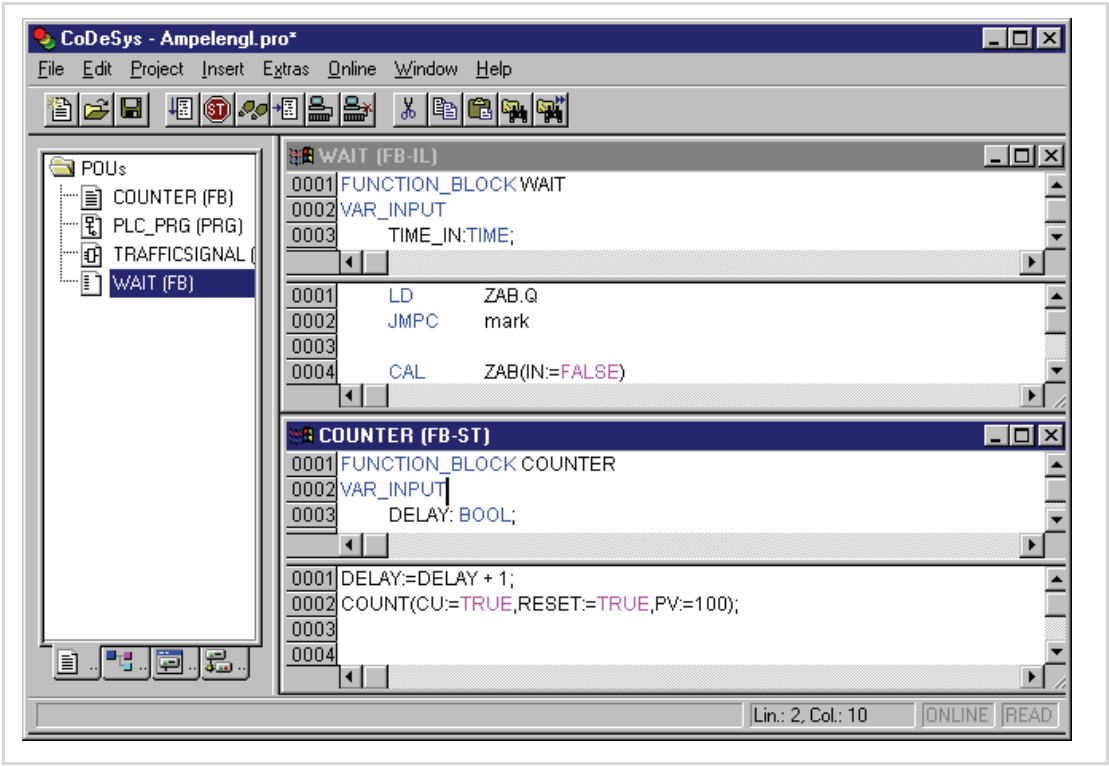
```
FUNCTION_BLOCK FB_Level_2
{nonpersistent}
VAR_INPUT
bvar_in : BOOL;
END_VAR
VAR_OUTPUT
bvar_out : BOOL;
END_VAR
VAR
ivar2 : INT;
END_VAR
VAR PERSISTENT
local : INT := 33;
fblevel3 : FB_Level_3;
END_VAR
```

7.4 The Text Editors...

The text editors used for the implementation portion (the Instruction List editor and the Structured Text editor) of **»PLC Designer«** provide the usual Windows text editor functions.

The implementation in the text editors is supported by syntax coloring.

In Overwrite mode the status bar shows a black **OV**. You can switch between Overwrite mode and Insert mode by key <Ins>



The most important commands are found in the context menu (right mouse button or <Ctrl>+<F10>).

The text editors use the following menu commands in special ways:

7.4.1 'Insert' 'Operators'in text editors

With this command all of the operators available in the current language are displayed in a dialog box.

If one of the operators is selected and the list is closed with **OK**, then the highlighted operator will be inserted at the present cursor position. (This is managed here just as it is in the Input Assistant).

7.4.2 'Insert' 'Operand'in text editors

With this command all variables in a dialog box are displayed. You can select whether you would like to display a list of the global, the local, or the system variables.

If one of the operands is chosen, and the dialog box is closed with **OK**, then the highlighted operand will be inserted at the present cursor position. (This is managed here just as it is in the Input Assistant).

7.4.3 'Insert' 'Function' in text editors

With this command all functions will be displayed in a dialog box. You can choose whether to have a list displaying user-defined or standard functions.

If one of the functions is selected and the dialog box is closed with **OK**, then the highlighted function will be inserted at the current cursor position. (The management will proceed, as in the input selection.)

If the **With arguments** option was selected in the dialog box, then the necessary input and output variables will also be inserted.

7.4.4 'Insert' 'Function Block' in text editors

With this command all function blocks are displayed in a dialog box. You can choose whether to have a list displaying user-defined or standard function blocks.

If one of the function blocks is selected and the dialog box is closed with **OK**, then the highlighted function block will be inserted at the current cursor position. (This is managed here just as it is in the Input Assistant).

If the **With arguments** option was selected in the dialog box, then the necessary input variables of the function block will also be inserted. However you are not forced to assign these parameters.

7.4.5 Calling POUs with output parameters in text editors

The output parameters of a called POU can be directly assigned upon being called in the text languages IL and ST.

Example:

Output parameter out1 of afbinst is assigned variable a.

```
IL:  CAL afbinst(in1:=1, out1=>a)

ST: afbinst(in1:=1, out1=>a);
```

If the POU is inserted via input assistant (<F2>) with option 'With arguments' in the implementation window of a ST or IL POU, it will automatically be displayed with all parameters in this syntax. However you are not forced to assign these parameters.

7.4.6 The text editors in Online mode

The online functions in the editors are set breakpoint and single step processing (steps). Together with the monitoring, the user thus has the debugging capability of a modern Windows standard language debugger.

In Online mode, the text editor window is vertically divided in halves. On the left side of the window you will then find the normal program text; on the right side you will see a display of the variables whose values were changed in the respective lines. The width of the window halves can be modified by drawing the divider with the mouse.

The display is the same as in the declaration part. That means that when the PLC is running, the present values of the respective variables will be displayed.

The following should be noted when monitoring expressions or Bit-addressed variables: in the case of expressions, the value of the entire expression is always displayed. Example: a AND b is displayed in blue or with „:=TRUE" if both a and b are TRUE. For Bit-addressed variables, the bit value that is addressed is always monitored (e.g. a.3 is displayed in blue or with „:=TRUE, if a has the value 4).

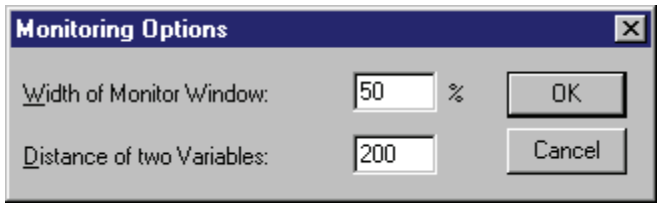
If you place the mouse pointer briefly above a variable, then the type, the address and the comment about the variable will be displayed in a Tooltip.

7.4.7 'Extras' 'Monitoring Options'

With this command you can configure your monitoring window. In the text editors, the window is divided into two halves during monitoring. The program is located in the left half. In the right half, all variables that are located in the corresponding program line are monitored.

You can specify the Monitor Window **Width** and which **Distance** two variables should have in a line. An distance declaration of 1 corresponds, in this case, to a line height in the selected font.

Regard that the width of the window halves also can be modified by drawing the divider with the mouse.



Monitoring Options Dialog Box

7.4.8 Breakpoint Positions in Text Editor

Breakpoint positions include all positions in a program at which values of variables can change or where the program flow branches off. (Exception: function calls. If necessary, a breakpoint in the function must be set here.) At the positions lying inbetween, a breakpoint would not even make sense, since nothing has been able to change in the data since the preceding breakpoint position.

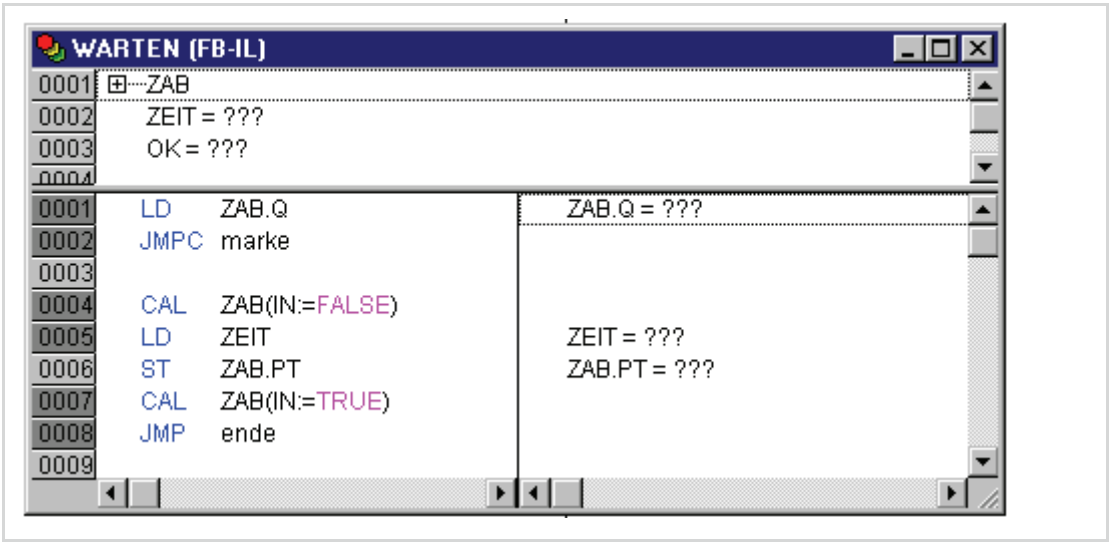
This results in the following breakpoint positions in the IL:

- At the start of the POU
- At every LD, LDN (or, in case a LD is located at a label, then at the label)
- At every JMP, JMPC, JMPCN
- At every label
- At every CAL, CALC, CALCN
- At every RET, RETC, RETCN
- At the end of the POU

Structured Text accommodates the following breakpoint positions:

- At every assignment
- At every RETURN and EXIT instruction
- in lines where conditions are being evaluated (WHILE, IF, REPEAT)
- At the end of the POU

Breakpoint positions are marked by the display of the line number field in the color which is set in the project options.



IL Editor with Possible Breakpoint Positions (darker number fields)

7.4.9 How do you set a breakpoint?

In order to set a breakpoint, click the line number field of the line where you want to set a breakpoint. If the selected field is a breakpoint position, then the color of the line numbers field will change from dark gray to light blue, and the breakpoint will be activated in the PLC.

7.4.10 Deleting Breakpoints

Correspondingly, in order to delete a breakpoint, click on the line number field of the line with the breakpoint to be deleted.

Setting and deleting of breakpoints can also be selected via the menu ('Online' 'Toggle Breakpoint'), via the function key <F9>, or via the symbol in the tool bar.

7.4.11 What happens at a breakpoint?

If a breakpoint is reached in the PLC, then the screen will display the break with the corresponding line. The line number field of the line where the PLC is positioned will appear in red. The user program is stopped in the PLC.

If the program is at a breakpoint, then the processing can be resumed with 'Online' 'Run'.

In addition, with 'Online' 'Step over' or 'Step in' you can cause the program to run to the next breakpoint position. If the instruction where you are located is a CAL command, or, if there is a function call in the lines up to the next breakpoint position, then you can use **'Step over'** to bypass the function call. With **'Step in'**, you will branch to the open POU.

7.4.12 Line Number of the Text Editor

The line numbers of the text editor give the number of each text line of an implementation of a POU.

In Off-line mode, a simple click on a special line number will mark the entire text line.

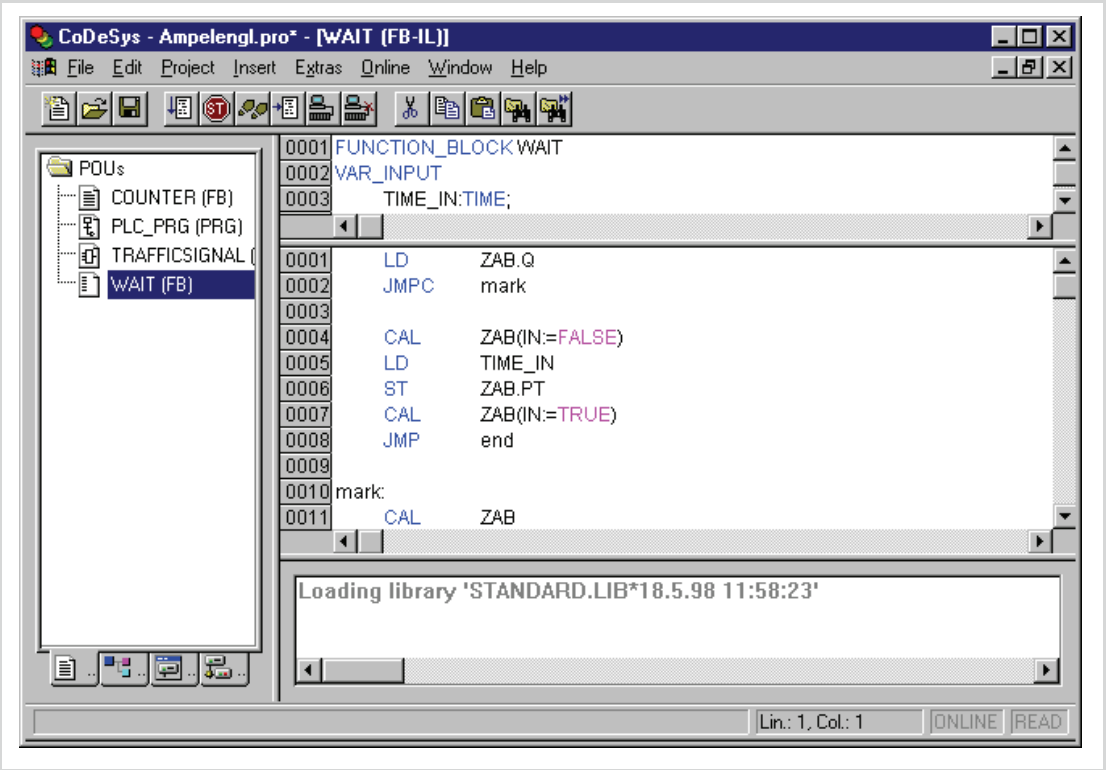
In Online mode, the background color of the line number indicates the breakpoint status of every line. The standard settings for the colors are

- dark gray: This line is a possible position for a breakpoint.
- light blue: a breakpoint has been set in this line.
- red: The program has reached this point.

In Online mode, simply clicking the mouse will change the breakpoint status of this line.

7.4.13 The Instruction List Editor...

This is how a POU written in the IL looks under the corresponding **PLC Designer** editor:



All editors for POUs consist of a declaration part and a body. These are separated by a screen divider. The Instruction List editor is a text editor with the usual capabilities of Windows text editors. The most important commands are found in the context menu (right mouse button or <Ctrl>+<F10>).Multiline POU calls are also possible:

Example:

```
CAL CTU_inst(
CU:=%IX10,
PV:=(
LD A
ADD 5
)
)
```

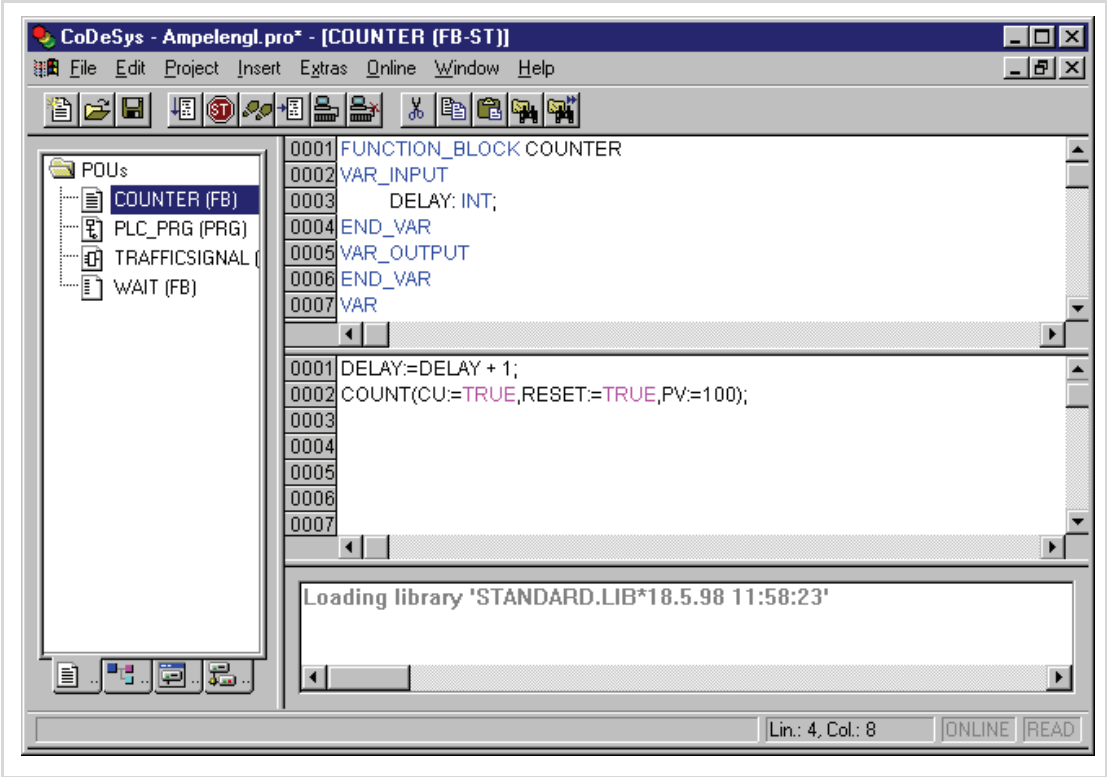
For information concerning the language, see Chapter Instruction List (IL).

IL in Online mode

With the 'Online' 'Flow control' command, an additional field in which the accumulator contents is displayed is inserted in the IL editor on the left side of every line. For further information concerning the IL editor in Online mode, see 'The Text Editors in Online Mode'.

7.4.14 The Editor for Structured Text...

This is how a POU written in ST appears under the corresponding **PLC Designer** editor:



All editors for POUs consist of a declaration part and a body. These are separated by a screen divider.

The editor for Structured Text is a text editor with the usual capabilities of Windows text editors. The most important commands are found in the context menu (right mouse button or <Ctrl>+<F10>).

For information about the language, see Chapter 'Structured Text (ST).

7.5 The Graphic Editors...

The editors of the graphically oriented languages, sequential function chart SFC, ladder diagram LD and function block diagram FBD and of free graphic function block diagrams have many points in common. In the following paragraphs these features will be summarized; the specific descriptions of LD, FBD an CFC, as well as the Sequential Function Chart language SFC follow in separate sections. The implementation in the graphics editors is supported by syntax coloring.

7.5.1 Zoom

Objects such as POUs, actions, transitions etc. in the languages SFC, LD, FBD, CFC and in visualizations can be enlarged or reduced in size with a zoom function. All elements of the window contents of the implementation part are affected; the declaration part remains unchanged.

In standard form, every object is displayed with the zoom level 100%. The zoom level that is set is saved as an object property in the project.

The printing of project documentation always occurs at the 100% display level!

The zoom level can be set through a selection list in the toolbar. Values between 25% and 400% can be selected; individual values between 10% and 500% can be entered manually.

The selection of a zoom level is only available if the cursor rests on an object created in a graphical language or a visualization object.

Even with the object zoomed, cursor positions in the editors can be further selected and even reached with the arrow keys. Text size is governed by the zoom factor and the font size that is set.

The execution of all editor menu features (e.g. inserting a box) as a function of cursor position is available at all zoom levels, taking the same into account.

In Online mode, each object is displayed according to the zoom level that has been set; Online functionality is available without restriction.

When the IntelliMouse is used, an object can be enlarged/reduced by pressing the <CTRL> key and at the same time turning the wheel forward or backwards.

7.5.2 Network

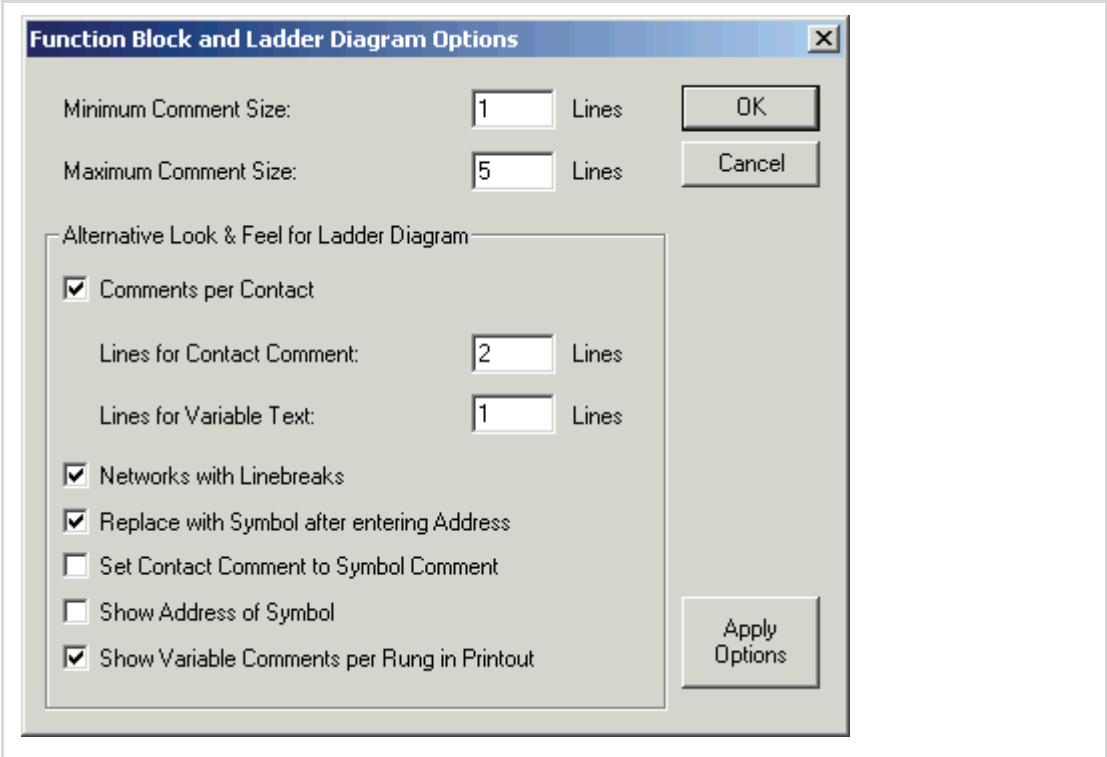
In the LD and FBD editors, the program is arranged in a list of networks. Each network is designated on the left side by a serial network number and has a structure consisting of either a logical or an arithmetic expression, a program, function or function block call, and a jump or a return instruction.

7.5.3 Label

Each network has a label that can optionally be left empty. This label is edited by clicking the first line of the network, directly next to the network number. Now you can enter a label, followed by a colon.

7.5.4 Comments, Networks with Linebreaks, 'Extras' 'Options'

Every network can be supplied with a multi-lined comment. In the dialog 'Function Block and Ladder Diagram Options', which can be opened by executing the command '**Extras**' '**Options**', you can do settings concerning comments and linebreaks.



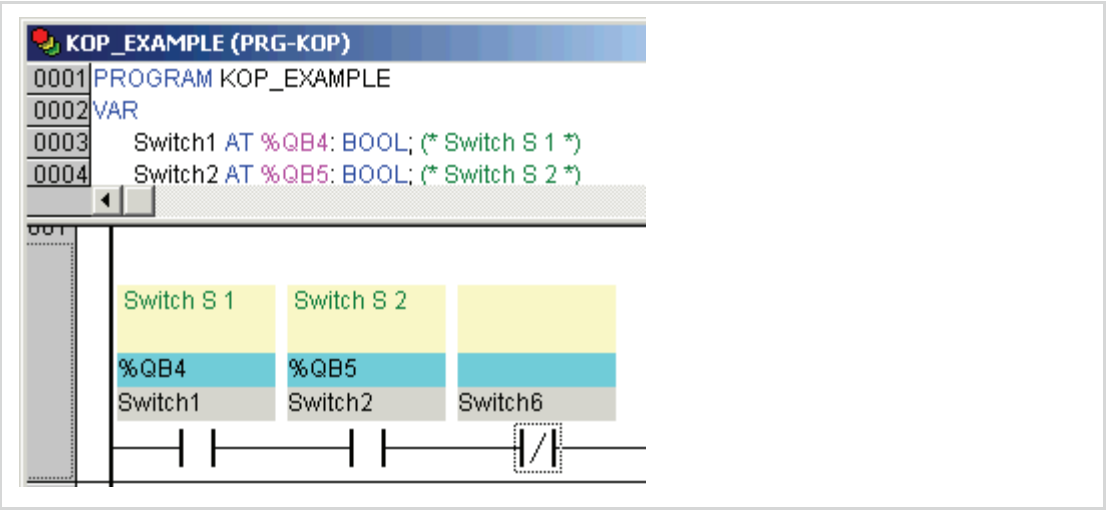
Function Block and Ladder Diagram Options

Maximum Comment Size: Maximum number of lines to be made available for a network comment (The default value here is 4.)

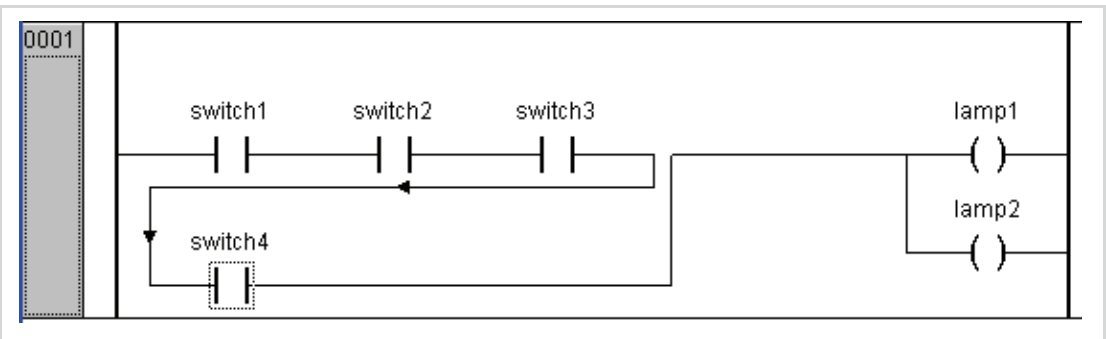
Minimum Comment Size: Number of lines that generally should be reserved for comments. If, for example, the number 2 is entered, then, at the start of each network there will be two empty lines after the label line. The default value here is 0, which has the advantage of allowing more networks to fit in the screen area.
If the minimal comment size is greater than 0, then in order to enter a comment you simply click in the comment line and then enter the comment. Otherwise you first must select the network to which a comment is to be entered, and use **'Insert' 'Comment'** to insert a comment line. In contrast to the program text, comments are displayed in grey.

Alternative Look & Feel: The following options allow to define an alternative look of the networks.

Comments per Contact (only for Ladder editor): If this option is activated, you can assign an individual comment to each contact or coil . In the edit field **Lines for Variable Comment** enter the number of lines which should be reserved and displayed for the comment. If this setting is done, a comment field will be displayed in the editor above each contact and coil where you can insert text.
If Comments per Contact is activated, then in the Ladder editor also the number of lines (**Lines for Variable Text :**) can be defined which should be used for the variable name of the contact resp. coil. This is used to display even long names completely by breaking them into several lines. In the following example 2 lines are defined for the variable comment and 1 line for the variable text:



Networks with Linebreaks (only for Ladder editor): If this option is activated, linebreaks will be forced in the networks as soon as the network length exceeds the given window size and some of the elements would not be visible.

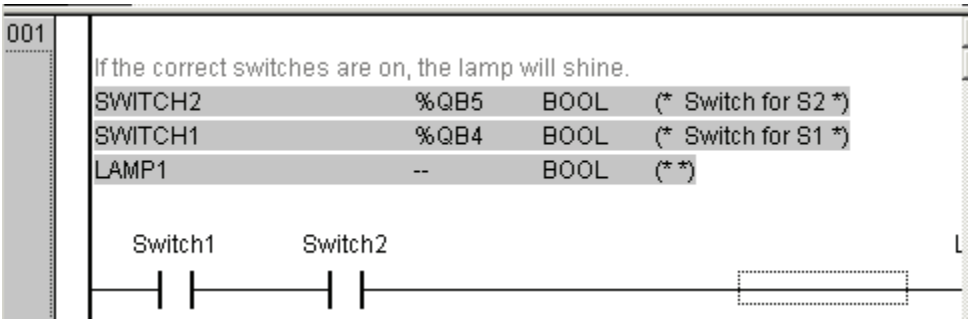


Replace with Symbol after entering Address: (only for Ladder editor): If this option is activated, you can enter an address at a box resp. at a contact or coil (e.g. "%QB4") and this address will be replaced immediately by the name of the variable which is assigned to the address. If there is no variable assigned to the entered address, the address remains displayed unchangedly.

Set Contact Comment to Symbol Comment: If this option is activated, in the comment field of a contact resp. a coil that comment will be displayed which has been defined at the declaration of the variable used for the contact or coil. The comment then can be edited. (see example in the subsequent picture.). For this purpose however the option 'Comments per Contact' also must be activated. Regard that a comment which has been entered already locally at a contact or coil will be replaced automatically by the variable comment in any case, even if the variable has not got a comment in its declaration!

Show Address of Symbol: (only for Ladder editor): If this option is activated and a variable assigned to a contact or coil is assigned to an address, the address will be displayed above the variable name (see example in the picture above).

Show Variable Comments per Rung in Printout: If this option is activated, in each network for each variable used in that network there will be displayed a line showing the name, address, data type and comment for this variable, as defined in the variables declaration. This might be of useful for a documentation (printout) of the project. Example:



Applying the options:

OK: Press this button to apply the settings on the actual POU and to close the options dialog.

Apply options: Press this button to apply the settings on the whole project. A dialog will open asking you where you have explicitly to confirm that you want to do that.

7.5.5 'Insert' 'Network (after)' or 'Insert' 'Network (before)'

Shortcut: <Shift>+<T> (Network after)

In order to insert a new network in the FBD or the LD editor, select the **'Insert' 'Network (after)'** or **the 'Insert' 'Network (before)'** command, depending on whether you want to insert the new network before or after the present network. The present network can be changed by clicking the network number. You will recognize it in the dotted rectangle under the number. With the <Shift key> and a mouse click you can select from the entire area of networks, from the present one to the one clicked.

7.5.6 The network editors in the online mode

In the FBD and the LD editors you can only set breakpoints for networks. The network number field of a network for which a breakpoint has been set, is displayed in blue. The processing then stops in front of the network, where the breakpoint is located. In this case, the network number field is displayed in red. With single step processing (steps), you can jump from network to network.

All values are monitored upon entering and exiting network POUs (Program Organization Units).

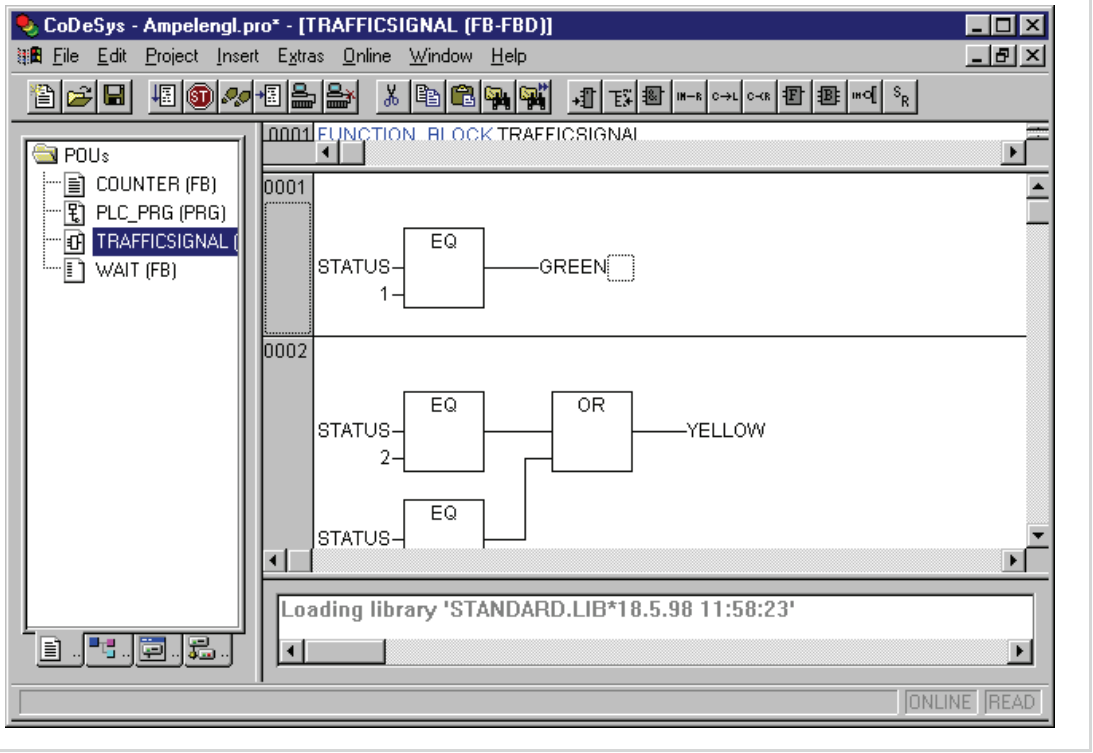
The following should be noted when monitoring expressions or Bit-addressed variables: In expressions, e.g. a AND b, used as transition condition or function block input, the value of the whole expression is always displayed (a AND b is shown in blue or as :=TRUE, if a and b are TRUE). For Bit-addressed variables, the bit value that is addressed is always monitored (e.g. a.3 is displayed in blue or with „:=TRUE, if a has the value 4)

The flow control is run with the 'Online' 'Flow control' command. Using the flow control, you can view the present values that are being carried in the networks over the connecting lines. If the connecting lines do not carry Boolean values, then the value will be displayed in a specially inserted field. The monitor fields for variables that are not used (e.g. in the function SEL) are displayed in a shade of grey. If the lines carry Boolean values, then they will be shaded blue, in the event that they carry TRUE. Therefore, you can accompany the flow of information while the PLC is running.

If you place the mouse pointer briefly above a variable, then the type, the address and the comment about the variable will be displayed in a Tooltip.

7.5.7 The Function Block Diagram Editor...

This is how a POU written in the FBD under the corresponding **PLC Designer** editor looks:



The Function Block Diagram editor is a graphic editor. It works with a list of networks, in which every network contains a structure that displays, respectively, a logical or an arithmetical expression, the calling up of a function block, a function, a program, a jump, or a return instruction. The most important commands are found in the context menu (right mouse button or <Ctrl>+<F10>).

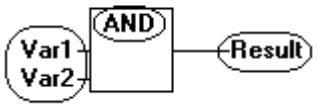
Regard the possibility to switch the display of a FUP-POU between FUP- and KOP editor, in offline mode as well as in online mode. Also regard the possibilities given by the options dialog.

Cursor positions in FBD

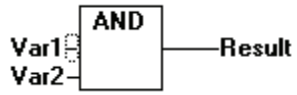
Every text is a possible cursor position. The selected text is on a blue background and can now be changed.

You can also recognize the present cursor position by a dotted rectangle. The following is a list of all possible cursor positions with an example:

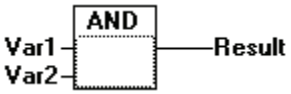
- Every text field (possible cursor positions framed in black):



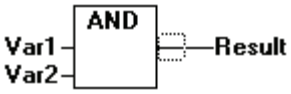
- Every input:



- Every operator, function, or function block:



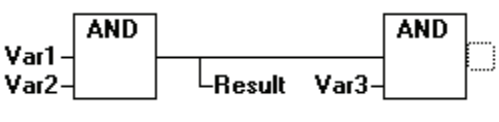
- Outputs, if an assignment or a jump comes afterward:



- The lined cross above an assignment, a jump, or a return instruction:



- Behind the outermost object on the right of every network ("last cursor position," the same cursor position that was used to select a network):



- The lined cross directly in front of an assignment:



How to set the cursor in FBD

The cursor can be set at a certain position by clicking the mouse, or with the help of the keyboard.

Using the arrow keys, you can jump to the nearest cursor position in the selected direction at any time. All cursor positions, including the text fields, can be accessed this way. If the last cursor position is selected, then the <up> or <down> arrow keys can be used to select the last cursor position of the previous or subsequent network.

An empty network contains only three question marks "???". By clicking behind these, the last cursor position is selected.

'Insert' 'Assign' in FBD

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<A>

This command inserts an assignment.

Depending on the selected position (see 'Cursor positions in FBD'), insertion takes place directly in front of the selected input (Cursor Position 2), directly after the selected output (Cursor Position 4) or at the end of the network (Cursor Position 6).

For an inserted assignment, a selection can be made accompanying the entered text "???", and the assignment can be replaced by the variable that is to be assigned. For this you can also use the Input Assistant. For the possibility to enter an address instead of the variable name please regard the description of the options dialog in Chapter: Comments, Linebreaks, 'Extras' 'Options'.

In order to insert an additional assignment to an existing assignment, use the **'Insert' 'Output'** command.

'Insert' 'Jump' in FBD

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<L>

This command inserts a jump.

Depending on the selected position (see 'Cursor positions in FBD'), insertion takes place directly in front of the selected input (Cursor Position 2), directly after the selected output (Cursor Position 4) or at the end of the network (Cursor Position 6).

For an inserted jump, a selection can be made accompanying the entered text "???", and the jump can be replaced by the label to which it is to be assigned.

'Insert' 'Return' in FBD

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<R>

This command inserts a RETURN instruction.

Depending on the selected position (see 'Cursor positions in FBD'), insertion takes place directly in front of the selected input (Cursor Position 2),directly after the selected output (Cursor Position 4), directly before the selected line cross (Cursor Position 5), or at the end of the network (Cursor Position 6)

'Insert' 'Box' in FBD

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<B>

With this command, operators, functions, function blocks and programs can be inserted. First of all, it is always inserted an "AND" operator. This can be converted by Selection and Overwrite of the type text („AND") into every other operator, into every function, into every function block and every program. You can select the desired POU by using Input Assistant (<F2>). If the new selected block has another minimum number of inputs, these will be attached. If the new block has a smaller highest number of inputs, the last inputs will be deleted.

In functions and function blocks, the formal names of the in- and outputs are displayed.

In function blocks there exists an editable instance field above the box. If another function block that is not known is called by changing the type text, an operator box with two inputs and the given type is displayed. If the instance field is selected, Input Assistant can be obtained via <F2> with the categories for variable selection.

The newest POU is inserted at the selected position:

- If an input is selected (Cursor Position 2), then the POU is inserted in front of this input. The first input of this POU is linked to the branch on the left of the selected input. The output of the new POU is linked to the selected input.
- If an output is selected (Cursor Position 4), then the POU is inserted after this output. The first input of the POU is connected with the selected output. The output of the new POU is linked to the branch with which the selected output was linked.
- If a POU, a function, or a function block is selected (Cursor Position 3), then the old element will be replaced by the new POU.
- As far as possible, the branches will be connected the same way as they were before the replacement. If the old element had more inputs than the new one, then the unattachable branches will be deleted. The same holds true for the outputs.
- If a jump or a return is selected, then the POU will be inserted before this jump or return. The first input of the POU is connected with the branch to the left of the selected element. The output of the POU is linked to the branch to the right of the selected element.
- If the last cursor position of a network is selected (Cursor Position 6), then the POU will be inserted following the last element. The first input of the POU is linked to the branch to the left of the selected position.
- All POU inputs that could not be linked will receive the text "???". This text must be clicked and changed into the desired constant or variable.
- If there is a branch to the right of an inserted POU, then the branch will be assigned to the first POU output. Otherwise the outputs remain unassigned.

'Insert' 'Input'

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<U>

This command inserts an operator input. With many operators, the number of inputs may vary. (For example, ADD can have 2 or more inputs.)

In order to extend such an operator by an input, you need to select the input in front of which you wish to insert an additional input (Cursor Position 1); or you must select the operator itself (Cursor Position 3), if a lowest input is to be inserted (see 'Cursor positions in FBD').

The inserted input is allocated with the text "???". This text must be clicked and changed into the desired constant or variable. For this you can also use the Input Assistant. For the possibility to enter an address instead of the variable name please regard the description of the options dialog in Chapter: Comments, Linebreaks, 'Extras' 'Options'.

'Insert' 'Output'

Symbol: 

This command inserts an additional assignment into an existing assignment. This capability serves the placement of so-called assignment combs; i.e., the assignment of the value presently located at the line to several variables.

If you select the lined cross above an assignment (Cursor Position 5) (see 'Cursor positions in FBD') or the output directly in front of it (Cursor Position 4), then there will be another assignment inserted after the ones already there.

If the line cross directly in front of an assignment is selected (Cursor Position 4), then another assignment will be inserted in front of this one.

The inserted output is allocated with the text "???". This text must be clicked and changed into the desired variable. For this you can also use the Input Assistant. For the possibility to enter an address instead of the variable name please regard the description of the options dialog in Chapter Comments, Linebreaks, 'Extras' 'Options'.

'Extras' 'Negate

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<N>

With this command you can negate the inputs, outputs, jumps, or RETURN instructions. The symbol for the negation is a small circle at a connection.

If an input is selected (Cursor Position 2) (see 'Cursor positions in FBD'), then this input will be negated.

If an output is selected (Cursor Position 4), then this output will be negated.

If a jump or a return is marked, then the input of this jump or return will be negated.

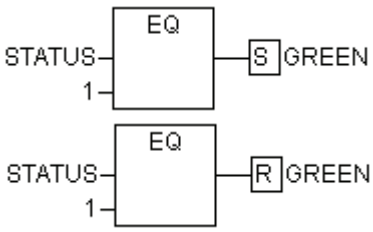
A negation can be canceled through renewed negation.

'Extras' 'Set/Reset'

Symbol: 

With this command you can define outputs as Set or Reset Outputs. A grid with Set Output is displayed with [S], and a grid with Reset Output is displayed with [R].

Set/Reset Outputs in FBD



An *Output Set* is set to TRUE, if the grid belonging to it returns TRUE. The output now maintains this value, even if the grid jumps back to FALSE.

An *Output Reset* is set to FALSE, if the grid belonging to it returns FALSE. The output maintains its value, even if the grid jumps back to FALSE.

With multiple executions of the command, the output will alternate between set, reset, and normal output.

'Extras' 'View'

Using this command for a POU created in the FBD-Editor you can choose, whether it should be displayed in the LD- (ladder logic) or in the FBD-Editor (Function block diagram). This is possible in offline as well as in online mode.

Open instance

This command corresponds to the 'Project' 'Open instance' command.

It is available in the context menu (<F2>) or in the 'Extras' menu, if the cursor is positioned on the name of a function block in a text editor or if the function block box is selected in a graphic editor.

Cutting, Copying, Pasting, and Deleting in FBD

The commands used to **'Cut'**, **'Copy'**, **'Paste'**, and **'Delete'** are found under the **'Edit'** menu item.

If a line cross is selected (Cursor Position 5) (see 'Cursor positions in FBD'), then the assignments, jumps, or RETURNS located below the crossed line will be cut, deleted, or copied.

If a POU is selected (Cursor Position 3), then the selected object itself, will be cut, deleted, or copied, along with all of the branches dependent on the inputs, with the exception of the first (highest position) branch.

Otherwise, the entire branch located in front of the cursor position will be cut, deleted, or copied.

After copying or cutting, the deleted or copied part is located on the clipboard and can now be pasted, as desired.

In order to do so, you must first select the pasting point. Valid pasting points include inputs and outputs.

If a POU has been loaded onto the clipboard (As a reminder: in this case all connected branches except the first are located together on the clipboard), the first input is connected with the branch before the pasting point.

Otherwise, the entire branch located in front of the pasting point will be replaced by the contents of the clipboard.

In each case, the last element pasted is connected to the branch located in front of the pasting point.

Note!

The following problem is solved by cutting and pasting: A new operator is inserted in the middle of a network. The branch located on the right of the operator is now connected with the first input, but should be connected with the second input. You can now select the first input and perform the command 'Edit' 'Cut'. Following this, you can select the second input and perform the command 'Edit' 'Paste'. This way, the branch is dependent on the second input.

The Function Block Diagram in the Online Mode

In the Function Block Diagram, breakpoints can only be set to networks. If a breakpoint has been set to a network, then the network numbers field will be displayed in blue. The processing then stops in front of the network where the breakpoint is located. In this case, the network numbers field will become red. Using stepping (single step), you can jump from network to network.

The current value is displayed for each variable. Exception: If the input to a function block is an expression, only the first variable in the expression is monitored.

Doubleclicking on a variable opens the dialog box for writing a variable. Here it is possible to change the present value of the variable. In the case of Boolean variables, no dialog box appears; these variables are toggled.

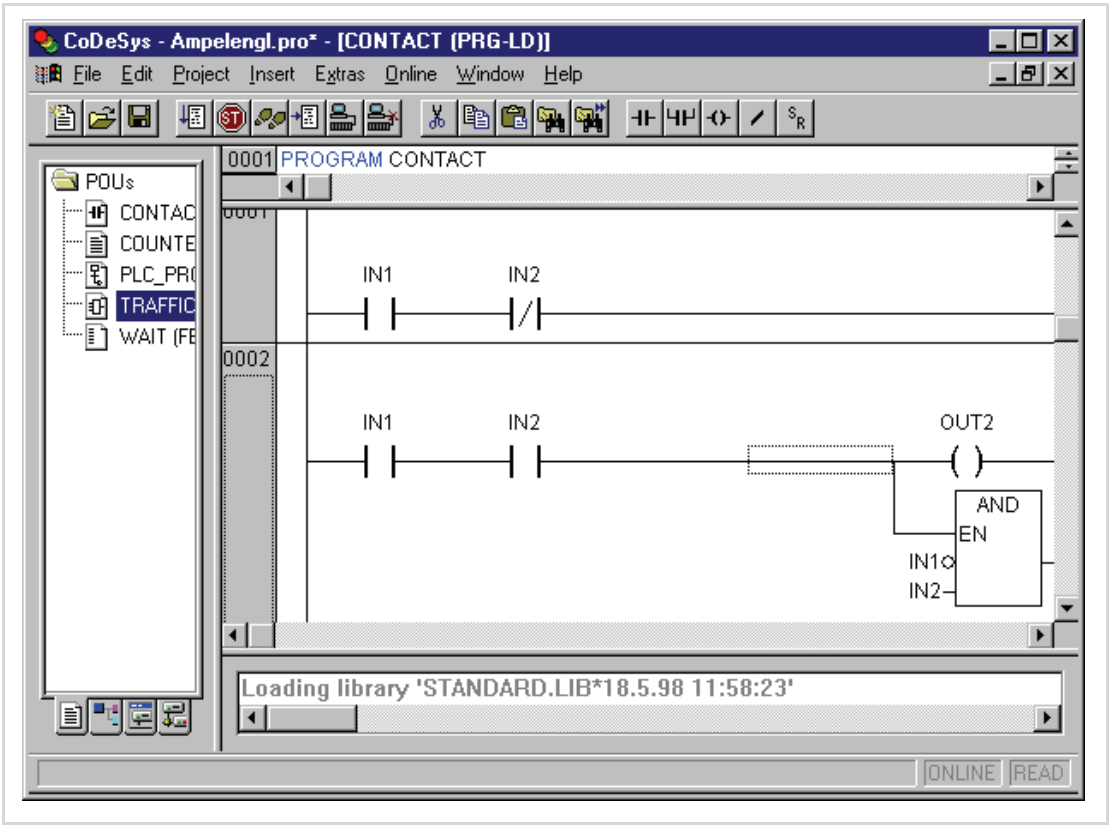
The new value will turn red and will remain unchanged. If the 'Online' 'Write values' command is given, then all variables are placed in the selected list and are once again displayed in black.

The flow control is started with the 'Online' 'Flow control' command Using the flow control, you can view the present values that are being carried in the networks over the connecting lines. If the connecting lines do not carry Boolean values, then the value will be displayed in a specially inserted field. If the lines carry Boolean values, then they will be shaded blue in the event that they carry TRUE. By this means, you can accompany the flow of information while the PLC is running.

If you place the mouse pointer briefly above a variable, then the type, the address and the comment about the variable will be displayed in a Tooltip.

7.5.8 The Ladder Editor...

This is how a POU written in the LD appears in the **PLC Designer** editor:



All editors for POUs consist of a declaration part and a body. These are separated by a screen divider.

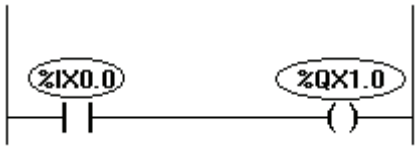
The LD editor is a graphic editor. The most important commands are found in the context menu (right mouse button or <Ctrl>+<F10>).

For information about the elements, see Chapter Ladder Diagram (LD). Regard the possibilities concerning comments, address input and alternative look&feel given by the options dialog.

Cursor Positions in the LD Editors

The following locations can be cursor positions, in which the function block and program accessing can be handled as contacts. POUs with EN inputs and other POUs connected to them are treated the same way as in the Function Block Diagram. Information about editing this network part can be found in the chapter on the FBD Editor.

1. Every text field (possible cursor positions framed in black)



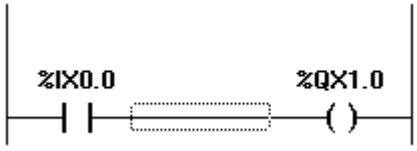
2. Every Contact or Function Block



3. Every Coil



4. The Connecting Line between the Contacts and the Coils.



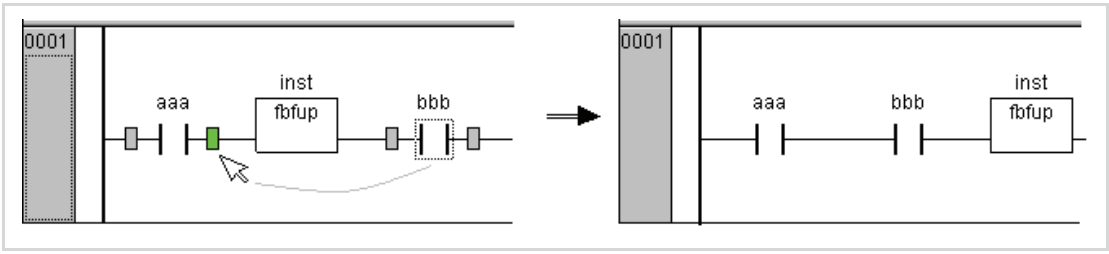
The Ladder Diagram uses the following menu commands in a special way:

Move elements or names in the LD-Editor

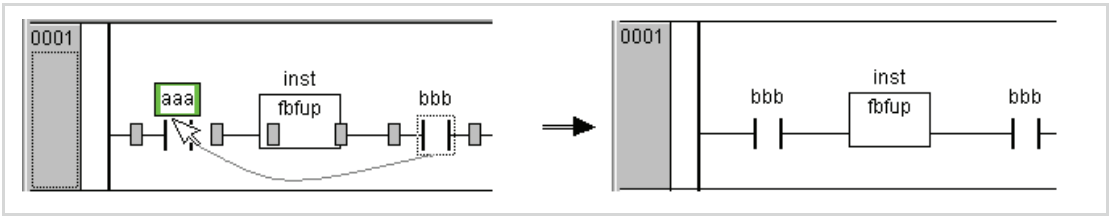
An element or just the name (variable name, address, comment) of an element can be moved to a different position within a LD POU by "drag&drop".

In order to do this select the desired element (contact, coil, function block) and drag it - keeping the mouse key pressed - away from the current position. Thereupon all possible positions within all networks of the POU, to which the element might be moved, will be indicated by grey-filled rectangles.

Move the element to one of these positions and let off the mouse key: the element will be inserted at the new position.



If you however move the element to the name (variable name) of another element, the name field will be shaded green. If you then let off the mouse key, the previous name will be replaced by the "dragged" one. If additionally address and comment are displayed (options), the copying also will apply to those.



'Insert' 'Network (before)' in LD

Symbol: 

This command inserts a network in the Ladder editor. If there are already networks, the new one will be inserted before the currently focused.

'Insert' 'Network (after)' in LD

Symbol: 

This command inserts a network in the Ladder editor. If there are already networks, the new one will be inserted after the currently focused.

'Insert' 'Contact' in LD

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<K>

Use this command in the LD editor in order to insert a contact in front of the marked location in the network.

If the marked position is a coil or the connecting line between the contacts and the coils, then the new contact will be connected serially to the previous contact connection.

The contact is preset with the text "???". You can click on this text and change it to the desired variable or the desired constant. For this you can also use the Input Assistant. Regard the possibility of entering an address instead of the variable name, if this is configured appropriately in the 'Function Block and Ladder Diagram Options' (see Chapter 5.4.1: Comments, Linebreaks, 'Extras' 'Options').

Also in the options dialog you can activate the options **Comments per Contact** and **Lines for variable comment** and reserve a certain number of lines for the variable name. This might be useful, if long variable names are used, to keep the network short.

Also regard the option **Networks with linebreaks**, which you also can activate in the Ladder Diagram Options.

'Insert' 'Contact (negated)' in LD

Symbol**:**  Shortcut: <Ctrl> + <G>

This command inserts a negated contact. The same is true as for the commands 'Insert' 'Contact' and 'Extras' 'Negate', which in combination also could be used to insert a negated contact.

'Insert' 'Parallel Contact' in LD

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<R>

Use this command in the LD editor to insert a contact parallel to the marked position in the network.

If the marked position is a coil or the connection between the contacts and the coils, then the new contact will be connected in parallel to the entire previous contact connection.

The contact is preset with the text "???". You can click on this text and change it to the desired variable or the desired constant. For this you can also use the Input Assistant.

For the possibility of entering addresses, of linebreaks for variable names and of comments per contact or coil please see the description of the Ladder Options dialog.

'Insert' 'Parallel Contact (negated)' in LD

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl> + <D>

This command inserts a negated parallel contact. The same is true as for the commands 'Insert' 'Parallel Contact' and 'Extras' 'Negate', which in combination also could be used to insert a negated parallel contact.

'Insert' 'Coil' in LD

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<L>

You can use this command in the LD editor to insert a coil in parallel to the previous coils.

If the marked position is a connection between the contacts and the coils, then the new coil will be inserted as the last. If the marked position is a coil, then the new coil will be inserted directly above it.

The coil is given the text "???" as a default setting. You can click on this text and change it to the desired variable. For this you can also use the Input Assistant.

For the possibility of entering addresses, of linebreaks for variable names and of comments per coil please see the description of the Ladder Options dialog.

'Insert' "Set' coil' in LD

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl> + <I>

This command inserts a set coil. The same is true as for the commands 'Insert' 'Coil' and' Extras' 'Set/Reset', which in combination also could be used to get a set coil.

'Insert' "Reset' coil' in LD

Symbol: 

This command inserts a reset coil. The same is true as for the commands 'Insert' 'Coil' and' Extras' 'Set/Reset', which in combination also could be used to get a reset coil.

'Insert' 'Function Block' in LD

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<B>

Use this command in order to insert an operator, a function block, a function or a program as a POU. For this, the connection between the contacts and the coils, or a coil, must be marked. The new POU at first has the designation AND. If you wish, you can change this designation to another one. For this you can also use the Input Assistant. Both standard and self-defined POUs are available.

The first input to the POU is placed on the input connection, the first output on the output connection; thus these variables must definitely be of type BOOL. All other in- and outputs of the POU are filled with the text „???". These prior entries can be changed into other constants, variables or addresses. For this you can also use the Input Assistant.

For the possibility of entering addresses, of linebreaks for variable names and of comments per contact, coil or function block please see the description of the Ladder Options dialog.

POUs with EN Inputs

If you want to use your LD network as a PLC for calling up other POUs , then you must merge a POU with an EN input. Such a POU is connected in parallel to the coils. Beyond such a POU you can develop the network further, as in the Function Block Diagram. You can find the commands for insertion at an EN POU under the menu item **'Insert' 'Insert at Blocks'**.

An operator, a function block, a program or a function with EN input performs the same way as the corresponding POU in the Function Block Diagram, except that its execution is controlled on the EN input. This input is annexed at the connecting line between coils and contacts. If this connection carries the information "On", then the POU will be evaluated.

If a POU has been created once already with EN input, then this POU can be used to create a network. This means that data from usual operators, functions, and function blocks can flow in an EN POU and an EN POU can carry data to such usual POUs.

If, therefore, you want to program a network in the LD editor, as in FBD, you only need first to insert an EN operator in a new network. Subsequently, from this POU, you can continue to construct from your network, as in the FBD editor. A network thus formed will perform like the corresponding network in FBD.

'Insert' 'Box with EN in LD'

Symbol: 

Use this command to insert a function block, an operator, a function or a program with EN input into a LD network.

The marked position must be the connection between the contacts and the coils (Cursor Position 4) or a coil (Cursor Position 3). The new POU is inserted in parallel to the coils and underneath them; it contains initially the designation "AND". If you wish, you can change this designation to another one. For this you can also use the Input Assistant.

'Insert' 'Insert at Blocks in LD

With this command you can insert additional elements into a POU that has already been inserted (also a POU with EN input). The commands below this menu item can be executed at the same cursor positions as the corresponding commands in the Function Block Diagram.

With **Input** you can add a new input to the POU.

With **Output** you can add a new output to the POU.

With **POU**, you insert a new POU. The procedure is similar to that described under 'Insert' 'POU'.

With **Assign** you can insert an assignment to a variable. At first, this is shown by three question marks „???", which you edit and replace with the desired variable. Input assistance is available for this purpose.

'Insert' 'Rising edge detection' in LD

Symbol: 

This commands inserts a R_TRIG function block, which serves to detect a rising edge (FALSE -> TRUE) at the incoming signal. The same is true as for command 'Insert' 'Function Block' which can be used to insert any available function block.

'Insert' 'Falling edge detection' in LD

Symbol: 

This commands inserts a F_TRIG function block, which serves to detect a rising edge (TRUE -> FALSE) at the incoming signal. The same is true as for command 'Insert' 'Function Block' which can be used to insert any available function block.

'Insert' 'Timer (TON)' in LD

Symbol: 

This command inserts a timer function block of type TON. This serves to get a turn-on delay (delayed passing on of the incoming signal). For the inserting the same is true as for command 'Insert' 'Function Block', which also could be used to insert a TON module.

'Insert' 'Jump' in LD

With this command you can insert a parallel jump in the selected LD editor, in parallel, at the end of the previous coils. If the incoming line delivers the value "On", then the jump will be executed to the indicated label.

The marked position must be the connection between the contacts and the coils or a coil.

The jump is present with the text "???". You can click on this text and make a change in the desired label.

'Insert' 'Return' in LD

In the LD editor, you can use this command to insert a Return instruction in parallel at the end of the previous coils. If the incoming line delivers the value "On," then the processing of the POU in this network is broken off.

The marked position must be the connection between the contacts and the coils or a coil.

'Extras' 'Paste after' in LD

Use this command in the LD editor to paste the contents of the clipboard as serial contact below the marked position. This command is only possible if the contents of the clipboard and the marked position are networks comprised of contacts.

'Extras' 'Paste below'in LD

Use this command in the LD editor to insert the contents of the clipboard as parallel contact below the marked position. This command is only possible if the contents of the clipboard and the marked position are networks comprised of contacts.

'Extras' 'Paste above' in LD

Use this command in the LD editor to insert the contents of the clipboard as parallel contact above the marked position. This command is only possible if the contents of the clipboard and the marked position are networks comprised of contacts.

'Extras' 'Negate' in LD

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<N>

Use this command to negate a contact, a coil, a jump or return instruction, or an input or output of EN POUs at the present cursor position .

Between the parentheses of the coil or between the straight lines of the contact, a slash will appear (**(/)** or **|/|**). If there are jumps, returns, or inputs or outputs of EN POUs, a small circle will appear at the connection, just as in the FBD editor.

The coil now writes the negated value of the input connection in the respective Boolean variable. Right at this moment, a negated contact switches the status of the input to the output, if the respective Boolean variable carries the value FALSE.

If a jump or a return is marked, then the input of this jump or return will be negated.

A negation can be canceled through renewed negation.

'Extras' 'Set/Reset' in LD

Symbol: 

If you execute this command on a coil, then you will receive a Set Coil. Such a coil never overwrites the value TRUE in the respective Boolean variable. This means that once you have set the value of this variable to TRUE, it will always remain at TRUE. A Set Coil is designated with an "S" in the coil symbol.

If you execute this command once again, then you will be given a Reset coil. Such a coil never overwrites the value FALSE in the respective Boolean variable. This means that once you have set the value of this variable to FALSE, it will always remain at FALSE. A Reset Coil is designated with an "R" in the coil symbol.

If you execute this command repeatedly, the coil will alternate between set, reset and normal coil.

The Ladder Diagram in the Online Mode

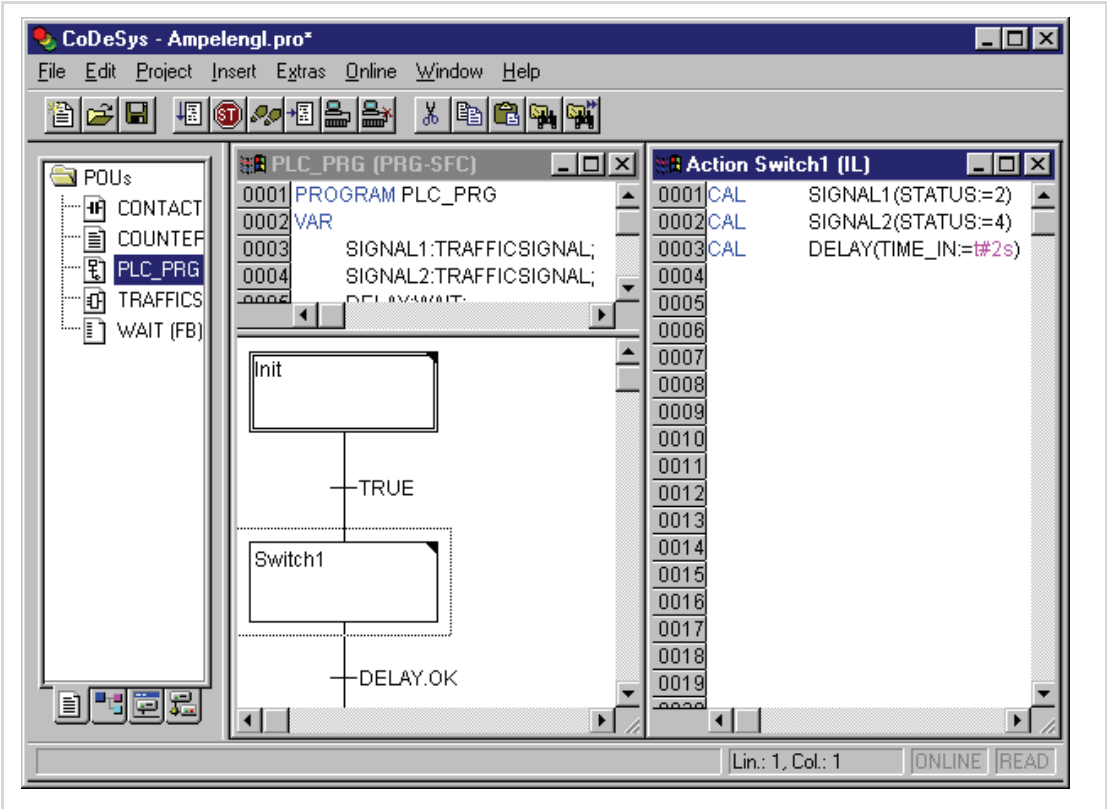
In Online mode, the contacts and coils in the Ladder Diagram that are in the "On" state are colored blue. Likewise, all lines over which the "On" is carried are also colored blue. At the inputs and outputs of function blocks, the values of the corresponding variables are indicated.

Breakpoints can only be set on networks; by using stepping, you can jump from network to network.

If you place the mouse pointer briefly above a variable, then the type, the address and the comment about the variable will be displayed in a Tooltip.

7.5.9 The Sequential Function Chart Editor...

This is how a POU written in the SFC appears in the **PLC Designer** editor:



All editors for POUs consist of a declaration part and a body. These are separated by a screen divider.

The Sequential Function Chart editor is a graphic editor. The most important commands are found in the context menu (right mouse button or <Ctrl><F10>). Tooltips show in Offline as well as in Online mode and in the zoomed state the full names or expressions of steps, transitions, jumps, jump labels, qualifiers or associated actions.

For information about the Sequential Function Chart see Chapter 'Sequential Function Chart'.

The editor for the Sequential Function Chart must agree with the particulars of the SFC. In reference to these, the following menu items will be of service.

Marking Blocks in the SFC

A marked block is a bunch of SFC elements that are enclosed in a dotted rectangle.

You can select an element (a step, a transition, or a jump) by pointing the mouse on this element and pressing the left mouse button, or you can use the arrow keys. In order to mark a group of several elements, press <Shift> for a block already marked, and select the element in the lower left or right corner of the group. The resulting selection is the smallest cohesive group of elements that includes both of these elements.

Please regard, that a step can only be deleted together with the preceeding or the succeeding transition !

'Insert' 'Step Transition (before)'

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<T>

This command inserts a step in the SFC editor followed by a transition in front of the marked block.

You can select and replace the automatically specified step name „Step_<x>“ by another string, also the transition name.

Note!

When renaming a step regard that no comment may be added. Exampe: „Step_xy (* counter *)“ is not allowed!

'Insert' 'Step Transition (after)'

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<E>

This command inserts a step in the SFC editor followed by a transition after the first transition in the marked block.

Concerning step name and transition name please see 'Insert' 'Step Transition (before)'.

Delete Step and Transition

A step can only be deleted together with the preceeding or the succeeding transition. For this purpose put a selection frame around step and transition and choose command 'Edit' 'Delete' or press the <Del> key.

'Insert' 'Alternative Branch (right)'

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<A>

This command inserts an alternative branch in the SFC editor as a right branch of the marked block. For this the marked block must both begin and end with a transition. The new branch is then made up of one transition.

'Insert' 'Alternative Branch (left)'

Symbol: 

This command inserts an alternative branch in the SFC editor as the left branch of the marked block. For this the marked block must both begin and end with a transition. The new branch is then made up of one transition.

'Insert' 'Parallel Branch (right)'

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<L>

This command inserts a parallel branch in the SFC editor as the right branch of the marked block. For this the marked block must both begin and end with a step. The new branch is then made up of one step. To allow jumps to the parallel branches that have been created, these must be provided with a jump label.

'Insert' 'Parallel Branch (left)'

Symbol: 

'This command inserts a parallel branch in the SFC editor as the left branch of the marked block. For this the marked block must both begin and end with a step. The new branch is then made up of one step. To allow jumps to the parallel branches that have been created, these must be provided with a jump label (see 'Extras' 'Add label to parallel branch').

'Insert' 'Jump'

'This command inserts a jump in the SFC editor at the end of the branch, to which the marked block belongs. For this the branch must be an alternative branch.

The inserted text string 'Step' in the inserted jump can then be selected and replaced by the step name or the jump label of a parallel branch to be jumped to.

Concerning the step name please see 'Insert' 'Step Transition (before)'.

'Insert' 'Transition-Jump'

Symbol: 

This command inserts a transition in the SFC editor, followed by a jump at the end of the selected branch. For this the branch must be a parallel branch.

The inserted text string 'Step' in the inserted jump can then be selected and replaced by the step name or the jump label of a parallel branch to be jumped to.

Concerning step name and transition name please see 'Insert' 'Step Transition (before)'.

'Insert' 'Add Entry-Action'

With this command you can add an entry action to a step. An entry-action is only executed once, right after the step has become active. The entry-action can be implemented in a language of your choice.

A step with an entry-action is designated by an "E" in the bottom left corner.

'Insert' 'Add Exit-Action'

With this command you can add an exit-action to a step. An exit-action is only executed once, before the step is deactivated. The exit-action can be implemented in a language of your choice.

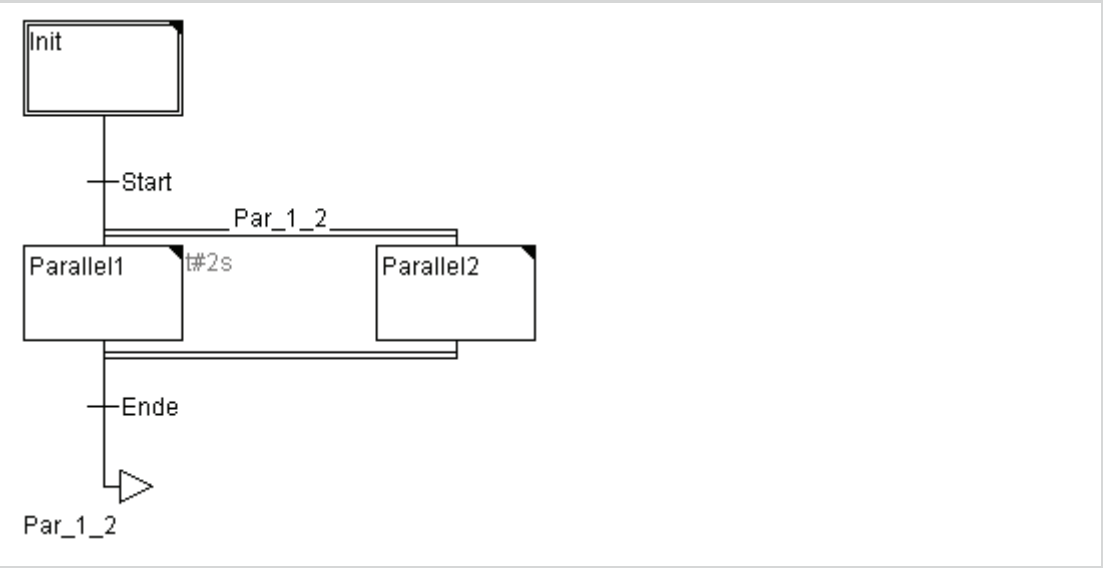
A step with an exit-action is designated by an "X" in the lower right corner.

'Extras' 'Paste Parallel Branch (right)'

This command pastes the contents of the clipboard as a right parallel branch of the marked block. For this the marked block must both begin and end with a step. The contents of the clipboard must, likewise, be an SFC block that both begins and ends with a step.

'Extras' 'Add label to parallel branch'

In order to provide a newly inserted parallel branch with a jump label, the transition occurring before the parallel branching must be marked and the command 'Add label to parallel branch' must be executed. At that point, the parallel branch will be given a standard name consisting of „Parallel" and an appended serial number, which can be edited according to the rules for identifier names. In the following example, "Parallel" was replaced by "Par_1_2" and the jump to the transition "End" was steered to this jump label.



Delete a label

A jump label can be deleted by deleting the label name.

'Extras' 'Paste after'

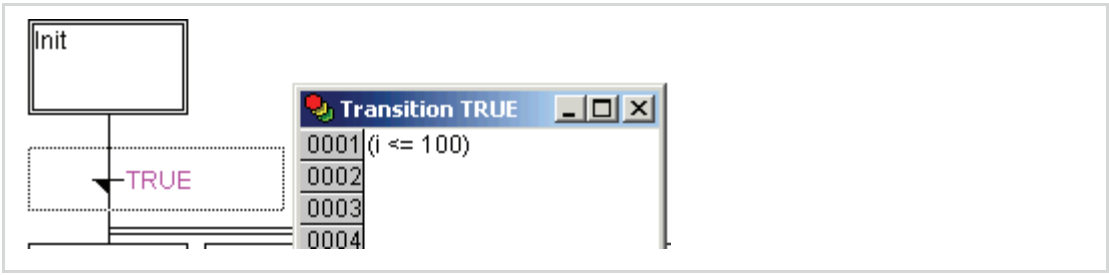
This command pastes the SFC block on the clipboard after the first step or the first transition of the marked block. (Normal copying pastes it in front of the marked block.) This will now be executed, if the resulting SFC structure is correct, according to the language norms.

'Extras' 'Zoom Action/Transition'

Shortcut: <Alt>+<Enter>

The action of the first step of the marked block or the transition body of the first transition of the market block is loaded into the editor in the respective language, in which it has been written. If the action or the transition body is empty, then the language must be selected, in which it has been written.

Regard that the transition condition which is written within the editor window will take precedence over a condition which might be written directly at the transition mark. Example: If here i>100, then the transition condition will be FALSE, although TRUE has been entered at the mark!



'Extras' 'Clear Action/Transition'

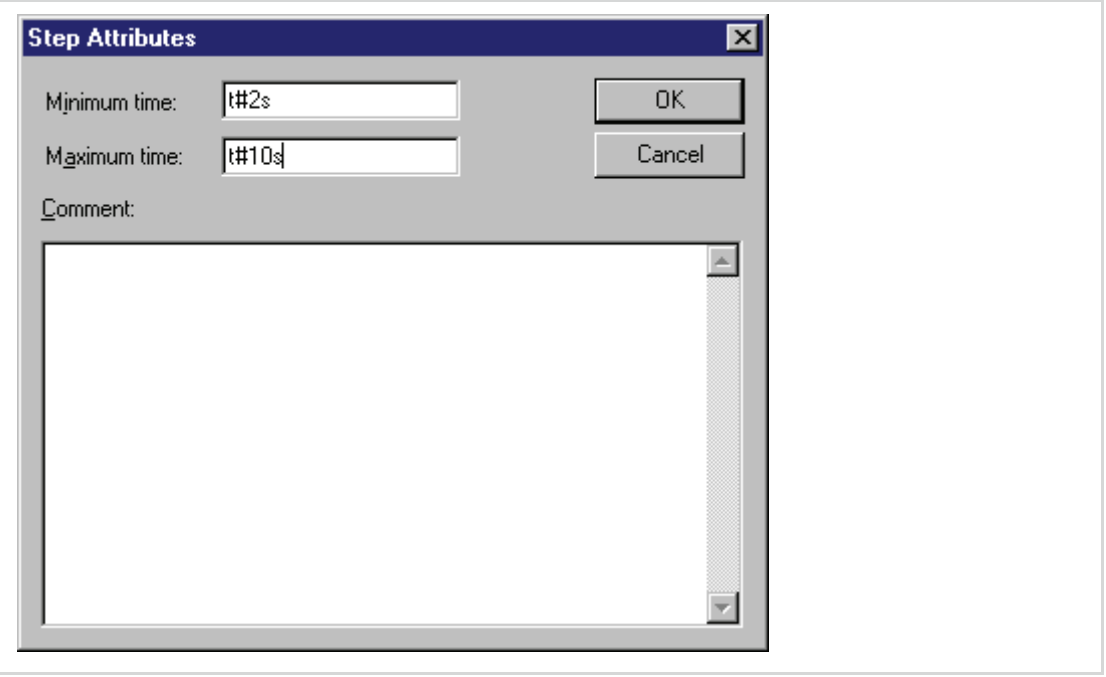
With this command you can delete the actions of the first step of the marked block or of the transitions body of the first transition.

If, during a step, you implement either only the action, the entry-action, or the exit-action, then the same will be deleted by the command. Otherwise a dialog box appears, and you can select which action or actions are to be deleted.

If the cursor is located in the action of an IEC step, then only this association will be deleted. If an IEC step with an associated action is selected, then this association will be deleted. During an IEC step with several actions, a selection dialog box will appear.

'Extras' 'Step Attributes'

With this command you can open a dialog box in which you can edit the attributes for the marked step.



Dialog Box for Editing Step Attributes

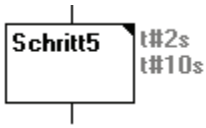
You can take advantage of three different entries in the step attribute dialog box. Under **Minimum Time**, you enter the minimum length of time that the processing of this step should take. Under the **Maximum Time**, you enter the maximum length of time that the processing of this step should take. Note that the entries are of the **TIME** type, so you use a TIME constant (i.e. T#3s) or a variable of the TIME type.

The time settings are also accessible in dialog 'Extras' 'Time Overview'.

Under **Comment** you can insert a comment to the step. In the 'Sequential function chart options' dialog which you open under 'Extras' 'Options', you can then define whether comments, the time setting or nothing is displayed for the steps in the SFC editor. On the right, next to the step, either the comment or the time setting or none of both will appear.

Those attributes which are not displayed because of the options settings, can - additionally to the step name - be displayed in a tooltip, which appears when the cursor is placed on the upper resp. lower right corner of the step box.

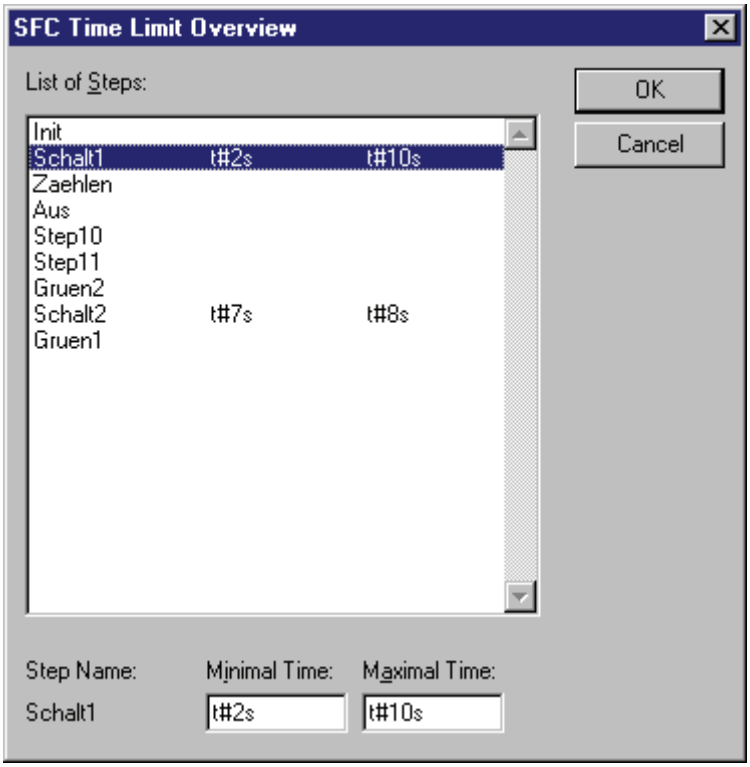
If the maximum time is exceeded, SFC flags are set which the user can query.



The example shows a step whose execution should last at least two, and at the most, ten seconds. In Online mode, there is, in addition to these two times, a display of how long the step has already been active.

'Extras' 'Time Overview'

With this command you can open a window in which you can edit the time settings of your SFC steps:



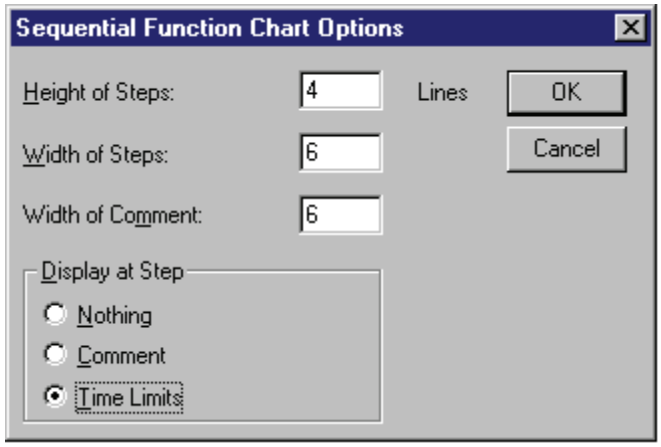
Time Boundaries Overview for a SFC POU

In the time boundaries overview, all steps of your SFC POU are displayed. If you have entered a time boundary for a step, then the time boundary is displayed to the right of the step (first, the lower limit, then the upper limit). You can also edit the time boundaries. To do so, click on the desired step in the overview. The name **of the step** is then shown below in the window. Go to the **Minimum Time** or **Maximum Time** field, and enter the desired time boundary there. If you close the window with **OK**, then all of the changes will be stored.

In the example, steps 2 and 6 have a time boundary. Shift1 lasts at least two, and at most, ten seconds. Shift2 lasts at least seven, and at most, eight seconds.

'Extras' 'Options'

With this command you open a dialog box in which you can set different options for your SFC POU.



Dialog Box for Sequential Function Chart Options

Under **Step Height**, you can enter how many lines high an SFC step can be in your SFC editor. 4 is the standard setting here. Under **Step Width**, you can enter how many columns wide a step should be. 6 is the standard setting here.

You can also preset the **Display at Step**, i.e. which of the attributes, defined 'Extras' 'Step Attributes' should be displayed next to the step. Either choose **Comment**, **Time Limits**.or **Nothing**:

- If "Nothing" is set, the defined comment and the time limits nevertheless can be shown in a tooltip, which appears when the cursor is placed on the lower right corner of the step box.
- If "Comment" is set, the defined comment and the time limits can be shown in a tooltip, which appears when the cursor is placed on the upper right corner of the step box.
- If "Time Limits" is set, the defined comment and the time limits nevertheless can be shown in a tooltip, which appears when the cursor is placed on the lower right corner of the step box.

'Extras' 'Associate Action'

With this command actions and Boolean variables can be associated with IEC steps.

To the right of, and next to the IEC step, an additional divided box is attached, for the association of an action. It is preset in the left field with the qualifier "N" and the name "Action." Both presets can be changed. For this you can use the Input Assistant.

Maximum nine actions can be assigned to an IEC step.

New actions for IEC steps are created in the Object Organizer for an SFC POU with the **'Project' 'Add Action'** command.

'Extras' 'Use IEC-Steps'

Symbol: 

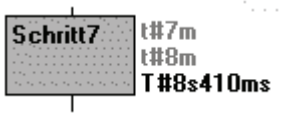
If this command is activated (denoted by a check in front of the menu item and a printed symbol in the Tool bar), then IEC steps will be inserted instead of the simplified steps upon insertion of step transitions and parallel branches.

If this option is switched on, the Init step is set as an IEC step when you create a new SFC POU.

This settings are saved in the file "plcdesigner.ini" and are restored when »PLC Designer« gets started again.

Sequential Function Chart in Online Mode

With the Sequential Function Chart editor in Online mode, the currently active steps will be displayed in blue. If you have set it under 'Extras' 'Options', then the time management is depicted next to the steps. Under the lower and upper bounds that you have set, a third time indicator will appear from which you can read how long the step has already been active.



In the picture above the step depicted has already been active 8 seconds and 410 milliseconds. The step must, however, be active for at least 7 minutes before the step will be left.

With **'Online' 'Toggle Breakpoint'** a breakpoint can be set on a step, or in an action at the locations allowed by the language in use. Processing then stops prior to execution of this step or before the location of the action in the program. Steps or program locations where a breakpoint is set are marked in light blue.

If several steps are active in a parallel branch, then the active step whose action will be processed next is displayed in red.

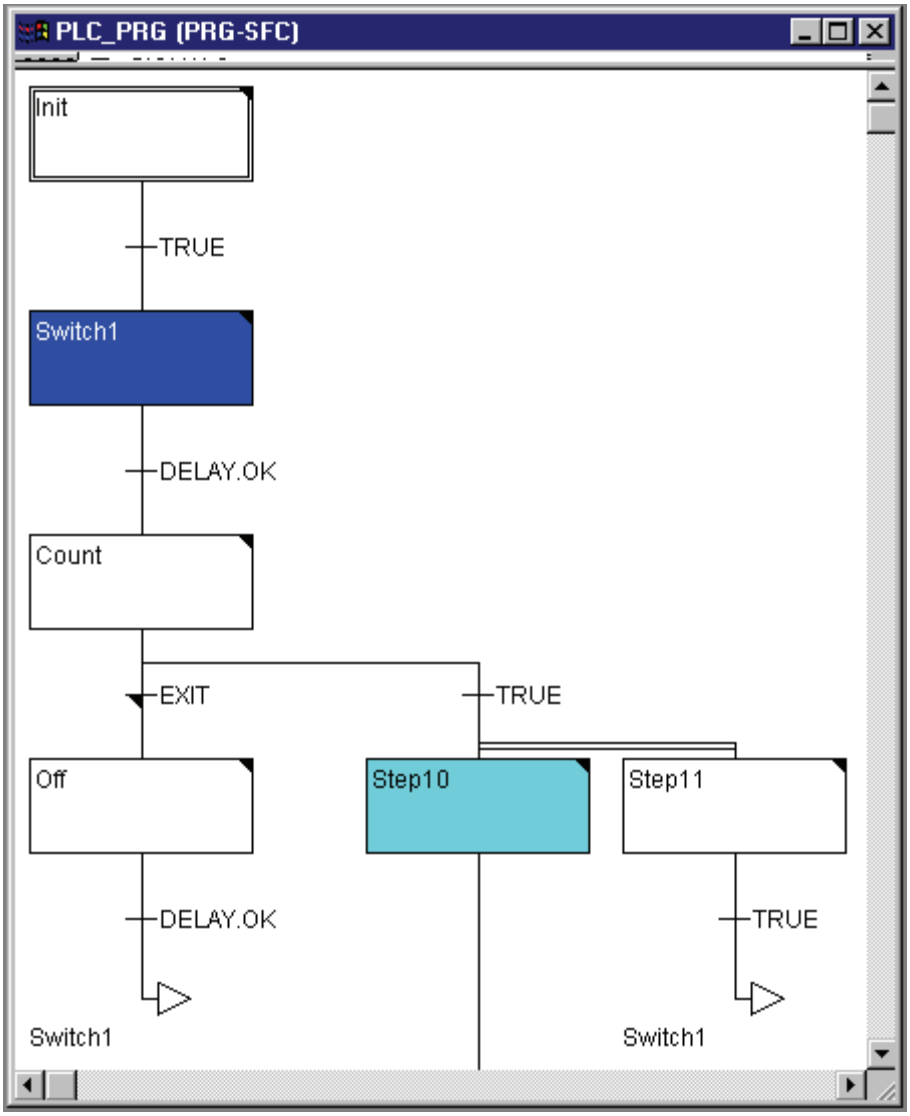
If IEC steps have been used, then all active actions in Online mode will be displayed in blue.

With the command **'Online' 'Step over'** it is stepped always to the next step which action is executed. If the current location is:

- a step in the linear processing of a POU or a step in the rightmost parallel branch of a POU, execution returns from the SFC POU to the caller. If the POU is the main program, the next cycle begins.
- a step in a parallel branch other than the rightmost, execution jumps to the active step in the next parallel branch.
- the last breakpoint location within a 3S action, execution jumps to the caller of the SFC.
- the last breakpoint location within an IEC action, execution jumps to the caller of the SFC.
- the last breakpoint position within an input action or output action, execution jumps to the next active step.

With **'Online' 'Step in'** even actions can be stepped into. If an input, output or IEC action is to be jumped into, a breakpoint must be set there. Within the actions, all the debugging functionality of the corresponding editor is available to the user.

If you rest the mouse cursor for a short time on a variable in the declaration editor, the type, the address and the comment of the variable will be displayed in a **tooltip**



Sequential Function Chart with an Active Step (Shift1) and a Breakpoint (Step10)

Note!

If you rename a step and perform an Online Change while this step is active, the program will be stopped in undefined status !

Processing order of elements in a sequence:

First, all Action Control Block flags in the IEC actions that are used in this sequence are reset (not, however, the flags of IEC actions that are called within actions).

All steps are tested in the order which they assume in the sequence (top to bottom and left to right) to determine whether the requirement for execution of the output action is provided, and this is executed if that is the case.

All steps are tested in the order which they assume in the sequence to determine whether the requirement for the input action is provided, and this is executed if that is the case.

For all steps , the following is done in the order which they assume in the sequence:
- If applicable, the elapsed time is copied into the corresponding step variable.
- If applicable, any timeout is tested and the SFC error flags are serviced as required.
- For non-IEC steps, the corresponding action is now executed.

IEC actions that are used in the sequence are executed in alphabetical order. This is done in two passes through the list of actions. In the first pass, all the IEC actions that are deactivated in the current cycle are executed. In the second pass, all the IEC actions that are active in the current cycle are executed.

Transitions are evaluated: If the step in the current cycle was active and the following transition returns TRUE (and if applicable the minimum active time has already elapsed), then the following step is activated.

The following must be noted concerning implementation of actions:

It can come about that an action is carried out several times in one cycle because it is associated with multiple sequences. (For example, an SFC could have two IEC actions A and B, which are both implemented in SFC, and which both call IEC action C; then in IEC actions A and B can both be active in the same cycle and furthermore in both actions IEC action C can be active; then C would be called twice).

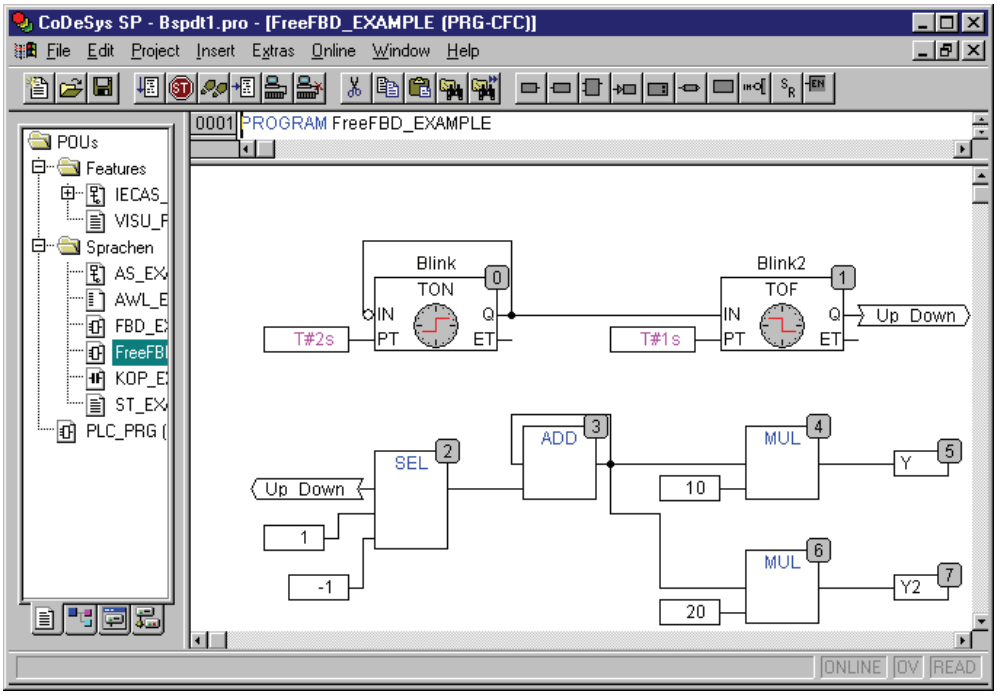
If the same IEC action is used simultaneously in different levels of an SFC, this could lead to undesired effects due to the processing sequence described above. For this reason, an error message is issued in this case. It can possibly arise during processing of projects created with older versions of **»PLC Designer«**.

Note!

In monitoring expressions (e.g. A AND B) in transitions, only the „Total value" of the transition is displayed.

7.5.10 The Continuous Function Chart Editor (CFC)...

See here a POU which has been produced using the continuous function chart editor (CFC):



No snap grid is used for the continuous function chart editor so the elements can be placed anywhere. Elements of the sequential processing list include boxes, input, output, jump, label, return and comments. The inputs and outputs of these elements can be connected by dragging a connection with the mouse. The connecting line will be drawn automatically. The shortest possible connection line is drawn taking into account existing connections. The connecting lines are automatically adjusted when the elements are moved. If the case arises where a connecting line cannot be drawn simply because of lack of space, a red line will be shown between the input and the associated output instead. This line will be converted into a connecting line just as soon as space is available.

One advantage of the continuous function chart as opposed to the usual function block diagram editor FBD is the fact that feedback paths can be inserted directly.

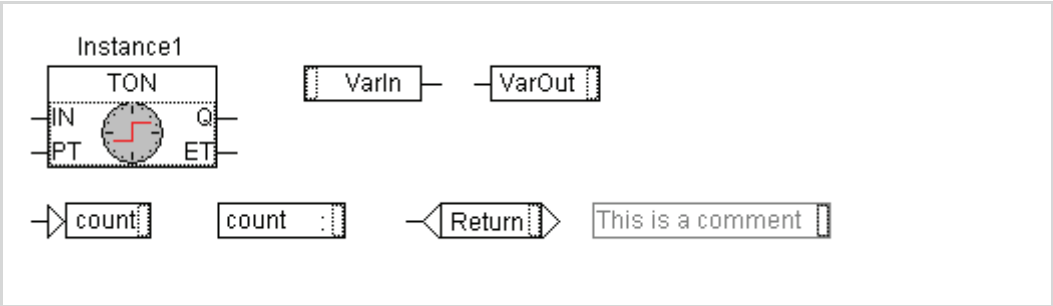
The most important commands can be found in the context menu.

Cursor positions in the CFC

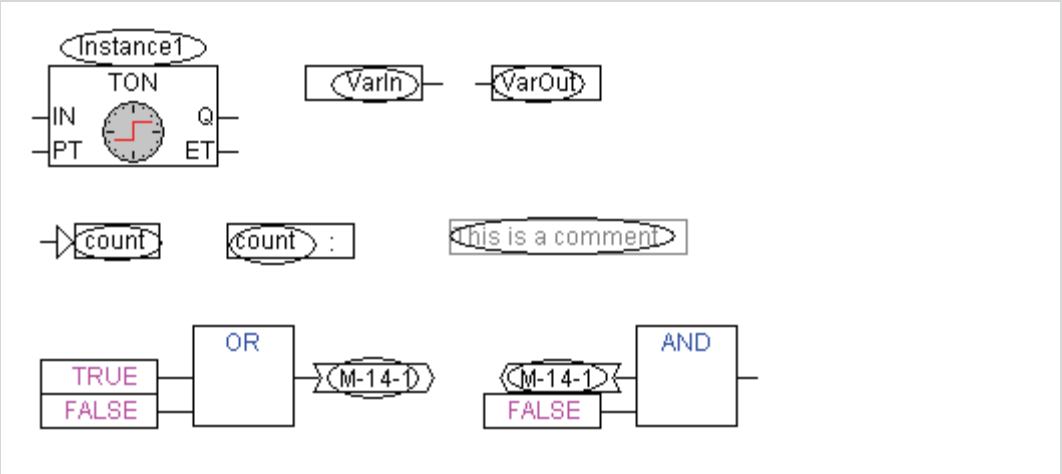
Each text is a possible cursor position. The selected text is shaded in blue and can be modified.

In all other cases the current cursor position is shown by a rectangle made up of points. The following is a list of all possible cursor positions with examples:

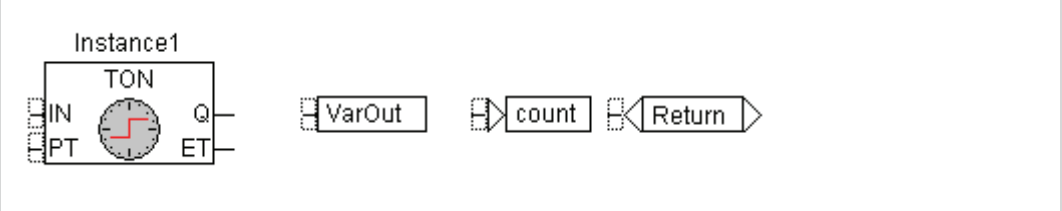
- Trunks of the elements box, input, output, jump, label, return and comments.



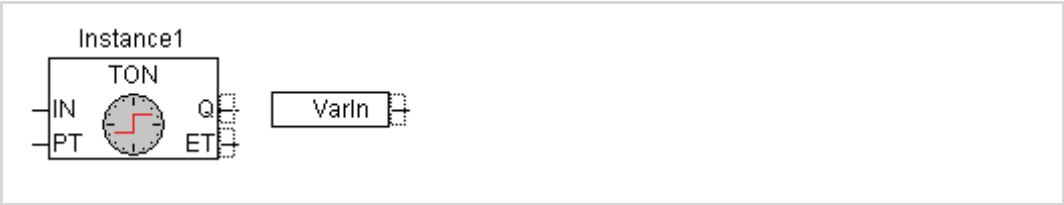
- Text fields for the elements box, input, output, jump, label, return and comments as well as text fields for connection marker



- Inputs for the elements box, input, output, jump and return



- Outputs for the elements box and input:



'Insert' 'Box' in the CFC

Symbol: Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<B>

This command can be used to paste in operators, functions, function blocks and programs First of all, it is always inserted an "AND" operator. This can be converted by Selection and Overwrite of the text into every other operator, into every function, into every function block and every program. The input assistance serves to select the desired block from the list of supported blocks. If the new block has another minimum number of inputs, these will be attached. If the new block has a smaller highest number of inputs, the last inputs will be deleted.

'Insert' 'Input' in CFC

Symbol: Shortcut: <Ctrl> + <E>

This command is used to insert an input. The text offered "???" can be selected and replaced by a variable or constant. The input assistance can also be used here.

'Insert' 'Output' in CFC

Symbol: Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<A>

This command is used to insert an output. The text offered "???" can be selected and replaced by a variable. The input assistance can also be used here. The value which is associated with the input of the output is allocated to this variable.

'Insert' 'Jump'in CFC

Symbol: Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<J>

This command is used to insert a jump. The text offered "???" can be selected and replaced by the jump label to which the program should jump.

The jump label is inserted using the command **'Insert 'Label'.**

'Insert' 'Label' in CFC

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl>+<L>

This command is used to insert a label. The text offered "???" can be selected and replaced by the jump label. In Online mode a RETURN label for marking the end of POU is automatically inserted.

The jump is inserted using the command **'Insert 'Jump'**.

'Insert' 'Return' in CFC

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl> + <R>

This command is used to insert a RETURN command. Note that in Online mode a jump label with the name RETURN is automatically inserted in the first column and after the last element in the editor; in stepping, it is automatically jumped to before execution leaves the POU.

'Insert' 'Comment' in CFC

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl> + <K>

This command is used to insert a comment.

You obtain a new line within the comment with <Ctrl> + <Enter>.

'Insert' 'Input of box' in CFC

Shortcut: <Ctrl> + <U>

This command is used to insert an input at a box. The number of inputs is variable for many operators (e.g. ADD can have two or more inputs).

To increase the number of inputs for such an operator by one, the box itself must be selected

Insert' 'In-Pin' in CFC, 'Insert' 'Out-Pin'

Symbol: 

These commands are available as soon as a macro is opened for editing. They are used for inserting in- or out-pins as in- and outputs of the macro. They differ from the normal in- and outputs of POUs by the way they are displayed and in that they have no position index.

'Extras' 'Negate' in CFC

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl> + <N>

This command is used to negate inputs, outputs, jumps or RETURN commands. The symbol for the negation is a small cross on the connection.

The input of the element block, output, jump or return is negated when it is selected.

The output of the element block or input is negated when it is selected (Cursor position 4).

A negation can be deleted by negating again.

'Extras' 'Set/Reset' in CFC

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl> + <T>

This command can only be used for selected inputs of the element output .

The symbol for Set is S and for Reset is R.



VarOut1 is set to TRUE, if VarIn1 delivers TRUE. VarOut1 retains this value, even when VarIn1 springs back to FALSE.

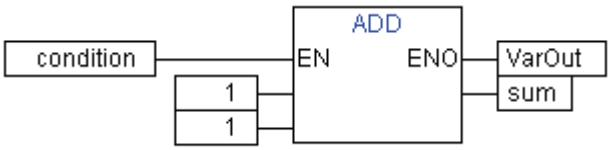
VarOut2 is set to FALSE, if VarIn2 delivers TRUE. VarOut2 retains this value, even when VarIn2 springs back to FALSE.

Multiple activation of this command causes the output to change between Set, Reset and the normal condition.

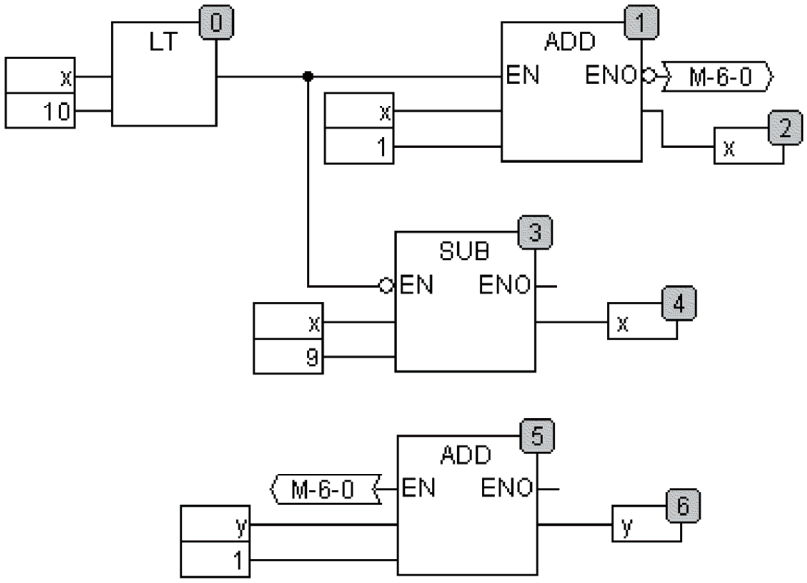
'Extras' 'EN/ENO' in CFC

Symbol:  Shortcut: <Ctrl> + <I>

This command is used to give a selected block (Cursor position 3) an additional Boolean enable input EN (Enable In) and a Boolean output ENO (Enable Out).



ADD is only executed in this example when the Boolean variable "condition" is TRUE. VarOut will also be set to TRUE after the execution of ADD. But if afterwords condition changes to FALSE, ADD will not be executed any more and thus VarOut remains TRUE! The example below shows how the value ENO can be used for further blocks:

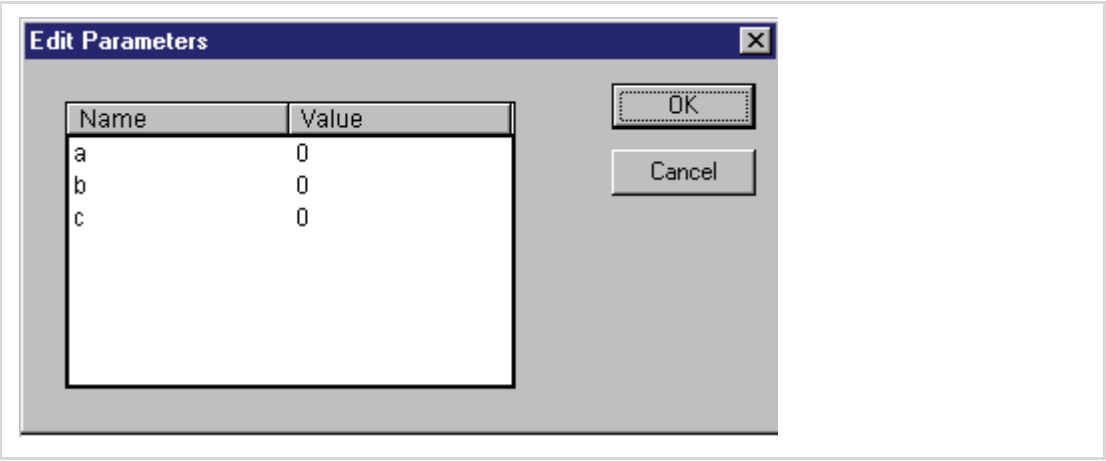


x should initialised to 1 and y initialised to 0. The numbers in the right corner of the block indicate the order in which the commands are executed.

x will be increased by one until it reaches the value 10. This causes the output of the block LT(0) to deliver the value FALSE and SUB(3) and ADD(5) will be executed. x is set back to the value 1 and y is increased by 1. LT(0) is executed again as long as x is smaller than 10. y thus count the number of times x passes though the value range 1 to 10.

'Extras' 'Properties...' in CFC

Constant input parameters (VAR_INPUT CONSTANT) from functions and function blocks are not shown directly in the continuous function chart editor. These can be shown and their value can be changed when one selects the trunk of the block in question and then selects the command ‚Extras' ‚Properties' or simply double clicks on the trunk. The „Edit parameters" dialog opens:



Properties dialog

The values of the constant input parameter (VAR_INPUT CONSTANT) can be changed. Here it is necessary to mark the parameter value in the column Value. Another mouse click or pressing on the space bar allows this to be edited. Confirmation of the change to the value is made by pressing the <Enter> key or pressing <Escape> rejects the changes. The button **OK** stores all of the changes which were made.

Note!

This functionality and the associated declaration of variables with keyword "VAR_INPUT CONSTANT" is only of impact for the CFC editor. In the FBD editor always all INPUT variables will be displayed at a box, no matter whether declared as VAR_INPUT or VAR_INPUT CONSTANT. Also for text editors this does not make any difference.

Selecting elements in CFC

One clicks on the trunk of the element to select it.

To mark more elements one presses the <Shift> key and clicks in the elements required, one after the other, or one drags the mouse with the left hand mousekey depressed over the elements to be marked.

The command **'Extras' 'Select all'** marks all elements at once.

Moving elements in CFC

One or more selected elements can be moved with the arrow keys as one is pressing on the <Shift> key. Another possibility is to move elements using a depressed left mousekey. These elements are placed by releasing the left mousekey in as far as they do not cover other elements or exceed the foreseen size of the editor. The marked element jumps back to its initial position in such cases and a warning tone sounds.

Copying elements in CFC

One or more selected elements can be copied with the command **'Edit' 'Copy'** and inserted with the command **'Edit' 'Paste'**.

Creating connections

An input of an element can be precisely connected to the output of another element. An output of an element can be connected to the inputs of a number of other elements.

There are a number of possibilities to connect the input of an element E2 with the output of an element E1.



Place the mouse on the output of element E1, click with the left mousekey, hold the left mousekey down and drag the mouse cursor onto the input of element E2 and let the left mousekey go. A connection is made from the output of element E1 to the mouse cursor during this dragging operation with the mouse.

Place the mouse on the input of element E2, click with the left mousekey, hold the left mousekey down and drag the mouse cursor onto the output of element E1 and let the left mousekey go.

Move one of the elements E1 or E2 and place it in such a way by letting go of the left mousekey that the output of element E2 and the input of element E1 touch.

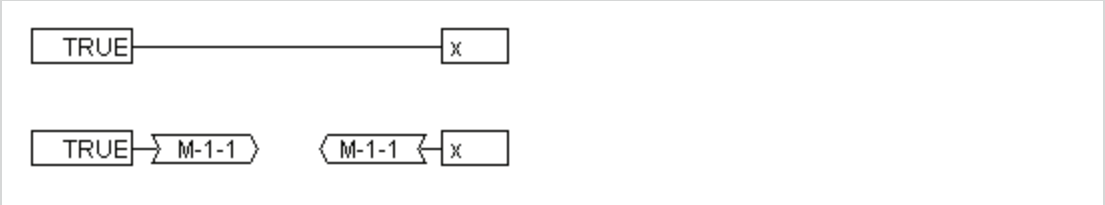
Where element E2 is a block with a free input, a connection can also be made by dragging the mouse from an output from E1 to the trunk of E2. A connection with the free input at the highest position on E2 will be created when the mousekey is released. In the case where block E2 does not have a free input but is an operator which can have an input added to it, a new input will be automatically generated.

The output and input of a block can be connected together (feedback path) by using this method. To establish a connection between two pins, click with the left mouse button on one pin, hold the button down and thus drag the connection to the desired pin, where you then release the button. If during the dragging of the connection extends outside working area of the editor, scrolling occurs automatically. For simple data types, type testing is carried out during the connection. If the types of the two pins are not compatible, the cursor changes to „Forbidden". For complex data types, no testing takes place.

'Extras' 'Connection marker'

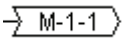
Connections can also be represented by a connector (connection marker) instead of a connecting line. Here the output and the associated input have a connector added to them which is given a unique name.

Where a connection already exists between the two elements which should now be represented by connectors, the output of the connecting line is marked and the menu point ‚Extras' ‚Connection marker' is selected. The following diagram shows a connection before and after the selection of this menu point.

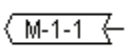


A unique name is given as standard by the program which begins with M, but which can be changed The connector name is stored as an output parameter, but can be edited both at the input and at the output.

It is important to know that the connector name is associated with a property of the output of a connection and is stored with it.

1. Edit the connector at the output: 

If the text in the connector is replaced, the new connector name is adopted by all associated connectors at the inputs. One cannot, however, select a name which already belongs to **another** connection marker since the uniqueness of the connector name would be violated.

2. Edit the connector at the input: 

If the text in a connector is replaced, it will also be replaced in the corresponding connection marker on the other POU. Connections in connector representations can be converted to normal connections in that one marks the output of the connections (Cursor position 4) and again selects the menu point **'Extras' 'Connection marker'**.

Changing connections

A connection between the output of an element E1 and the input of an element E2 can easily be changed into a connection between the output of element E1 and the input of element E3. The mouse is clicked on the input of E2, the left mousekey is kept depressed, the mouse cursor is moved to the input of E3 and then released.

Deleting connections

There are a number of possibilities for removing the connection between the output of an element E1 and the input of an element E2:

Select the output of element E1 and press the <Delete> key or execute the command **'Edit' 'Delete'**. Several connections will be removed at the same if the output of E1 is connected to more than one of inputs.

Select the input of element E2 and press the <Delete> key or execute the command **'Edit' 'Delete'**.

Select the input of E2 with the mouse, hold the left mousekey depressed and drag the connection from the input to E2 away. The connection is removed when the left mousekey is released in a free area of the screen.

Insert inputs/outputs "on the fly"

If exactly one input or output pin of an element is selected, then the corresponding input- or output- element can be directly inserted and its editor field filled with a string by entering the string at the keyboard.

Order of execution

The elements block, output, jump, return and label each possess a number indicating the order in which they are executed. In this sequential order the individual elements are evaluated at run time.

When pasting in an element the number is automatically given according to the topological sequence (from left to right and from above to below). The new element receives the number of its topological successor if the sequence has already been changed and all higher numbers are increased by one.

The number of an element remains constant when it is moved.

The sequence influences the result and must be changed in certain cases.

If the sequence is displayed, the corresponding sequential execution number is shown in the upper right hand corner of the element.

'Extras' 'Order' 'Show Order'

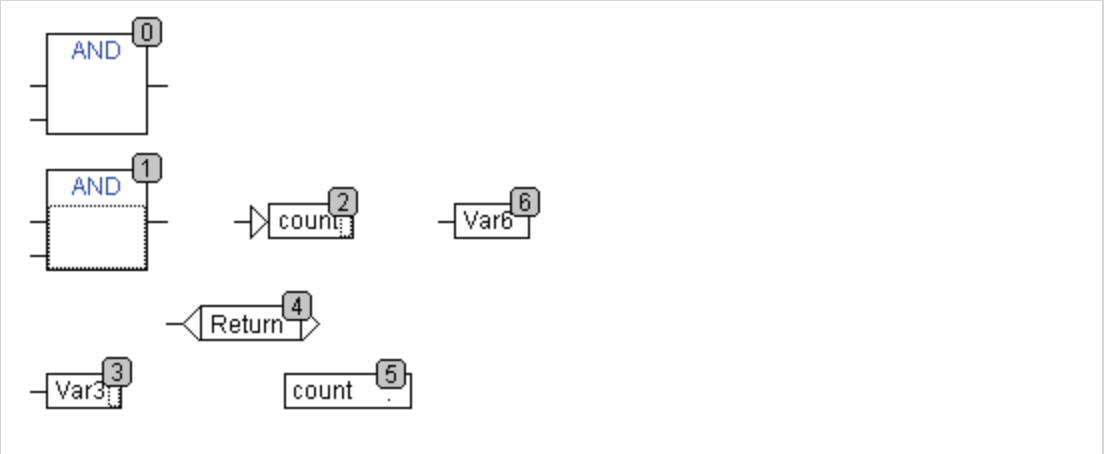
This command switches the display of the order of execution on and off. The default setting is to show it (recognised by a tick (✓) in front of the menu point).

The relevant order of execution number appears in the upper right hand corner for the elements block, output, jump, return and label.

'Extras' 'Order' 'Order topologically'

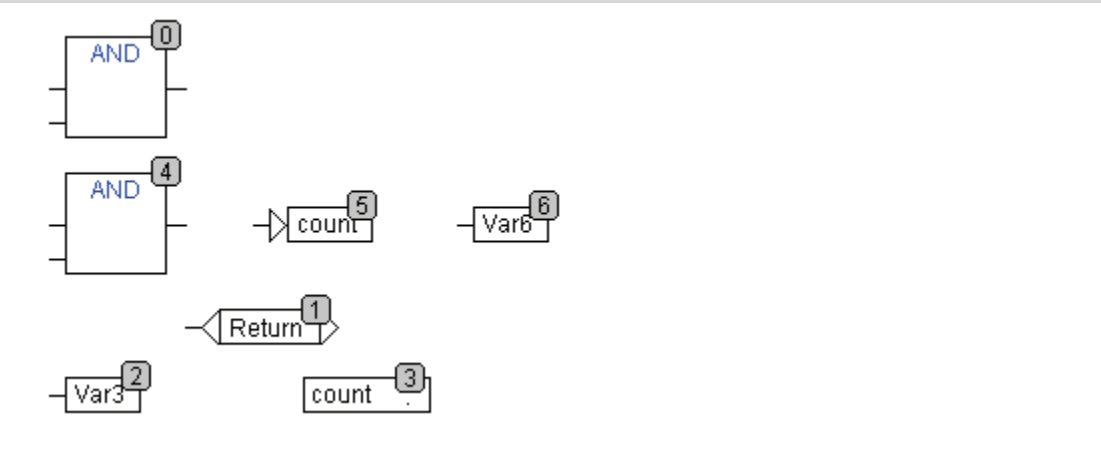
Elements are ordered in a topological sequence when the execution takes place from left to right and from above to below, that is the number increases from left to right and from above to below for topologically arranged elements. The connections are not relevant, only the location of the elements is important.

All **selected** elements are topologically arranged when the command **'Extras' 'Order' 'Order topologically'** is executed. All elements in the selection are taken out of the sequential processing list by this process. The elements are then entered into the remaining sequential processing list individually from bottom right through to upper left. Each marked element is entered into the sequential processing list before its topological successor, i.e. it is inserted before the element that in a topological sequencing would be executed after it, when all elements in the editor were sequenced according to a topological sequencing system. This will be clarified by an example.



The elements with numbers 1, 2 and 3 are selected. If the command **'Order topologically'** is selected the elements are first taken out of the sequential processing list. Var3, the jump and the AND-operator are then inserted again one after the other. Var3 is placed before the label and receives the number 2. The jump is then ordered and receives the number 4 at first but this then becomes 5 after the AND is inserted.

The new order of execution which arises is:



When a newly generated block is introduced it will be placed by default in front of its topological successor in the sequential processing list.

'Extras' 'Order' 'One up'

With this command all selected elements with the exception of the element which is at the beginning of the sequential processing list are moved one place forwards in the sequential processing list.

'Extras' 'Order' 'One down'

With this command all selected elements with the exception of the element which is at the end of the sequential processing list are moved one place backwards in the sequential processing list.

'Extras' 'Order' 'Start'

With this command all selected elements will be moved to the front of the sequential processing list whereby the order within the group of selected elements is maintained. The order within the group of unselected elements also remains the same.

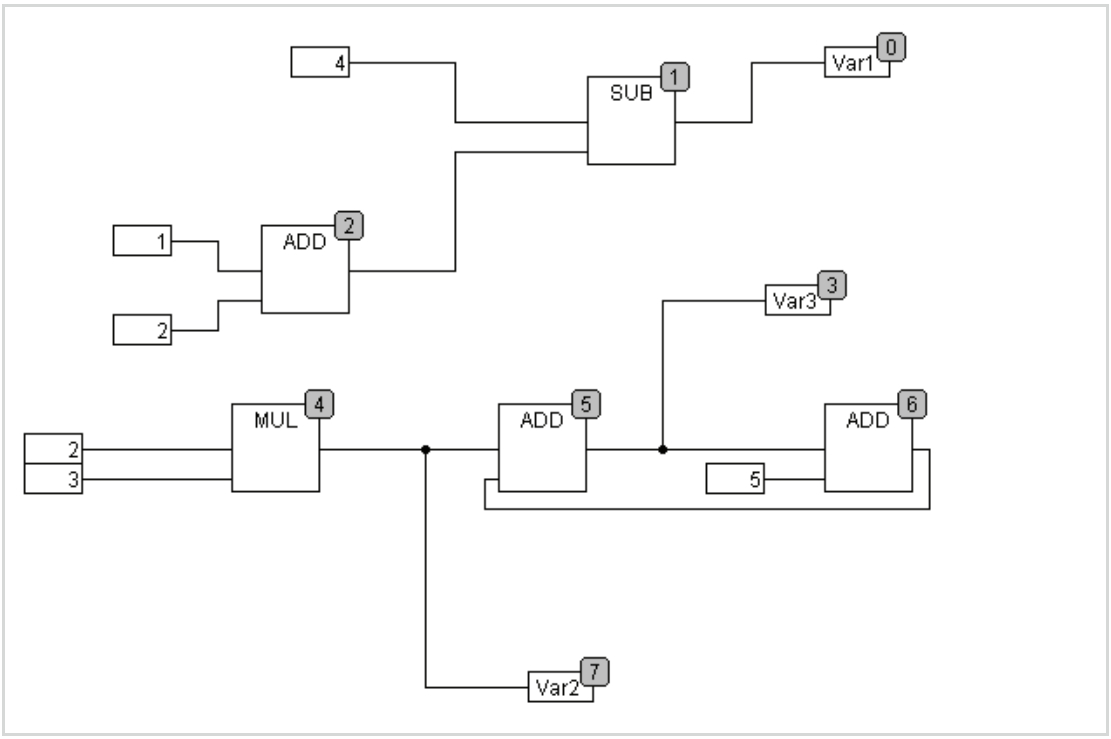
'Extras' 'Order' 'End'

With this command all selected elements will be moved to the end of the sequential processing list whereby the order within the group of selected elements is maintained. The order within the group of unselected elements also remains the same.

'Extras' 'Order' 'Order everything according to data flow"

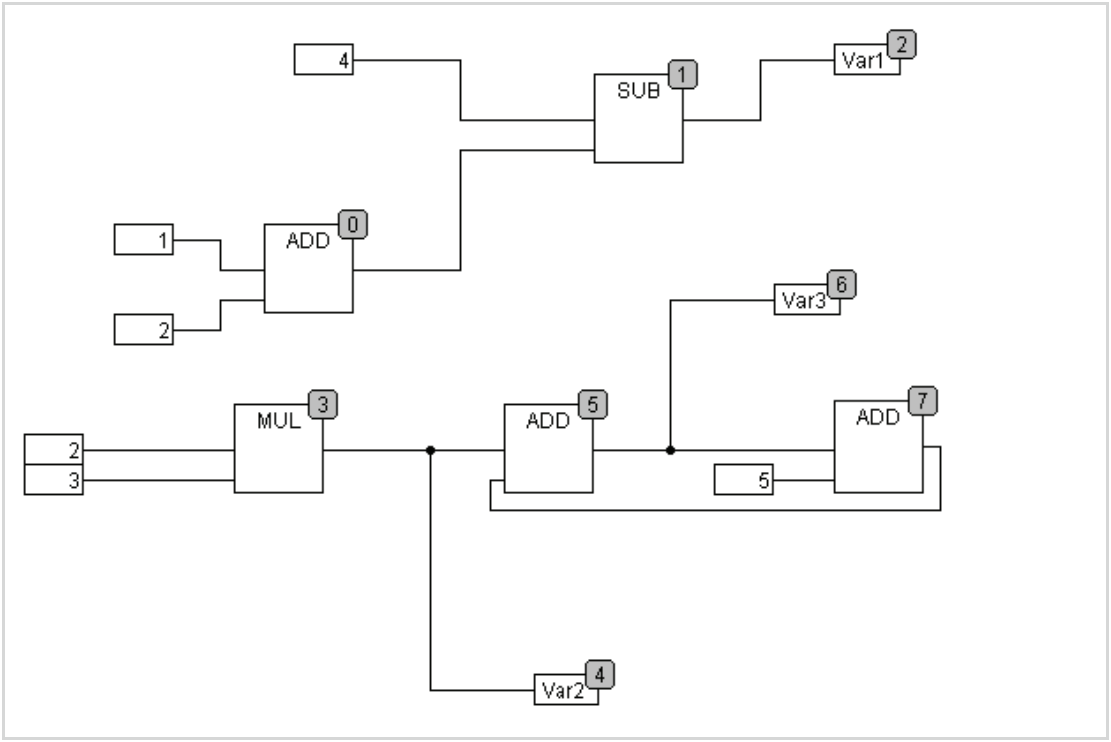
This command **effects all** elements. The order of execution is determined by the data flow of the elements and not by their position.

The diagram below shows elements which have been ordered topographically:



Sequence before the ordering according to data flow

The following arrangement exists after selecting the command:



Sequence after the ordering according to data flow

When this command is selected the first thing to happen is that the elements are ordered topographically. A new sequential processing list is then created. Based on the known values of the inputs, the computer calculates which of the as yet not numbered elements can be processed next. In the above "network" the block AND, for example, could be processed immediately since the values at its inputs (1 and 2) are known. Block SUB can only then be processed since the result from ADD must be known first, etc.

Feedback paths are inserted last.

The advantage of the data flow sequencing is that an output box which is connected to the output of a block comes immediately after it in the data flow sequencing system which by topological ordering would not always be the case. The topological ordering can deliver another result in some cases than ordering by data flow, a point which one can recognise from the above example.

'Extras' 'Create macro"

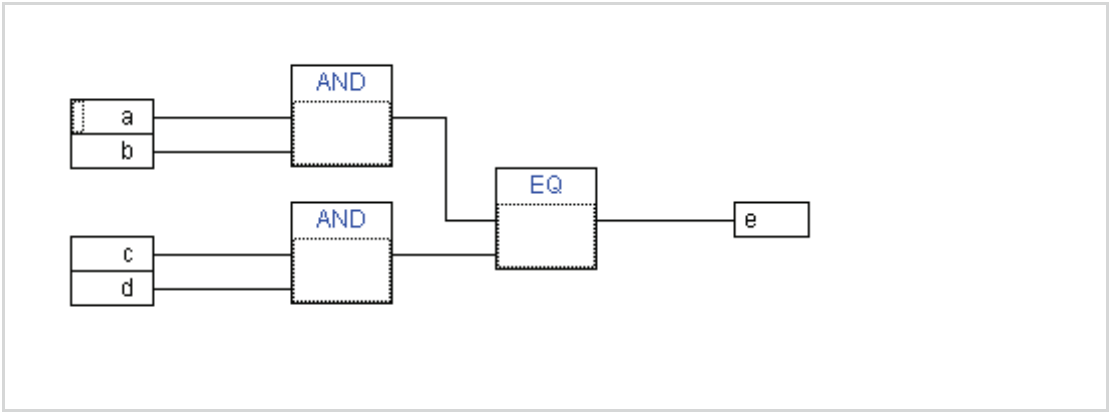
Symbol: 

With this command, several POUs that are selected at the same time can be assembled into a block, which can be named as a macro. Macros only can be reproduced by Copy/Paste, whereby each copy becomes a separate macro whose name can be chosen independently. Macros are thus not references. All connections that are cut by the creation of a macro generate in- or out-pins on the macro. Connections to inputs generate an in-pin. The default name appears next to the pin in the form In<n>. For connections to outputs, Out<n> appears. Affected connections which had connection markers prior to the creation of the macro, retain the connection marker on the PIN of the macro.

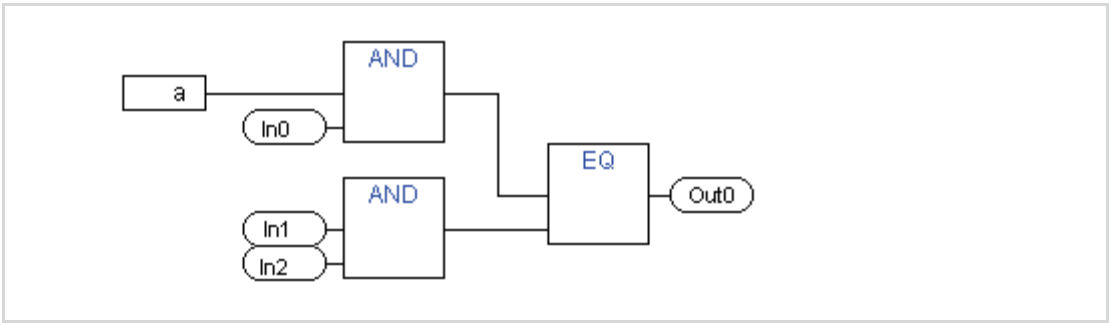
At first, a macro has the default name "MACRO". This can be changed in the Name field of the macro use. If the macro is edited, the name of the macro will be displayed in the title bar of the editor window appended to the POU name.

Example:

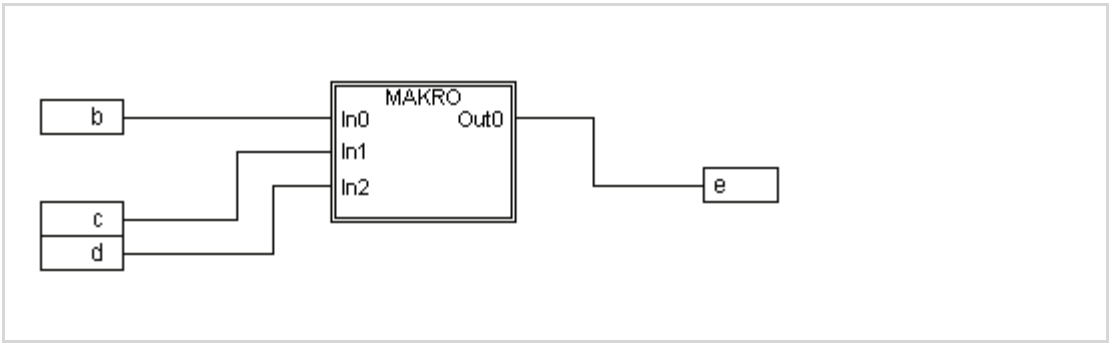
Selection



Macro:



In the editor:



'

Extras' 'Jump into Macro'

Symbol: 

By this command, or by double clicking on the body of the macro, the macro is opened for editing in the editor window of the associated POU. The name of the macro is displayed appended to the POU name in the title bar.

The pin boxes generated for the in- and outputs of the macro during creation can be handled like normal POU in- and outputs. They can also be moved, deleted, added, etc. They differ only in how they are displayed and have no position index. For adding you can use the buttons  (input) resp.  (output), which are available in the menu bar. Pin boxes have rounded corners. The text in the pin-box matches the name of the pin in the macro display.

The order of the pins in the macro box follows the order of execution of the elements of the macro. A lower order index before a higher one, higher pin before lower.

The processing order within the macro is closed, in other words the macro is processed as a block, at the position of the macro in the primary POU. Commands for manipulating the order of execution therefore operate only within the macro.

'Extras' 'Expand macro'

With this command, the selected macro is re-expanded and the elements contained in it are inserted in the POU at the macro's location. The connections to the pins of the macro are again displayed as connections to the in- or outputs of the elements. If the expansion of the macro can not occur at the location of the macro box for lack of space, the macro is displaced to the right and down until enough space is available.

Note!

If the project is saved under project version number 2.1, the macros will likewise all be expanded. All macros will also be expanded before conversion into other languages.

'Extras' 'One macro level back', 'Extras' 'All macro levels back'

Symbols: 

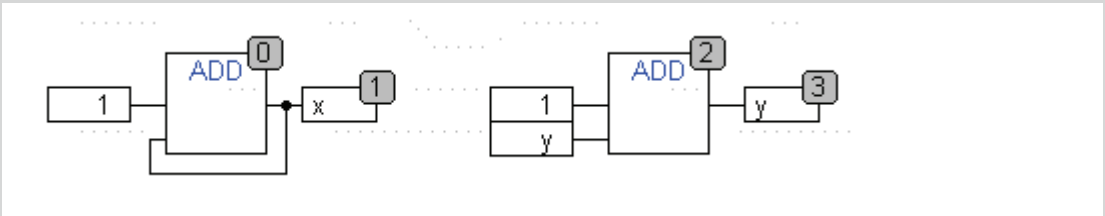
These commands are also available in the toolbar, as soon as a macro is opened for editing. If macros are nested within one another, it is possible to switch to the next higher or to the highest display level.

Feedback paths in CFC

Feedback paths can only be displayed directly in the continuous function chart editor and not in the usual function block diagram editor. Here it should be observed that the output of a block always carries an internal intermediate variable. The data type of the intermediate variable results, for operators, from the largest data type of the inputs.

The data type of a constant is obtained from the smallest possible data type, that is the constant '1' adopts the data type SINT. If now an addition with feedback and the constant '1' is executed, the first input gives the data type SINT and the second is undefined because of the feedback. Thus the intermediate variable is also of the type SINT. The value of the intermediate variable is only then allocated to the output variable.

The diagram below shows an addition with feedback and an addition with a variable. The variables x and y should be of the type INT here.



There are differences between the two additions:

The variable y can be initialised with a value which is not equal to zero but this is not the case for intermediate variable for the left addition.

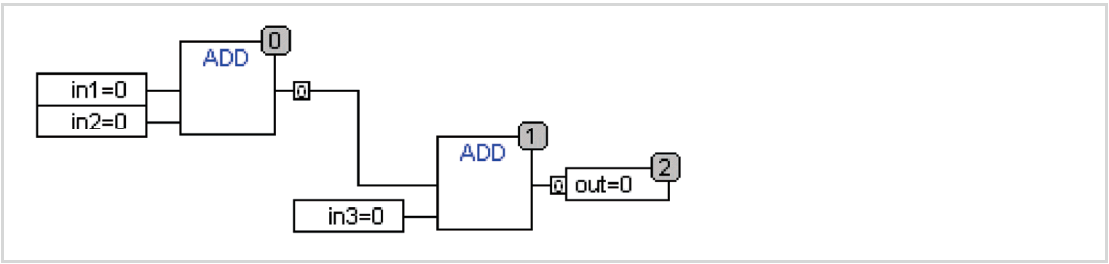
The intermediate variable for the left addition has the data type SINT while that on the right has the data type INT. The variables x and y have different values after the 129th call up. The variable x, although it is of the type INT, contains the value 127 because the intermediate variable has gone into overflow. The variable y contains the value 129, on the other hand.

CFC in Online mode

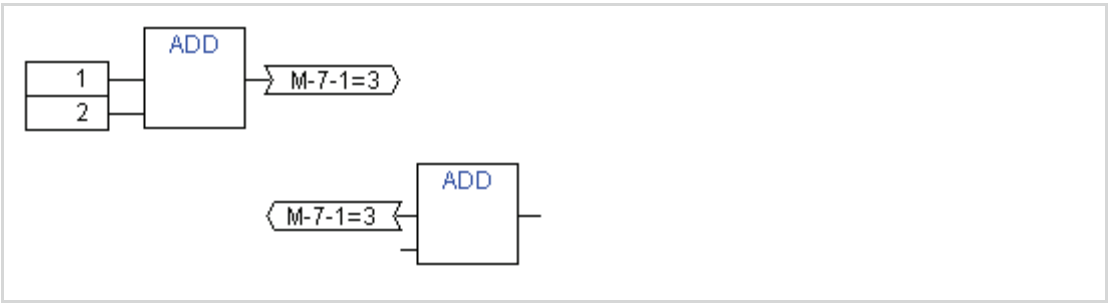
Monitoring:

The values for inputs and outputs are displayed within the input or output boxes. Constants are not monitored. For non-boolean variables, the boxes are expanded to accommodated the values displayed. For boolean connections, the variable name as well as the connection are displayed in blue if the value is TRUE, otherwise they remain black.

Internal boolean connections are also displayed Online in blue in the TRUE state, otherwise black. The value of internal non-boolean connections is displayed in a small box with rounded corners on the output pin of the connection.



PINs in macros are monitored like in- or output boxes.



Non-boolean connections with connection markers display their value within the connection marker. For boolean connections, the lines as well as the marker names are displayed in blue if the line is carrying the value TRUE, otherwise black.

Flow control:

When flow control is switched on, the connections that have been traversed are marked with the color selected in the project options.

Breakpoints:

Breakpoint s can be set on all elements that also have a processing sequence order index. The processing of the program will be halted prior to execution of the respective element, that is for POUs and outputs before the assignment of inputs, for jump labels before execution of the element with the next index. The processing sequence index of the element is used as the breakpoint position in the Breakpoint dialog.

The setting of breakpoints on a selected element is accomplished with the F9 key or via the menu item 'Breakpoint on/off' in the 'Online' or 'Extras' menu or in the editor's context menu. If a breakpoint is set on an element, then this will be erased and reversed the next time the command 'Breakpoint on/off' is executed. In addition, the breakpoint on an element can be toggled by double-clicking on it.

Breakpoints are displayed in the colors entered in the project options.

RETURN label:

In Online mode, a jump label with the name „RETURN" is automatically generated in the first column and after the last element in the editor. This label marks the end of the POU and is jumped to when stepping just before execution leaves the POU. No RETURN marks are inserted in macros.

Stepping:

When using 'Step over' the element with the next-higher order index will always be jumped to. If the current element is a macro or a POU, then its implement branches when 'Step in' is in effect. If a 'Step over' is executed from there, the element whose order index follows that of the macro is jumped to.

Zoom to POU

Shortcut: <Alt>+<Enter>

With this command a selected POU is loaded into its editor. The command is available in the context menu (<F2>) or in the 'Extras' menu, if the cursor is positioned on the name of a POU in a text editor or if the POU box is selected in a graphic editor.

If you are dealing with a POU from a library, then the library manager is called up, and the corresponding POU is displayed.

8 The Resources

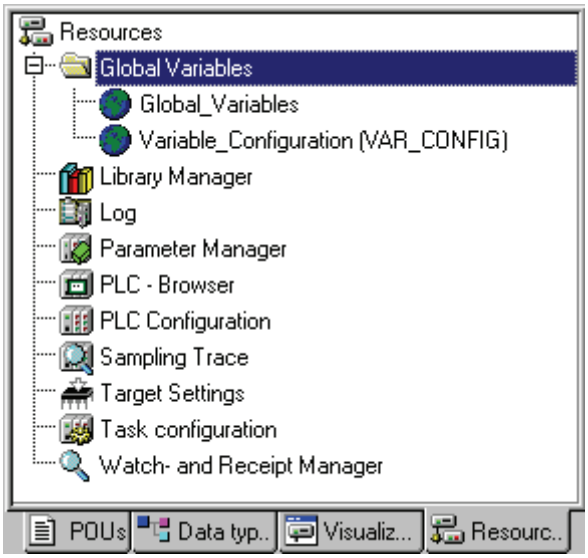
8.1 Overview of the Resources

In the **Resources** register card of the Object Organizer, there are objects for configuring and organizing your project and for keeping track of the values of the variables:

- Global Variables that can be utilized in the entire project; the global variables of the project as well as the libraries.
- Alarm configuration for the organization of an alarm system in the PLC Designer project
- Library Manager for handling all libraries which are included to the project
- Log for recording the activities during the online sessions
- PLC Configuration for configuring your hardware
- Watch and Receipt Manager for indicating and presetting variable values
- Task Configuration for controlling your program control via tasks
- Target settings for selecting the hardware platform (target) and if available for customizing target specific parameters

Depending on the target settings the following resources also might be available:

- **Parameter Manager** for managing variables, which are also accessible for other participants in the network. This functionality will only be available if defined in the corresponding target settings.
- PLC Browser **for monitoring of information from the PLC**
- **Sampling Trace** for graphic logging of variable values
- **Tools** for linking external tools, which then can be started in »PLC Designer«. This functionality will only be available if defined in the corresponding target settings.
- The **SoftMotion** functionality (license needed): **CNC program list** (CNC Editor) and **CAMs** (CAM-Editor) (see the separate documentation on SoftMotion).
- Additionally there might be created and loaded a Docuframe file which offers a set of comments for the project variables (e.g. in a certain language), which will be printed when documenting the project with 'Project' 'Document'.



Resources tab in »PLC Designer«

8.2 PLC Configuration...

The PLC Configuration is found as an object in the register card **Resources** in the Object Organizer. With the PLC Configuration editor, you must describe the hardware the opened project is established for. For the program implementation, the number and position of the inputs and outputs is especially important. With this description, **»PLC Designer«** verifies whether the IEC addresses used in the program also actually exist in the hardware.

The base of working in the configuration editor is/are the configuration files (*.cfg; see below **Note concerning version compatibility**') and the device files (.e.g. *.gsd, *.eds). These are stored in the directory which is defined in the target file (see Target Settings) and are read when the project is opened in **»PLC Designer«**. You can add files to this directories at any time.

The **configuration file *.cfg** describes a basic configuration, which is mapped in the configuration editor, and it defines to which extent the user can customize this configuration in the editor.

Stop!

As soon as the underlying configuration file (*.cfg) has been modified, you have to redo the configuration in »PLC Designer«!

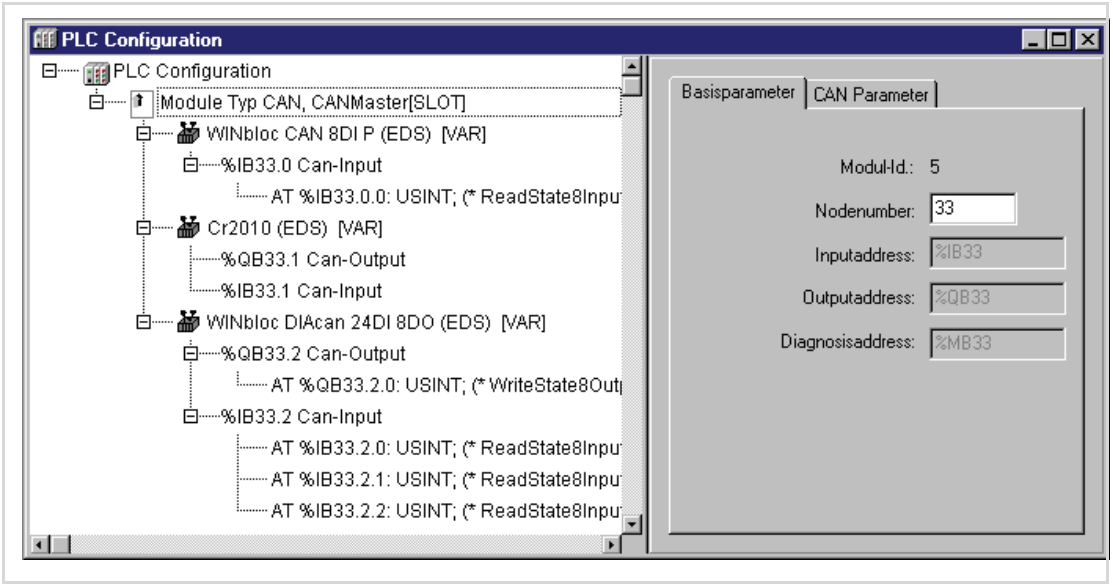
Note!

In CoDeSys V2.2 a new format was implemented for the PLC Configuration. From that version on the basic configuration files have to use the extension ***.cfg**. In contrast the configuration editor in former PLC Designer versions needed configuration files with an extension ***.con**. But: The target system might define that the "old" configurator should be used further on, even when an old project is opened in V2.2 or higher (regard the **remarks** further down). This avoids the need of creating new configuration files, the *.con-files can be used further on. If the target does not support the old configurator, you can convert the old PLC Configuration, which is stored in the project, to the new format, if (!) an appropriate new *.cfg-file has been provided. See more details in **'Extras' 'Convert'.**

The **PLC Designer** configuration editor allows to configure I/O modules as well as CAN and profibus modules.

If supported by the target system, there is the possibility to get information from the PLC: 1. a scan of the actual hardware structure which can directly be used in the PLC Configuration, 2. diagnosis messages which will be displayed as messages in »PLC Designer«, 3. status information which will be displayed in the PLC Configuration dialog

After the final customization by the user a binary image of the configuration is sent to the PLC:



Example PLC Configuration with a CPU Module and a CAN Module

The PLC Configuration is displayed in the editor in tree structure and can be edited using menu commands and dialogs. The configuration contains input and/or output elements and also management elements which themselves also have subelements (for example, a CAN-bus or a digital input card with 8 inputs).

For inputs and outputs, symbolic names can be assigned. The IEC-address where this input or output can be accessed is then located behind the symbolic name.

Possibly the currently used target system defines that the **CoDeSys V2.1 PLC Configuration** is to be used. In this case for help on working with the PLC Configuration see the user documentation on CoDeSys V2.1, but regard the following extensions in the configurator:

CAN configurator:	Option "**Create all SDO's**" in dialog 'CAN Parameters' of a CAN module. **Attention:** The SDO's now are always created according to the mechanism used in the V2.3 configurator; thus the results may differ from that you got previously.
	Edit field "Device-Type" in dialog 'CAN settings' of a CanDevice.
Profibus configurator:	The selection list of the Profibus modules available for getting inserted now is sorted alphabetically by module names.

8.2.1 Working in the PLC Configuration...

The configuration editor is divided up in two parts. In the left window the **configuration tree** is displayed. Structure and components of the tree result primarily (Standardconfiguration) from the definitions found in the configuration file, but can be modified by the additional adaptation which is done by the user in the PLC Designer PLC Configurator. In the right window the currently available **configuration dialogs** are shown on one or several tabs.

The right part of the window is per default visible, but can get faded out via the menu item **'Extras' 'Properties'**.

On top of the configuration tree there is the entry of the **"root" module** with a name, which has been defined in the **configuration file *.cfg**.

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Selecting of elements

For selecting elements, click the mouse on the corresponding element, or, using the arrow keys, move the dotted rectangle onto the desired element.

Elements that begin with a plus sign are organization elements and contain subelements. To open an element, select the element and doubleclick the plus sign or press <Enter>. You can close opened elements (minus sign in front of the element) the same way.

Insert elements, 'Insert' 'Insert element', 'Insert' 'Append subelement'

Depending on the definitions in the configuration file(s) and on the available device files, which have been read when the project was opened, a basic composition of elements is automatically positioned in the configuration tree. If one of those elements is selected, further elements may be added if this is allowed by the definitions in the configuration file and if the needed device files are available:

- **'Insert' 'Insert element'**: An element can be selected and inserted before the element which is currently marked in the configuration tree.
- **'Insert' 'Append subelement'**: An element can be selected and inserted as subelement of the element which is currently marked in the configuration tree. It will be inserted at the last position.

The most important commands are found in the context menu (right mouse button or <Ctrl>+<F10>).

Note!

If supported by the target system, a scan of the existing hardware can be used for the inserting of modules in the PLC Designer PLC Configuration.

Replacing/switching Elements, 'Extras' 'Replace element"

Depending on the definition in the configuration file, the currently selected element may be get replaced by an other one. The same way it may be possible to switch channels, which are set up in a way that they can be used as input or as output elements. Use the command 'Extras' 'Replace element'

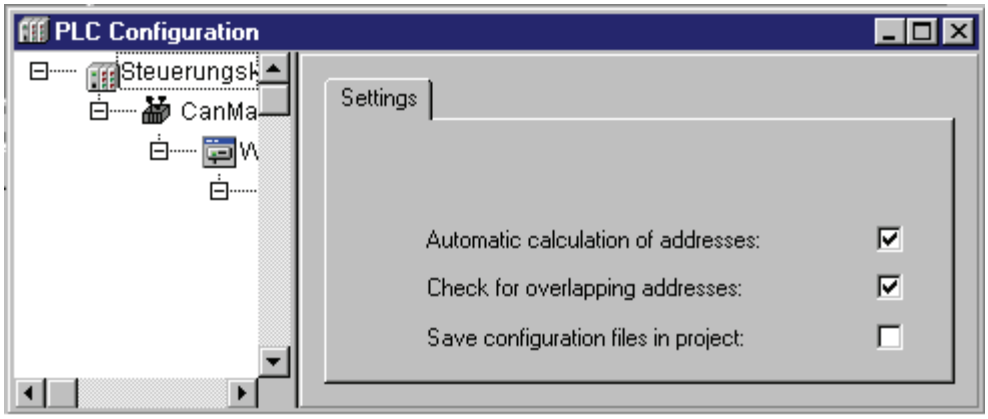
Symbolic names

Symbolic names for modules and channels can be defined in the configuration file. In this case they will be shown in the configuration editor before the 'AT' of the IEC address of the respective element. In the configuration file also is defined whether the symbolic name can be edited or inserted in the configuration editor. To enter a symbolic name, select the desired module or channel in the configuration tree and open a text field by a mouse-click on the 'AT' before the IEC address. In the same manner you can edit an existing symbolic name after a doubleclick on the name. Please regard that allocating a symbolic name corresponds with a valid variable declaration !

General Settings in the PLC Configuration

Select the entry 'PLC configuration' ('root' module) at top of the configuration tree. Thereupon the dialog 'Settings' is shown in the right part of the window. The following options can be activated:

- **Calculate addresses**: Each newly inserted module automatically is allocated with an address, which results from the address of the module inserted before plus the size of this address. If a module is removed from the configuration, the addresses of the following modules are adjusted automatically. When the command 'Extras' 'Compute addresses' is executed, all addresses starting at the selected node (module) will be recalculated.
- **Check for overlapping addresses**: At compilation the project will be checked for overlapping addresses and a corresponding message will be displayed.
- **Save configuration files in project**: The information which is contained in the configuration file(s) *.cfg and the device description files, which underlie the current PLC Configuration, will be saved in the project.
  Thus (**if** it is not defined by the configuration file, that **always the standard configuration** should be reloaded !), the configuration as set up by the user will be kept in the project, even if configuration files are not found when the project is re-opened. Keep in mind that in such a case the complete project specific configuration **will get lost,** if the here described option is not activated !
  By saving the configuration information with the project these also will be kept at a target change. But regard in this case, that the new target might bring own configuration files which then will be regarded additionally.



Dialog for the general Settings of the PLC configuration

The global mode of addressing (flat addresses / addresses depending on Id) in the PLC configuration is defined in the configuration file.

Recalculation of Module addresses, 'Extras' 'Calculate addresses'

If the option "Calculate addresses" is activated in the dialog 'Settings' of the PLC configuration editor , then the command 'Extras' 'Calculate addresses' will start to recalculate the addresses of the modules. All modules starting with the one, which is currently selected in the configuration tree, will be regarded.

Add configuration file

Use this command in the 'Extras' menu to add a further file to the configuration files of the project. These are the files which are found in the directory path(es) specified in the project options, category 'Directories', input field 'Configuration files'.

The dialog **Select configuration file** will be opened, where you can set a filter for CAN- (*.eds,*. dcf), Profibus- (gsd*.*), configuration- (*.cfg)-files or all files (*.*). After having selected the desired file a check will be done, whether the file is already found in one of the defined directories for configuration files. In this case an appropriate message will appear and the file cannot be added. If a cfg-file is selected, in each case an dialog will open where you get information on what to do.

If the file can be added, the dialog **Select configuration directory**, where all configuration directories currently defined for the project will appear in a selection list. Choose the directory where the file whereto the file should be copied. After having confirmed this selection by pressing button OK, the dialog will close and the file immediately will be available in the PLC configuration.

Return to standard configuration, 'Extras' 'Standard configuration'

The command 'Extras' 'Standardconfiguration' can be used to restore the original PLC configuration, which is defined by the configuration file *.cfg and saved in the project.



Stop!

In the configuration file *.cfg it might be defined that the standard configuration should be restored at **each** reopening of the project. In this case all adaptations of the configuration done by the user will get lost !

Converting of old PLC configurations, 'Extras' 'Convert'

This command is available in the menu 'Extras' if you open a project containing a PLC configuration, which was created with an older **»PLC Designer«** version than V2.2.

If all needed configuration files are available (Attention: Information of the *.con-file now must be available in a *.cfg configuration file!), the command 'Convert' will transfer the existing configuration into the format of the actual PLC configuration. A dialog will open which asks "Convert the configuration to the new format ? Attention: Undo is not possible !"

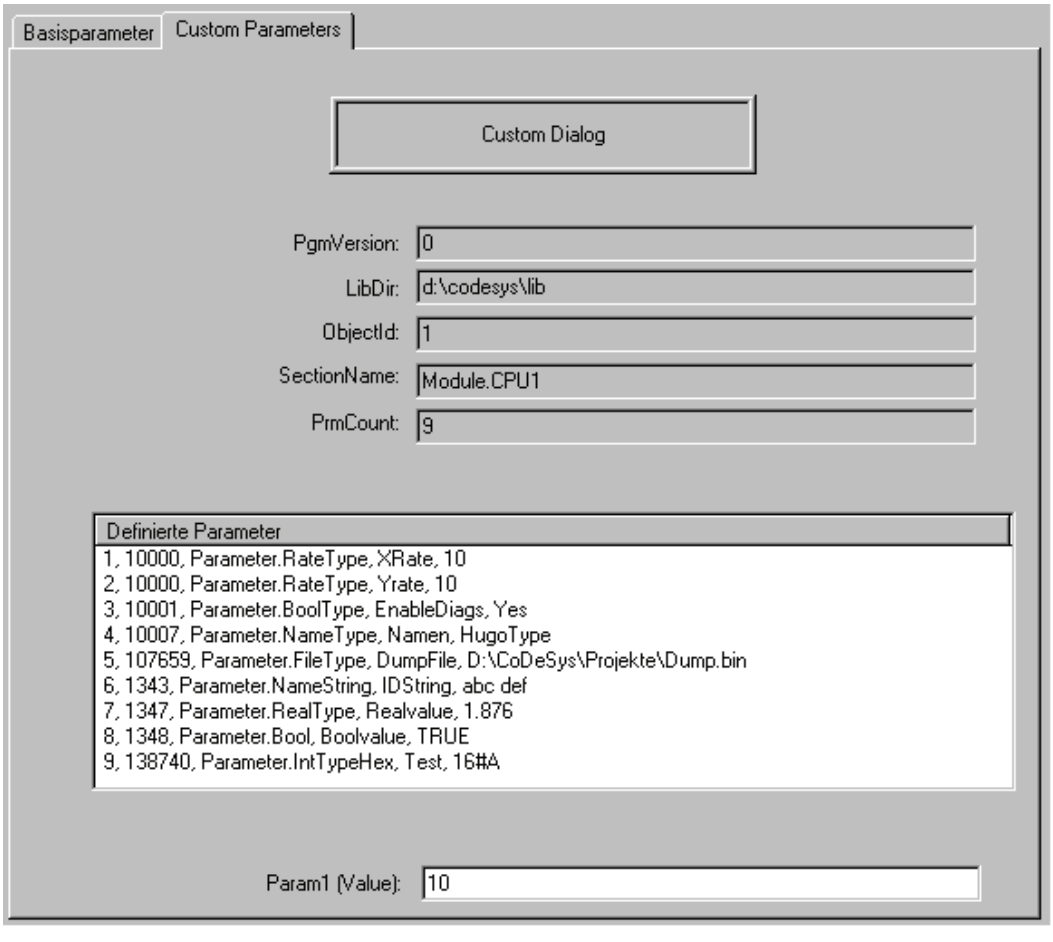
You can select **Yes** or **No**. If you close the dialog with **Yes**, the configuration editor will be closed also. Reopen it and you will see the configuration in the new format.

Stop!

Be aware that after having converted the old format cannot get restored anymore!

Custom specific parameter dialog

The parameterizing possibilities of the configurator can be expanded by the use of an application-specific DLL, that is an individual dialog. This 'Hook'-DLL must be in that directory which contains the configuration file and then can be linked by an entry in the configuration file.to a module or channel. If done so, for the concerned modules the standard dialog 'Modulparameter' will be replaced by a dialog defined in the DLL.



Example of an application-specific parameter dialog (Custom Parameters)

Export/Import of modules

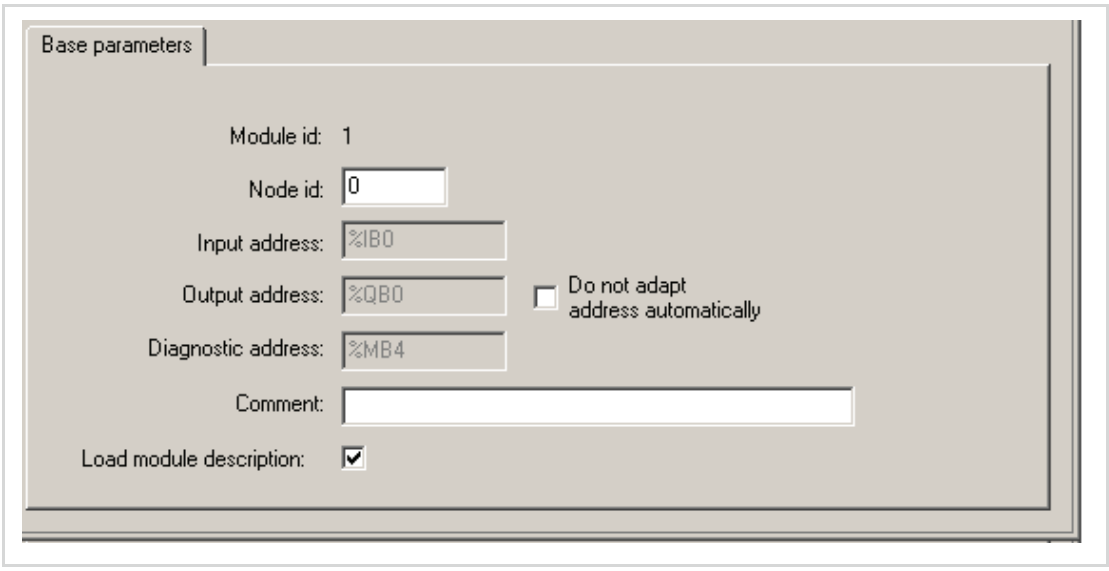
If a module is defined as being "exportable" in the configuration file (*.cfg), in the context menu you will find the commands 'Export module' and 'Import module' when the module is selected in the configuration tree.

With command '**Export module**' the dialog for selecting a file will be opened. Here you can define a file to which the module will be exported in XML format together with all submodules and their configuration. This file can be imported in another PLC configuration via command '**Import module**', if there an appropriately defined module is selected in the configuration tree.

Thus in an easy way the configuration tree of a particular module can be transferred to another PLC configuration.

8.2.2 Configuration of an I/O Module...

Base parameters of an I/O Module



Base parameters Dialog for an I/O Module

If an I/O module is selected in the configuration tree, the dialog 'Base parameters' is displayed with the following entries:

Module id: The module id is a unique identifier of the module within the entire configuration. It is defined by the configuraiton file and it is not editable in the configuration editor.

Node number: The Node number is defined by an entry in the configuration file or – if there is no entry – by the position of the module in the configuration structure.

Input address, Output address, Diagnostic address: Addresses for Input- and Output respectively for the storage of diagnosis data.

These addresses refer to the module. It depends on the general settings , which addresses are already predefined, which address mode is valid and whether the addresses can be still edited here.

Comment: Here additional information text on the module can be entered.

Do not adapt address automatically: This option is only available if defined by the configuration file. If it is activated, the module will not be regarded in case of a recalculation of the addresses. (Default: Option is deactivated.)

Load module description: If this option is deactivated, the module will not be regarded at a download of the project (Deactivation of a module). Per default the option is activated and it is defined in the configuration file *.cfg whether it is visible and editable in the configuration dialog.

The diagnosis in the PLC configuration:

The field **Diagnostic address** serves for specifying a marker address to which the diagnosis information (bus state) will be written automatically.

For normal I/O modules it depends on the special hardware configuration how the diagnosis will be handled.

For bus systems like CAN or Profibus DP the diagnosis works like described in the following: From the given diagnosis address onwards there will be stored various information concerning the **structure GetBusState** which is part of a corresponding library delivered by the manufacturer (e.g. BusDiag.lib by 3S - Smart Software Solutions). All bus modules get a request to fill the diagnosis structure in a cyclic sequence each time when an IEC task has written or read process data to/from the modules.

- **Diagnosis analysis via function block DiagGetState:**

  As soon as at least one module in the bus system produces an error, the specific diagnosis information can be read using the function block *DiagGetState* which is also part of the above mentioned library. This function is only available for bus masters, which have been configured within the PLC Designer PLC configuration !

  In order to be able to analyze the diagnosis data given in structure GetBusState, a variable of type GetBusState must be assigned to the marker address (diagnostic address), e.g.:

```
BusState AT %MB12 : GetBusState;
```

See in the following the input and output parameters of the function block **DiagGetState**. Define an instance of this function block in your **PLC Designer** project to read the diagnosis information for a specific bus module:

Input variables of DiagGetState:

ENABLE: BOOL;	At a rising edge of ENABLE the function block starts working
DRIVERNAME:POINTER TO STRING;	Name of the driver (address of the name) to which the diagnosis request should be sent. If here is entered a 0, the diagnosis request will be forwarded to all present drivers.
DEVICENUMBER:INT;	Identification of the bus which is managed by the driver. E.g.: the Hilscher driver can handle up to 5 cards (busses). The index is 0-based.
BUSMEMBERID:DWORD ;	Unique bus-/driver specific identification of the bus module. (E.g.: for a CANopen-card this is the NodeID, for a PB-DP card this is the station address of the participant etc.)

Output variables of DiagGetState

READY:BOOL ;	TRUE: the work on the diagnosis request has been terminated
STATE:INT;	If READY = TRUE then STATE gets one of the following values which define the actual state of the function block: -1: invalid input parameter (NDSTATE_INVALID_INPUTPARAM:INT;) 0: function block does not work (NDSTATE_NOTENABLED:INT;) 1: function block is just reading the diagnosis info (NDSTATE_GETDIAG_INFO:INT;) 2: diagnosis info is now available (NDSTATE_DIAGINFO_AVAILABLE:INT;) 3: no diagnosis info is available (NDSTATE_DIAGINFO_NOTAVAILABLE:INT;)
EXTENDEDINFO:ARRAY[0..129] OF BYTE;	Up to 100 Bytes manufacturer specific diagnosis data of the bus.

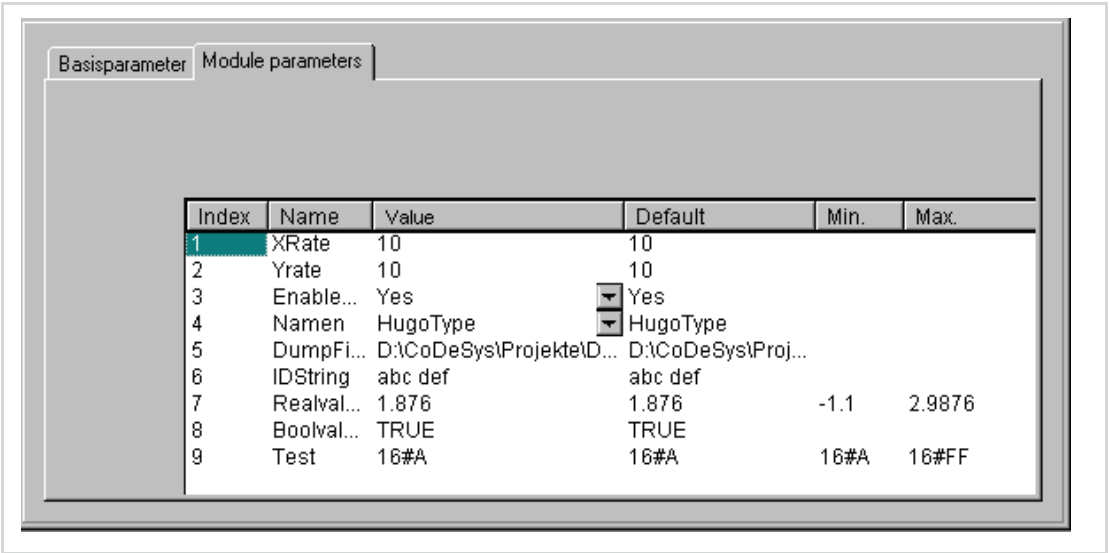
- **Alternative diagnosis analysis via function block DiagGetBusState:**

  If a diagnostic address is specified in the configuration, the bus state will be updated in the background. If no diagnostic address is specified or if no configuration has been done in »PLC Designer«, then – if supported by the target system – the function block DiagGetBusState can be instantiated and explicitly called in order to get diagnosis data from the bus. This function block like DiagGetState also must be available in a manufacturer specific library, e.g. BusDiag.lib by 3S - Smart Software Solutions GmbH.

The module – except for BusMemberID – uses the same input and output parameters. The parameters STATE and EXTENDEDINFO however have the following, different meaning:

STATE:INT;	If READY = TRUE then STATE gets one of the following values which define the actual bus state: BUSSTATE_BUSOK (Bus is running correctly) BUSSTATE_BUSFAULT (Bus error) BUSSTATE_BUSNOTCOMMUNICATING (Communication error) BUSSTATE_BUSSTOPPED (Bus is stopped)
EXTENDEDINFO:ARRAY[0..129] OF BYTE;	Manufacturer specific diagnosis data of the bus member; only the first three bits of the byte are used: Bit 0: bus member is configured Bit 1: bus member is active Bit 2: bus member reports an error, detailled information can be get via DiagGetState() *)

Module parameters / Custom parameters of an I/O Module



Module parameters Dialog

In this dialog the parameters which are given by the device file are shown. Only the column 'value' is editable.

Index: The Index is a consecutive digit (i), which numbers through all the way the parameters of the module.

Name: Name of the parameter

Value : Value of the parameter, editable

Initially the default is displayed. Values can be set directly or by means of symbolic names. If the entries in the configuration file are not set to 'Read Only', they can be edited. To do that click on the edit field respectively select one of the entries in a scroll list. If the value is a file name, you can open the dialog 'Open file' by a double-click and browse for another file there.

Default: Default value of the parameters

Min.: minimum value of the parameter (only if no symbolic names are used)

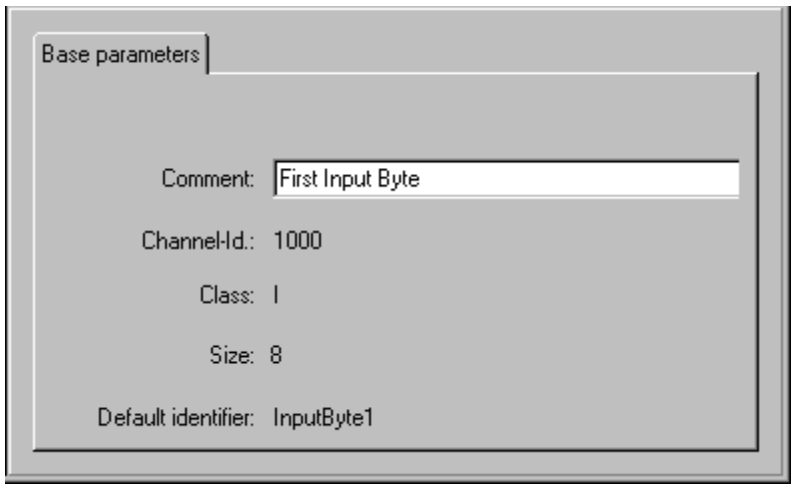
Max.: maximum value of the parameter (only if no symbolic names are used)

A tooltip may give additional information on the currently marked parameter.

Instead of the Module parameters dialog there might be a customer specific dialog. This is due to the fact, that such a dialog is linked by an entry (Hook-DLL) at the module definition in the configuration file.

8.2.3 Configuration of a Channel

Base parameters of a channel



Base parameters dialog for a channel

Channel-Id: Globally unique identifier of the channel

Class: Defines whether the channel is used as input (I), output (Q), or as input and output (I&Q), or whether it is switchable (I|Q). If the channel is switchable, this can be done by the command 'Extras' 'Replace element'.

Size: Size of the channel [Byte]

Default identifier: Symbolic name of the channel

The name of the channel is defined in the configuration file. Only if it is allowed by the definition of the father module, the name of the channel can be edited in the configuration tree.

Comment: Additional information on the channel

In the edit field a comment can be inserted or modified.

Address: This edit field only will be available if it was activated by an entry in the configuration file. Insert the desired address for the channel.

Channel parameters

Corresponding to the **Module parameters dialog** the Channel parameters dialog is used to display and modify the parameters of a channel: **Index**, **Name**, **Value**, **Default**, **Min**., **Max**. This dialog also can be replaced by a customer specific dialog 'Custom Parameters'.

Bitchannels

Bitchannels are automatically inserted, when a channel is defined with an entry CreateBitChannels=TRUE in the configuration file.

The Basis parameters dialog of bitchannels just contains the field **Comment**.

8.2.4 Configuration of Profibus Modules

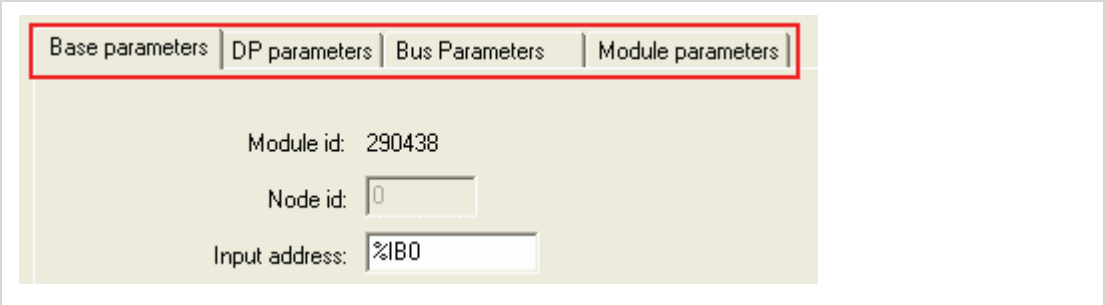
»PLC Designer« supports a hardware configuration corresponding to the **profibus DP standard**. The use of a PLC target from version 7 is required.

A **PROFIBUS DP system** consists of one or several masters and their slaves. First the modules must be configured so that a data exchange over the bus is possible. At the initialization of the bus system each master parameterizes the slaves which are assigned to it by the configuration. In a running bus system the master sends and/or requests data to/from the slaves.

The configuration of the master and slave modules in **»PLC Designer«** is based on the **GSD-files** attached to them by the hardware manufacturer. For this purpose all GSD-files which are stored in the configuration files directory will be considered. The modules described by a GSD-file can be inserted in the configuration tree and their parameters can be edited there.

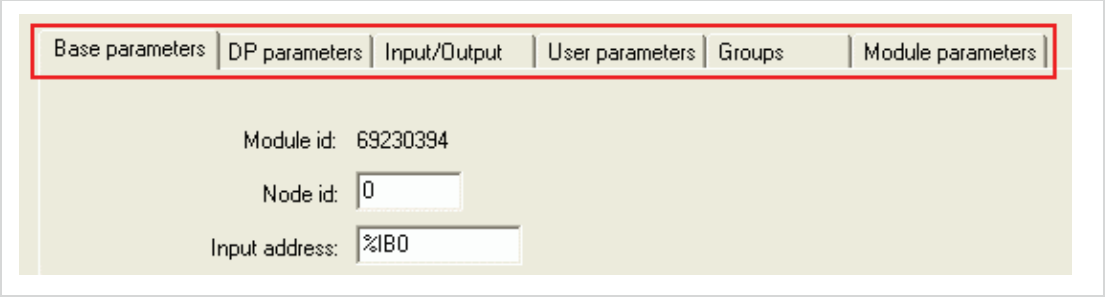
Below a master there can be inserted one or several slaves.

If a **DP master** is selected in the configuration tree, the following dialogs will be available in the right part of the configuration: Base parameters, DP Parameter, Bus parameters, Module parameters.



DP master configuration dialog

If a **DP slave** is selected, which is inserted below a DP master, the following dialogs can be available (depending on the definitions in the configuration file): Base parameters, DP parameters, Input/Output, User parameters, Groups, Module parameters. Depending on the settings in the configuration file the dialog "DP Parameters" might have another title .



DP slave configuration dialog

If a DP slave is inserted on the level of a master, the following dialogs are available for configuration: Base parameters, DP parameters, Input/Output, Module parameters.

Base parameters of the DP master

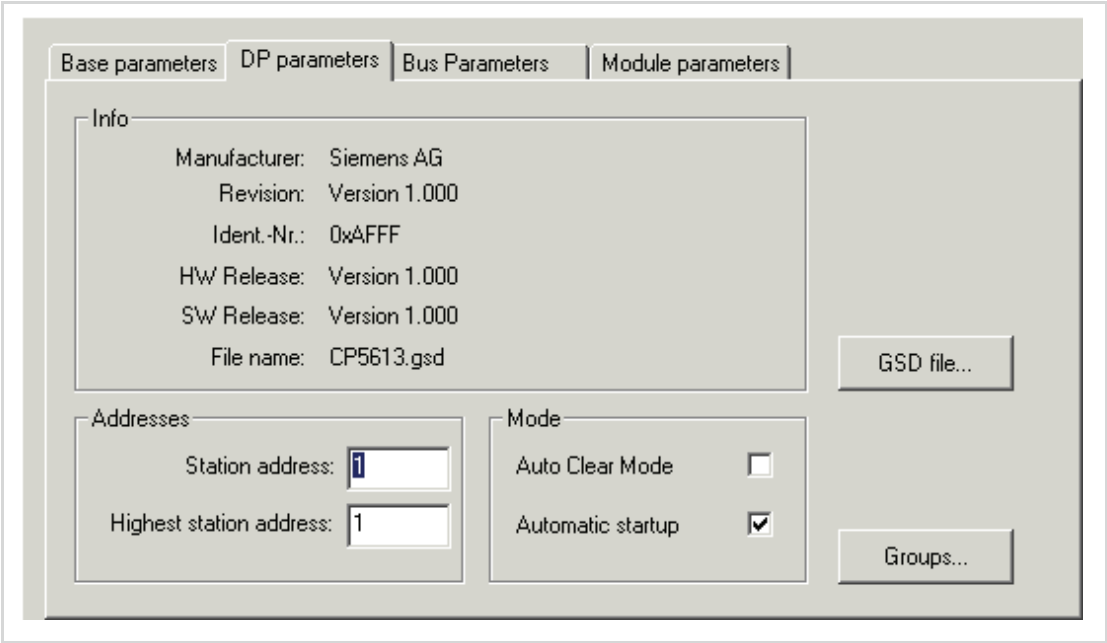
The Base parameters dialog of a DP master matches that of the other modules (see 'Base parameters of an I/O Module').

Module parameters of the DP master

The Module parameters dialog of a DP master matches that of the other modules: The parameters assigned to the master in addition to the DP and bus parameters in the configuration file are displayed here and the values can be edited in the standard case (see 'Module parameters of an I/O Module').

DP parameters of the DP master

This dialog shows the following parameters extracted from the device file of the DP master (The dialog might have a different title, which is defined in the configuration file):



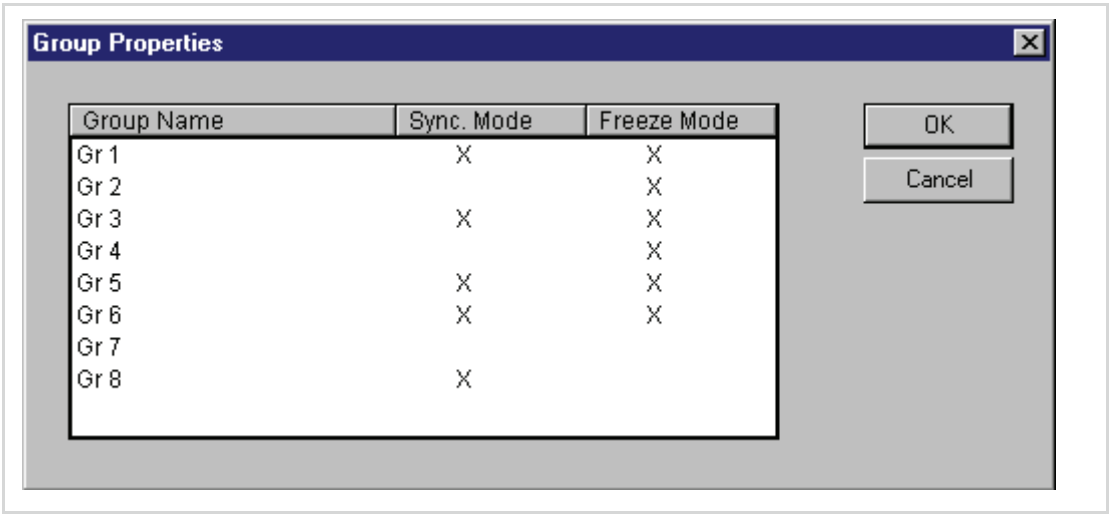
DP parameters dialog for DP master

Info	**Manufacturer**, GSD **Revision**, **ID** (identification number), **HW Release** and **SW Release** (hard- and software version), **GSD**-Filename
Addresses	**Station address**: The allowable range extends from 0 to 126. Each device newly inserted on a bus line is automatically provided the next higher address. (note: Address 126 is the default DP slave address). Manual entry is possible; addresses are tested for duplication. **Highest station address**: The highest station address (**HSA**) assigned on the bus is displayed. Here, a lower address can also be entered in order to narrow the GAP range (that is, the address range within which the search for newly-active devices is carried out).
Mode	**Auto Clear Mode**: If this option is activated, the outputs of the slaves will be switched to a save state in error case and the master will change from state "operate" to "clear". **Automatic Startup**: If this option is not activated, the master must be started manually. However it depends on the driver, whether the setting is evaluated.

The GSD-file pertaining to a device can be opened and examined using the **GSD-file** button.

The **Groups** button leads to the 'Group properties' dialog. The Group properties pertain to the slaves assigned to the master. Up to eight groups can be set up. For each group, enter whether it is to operate in **Freeze mode** and/or **Sync mode**. By assigning slaves (see 'Properties of the DP slave' 'Group assignment') to various groups, data exchange from the master can be synchronized via a global control command. With a Freeze command, a master instructs a slave or a group to „freeze" inputs in their instantaneous state and to transfer these data in the following data exchange. With a Sync command, the slaves are instructed to synchronously switch to output at the next Synch command all data received from the master following the first command.

To switch the Freeze and Sync options for a group on/off, please click with the left mouse button on the appropriate location in the table to place or remove an „X" next to the desired option, or use the right mouse button to activate or deactivate the option via a context menu. In addition, you can edit the group name here.

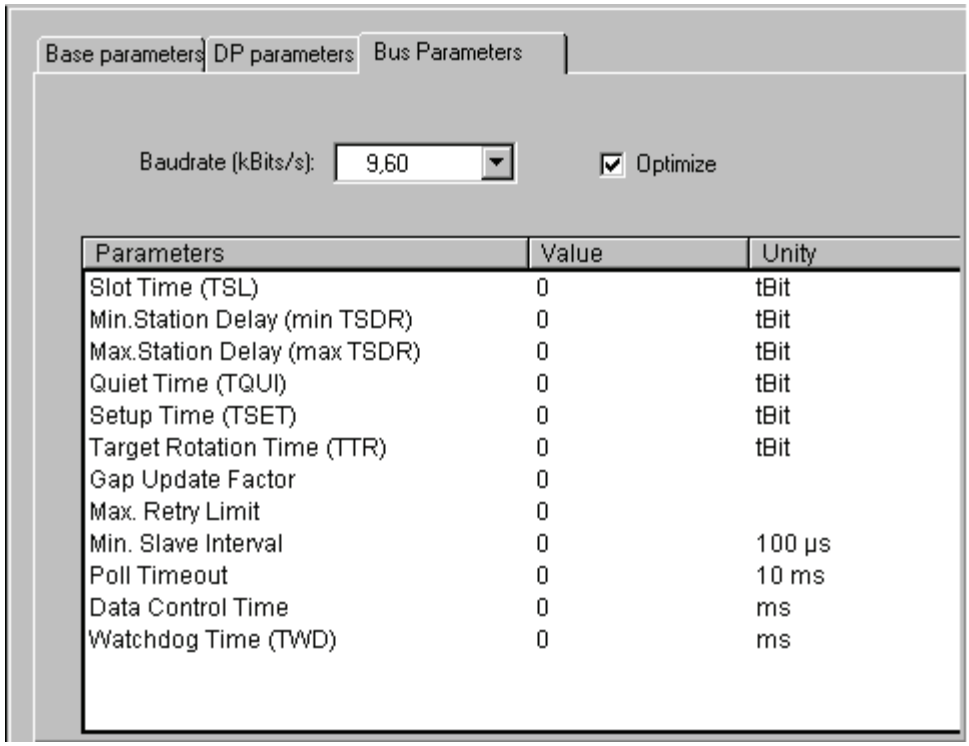


DP Parameter of the DP master / Group Properties

Bus parameters of the DP master

The bus parameters describe the timing of the communication. If the option **Use defaults** is activated, then the parameter values will be calculated automatically depending on the **Baudrate** set by the user and the settings given by the GSD-files.

Attention: : The automatically calculated values are just approximated values !



Bus parameters of the DP master

All parameters can also be edited manually.

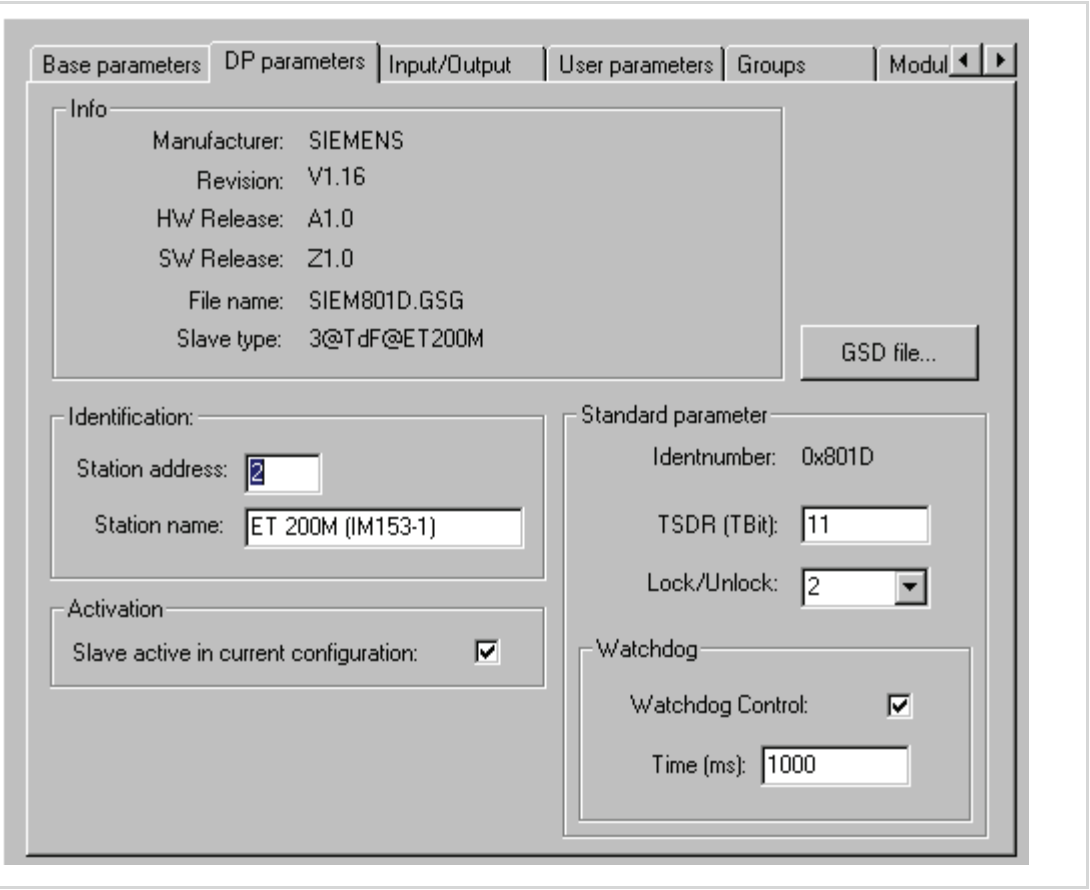
Baud rate	The entries already present in the GSD-file are available for selection, but only a transmission rate supported by all slaves can be entered.
Use defaults	If the option is activated, the entries made in the 'Bus parameters' dialog will be optimized with respect to the specifications in the GSD-files; it is only possible to edit the values if the option is deactivated. **Important**: The values calculated automatically are only rough approximate values.
Slot Time	Maximum time during which the master waits, after sending a request message, for the receipt of the first character of the slave's reply message
Min.Station Delay	min. TSDR (in tbit): minimum reaction time after which a station on the bus may reply (min. 11 tBit)
Max.Station Delay	max. TSDR (in tbit): maximum time span within which a slave must reply.
Quiet Time	TQUI (in tbit): idle period which must be taken into account during conversion of NRZ (Non Return to Zero) signals to other codings (switchover time for repeater)
Target Rotation Time	TTR (in tbit): token cycle time setting; projected time interval in which a master should receive the token. Result of the sum of the token stop times of all masters on the bus.
Gap Update Factor	GAP update factor G: number of bus cycles after which the master's GAP (address range from its own bus address to the address of the next active station) is searched for an additional, newly inserted active station.
Max. Retry Limit	maximum number of repeated request attempts by the master when it has not received a valid response from the slave
Min. Slave Interval	Time between two bus cycles in which the slave can process a request from the master (time basis 100µs). The value entered here must be checked against the respective specifications in the slave's GSD-file.
Poll Timeout	Maximum time after which the master's reply by a master-master communication must be retrieved by the requester (Class 2 DP master) (time basis 1 ms).
Data Control Time	Time in which the master reports its status to the slaves assigned to it. At the same time, the master monitors whether at least one data exchange each has taken place with the slaves within this period, and updates the Data_Transfer_List.
Watchdog Time	Time value for the access monitoring (watchdog). Setting is currently not supported (fixed-set to 400 ms)

Base parameters of a DP slave

The Base parameter dialog of a DP slave matches that of the other modules (see 'Base parameters of an I/O Module').

DP parameters of a DP slave

This dialog shows the following parameters extracted from the device file of the DP slave (The dialog might have a different title, which is defined in the configuration file):



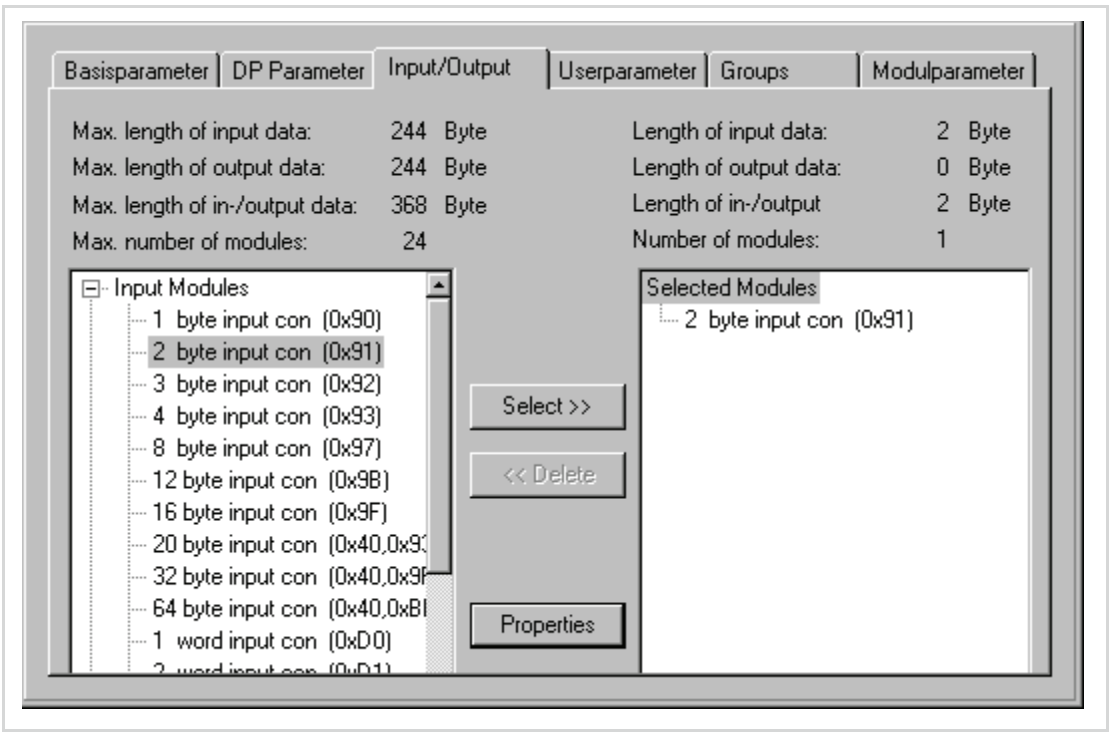
DP parameters dialog for a DP slave

Info	**Manufacturer**, GSD **Revision**, **HW Release** and **SW Release** (hard- and software version), GSD-**Filename**, Slavetype
Standard parameter	**Identnumber**: Unique ident number assigned by the PNO for this device type. Allows unambiguous reference between a DP slave and the corresponding GSD-file. **TSDR (Tbit*)**: Time Station Delay Responder: Reaction time, the earliest time after which the slave is permitted to respond to the master. (min. 11 TBit) * TBit: Time unit for transfer of a bit on the PROFIBUS; Reciprocal value of the transmission rate; e.g. 1 TBit at 12MBaud=1/12.000.000 Bit/sec=83ns **Lock/Unlock**: Slave is locked or released to other masters: 0: min.TSDR and slave-specific parameters may be overwritten 1: Slave released to other masters, 2: Slave locked to other masters, all parameters are accepted; 3: Slave released to other masters

Identification	**Station address** (see 'Properties of the DP masters'), **Station name** (matches device name, editable)
Activation	Slave is active/inactive in current configuration. If activation is not selected, configuration data will still be transferred to the coupler on Download, but not data exchange occurs over the bus.
Watchdog	If **Watchdog Control** is set active, the entered Watchdog time applies (access monitoring, basis 10 ms). If the slave has not been accessed by the master within this time, it is reset to its initialization state.

You can inspect the corresponding GSD-file via the **GSD-file** button.

In-/outputs of a DP slave



Dialog for configuring the in-/outputs of a DP slave

The way in which the configuration of a DP slave is done, depends on whether it is a 'modular' or a 'non-modular', 'fix' slave.

The selection of the module for a modular slave is done like described in the following:

In the list on the left part of the dialog select the desired input- or output-module and press button **Select** to get it into the window on the right hand. Wrong entries in that window can be corrected via the button **Delete**. Inserted modules will be immediately displayed in the configuration tree. If they are selected there, the appropriate dialog **Profibus Modul** will be available, showing the input-, output- and diagnosis address of the module. If you select a channel which has been inserted with the module, the dialog **Profibus Channel** will open, showing the address of the channel. For each of these both dialogs there might be defined a different title by a setting in the configuration file.

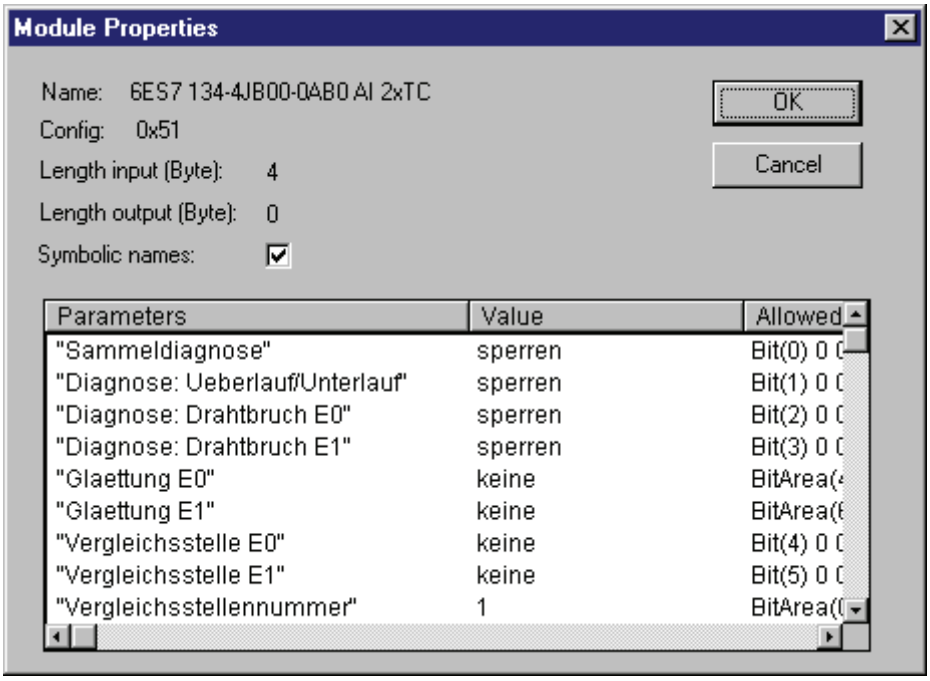
As the maximum data lengths specified in the GSD-file (**Max. length of input data, Max. length of output data, Max. length of in-/output data**) and the maximum number of modules (**Max. number of modules**) must be respected, this information is displayed in both module lists. The left block displays the maximum possible values for the device, the right the values resulting from summing the values selected in the configuration. If the maximum values are exceeded, an error message is issued.

The dialog lists in the left window all the in- and output modules available in the slave's GSD-file, while the right window contains the configuration currently selected for this device as it relates to in- and outputs.

If this is a modular slave (a device that can be equipped with various I/O modules), the selection proceeds as follows: In the left-hand list, the desired in- or output module is selected by mouse-click and copied into the right window using the Select >> button. Incorrect entries can be corrected by selecting the undesired module in the right window and pressing the **Delete** button.

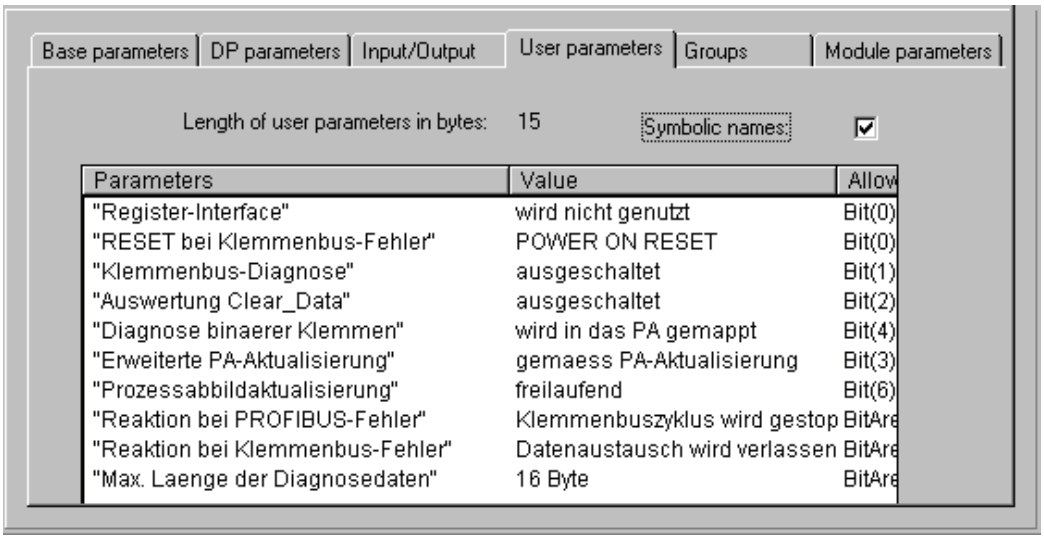
This kind of selection is not possible for non-modular slaves. These directly enforce a closed display of their in- and outputs in the right window. Undesired modules can then by removed by selecting and using **Delete**.

The **Properties** button leads to the 'Module properties' dialog for the in- or output module currently selected in the left or the right list. It shows the **Name**, the **Config** (module description coding according to PROFIBUS standard) and the **in-** and **output lengths** of the module in **bytes**. If the module description in the GSD-file contains specific parameters in addition to the standard set, these are listed here with their values and range of values. If the **Symbolic names** option is activated, the symbolic names are then used.



Module properties dialog for in-/outputs of a DP slave

User parameters of a DP slave

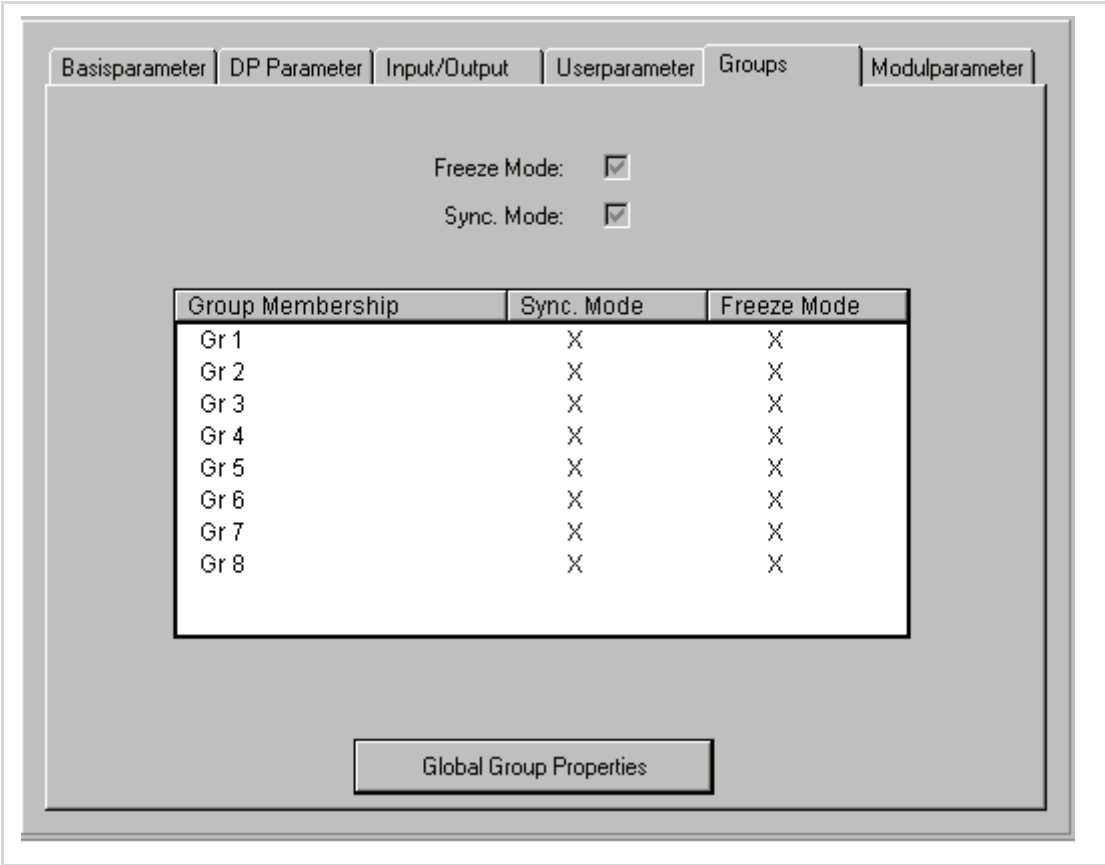


User parameter dialog for a DP slave

Here, various extended parameters of a DP slave, defined in the GSD-file, are listed. The **Parameters** column shows the name of the parameter. The parameter values entered in **Value** column can be altered by double-click or via the right mouse button. In addition, the **Value range** is specified.

If symbolic names are also specified for the parameters in the GSD-file, the **Symbolic names** option can be activated, so that the values can be displayed with these names. For information, the **Length of user parameters** is also given above the table.

Group assignment of a DP slave



Dialog for group assignment of a DP slave

This dialog is used for assigning the slave to one or more of the eight possible groups. The universally applicable group properties (**Sync. Mode** and/or **Freeze Mode**), on the other hand, are defined during configuration of the master's properties (see DP parameters of the DP master, 'Group properties'). This dialog can also be reached via the **Global Group Properties** button.

The group(s) to which the slave is assigned are marked with a plus sign. The assignment to or removal from a group is accomplished by selecting the group name in the **Group Membership** column and pressing 'Add slave to group' or 'Remove slave from group' with the right mouse button, or by clicking again with the mouse to the left of the group name.

A slave device can only be assigned to those groups whose properties it supports. The concerned properties of each slave (**Sync. Mode** / **Freeze Mode**) are displayed above the table. The modes supported by the device are checked.

Module parameters of a DP slave

The module parameters dialog of a DP slave matches that of the other modules. The parameters assigned to the slave in addition to the DP and user parameters in the configuration file are displayed here, and the values can be edited in the standard case.

Properties of a DP slave in slave operation of the Profibus

If a Profibus runs in slave mode, the slave device is inserted in the master level of the configuration tree. The configuration can be done in the following dialogs (for a description see the chapters above) :

- Base parameters
- DP parameters
- Module parameters
- Input/Output

8.2.5 Configuration of CANopen Modules...

»PLC Designer« supports a hardware configuration according to CANopen Draft Standard 301. The configuration looks like that described for the hardware dependant configuration.

All EDS (Electronic Data Sheet) respectively DCF (Device Configuration File) files which are stored in the **configuration files** directory »PLC Designer« is started, can be integrated, edited and displayed in the configuration. In the EDS file the configuration options of a CAN module are described. If you add a module, which is described in a DCF file, only the IEC addresses can be modified, for the module has already been configured completely in a CAN configurator.

The CAN modules get a configuration which describes their time- and error-dependant behaviour during the exchange of messages (dialog 'CAN Parameters of a CAN Module'). Further on for each module the mapping of the PDOs (Process Data Objects), serving for sending and receiving (dialogs 'Receive...' resp. 'Send PDO-Mapping'). The values of the available SDOs (Service Data Objects) can be adapted (dialog 'Service Data Objects').

Additional parameters of a CAN module resp. CAN Master, specified in the device description file can be configured in dialog 'Modulparameters'.

If a PLC Designer-programmable PLC should be integrated in a CAN network as a CANopen slave (also named „CANopen node“ and in the following called „CAN device”), it can be configured in the PLC Designer PLC configurator and the configuration can be stored in form of a EDS-file. This device description file then can be used in any desired CANopen Master configuration.

The following pages describe the dialogs and menu commands of the CANopen configurator. Further information is provided by the document „**CANopen für 3S Laufzeitsysteme V<version>.pdf**”.

Base parameters of a CAN Master

The Base parameters dialog of a CAN master matches that of the other modules (see Chapter Base parameters of an I/O Module).

Note!

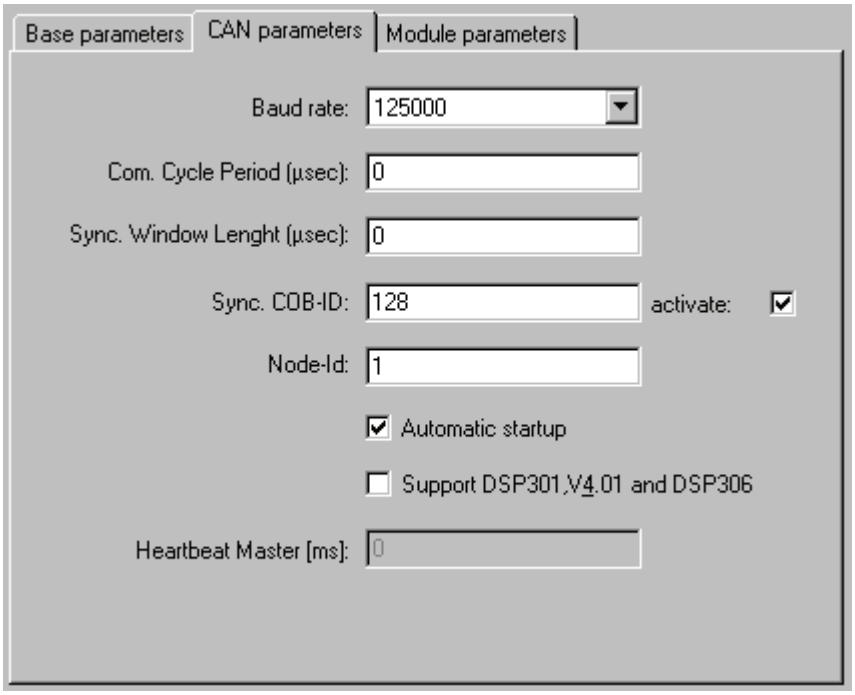
Control configuration for fieldbus systems in mixed operation:

Address conflicts may occur when configuring fieldbus systems in mixed operation.

Example: Automatic address allocation for CAN is carried out in the »PLC Designer« and for EtherCAT in the »EtherCAT Configurator«. Without manual action, both address ranges start with the address "0". However, if the CAN component in the control configuration of the »PLC Designer« already has an effect when the EtherCAT component is imported, the process data will overlap.

See the respective Communication Manuals for more information on solving address conflicts.

CAN parameters of a CAN Master



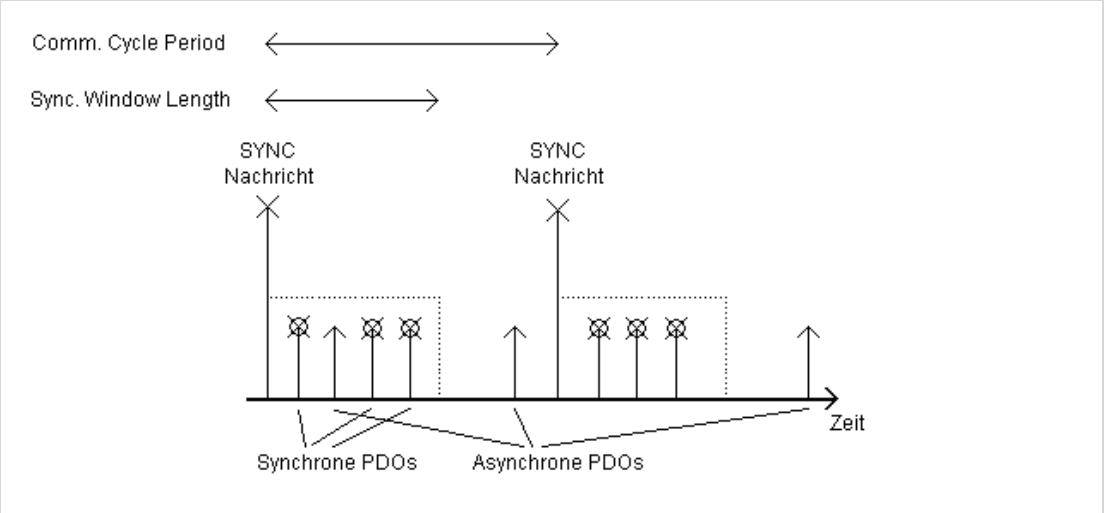
CAN parameters Dialog for a CAN Master

The properties for transmission on the CAN bus can be set directly after the insertion of the module or can be called up with the command **'Extras' 'Properties'**.

Using the selection option, set the required **Baud rate** which the transmission should take place at.

One differentiates between synchronous and asynchronous transmission modes (see **PDO properties**) for PDO's (Process Data Object). The synchronisation message is sent with a unique number **Sync.COB-Id** (Communication Object Identifier) in the interval in microseconds which is given by the **Communication Cycle Period**. The synchronous PDO's are transmitted directly after the synchronisation message in the time window (**Sync.Window Length** in microseconds). No synchronisation message will be sent if the fields Comm. Cycle Period and Sync. Window Length contain 0.

activate: Only if this option is activated synchronization messages will be transmitted between master and slaves.



The **Communication Cycle Period** can only amount to a multiple of the cycle time assigned to the task. The task is assigned on the **Module parameters** of the CAN master tab of the CAN master in the **Update task** field.

NodeID: serves to identify the CAN module uniquely and corresponds to the set number on the module itself which is between 1 and 127. The Id must be entered as a decimal number. (Do not mix up with the 'Node number' !)

The CAN bus will automatically initialised and started when downloading is occurring and when the controller system starts up if the option **Automatic start** is activated. The CAN bus must be started up in the project if this option is not active.

If the option **Support DSP301,V3.01 and DSP306** is activated, then modular CAN Slaves as well as some additional extensions concerning the standards DSP301 V3.01 and DSP306 will be supported. In this case e.g. the stroke of the Heartbeat will be adjustable (**Heartbeat Master [ms]:**). Working with Heartbeats is an alternative guarding mechanism: In contrast to the Nodeguarding functionality it can be executed by Master- and Slave-Modules. Usually the master will be configured to send heartbeats to the **slaves**.

Module Parameters of a CAN-Master

The module parameters dialog of a CAN master is the same as that for the other modules: The parameters which have been additionally assigned to the master in the configuration file, are displayed here and as a default the values can be edited.

Note!

Enter the name of the task which accesses the CAN bus as the 'Update task' name. If several tasks access the CAN bus, enter the name of the task with the shortest cycle time.

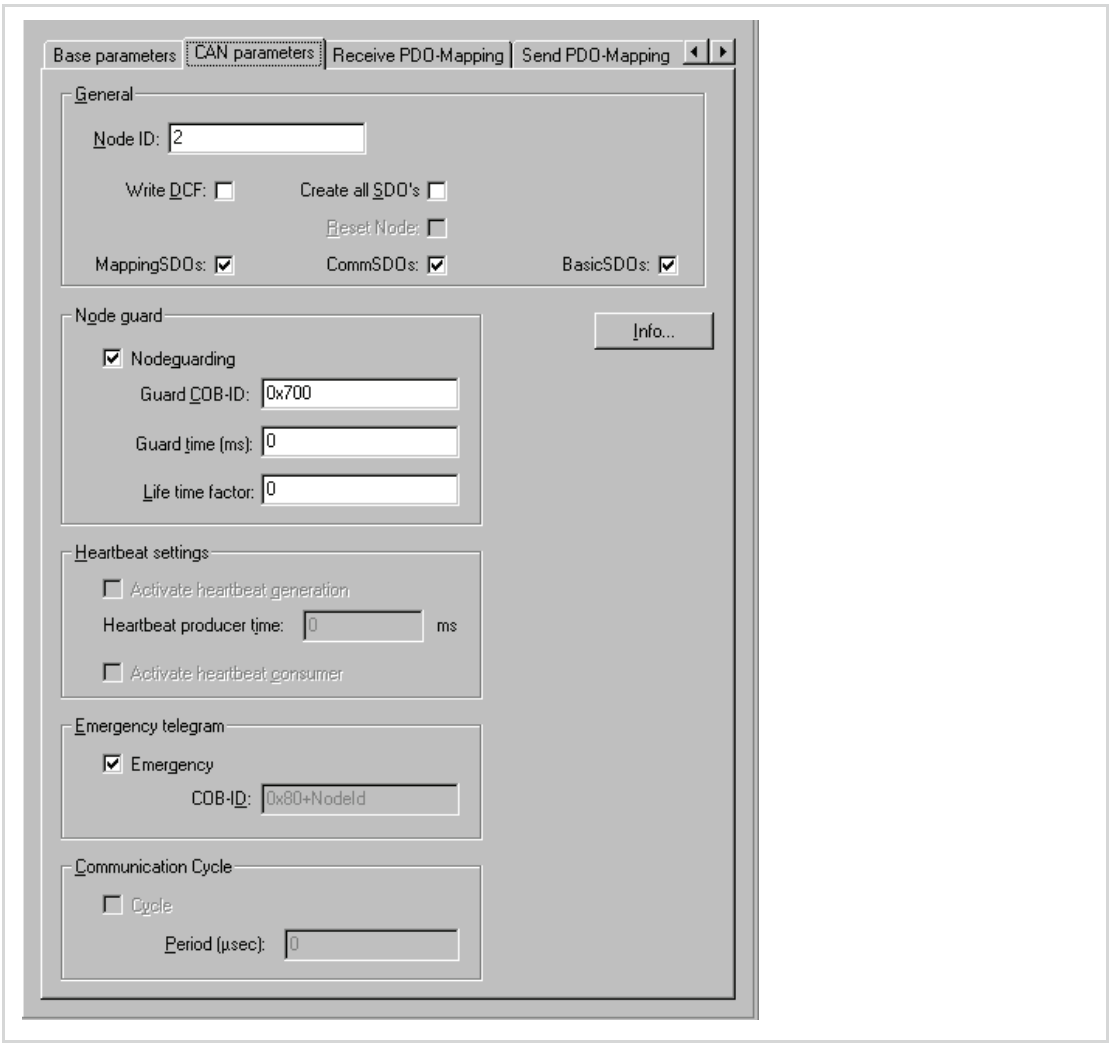
Base parameters of a CAN module

The Base parameters dialog of a CAN module matches that of the other modules (see '**Base parameters of an I/O Module**'Chapter Base parameters of an I/O Module).

IEC addresses by which the PDO's (Process Data Object) in the project can be addressed are entered for **output** and **input addresses**, whereby the direction (input or output) is defined from view of the module.

A marker address must be given at the **diagnostic address** of the CAN module. It works like described for the CAN master.

CAN parameters of a CAN Module



CAN parameters Dialog for a CAN Module

The CAN parameters of a CAN module, which is not acting as master (global watching of the bus), are different to those of a CAN master.

Section General:

The **Node-Id** serves to identify the CAN module uniquely and corresponds to the set number on the module itself which is between 1 and 127. The Id must be entered as a decimal number.

If **DCF write** is activated, a DCF file will be created after inserting an EDS file in the defined directory for the compiled files whose name is made up of the name of the EDS file and the Node Id which is tacked on the end.

If the option **Create all SDO's** is activated, then for all objects SDOs will be created (not only for those that have been modified).

If the option **Reset node** is activated (the availability depends on the content of the device description file), then the slave will be reset before downloading the configuration.

If the option **Optional device** is activated (availability in dialog is target dependent), the master only once will try to read from this node. Then the node, if not answering, will be ignored, i.e. the master will return to normal operation mode.

If the option **No initialization** is activated (availability in dialog is target dependent), the master immediately will activate the node, without sending configuration SDOs. (The SDO data nevertheless will be created and saved on the controller.)

If supported by the target, the creation of SDOs can be suppressed in three levels. This might be desired in case of having limited space for configuration:

Stop!

These settings should not be modified without having detailed knowledge of the system!

CreateCommSDOs: Communication parameter SDOs

CreateMappingSDOs: Mapping configuration SDOs

CreateBasicSDOs: Base parameters SDOS (Nodeguarding, Sync etc.)

Only for the activated types the appropriate SDOs will be created. The above described option 'Create all SDO's' only refers to currently here activated SDO types.

Section Node guard Settings: (alternatively to guarding by the Heartbeat mechanism)

If the option **Nodeguarding** is activated, a message will be sent to the module according to the interval set by **Guard Time** in milliseconds. If the module does not then send a message with the given **Guard COB-ID** (Communication Object Identifier), it will receive the status "timeout". As soon as the number of attempts (**Life Time Factor)** has been reached, the module will receive the status "not OK". The status of the module will be stored at the **diagnosis address**. No monitoring of the module will occur if the variables Guard Time and Life Time Factor are not defined (0).

Section Heartbeat Settings: (alternatively to Nodeguarding)

If the option **Activate Heartbeat Producer** is activated, the module will send heartbeats according to the interval defined in **Heartbeat Producer Time**: given in **ms**.

If the option **Activate Heartbeat Consumer** is activated, then the module will listen to heartbeats which are sent by the **master**. As soon as no more heartbeats are received, the module will switch off the I/Os.

Section Emergency Telegram:

A module sends an **emergency** message, with a unique **COB-Id**., when there is an internal error. These messages, which vary from module to module, are stored in the diagnosis address.

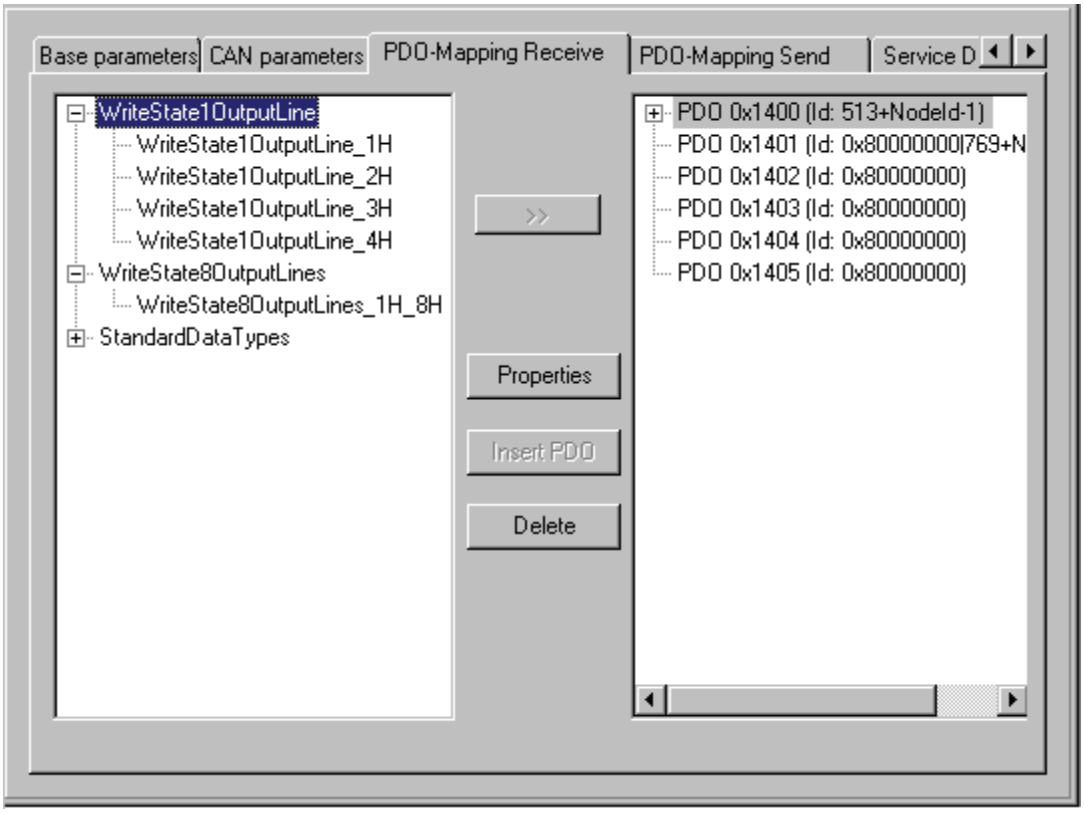
The entries "FileInfo" and "DeviceInfo" of the EDS or DCF file from the corresponding module manufacturer are hidden behind the **Info** button.

CAN Modules Selection for Modular Slaves

In the left column (**Available modules**) you find all modules which are available for the slave. Mark the desired modules and by using the buttons **Add** and **Remove** create a selection in the right column (**Selected Modules**). The **PDO- and SDO** selection will be updated automatically.

PDO mapping of a CAN module

The tabs **Receive PDO mapping** and **Send PDO mapping** in the configuration dialog for a CAN module allow the "mapping" of the module, which is described in the EDS file, to be changed.

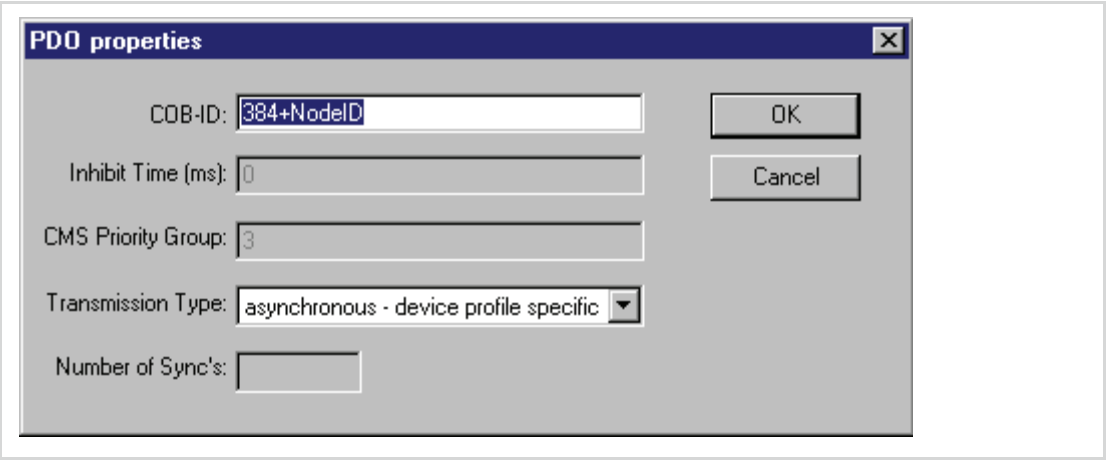


Configuration of a CAN module, PDO-Mapping

All of the "mapable" objects in the EDS file are located on the left side and can be added in the right side to the PDOs (Process Data Object) ("**>>**" button) or removed again (**Remove** button). The StandardDataTypes can be inserted to create empty spaces in the PDO.

The button **Insert Element** can be used to create further PDOs and to add appropriate objects to them. The allocation of inputs or outputs to the IEC addresses can be achieved over the inserted PDOs. The setting which have been made in the controller system configuration will become visible when one leaves the dialog. The individual objects can be afforded symbolic names there.

The standard set properties of the PDOs can be edited using **Properties**.



PDO Properties dialog

Each PDO message requires a unique **COB-Id** (Communication Object Identifier).

The field appears in grey and cannot be edited if an option is not be supported by the module or if the value cannot be changed.

The **Inhibit Time** is the minimum time between two messages from this PDO. This is to prevent PDOs which are sent when the value is changed from being sent too often.

The **CMS Priority Group** cannot be changed and describes the relative importance of the PDOs during the CAN transmission. Values from 0 to 7 are displayed, whereby 0 is the highest.

Transmission Type offers you a selection of possible transmission modes for this module:

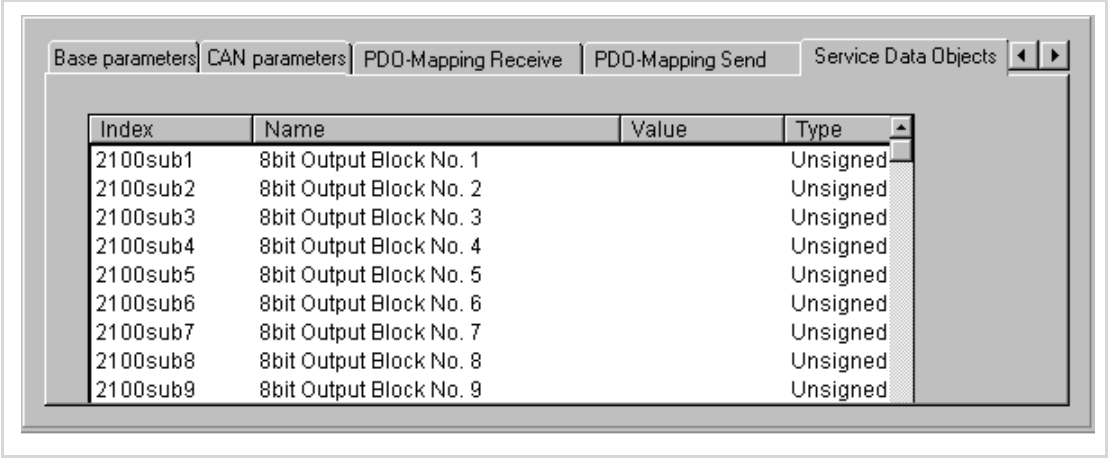
- **acyclic - synchronous**: the PDO will be transmitted synchronously but not periodically.
- **cyclic – synchronous:** the PDO will be transmitted synchronously, whereby the **Number of Sync's** gives the number of synchronisation messages, which lie between two transmissions of this PDO.
- **synchronous – RTR only**: the PDO will be updated after each synchronisation message but not sent. It is only sent when there is an explicit request to do so (**R**emote **T**ransmission **R**equest)
- **asynchronous – RTR only**: the PDO will only be updated and transmitted when there is an explicit request to do so (**R**emote **T**ransmission **R**equest)
- **asynchronous – device profile specific** and **asynchronous - manufacturer specific**: the PDO will only be transmitted when specific events occur.

Number of Syncs: If cyclic transmission has been set, enter here the number of synchronisation messages (see 'Com. Cycle period' in the **CAN parameter dialog**) which should be sent between two transmissions of the PDO.

Event-Time: If an corresponding transmission type is set, enter here in milliseconds (ms) the interval between two transmissions.

Service Data Objects

Here you find a list of all objects in the EDS or DCF file which are in the area of the Index 0x2000 to 0x9FFF and which are marked as writable.



Dialog for configuration of the Service Data Objects (SDO)

The properties **Index, Name, Value, Type** and **Default** are displayed for every object. The value can be changed. Mark the value and press the <Space bar>. After making the change confirm the new value with <Enter> or reject it with the <Escape> key.

The set values are transmitted in the form of SDOs (Service Data Object) to the CAN modules at the initialisation of the CAN bus.

Resetting a SDO to its default value:

If a SDO, after it has been transmitted to the CAN bus with a value modified by the user (i.e. with a value deviating from the default value), should be reset to its default value for the next transmission, delete the entry in the 'Value' column. This means, the value field must be **empty** for this purpose; if you enter the default value, nothing will be transmitted!

Note!

All incompatible data types between CANopen and IEC-61131 will be replaced in **PLC Designer** by the next larger IEC-61131 data type.

8.2.6 PLC Configuration in Online Mode

In online mode the PLC configuration displays the states of the inputs and outputs of the PLC. If a boolean input or output has the value TRUE, the little box at the beginning of the entry line in the configuration tree will get blue, non-boolean values will be added at the end of the entry line (e.g. "=12").

The boolean inputs can be toggled by mouse-clicks. At other inputs a mouse-click on the beginning of the line opens a dialog, where the value can be modified. The modified value will be set in the PLC as soon as the dialog is closed with **OK**.

Also regard the target specific possibilities for online diagnosis.

8.3 Alarm configuration

8.3.1 Alarm configuration, Overview

The alarm system integrated in »PLC Designer« allows to detect critical process states, to record them and to visualize them for the user with the aid of a visualization element. The alarm handling can be done in »PLC Designer« or alternatively in the PLC. For alarm handling in the PLC please see the target settings in category 'Visualization'.

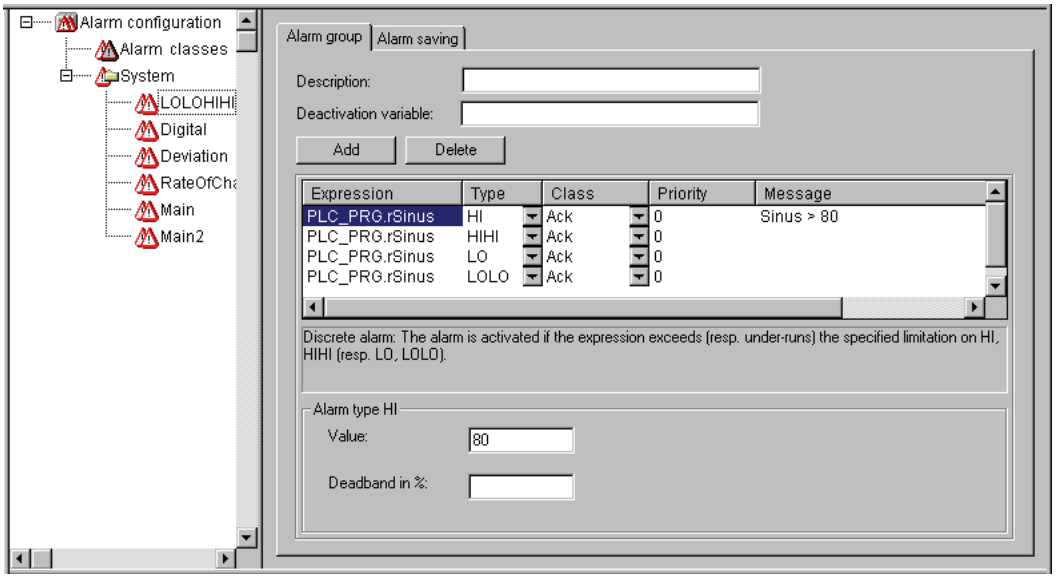
If supported by the target system, the dialogs for 'Alarm configuration' are available in the 'Resources' tab.

Here you define Alarm classes and Alarm groups. An alarm class serves for the typing of an alarm, that means it assigns certain parameters to the alarm. An alarm group serves for the concrete configuration of one or several alarms (which get assigned a certain class and further parameters) for the use in the project. Thus a class is useful for structuring the available alarms. The different alarm groups are defined by the user by inserting appropriate entries below the header '**System**' in the configuration tree.

For the **visualization** of alarms the 'Alarm table element is available in the PLC Designer visualization. Using this table the user can watch and acknowledge alarms. The language of the displayed alarm message texts might be switched dynamically.

If a **History**, i.e. recording of Alarm Events should be written to a log-file, such a file must be defined and for each alarm group the saving behaviour must be defined.

When you open the 'Alarm configuration' in the Resources tab, the **dialog 'Alarm configuration'** opens with a bi-partited window, which concerning the mode of operation is similar to that of the PLC Configuration or Task configuration. In the left part the configuration tree is displayed, in the right part the appropriate configuration dialog will be opened.



Example of an Alarm configuration

Open by a mouse-click on the plus sign at the entry 'Alarm configuration' the currently available configuration tree. If you are going to create a new configuration, this tree only will show the entries 'Alarm classes' and 'System'.

8.3.2 General information on alarms, Terms

The usage of an alarm system in »PLC Designer« obeys the following universal descriptions and definitions concerning alarms:

- **Alarm**: Generally an alarm is regarded as a special condition (expression value).
- **Priority**: The priority, also named "severity", of an alarm describes how important (severe) the alarm condition is. The highest priority is "0", the lowest valid priority value is "255".
- **Alarm state**: An expression/variable configured for the alarm control can have the following states: NORM (no alarm), INTO (alarm just has come), ACK (alarm has come and has been acknowledged by the user), OUTOF (alarm state has been terminated, alarm "has gone", but not yet acknowledged !)
- **Sub-State**: An alarm condition can have limits (Lo, Hi) and "extreme" limits (LoLo, HiHi). Example: The value of an expression ascends and first will transit the HI-limit, thus causing the coming of an HI-alarm. If the value continues ascending and exceeds also the HIHI-limit before the alarm gets acknowledged by the user, then the HI-alarm will get acknowledged automatically and just the HIHI-alarm remains in the alarm list (which is an internal list used for alarm administration). The HI-state in this case is named sub-state.

- **Acknowledgement of alarms**: The main purpose of alarms is to inform the user on alarm situations. In doing so it often is necessary to make sure that the user has noticed this information (see possible actions assigned to an alarm in the alarm class configuration). The user must acknowledge the alarm in order to get the alarm removed from the alarm list.
- **Alarm Event**: An alarm event must not be mixed up with an **alarm condition**. While an alarm condition can be valid for a longer period of time, an alarm event just describes the momentary occurrence of an change, e.g. a change from the normal state to the alarm state. In the PLC Designer alarm configuration for the three types of events and the corresponding alarm states the same names are used (INTO, ACK, OUTOF).

In »PLC Designer« the following features are supported:

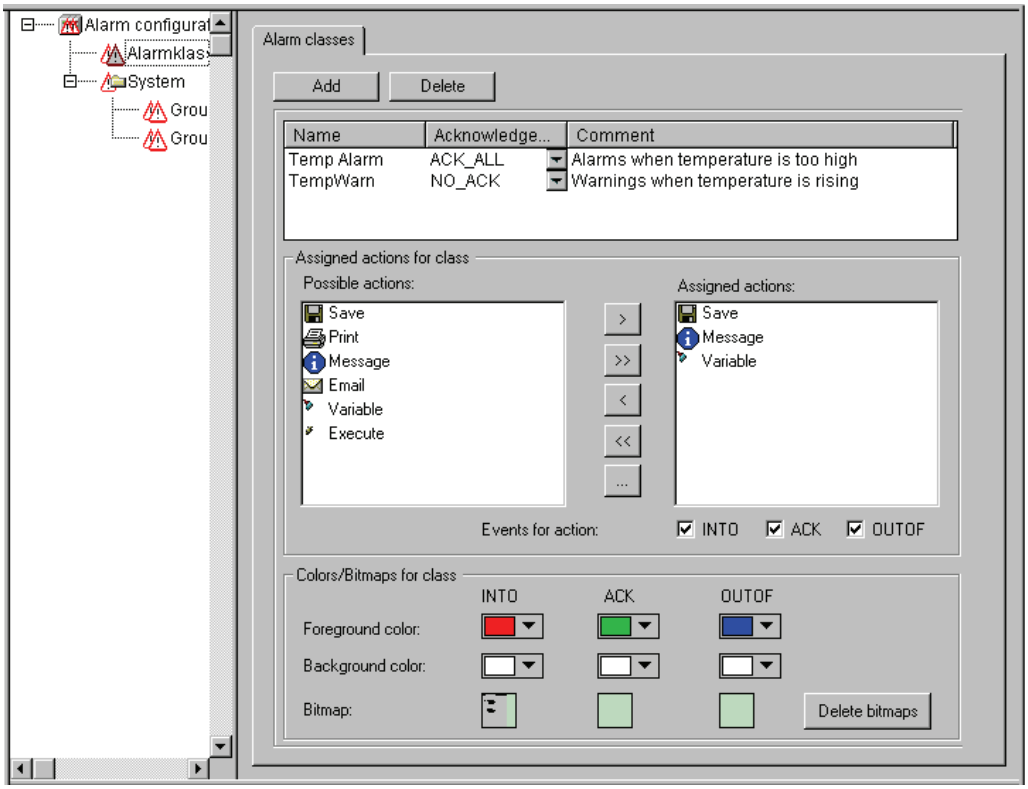
- Deactivation of the alarm generation for single alarms as well as for alarm groups
- Selection of the alarms which should be displayed by defining alarm groups and priorities
- Saving of all alarm events in an alarm table
- Visualization element 'Alarm table' in the PLC Designer Visualization

8.3.3 Alarm classes

Alarm classes are used for the general description of certain alarm criteria, such as how to handle acknowledgements (confirmation of an alarm by the user), which actions should automatically run as soon as a particular alarm state has been detected and which colors and bitmaps are to be used for a visualization of an Alarm table. Alarm classes are defined globally in the Alarm configuration and are then available as a base configuration when configuring alarm groups.

Configuration of alarm classes:

Select entry 'Alarm classes' in the alarm configuration tree. The configuration dialog 'Alarm classes' gets opened:



Configuration dialog 'Alarm classes'

Press button **Add** in order to create a new alarm class. Thereupon in the upper window a line will be inserted, primarily only with an entry "NOACK" (no acknowledgement) in the 'Acknowledgement' column. Define a name for the alarm class in the corresponding field in the **Name** column (open an edit frame by a mouse-click on the field) and if necessary modify the acknowledgement type in column **Acknowledgement**.

The following acknowledgements are available:

- NO_ACK: No acknowledgement of the alarm by the user is required
- ACK_INTO: A "come" alarm condition (status "INTO", alarm occurs) must be confirmed by the user.
- ACK_OUTOF: A "gone alarm" (status "OUTOF", alarm terminated) must be confirmed by the user.
- ACK_ALL: Gone and come alarm conditions must be confirmed by the user.

Additionally you can enter a **Comment**.

Entries for further alarm classes each will be added at the end of the list.

Use button **Delete** to remove the currently selected entry from the list.

Assigned actions for class <class name>:

Each alarm class defined in the upper window can get assigned a list of actions, which should be performed as soon as a Alarm Event occurs.

In the list of **Possible actions** select one and press button "**>**" to get it into the field **Assigned actions**. This field will finally contain the selection of actions assigned to the alarm class. Via button "**>>**" you can add all actions at a single blow. Via "**<**" resp.. "**<<**" you can remove one or all actions from the done existing selection. If an action is marked in the 'Assigned actions' list, via "**...**" a corresponding dialog can be opened to define the desired E-Mail settings, the printer settings, the process variable resp. the executable program and, if applicable, a message text.

The following action types (**Possible actions**) are supported (for a definition of a message text see below):

Action	Description	Settings to be done in the corresponding dialog:
Save:	The alarm event will be saved internally, in order to be given out e.g.in a log-file. Please regard: In this case the log-file must be defined in the configuration of the alarm group !	The settings are done in the Alarm group definition in the Alarm saving dialog
Print:	A message text is sent to a printer.	**Printer**: Select one of the printers defined on the local system; **Outputtext**: Message text (see below) which should be printed out Please note that this function is not supported for Target-Visualization !
Message:	In the current visualization of the alarm a message window will be opened showing the defined text.	**Message**: Message text to be displayed in the message window Please note that this function is not supported for Target-Visualization !
E-Mail:	An E-Mail containing the defined message will be sent.	**From**: E-Mail address of sender; **To**: E-Mail address of recipient; **Subject**: any subject; **Message**: Message text (see below); **Server**: Name of the E-Mail server
Variable:	A variable of the PLC Designer program will get the alarm status resp. a message text string.	**Variable**: Variable name: You can select project variables via the input assistant (<F2>): A boolean variable will indicate the alarm states NORM =0 and INTO=1, an integer variable will indicate the alarm states NORM =0, INTO =1, ACK =2, OUTOF =4; a string variable will get the message text defined in field; **Message** (see below)
Execute:	An executable file will be started as soon as the alarm event occurs.	**Executable file**: name of the file to be executed (e.g. notepad.exe, you can use the "..." button to get the standard dialog for selecting a file; **Parameter**: appropriate parameter(s) which should be attached to the call of the exe-file

Definition of the message text:

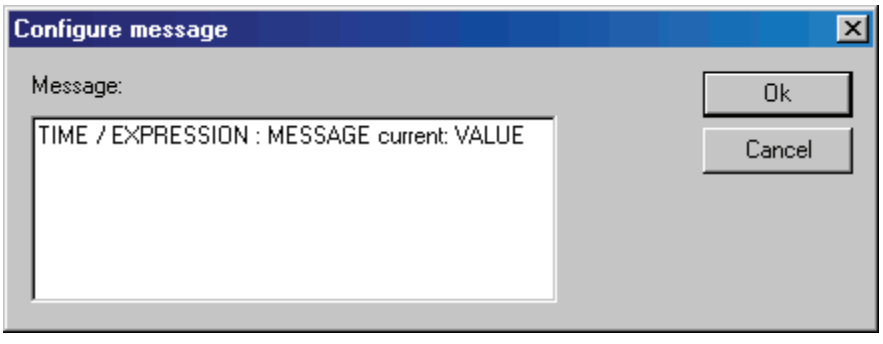
For action types 'Message', 'Print', 'Email' or 'Variable' you can define a message text which should be output in case of an Alarm Event.
Line breaks at the text definitions in 'Message', 'Email' or 'Variable' can be inserted by <Ctrl>+<Enter>.

The following **placeholders** can be used when defining the alarm message:

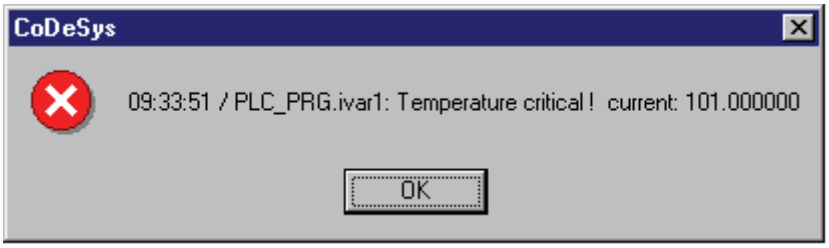
MESSAGE	The message text which is defined for the particular alarm in the configuration of the alarm group will be used.
DATE	Date, when the alarm status was reached (INTO).
TIME	Time of alarm entry.
EXPRESSION	Expression (defined in alarm group) which has caused the alarm.
PRIORITY	Priority of the alarm (defined for alarm group.)
VALUE	Current value of the expression (see above).
TYPE	Alarm type (defined in alarm group)
CLASS	Alarm class (defined in alarm group)
TARGETVALUE	Target value for alarm types DEV+ and DEV- (defined in alarm group)
DEADBAND	Tolerance of the alarm (defined in alarm group)
ALLDEFAULT	Any information on the alarm will be output, like described for the line entries in a log file (History).

Example of defining an alarm message:

For a definition of a message box enter the following in the message window:



Furtheron when defining the alarm in the alarm group enter in column 'Message' the following: "Temperature critical !". The output of the final alarm message will be like follows:



Note for translation to other languages:The message text will also be affected in case of a change of the project language if it is included in a *.vis-file or a translation file *.tlt. BUT: In this case - like texts referring to a visualization it has to be set between two "#"-characters (e.g. in the example shown above : "#Temperature critical !#" and "TIME /EXPRESSION: MESSAGE #current#: VALUE", in order to get the text entered in the translation file as ALARMTEXT_ITEMs.)

A **log file** for action 'Save' is to be defined in the configuration of the alarm group.

Alarm Events for actions:

For each action you define, at which alarm events it should be started.

Activate the desired events:

INTO The alarm occurs. Status = INTO.

ACK Acknowledgement by the user has been done. Status = ACK.

OUTOF Alarm state terminated. Status = OUTOF.

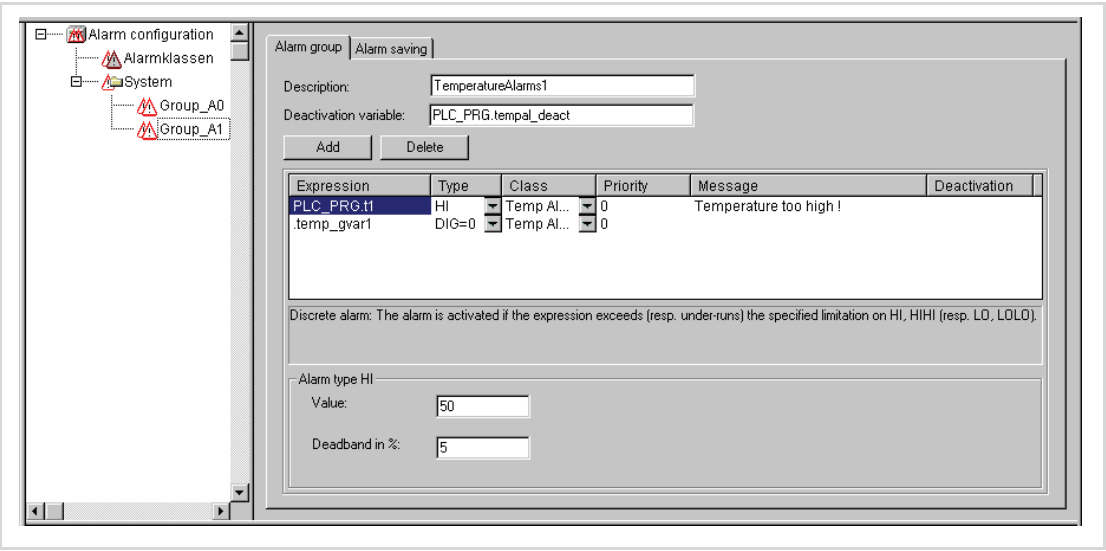
Colors/Bitmaps for class <class name>

Each alarm class can get assigned own colors and bitmaps, which will be used for the differentiation of the alarms in the visualization element alarm table. Select a **Foreground color** and **Background color** for the possible events INTO, ACK and OUTOF (see above). The standard dialog for selecting a color will open as soon as you perform a mouse-click on the color symbol. For selecting a bitmap a mouse-click on the grey rectangle will open the standard dialog for selecting a file.

8.3.4 Alarm groups

Alarm groups are used for organizing the available alarms. Each alarm is definitely assigned to right one alarm group and is managed by this group. All alarms of a group can get assigned a common deactivation variable and common parameters regarding the alarm saving. Regard that even a single alarm must be configured within an alarm group.

A hierarchical structure of alarm groups can be defined via Folder elements. When a alarm group is selected in the configuration tree, automatically the dialog **Alarm group** will be displayed:



Configuration dialog Alarm group

In the field **Description** you can enter a name for the alarm group.

As **Deactivation variable** a boolean project variable can be defined. At a rising edge on this variable the alarm creation for all alarms of the group will be deactivate, at a falling edge it will be re-activated.

Via button **Add** an alarm can be added to the group. A new line in the table window will be inserted and there the following parameters are to be set:

Expression: Enter here the project variable or an expression (e.g. "a + b") to which the alarm should refer. It is recommended to use the input assistant <F2> resp. the "Intellisense" function for an correct entry.

Type: The alarm types listed in the following can be used. For each type regard the appropriate comment resp. the definitions to be done in the area beyond the table !

DIG=0 Digital alarm, active as soon as the expression gets FALSE.

DIG=1 Digital alarm, active as soon as the expression gets TRUE.

LOLO Analog alarm, active as soon as the value of the expression falls below the **Value** defined for **Alarm type LOLO**. You can define a tolerance (**Deadband**). As long as the expression value is within the dead band, no alarm will be activated, even if the LOLO-value has been falling below the limit.

LO corresponding to LOLO

HI Analog alarm, active as soon as the expression exceeds the **Value** defined for **Alarm type HIHI**. You can define a tolerance (**Deadband)**. As long as the expression value is within the dead band, no alarm will be activated, even if the HI value has exceeded the limit.

HIHI corresponding to HI

DEV- Deviation from the target value; Alarm gets active as soon as the value of the expression falls below the value defined for **Alarm type DEV-** plus the percentage deviation. Percentage deviation = target value * (**deviation in %**) / 100.

DEV+ Deviation from the target value); Alarm gets active as soon as the value of the expression exceeds the value defined for **Alarm type DEV+** plus the percentage deviation. Percentage deviation = target value * (**deviation in %**) / 100.

ROC Rate of Change per time unit; Alarm gets active as soon as the expression deviates strongly from the previous value. The limit value for activating an alarm is defined by the number of value changes (**Rate of changes**) per second, minute or hour (**units per**).

Class: Choose the desired alarm class. The selection list will offer all classes which have been defined in the alarm class configuration before the last saving of the project.

Priority: Here you can define a priority level 0-152. 0 is the highest priority. The priority will impinge on the sorting of the alarms within the alarm table.

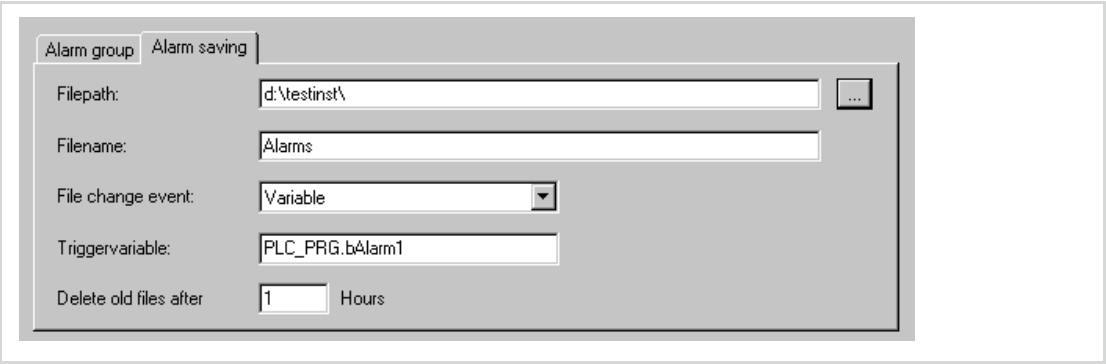
Message: Define here the text for the message box, which will appear in case of an alarm. This box must be confirmed by the user with OK, but this OK will not automatically acknowledge the alarm ! For confirming (acknowledge) the alarm the alarm table must be accessed. This is possible via the visualization element alarm table or via the date of the alarm entry in the table. This date can be read from a log file which can be created optionally.
Regard that, when visualizing the alarms in an alarm table element in a visualization, the message text defined here might be overwritten by a corresponding text entry from an language file in xml-format, which is specified in the visualization for the purpose of dynamic language switching.

Deactivation: Here a project variable can be entered, which at a rising edge will deactivate any creation of the alarm. Regard however, that this setting **will be overwritten** by the entry which might be found in the field 'Deactivation variable' ! (see above).

8.3.5 Alarm saving

For each alarm group a file can be defined, in which the alarm events are stored, if (!) a 'Save' action has been assigned to the class in the alarm class configuration dialog.

Select the alarm group in the configuration tree and open the dialog tab 'Alarm saving':



Configuration dialog 'Alarm saving'

The following definitions are possible:

Filepath: Directories path of the file which is defined in Filename; via button "**...**" you get the standard dialog for selecting a directory. If the target-specific option 'Alarmhandling on PLC' is activated, this path will be ignored an the file will be saved in the download directory of the PLC.

Filename: Name of the file which should save the alarm events (e.g. "alarmlog"). Automatically a file will be created which gets the name defined here plus an attached digit and which has the extension ".alm". The digit indicates the version of the log-file. The first file gets a "0"; each further file, which will be created according to the defined **File change event**, will be numbered with 1, 2 etc. (Examples: "alarmlog0.alm", "alarmlog1.alm).

File change event: Define here the event which will cause the creation of a new file for alarm-saving. Possible entries: **Never**, after one **Hour**, after one **Day**, after one **Week**, after one **Month**, at a rising edge of the variable defined in field **Triggervariable**, when the number of records in the file as defined in **Number of records** gets exceeded.

Triggervariable resp. **Number of records**: see above, File change event.

Delete old files after .. Hours: Number of days since the day of creation, after which all alarm log-files except from the actual one should be deleted.

The log-file (History) contains the following entries: (See the column types and exemplary entries for two alarms)

Date/Time in DWORD	Date	Time	Event	Expression	Alarm type	Limit	Tolerance	current value	class	Priority	Message
1046963332	6.3.03	16:08:52	INTO	PLC_PRG.b	LO	-30	5	-31	Alarm_high	0	Temperature !
1046963333	6.3.03	16:08:53	ACK	PLC_PRG.n	HIHI	35			Warnng	9	Rising Temp. !

Example for a possible looking of the log-file:

1046963332,6.3.03 16:08:52,INTO,PLC_PRG.ivar5,HIHI,,,, 9.00,a_class2,0,

1046963333,6.3.03 16:08:53,INTO,PLC_PRG.ivar4,ROC,2,,, 6.00,a_class2,2,

1046963333,6.3.03 16:08:53,INTO,PLC_PRG.ivar3,DEV-,,,, -6.00,a_class2,5,

1046963334,6.3.03 16:08:54,INTO,PLC_PRG.ivar2,LOLO,-35,,3, -47.00,warning,10,warning: low temperature !

1046963334,6.3.03 16:08:54,INTO,PLC_PRG.ivar1,HI,20,,5, 47.00,a_class1,2,temperature to high ! Acknowledge !

8.3.6 Alarm configuration 'Extras' 'Settings'

The dialog **Alarm configuration settings** opens on the command 'Extras' 'Settings' in the Alarm Configuration:

Category Date/Time:

Here you set the formatting for the representation of the alarms in the log-file. Define the format according to the following syntax. Dashes and colons are to be set in inverted commas:

for date: dd'-'MM'-'yyyy -> e.g. "12.Jan-1993"

for time: hh':'mm':'ss (12-hours format) -> e.g. "01:10:34" or HH':'mm':'ss (24-hours format) -> e.g. "13:10:34"

Language:

The usage of this dialog corresponds to that used for doing the language settings of a visualization object (see Language switching in visualization).

Choose here a **language file** (*.vis or *.tlt) which should be used for the alarm configuration texts when the language in »PLC Designer« is changed. Make sure that for this purpose the language file i.a. contains the translations for the text strings of the alarm configuration. See also: Translate project into another language.

Alternatively you can define **dynamic language** switching by specifying a special language file in xml-format, like it is used for visualization elements. Note however that the actual settings only concern the display of the alarm messages in »PLC Designer«. If the alarm configuration is visualized by an alarm table element in a visualization object, there the separate visualization language settings will be valid!

Online:

Deactivate alarm evaluation in online mode: If this online setting is set, there will be no alarm handling in online mode. This means that no alarm evaluation corresponding to the current alarm configuration will be done and no alarms will be displayed. This might be desired in certain environments in order to save computing time.

8.4 Global Variables, Variable Configuration, Document Frame

8.4.1 Objects in 'Global Variables'

In the Object Organizer, you will find two objects in the **Resources** register card in the **Global Variables** folder (default names of the objects in parentheses).

- Global Variables
- Variables Configuration

All variables defined in these objects are recognized throughout the project.

If the Global Variables folder is not opened up (plus sign in front of the folder), you can open it with a doubleclick <Enter> in the line.

Select the corresponding object. The **'Object Open'** command opens a window with the previously defined global variables. The editor for this works the same way as the declaration editor.

8.4.2 Several Variables Lists

Global variables, global network variables (**VAR_GLOBAL),** global network variables (**VAR_GLOBAL,** target specific) and variable configurations (**VAR_CONFIG**) must be defined in separate objects.

If you have declared a large number of global variables, and you would like to structure your global variables list better, then you can create further variables lists.

In the Object Organizer, select the **Global Variables** folder or one of the existing   objects with global variables. Then execute the **'Project' 'Object Add'** command. Give the object that appears in the dialog box a corresponding name. With this name an additional object will be created with the key word **VAR_GLOBAL**. If you prefer an object a variable configuration, change the corresponding key word to **VAR_CONFIG**.

8.4.3 Global Variables...

What are Global Variables

„Normal" variables, constants or remanent variables that are known throughout the project can be declared as global variables, but also network variables that are also used for data exchange with other network subscribers.

Note!

In a project you can define a local variable which has the same name like a global variable. In this case within a POU the locally defined variable will be used.

It is not allowed to name two global variables identically. For example you will get a compiler error,if you have defined a variable "var1" in the PLC Configuration as well as in a global variables list.

Network variables

Note!

The use of network variables must be supported by the target system and must be activated in the target settings (category Network functionality).

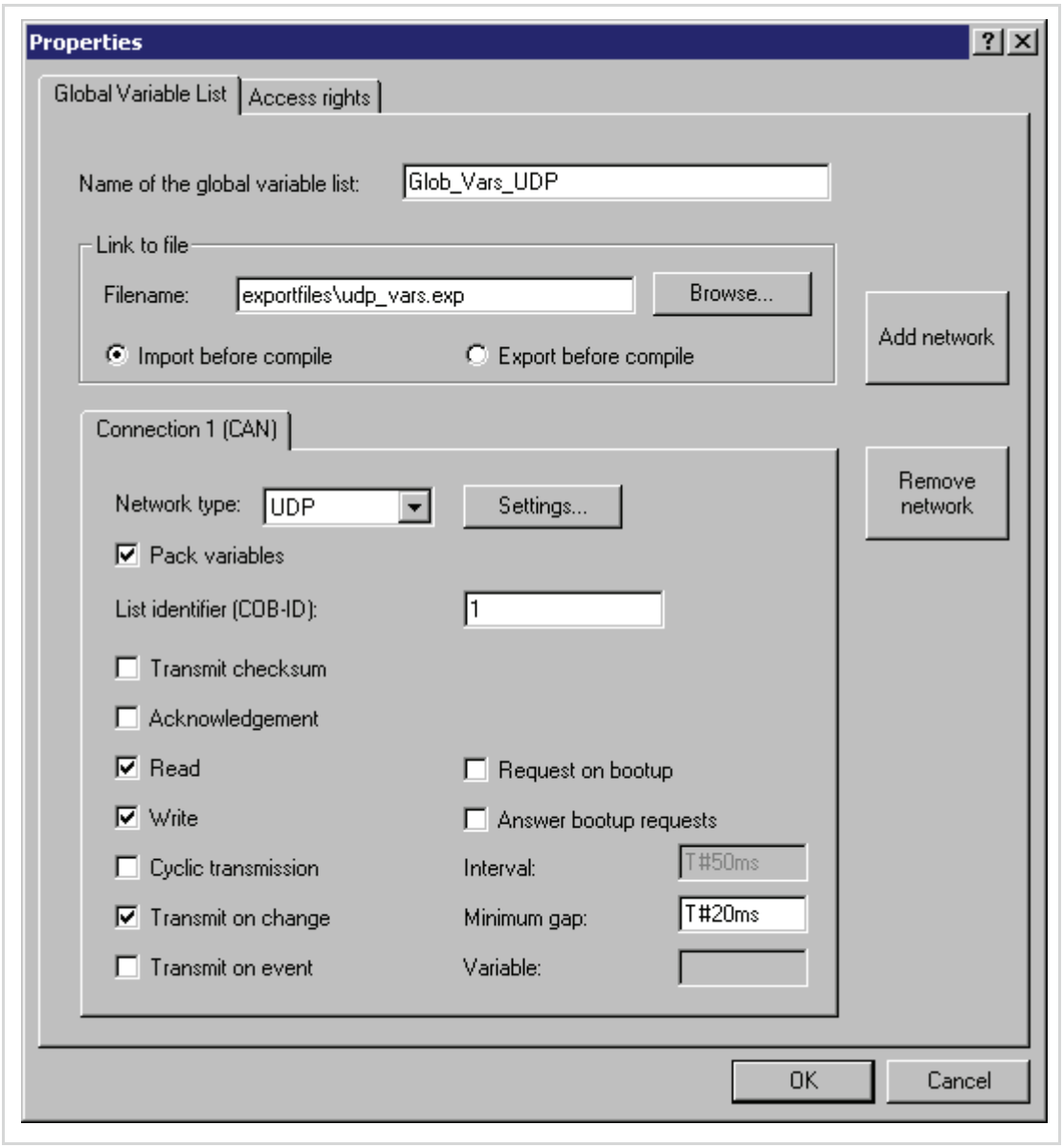
By an automatic data exchange (compare this to the non-automatic data exchange via the Parameter Manager) it is possible to update the value of a network variable on several controller systems within a PLC Designer compatible controller network. This requires no controller-specific functions but the network subscribers must use identical declaration lists and matching transfer configurations for network variables in their projects. In order to make this possible it is recommended that the declaration not be entered manually in each controller application, but loaded from a separate file when creating the list. (see 'Create a global variables list').

For the exchange of network variables it is necessary that the variables are used in a cyclic or free-wheeling task or in PLC_PRG. It is not sufficient to declare them in the declaration part of the POU! If the variables are used in several tasks/PLC_PRG, then at data exchange that task will be regarded which has the highest priority.

Create a Global Variable List

To create a Global Variable List, open the register 'Resources' in the Object Organizer and select the entry 'Global Variables' or select an already existing list. Then choose the command 'Project' 'Object' 'Add' to open the dialog Global variable list.

This dialog can also be opened by the command 'Project' 'Object' 'Properties' which is available if an existing Global Variable List is marked in the object organizer. It shows the configuration of this list..



Dialog to create a new Global Variable List

Name of the global variable list: Insert a list name.

Link to file:

Filename: If you have an export file (*.exp) or a DCF file, which contains the desired variables, you can set up a link to this file. To do this, insert the path of the file in the field **Filename** resp. press the button Browse to get the standard dialog 'Select text file'. DCF files are converted to ICE syntax when they are read in.

Activate option **Import before compile**, if you wish that the variable list will be read from the external file before each compilation of the project. Activate the option **Export before compile**, if you want the variable list to be written to the external file before each compilation of the project.

If you close the 'Global variable list' dialog with **OK**, the new object is created. Global variables lists can be recognized in the Object Organizer by the symbol  . With the command 'Project' 'Object' 'Properties' you can re-open the 'Global variable list' configuration dialog for the entry marked in the Object Organizer.

Configuration of network variables:

If the option 'Support network variables' is activated in the target settings, then the button <Add network> is available. Pressing this button the dialog gets extended and looks like shown in the picture. If the option is not activated, the button is not available.

Connection <n> (<Network type>): In the lower part of the dialog you can create configuration sets for up to four network connections, each on an separate tab. A configuration set defines the parameters of the data exchange for the particular variables list within the network. In order for the exchange in the network to work as intended, the same variable list must be compatibly configured to match in the other network subscribers.

If no configuration is yet present, you will get in the case of a UDP network a single tabulator sheet with the inscription **'Connection 1 (UDP)'**. Each time the 'Add network' button is pressed again, you get up to four more sheets inscribed with serial numbers after „Connection".

Network type: Choose the desired type from the list. The list is defined by the target system entries. For example, „CAN" as an abbreviation for a CAN network, or „UDP" for a UDP transmission system, might be selectable.

Settings: This button opens the dialog **Settings for <networktype>** with the following configuration parameters:

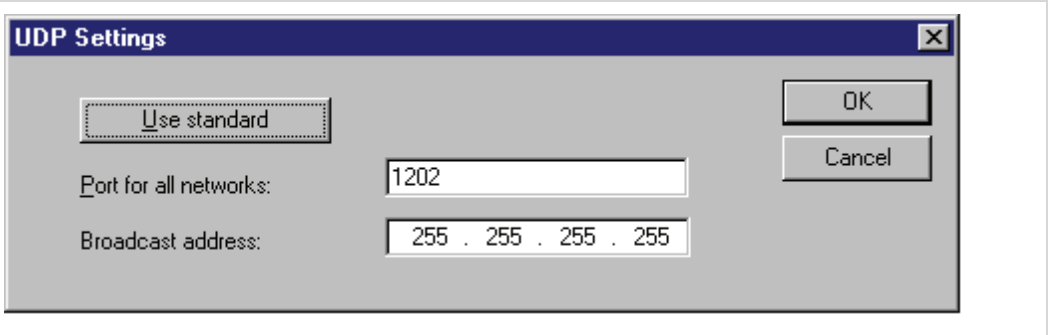
UDP:

Use standard If this button is pressed, Port 1202 will be defined for the data exchange with the other network participants. The Broadcast address will be set to "255 . 255 . 255 . 255" , which means, that the data exchange will be done with all participants in the network.

Port for all networks: Enter here a desired port number to overwrite the standard setting (see above, Use standard). Make sure that the other nodes in the network define the same port! If you have more than one UDP connection defined in the project then the port number will be automatically modified in all configuration sets according to the input you make here.

Broadcast address: Enter here an address resp. the address range of a sub-network, if you want to overwrite the standard setting (e.g. "197 . 200 . 100 . 255", if you want to communicate with all nodes with IP-addresses 197 . 200 . 100 . x).

Regard for Win32 systems, that the Broadcast addresses must match the subnet mask of the TCP/IP configuration of the PC !



Dialog 'Settings for UDP

CAN:

Controller Index: Index of the CAN Controller, by which the variables should be transferred.

The following options can be activated or deactivated in configuring the transmission behavior of the variables:

Pack variables: The variables are assembled for transfer into packets (telegrams) whose size depends on the network. If the option is deactivated, a packet is set up for each variable.

List identifier (COB-ID): Identification number of the first packet, in which the variables will be sent. (default = 1). Further packets will be numbered in ascendent order. Note: A COB-ID **must be unique** within all network variables lists used in the project. Using the same ID in multiple list configurations will cause a compile error with compiler versions >= 2.3.7.0.

It depends on the target system, whether the network variables of the list can be defined to be 'readable' and 'writing'' or exclusively one of both. To set this property activate the respective options 'Read' and 'Write':

Read: The variables in the list will be read; if the option is deactivated, further variables sent over the net will be ignored. The following option can be activated in addition:

Request at Bootup: If the local node is a "reading" node (Option 'Read' activated), then as soon as it gets re-booted the actual variable values will be requested from all writing nodes and will be sent by those, independently of any other transmit conditions (time, event), which normally trigger the communication. Precondition: In the configuration of the writing nodes the option 'Answer Bootup requests' must be activated ! (see below).

Write: The variables will be written, the following options can be set additionally:

Include Checksum: A checksum will be added to each packet which is sent. The checksum will be checked by the receiver to make sure that the variable definitions of sender and receiver are identic. A packet with a non-matching checksum will not be accepted and – if this is configured ('Use acknowledge transfer', see below) – will be acknowledged negatively.

Use acknowledged transfer: (no function in case of CAN) :Each message will be acknowledged by the receiver. As soon as the sender does not get at least one acknowledgement within a cycle, an error message will be produced which in case of an UDP-network will be written to the diagnosis structure provided by NetVarUdp_LIB_V23.lib.

Answer Bootup requests: If the local node is a "writing" node (Option 'Write' activated), then each request of a reading node which is sent by it at bootup (Option Request on Bootup, see above), will be answered. That means that the actual variable values will be transmitted even if none of the other defined transmission triggers (time or event) would force this at this moment.

Cyclic transmission: Variables are written within the intervals specified after **Interval**. (time notation e.g. T#70ms).

Transmit on change: Variables are written only when their values change; an entry after Minimum can, however, set a minimum time lapse between transfers.

Transmit on event: The variables of the list will be written as soon as the variable inserted at **Variable** gets TRUE.

Global Network variables lists are marked by the symbol  in the Object Organizer.

Note!

If a network global variable is used on one or more **tasks**, the following applies to the time component of the transfer: When each task is called it is tested to determine which parameters apply to the transfer of the variable value (configuration in the 'Global variables list' dialog). The variable value will be transferred or not, depending on whether the specified time interval has passed. At each transfer the time interval counter for this variable is reset to zero.

Sending is always undertaken from the run-time system of the controller affected. Thus no control-specific functions have to be provided for the data exchange.

Editing Global Variable and Network Variable Lists

The editor for global variables works similar to the declaration editor. But note that you cannot edit in this editor an list, which is an image of an linked external variable list ! External variable lists only can be edited externally and they will be read at each opening and compiling of the project.

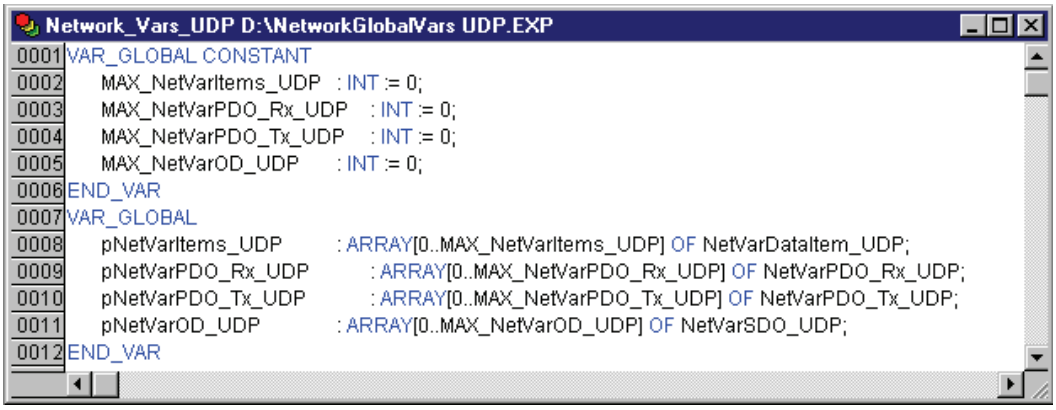
Syntax:

```
VAR_GLOBAL
  (* Variables declarations *)
END_VAR
```

Network variables only can be used, if allowed by the target system. They are also defined in this syntax.

Example of a network variables list which was created by linking of an export file *.exp and which got the name NETWORKVARIABLES_UDP:

Example of a network variables list, which has been created by loading an export file *.exp and which was named Network_Vars_UDP:



Editing Remanent Global Variables Lists

If they are supported by the runtime system, remanent variables may be processed. There are two types of remanent global variables:

Retain variables remain unchanged after an uncontrolled shutdown of the runtime system (off/on) or an 'Online' 'Reset' in »PLC Designer«.

Persistent variables remain only unchanged after a program download.

Persistent variables are not automatically also Retain variables !

Remanent variables are additionally assigned the keyword **RETAIN** and/or **PERSISTENT**.

Network variables are also defined in this syntax.

Syntax:

```
  VAR_GLOBAL RETAIN
 (* Variables declarations *)
END_VAR
VAR_GLOBAL PERSISTENT
 (* Variables declarations *)
END_VAR
```

For the combination of retain and persistent properties both keywords are used:

```
  VAR_GLOBAL RETAIN PERSISTENT or VAR_GLOBAL PERSISTENT
RETAIN
```

Network variables (target specific) are also defined using this syntax.

Global Constants

Global constants additionally get the keyword **CONSTANT.**

Syntax:

```
VAR_GLOBAL CONSTANT
 (* Variables declarations *)
END_VAR
```

8.4.4 Variable Configuration...

In function blocks it is possible to specify addresses for inputs and outputs that are not completely defined, if you put the variable definitions between the key words **VAR** and **END_VAR**. Addresses not completely defined are identified with an asterisk.

Example:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK locio
VAR
 loci AT %I*: BOOL := TRUE;
 loco AT %Q*: BOOL;
END_VAR
```

Here two local I/O-variables are defined, a local-In (%I*) and a local-Out (%Q*).

If you want to configure local I/Os for variables configuration in the Object Organizer in the **Resources** register card, the object **Variable_Configuration** will generally be available. The object then can be renamed and other objects can be created for the variables configuration.

The editor for variables configuration works like the declaration editor.

Variables for local I/O-configurations must be located between the key words **VAR_CONFIG** and **END_VAR**.

The name of such a variable consists of a complete instance path through which the individual POUs and instance names are separated from one another by periods. The declaration must contain an address whose class (input/output) corresponds to that of the incompletely specified address (%I*, %Q*) in the function block. Also the data type must agree with the declaration in the function block.

Configuration variables, whose instance path is invalid because the instance does not exist, are also denoted as errors. On the other hand, an error is also reported if no configuration exists for an instance variable. In order to receive a list of all necessary configuration variables, the "All Instance Paths" menu item in the 'Insert' menu can be used.

Example for a Variable Configuration

Assume that the following definition for a function block is given in a program:

PROGRAM PLC_PRG

```
VAR
Hugo: locio;
Otto: locio;
END_VAR
```

Then a corrected variable configuration would look this way:

```
VAR_CONFIG
PLC_PRG.Hugo.loci AT %IX1.0 : BOOL;
PLC_PRG.Hugo.loco AT %QX0.0 : BOOL;
PLC_PRG.Otto.loci AT %IX1.0 : BOOL;
PLC_PRG.Otto.loco AT %QX0.3 : BOOL;
END_VAR
```

'Insert' 'All Instance Paths'

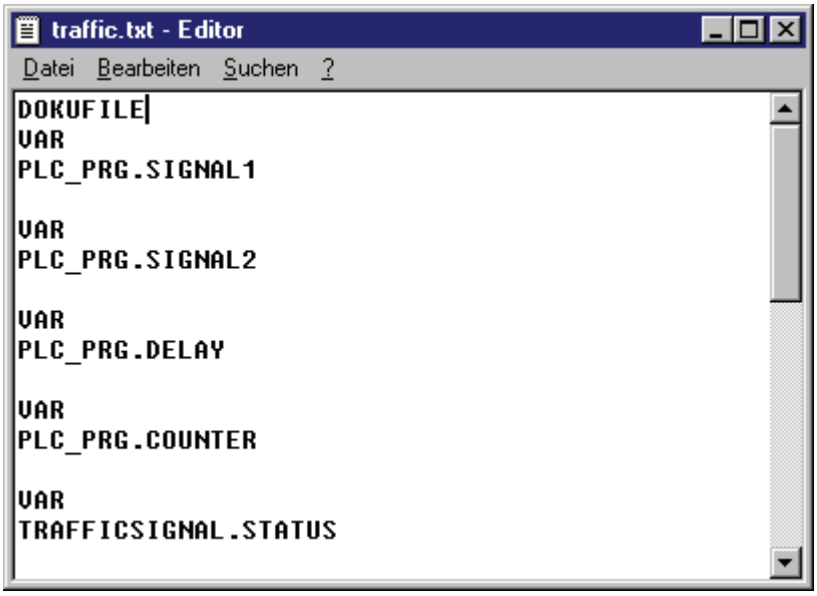
With this command a **VAR_CONFIG** - **END_VAR**-block is generated that contains all of the instance paths available in the project. Declarations already on hand do not need to be reinserted in order to contain addresses already in existence. This menu item can be found in the window for configuration of variables if the project is compiled ('Project' 'Rebuild All').

8.4.5 Document Frame...

If a project is to receive multiple documentations, perhaps with German and English comments, or if you want to document several similar projects that use the same variable names, then you can save yourself a lot of work by creating a docuframe with the 'Extras' 'Make Docuframe File' command.

The created file can be loaded into a desired text editor and can be edited. The file begins with the **DOCUFILE** line. Then a listing of the project variables follows in an arrangement that assigns three lines to each variable: a **VAR** line that shows when a new variable comes; next, a line with the name of the variable; and, finally, an empty line. You can now replace this line by using a comment to the variable. You can simply delete any variables that you are unable to document. If you want, you can create several document frames for your project.

Windows Editor with Document Frame



In order to use a document frame, give the 'Extras' 'Link Docu File' command. Now if you document the entire project, or print parts of your project, then in the program text, there will be an insertion of the comment produced in the docuframe into all of the variables. This comment only appears in the printout!

'Extras' 'Make Docuframe File'

Use this command to create a document frame. The command is at your disposal, whenever you select an object from the global variables.

A dialog box will open for saving files under a new name. In the field for the **name file**, the *.txt extension has already been entered. Select a desired name. Now a text file has been created in which all the variables of your project are listed.

'Extras' 'Link Docu File'

With this command you can select a document frame.

The dialog box for opening files is opened. Choose the desired document frame and press **OK**. Now if you document the entire project, or print parts of your project, then in the program text there will be an insertion of the comment produced in the docuframe into all of the variables. This comment only appears in the printout!

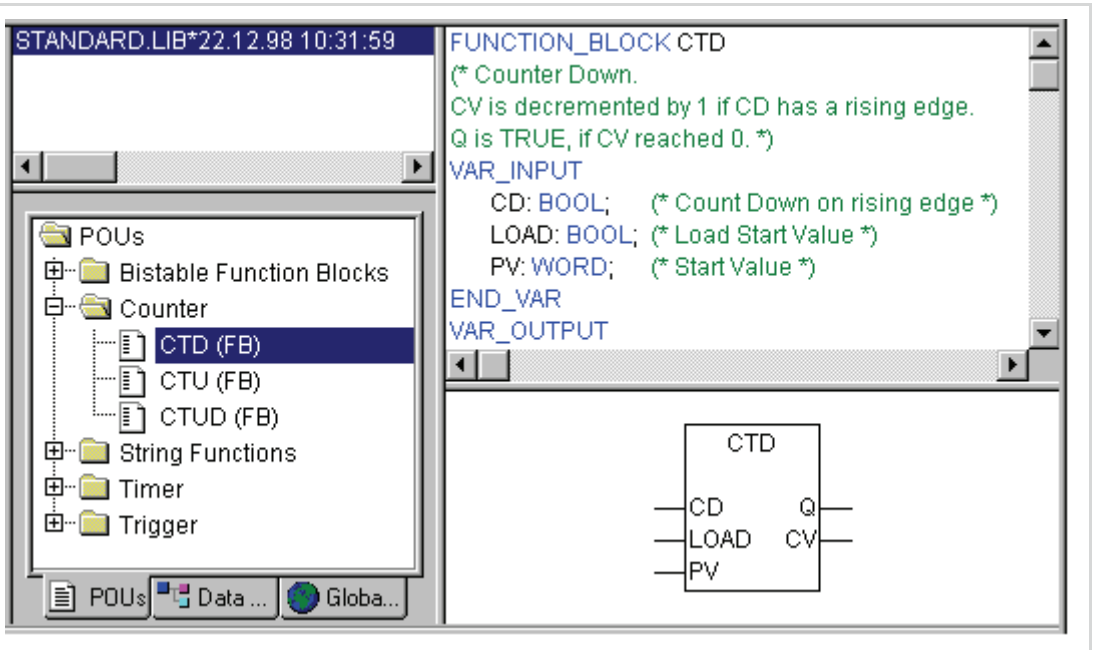
To create a document frame, use the 'Extras' 'Make Docuframe File' command.

8.5 Library Manager...

The library manager shows all libraries that are connected with the current project. The POUs, data types, and global variables of the libraries can be used the same way as user-defined POUs, data types, and global variables.

The library manager is opened with the **'Window' 'Library Manager'** command. Information concerning included libraries is stored with the project and can be viewed in the dialog 'Informations about external library'. To open this dialog select the corresponding library name in the library manager and execute the command 'Extras' 'Properties'.

Libraries created in »PLC Designer« can contain pragma instructions in the declaration part, which effect that when the library is included in a project, not the complete declaration part gets displayed. Thus particular variable declarations or comments can be "concealed" from the user. (see chapter 5.2.3, Pragmas for Controlling the Display of Library Declaration Parts).



Library Manager

8.5.1 Using the Library Manager

The window of the library manager is divided into three or four areas by screen dividers. The libraries attached to the project are listed in the upper left area.

In the area below that, depending on which register card has been selected, there is a listing of the **POUs , Data types, Visualizations** or **Global variables** of the library selected in the upper area.

Folders are opened and closed by doubleclicking the line or pressing <Enter>. There is a plus sign in front of closed folders, and a minus sign in front of opened folders.

If a POU is selected by clicking the mouse or selecting with the arrow keys then the declaration of the POU will appear in the upper right area of the library manager; and in the lower right is the graphic display in the form of a black box with inputs and outputs.

With data types and global variables, the declaration is displayed in the right area of the library manager.

8.5.2 Standard Library

The library with "standard.lib" is always available. It contains all the functions and function blocks which are required from the IEC61131-3 as standard POUs for an IEC programming system. The difference between a standard function and an operator is that the operator is implicitly recognized by the programming system, while the standard POUs must be tied to the project (standard.lib).

The code for these POUs exists as a C-library and is a component of **»PLC Designer«**.

8.5.3 User-defined Libraries

If a project is to be compiled in its entity and without errors, then it can be saved in a library with the **'Save as'** command in the **'File'** menu. The project itself will remain unchanged. An additional file will be generated, which has the default extension ".lib". This library afterwards can be used and accessed like e.g. the standard library.

For the purpose to have available the POUs of a project in other projects, save the project as an **Internal Library *.lib**. This library afterwards can be inserted in other projects using the library manager.

Note!

Regard the possibility to define via pragmas to what extent the declaration part of the library should be visible in the Library Manager when the library has been included in a project. ("Concealing of variable declarations").

If you have implemented POUs in other programming languages, e.g. C, and want to get them into a library, then save the project using data type **External Library *.lib)**. You will get the library file but additionally a file with the extension "*.h". This file is structured like a C header file and contains the declarations of all POUs, data types and global variables, which are available with the library. If an external library is used in a project, then in simulation mode that implementation of the POUs will be executed, which was written with »PLC Designer«; but on the target the C-written implementation will be processed.

If you want to add licensing information to a library, then press button **Edit license info...** and insert the appropriate settings in the dialog 'Edit Licensing Information'. See the corresponding description at 'File' 'Save as...' resp. at License Management in »PLC Designer«.

8.5.4 'Insert' 'Additional Library'

With this command you can attach an additional library to your project.

The command opens the dialog for opening a file. If the currently set directory does not contain the desired library, you can select another directory in field **Library directory** where all directories will be offered, which are defined in 'Project' 'Options' 'Directories' 'Libraries' (File type "*.**lib**"). Choose the desired library - multiple selection is possible - and confirm with OK. The dialog will close and the library gets inserted to the Library Manager. Now you can use the objects of the library in the project like user-defined objects.

Library paths

Regard which libraries directories are currently defined in the project options. If you insert a library from a directory which is not defined there, the library will be entered with the respective path.

Example: You insert library standard.lib from directory "D:\plcdesigner\libraries\standard".

- If this directory is defined in the project options, the entry in the library manager will be: "standard.lib <date and time of file>".
- If in the project options there is just defined a directory "D:\plcdesigner\libraries", then the entry in the library manager will be: "standard\standard.lib <date and time of file>".
- If no matching directory at all is defined in the project options, then the complete path will be entered: "D:\plcdesigner\libraries\standard\standard.lib <date and time of file>".

When re-opening the project the libraries will be searched according to entries in the library manager. So for example, if just the library file name is entered there, the library will be searched in the libraries directories defined in the project options.

If libraries are not found when opening a project, you will be asked whether you want to change the library directory defined in the project options. If you say no, a dialog will open providing information on the libraries not found and the respective entries in the Library Manager will be displayed red-colored. In this case you can select a red entry and choose command **Search** from the context menu. Thus you will get the dialog for opening a file where you can browse for the missing library and reload it immediately.

Licensing

As soon as you include a library for which a license is needed and no valid license is found, you may get a message that the library is only available in demo mode or that the library is not licensed for the currently set target. You can ignore this message at that time or start appropriate actions concerning the license. An invalid license will produce an error during compile ('Project' 'Build'). In this case a doubleclick on the error message resp. <F4> will open the dialog 'License information' where you can start the appropriate actions guided by a wizard.

8.5.5 Remove Library

With the 'Edit' 'Delete' command you can remove a library from a project and from the library manager.

8.5.6 'Extras' 'Properties'

This command will open the dialog 'Informations about internal (resp. external) library'. For internal libraries you will find there all data, which have been inserted in the Project Info (where applicable including the license information) when the library had been created in »PLC Designer«. For external libraries the library name and library path will be displayed.

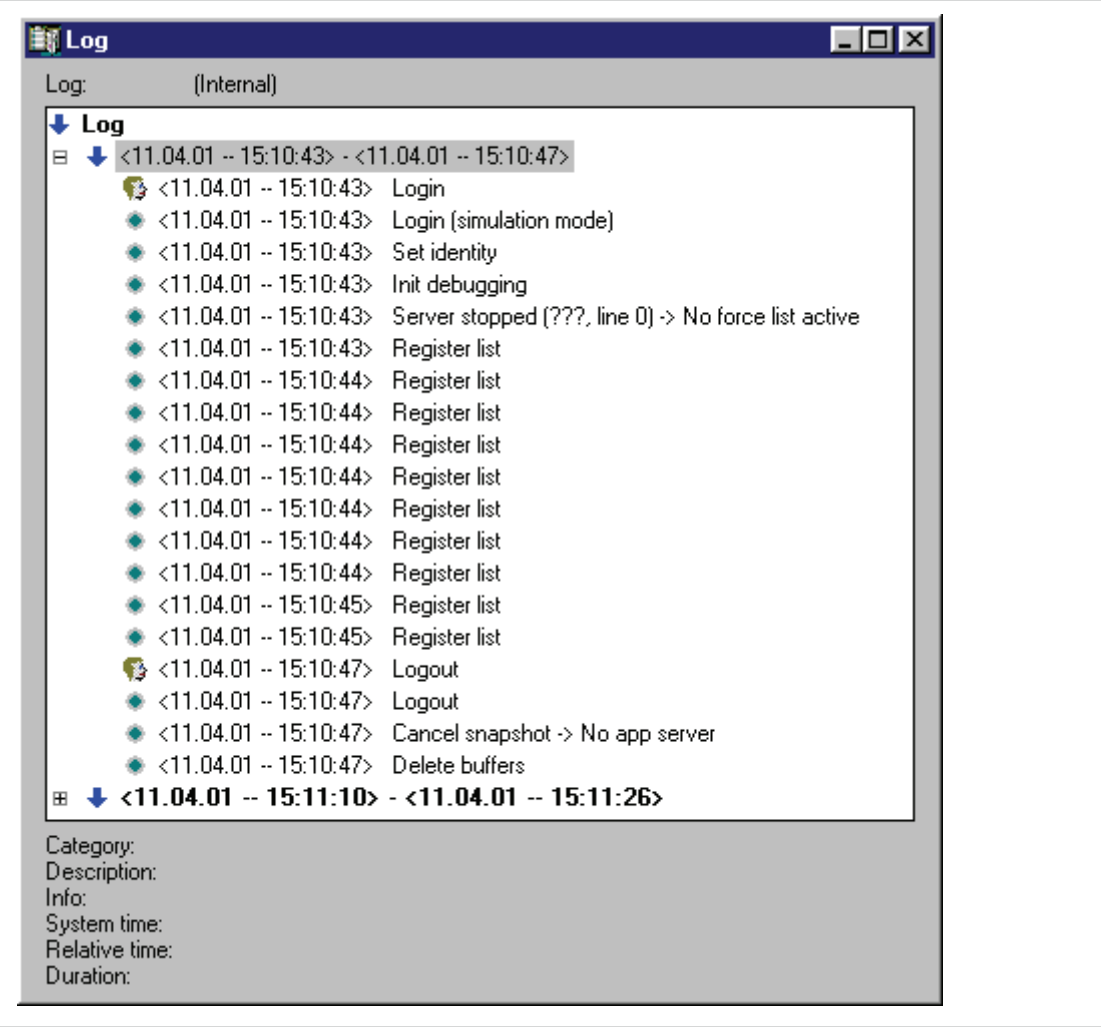
8.6 Log...

The log stores in chronological order actions that occur during an Online session. For this purpose a binary log file (*.log) is set up. Afterward, the user can store excerpts from the appropriate project log in an external log.

The log window can be opened in either Offline or Online mode and can thus serve as a direct monitor online.

8.6.1 'Window' 'Log'

To open, select the menu item 'Window' 'Log' or select entry 'Log' in the Resources tab.



Log window

In the log window, the filename of the currently displayed log appears after **Log:**. If this is the log of the current project, the word "(Internal)" will be displayed.

Registered entries are displayed in the log window. The newest entry always appears at the bottom.

Only actions belonging to categories that have been activated in the 'Filter' field of the menu 'Project' 'Options' 'Log' will be displayed.

Available information concerning the currently selected entry is displayed below the log window:

Category: The category to which the particular log entry belongs. The following four categories are possible:

- **User action:** The user has carried out an Online action (typically from the Online menu).
- **Internal action:** An internal action has been executed in the Online layer (e.g. Delete Buffers or Init debugging).
- **Status change:** The status of the runtime system has changed (e.g. from Running to Break, if a breakpoint is reached).
- **Exception:** An exception has occurred, e.g. a communication error.

Description: The type of action. User actions have the same names as their corresponding menu commands; all other actions are in English and have the same name as the corresponding OnlineXXX() function.

Info: This field contains a description of an error that may have occurred during an action. The field is empty if no error has occurred.

System time: The system time at which the action began, to the nearest second.

Relative time: The time measured from the beginning of the Online session, to the nearest millisecond.

Duration: Duration of the action in milliseconds.

8.6.2 Menu Log

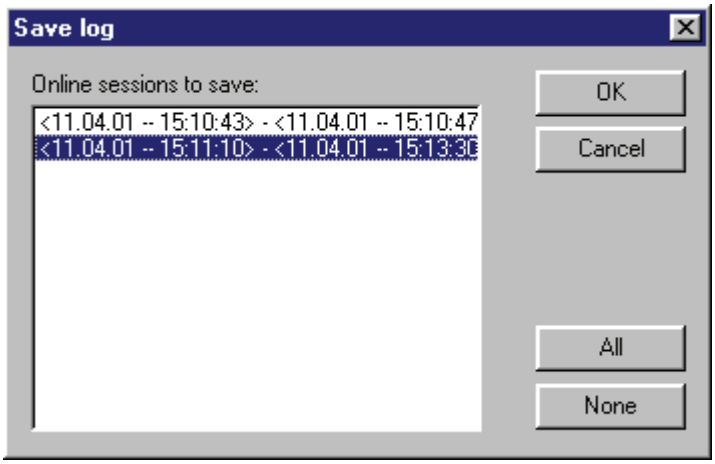
When the log window has the input focus, the menu option **Log** appears in the menu bar instead of the items 'Extras' and 'Options'.

The menu includes the following items:

Load... An external log file *.log can be loaded and displayed using the standard file open dialog.

The log that is present in the project will not be overwritten by the command. If the log window is closed and later opened again, or a new Online session is started then the version that is loaded will again be replaced by the project log.

Save... This menu item can only be selected if the project log is currently displayed. It allows an excerpt of the project log to be stored in an external file. For that, the following dialog will be displayed, in which the Online sessions to be stored can be selected:



After successful selection, the standard dialog for storing a file opens ('Save Log').

Display Project Log This command can only be selected if an external log is currently displayed. It switches the display back to the project log.

8.6.3 Storing the project log

Regardless of whether or not the log is stored in an external file (see above), the project log is automatically stored in a binary file entitled <projectname>.log. If a different path is not explicitly given in the 'Project' 'Options' 'Log' dialog, the file is stored in the same directory as that in which the project is stored.

The maximum number of Online sessions to be stored can be entered in the 'Project' 'Options' 'Log' dialog. If this number is exceeded during recording, the oldest session is deleted to make room for the newest one.

8.7 Task Configuration...

8.7.1 Overview

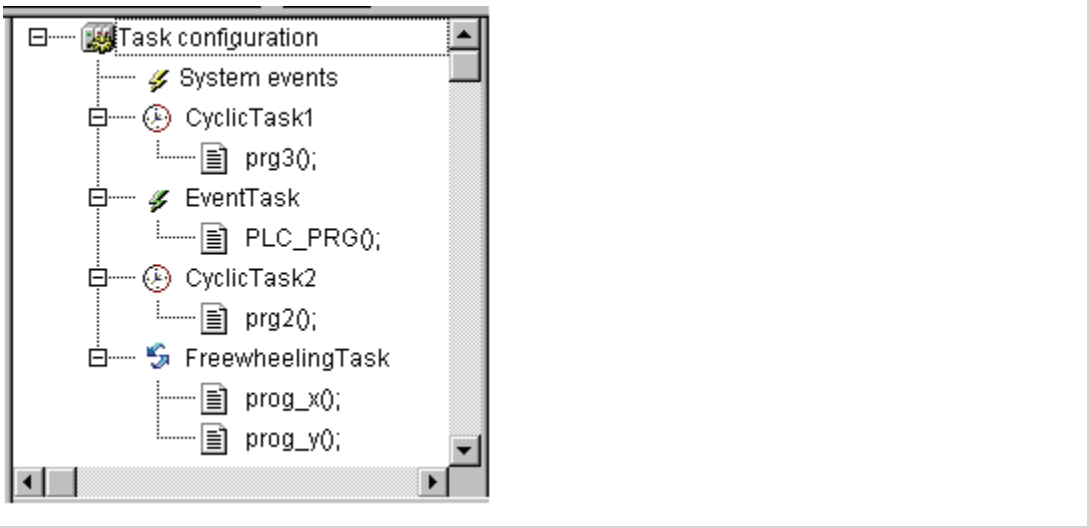
In addition to declaring the special PLC_PRG program, you can also control the processing of your project using the task management.

- A **Task** is a time unit in the processing of an IEC program. It is defined by a name, a priority and by a type determining which condition will trigger the start of the task. This condition can be defined by a time (cyclic, freewheeling) or by an internal or external event which will trigger the task; e.g. the rising edge of a global project variable or an interrupt event of the controller.
- For each task you can specify a series of programs that will be started by the task. If the task is executed in the present cycle, then these programs will be processed for the length of one cycle.
- The combination of priority and condition will determine in which chronological order the tasks will be executed.

Each task can be enabled or disabled explicitly.

- For each task you can configure a watch dog (time control); the possible settings depend on the target system.
- In the Online Mode the task processing can be monitored in a diagram.
- Additionally there is the possibility to link **System events** (e.g. Start, Stop, Reset) directly with the execution of a project POU.

The  Task Configuration is found as an object in the **Resources** tab the Object Organizer. The **Task editor** is opened in a bipartited window.



Example for a Task Configuration

In the left part of the window the tasks are represented in a **configuration tree**. At the topmost position you will always find the entry 'Taskconfiguration'. Below there are the entry 'System events' and the entries for the particular tasks, represented by the task name. Below each task entry the assigned program calls are inserted. Each line is preceded by an icon.

In the right part of the window a **dialog** will be displayed which belongs to the currently marked entry in the configuration tree. Here you can configure the tasks (Task properties), program calls (Program call) resp. define the linking of system events (System events). It depends on the target which options are available in the configuration dialogs. They are defined by a description file which is referenced in the target file. If the standard descriptions are extended by customer specific definitions, then those will be displayed in an additional tab 'Parameter' in the right part of the window.

Note!

Please do not use the same string function (see standard.lib) in several tasks, because this may cause program faults by overwriting.

8.7.2 Working in the Task Configuration

The most important commands you find in the context menu (right mouse button).

At the heading of the Task Configuration are the words "Task Configuration." If a plus sign is located before the words, then the sequence list is closed. By doubleclicking on the list or pressing <Enter>, you can open the list. A minus sign now appears. By doubleclicking once more, you can close the list again. For every task, there is a list of program call-ups attached. Likewise, you can open and close this list the same way.

- With the 'Insert' 'Insert Task' command, you can insert a task.
- With the 'Insert' 'Append Task' command, you can insert a task at the end of the configuration tree.
- With the 'Insert' 'Insert Program Call', a program call will be assigned to the task which is actually selected in the configuration tree.

For each entry in the configuration tree an appropriate configuration dialog will appear in the right part of the window. There options can be activated/deactivated resp. inputs to editor fields can be made. Depending on which entry is selected in the configuration tree, there will be the dialog for defining the 'Taskattributes' (see 'Insert Task'), the dialog for defining a 'Program Call' (see 'Insert Program Call') or the table of 'System events. **The configuration options depend on the** target system**.** The settings made in the dialogs will be taken over to the configuration tree as soon as the focus is set to the tree again.

A task name or program name can also get edited in the configuration tree. For this perform a mouseclick on the name or select the entry and press the <Space> button to open an edit frame.

You can use the arrow keys to select the previous or next entry in the configuration tree.

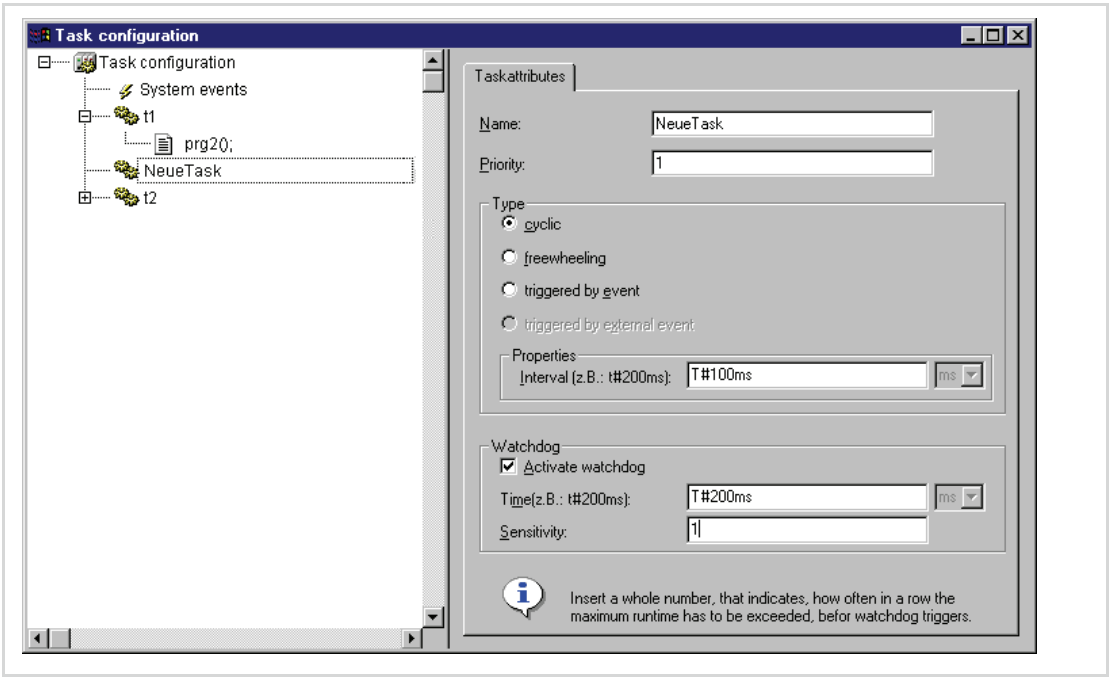
By clicking on the task or program name, or by pressing the <Space bar>, you can set an edit control box around the name. Then you can change the designation directly in the task editor.

'Insert' 'Insert Task' or 'Insert' 'Append Task'

With this command you can insert a new task into the Task Configuration. The entries each consist of a symbol and the task name.

If a task or the entry 'System events' is selected, then the **'Insert Task'** command will be at your disposal. The new task will be inserted after the selected one. If the entry 'Task Configuration' is selected, then the **'Append Task'** is available, and the new task will be appended to the end of the existing list. The maximum number of tasks is defined by the target system. Please regard that a certain number of tasks already might be reserved for modules of the PLC Configuration (defined in the cfg-file).

When inserting a task, the dialog for setting the **Task attributes** will be opened:



Dialog Box for Setting Task Attributes

Insert the desired attributes:

Name: a name for the task; with this name the task is represented in the configuration tree; the name can be edited there after a mouseclick on the entry or after pressing the <Space> key when the entry is selected.

Priority (0-31): (a number between 0 and 31; 0 is the highest priority, 31 is the lowest),

Type:

cyclic ( ) : The task will be processed cyclic according to the time definition given in the field 'Interval' (see below).

freewheeling ( ) : The task will be processed as soon as the program is started and at the end of one run will be automatically restarted in a continuous loop. There is no cycle time defined.

triggered by event ( ): The task will be started as soon as the variable, which is defined in the Event field gets a rising edge.

triggered by external event ( ): The task will be started as soon as the system event, which is defined in the Event field, occurs. It depends on the target, which events will be supported and offered in the selection list. (Not to be mixed up with system events

Properties for event triggered tasks:

Interval (for Type 'cyclic' resp. 'triggered by external event' if the event requires a time entry): the period of time, after which the task should be restarted. If you enter a number, then you can choose the desired unit in the selection box behind the edit field: milliseconds [ms] or microseconds [µs]. Inputs in [ms]-format will be shown in the TIME format (e.g. "t#200ms") as soon as the window gets repainted; but you also can directly enter the value in TIME format. Inputs in [ms] will always be displayed as a pure number (e.g. "300").

Event (for Type 'triggered by event' or 'triggered by external event'): a global variable which will trigger the start of the task as soon as a rising edge is detected. Use button ... or the input assistant <F2> to get a list of all available global variables.

Possibly the target system defines Singleton Events. These are events, which only allow to start one single task. Whether such an event starts several tasks will be checked during compilation of the project. The check regards the data address of the event variable, not on the name.

For example: If the target system defines %MX1.1 and %IB4 as Singleton-Events, using the following variables as event variables will produce two errors (a and b as well as c and d each have the same address).

```
VAR_GLOBAL
a AT %MX1.1: BOOL;
b AT %MX1.1: BOOL;
c AT %MB4: BOOL;
d AT %MD1: BOOL;
END_VAR
```

If there is no entry in both fields 'Interval' and 'Event', then the task interval will depend on which runtime system is used (see runtime documentation); e.g. in this case for »PLC Designer« SP NT V2.2 and higher an interval of 10 ms will be used).

Watchdog

For each task a time control (watchdog) can be configured. If the target system supports an extended watchdog configuration, possibly there are predefined upper and lower limits and a default for the watchdog time are defined, as well as a time definition in percent.

Activate watchdog: When this option is activated (☑) then, regarding the currently set sensitivity (see below), the task will be terminated in error status as soon as the processing takes longer than defined in the 'Time' field (see below).

Stop!

Target system PLC Designer SP 32 Bit Full switches off the watchdog function when the flow control is active or when the execution currently is stopped at a breakpoint.

Time (e.g.: t#200ms): Watchdog time; after the expiration of this term, regarding the currently set sensitivity (see below), the watchdog will be activated unless the task has not been terminated already. Depending on the target system the time has to be entered as percent of the task interval. In this case the unit selection box is greyed and shows "%".

Sensitivity: Here you can enter in integer numbers at which overrun of the watchdog time an error should be generated. The default entry is "1", i.e. at the first overrun of the watchdog time an error occurs. Attention: If "0" is entered, the watchdog will be deactivated!

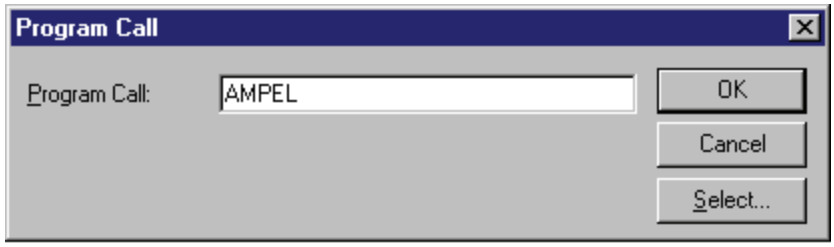
Manufacturer specific attributes:

Additionally to these standard attributes for the currently selected task manufacturer specific attributes might be displayed in a second tab "**Parameters**". This will be the case if it is defined in the target-specific description file for the task configuration.

'Insert' 'Insert Program Call' or 'Insert' 'Append Program Call'

With these commands you will open the dialog box for entering a program call to a task in the Task Configuration. Each entry in the task configuration tree consists of a symbol ( ) and the program name.

With '**Insert Program Call**', the new program call is inserted before the selected program call, and with **'Append Program Call'** the program call is appended to the end of the existing list or program calls.



Dialog box for Program Call Entry

In the field 'program call' specify a valid program name out of your project or open the Input Assistant with the **Select** button to select a valid program name. The program name later also can be modified in the configuration tree. For this select the entry and press the <Space> key or just perform a mouseclick to open an editor field. If the selected program requires input variables, then enter these in their usual form and of the declared type (for example, prg(invar:=17)).

The processing of the program calls later in online mode will be done according to their order (top down) in the task editor..

Note!

Do not use the same string function in several tasks (see Standard Library Elements), because in this case values might be overstroke during processing of the tasks.

8.7.3 System Events

Instead of a "task" also a "system event" can be used to call a POU of your project. The available system events are target specific (definition in target file). The list of the standard events of the target may be extended by customer specific events. Possible events are for instance: Stop, Start, Online Change.

The assignment of system events to POUs is also done in the Task configuration editor. Use the dialog 'Events', which will be opened as soon as the entry "System-events" is selected in the task configuration tree:

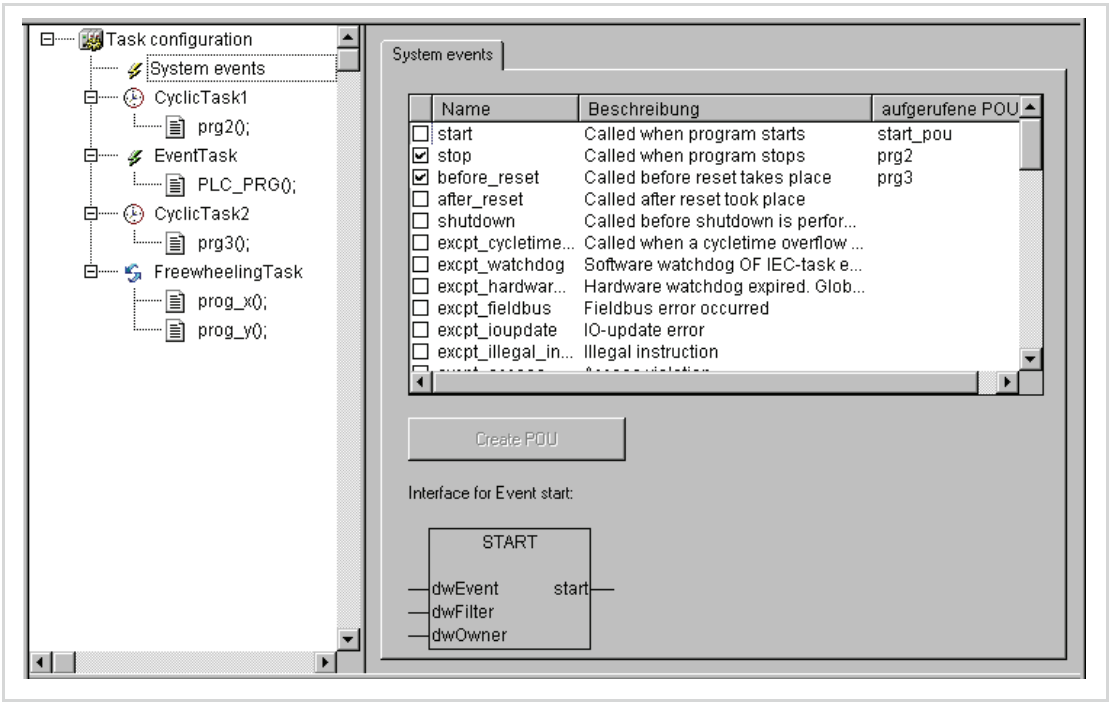


Table for Assigning POUs to System Events

Each event is represented in a line: **Name** and **Description** are displayed as defined in the target file, in the column **called POU** you can enter the name of the project POU which should be called and processed as soon as the event occurs.

For this use the input assistant (<F2>) or enter manually the name of an already existing POU (e.g. "PLC_PRG" or "PRG.ACT1"), or insert a name for a not yet existing POU.

Attention for RISC and 68K Motorola target systems: The name of a function assigned to a system event (callback function) **must** start with "callback"!

In order to get a new POU (function) created in the project, press button **Create POU**. Hereupon the POU will be inserted in the Object Organizer. The input and output parameters which are required by the event will automatically be defined in the declaration part of the POU. Below the assignment table the currently selected event is displayed in a picture, showing the required parameters.

If you actually want the POU to be called by the event, activate the entry in the assignment table (☑). **Activating/deactivating** is done by a mouseclick on the control box.

8.7.4 Which task is being processed?

For the execution, the following rules apply:

- That task is executed, whose condition has been met; i.e., if its specified time has expired, or after its condition (event) variable exhibits a rising edge.
- If several tasks have a valid requirement, then the task with the highest priority will be executed.
- If several tasks have valid conditions and equivalent priorities, then the task that has had the longest waiting time will be executed first.
- The processing of the program calls will be done according to their order (top down) in the task editor.
- Depending on the target system PLC_PRG might get processed in any case as a free-wheeling task, without being inserted in the task configuration tree.

8.7.5 Taskconfiguration in Online Mode

In online mode the status and number of passed through cycles of each task will be displayed in the configuration tree. The time flow is monitored in a diagram. Precondition: the libraries **SysTaskInfo.lib** and **SysLibTime.lib** must be included in the project to provide functions for the internal evaluation of the task times. The libraries will be included automatically as soon as a target is set which supports the task monitoring.

Display of task status in the configuration tree:

In online mode the current status of a task will be displayed in brackets at the end of the task entry line in the configuration tree, also the number of already passed through process cycles. This update interval is the same as usual for the monitoring of PLC values.

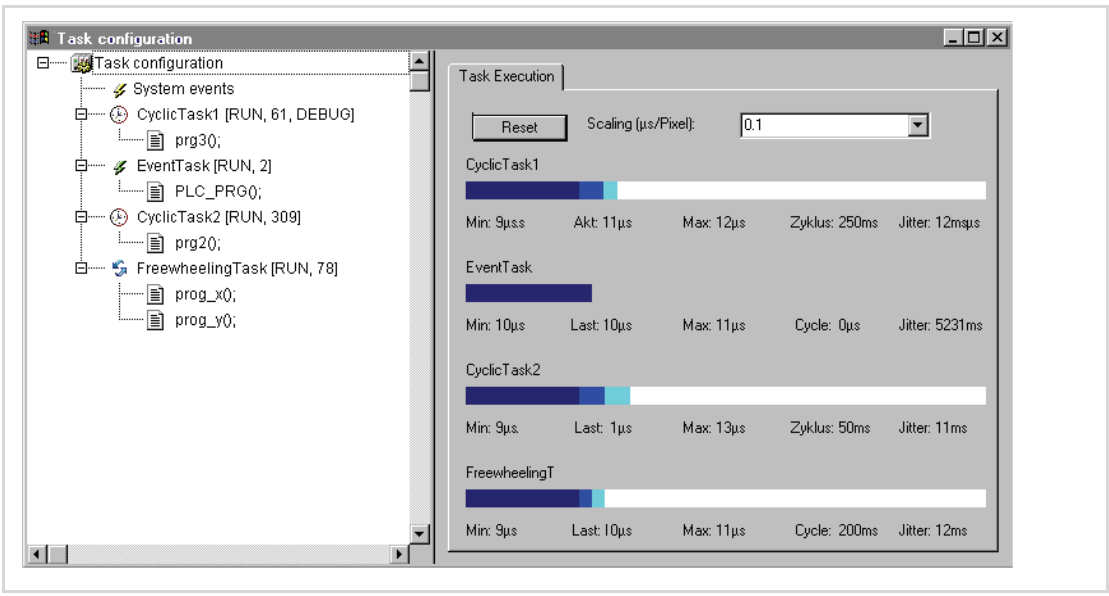
The possible stati:

Idle	has not been started since last update; especially used for event tasks
Running	has been started at least once since last update
Stop	stopped
Stop on BP	stopped, because breakpoint in task is reached
Stop on Error	Error, e.g. division by zero, page fault etc.
Stop Watchdog	cycle time has been exceeded

The task entry will be displayed red coloured in case of status 'Stop on Error' or 'Stop Watchdog' .

Display of the time flow of the tasks

If the entry 'Taskconfiguration' is selected in the configuration tree, the utilization of the tasks will be displayed in bar charts in the right part of the window:



Display of the Task Execution in Online Mode

For each task a bar chart is displayed. The length of the bar represents the length of a cycle period. Below the bar as well as by appropriate marks on the bar the following measurement values are illustrated:

Min:	minimum measured runtime in µs
Akt:	last measured runtime in µs
Max:	maximum measured runtime in µs
Cycle:	total length of a cycle in µs
Jitter:	maximum measured jitter (time between when the task was started and when the operating system indicates that it is running) in µs

The button **Reset** can be used to set back the values of Min., Max. and Jitter to 0.

The scaling of the chart (microseconds per Pixel) can be adjusted by the aid of a selection list at **Scaling [µs/Pixel]**.

Additional online functions in the context menu resp. in the 'Extras' menu:

- 'Set Debug Task'
- 'Callstack'

'Extras' 'Set Debug Task'

With this command a debugging task can be set in Online mode in the Task Configuration. The text [DEBUG] will appear after the set task.

The debugging capabilities apply, then, only to this task. In other words, the program only stops at a breakpoint if the program is gone through by the set task.

'Extras' 'Enable / disable task'

With this command the task which is currently marked in the task configuration can be disabled or re-enabled. A disabled task will not be regarded during processing of the program. In the configuration tree it is indicated by a grayed entry.

'Extras' 'Callstack'

This command is available in the Extras menu in the Task Configuration. If the program is stopped at a breakpoint during debugging, it can be used to show the callstack of the corresponding POU. For this purpose the debug task must be selected in the task configuration tree of. The window 'Callstack of task <task name>' will open. There you get the name of the POU and the breakpoint position (e.g. "prog_x (2)" for line 2 of POU prog_x) . Below the complete call stack is shown in backward order. If you press button 'Go To', the focus will jump to that position in the POU which is currently marked in the callstack.

8.8 Watch and Recipe Manager

8.8.1 Overview

Function

In the  Watch and Recipe Manager (Resources tab of the Object Organizer) the current values of specified variables can be viewed in so-.called "watch lists (Monitoring).

Further on the variables listed in a watch list can be preset with constant values and this set of values, named "Recipe" be transferred to the PLC. Also the current values of the variables of a watch list can be read from the PLC to the Watch and Recipe Manager as a preset/recipe. In this context regard the possibility to save recipes in files and to reload them to the Recipe Manager when required. See further information on the usage of recipes in: Creating Watch Lists, Recipes

In online mode watch lists as well can be used to Write and Force variables.

All these functions for example can be used for logging and setting of control parameters.

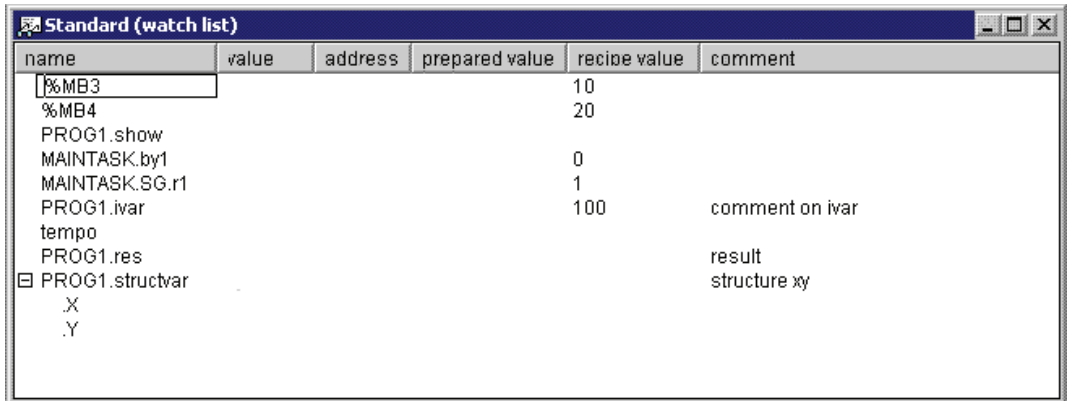
Editor

The Watch and Recipe Manager depending on the target system is available in one of the following variants: Tabular Editor Window per each watch list, or 1-Window-Editor for all watch lists.

Tabular Editor:

Each watch list is viewed in a separate tabular editor window and multiple windows can be opened at the same time. In this case the available watch lists will be shown as entries in the "Resources" tab indented below the Watch and Recipe Manager. Each can be opened by a doubleclick on the entry.

The tabular editor contains columns for name, address, value, prepared value, recipe value and comment of the watch variable.



Watch list in tabular view

name: Here a variable identifier according to the following **syntax** must be entered of an **address in standard format**:

<POU name>.<variable name>

In case of global variables the POU name is dropped. The variable name can be multilevel.

Addresses can be entered directly (e.g. "%IB0.0").

Example for a multilevel variable:

PLC_PRG.Instance1.Instance2.Structure.Component

Example for a global variable:

globalvar.component1

address, **comment**: As specified in the declaration of the variable.

value: In online mode here the current value of the variable is displayed (Monitoring).

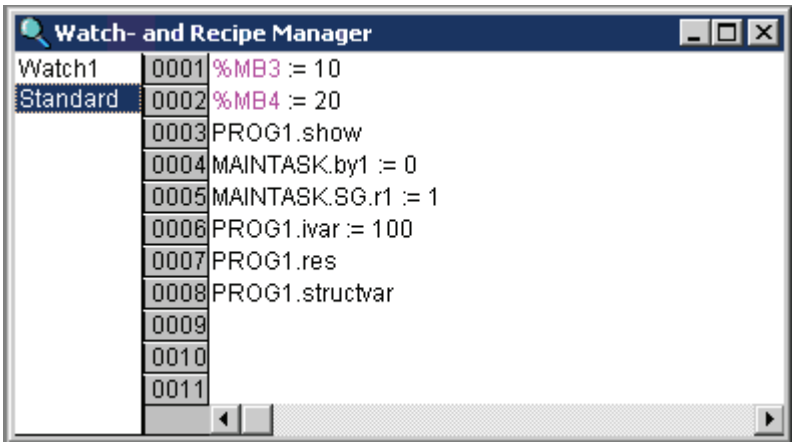
recipe value: Here a value can be entered, which will be transferred to the PLC when command 'Write Recipe' is applied on the whole watch list. The recipe values of all variables of the list can be replaced by the current values from the PLC by using command 'Read Recipe'.

In case of function block instances and structured variables a plus respectively minus sign appears in front of the name in the first column. It serves to expand resp. collapse the list of components. For function block variables the context menu is extended by the items 'Open function block' and 'Open instance'.

By a double-click on a non-editable position within the editor window, the table gets adapted to the window width and the column widths get optimized.

1-Window-Editor:

There is only one bipartite editor window, in the left part of which you find all available watch lists. For the list currently selected the right part of the window shows the associated variables. This editor view is opened via object Watch and Recipe Manager in the Resources tab in the Object Organizer. The watch variables are entered line by line and a recipe value can be assigned to each by ":=". On this see also: Creating Watch Lists, Recipes



Watch and Recipe Manager in 1 Window

Adding variables to watch lists is possible in offline mode by typing, or in online mode directly out of the POU editors. See Creating Watch Lists, Recipes

A **Cross Reference List** can be called directly from a watch list, when one of the watch variables is selected. In this case the command Show cross references in the Extras menu resp. in the context menu is available. On Cross reference list see: 'Project' 'Show cross references'.

8.8.2 Creating Watch Lists, Recipes

By default in each project an empty watch list "Standard" is automatically created. See in the following how further lists can be created and filled with watch variables and how recipes can be defined. Partly this depends on which (target dependant) variant of the Watch and Recipe Manager is used:

Creating watch lists

Create a new, empty list - in offline or online mode:

If entry 'Watch and Recipe Manager' is selected in the 'Resources' tab, then in the tabular editor via command 'Object' 'Add' (menu 'Project' - 'Object', or context menu) a new, primarily empty watch list can be created. In the 1-Window-Editor for this purpose the command 'New Watch List' (menu 'Insert' or context menu) is available. Each a dialog for entering an unique watch list name opens. After confirmation the new list will be immediately added in the Resources tree (tabular editor) resp. in the left part of the 1-Window-Editor.

Fill new list with watch variables out of the POU editors, resp. add variables to existing lists:

Only possible in online mode. It is not necessary to deactivate Monitoring for this purpose.

Tabular Editor and 1-Window-Editor:

- If one or multiple variables or elements are selected in one of the POU editors, they can be directly entered in a new watch list by command 'Into new watch list' (menu 'Extras' or context menu). The new list will be added automatically as "Watch<n>" in the Resources tab below the Watch and Recipe Manager and opened in the editor window. Renaming of the list is only possible in offline mode.
- If one or multiple variables or elements are selected in one of the POU editors, the variables can be directly added to one of the existing watch lists by command 'Add to watch list' (menu 'Extras' or context menu).
- Instead of a variable identifier an address in standard format can be entered in a watch list. Command 'Insert address range' (menu 'Extras' or context menu) allows to add all addresses of a specified address range at one go.

Fill a list manually:

Possible in online and offline mode; for the syntax see: Overview, Editor

Tabular editor:

If the watch list is opened, via commands 'Insert watch variable' or 'Insert' 'Attach watch variable' further variables can be added. Existing entries can be selected and removed by 'Delete watch variable' resp. <Del>.

1-Window-Editor:

For entering variables in a watch list, the list must be selected in the left part of the Watch and Recipe Manager Window. Then variables are added in the right part at the current cursor position line by line, either with the help of the input assistant <F2> (see the note below) or by typing. See Overview, Editor for the requested syntax. If the variables should be entered in online mode, previously the monitoring must be deactivated. Via command 'Monitoring aktiv' in the 'Extras' or the context menu you can switch between activated and deactivated.

Note on using the Input Assistant in the Watch and Recipe Manager: The non-structured view of the Input Assistant offers additional filter functions for selecting watch variables: In the Filter input field you can enter a string and additionally specify whether this string must be found at the beginning of a variable name (Prefix), at the end of a variable name (Suffix), or at an arbitrary position within the variable name in order to get the watch variables offered for selection.

Working with Recipes

The variables of a watch list can be preset with constant values. In the tabular editor this is possible via column recipe value, in the 1-Window-Editor by an assignment via ":=". Then the watch list can be used as a so-called "recipe".

If the presetting should be done automatically with the current values read from the PLC, then command 'Read Recipe' can be used.

In the 1-Window-Editor variant of the Watch and Recipe Manager the recipe values must be assigned according to the following example:

PLC_PRG.TIMER:=50

Here variable PLC_PRG.TIMER is preset with 50.

Note the following for variables of type **array, structure or function block instance**: The particular elements resp. instance variables must be entered explicitly in order to be able to preset them with values. Example: Let's assume that a structure STRU is defined with components a, b,c, and a structure variable struvar is declared in program PLC_PRG. In order to preset a,b,c with values, the following must be entered in the watch list:

PLC_PRG.struvar.a:=<value>
PLC_PRG.struvar.b:=<value>
PLC_PRG.struvar.c:=<value>

Correspondingly the presetting of elements of an array must be done: Example for an array variable arr_var of type ARRAY[0...6]

PLC_PRG.arr_var[0]:=<value>
PLC_PRG.arr_var[1]:=<value>
...

If a function block fb contains the variables x,y and an instance variable fb_inst of type fb is declared in PLC_PRG, then x and y can be preset as follows:

PLC_PRG.fb_inst.x:=<value>
PLC_PRG.fb_inst.y:=<value>

Recipes can be saved externally in a file via command 'Extras' 'Save Watch List' and they can be loaded back to the editor via 'Extras' 'Load Watch List'. In online mode the recipe values can be written to the variables on the PLC via 'Extras' 'Write Recipe'.

'Insert' 'New Watch List'

Short keyl: <Alt>+<X>+<N>

This command inserts the variable(s) currently selected in a POU editor to a new watch list. This list will automatically be created with name "Watch<n>", whereby n is a running number starting with 0 and used in a way that the name will be unique. Furthermore for this command the same is true like for 'Extras' 'Add to watch list'.

'Insert' 'Insert watch variable'

This command is only available in the tabular editor view of a watch list. It inserts a new line at the topmost position of the list and opens an edit field in column "name" for entering a new watch variable via the Input Assistant (see the note in Creating Watch Lists, Recipes) or by typing.

'Insert' 'Attach watch variable'

This command is only available in the tabular editor view of a watch list. It appends a new line at the end of the list and and opens an edit field in column "name" for entering a new watch variable via the Input Assistant (see the note in Creating Watch Lists, Recipes) or by typing.

'Delete watch variable'

This command is only available in the tabular editor view of a watch list. It removes the currently focused line and corresponds to using the <Del> key.

'Extras' 'Add to watch list'

Short key: <Alt>+<X>+<W>

Out of the POU editors in the project you can directly add variables to a watch list. When one or multiple variables or elements are selected in an editor, they can directly be added to one of the existing watch lists via command 'Add to watch list' ('Extras' menu or context menu). It is not necessary to deactivate the Monitoring for this purpose.

For function blocks the command only will be available, if the full instance path of a variable within the POU is known.

Notes on the element selection in the POU editors:

Basically particular variables can be selected like usual for the respective editor.

Additionally the following is true:

- In the FBD editor all elements on the left of a selected element will automatically be selected too. For example also the inputs a and b of an AND box will be selected when you select the AND box.
- In the Ladder editor multiple elements can be selected by keeping the <Shift> key pressed while clicking on the desired elements.
- In the ST and IL editor in the right part of the window a single variable can be selected. In the left part multiple lines can be selected in order to get all included variables added to the watch list.
- In the SFC editor you can select multiple successive elements in order to get all included variables added to the watch list.
- In the declaration parts of GVLs and POUs only particular variables can be selected.

'Extras' 'Into new watch list'

Short key: <Alt>+<X>+<N>

This command inserts the variable(s) currently selected in a POU editor to a new watch list. This list will automatically be created with name "Watch<n>", whereby n is a running number starting with 0 and used in a way that the name will be unique.

Furthermore for this command the same is true like for 'Extras' 'Add to watch list'.

'Insert address range'

Instead of a variable name an address in standard format can be entered in column "name" of a watch list.

The command allows to insert all addresses of a defined address range to the watch list at one go. For this purpose a dialog opens where you can specify the start address and the number of addresses. If you define for example name="%MW0" and number = "10", then the addresses %MW0 to %MW9 will be inserted in the watch list.

'Extras' 'Rename Watch List'

This command will only be available, if the 1-Window-Editor view of the Watch and Recipe Manager is opened (target-dependant!). It opens a dialog for specifying the new watch list name.

Note: If the tabular view is used, the watch list can be renamed in the Object Organizer via command 'Project''Object' 'Rename'.

'Extras' 'Save Watch List'

With this command you can save a watch list. The dialog box for saving a file is opened. The file name is preset with the name of the watch list and is given the extension "*.wtc".

The saved watch list can be loaded again with 'Extras' 'Load Watch List'.

For example this allows to manage various "Recipes" for the same set of variables, which can be loaded to the PLC as currently required.

'Extras' 'Load Watch List'

With this command you can reload a saved watch list, for example in order to reload a certain recipe to the editor, so that it can be written to the PLC. The dialog box is opened for opening a file. Select the desired file with the "*.wtc" extension. In the dialog box that appears, you can give the watch list a new name. The file name is preset without an extension.

With 'Extras' 'Save Watch List', you can save a watch list.

'Extras' 'Monitoring Active'

Short key: <Alt>+<X>+<M>

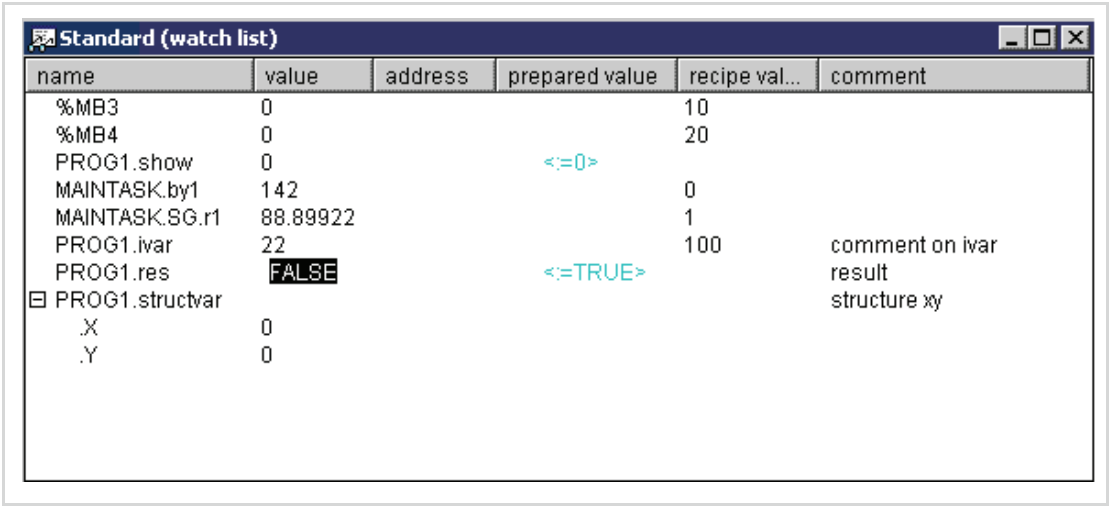
This command turns off resp. on the display of the values in the Watch and Recipe Manager. If the Monitoring is activated, a check (ü) appears in front of the menu item.

'Extras' 'Write Recipe'

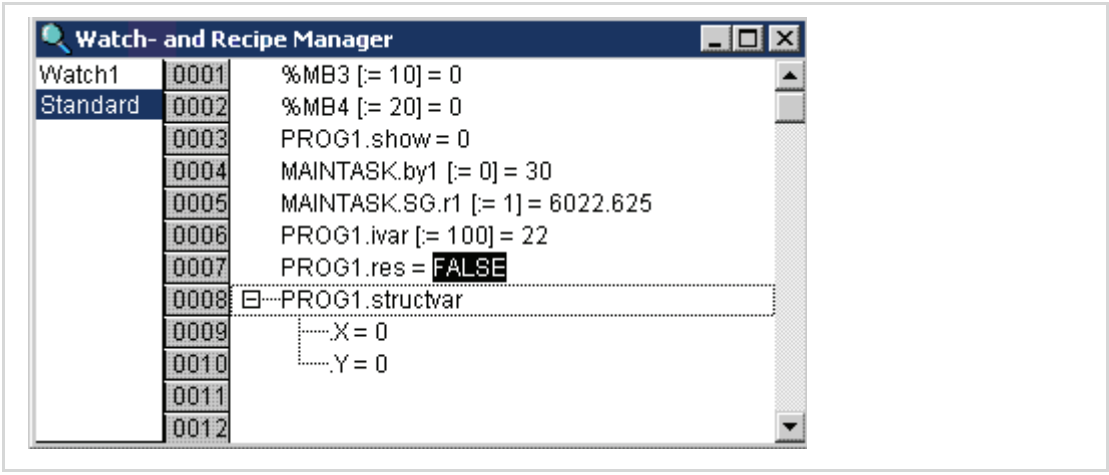
With this command in the *Online Mode* of the Watch and Recipe Manager you can write the preset values (recipe values) into the variables.

Note: The command only concerns the values of that watch list, which is currently selected in the Watch and Recipe Manager!

8.8.3 Watch and Recipe Manager in the Online Mode



Watch list "Standard" in online mode, tabular editor view



Watch- and Recipe Manager in online mode, 1-Window-Editor view

The **display format** (binary, hexadecimal, decimal) of the variables values primarily depends on the presetting done in the Project options, category Editor, but can be changed for each particular variable via commands **'Hexadecimal'**, **'Binary'** and **'Decimal'** available in the context menu.

Structured values (arrays, structures, or instances of function blocks) are marked by a plus resp. minus sign in front of the identifier. By clicking the plus sign with the mouse or by pressing <Enter>, the display of the particular components of the variable will be expanded resp. collapsed.

If a function block variable is marked in the watch list, the associated context menu will additionally contain the commands 'Zoom' and 'Open instance'.

The monitorin view in the 1-Window-Editor view can be deactivated and re-activated via command 'Extra' 'Monitoring Active' resp. <Alt>+<X>+<M>.

The watch variable can be preset with constant values and then in online mode the watch list be written to the variables on the PLC as a so-called recipe (command 'Write Recipe'). The presetting can also be done with the current values from the PLC. For this purpose in onlne mode the command 'Extras' 'Read Recipe' is used. In this case any possibly already existing recipe values will be overwritten.

New watch variables can also be added in online mode via variaous mechanisms. On this see: Creating Watch Lists, Recipes.

'Extras' 'Read Recipe'

With the command, in the *Online Mode* of the Watch and Recipe Manager, you can replace the presetting of the variables (see Offline Mode) with the present value of the variables.

Example:

PLC_PRG.Counter [:= <present value>] = <present value>

Note!

The command only concerns the values of that watch list, which is currently selected in the Watch and Recipe Manager!

Force and Write values in the Watch and Recipe Manager

In online mode in each watch list you can Force values and Write values.

In the tabular editor you can enter a value in column prepared value and thus prepare that value for forcing or writing on the PLC. For this purpose select the respective cell (mouseclick resp. navigation within the table via the arrow keys) and by a mouseclick or the <Enter> key open a dialog for entering the value. If they have the same data type, also the cells of multiple variables can be selected at once in order to get the same value prepared for all these variables. For multiselection of the cells just keep the <Shift> button pressed while selecting the particular cells.

In the 1-Window-Editor by a mouseclick on an specified variable value you also can open a corresponding dialog for entering the value which should be forced or written.

8.9 Workspace

This object in the 'Resources' tab provides an image of the currently set project options (see chapter Project Options). If you open it, you get the 'Options' dialog with the know categories.

8.10 Target Settings

The "Target Settings" is an object of the 'Resources'. Here you define, which target shall be used for the project and how it will be configured. If a new project is started with **'Project' 'New'**, a dialog will open where the target, that means a predefined configuration for a target, has to be set.

The list of available targets depends on which Target Support Packages (TSP) are installed on the computer. These describe platform specific basic configurations and also define, to which extent the configuration can be modified by the user in the **PLC Designer** Target settings dialogs.

Note!

If no TSP is available, only the setting '**None**' will be offered in the target system selection box. This will switch to simulation mode automatically and no configuration settings will be possible.

8.10.1 Target-Support-Package

A Target Support Package (TSP) must be installed before starting by the aid of the installation program **InstallTarget** which might be part of the **PLC Designer**-Setup.

A Target Support Package (**TSP**) contains all the files and configuration information necessary to control a standard platform with a program created in **PLC Designer**. What has to be configured: codegenerator, memory layout, PLC functionality, I/O modules. In addition libraries, gateway drivers, ini-files for error messaging and PLC browser have to be linked. The central component of a TSP is one or more **Target files**. A Target file directs to the files which are in addition necessary to configure the target. It is possible that several target files share these additional files.

The default extension for a Target file is *.**trg**, the format is binary. Additive definitions are attached to the entries in the target file which determine whether the user can see and edit the settings in the **»PLC Designer«** dialogs.

During installation of a TSP the target file for each target is put to a separate directory and the path is registered. The associated files are copied to the computer according to the information of a **Info file *.tnf** . The name of the target directory is the same as the targets name. It is recommended to store the target specific files in a directory which is named with the manufacturers name.

The files which get installed with a TSP are read when **»PLC Designer«** is started. The target settings which are done in the **PLC Designer** dialogs will be saved with the project.

Note!

If you use a new target file or if you have changed the existing one, **PLC Designer** has to be restarted to read the updated version.

8.10.2 Dialog Target Settings

The dialog **Target Settings** will open automatically, when a new project is created. It also can be opened by selecting the menu item 'Target Settings' in the register 'Resources' in the Object Organizer.

Choose one of the target configurations offered at **Configuration.**

If no Target Support Package has been installed, only '**None**' can be selected, which means working in simulation mode. If you choose one of the installed configurations it depends on the entries in the target files, which possibilities are left to customize this configuration in the **PLC Designer** dialogs. If you choose a target configuration, for which there exists no valid licence on the computer, **PLC Designer** asks you to choose another target.

If a configuration is selected, which is provided with the entry "HideSettings" in the corresponding target file, you only can see the name of the configuration. Otherwise there are four dialogs available to modify the given configuration:

- Target Platform
- Memory Layout
- General
- Network functionality
- Visualization

Stop!

Please be aware, that each modification of the predefined target configuration can cause severe changes in performance and behaviour of the target !

Press <**Default**> if you want to reset the target settings to the standard configuration given by the target file.

8.11 Target Settings - Parameter Manager

The Parameter Manager is a a **target specific** component of the **PLC Designer** programming system and must be activated in the target settings.

The Parameter Manager can be used to make variables of a PLC Designer IEC-program, constant parameters or specific system parameters accessible to all PLC Designer compatible systems in a network for the purpose of **data exchange**, typically via fieldbus. For this purpose in the editor you can create parameter lists and load down to and up from the runtime system.

Note!

Parameter lists also can be created resp. filled with entries via **pragmas** which are included in variable declarations.

What are Parameters ?:

In this context parameters are:

- process variables of the PLC Designer IEC project
- process independent parameters
- specific system parameters, predefined by the target system
- functionblock instances or structure variables, arrays

Each parameter is identified by a certain set of **attributes** like e.g. 'default value', 'access rights', and especially by an unique **access key** ('Index', 'SubIndex', 'Name'), which can be addressed for reading or writing data from/to the parameter list. This data exchange can be done via communication services and it is not necessary to know any addresses of variables or to provide any extra functions. So the use of the Parameter Manager functionality it is an alternative to using Network Variables.

What are Parameter Lists?:

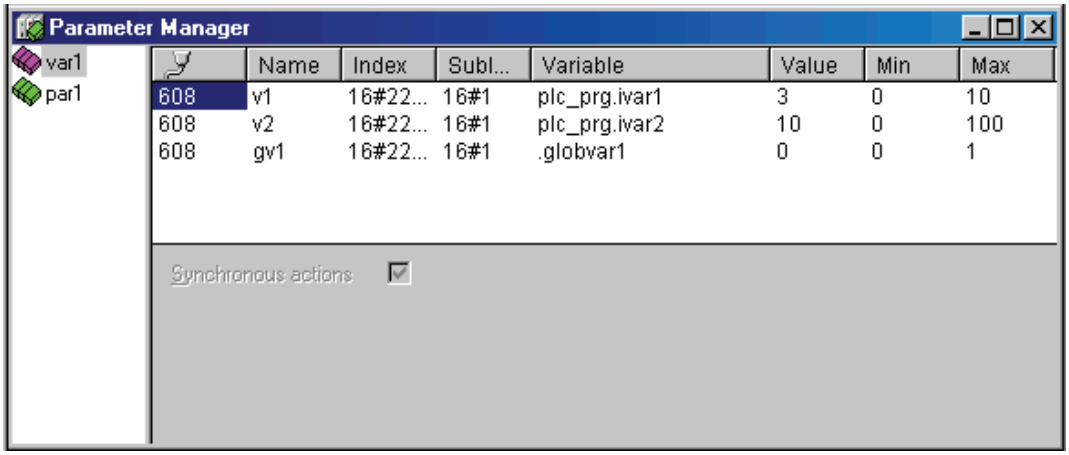
Parameter lists are used for organizing the parameters and can be saved with the project and loaded to the local target system which is controlled by the corresponding IEC-program. For each type of parameters there is a corresponding type of parameter list.

Each parameter entry is represented by a line in the parameter list. Each **column** of the list is representing one of the parameter attributes. In addition to a certain set of standard attributes also manufacturer specific attributes might be used for the description of a parameter in the Parameter Manager.

It depends on the definitions in a **target specific description file** which attributes (columns) will be visible and editable in the Parameter Manager and in which way they will be arranged in a parameter list. If the description file is missing, the complete standard set of attributes will be displayed, each showing the default value.

Besides lists for project variables and project constants the Parameter Manager also can handle lists for system parameters. Those are parameters which are given by the target system. Furtheron you can create lists for functionblock instances or structure variables which base on user-defined **templates** also created in the Parameter Manager.

Due to the fact that the data are stored independently of the IEC-program, a parameter list for example can be used for saving 'recipes', which are preserved even if the program is replaced by another version. Furtheron a running PLC can be "fed" with different recipes without the need of a re-download the program.



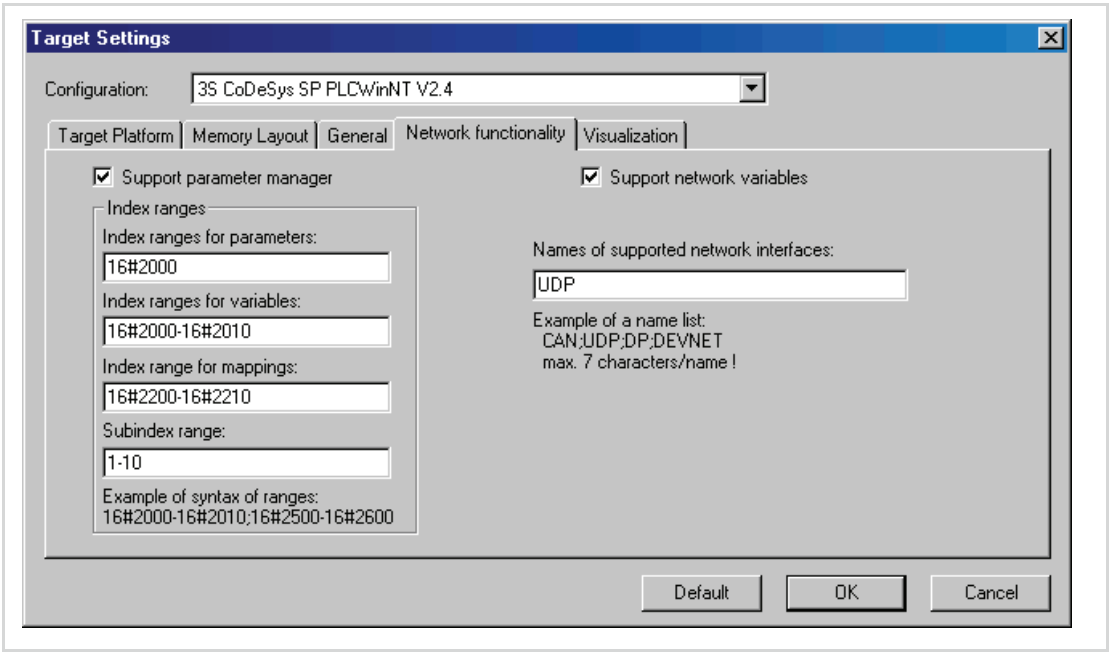
Parameter Manager Editor in »PLC Designer«

Note!

It is depending on the target system, whether the parameter manager will be regarded at the creation of a **boot project**.

8.11.1 Activating the Parameter Manager

The Parameter Manager must be activated In the **Resources** tab in »PLC Designer« open the T**arget Settings**, category **Networkfunctionality**. Here also the Index- and Subindex ranges for the entries in the parameter lists of type 'Parameter' (constants), 'Variables' (project variables) and - if supported by the target system - Mappings (for **CAN Device PDOs**) must be defined. It depends on the target system whether these settings are visible resp. editable for the user.

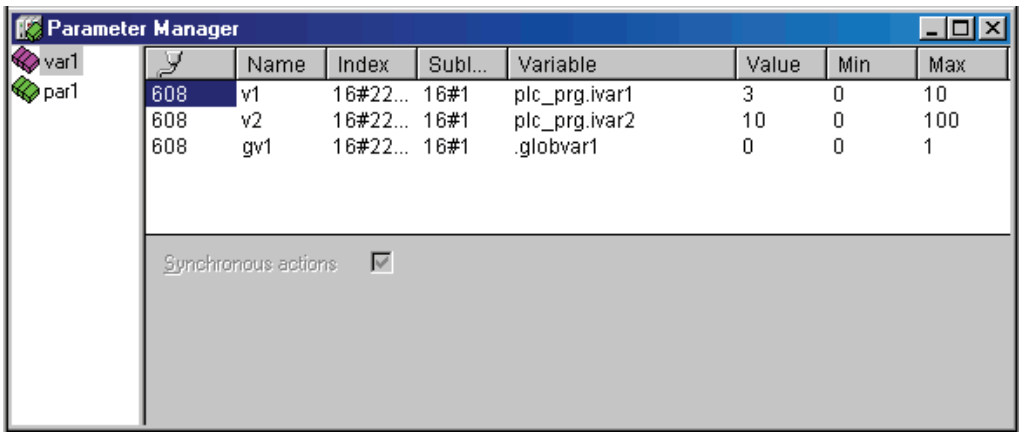


8.11.2 The Parameter Manager Editor...

In the Resources tab choose the object 'Parameter-Manager'. An editor window will open, where you can create, edit and store parameter lists and in online mode also can load them to the target system and monitor the current parameter values.

Note!

In order to have available the Parameter Manager functionality in a PLC Designer project, the option ' Support Parameter Manager' in the Target Settings must be activated and appropriate index ranges must be defined there !



Parameter Manager Editor in »PLC Designer«

The editor window is bipartited. The left part is used for navigation, it shows a list of all parameter lists currently loaded to the Parameter Manager. The right part contains a table editor, the columns titled with the names of the attributes.

In the **navigation window** you insert, delete, rearrange or rename parameter lists of different types (Variables, Constant Parameters, Template, Instance, System Parameters).

In the **table editor** you fill the lists with parameter entries. Each list type will show a special selection of attribute columns which can be edited or just are visible. Either this is defined by a target specific description file or the default settings will be taken.

You can jump between navigation window and table editor by pressing **<F6>**.

Note!

Parameter lists also can be created resp. filled with entries via **pragmas** which are included in variable declarations.

In online mode you can load the lists, you have created before, to the currently connected target system. You also can use the Parameter Manager functions to access them there for the purpose of data exchange with other systems (write values, upload). Furtheron in the Parameter Manager window you can monitor the current values of the parameters. If currently no online connection is established, the parameter lists just can be created locally and saved with the project.

Parameter List Types

The Parameter Manager can handle the following parameter list types:

Variables: The entries in parameter lists of this type represent process variables of the project.

Parameters: The entries in parameter lists of this type represent parameters whose values are not attached by the process.

System parameters: The entries in parameter lists of this type represent data which are not attached by the process and which are determined by the target system. System Parameter lists cannot be deleted or renamed.

Template: A template does not contain parameter entries which can be directly accessed for the purpose of data exchange. In fact the entries provide a "basic attribute configuration" for the components of a functionblock or a structure. Thus a template can be used in parameters lists of type 'Instance'.

Instance: The entries in parameter lists of this type represent parameter entries for variables which are of type of the a functionblock or structure, that means which are instances or structure variables. For an easy entering of the parameters a template is used, which has also been created in the Parameter Manager before.

Mappings: This list type is only available, if supported by the target system. The entries represent process variables which are intended to be used in the PDO mapping of a **CAN-Device.** So mapping lists basically are "Variables" lists, but they are working on a separate index/subindex range. This range must be defined in the target settings, category **Network functionality** ! In this case a CAN-Device, which is configured in the PLC Configuration, **only** will use the entries of list type 'Mapping', while otherwise all entries of variables or instances lists will be available in the PDO mapping dialog.

Each list type will be displayed in the Parameter Manager Editor according to the attributes defined by the target system.

Note!

Parameter lists also can be created resp. filled with entries via **pragmas** which are included in variable declarations.

Instances and Templates

An Instance" parameter list ...

... handles parameter entries, which represent a **functionblock**, a **structure** variable or an **array**. Instance lists for a functionblock or a structure are each based on a **template** which is also to be defined in the Parameter Manager for the respective functionblock resp. structure. Instance lists for arrays cannot use a template made in the Parameter Manager, but directly refer to the array which is used in the project.

A "Template" parameter list ...

... does not contain parameters which are directly accessed for the purpose of data exchange. In fact it defines index and subindex offsets and certain attributes for parameter entries which represent the components of a functionblock or a structure. The template then can be used in a 'Instance' parameter list (see above), thus providing an easy way to create parameter entries for project variables which are instances of a functionblock or a structure.

Creating a Template parameter list:

In the edit field next to **Base POU** enter the name of the functionblock or structure for which a parameter template should be created. Using the input assistant you can browse the available POUs of the project. Press **Apply** to enter the components of the chosen POU in the parameter list editor. Now edit the attribute fields and close the list to make it available for use in an 'Instance' list.

If option **Synchronous actions** is activated, all read-/write accesses on other POUs defined for any list entries, will be executed by the target system synchronously with the call of the respective entry.

The command **Insert missing entries** in the context menu or in the 'Extras' menu will cause an update of the entries according to the current version of the Base POU. This might be necessary after having deleted some lines or after having changed the Base-POU.

For creating Instance parameter lists for **arrays** it is not necessary to create an template in the Parameter Manager. The template ARRAY will be available implicitly.

Creating an Instance parameter list:

Edit a **Template** from the selection list below the table. This list offers all templates currently available for functionblocks or structures in the Parameter Manager plus the option ARRAY, which you select, if you want to refer directly to an array used in your project. Press **Apply** to insert the predefined components to the parameter list table.

For option **Synchronous actions** please see above: Creating a Template parameter list.

In the edit field **Base variable** enter exactly that project variable (must be of type of the functionblock or the structure or the array which is described by the chosen template), for the components of which you want to create parameter entries.

Enter a **Base index** and **Base subindex** for the instance. The indices and subindices of the particular components then will be calculated automatically by adding the index resp. subindex values which are defined in the template for each component (in case of arrays the base will be 0). They will be filled automatically to the respective attribute fields. Example: If you enter a base index "3" for a component, for which an index offset "3000" is defined in the template, the component will be set to index 3003.

The command **Insert missing entries** in the context menu or in the 'Extras' menu will cause an update of the entries according to the current version of the used template. That might be useful after having deleted entries or after the template has been modified.

Example:

Create a functionblock fubo with input- or output variables: a,b,c. In PLC_PRG define the following FB-instances: inst1_fubo:fubo; inst2_fubo:fubo. Compile the project.

Now open the Parameter Manager in order to create parameter lists for the variables inst1_fubo.a, inst1_fubo.b, inst1_fubo.c and inst2_fubo.a, inst2_fubo.b, inst2_fubo. First insert a parameter list which is of type 'Template' and name it "fubo_template". Define the Base-POU: "fubo". Press Apply and define some attributes for the components a,b,c: te. Inter alia enter the Index offsets: for a: 16#1, for b: 16#2, for c: 16#3. Also the SubIndex offsets, e.g. a: 16#2, b: 16#3, c: 16#4.

Now insert a new parameter list which is of type 'Instance'. Choose template "fubo_template". Insert the Base variable "inst1_fubo". Define a Base index of e.g. 16#2300 and a Base subindex of 30 (you must regard the ranges defined in the target settings in tab Networkfunctionality !). Now press Apply to get displayed the indices which are calculated for the componentes a, b, c by the addition of base offsets and template defined offsets: Indices: 16#2301, 16#2302, 16#2303; SubIndices:16#23, 16#33, 16#43.

Basing on this automatically created entries now you can continue to edit the parameter list.

Note!

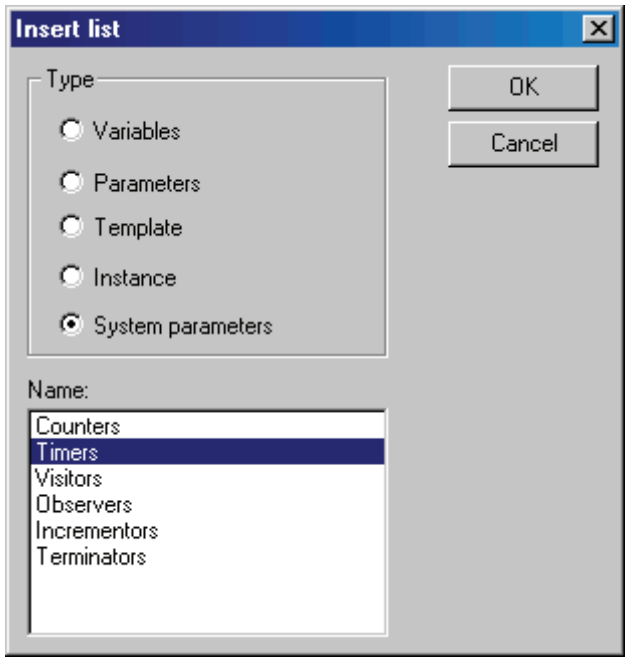
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Insert list

Shortcut: Ins

To insert a new parameter list in the Parameter Manage use the command 'Insert list...', resp. 'Insert new list' in the 'Insert' or context menu. The commands are available when the focus is in the empty navigation window resp. on an already existing entry in the navigation tree.

The dialog 'Insert list' opens:



Dialog 'Insert list'

Insert a Name for the new parameter list (must be unique within the list type) and choose one of the following list types:

Variables	Entries for process variables
Parameters	Entries for data, whose values remain unattached by the process
Template	Template of attribute setting for the components of a functionblock or a structure
Instance	Entries for variables of type of a functionblock or a structure, basing on the corresponding template (see above)
Mappings	Entries for process variables, intended for being used in the PDO mapping of a CAN Device. This type is only available, if supported by the target system !
System parameters	Entries for parameters whose values are not attached by the process and which are defined by the target system

After confirming the settings and closing the dialog with **OK** the new parameter list will appear as an entry in the navigation window, the list type indicated by the icon. In the table editor the appropriate attributes will be displayed as column titles. Selection and order of the columns are defined by a target specific description file, otherwise the default settings are used. Now you can edit the table, by entering a line for each desired parameter (see chapter 1.2.2, Editing a parameter list).

Note!

Parameter lists also can be created resp. filled with entries via pragmas which are included in variable declarations.

Rename List

The parameter list, which is currently marked in the navigation window, can be renamed by using the command 'Rename list' which is available in the 'Extras' menu or in the context menu. An edit field will open, which you also get when doing a double-click with the mouse on the list name.

Cut / Copy /Paste list

Shortcut: <Ctrl> + <X>, <Ctrl> + <C>, <Ctrl> + <V>,

The command 'Cut' (Edit menu) resp. 'Cut list' (context menu) moves the currently marked list from the navigation window to a temporary buffer, so that you can reinsert it by the 'Paste' command at any other position in the navigation tree. Before re-inserting mark that list, above which you want to insert.

The command 'Copy' resp. 'Copy list' also uses the temporary buffer, but the original navigation tree entry will be kept, and a copy will be added by 'Paste'.

Delete list

Shortcut: <Del>

The list currently selected in the navigation window will be removed by the command 'Delete' ('Edit' Menu) resp. 'Delete list' ('Extras' or context menu).

Note!

In online mode this command will delete the corresponding list in the runtime system.

Editing parameter lists

Which columns (attributes) are displayed:

The currently marked parameter list (navigation window) will be displayed in the table window as defined by a target specifc description file resp. according to the default settings.

This means that the attributes' values of each particular parameter will be displayed in a separate **line** according to the list-type-specific order and selection of columns.

You can **fade out** and **fade in** columns by deactivating/activating them in the context menu when the cursor is pointing to any field of the list column title bar.

For modifying the column move the dividers between the column title fields or use one of the commands available in the context menu when the cursor is placed on a column title field: Command **Standard column width** will set a standard width for all columns which makes them all visible in the window. **Maximize width** will change the width of the currently focused column so that each entry will be fully displayed.

Commands for editing a parameter list entry:

The following commands for editing a parameter list are available in the **context menu** resp. in the menus '**Insert**' or '**Extras**':

Inserting /Deleting lines:

Insert line resp. **New line**	A new entry (line) will be inserted before that one where the cursor is currently placed.
Line after resp. **New line after** Shortcut:<Ctrl><Enter>	A new entry (line) will be inserted after that one where the cursor is currently placed. .
Delete line Shortcut: <Shift>+<Del>	The line, where the cursor is currently placed, will be deleted.
Cut, copy, paste line	These commands can be used to move (cut/paste) or to copy (copy/paste) the selected line.

Editing attribute values:

If a new line for a parameter entry is inserted, the attribute fields will be automatically filled with target-specific default values. See chapter 1.2.3, 'Parameter List Types and Attributes' for the possible attributes. To enter or edit an attribute value, click on the corresponding field. An edit field will be opened, if the attribute is editable. The input assistant (**<F2>**) will be available in fields where a component of the PLC Designer project should be entered.

Press **<Enter>** to close the entry.

Using the arrow keys you can jump to another field.

Press **<Del>** to delete the entry of the currently edited field.

In order to toggle the input format between 'decimal' and hexadecimal' use the command '**Format Dec/Hex**' in the '**Extras**' menu.

Press **<F6>** in order to set the focus to the navigation window (and back).

Options:

Below the table in the editor window there can be activated the following options (availability depending on list type):

- **Download with program:** At a program download the list will be downloaded automatically to the controller.
- **Synchronous actions**: All read-/write accesses on other POUs defined for any list entries, will be executed by the target system synchronously with the call of the respective entry.

Note!

Parameter lists also can be created resp. filled with entries via **pragmas** which are included in variable declarations.

Sorting Parameter lists

The sequence of entries within a parameter list can be sorted concerning an attribute (column) in ascending or descending order of the attribute values. This works in offline and in online mode.

Perform a mouse-click on the field which contains the column title of the desired attribute. Thus the table lines will be re-sorted and in the column title field of the attribute am arrow symbol will be displayed, showing the current sorting (pointing upwards = ascending sort sequence, pointing downwards = descending sort sequence).

8.11.3 Parameter Manager in Online Mode

List transfer between Editor and Controlling Unit

If supported by the target, in online mode the parameter lists, which have been created in the editor, can be **download**ed to resp. **upload**ed from the runtime system. Furtheron you can **write single parameter values** to the runtime system. The maximum size of lists of type 'Variable' and 'Parameters' also is defined by the target system.

Note!

At login automatically a download of all parameter lists will be done for which the option 'Load with project' is activated !

The current value of each parameter is **monitored** in an additional column which is displayed in the parameter manager in online mode :



It depends on the target, whether Index and Subindex or RefID and Offset are used for monitoring the values.

The following commands are available in the 'Extras' menu for handling the list transfer between editor and controller:

Delete list	The list currently marked in the navigation window will be deleted from the PLC runtime system.
Write list	This command will open the dialog 'Copy objects' where you can select from the available lists those you want to download to the runtime system. The download will be done as soon as you confirm with OK. It depends on the target whether for enumerations only the numeric or additionally the symbolic values will be transferred.
Read list	All lists of type 'Parameters' will be read from the runtime system and loaded into the Parameter Manager. The "upload" of lists of type 'Variables' will be done only if explicitly supported by the target.
Write values	All values defined in column 'Value' will be written to the parameter list in the runtime system. To write single values, perform a double-click on the respective field in the column to get the dialog 'Write value', as known from the function **'Online' 'Write values'**.
Write default values	The values defined in column 'Default' will be written to the parameter list in the runtime system.
Take over values	The current values will be read from the runtime system and be uploaded to column 'Value'.

The command **Format Dec/Hex** is also available to toggles the input format between 'decimal' and hexadecimal' .

Parameter lists in boot project

It depends on the target system, whether parameter lists will be regarded when a boot project is created.

8.11.4 Export / Import of parameter lists

'Extras' 'Export'

The command 'Export' of the 'Extras' menu can be used to export the lists of the Parameter Manager to a XML-file. This file for example might be imported to another project by using the import function in the PLC Designer Parameter Manager. The standard dialog for saving a file will be opened, the file extension *.prm will be preset. All lists available in the Parameter Manager will be written to the export file.

The content of the Parameter Manager also can be exported using the general project export function ('Project' 'Export').

'Extras' 'Import'

The command 'Import' of the 'Extras' menu can be used to import a XML-file which describes parameter lists. This file for example might be created by using the export function in the PLC Designer Parameter Manager.

If the import file contains a list, the name of which is already used in the Parameter Manager, a dialog will open asking the user whether the existing list should be overwritten.

8.12 Target Settings - The Sampling Trace

8.12.1 Overview and Configuration

Sampling Trace in »PLC Designer«

Sample tracing will be available as an object in the PLC Designer resources, if it is activated in the **target settings** (category 'General').It can be used to trace the progression of values for variables is traced over a certain time. These values are written in a ring buffer (**trace buffer)**. If the memory is full, then the "oldest" values from the start of the memory will be overwritten. As a maximum, 20 variables can be traced at the same time. A maximum of 500 values can be traced per variable.

Since the size of the trace buffer in the PLC has a fixed value, in the event of very many or very wide variables (DWORD), fewer than 500 values can be traced.

Example: if 10 WORD variables are traced and if the memory in the PLC is 5000 bytes long, then, for every variable, 250 values can be traced.

In order to be able to perform a trace, open the object for a  Sampling Trace in the Resources register card in the Object Organizer. Create resp. load an appropriate trace configuration and define the variables to be traced. (See 'Extras' 'Trace Configuration' and 'Selection of the Variables to be Displayed').

After you have created the configuration and have started the trace in the PLC ('Start Trace'), then the values of the variables will be traced. With 'Read Trace', the final traced values will be read out and displayed graphically as curves.

A Trace (variable values and configuration) can be saved and reloaded in project format (*.trc) or in XML format (*.mon). Just the configuration can be stored and reloaded via a *.tcf-file.

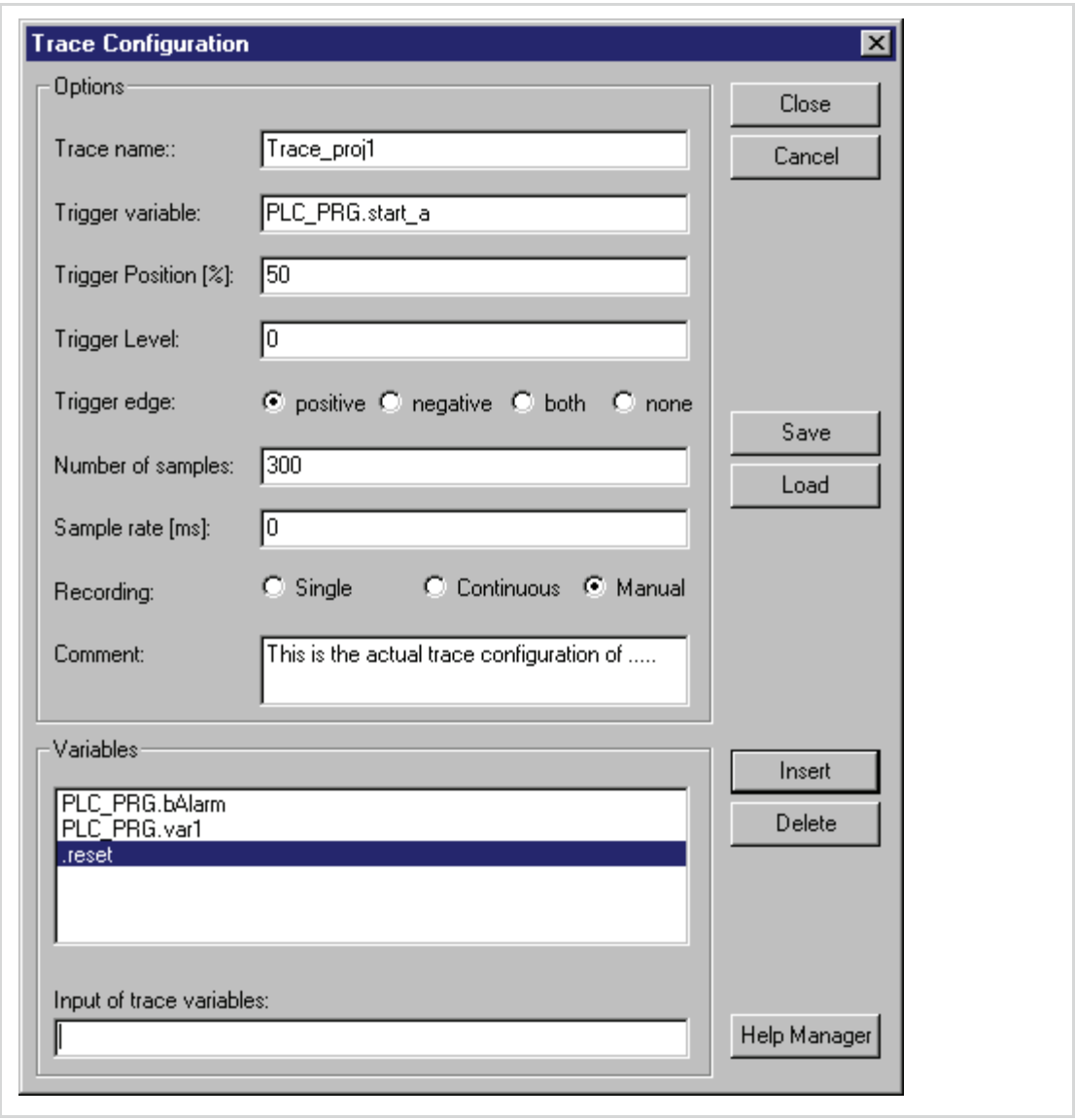
Various traces can be available in a project for getting displayed. They are listed in a selection list ('Trace') in the upper right corner of the trace window. You can select one of those to be the currently used trace configuration.

Note!

If a **task configuration** is used for controlling the program, the trace functionality refers to the debug task.

'Extras' 'Trace Configuration'

With this command you will be given the dialog box for entering the variables to be traced, as well as diverse trace parameters for the **Sampling Trace**. The dialog can also be opened by a double click in the grey area of the dialog Sampling Trace.



Dialog Box for Trace Configuration

First define a name for the trace configuration (**Trace Name**). This name will be added to the selection list 'Trace' in the upper right corner of the Trace window, as soon as you have confirmed and closed the configuration dialog with OK. Optionally enter a **comment**.

The list of the **Variables** to be traced is initially empty. In order to append a variable the variable must be entered in the field under the list. Following this, you can use the **Add** button or the <Enter> to append the variable to the list. You can also use the **Input Assistant.** The use of enumeration variables is possible.

A variable is deleted from the list when you select the variable and then press the **Delete** button.

A Boolean or analogue variable (also an enumeration variables) can be entered into the field **Trigger Variable**. The input assistance can be used here. The trigger variable describes the termination condition of the trace.

In **Trigger Level** you enter the level of an analogue trigger variable at which the trigger event occurs. You also can use an ENUM constant here. When **Trigger edge positive** is selected the trigger event occurs after an ascending edge of the Boolean trigger variable or when an analogue variable has passed through the trigger level from below to above. **Negative** causes triggering after a descending edge or when an analogue variable went from above to below. **Both** causes triggering for both descending and ascending edges or by a positive or negative pass, whereas **none** does not initiate a triggering event at all.

Trigger Position is used to set the percentage of the measured value which will be recorded before the trigger event occurs. If, for example, you enter 25 here then 25 % of the measured values are shown before the triggering event and 75% afterwards and then the trace is terminated.

The field **Sample Rate** is used set the time period between two recordings in milliseconds resp., if supported by the target system, in microseconds. The default value "0" means one scanning procedure per cycle.

Select the mode for recalling the recorded values: With **Single** the **Number of** the defined **samples** are displayed one time. With **Continuous** the reading of the recording of the defined number of measured values is initiated anew each time. If, for example, you enter the number '35' the first display contains the first measured values 1 to 35 and the recording of the next 35 measured values (36-70) will then be automatically read, etc.. **Manual** selection is used to read the trace recordings specifically with **'Extras' 'Read trace'.**

The recall mode functions independently of whether a trigger variable is set or not. If no trigger variable is set the trace buffer will be filled with the defined number of measured values and the buffer contents will be read and displayed on recall.

The button **Save** is used to store the trace configuration which has been created in a file. The standard window "File save as" is opened for this purpose.

Stored trace configurations can be retrieved using the button **Load**. The standard window "File open" is opened for this purpose.

Note!

Please note that Save and Load in the configuration dialog only relates to the configuration, not to the values of a trace recording (in contrast to the menu commands 'Extras' 'Save values' and **'Extras' 'Load values'**).

If the field Trigger Variable is empty, the trace recording will run endlessly and can be stopped by **'Extras' 'Stop Trace'**.

Selection of the Variables to be Displayed

The comboboxes to the right, next to the window for displaying curves trace variables defined in the trace configuration. If a variable is selected from the list, then after the trace buffer has been read the variable will be displayed in the corresponding color (Var 0 green, etc.). Variables can also be selected if curves are already displayed.

A maximum of up to eight variables can be observed simultaneously in the trace window.

8.12.2 Generating a trace sampling

'Extras' 'Start Trace'

Symbol: 

With this command the trace configuration is transferred to the PLC and the trace sampling is started in the PLC.

'Extras' 'Read Trace'

Symbol: 

With this command the present trace buffer is read from the PLC, and the values of the selected variables are displayed.

'Extras' 'Auto Read'

With this command the present trace buffer is read automatically from the PLC, and the values are continuously displayed.

If the trace buffer is automatically read, then a check (✓) is located before the menu item.

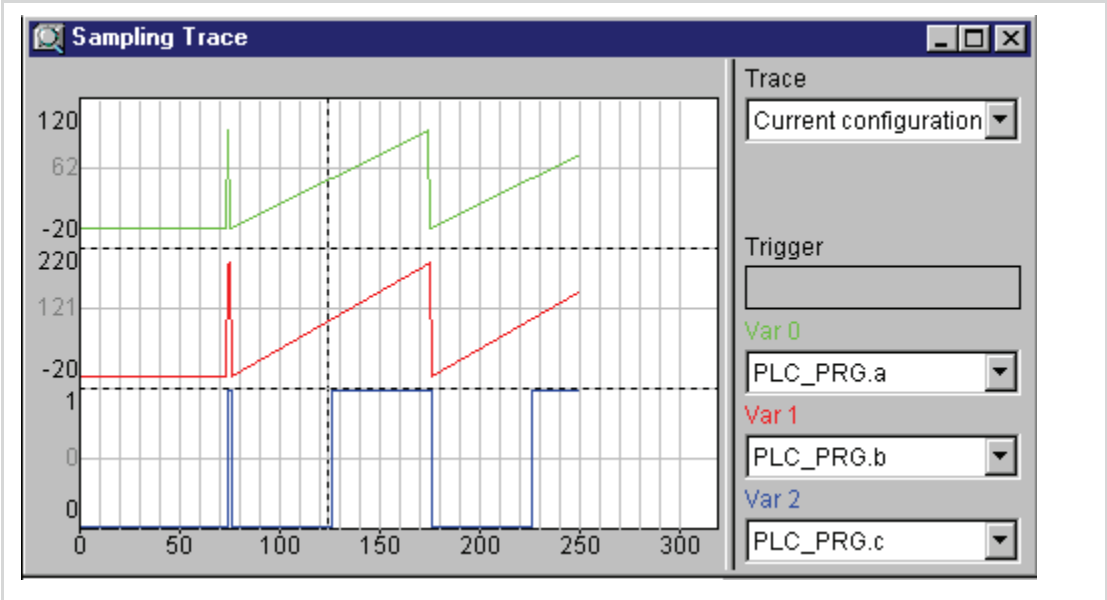
'Extras' 'Stop Trace'

Symbol: 

This command stops the Sampling Trace in the PLC.

8.12.3 Looking at the trace sampling

Display of the Sampling Trace



Sampling Trace of Different Variables

If a trace buffer is loaded ('Extras' 'Start Trace'), then the values of all variables to be displayed can be read out ('Extras' 'Read Trace' or 'Extras' 'Auto Read')and will be displayed accordingly. If no scan frequency has been set, then the X axis will be inscribed with the continuous number of the traced value. The trace buffer will be deleted as soon as the trace sampling is stopped ('Extras' 'Stop Trace').

The status indicator of the trace window (first line) indicates whether the trace buffer is full and when the trace is completed.

If a value for the scan frequency was specified, then the x axis will specify the time of the traced value. The time is assigned to the "oldest" traced value. In the example, e.g., the values for the last 25 seconds are indicated.

The Y axis is inscribed with values in the appropriate data type. The scaling is laid out in a way that allows the lowest and the highest value to fit in the viewing area. In the example, Var 0 has taken on the lowest value of 6, and the highest value of 100: hence the setting of the scale at the left edge.

If the trigger requirement is met, then a vertical dotted line is displayed at the interface between the values before and after the appearance of the trigger requirement.

'Extras' 'Cursor Mode'

The easiest way to set a cursor in the monitoring area is to click there with the left mouse button. A cursor appears and can be moved by the mouse. At the top of the monitoring window the current x-position of the cursor is displayed. In the fields next to 'Var 0', 'Var 1', ..., 'Var n' the value of the respective variable is shown.

Another way is the command 'Extras' 'Cursor mode'. With this command two vertical lines will appear in the Sampling Trace. First they are laying one on the other. One of the lines can be moved to the right or to the left by the arrow keys. By pressing <Ctrl>+<left> or <Ctrl>+<right> the speed of the movement can be increased by factor 10.

If additionally the <Shift> key is pressed, the second line can be moved, showing the difference to the first one.

'Extras' 'Multi Channel'

With this command you can alternate between single-channel and multi-channel display of the Sampling Trace. In the event of a multi-channel display, there is a check (▣) in front of the menu item.

The multi-channel display has been preset. Here the display window is divided into as many as eight display curves. For each curve the maximum and the minimum value are displayed at the edge.

In a single-channel display, all curves are displayed with the same scaling factor and are superimposed. This can be useful when displaying curve abnormalities.

'Extras' 'Show grid'

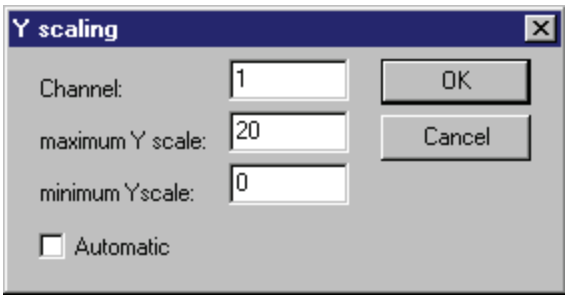
With this command you can switch on and off the grid in the graphic window. When the grid is switched on, a check (✓) will appear next to the menu item.

'Extras' 'Y Scaling'

With this command you can change the preset Y scaling of a curve in the trace display. By doubleclicking on a curve you will also be given the dialog box 'Y-scaling'.

As long as option **Automatic** is activated, the default scaling will be used, which depends on the type of the used variable. In case of enumeration variables the enumeration values will be displayed at the scale. In order to change the scaling, deactivate option 'Automatic' and enter the number of the respective curve (**Channel**) and the new maximum (**maximum y scale**) and the new minimum value (**minimum y scale**) on the y axis.

The channel and the former value are preset.



Dialog Box for Setting the Y Scale

'Extras' 'Stretch'

Symbol: 

With this command you can stretch (zoom) the values of the Sampling Trace that are shown. The beginning position is set with the horizontal picture adjustment bar. With repeated stretches that follow one-after-another, the trace section displayed in the window will increasingly shrink in size.

This command is the counterpart to 'Extras' 'Compress'.

'Extras' 'Compress'

Symbol: 

With this command the values shown for the Sampling Trace are compressed; i.e., after this command you can view the progression of the trace variables within a larger time frame. A multiple execution of the command is possible.

This command is the counterpart to 'Extras' 'Stretch'.

8.12.4 'Extras' 'Save trace values'

Use the commands of this menu to save traces (configuration + values) to files resp. to reload them from files to the project. Besides that a trace can be saved in a file in ASCII-format.

Note!

Regard the alternative way of storing and reloading traces by using the commands of menu 'Extras' 'External Trace Configurations' (XML format, *.mon-Datei) !

'Save Values'

With this command you can save a Sampling Trace (values + configuration data). The dialog box for saving a file is opened. The file name receives the extension "***.trc**".

Be aware, that here you save the traced values as well as the trace configuration, whereas **Save trace** in the configuration dialog only concerns the configuration data.

The saved Sampling Trace can be loaded again with 'Extras' 'Load Values'.

Note!

Regard the alternative way of saving a trace by using the commands of menu 'Extras' 'External Trace Configurations'.

'Load Values'

With this command a saved Sampling Trace (traced values + configuration data) can be reloaded. The dialog box for opening a file is opened. Select the desired file with the "*.trc" extension.

With 'Extras' 'Save Values' you can save a Sampling Trace.

'Trace in ASCII-File'

With this command you can save a Sampling Trace in an ASCII-file. The dialog box for saving a file is opened. The file name receives the extension "*.txt". The values are deposited in the file according to the following scheme:

```
BODAS Trace

D:\BODAS\PROJECTS\TRAFFICSIGNAL.PRO

Cycle PLC_PRG.COUNTER PLC_PRG.LIGHT1

0 2 1

1 2 1

2 2 1

.....
```

If no frequency scan was set in the trace configuration, then the cycle is located in the first column; that means one value per cycle has been recorded at any given time. In the other respects, the entry here is for the point in time in ms at which the values of the variables have been saved since the Sampling Trace has been run.

In the subsequent columns, the corresponding values of the trace variables are saved. At any given time the values are separated from one another by a blank space.

The appertaining variable names are displayed next to one another in the third line, according to the sequence (PLC_PRG.COUNTER, PLC_PRG.LIGHT1).

8.12.5 'Extras' 'External Trace Configurations'

Use the commands of this menu to save or reload traces (configuration + trace values) in files resp. from files, to load a trace from the controller to the project or to set a certain trace as that which should be used in the project.

Note!

Regard the alternative way of storing and reloading traces by using the commands of menu 'Extras' 'Save Trace' (project format, *.trc-file, ASCII) !

'Save to file'

With this command a trace (configuration + values) can be saved in a file in XML format. For this purpose the standard dialog for saving a file opens. Automatically the file extension *.mon will be used.

A *.mon-file can be reloaded to a project with command 'Load from file'.

Note!

Regard the alternative way of storing and reloading traces by using the commands of menu 'Extras' 'Save trace values' (Projektformat, *.trc-Datei, ASCII) !

'Load from file'

With this command a trace (configuration + values), which is available in a file in XML format (*.mon, can be loaded into the project. The dialog for opening a file will open and you can browse for files with extension *.mon. The loaded trace will be displayed and added to the selection list in field 'Trace in the configuration dialog. If you want to set it as currently used project trace configuration, use command 'Set as project configuration'.

A *.mon-file can be created by using command 'Save to file'.

Note!

Regard the alternative way of saving a trace by using the commands of menu 'Extras' 'Save trace values'.

'Save to target'

With this command in online mode a trace configuration, which is available in a file in XML format (*.mon), can be loaded into the controller (target).

The standard dialog for opening a file will be available, where per default files with extension *.mon will be displayed. Regard in this concern the possibility to save trace configurations in *.mon-files (XML format) 'Save to file'.

See also: 'Load from target'

'Load from target'

With this command the trace (configuration + values) which is currently used on the controller can be loaded to the PLC Designer project. It will be displayed in the trace window and can be set as active project trace configuration.

'Set as project configuration'

With this command the trace configuration which is currently selected in the list of available traces (field 'Trace' in the trace window) can be set as active configuration within the project. The selection list besides the currently used (top position) offers all traces which have been loaded to the project by command 'Load from file' from *.mon-files (e.g. for the purpose of viewing).

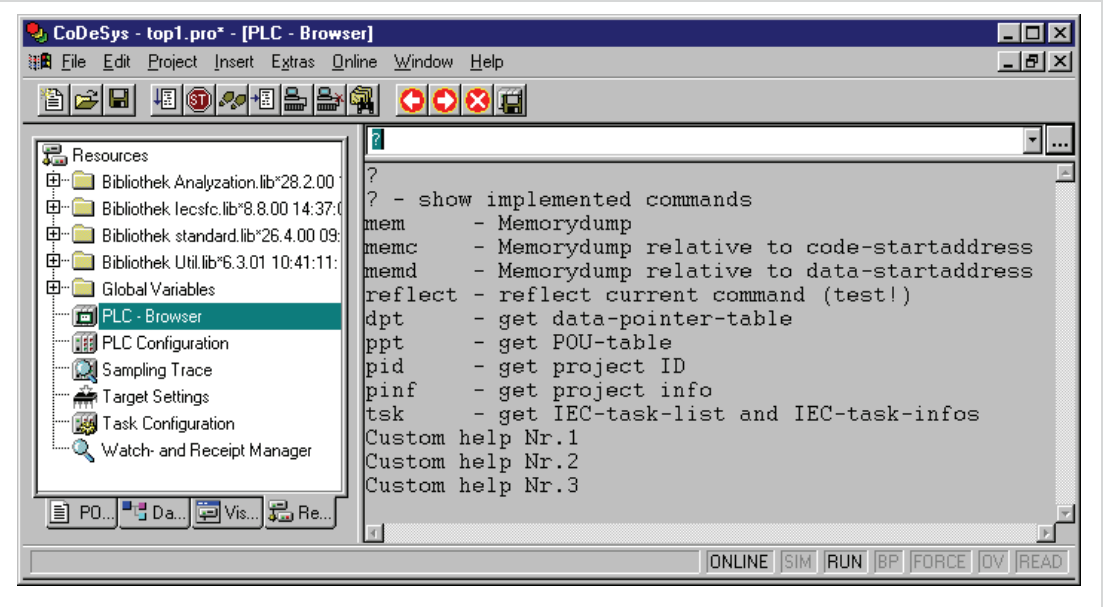
8.13 Target Settings - The PLC-Browser

The PLC-Browser is a text-based control monitor (terminal). Commands for the request of specific information from the controller are entered in an entry line and sent as string to the controller. The returned response string is displayed in a result window of the browser. This functionality serves diagnostic- and debugging purposes.

The commands available for the set target-system are made up of the **PLC Designer** standard set plus a possible extension set of the controller manufacturer. They are managed in an ini file and implemented accordingly in the runtime system.

8.13.1 General remarks concerning PLC-Browser operation

Select the entry PLC-Browser in the Resources tab-control. It will be available there if it is activated in the current target settings (category networkfunctionality).



The PLC Browser window

The browser consists of a command entry line and a result/display window.

In a selection box the input line displays a list of all the commands entered since the start of the project (input history). They are available for re-selection until the project is closed. Only commands, which differ from those already existing, are added to the list.

The entered command is sent to the controller with <Enter>. If there is no Online connection, the command is displayed in the result window in the same way as it is sent to the controller, otherwise the response from the controller is shown there. If a new command is sent to the controller, the content of the result window is deleted.

Commands can be entered in the form of command strings , the use of macros is possible as well.

8.13.2 Command entry in the PLC-Browser

Basically the PLC-Browser makes available the **3S standard commands** hard-coded in the run-time system. It is concerned with functions for direct memory manipulation, for the output of project- and status functions as well as for run-time monitoring. They are described in the browser's **ini-file**, which is an integral part of the Target Support Package. These standard commands can be further supplemented by specialized ones, e.g. self-diagnostic functions or other status messages of the control application. The expansion of the command list must be carried out both in the customer interface in the run-time system as well as through additional entries in the Browser ini-file.

When opening the project the **command list** available in the PLC-Browser is generated based on the entries in the Browser ini-file. It can be accessed as input help using the **...** key in the dialog „Insert standard command" or using <F2>. Also the command **'Insert' 'Standard commands'** can be used to get the command list. A command can be typed in manually to the command line or it can be selected from the list by a double-click on the appropriate entry.

The general command syntax is:

```
<KEYWORD><LEER><KEYWORD-DEPENDEND PARAMETERS>
```

The keyword is the **command**. With which **parameter**s it can be expanded is described in the respective tooltip in the entry help window.

The command, which has been sent, is repeated in the output data window, the controller's response appears below it.

Example: Request for the project Id from the controller with the command "pid"

Entry in command line:

```
pid
```

Output in result window:

```
pid
Project-ID: 16#0025CFDA
```

A **help text** can be supplied for each standard command with ?<BLANK><KEYWORD>. This is similarly defined in the ini-file.

The following commands are firmly integrated in the run-time system and contained in the ini-file with the corresponding entries for entry help, tooltips and help:

Command	Description
?	The run-time system supplies a list of the available commands. The list is independent of the status of the description files of the target system.
mem	Hexdump of a memory area Syntax 1: mem <start address> <end address> Addresses can be entered decimal, hexadecimal (Prefix 16#) or as a macro.
memc	Hexdump relative to the start address of the code in the controller; like mem, the data are added to the code area start address.
memd	Hexdump relative to the data base address in the controller; like mem, the data are added to the data area start address.
reflect	Reflect current command line, for test purposes.
dpt	Read and display data-pointer table.
ppt	Read and display POU table.
pid	Read and display project Id.
pinf	Read and display project info (see 'Project' 'Project Info').
tsk	Show list of IEC-tasks incl. task infos defined in the project.
startprg	Start PLC program ('Online' 'Start').
stopprg	Stop PLC program ('Online' 'Stop').
resetprg	Reset PLC program. Only not-retentive data get initialized. ('Online' 'Reset').
resetprgcold	Reset PLC program cold. Retentive data also get initialized. ('Online' 'Reset (cold)').
resetprgorg	Reset PLC program original. The current application program as well as all data (incl. retentive and persistent) are deleted. ('Online' 'Reset (origin)').
reload	Reload boot project.
getprgprop	Read and display program properties (Name, title, version author, date).
getprgstat	Read and display program status (e.g. "run", "stop", last error, flags)
filedir	File command "dir". List of files in the PLC directory.
filecopy	Copy file [from] [to]. Example: "filecopy filename.txt filename2.txt".
filerename	Rename files on PLC [old] [new]. Example: filerename oldname.txt newname.txt".
filedelete	Delete file on PLC; Example: "filedelete file.xml".
saveretain	Save retain variables. The name of the save file will be displayed afterwards.
restoreretain	Load retain variables. The name of the save file, from which the variables values are restored, will be displayed.

Command	Description
setpwd	Set password on controller; Syntax: setpwd <password> [level], e.g. "setpwd abcde 0" <level> can be "0" (default) just valid concerning logins from the programming system, or "1" valid for all applications
delpwd	Delete password on PLC.

Please regard:

- The first word of the command sequence entered is interpreted as **keyword** (<KEYWORD>).
- If the first word of the command entry is **not recognized** by the controller, the response 'Keyword not found' will appear in the result window.
- If a keyword is preceded by a „**?<SPACE>**" (e.g. „? mem"), the ini-file will be searched for the existence of a help section to this keyword. If one is available, nothing is sent to the controller, but only the help text is displayed in the output data window.

8.13.3 Use of macros during the command entry in PLC-Browser

If a command associated with a macro is entered in the command line, this is expanded before it is sent to the controller. Then the response in the result window appears in a similarly expanded form.

The entry syntax is: <KEYWORD><macro>

<KEYWORD> is the command.

Macros are:

%P<NAME>	If NAME is a POU-name, the expression is expanded to <POU-Index>, otherwise there is no alteration
%V<NAME>	If NAME is a variable name, the expression is expanded to #<INDEX>:<OFFSET>, otherwise there is no alteration (this notation #<INDEX>:<OFFSET> is interpreted by the controller as a memory address)
%T<NAME>	If NAME is a variable name, the expression is expanded to <VARIABLENTYP>, otherwise there is no alteration.
%S<NAME>	If NAME is a variable name, the expression is expanded to <SIZEOF(VAR)>, otherwise there is no alteration.

The % character is ignored if the escape symbol \ (Backslash) is placed in front. The escape symbol as such is only transmitted if written \\.

Example:

Entry in command line: (memory dump of the variable .testit ?)

```
mem %V.testit
```

Output in result window:

```
mem #4:52
03BAAA24 00 00 00 00 CD CD CD CD ....ÍÍÍÍ
```

8.13.4 Further PLC-Browser options

In the '**Extras**' menu or in the PLC-Browser's toolbar there are the following commands for handling the command entry or history list:

With **History forward**  and **History backward**  you can scroll backwards and forwards through the query results already carried out. The history recording is continued until you leave the project.

With **Cancel command**  you can break off a query which has been initiated.

With **Save history list**  you can save the query results carried out up until that point in an external text file. The dialogue 'Save file as' will appear, in which you can enter a file name with the extension „.bhl" (Browser History List). The command **Print last command** opens the standard dialogue to print. The current query plus the output data in the message window can be printed.

9 IEC Operators and additional norm extending functions

9.1 The IEC Operators and additional, norm-extending functions

»PLC Designer« supports all IEC operators. In contrast with the standard functions (see Appendix D, Standard library), these operators are recognized implicitly throughout the project.

Besides the IEC operators **PLC Designer also supports the following operators which are not prescribed by the standard**: INDEXOF and SIZEOF (see Arithmetic Operators), ADR and BITADR (see Adress Operators).

Operators are used like functions in POU.

Stop!

At operations with floating point variables the result depends on the currently used target system !

- Arithmetic operators
- Bitstring Operators
- Bit-Shift Operators
- Selection Operators
- Comparison Operators
- Address Operators
- Calling Operators
- Type Conversions
- Numeric Operators

9.2 Arithmetic Operators...

9.2.1 ADD

PLC Designer IEC operator: Addition of variables of the types: BYTE, WORD, DWORD, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT, UDINT, REAL and LREAL.

Two TIME variables can also be added together resulting in another time (e.g., t#45s + t#50s = t#1m35s)

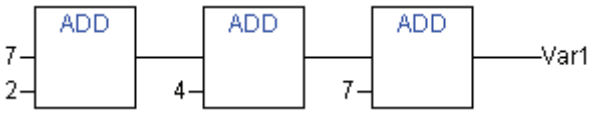
Example in IL:

```
LD  7
ADD 2,4,7
ST  Var1
```

Example in ST:

```
var1 := 7+2+4+7;
```

Example in FBD:



9.2.2 MUL

PLC Designer IEC operator: Multiplication of variables of the types: BYTE, WORD, DWORD, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT, UDINT, REAL and LREAL.

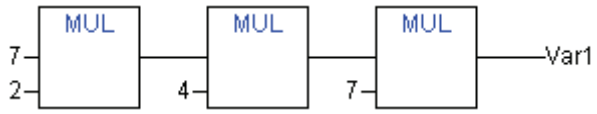
Example in IL:

```
LD  7
MUL 2,4,7
ST  Var1
```

Example in ST:

```
var1 := 7*2*4*7;
```

Example in FBD:



9.2.3 SUB

PLC Designer IEC operator: Subtraction of one variable from another of the types: BYTE, WORD, DWORD, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT, UDINT, REAL and LREAL.

A TIME variable may also be subtracted from another TIME variable resulting in third TIME type variable. Note that negative TIME values are undefined.

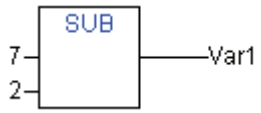
Example in IL:

```
LD  7
SUB 2
ST  Var1
```

Example in ST:

```
var1 := 7-2;
```

Example in FBD:



9.2.4 DIV

PLC Designer IEC operator: Division of one variable by another of the types: BYTE, WORD, DWORD, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT, UDINT, REAL and LREAL.

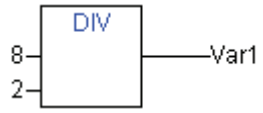
Example in IL:

```
LD  8
DIV 2
ST  Var1 (* Result is 4 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
var1 := 8/2;
```

Example in FBD:



Note!

If you define functions in your project with the names **CheckDivByte**, **CheckDivWord**, **CheckDivDWord** and **CheckDivReal**, you can use them to check the value of the divisor if you use the operator DIV, for example to avoid a division by 0. The functions must have the above listed names.

Stop!

Please regard, that different target systems may behave differently concerning a division by zero !

9.2.5 MOD

PLC Designer IEC operator: Modulo Division of one variable by another of the types: BYTE, WORD, DWORD, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT, UDINT. The result of this function will be the remainder of the division. This result will be a whole number.

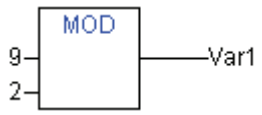
Example in IL:

```
LD  9
MOD 2
ST  Var1 (* Result is 1 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
var1 := 9 MOD 2;
```

Example in FBD:

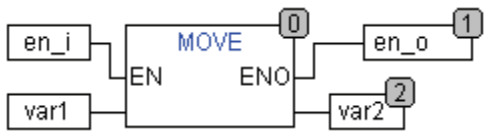


9.2.6 MOVE

PLC Designer IEC operator: Assignment of a variable to another variable of an appropriate type. As MOVE is available as a box in the graphic editors LD, CFC, there the (unlocking) EN/EN0 functionality can also be applied on a variable assignment. In the FBD editor this is not possible however.

Example in CFC in conjunction with the EN/EN0 function:

Only if en_i is TRUE, var1 will be assigned to var2.



Example in IL:

```
LD ivar1
MOVE
ST ivar2 (* Result: ivar2 gets assigned value of ivar1 *)
```

(! you get the same result with:

```
LD ivar1
ST ivar2 )
```

Example in ST:

```
ivar2 := MOVE(ivar1);
```

(! you get the same result with: ivar2 := ivar1;)

9.2.7 INDEXOF

PLC Designer operator: This function is not prescribed by the standard IEC61131-3.

Perform this function to find the internal index for a POU.

Example in ST:

```
var1 := INDEXOF(POU2);
```

9.2.8 SIZEOF

PLC Designer operator: This function is not prescribed by the standard IEC61131-3.

Perform this function to determine the number of bytes required by the given variable.

Example in IL:

```
arr1:ARRAY[0..4] OF INT;
Var1 INT
LD arr1
SIZEOF
ST Var1 (* Result is 10 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
var1 := SIZEOF(arr1);
```

9.3 Bitstring Operators...

9.3.1 AND

PLC Designer IEC operator: Bitwise AND of bit operands. The operands should be of the type BOOL, BYTE, WORD or DWORD.

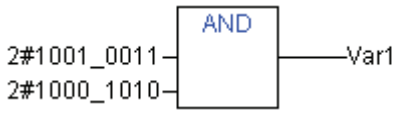
Example in IL:

```
Var1 BYTE
LD 2#1001_0011
AND 2#1000_1010
ST Var1 (* Result is 2#1000_0010 *)
```

Example in ST:

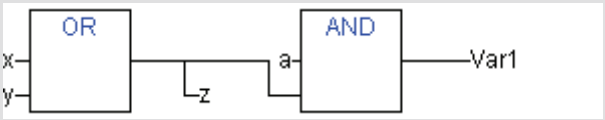
```
var1 := 2#1001_0011 AND 2#1000_1010
```

Example in FBD:



Note!

If you have a program step in the SFC like the following



and if you use 68xxx generators, please note the following: The allocation of the value of the second input variable at the AND operator module to variable z will not be executed ! This is due to the optmized processing in the SFC in case of value FALSE at the input variable.

9.3.2 OR

PLC Designer IEC operator: Bitwise OR of bit operands. The operands should be of the type BOOL, BYTE, WORD or DWORD.

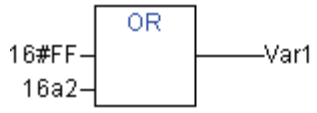
Example in IL:

```
var1 :BYTE;
LD 2#1001_0011
OR 2#1000_1010
ST  var1 (* Result is 2#1001_1011 *)
```

Example in ST:

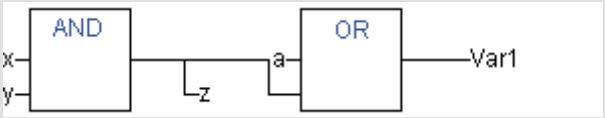
```
Var1 := 2#1001_0011 OR 2#1000_1010
```

Example in FBD:



Note!

If you have a program step in the SFC like the following



and if you use 68xxx generators, please note the following: The allocation of the value of the second input variable at the OR operator module to variable z will not be executed ! This is due to the optimized processing in the SFC in case of value FALSE at the input variable.

9.3.3 XOR

PLC Designer IEC operator: Bitwise XOR of bit operands. The operands should be of the type BOOL, BYTE, WORD or DWORD.

Note!

Regard the behaviour of the XOR function in extended form, that means if there are more than 2 inputs. The inputs will be checked in pairs and the particular results will then be compared again in pairs (this complies with the standard, but may not be expected by the user).

Example in IL:

```
Var1 :BYTE;
LD 2#1001_0011
XOR 2#1000_1010
ST  Var1 (* Result is 2#0001_1001 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
Var1 := 2#1001_0011 XOR 2#1000_1010
```

Example in FBD:



9.3.4 NOT

PLC Designer IEC operator: Bitwise NOT of a bit operand. The operand should be of the type BOOL, BYTE, WORD or DWORD.

Example in IL:

```
Var1 :BYTE;

LD 2#1001_0011

NOT

ST  Var1 (* Result is 2#0110_1100 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
Var1 := NOT 2#1001_0011
```

Example in FBD:



9.4 Bit-Shift Operators...

9.4.1 SHL

PLC Designer IEC operator: Bitwise left-shift of an operand : erg:= SHL (in, n)

in gets shifted to the left by n bits. If n > data type width, for BYTE, WORD and DWORD will be filled with zeros. But if signed data types are used, like e.g. INT, then an arithmetic shift will be executed in such cases, that means it will be filled with the value of the topmost bit.

Note!

Please note, that the amount of bits, which is regarded for the arithmetic operation, is pretended by the data type of the input variable !. If the input variable is a constant the smallest possible data type is regarded. The data type of the output variable has no effect at all on the arithmetic operation.

See in the following example in hexadecimal notation that you get different results for erg_byte and erg_word depending on the data type of the input variable (BYTE or WORD), although the values of the input variables in_byte and in_word are the same.

Example in ST:

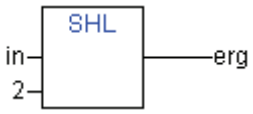
```
PROGRAM shl_st

VAR
in_byte : BYTE:=16#45;
in_word : WORD:=16#45;
erg_byte : BYTE;
erg_word : WORD;
n: BYTE :=2;
END_VAR

erg_byte:=SHL(in_byte,n); (* Result is 16#14 *)

erg_word:=SHL(in_word,n); (* Result is 16#01141 *)
```

Example in FBD:



Example in IL:

```
LD  16#45

SHL 2

ST  erg_byte
```

9.4.2 SHR

PLC Designer IEC operator: Bitwise right-shift of an operand: erg:= SHR (in, n)

in gets shifted to the right by n bits. If n > data type width, for BYTE, WORD and DWORD will be filled with zeros. But if signed data types are used, like e.g. INT, then an arithmetic shift will be executed in such cases, that means it will be filled with the value of the topmost bit.

Note!

Please note, that the amount of bits, which is regarded for the arithmetic operation, is pretended by the data type of the input variable !. If the input variable is a constant the smallest possible data type is regarded. The data type of the output variable has no effect at all on the arithmetic operation.

See the following example in hexadecimal notation to notice the results of the arithmetic operation depending on the type of the input variable (BYTE or WORD).

Example in ST:

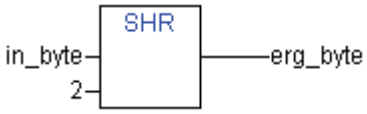
```
PROGRAM shr_st

VAR
in_byte : BYTE:=16#45;
in_word : WORD:=16#45;
erg_byte : BYTE;
erg_word : WORD;
n: BYTE :=2;
END_VAR

erg_byte:=SHR(in_byte,n); (* Result is 11 *)

erg_word:=SHR(in_word,n); (* Result is 0011 *)
```

Example in FBD:



Example in IL:

```
LD  16#45

SHR 2

ST  erg_byte
```

9.4.3 ROL

PLC Designer IEC operator: Bitwise rotation of an operand to the left: erg:= ROL (in, n)

erg, in and n should be of the type BYTE, WORD or DWORD. in will be shifted one bit position to the left n times while the bit that is furthest to the left will be reinserted from the right.

Note!

Please note, that the amount of bits, which is regarded for the arithmetic operation, is pretended by the data type of the input variable !. If the input variable is a constant the smallest possible data type is regarded. The data type of the output variable has no effect at all on the arithmetic operation.

See in the following example in hexadecimal notation that you get different results for erg_byte and erg_word depending on the data type of the input variable (BYTE or WORD), although the values of the input variables in_byte and in_word are the same.

Example in ST:

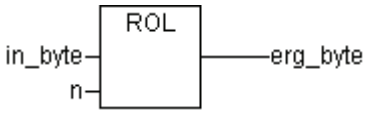
```
PROGRAM rol_st

VAR
in_byte : BYTE:=16#45;
in_word : WORD:=16#45;
erg_byte : BYTE;
erg_word : WORD;
n: BYTE :=2;
END_VAR

erg_byte:=ROL(in_byte,n); (* Result is 16#15 *)

erg_word:=ROL(in_word,n); (* Result is 16#0114 *)
```

Example in FBD:



Example in IL:

```
LD  16#45

ROL 2

ST  erg_byte
```

9.4.4 ROR

PLC Designer IEC operator: Bitwise rotation of an operand to the right: erg = ROR (in, n)

erg, in and n should be of the type BYTE, WORD or DWORD. in will be shifted one bit position to the right n times while the bit that is furthest to the left will be reinserted from the left.

Note!

Please note, that the amount of bits, which is regarded for the arithmetic operation, is pretended by the data type of the input variable !. If the input variable is a constant the smallest possible data type is regarded. The data type of the output variable has no effect at all on the arithmetic operation.

See in the following example in hexadecimal notation that you get different results for erg_byte and erg_word depending on the data type of the input variable (BYTE or WORD), although the values of the input variables in_byte and in_word are the same.

Example in ST:

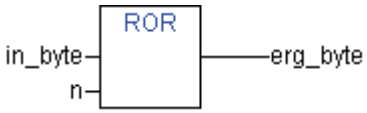
```
PROGRAM ror_st

VAR
in_byte : BYTE:=16#45;
in_word : WORD:=16#45;
erg_byte : BYTE;
erg_word : WORD;
n: BYTE :=2;
END_VAR

erg_byte:=ROR(in_byte,n); (* Result is 16#51 *)

erg_word:=ROR(in_word,n); (* Result is16#4011 *)
```

Example in FBD:



Example in IL:

```
LD 16#45

ROR 2

ST erg_byte
```

9.5 Selection Operators

All selection operations can also be performed with variables. For purposes of clarity we will limit our examples to the following which use constants as operators.

9.5.1 SEL

PLC Designer IEC operator: Binary Selection.

```
OUT := SEL(G, IN0, IN1) means:
OUT := IN0 if G=FALSE;
OUT := IN1 if G=TRUE.
```

IN0, IN1 and OUT can be any type of variable, G must be BOOL. The result of the selection is IN0 if G is FALSE, IN1 if G is TRUE.

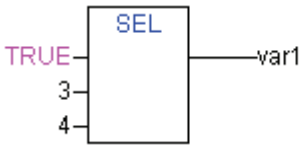
Example in IL:

```
LD  TRUE
SEL 3,4   (* IN0 = 3, IN1 =4 *)
ST  Var1  (* Result is 4 *)
LD  FALSE
SEL 3,4
ST  Var1  (* Result is 3 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
Var1:=SEL(TRUE,3,4); (* Result is 4 *)
```

Example in FBD:



Note!

Note that an expression occurring ahead of IN1 or IN2 will not be processed if IN0 is TRUE.

9.5.2 MAX

PLC Designer IEC operator: Maximum function. Returns the greater of the two values.

```
OUT := MAX(IN0, IN1)
```

IN0, IN1 and OUT can be any type of variable.

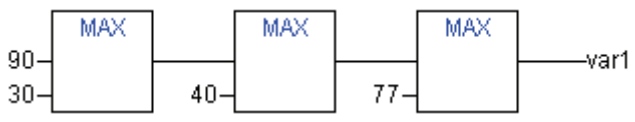
Example in IL:

```
LD 90
MAX 30
MAY 40
MAX 77
ST Var1 (* Result is 90 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
Var1:=MAX(30,40); (* Result is 40 *)
Var1:=MAX(40,MAX(90,30)); (* Result is 90 *)
```

Example in FBD:



9.5.3 MIN

PLC Designer IEC operator: Minimum function. Returns the lesser of the two values.

```
OUT := MIN(IN0, IN1)
```

IN0, IN1 and OUT can be any type of variable.

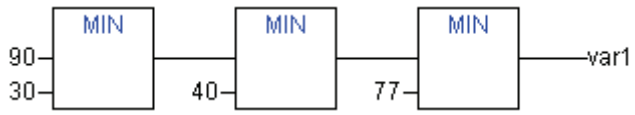
Example in IL:

```
LD 90
MIN 30
MIN 40
MIN 77
ST Var1 (* Result is 30 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
Var1:=MIN(90,30); (* Result is 30 *);
Var1:=MIN(MIN(90,30),40); (* Result is 30 *);
```

Example in FBD:



9.5.4 LIMIT

PLC Designer IEC operator: Limiting

```
OUT := LIMIT(Min, IN, Max) means:
OUT := MIN (MAX (IN, Min), Max)
```

Max is the upper and Min the lower limit for the result. Should the value IN exceed the upper limit Max, LIMIT will return Max. Should IN fall below Min, the result will be Min.

IN and OUT can be any type of variable.

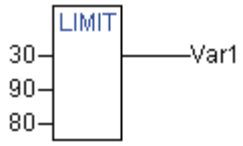
Example in IL:

```
LD 90
LIMIT 30,80
ST Var1 (* Result is 80 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
Var1:=LIMIT(30,90,80); (* Result is 80 *);
```

Example in FBD:



9.5.5 MUX

PLC Designer IEC operator: Multiplexer

```
OUT := MUX(K, IN0,...,INn) means:
OUT := INK.
```

IN0, ...,INn and OUT can be any type of variable. K must be BYTE, WORD, DWORD, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT or UDINT. MUX selects the Kth value from among a group of values.

Example in IL:

```
LD 0
MUX 30,40,50,60,70,80
ST Var1 (* Result is 30 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
Var1:=MUX(0,30,40,50,60,70,80); (* Result is 30 *);
```

Note!

Note that an expression occurring ahead of an input other than INK will not be processed to save run time ! Only in simulation mode all expressions will be executed.

9.6 Comparison Operators...

9.6.1 GT

PLC Designer IEC operator: Greater than

A Boolean operator which returns the value TRUE when the value of the first operand is greater than that of the second. The operands can be BOOL, BYTE, WORD, DWORD, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT, UDINT, REAL, LREAL, TIME, DATE, TIME_OF_DAY, DATE_AND_TIME and STRING.

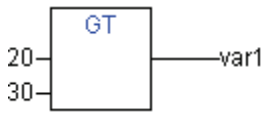
Example in IL:

```
LD 20
GT 30
ST Var1 (* Result is FALSE *)
```

Example in ST:

```
VAR1 := 20 > 30 > 40 > 50 > 60 > 70;
```

Example in FBD:



9.6.2 LT

PLC Designer IEC operator: Less than

A Boolean operator that returns the value TRUE when the value of the first operand is less than that of the second. The operands can be BOOL, BYTE, WORD, DWORD, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT, UDINT, REAL, LREAL, TIME, DATE, TIME_OF_DAY, DATE_AND_TIME and STRING.

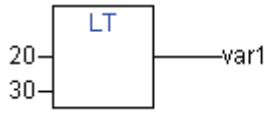
Example in IL:

```
LD 20
LT 30
ST Var1 (* Result is TRUE *)
```

Example in ST:

```
VAR1 := 20 < 30;
```

Example in FBD:



9.6.3 LE

PLC Designer IEC operator: Less than or equal to

A Boolean operator that returns the value TRUE when the value of the first operand is less than or equal to that of the second. The operands can be BOOL, BYTE, WORD, DWORD, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT, UDINT, REAL, LREAL, TIME, DATE, TIME_OF_DAY, DATE_AND_TIME and STRING.

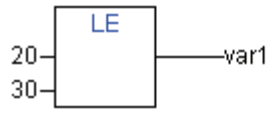
Example in IL:

```
LD 20
LE 30
ST Var1 (* Result is TRUE *)
```

Example in ST:

```
VAR1 := 20 <= 30;
```

Example in FBD:



9.6.4 GE

PLC Designer IEC operator: Greater than or equal to

A Boolean operator that returns the value TRUE when the value of the first operand is greater than or equal to that of the second. The operands can be BOOL, BYTE, WORD, DWORD, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT, UDINT, REAL, LREAL, TIME, DATE, TIME_OF_DAY, DATE_AND_TIME and STRING.

Example in IL:

```
LD 60

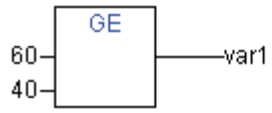
GE 40

ST Var1 (* Result is TRUE *)
```

Example in ST:

```
VAR1 := 60 >= 40;
```

Example in FBD:



9.6.5 EQ

PLC Designer IEC operator: Equal to

A Boolean operator that returns the value TRUE when the operands are equal. The operands can be BOOL, BYTE, WORD, DWORD, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT, UDINT, REAL, LREAL, TIME, DATE, TIME_OF_DAY, DATE_AND_TIME and STRING.

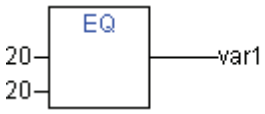
Example in IL:

```
LD 40
EQ 40
ST Var1 (* Result is TRUE *)
```

Example in ST:

```
VAR1 := 40 = 40;
```

Example in FBD:



9.6.6 NE

PLC Designer IEC operator: Not equal to

A Boolean operator that returns that value TRUE when the operands are not equal. The operands can be BOOL, BYTE, WORD, DWORD, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT, UDINT, REAL, LREAL, TIME, DATE, TIME_OF_DAY, DATE_AND_TIME and STRING.

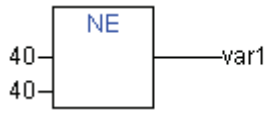
Example in IL:

```
LD 40
NE 40
ST Var1 (* Result is FALSE *)
```

Example in ST:

```
VAR1 := 40 <> 40;
```

Example in FBD:



9.7 Address Operators...

9.7.1 ADR

PLC Designer operator: Address Function not prescribed by the standard IEC61131-3.

ADR returns the address of its argument in a DWORD. This address can be sent to manufacturing functions to be treated as a pointer or it can be assigned to a pointer within the project.

dwVar:=ADR(bVAR);

Example in IL:

```
LD bVar
ADR
ST dwVar
man_fun1
```

Note!

After an Online Change there might be changes concerning the data on certain addresses. Please regard this in case of using pointers on addresses.

9.7.2 ADRINST

PLC Designer operator: Address Function not prescribed by the standard IEC61131-3.

ADRINST can be used within a function block instance to return the address of this instance in a DWORD. This address can be sent to manufacturing functions to be treated as a pointer or it can be assigned to a pointer within the project.

Examples in ST (within a function block instance):

```
dvar:=ADRINST();   (* Address of the instance is written to
variable dvar *)

fun(a:=ADRINST()); (* The instance address is given to input
parameter a of function fun *)
```

Examples in IL:

```
ADRINST

ST dvar

ADRINST

fun
```

9.7.3 BITADR

PLC Designer operator: Adress function, not prescribed by the standard IEC61131-3.

BITADR returns the bit offset within the segment in a DWORD. Regard that the offset value depends on whether the option byte addressing in the target settings is activated or not.

```
VAR
 var1 AT %IX2.3:BOOL;
 bitoffset: DWORD;

END_VAR
```

Example in ST:

```
bitoffset:=BITADR(var1); (* Result if byte addressing=TRUE:
19, if byte addressing=FALSE: 35 *)
```

Example in IL:

```
LD Var1
BITADR
ST Var2
```

Stop!

After an Online Change there might be changes concerning the data on certain addresses. Please regard this in case of using pointers on addresses.

9.7.4 Content Operator

PLC Designer IEC operator: A pointer can be dereferenced by adding the content operator "^" after the pointer identifier.

Example in ST:

```
pt:POINTER TO INT;
var_int1:INT;
var_int2:INT;
pt := ADR(var_int1);
var_int2:=pt^;
```

Stop!

After an Online Change there might be changes concerning the data on certain addresses. Please regard this in case of using pointers on addresses.

9.8 Calling Operators...

9.8.1 CAL

PLC Designer IEC operator: Calling a function block or a program

Use CAL in IL to call up a function block instance. The variables that will serve as the input variables are placed in parentheses right after the name of the function block instance.

Example:

Calling up the instance *Inst* from a function block where input variables *Par1* and *Par2* are 0 and TRUE respectively.

```
CAL INST(PAR1 := 0, PAR2 := TRUE)
```

9.9 Type Conversions...

9.9.1 Type Conversion Functions

Its is forbidden to implicitly convert from a "larger" type to a "smaller" type (for example from INT to BYTE or from DINT to WORD). Special type conversions are required if one wants to do this. One can basically convert from any elementary type to any other elementary type.

Syntax:

```
<elem.Typ1>_TO_<elem.Typ2>
```

Please regard that at ...TO_STRING conversions the string is generated left-justified. If it is defined to short, it will be cut from the right side.

9.9.2 BOOL_TO Conversions

Conversion from type BOOL to any other type:

For number types the result is 1, when the operand is TRUE, and 0, when the operand is FALSE.

For the STRING type the result is ‚TRUE' or ‚FALSE'.

Examples in IL:

```
LD TRUE                         (*Result is 1 *)
BOOL_TO_INT
ST i

LD TRUE                         (*Result is 'TRUE' *)
BOOL_TO_STRING
ST str

LD TRUE                         (*Result is T#1ms *)
BOOL_TO_TIME
ST t

LD TRUE                         (*Result is TOD#00:00:00.001 *)
BOOL TO TOD
ST

LD FALSE                        (*Result is D#1970-01-01 *)
BOOL_TO_DATE
ST dat

LD TRUE                         (*Result is DT#1970-01-01-
BOOL TO DT                      00:00:01 *)
ST dandt
```

Examples in ST:

```
i:=BOOL_TO_INT(TRUE);           (* Result is 1 *)

str:=BOOL_TO_STRING(TRUE);      (* Result is "TRUE" *)

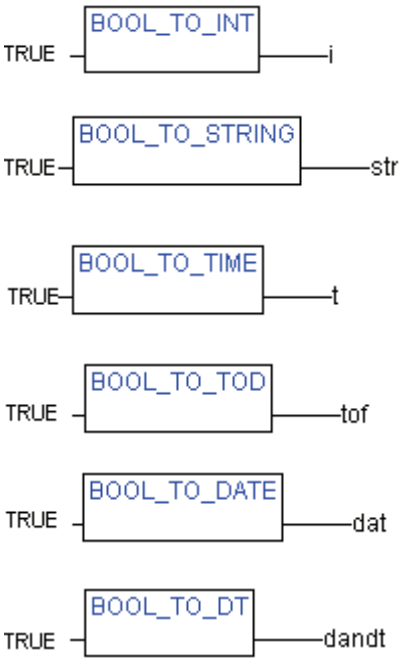
t:=BOOL_TO_TIME(TRUE);          (* Result is T#1ms *)

tof:=BOOL_TO_TOD(TRUE);         (* Result is TOD#00:00:00.001*)

dat:=BOOL_TO_DATE(FALSE);       (* Result is D#1970 *)

dandt:=BOOL_TO_DT(TRUE);        (* Result is DT#1970-01-01-
                                00:00:01 *)
```

Examples in FUP:



9.9.3 TO_BOOL Conversions

Conversion from another variable type to BOOL:

The result is TRUE when the operand is not equal to 0. The result is FALSE when the operand is equal to 0. The result is true for STRING type variables when the operand is "TRUE", otherwise the result is FALSE.

Examples in IL:

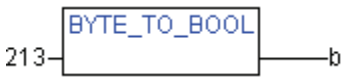
```
LD 213                                  (*Result is TRUE *)
BYTE_TO_BOOL
ST b

LD 0                                    (*Result is FALSE *)
INT_TO_BOOL
ST b

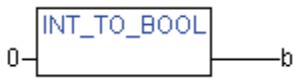
LD T#5ms                                (*Result is TRUE *)
TIME_TO_BOOL
ST b

LD 'TRUE'                               (*Result is TRUE *)
STRING TO BOOL
ST b
```

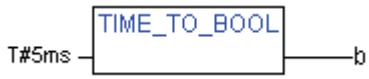
Examples in FUP:



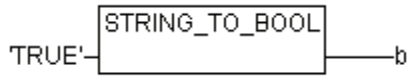
(*Result is TRUE *)



(*Result is FALSE *)



(*Result is TRUE *)



(*Result is TRUE *)

Examples in St:

```
b := BYTE_TO_BOOL(2#11010101);    (* Result is TRUE *)

b := INT_TO_BOOL(0);              (* Result is FALSE *)

b := TIME_TO_BOOL(T#5ms);         (* Result is TRUE *)

b := STRING_TO_BOOL('TRUE');      (* Result is TRUE *)
```

9.9.4 Conversion between Integral Number Types

Conversion from an integral number type to another number type:

When you perform a type conversion from a larger to a smaller type, you risk losing some information. If the number you are converting exceeds the range limit, the first bytes for the number will be ignored.

Example in ST:

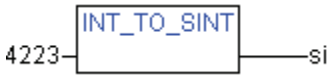
```
si := INT_TO_SINT(4223); (* Result is 127 *)
```

If you save the integer 4223 (16#107f represented hexadecimally) as a SINT variable, it will appear as 127 (16#7f represented hexadecimally).

Example in IL:

```
LD 2
INT_TO_REAL
MUL
```

Example in FBD:



9.9.5 REAL_TO-/ LREAL_TO Conversions

Converting from the variable type REAL or LREAL to a different type:

The value will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number and converted into the new variable type. Exceptions to this are the variable types STRING, BOOL, REAL and LREAL.

Please regard at a conversion to type STRING that the total number of digits is limited to 16. If the (L)REAL-number has more digits, then the sixteenth will be rounded. If the length of the STRING is defined to short, it will be cut beginning from the right end.

When you perform a type conversion from a larger to a smaller type, you risk losing some information.

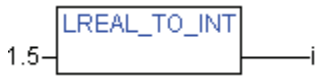
Example in ST:

```
i := REAL_TO_INT(1.5); (* Result is 2 *)
j := REAL_TO_INT(1.4); (* Result is 1 *)
i := REAL_TO_INT(-1.5); (* Result is -2 *)
j := REAL_TO_INT(-1.4); (* Result is -1 *)
```

Example in IL:

```
LD 2.7
REAL_TO_INT
GE %MW8
```

Example in FBD:



9.9.6 TIME_TO/TIME_OF_DAY Conversions

Converting from the variable type TIME or TIME_OF_DAY to a different type:

The time will be stored internally in a DWORD in milliseconds (beginning with 12:00 A.M. for the TIME_OF_DAY variable). This value will then be converted.

When you perform a type conversion from a larger to a smaller type, you risk losing some information.

For the STRING type variable, the result is a time constant.

Examples in IL:

```
LD T#12ms                              (*Result is 'T#12ms' *)
 TIME_TO_STRING
ST str

LD T#300000ms                          (*Result is 300000 *)
TIME TO DWORD
ST dw

LD TOD#00:00:00.012                    (*Result is 12 *)
TOD_TO_SINT
ST si
```

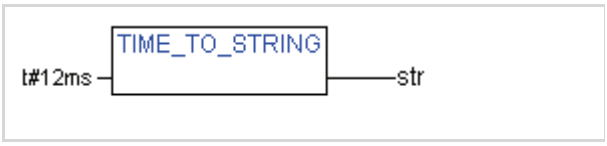
Examples in ST:

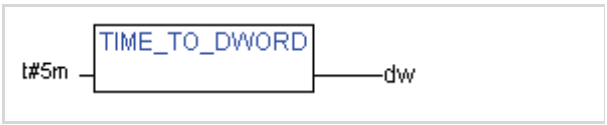
```
str :=TIME_TO_STRING(T#12ms);        (* Result is T#12ms *)

dw:=TIME_TO_DWORD(T#5m);             (* Result is 300000 *)

si:=TOD_TO_SINT(TOD#00:00:00.012);   (* Result is 12 *)
```

Examples in FBD:







9.9.7 DATE_TO/DT_TO Conversions

Converting from the variable type DATE or DATE_AND_TIME to a different type:

The date will be stored internally in a DWORD in seconds since Jan. 1, 1970. This value will then be converted.

When you perform a type conversion from a larger to a smaller type, you risk losing some information

For STRING type variables, the result is the date constant.

Examples in IL:

```
LD D#1970-01-01                      (* Result is FALSE *)
DATE_TO_BOOL
ST b

LD D#1970-01-15                      (* Result is 29952 *)
DATE_TO_INT
ST i

LD DT#1970-01-15-05:05:05            (* Result is 129 *)
DT_TO_BYTE
ST byt

LD DT#1998-02-13-14:20               (* Result is 'DT#1998-02-
DT_TO STRING                        13-14:20' *)
ST str
```

Examples in ST:

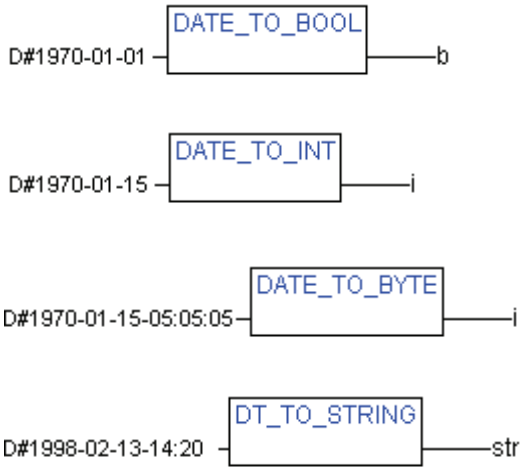
```
b :=DATE_TO_BOOL(D#1970-01-01);      (* Result is FALSE *)

i :=DATE_TO_INT(D#1970-01-15);       (* Result is 29952 *)

byt :=DT_TO_BYTE(DT#1970-01-15-      (* Result is 129 *)
05:05:05);

str:=DT_TO_STRING(DT#1998-02-13-     (* Result is
14:20);
                                    'DT#1998-02-13-14:20' *)
```

Examples in FBD:



9.9.8 STRING_TO Conversions

Converting from the variable type STRING to a different type:

The operand from the STRING type variable must contain a value that is valid in the target variable type, otherwise the result will be 0.

Examples in IL:

```
LD 'TRUE'                          (* Result is TRUE *)
STRING_TO_BOOL
ST b

LD 'abc34'                         (* Result is 0 *)
STRING_TO_WORD
ST w

LD 't#127ms'                       (* Result is T#127ms *)
STRING_TO_TIME
ST t
```

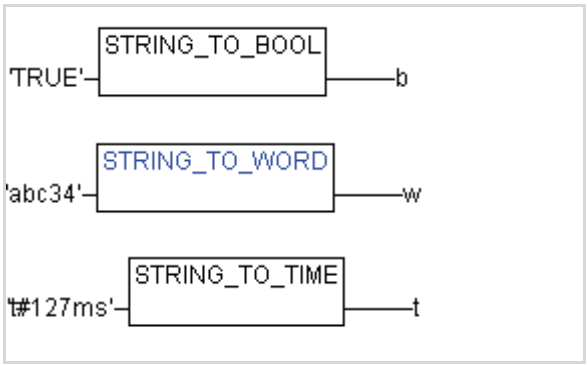
Examples in ST:

```
b :=STRING_TO_BOOL('TRUE');       (* Result is TRUE *)

w :=STRING_TO_WORD('abc34');      (* Result is 0 *)

t :=STRING_TO_TIME('T#127ms');    (* Result is T#127ms *)
```

Examples in FBD:



9.9.9 TRUNC

PLC Designer IEC operator: Converting from REAL to INT. The whole number portion of the value will be used.

When you perform a type conversion from a larger to a smaller type, you risk losing some information.

Example in IL:

```
LD 2.7

TRUNC

GE %MW8
```

Examples in ST:

```
i:=TRUNC(1.9); (* Result is 1 *)

i:=TRUNC(-1.4); (* Result is -1 *).
```

9.10 Numeric Operators...

9.10.1 ABS

»PLC Designer« IEC operator: Returns the absolute value of a number. ABS(-2) equals 2.

The following type combinations for input and output variables are possible:

IN	OUT
INT	INT, REAL, WORD, DWORD, DINT
REAL	REAL
BYTE	INT, REAL, BYTE, WORD, DWORD, DINT
WORD	INT, REAL, WORD, DWORD, DINT
DWORD	REAL, DWORD, DINT
SINT	REAL
USINT	REAL
UINT	INT, REAL, WORD, DWORD, DINT, UDINT, UINT
DINT	REAL, DWORD, DINT
UDINT	REAL, DWORD, DINT, UDINT

Example in IL:

```
LD  -2
ABS
ST  i  (* Result is 2 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
i:=ABS(-2);
```

Example in FBD:



9.10.2 SQRT

PLC Designer IEC operator: Returns the square root of a number. IN can be type BYTE, WORD, DWORD, INT, DINT, REAL, SINT, USINT, UINT, UDINT. OUT must be type REAL.

Example in IL:

```
LD  16
SQRT
ST  q (* Result is 4 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
q:=SQRT(16);
```

Example in FBD:



9.10.3 LN

PLC Designer IEC operator: Returns the natural logarithm of a number. IN can be type BYTE, WORD, DWORD, INT, DINT, REAL, SINT, USINT, UINT, UDINT. OUT must be type REAL.

Example in IL:

```
LD  45
LN
ST  q   (* Result is 3.80666 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
q:=LN(45);
```

Example in FBD:



9.10.4 LOG

PLC Designer IEC operator: Returns the logarithm of a number in base 10. IN can be type BYTE, WORD, DWORD, INT, DINT, REAL, SINT, USINT, UINT, UDINT, OUT must be type REAL.

Example in IL:

```
LD  314.5
LOG
ST  q   (* Result is 2.49762 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
q:=LOG(314.5);
```

Example in FBD:



9.10.5 EXP

PLC Designer IEC operator: Returns the exponential function. IN can be type BYTE, WORD, DWORD, INT, DINT, REAL, SINT, USINT, UINT, UDINT, OUT must be type REAL.

Example in IL:

```
LD  2
EXP
ST  q (* Result is 7.389056099 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
q:=EXP(2);
```

Example in FBD:



9.10.6 SIN

PLC Designer IEC operator: Returns the sine of a number. The input value IN is calculated in arch minutes. It can be type BYTE, WORD, DWORD, INT, DINT, REAL, SINT, USINT, UINT, UDINT. OUT must be type REAL.

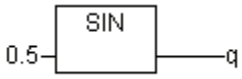
Example in IL:

```
LD  0.5
SIN
ST  q  (* Result is 0.479426 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
q:=SIN(0.5);
```

Example in FBD:



9.10.7 COS

PLC Designer IEC operator: Returns the cosine of number. The result is calculated in arch minutes. IN can be type BYTE, WORD, DWORD, INT, DINT, REAL, SINT, USINT, UINT, UDINT, OUT must be type Typ REAL.

Example in IL:

```
LD  0.5
COS
ST  q  (* Result is 0.877583 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
q:=COS(0.5);
```

Example in FBD:



9.10.8 TAN

PLC Designer IEC operator: Returns the tangent of a number. The value is calculated in arch minutes. IN can be type BYTE, WORD, DWORD, INT, DINT, REAL, SINT, USINT, UINT, UDINT, OUT must be type REAL.

Example in IL:

```
LD  0.5
TAN
ST  q  (* Result is 0.546302 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
q:=TAN(0.5);
```

Example in FBD:



9.10.9 ASIN

PLC Designer IEC operator: Returns the arc sine (inverse function of sine) of a number. .

IN can be type BYTE, WORD, DWORD, INT, DINT, REAL, SINT, USINT, UINT, UDINT, OUT must be type REAL.

Example in IL:

```
LD  0.5
ASIN
ST  q  (* Result is 0.523599 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
q:=ASIN(0.5);
```

Example in FBD:



9.10.10 ACOS

»PLC Designer« IEC operator: Returns the arc cosine (inverse function of cosine) of a number. The value is calculated in arch minutes. IN can be type BYTE, WORD, DWORD, INT, DINT, REAL, SINT, USINT, UINT, UDINT, OUT must be type REAL.

Example in IL:

```
LD 0.5
ACOS
ST q  (* Result is 1.0472 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
q:=ACOS(0.5);
```

Example in FBD:



9.10.11 ATAN

PLC Designer IEC operator: Returns the arc tangent (inverse function of tangent) of a number. IN can be type BYTE, WORD, DWORD, INT, DINT, REAL, SINT, USINT, UINT, UDINT. The result OUT is calculated in arch minutes and must be type REAL.

Example in IL:

```
LD 0.5
ATAN
ST q  (* Result is 0.463648 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
q:=ATAN(0.5);
```

Example in FBD:



9.10.12 EXPT

PLC Designer IEC operator: Exponentiation of a variable with another variable:

```
OUT = IN1IN2.
```

IN1 and IN2 can be type BYTE, WORD, DWORD, INT, DINT, REAL, SINT, USINT, UINT, UDINT, OUT must be type REAL.

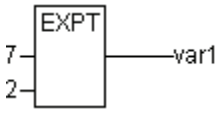
Example in IL:

```
LD 7
EXPT 2
ST var1 (* Result is 49 *)
```

Example in ST:

```
var1 := EXPT(7,2);
```

Example in FBD:



9.11 Initialization Operator

9.11.1 INI Operator

The INI operator can be used to initialize retain variables which are provided by a function block instance used in the POU.

The operator must be assigned to a boolean variable.

Syntax: <bool-Variable> := INI(<FB-instance, TRUE|FALSE)

If the second parameter of the operator is set to TRUE, all retain variables defined in the function block FB will be initialized.

Example in ST:

fbinst is the instance of function block fb, in which a retain variable retvar is defined.

Declaration in POU:

```
fbinst:fb;
b:bool;
```

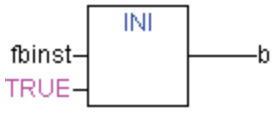
Implementation part:

```
b := INI(fbinst, TRUE);
ivar:=fbinst.retvar  (* => retvar gets initialized *)
```

Example of operator call in IL:

```
LD fbinst
INI TRUE
ST b
```

Example of operator call in FUP:



10 Operands in PLC Designer

In »PLC Designer« Constants, variables, addresses and possibly function calls can appear as operands.

10.1 Constants

10.1.1 BOOL Constants

BOOL constants are the logical values TRUE and FALSE.

10.1.2 TIME Constants

TIME constants can be declared in **PLC Designer**. These are generally used to operate the timer in the standard library. A TIME constant is always made up of an initial "t" or "T" (or "time" or "TIME" spelled out) and a number sign "#".

This is followed by the actual time declaration which can include days (identified by "d"), hours (identified by "h"), minutes (identified by "m"), seconds (identified by "s") and milliseconds (identified by "ms"). Please note that the time entries must be given in this order according to length (d before h before m before s before m before ms) but you are not required to include all time increments.

Examples of correct TIME constants in a ST assignment:

TIME1 := T#14ms;	
TIME1 := T#100S12ms;	(*The highest component may be allowed to exceed its limit*)
TIME1 := t#12h34m15s;	

the following would be incorrect:

TIME1 := t#5m68s;	(*limit exceeded in a lower component*)
TIME1 := 15ms;	(*T# is missing*)
TIME1 := t#4ms13d;	(*Incorrect order of entries*)

10.1.3 DATE Constants

These constants can be used to enter dates. A DATE constant is declared beginning with a "d", "D", "DATE" or "date" followed by "#". You can then enter any date with format Year-Month-Day.

Examples:

```
DATE#1996-05-06

d#1972-03-29
```

(see also chapter Datentypen, Time Data Types)

10.1.4 TIME_OF_DAY Constants

Use this type of constant to store times of the day. A TIME_OF_DAY declaration begins with "tod#", "TOD#", "TIME_OF_DAY#" or "time_of_day#" followed by a time with the format: Hour:Minute:Second. You can enter seconds as real numbers or you can enter fractions of a second.

Examples:

```
TIME_OF_DAY#15:36:30.123

tod#00:00:00
```

(see also chapter Datentypen, Time Data Types)

10.1.5 DATE_AND_TIME Constants

Date constants and the time of day can also be combined to form so-called DATE_AND_TIME constants. DATE_AND_TIME constants begin with "dt#", "DT#", "DATE_AND_TIME#" or "date_and_time#". Place a hyphen after the date followed by the time.

Examples:

```
DATE_AND_TIME#1996-05-06-15:36:30

dt#1972-03-29-00:00:00
```

(see also chapter Datentypen, Time Data Types)

10.1.6 Number Constants

Number values can appear as binary numbers, octal numbers, decimal numbers and hexadecimal numbers. If an integer value is not a decimal number, you must write its base followed by the number sign (#) in front of the integer constant. The values for the numbers 10-15 in hexadecimal numbers will be represented as always by the letters A-F.

You may include the underscore character within the number.

Examples:

14	(decimal number)
2#1001_0011	(dual number)
8#67	(octal number)
16#A	(hexadecimal number)

These number values can be from the variable types BYTE, WORD, DWORD, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT, UDINT, REAL or LREAL.

Implicit conversions from "larger" to "smaller" variable types are not permitted. This means that a DINT variable cannot simply be used as an INT variable. You must use the type conversion.

10.1.7 REAL/LREAL Constants

REAL and LREAL constants can be given as decimal fractions and represented exponentially. Use the standard American format with the decimal point to do this.

Example:

```
7.4 instead of 7,4

1.64e+009 instead of 1,64e+009
```

10.1.8 STRING Constants

A string is a sequence of characters. STRING constants are preceded and followed by single quotation marks. You may also enter blank spaces and special characters (umlauts for instance). They will be treated just like all other characters.

In character sequences, the combination of the dollar sign ($) followed by two hexadecimal numbers is interpreted as a hexadecimal representation of the eight bit character code. In addition, the combination of two characters that begin with the dollar sign are interpreted as shown below when they appear in a character sequence:

$$	Dollar signs
$'	Single quotation mark
$L or $l	Line feed
$N or $n	New line
$P or $p	Page feed
$R or $r	Line break
$T or $t	Tab

Examples:

```
'w1Wüß?'

' Abby and Craig '

':-)'
```

10.1.9 Typed Literals

Basically, in using IEC constants, the smallest possible data type will be used. If another data type must be used, this can be achieved with the help of typed literals without the necessity of explicitly declaring the constants. For this, the constant will be provided with a prefix which determines the type.

This is written as follows: <Type>#<Literal>

<Type> specifies the desired data type; possible entries are: BOOL, SINT, USINT, BYTE, INT, UINT, WORD, DINT, UDINT, DWORD, REAL, LREAL. The type must be written in uppercase letters.

<Literal> specifies the constant. The data entered must fit within the data type specified under <Type>.

Example:

```
var1:=DINT#34;
```

If the constant can not be converted to the target type without data loss, an error message is issued:

Typed literals can be used wherever normal constants can be used.

10.2 Variables

Variables can be declared either locally in the declaration part of a POU or in a global variable list.

Note!

In a project you can define a local variable which has the same name like a global variable. In this case within a POU the locally defined variable will be used. It is not allowed however to name two global variables identically. For example you will get a compiler error,if you have defined a variable "var1" in the PLC Configuration as well as in a global variables list.

The variable identifier may not contain any blank spaces or special characters, may not be declared more than once and cannot be the same as any of the keywords. Capitalization is not recognized which means that VAR1, Var1, and var1 are all the same variable. The underscore character is recognized in identifiers (e.g., "A_BCD" and "AB_CD" are considered two different identifiers). An identifier may not have more than one underscore character in a row. The length of the identifier, as well as the meaningful part of it, are unlimited.

Variables can be used anywhere the declared type allows for them.

You can access available variables through the Input Assistant.

10.2.1 System Flags

System flags are implicitly declared variables that are different on each specific PLC. To find out which system flags are available in your system, use the command '**Insert' 'Operand'** An Input Assistant dialog box pops up, select the category **System Variable**.

10.2.2 Accessing variables for arrays, structures and POUs.

Two-dimensional array components can be accessed using the following syntax:

```
<Fieldname>[Index1, Index2]
```

Structure variables can be accessed using the following syntax:

```
<Structurename>.<Variablenname>
```

Function block and program variables can be accessed using the following syntax:

```
<Functionblockname>.<Variablename>
```

10.2.3 Addressing bits in variables

In integer variables individual bits can be accessed. For this, the index of the bit to be addressed is appended to the variable, separated by a dot. The bit-index can be given by any constant. Indexing is 0-based.

Note!

Bitaccess in Direct variables is not allowed.

Example:

```
a : INT;
b : BOOL;
...
a.2 := b;
```

The third bit of the variable a will be set to the value of the variable b.

If the index is greater than the bit width of the variable, the following error message is issued: Index '<n>' outside the valid range for variable '<var>'!

Bit addressing is possible with the following variable types: SINT, INT, DINT, USINT, UINT, UDINT, BYTE, WORD, DWORD.

If the variable type does not allow it, the following error message is issued: "Invalid data type '<type>' for direct indexing"

A bit access must not be assigned to a VAR_IN_OUT variable!

Bitaccess via a global constant:

If you have declared a global constant, which defines the bit-index, you can use this constant for a bitaccess.

Note!

The project option 'Replace constants' (category Build) must be activated !

See in the following examples for such a bitaccess on a variable resp. a structure variable:

Declaration in global variables list for both examples:

Variable enable defines which bit should be accessed:

```
VAR_GLOBAL CONSTANT
enable:int:=2;
END_VAR
```

Example 1, Bitaccess on an integer variable:

Declaration in POU:

```
VAR
xxx:int;
END_VAR
```

Bitaccess:

xxx.enable:=true; -> the third bit in variable xxx will be set TRUE

Example 2, Bitaccess on an integer structure component:

Declaration of structure stru1:

```
TYPE stru1 :
STRUCT
bvar:BOOL;
rvar:REAL;
wvar:WORD;
{bitaccess enable 42 'Start drive'}
END_STRUCT
END_TYPE
```

Declaration in POU:

```
VAR
x:stru1;
END_VAR
```

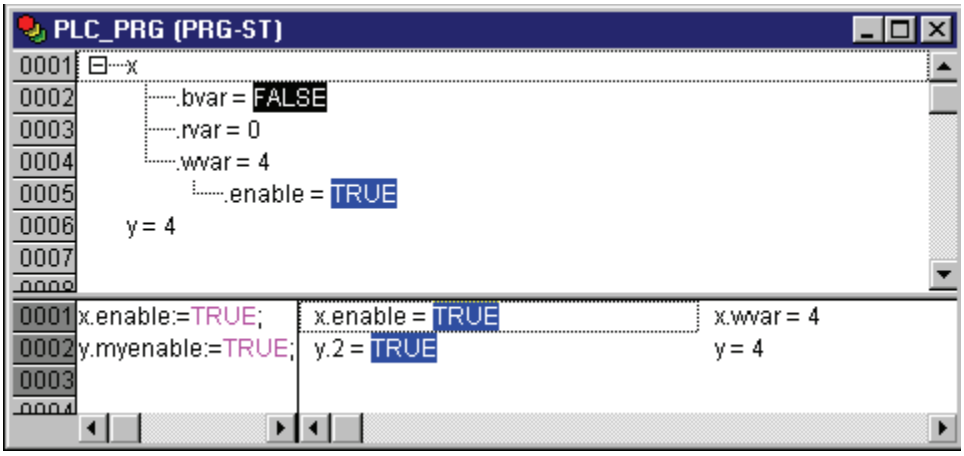
Bitaccess:

x.enable:=true;

This will set TRUE the 42. bit in variable x. Since bvar has 8 bits and rvar has 32 bits, the bitaccess will be done on the second bit of variable wvar, which as a result will get value 4.

Stop!

If a variable, which does a bitaccess on a structure variable with the aid of a global constant, should be displayed correctly in the input assistant, at monitoring in the declaration window and in the intellisense function. please use **pragma {bitaccess}** which is shown in the example. Then in addition you get displayed the global constant beyond the respective structure variable during monitoring in the declaration window:



10.3 Addresses

10.3.1 Adresses, Note

Stop!

Online Change might change the contents on addresses. Please regard this when using pointers on addresses !

10.3.2 Address

The direct display of individual memory locations is done through the use of special character sequences. These sequences are a concatenation of the percent sign "%", a range prefix, a prefix for the size and one or more natural numbers separated by blank spaces.

The following range prefixes are supported:

I	Input
Q	Output
M	Memory location

The following size prefixes are supported:

X	Single bit
None	Single bit
B	Byte (8 Bits)
W	Word (16 Bits)
D	Double word (32 Bits)

Examples:

%QX7.5 and %Q7.5	Output bit 7.5
%IW215	Input word 215
%QB7	Output byte 7
%MD48	Double word in memory position 48 in the memory location.
%IW2.5.7.1	depending on the PLC Configuration
ivar AT %IW0 : WORD;	Example of a variable declaration including an address assignment

The current PLC Configuration for the program determines whether or not an address is valid.

Note!

Boolean values will be allocated bytewise, if no explicit single-bit address is specified. Example: A change in the value of varbool1 AT %QW0 affects the range from QX0.0 to QX0.7.

Stop!

Online Change might change the contents on addresses. Please regard this when using pointers on addresses !

see also chapter IEC Operators and additional norm extending functions, address operators

10.3.3 Memory location

You can use any supported size to access the memory location.

For example, the address %MD48 would address bytes numbers 192, 193, 194, and 195 in the memory location area (48 * 4 = 192). The number of the first byte is 0.

You can access words, bytes and even bits in the same way: the address %MX5.0 allows you to access the first bit in the fifth word (Bits are generally saved wordwise).

Stop!

Online Change might change the contents on addresses. Please regard this when using pointers on addresses !

see also chapter IEC Operators and additional norm extending functions, address operators

10.4 Functions

In ST a function call can also appear as an operand.

Example:

```
Result := Fct(7) + 3;
```

TIME()-Function

This function returns the time (based on milliseconds) which has been passed since the system was started.

The data type is TIME.

Example in IL:

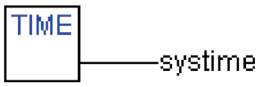
```
TIME

ST systime  (* Result e.g.: T#35m11s342ms *)
```

Example in ST:

```
systime:=TIME();
```

Example in FUP:



11 Data types in PLC Designer

11.1 Standard data types

11.1.1 Data types

You can use standard data types and user-defined data types when programming. Each identifier is assigned to a data type which dictates how much memory space will be reserved and what type of values it stores.

11.1.2 BOOL

BOOL type variables may be given the values TRUE and FALSE. 8 bits of memory space will be reserved.

see also chapter Operands in CoDeSys, BOOL constants

11.1.3 Integer Data Types

BYTE, **WORD**, **DWORD**, **SINT**, **USINT**, **INT**, **UINT**, **DINT**, and **UDINT** are all integer data types

Each of the different number types covers a different range of values. The following range limitations apply to the integer data types:

Type	Lower limit	Upper limit	Memory space
BYTE	0	255	8 Bit
WORD	0	65535	16 Bit
DWORD	0	4294967295	32 Bit
SINT:	-128	127	8 Bit
USINT:	0	255	8 Bit
INT:	-32768	32767	16 Bit
UINT:	0	65535	16 Bit
DINT:	-2147483648	2147483647	32 Bit
UDINT:	0	4294967295	32 Bit

As a result when larger types are converted to smaller types, information may be lost.

see also chapter Operands in CoDeSys, Number constants

11.1.4 REAL / LREAL

REAL and **LREAL** are so-called floating-point types. They are required to represent rational numbers. 32 bits of memory space is reserved for REAL and 64 bits for LREAL.

Valid values for REAL: 1.175494351e-38 to 3.402823466e+38

Valid values for LREAL: 2.2250738585072014e-308 to 1.7976931348623158e+308

see also F: REAL-/LREAL constants

11.1.5 STRING

A **STRING** type variable can contain any string of characters. The size entry in the declaration determines how much memory space should be reserved for the variable. It refers to the number of characters in the string and can be placed in parentheses or square brackets. If no size specification is given, the default size of 80 characters will be used.

The string lenght basically is not limited in »PLC Designer«, but string functions only can process strings of 1 - 255 characters !

Example of a String Declaration with 35 characters:

```
str:STRING(35):='This is a String';
```

see also chapter Operands in CoDeSys, STRING constants

11.1.6 Time Data Types

The data types **TIME**, **TIME_OF_DAY** (abb. **TOD**), **DATE** and **DATE_AND_TIME** (abb. **DT**) are handled internally like DWORD.

Time is given in milliseconds in TIME and TOD, time in TOD begins at 12:00 A.M.

Time is given in seconds in DATE and DT beginning with January 1, 1970 at 12:00 A.M.

See in the following the time data formats used to assign values for time constants:

TIME constants:

always made up of an initial "t" or "T" (or "time" or "TIME" spelled out) and a number sign "#".

This is followed by the actual time declaration which can include days (identified by "d"), hours (identified by "h"), minutes (identified by "m"), seconds (identified by "s") and milliseconds (identified by "ms"). Please note that the time entries must be given in this order according to length (d before h before m before s before m before ms) but you are not required to include all time increments.

Maximum value: 49d17h2m47s295ms (4194967295 ms)

Examples of correct TIME constants in a ST assignment:

TIME1 := T#14ms;	
TIME1 := T#100S12ms;	(*The highest component may be allowed to exceed its limit*)
TIME1 := t#12h34m15s;	

the following would be incorrect:

TIME1 := t#5m68s;	(*limit exceeded in a lower component*)
TIME1 := 15ms;	(*T# is missing*)
TIME1 := t#4ms13d;	(*Incorrect order of entries*)

DATE Constants:

A date constant begins with a "d", "D", "DATE" or "date" followed by "#". You can then enter any date with format Year-Month-Day. Possible values: 1970-00-00 to 2106-02-06.

Examples:

```
DATE#1996-05-06

d#1972-03-29
```

TIME_OF_DAY Constants, for storing times of the day:

begin with "tod#", "TOD#", "TIME_OF_DAY#" or "time_of_day#" followed by a time with the format: Hour:Minute:Second. Seconds can be entered as real numbers or you can enter fractions of a second. Possible values: 00:00:00 bis 23:59:59.999.

Examples:

```
TIME_OF_DAY#15:36:30.123

tod#00:00:00
```

DATE_AND_TIME Constants, combination of date and the time of day:

begin with "dt#", "DT#", "DATE_AND_TIME#" or "date_and_time#". Place a hyphen after the date followed by the time. Possible values: 1970-00-00-00:00:00 to 2106-02-06-06:28:15.

Examples:

```
DATE_AND_TIME#1996-05-06-15:36:30

dt#1972-03-29-00:00:00
```

11.2 Defined data types

11.2.1 ARRAY

One-, two-, and three-dimensional fields (arrays) are supported as elementary data types. Arrays can be defined both in the declaration part of a POU and in the global variable lists. Maximum 9 dimensions may result from nesting of arrays ("ARRAY[0..2] OF ARRAY[0..3] OF ...").

Syntax:

```
<Field_Name>:ARRAY [<ll1>..<ul1>,<ll2>..<ul2>] OF <elem.
Type>.
```

ll1, ll2, ll3 identify the lower limit of the field range; ul1, ul2 and ul3 identify the upper limit. The limit values must be integers and must match the DINT value range.

Example:

```
Card_game: ARRAY [1..13, 1..4] OF INT;
```

Initializing Arrays:

Example for complete initialization of an array:

```
arr1 : ARRAY [1..5] OF INT := 1,2,3,4,5;

arr2 : ARRAY [1..2,3..4] OF INT := 1,3(7); (* short for
1,7,7,7 *)

arr3 : ARRAY [1..2,2..3,3..4] OF INT := 2(0),4(4),2,3;

       (* short for 0,0,4,4,4,4,2,3 *)
```

Example of the initialization of an array of a structure:

```
TYPE STRUCT1

STRUCT

p1:int;

p2:int;

p3:dword;

END_STRUCT

ARRAY[1..3] OF STRUCT1:=
(p1:=1,p2:=10,p3:=4723),(p1:=2,p2:=0,p3:=299),
(p1:=14,p2:=5,p3:=112);
```

Example of the partial initialization of an Array:

```
arr1 : ARRAY [1..10] OF INT := 1,2;
```

Elements to which no value is pre-assigned are initialized with the default initial value of the basic type. In the example above, the elements anarray[6] to anarray[10] are therefore initialized with 0.

Accessing array components:

Array components are accessed in a two-dimensional array using the following syntax:

```
<Field_Name>[Index1,Index2]
```

Example:

```
Card_game [9,2]
```

Note!

If you define a function in your project with the name CheckBounds, you can use it to check for range overflows in your project (see chapter 'What is what in »PLC Designer«', 'Components of a project', 'Function')

11.2.2 Function CheckBounds

If you define a function in your project with the name **CheckBounds**, you can automatically check for out-of-range errors in arrays. The name of the function is fixed and can only have this designation.

Example for the function CheckBounds:

```
FUNCTION CheckBounds : DINT
VAR_INPUT
 index, lower, upper: DINT;
END_VAR

IF  index < lower THEN
 CheckBounds := lower;
ELSIF  index > upper THEN
 CheckBounds := upper;
ELSE  CheckBounds := index;
END_IF
```

The following sample program for testing the CheckBounds function exceeds the bounds of a defined array. The CheckBounds function allows the value TRUE to be assigned, not to location A[10], but to the still valid range boundary A[7] above it. With the CheckBounds function, references outside of array boundaries can thus be corrected.

Test Program for the function CheckBounds:

```
PROGRAM PLC_PRG
VAR
 a: ARRAY[0..7] OF BOOL;
 b: INT:=10;
END_VAR

a[b]:=TRUE;
```

Stop!

The CheckBounds-function provided by the Check.Lib library is just a sample solution! Before using that library module check whether the function is working in your sense, or implement an appropriate function directly as a POU in your project.

11.2.3 Pointer

Variable or function block addresses are saved in pointers while a program is running.

Pointer declarations have the following syntax:

```
<Identifier>: POINTER TO <Datatype/Functionblock>;
```

A pointer can point to any data type or function block even to user-defined types.

The function of the Address Operator ADR is to assign the address of a variable or function block to the pointer.

A pointer can be dereferenced by adding the content operator "^" after the pointer identifier.

Note!

A pointer is counted up byte-wise ! You can get it counted up like it is usual in the C-Compiler by using the instruction p=p+SIZEOF(p^);.

Example:

```
pt:POINTER TO INT;

var_int1:INT := 5;

var_int2:INT;

pt := ADR(var_int1);

var_int2:= pt^; (* var_int2 is now 5 *)
```

Checking pointer accesses at runtime

For checking pointer accesses during runtime you can create check functions, which will be called automatically before each access on the address of a pointer. For this purpose the respective function must be available in the project, directly or via a library. The following functions are supported:

- Function **CheckPointer**: checks whether the address currently stored at the pointer is within the valid memory range,
- Function **CheckPointerAligned**: implicates the functionality of CheckPointer and additionally checks the memory alignment.

The functions must exactly have the mentioned names. They return the address which is used for dereferencing the pointer, thus at best that which has been passed on as the first input parameter *(dwAddress* in the example shown below).

See in the following example of a CheckPointerAligned function, which input parameters are processed. The parameter names are examples too. A CheckPointer function must look the same, except that there may be no parameter for the granularity of the pointer access:

```
FUNCTION CheckPointerAligned    (* The data type of the
: DWORD                         function (return value) must
                                be the same as used for
                                pointers in the currently set
                                target system; i.e. DWORD for
                                systems using 32-bit
                                pointers,  WORD for systems
                                using 16-bit pointers *)

VAR_INPUT

 dwAddress : DWORD;             (* Target address of the
                                pointer; the data type must
                                be the same as used for
                                pointers in the currently set
                                target system, see above:
                                return value *)
```

```
 iSize : DINT;                    (* Size of pointer access;
                                  the data type must be
                                  integer-compatible and must
                                  cover the maximum potential
                                  data size stored at the
                                  pointer address *)

 iGran : DINT;                    (* ! not to be used in CheckPointer functions !
                                  :
                                  Granularity of the access,
                                  e.g. "2", if INT is the
                                  smallest not-structured
                                  datatype used on the given
                                  address; the data type must
                                  be integer-compatible *)

 bWrite: BOOL;                    (*Access type: Read or Write;
                                  TRUE=read access; the data
                                  type must be BOOL *)

END_VAR
```

If there are a CheckPointer function and a CheckPointerAligned function in the project, CheckPointerAligned will be called.

11.2.4 Enumeration

Enumeration is a user-defined data type that is made up of a number of string constants. These constants are referred to as enumeration values.

Enumeration values are recognized in all areas of the project even if they were declared within a POU. It is best to create your enumerations as objects in the Object Organizer under the register card **Data types**. They begin with the keyword TYPE and end with END_TYPE.

Syntax:

```
TYPE <Identifier>:(<Enum_0> ,<Enum_1>, ...,<Enum_n>);

END_TYPE
```

A variable of the type <Identifier> can take on one of the enumeration values and will be initialized with the first one. These values are compatible with whole numbers which means that you can perform operations with them just as you would with INT. You can assign a number x to the variable. If the enumeration values are not initialized, counting will begin with 0. When initializing, make certain the initial values are increasing. The validity of the number will be reviewed at the time it is run.

Example:

```
TYPE TRAFFIC_SIGNAL: (Red, Yellow, Green:=10); (*The initial
value for each of the colors is red 0, yellow 1, green 10 *)

END_TYPE

TRAFFIC_SIGNAL1 : TRAFFIC_SIGNAL;

TRAFFIC_SIGNAL1:=0; (* The value of the traffic signal is
red*)

FOR i:= Red TO Green DO

 i := i + 1;

END_FOR;
```

The same enumeration value may not be used twice within an enumeration or within all enumerations used in the same POU.

Example:

```
TRAFFIC_SIGNAL: (red, yellow, green);

COLOR: (blue, white, red);

Error: red may not be used for both TRAFFIC_SIGNAL and
COLOR.
```

11.2.5 Structures

Structures are created as objects in the Object Organizer under the register card **Data types**. They begin with the keywords TYPE and STRUCT and end with END_STRUCT and END_TYPE.

The syntax for structure declarations is as follows:

```
TYPE <Structurename>:
STRUCT
 <Declaration of Variables 1>
 .
 .
 <Declaration of Variables n>
END_STRUCT
END_TYPE
```

<Structurename> is a type that is recognized throughout the project and can be used like a standard data type.

Interlocking structures are allowed. The only restriction is that variables may not be placed at addresses (the AT declaration is not allowed!).

Example for a structure definition named Polygonline:

```
TYPE Polygonline:
STRUCT
 Start:ARRAY [1..2] OF INT;
 Point1:ARRAY [1..2] OF INT;
 Point2:ARRAY [1..2] OF INT;
 Point3:ARRAY [1..2] OF INT;
 Point4:ARRAY [1..2] OF INT;
 End:ARRAY [1..2] OF INT;
END_STRUCT
END_TYPE
```

Example for the initialization of a structure:

```
Poly_1:polygonline := ( Start:=3,3, Point1 =5,2,
Point2:=7,3, Point3:=8,5, Point4:=5,7, End := 3,5);
```

Initializations with variables are not possible. See an example of the initialization of an array of a structure under 'Arrays'.

Access on structure components:

You can gain access to structure components using the following syntax:

```
<Structure_Name>.<Componentname>
```

So for the above mentioned example of the structure 'polygonline' you can access the component 'start' by `Poly_1.Start`.

11.2.6 References

You can use the user-defined reference data type to create an alternative name for a variable, constant or function block.

Create your references as objects in the Object Organizer under the register card **Data types**. They begin with the keyword TYPE and end with END_TYPE.

Syntax:

```
TYPE <Identifier>: <Assignment term>;
END_TYPE
```

Example:

```
TYPE message:STRING[50];

END_TYPE;
```

11.2.7 Subrange types

A subrange type is a type whose range of values is only a subset of that of the basic type. The declaration can be carried out in the data types register, but a variable can also be directly declared with a subrange type:

Syntax for the declaration in the 'Data types' register:

```
TYPE <Name> : <Inttype> (<ug>..<og>) END_TYPE;
```

<Name>	must be a valid IEC identifier,
<Inttype>	is one of the data types SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT, UDINT, BYTE, WORD, DWORD (LINT, ULINT, LWORD).
<ug>	Is a constant which must be compatible with the basic type and which sets the lower boundary of the range types. The lower boundary itself is included in this range.
<og>	Is a constant that must be compatible with the basic type, and sets the upper boundary of the range types. The upper boundary itself is included in this basic type.

Examples:

```
TYPE
 SubInt : INT (-4095..4095);
END_TYPE
```

Direct declaration of a variable with a subrange type:

```
VAR
 i : INT (-4095..4095);
 ui : UINT (0..10000);
END_VAR
```

If a constant is assigned to a subrange type (in the declaration or in the implementation) that does not fall into this range (e.g. 1:=5000), an error message is issued.

In order to check for observance of range boundaries at runtime, the functions **CheckRangeSigned** or **CheckRangeUnsigned** must be introduced. In these, boundary violations can be captured by the appropriate method and means (e.g. the value can be cut out or an error flag can be set.). They are implicitly called as soon as a variable is written as belonging to a subrange type constructed from either a signed or an unsigned type.

Example:

In the case of a variable belonging to a signed subrange type (like i, above), the function CheckRangeSigned is called; it could be programmed as follows to trim a value to the permissible range:

```
FUNCTION CheckRangeSigned : DINT
VAR_INPUT
 value, lower, upper: DINT;
END_VAR
IF (value < lower) THEN
 CheckRangeSigned := lower;
ELSIF(value > upper) THEN
 CheckRangeSigned := upper;
ELSE
 CheckRangeSigned := value;
END_IF
```

In calling up the function automatically, the function name CheckRangeSigned is obligatory, as is the interface specification: return value and three parameters of type DINT

When called, the function is parameterized as follows:

- **value:** the value to be assigned to the range type
- **lower:** the lower boundary of the range
- **upper:** the upper boundary of the range
- **Return value:** this is the value that is actually assigned to the range type

An assignment i:=10*y implicitly produces the following in this example:

```
i := CheckRangeSigned(10*y, -4095, 4095);
```

Even if y for example has the value 1000, then i still has only the value 4095 after this assignment.

The same applies to the function CheckRangeUnsigned: function name and interface must be correct.

```
FUNCTION CheckRangeUnsigned : UDINT
VAR_INPUT
 value, lower, upper: UDINT;
END_VAR
```

Stop!

If neither of the functions CheckRangeSigned or CheckRangeUnsigned is present, no type checking of subrange types occurs during runtime! The variable i could then take on any value between –32768 and 32767 at any time!

If neither of the functions CheckRangeSigned or CheckRangeUnsigned is present like described above, there can result an endless loop if a subrange type is used in a **FOR** loop. This will happen when the range given for the FOR loop is as big or bigger than the range of the subrange type !

The CheckRangeSigned-function provided with the Check.Lib library is just a sample solution! Before using the library module check whether the function is working as requested for your project, or implement an appropriate CheckRange-function directly as a POU in the project.

Example:

```
VAR
 ui : UINT (0..10000);
END_VAR
FOR ui:=0 TO 10000 DO
...
END_FOR
```

The FOR loop will never be finished, because ui cannot get bigger than 10000.

Also take care of the definition of the CheckRange functions when you define the incremental value of a FOR loop !

12 Operators and Library Modules Overview

The table shown below shows an overview on the **operators**, which are available in »PLC Designer« resp. in the libraries **Standard.lib** and **Util.lib**. You find there the notation for ST and IL. For IL also the supported modificators are listed.

Take note that for the 'IL operator' column: Only the line in which the operator is used will be displayed. A prerequisite is that the (first) required operand have been successfully loaded in the preceding line (e.g. LD in).

The '**Mod. IL**' column shows the possible modifiers in IL:

C	The command is only executed if the result of the preceding expression is TRUE.
N	for JMPC, CALC, RETC: The command is only executed if the result of the preceding expression is FALSE.
N	otherwise: negation of the operand (not of the accumulator)
(	Operator enclosed in brackets: only after the closing bracket is reached will the operation preceding the brackets be carried out.

Please obtain a detailed description of usage from the appropriate Appendices concerning IEC operators integrated into »PLC Designer« resp. the libraries.

Operators in »PLC Designer«:

in ST	in AWL	Mod. AWL	Description
'			String delimiters (e.g. 'string1')
.. **[ ]**			Size of Array range (e.g. ARRAY[0..3] OF INT)
:			Delimiter between Operand and Type in a declaration (e.g. var1 : INT;)
;			Termination of instruction (e.g. a:=var1;)
^			Dereferenced Pointer (e.g. pointer1^)
	LD var1	N	Load value of var1 in buffer
:=	**ST var1**	N	Store actual result to var1
	S boolvar		Set boolean operand boolvar exactly then to TRUE, when the actual result is TRUE
	R boolvar		Set boolean operand boolvar exactly then to FALSE, when the actual result is TRUE
	JMP label	**CN**	Jump to label
<Program name>	**CAL** prog1	**CN**	Call program prog1
<Instance name>	**CAL** inst1	**CN**	Call function block instance inst1
<Fctname>(vx, vy,..)	**<Fctname> vx, vy**	**CN**	Call function fctname and transmit variables vx, vy
RETURN	**RET**	CN	Leave POU and go back to caller

in ST	in AWL	Mod. AWL	Description
	(		The value following the bracket is handled as operand, the operation before the bracket is not executed before the expression in the brackets.
	)		Now execute the operation which has been set back
AND	**AND**	N,(	Bitwise AND
OR	**OR**	N,(	Bitwise OR
XOR	**XOR**	N,(	Bitwise exclusive OR
NOT	**NOT**		Bitweise NOT
+	**ADD**	(	Addition
-	**SUB**	(	Subtraction
*****	**MUL**	(	Multiplication
/	**DIV**	(	Division
>	**GT**	(	Greater than
>=	**GE**	(	Greater or equal
=	**EQ**	(	Equal
<>	**NE**	(	Not equal
<=	**LE**	(	Less or equal
<	**LT**	(	Less than
MOD(in)	**MOD**		Modulo Division
INDEXOF(in)	**INDEXOF**		Internal index of POU in1; [INT]
SIZEOF(in)	**SIZEOF**		Number of bytes required for the given data type of in
SHL(K,in)	**SHL**		Bitwise left-shift of operator in by K
SHR(K,in)	**SHR**		Bitwise right-shift of operator in by K
ROL(K,in)	**ROL**		Bitwise rotation to the left of operator in by K
ROR(K,in)	**ROR**		Bitwise rotation to the right of operator in by K
SEL(G,in0,in1)	**SEL**		Binary selection between 2 operands in0 (G is FALSE) and in1 (G is TRUE)
MAX(in0,in1)	**MAX**		Returns the greater of 2 values
MIN(in0,in1)	**MIN**		Returns the lesser of 2 values in0 and in1
LIMIT(MIN,in,Max)	**LIMIT**		Limits the value range (in is set back to MIN or MAX in case of exceeding the range)

in ST	in AWL	Mod. AWL	Description
MUX(K,in0,...in_n)	**MUX**		Selecti the Kth value out of a group of values (in0 to In_n)
ADR(in)	**ADR**		Address of the operand in [DWORD]
ADRINST()	**ADRINST**()		Address of the function block instance from which you are calling that operator.
BITADR(in)	**BITADR**		Bitoffset of the operand in [DWORD]
BOOL_TO_<type>(in)	**BOOL_TO_<type>**		Type conversion of the boolean operand
<type>_TO_BOOL(in)	**<type>_TO_BOOL**		Type conversion to BOOL
INT_TO_<type>(in)	**INT_TO_<type>**		Type conversion of an INT Operand to another elementary type
REAL_TO_<type>(in)	**REAL_TO_<type>**		Type conversion of an REAL operand to another elementary type
LREAL_TO_<type>(in)	**LREAL_TO_<type>**		Type conversion of a LREAL operand to another elementary type
TIME_TO_<type>(in)	**TIME_TO_<type>**		Type conversion of a TIME operand to another elementary type
TOD_TO_<type>(in)	**TOD_TO__<type>**		Type conversion of a TOD operand to another elementary type
DATE_TO_<type>(in)	**DATE_TO_<type>**		Type conversion of a DATE operand to another elementary type
DT_TO_<type>(in)	**DT_TO_<type>**		Type conversion of a DT operand to another elementary type
STRING_TO_<type>(in)	**STRING_TO_<type>**		Type conversion of a string operand to another elementary type, in must contain valid value of desired type
TRUNC(in)	**TRUNC**		Conversion from REAL to INT
ABS(in)	**ABS**		Absolute value of operand in
SQRT(in)	**SQRT**		Square root of operand in
LN(in)	**LN**		Natural logarithm of operand in
LOG(in)	**LOG**		Logarithm of operand in, base 10
EXP(in)	**EXP**		Exponential function of operand in
SIN(in)	**SIN**		Sine of operand in
COS(in)	**COS**		Cosine of operand in
TAN(in)	**TAN**		Tangent of operand in
ASIN(in)	**ASIN**		Arc sine of operand in
ACOS(in)	**ACOS**		Arc cosine of operand in
ATAN(in)	**ATAN**		Arc tangent of operand in
EXPT(in,expt)	**EXPT** expt		Exponentation of operand in with expt

Elements of the Standard.lib:

in ST	in AWL	Description
LEN(in)	**LEN**	String length of operand in
LEFT(str,size)	**LEFT**	Left inital string of given size of string str
RIGHT(str,size)	**RIGHT**	Right initial string of given size of string str
MID(str,size,pos)	**MID**	Partial string of str of given size at position pos
CONCAT('str1','str2')	**CONCAT** 'str2'	Concatenation of two subsequent strings
INSERT('str1','str2',pos)	**INSERT** 'str2',p	Insert string str1 in String str2 at position pos
DELETE('str1',len,pos)	**DELETE** len,pos	Delete partial string (length len), start at position pos of str1
REPLACE('str1','str2',len,pos)	**REPLACE** 'str2',len,pos	Replace partial string of lenght len by str2, start at position pos of str1
FIND('str1','str2')	**FIND** 'str2'	Search for partial string str2 in str1
SR	**SR**	Bistable FB is set dominant
RS	**RS**	Bistable FB is set back
SEMA	**SEMA**	FB: Software Semaphor (interruptable)
R_TRIG	**R_TRIG**	FB: rising edge is detected
F_TRIG	**F_TRIG**	FB: falling edge is detected
CTU	**CTU**	FB: Counts upv
CTD	**CTD**	FB: Counts down
CTUD	**CTUD**	FB: Counts up and down
TP	**TP**	FB: trigger
TON	**TON**	FB: Timer On-Delay
TOF	**TOF**	FB: Timer Off-Delay
RTC	**RTC**	FB: Real Time Clock

Elements of the Util.lib:

BCD_TO_INT	Conversion of a Byte: BCD to INT format
INT_TO_BCD	Converstion of a Byte: INT to BCD format
EXTRACT(in,n)	The n-th bit of DWORD in is returned in BOOl
PACK	Up to 8 bits are packed into a byte
PUTBIT	A bit of a DWORD is set to a certain value
UNPACK	A Byte is returned as single bits
DERIVATIVE	Local derivation
INTEGRAL	Integral
LIN_TRAFO	Transformation of REAL values
STATISTICS_INT	Min.,Max, Average values in INT format
STATISTICS_REAL	Min.,Max, Average in REAL format
VARIANCE	Variance
PD	PD controller
PID	PID controller
BLINK	Pulsating signal
FREQ_MEASURE	Measuring frequency of boolean input signal
GEN	Periodic functions
CHARCURVE	linear functions
RAMP_INT	Limiting ascendance of descendance of the function beeing fed (INT)
RAMP_REAL	Limiting ascendance of descendance of the function beeing fed (REAL)
HYSTERESIS	Hysteresis
LIMITALARM	Watches whether input value exceeds limits of a defined range

13 Command Line-/Command File

13.1 Command Line Commands

When »PLC Designer« is started, you can add commands in the command line which will be asserted during execution of the program. These commands start with a "/". Capitalization/Use of small letters is not regarded. The commands will be executed sequentially from the left to the right.

/online	Immediately after start »PLC Designer« tries to go online with the current project.
/run	After login »PLC Designer« starts the application program. Only valid in combination with /online.
/batch	»PLC Designer« starts without user interface and returns the error code of the first error resp. the return value of the first command which is terminated with a warning. »PLC Designer« will terminate immediately after the command file has been processed. The processing of the command file will be aborted as soon as the first command is processed with an error. Warnings do not terminate the processing. If neither errors nor warnings occur, the return value is S_OK.
/show ...	Settings for the PLC Designer frame window can be made.
/show hide	The window will not be displayed, it also will not be represented in the task menu.
/show icon	The window will be minimized in display.
/show max	The window will be maximized in display.
/show normal	The window will be displayed in the same status as it was during the last closing.
/out <outfile>	All messages are displayed in the message window and additionally are written in the file <outfile>.
/noinfo	No splash screen at start of »PLC Designer«
/userlevel <group>	Definition of the user group (e.g. "/userlevel 0" for user group 0)
/password <password>	Direct input of the user group password (e.g. "/password abc")
/openfromplc	The project which is currently available on the connected target system, will be loaded.
/visudownload	If CoDeSys HMI is started with a project, which does not match with the project currently available on the target system, a download will be offered. (Dialog, to be closed with YES or NO).
/notargetchange	A change of the target system only can be done via a command file. See chapter command "target... ".
/targetfile <file>.trg	A target description file (*.trg) can be specified. So the already installed targets will not be regarded when »PLC Designer« is started. The commands 'File' 'New', File' 'New from template...', 'File' 'Open...' and the list of recently opened projects will not be available. Additionally the selection list in the target settings configuration dialog will not usable.

/targetfilenosaveas <file>.trg	In addition to the effects described for the "/targetfile" option, see above, also the menu command 'File' 'Save as...' will not be available.
/cmd <cmdfile>	After starting the commands of the <cmdfile> get executed.

Regard the following syntax for a command line:

"<Path of PLC Designer-exe-file>" "<Path of the project>" /<command1> /<command2> ....

Example for a command line:

The project ampel.pro gets opened, but no window opens. The commands included in the command file command.cmd will be executed.

```
"D:\dir1\plcdesigner" "C:\projects\ampel.pro" /show hide
/cmd command.cmd
```

13.2 Command File (cmdfile) Commands

See the following table for a list of commands, which can be used in a command file (<cmdfile>). The command file you then can call by a command line (see above). There is no case sensitivity. The command line will be displayed as a message in the message window and can be given out in a message file (see below) except the command is prefixed by a "@".

All signs after a semicolon (;) will be ignored (comment). Parameters containing blanks must be embraced by quotation marks. Umlauts only may be used if the command file is created in ANSI code. Keywords can be used in the command parameters. A list of the keywords you find subsequent to the following tables of command descriptions.

Commands for controlling the subsequent commands:

onerror continue	The subsequent commands will be executed even if an error occurs.
onerror break	The subsequent commands will not be executed any more if an error has been detected.

Commands of the online menu:

online login	Login with the loaded project ('Online Login')
online logout	Logout ('Online' 'Logout')
online run	Start of the application program ('Online' 'Run')
online stop	Stop application program ('Online' 'Stop')
online bootproject	Creation of a boot project. This command can be applied in offline and online mode ! (See also description on command 'Online' 'Create boot project' !)

online sourcecodedownload	Download of the sourcecode of the project to the PLC ('Online' 'Sourcecode download')
online sim	Switch on of simulation mode 'Online' 'Simulation')
online sim off	Switch off of simulation mode ('Online' 'Simulation')

Commands of the file menu:

file new	A new project is created ('File' 'New')
file open <projectfile> possible additions:	The project <projectfile> will be loaded ('File' 'Open')
/readpwd:<readpassword>	The password for read access is given here so that no dialog asking for the password will appear when the read-protected project is opened.
/writepwd:<writepassword>	The password for full access is given here, so that no dialog asking for the password will appear when the project is openend.
file close	The current project will be closed ('File' 'Close')
file save	The current project will be stored ('File' 'Save')
file saveas <projectfile> optionally add: **<type><version>**	The current project will be saved with the file name <projectfile> ('File' 'Save as') Default: Project will be saved as <projectfile>.pro under the current PLC Designer version. If you want to save the project as an internal or external library or as project for an older PLC Designer version, add the respective command: Possible entries for <type>: "internallib" Save as internal library: "externallib" Save as external library: "pro" Save as project for older version: valid entries for <Version>: 15, 20, 21, 22 (product versions 1.5, 2.0, 2.1, 2.2) Example: "file save as lib_xy internallib22" -> The project "project xy.pro", which is created in the current PLC Designer Version will be saved as "lib_xy.lib" for V2.2.
file saveas <projectfile>	The current project will be saved with the file name <projectfile> ('File' 'Save as')
file printersetup <filename>.dfr optionally add: **pageperobject** or pagepersubject	Define a document frame file ('File' Printer setup') and optionally define one of the print options 'New page per object' or 'New page per subobject' ; these settings affect the printing of the document (project documentation, see below)
file archive <filename>.zip	The project will be archived in a zip-file with the given filename ('File' Save/Mail Archive')
file quit	»PLC Designer« will be closed ('File' 'Exit')

Commands of the project menu:

project build	The project that is loaded will be incrementally compiled ('Project' 'Build')
project rebuild or project compile	The project that is loaded will be compiled in full ('Project' 'Rebuild')
project clean	Compilation information and Online Change information in the current project will be deleted ('Project' 'Clean Project')
project check	The project that is loaded will be checked ('Project' 'Check all')
project compile	The current project will be compiled by "Rebuild all" ('Project' 'Rebuild all')
project check	The current project will be checked ('Project' 'Check')
project build	The current project will be built ('Projekt' 'Build')
project import <file1> ... <fileN>	The files <file1> ... <fileN> get imported into the current project ('Project' 'Import'). Regard: Wildcards can be used, e.g. "project import C:\projects*.exp" will import all files with extension *.exp found in directory C:\projects.
project export <expfile>	The current project will be exported in the file <expfile> ('Project' 'Export')
project expmul	Each object of the current project will be exported in an own file, which gets the name of the object.
project documentation	The entire project will be printed on the default printer ('Project' 'Documentation', see also above "file printersetup")

Commands for the control of the message file:

out open <msgfile>	The file <msgfile> opens as message file. New messages will be appended
out close	The currently shown message file will be closed.
out clear	All messages of the currently opened message file will be deleted.

Commands for the control of messages:

echo on	The command lines will be displayed as messages.
echo off	The command lines will not be displayed as messages.
echo <text>	<text> will be displayed in the message window.

Commands for the control of replace of objects respectively for the control of files for import, export, copy:

replace yesall	Replace all (any 'query on' command will be ignored; no dialogs will open)
replace noall	Replace none (any 'query on' command will be ignored; no dialogs will open)
replace query	If a 'query on' command is set, then a dialog will open regarding the replacing of the objects even if there is a 'replace yesall' or 'replace noall' command

Commands for the control of the default parameters of PLC Designer dialogs:

query on	Dialogs are displayed and need user input
query off ok	All dialogs respond as if the user had clicked on the 'OK' button
query off no	All dialogs respond as if the user had clicked on the 'No' button
query off cancel	All dialogs respond as if the user had clicked on the 'Cancel' button

Command for calling command files as subprograms:

call <parameter1> ... <parameter10>	Command files will be called as subprograms. Up to 10 parameters may be passed. In the file that is called, the parameters can be accessed with $0 - $9.
call <parameter1> ... <parameter10>	Command files are called as subroutines. Up to ten parameters can be consigned. In the subroutine called you can access the parameters using $0 - $9.

Setting of directories used by »PLC Designer«: (-> project options dialog, category 'Directories', subcategory 'General'):
If several directories are defined with one of the following commands, these must be separated by a
semicolon + emptyspace and the whole row of directories must be embraced by double quotation marks.
Example, two pathes:

```
dir lib "D:\plcdesigner\Libraries\Standard;
D:\plcdesigner\Libraries\NetVar"
```

dir lib <libdir>	Sets <libdir> as the library directory
dir compile <compiledir>	Sets <compiledir> as the directory for the compilation files
dir config <configdir>	Sets <configdir> as the directory for the configuration files
dir upload <uploaddir>	Sets <uploaddir> as the directory for the upload files

Delaying processing of the CMDFILE:

delay 5000	Waits 5 seconds

Controlling the Watch and Receipt Manager:

watchlist load <file>	Loads the Watchlist saved as <file> and opens the corresponding window ('Extras' 'Load Watchlist')
watchlist save <file>	Saves the current Watchlist as <file> ('Extras' 'Save Watchlist')
watchlist set <text>	The watchlist is set active (corresponds to selecting a watchlist in the left part of the Watch and Receipt Manager)
watchlist read	Updates the values of the Watch variables ('Extras' 'Read receipt')
watchlist write	Fills the Watch variables with the values found in the Watchlist ('Extras' 'Write receipt')

Linking libraries:

library add <library file1> <library file2> .. <library fileN>	Attaches the specified library file to the library list of the currently open project. If the file path is a relative path, the library directory entered in the project is used as the root of the path.
library delete [<library1> <library2> .. <libraryN>]	Deletes the specified libraries from the library list of the currently open project.

Copying objects:

object copy <source project file> <source path> <target path>	Copies objects from the specified path of the source project file to the target path of the already opened project. If the source path is the name of an object, this will be copied. If it is a folder, all objects below this folder will be copied. In this case, the folder structure below the source folder will be duplicated. If the target path does not yet exist, it will be created.

Read-only access for particular objects :

object setreadonly <TRUE|FALSE> <object type> | <object name>	Sets read-only access to a object; Define the object type and in case of object types pou, dut, gvl, vis also the name of the object. Possible object types: pou, dut (data type), gvl (global variables list), vis (visualization), cnc (CNC object), liblist (Libraries), targetsettings, toolinstanceobject (particular Tools instance), toolmanagerobject (all instances in the Tools tree), customplconfig (PLC configuration), projectinfo (Project information), taskconfig (task configuration), trace, watchentrylist (Watch and Recipe Manager), alarmconfig (Alarm configuration) e.g. "object setreadonly TRUE pou plc_prg" will set the PLC_PRG to read-only access

Entering communications parameters (gateway, device):

gateway local	Sets the gateway on the local computer as the current gateway.
gateway tcpip <Address> <Port>	Sets the gateway in the specified remote computer as the current gateway. <Address>: TCP/IP address or hostname of the remote computer <Port>: TCP/IP port of the remote gateway Important: Only gateways that have no password set can be reached!
device guid <guid>	Sets the device with the specified GUID as the current device. GUID must have the following format: {01234567-0123-0123-0123-0123456789ABC} The curly brackets and the hyphens must appear at the specified positions.
device instance <Instance name>	Sets the instance name for the current device to the name specified
device parameter <Id> <Value>	Assigns the specified value, which will then be interpreted by the device, to the parameter with the specified ID.

System call:

system <command>	Carries out the specified operating system command.

Select target system:

target <Id>	Sets the target platform for the current project. If »PLC Designer« is getting started with command line option "/notargetchange", only by this command a target can be set.

Query system state:

state offline	Returns "S_OK", if currently there is no connection between programming system and target system (offline mode), otherwise "HRESULT[0x800441f0)" (online mode).
state online	Returns "S_OK", if currently there is a connection between programming system and target system (online mode), otherwise "HRESULT[0x800441f0)" (offline mode).

Password for user group:

With the following settings - when opening a project which is protected by user group passwords - you can enter the password for a certain user group. Thus, even if the display of the user input dialogs is switched off ("query off...", see above), a password-protected project can be opened via the command file. The entries for the user group and the password must be placed before the command "file open..."!

Example:

```
user level 0

user password aaa

file open "D:\plcdesigner\projects\xxxx.pro"

query off ok
```

user level	User group, the password for which is defined in the project and is given by the subsequent command "user password".
user password	Password for user group specified by the preceding command "user group".

Visualization settings:

visual settings...	corresponds to the possible settings which can be done for a visualization in 'Extras' 'Settings', category Language, resp. in the Target Settings, category Visualization
... language file on || off	Option 'Language file gets activated (on) or deactivated (off). In case of activation the option 'Dynamic texts' will be deactivated.
... set languagefile <path language file>	Specification of the language file to be used (.tlt or .vis). Example: "visual settings set languagefile proj1.tlt"
... dynamictexts on || off	Option 'Dynamic texts' will be deactivated (on) or deactivated (off). In case of activation the option Language file will be deactivated.
... dynamictextfiles <file path> | <file path> | ...	Specification of a list of language file paths to be used. The previous list will be deleted. Example: "visual settings D:\dynfiles\p1.xml D:\dynfiles\p2.xml"
... dynamictexthideelements on || off	Activation resp. deactivation of option 'Suppress elements if no text replacement has taken place'.
... language <language>	Specification of the language to be used; Example: "visual settings language German"
... tablekeyboardusage_web on || off	Activation resp. deactivation of option 'Keyboard usage for tables' in the Web-Visualization (Target Settings).
... tablekeyboardusage_codesys on || off	Activation resp. deactivation of option 'Keyboard usage for tables' in »PLC Designer« resp. PLC Designer-HMI (Target Settings).
visual webvisuactivation on || off	Activation resp. deactivation of option Web-Visualization (Target Settings)).).).

Commands concerning managing the project in the ENI project data base:

In the following in the description of the commands placeholders are used:

- **<category>:** Replace by "project" or "shared" or "compile" depending on which of the following data base categories is concerned: Project Objects, Shared Objects, Compile Files
- **<POUname>:** Name of the object, corresponds to the object name which is used in »PLC Designer«.
- **<Objecttype>:** Replace by the shortcut, which is appended as an extension to the POU name of the object in the data base, and which reflects the object type (defined by the list of object types, see ENI Administration, 'Object Types'). Example: Object "GLOBAL_1.GVL" -> the POU name is "GLOBAL_1", the object type is "GVL" (global variables list)
- **<comment>:** Replace by a comment text (embraced by single quotation marks), which will be stored in the version history with the particular action.

eni on **eni off**	The option 'Use source control (ENI)' will be activated resp. deactivated (Dialog 'Project' 'Options' 'Project source control')
eni project readonly on **eni project readonly off**	The option 'Read only' for the data base category 'Project objects' will be activated resp. deactivated (Dialog 'Project' 'Options' 'Project objects')
eni shared readonly on **eni shared readonly off**	The option 'Read only' for the data base category 'Shard objects' will be activated resp. deactivated (Dialog 'Project' 'Options' 'Shared objects')
eni set local <POUname>	The object will be assigned to category 'Local', i.e. it will not be stored in the project data base (Dialog 'Project' 'Object' 'Properties' 'Data base-connection')
eni set shared <POUname>	The object will be assigned to category 'Shared objects' (Dialog 'Project' 'Object' 'Properties' 'Data base-connection')
eni set project <POUname>	The object will be assigned to category 'Project objects' (Dialog 'Project' 'Object' 'Properties' 'Data base-connection')
eni <category> server <TCP/IP_Address> <Port> <Projectname> <Username> <Password>	Configures the connection to the ENI Server for the category 'Project objects' (Dialog 'Project' 'Options' 'Project data base'); Example: `eni project server localhost 80 batchtest\project EniBatch Batch` (TCP/IP-Address = localhost, Port = 80, Project name = batchtest\project, User name = EniBatch, Password = Batch)
eni compile sym on **eni compile sym off**	The option 'Create ASCII symbol information (.sym)' for the objects of category 'Compile files' will be activated/deactivated (Dialog 'Project' 'Options' 'Project source control' 'ENI settings' for 'Compile files')
eni compile sdb on **eni compile sdb off**	The option 'Create binary symbol information (.sym)' for the objects of category 'Compile files' will be activated/deactivated (Dialog 'Project' 'Options' 'Project source control' 'ENI settings' for 'Compile files')
eni compile prg on **eni compile prg off**	The option 'Create boot project' for the objects of category 'Compile files' will be activated/deactivated (Dialog 'Project' 'Options' 'Project source control' 'ENI settings' for 'Compile files')

Commands of the menu 'Project' 'Data Base Link' for working with the data base:

eni set <category>	The object gets assigned to the named data base category ('Define')
'eni set <category>set <Objecttype>:<POUname> <Objecttype>:<POUname>	The objects which are listed separated by spaces will be assigned to the named data base category. ('Multiple Define') Example: `"eni set project pou:as_fub pou:st_prg"` -> the objects (pou) as_fub and st_prg get assigned to category 'Project objects'
eni <category> getall	The latest version of all objects of the named category will be called from the data base ('Get All Latest Versions')
'eni <category>get <Objecttype>:<POUname> <Objecttype>:<POUname>	The objects of the named category, which are listed separated by spaces will be called from the data base. ('Multiple Define'). ('Get latest version') Example: `"eni project get pou:as_fub gvl:global_1"` -> the POU as_fub.pou and the global variables list global_1.gvl will be called from the data base
eni <category> checkoutall "<comment>"	All objects of the named category will be checked out from the data base. The defined comment will be stored with the check-out-action in the version history.
eni <category> checkout "<comment>" <Objecttype>:<POUname> <Objecttype>:<POUname>	All objects (Objecttype:POUname) which are listed separated by spaces will be checked out from the data base. The defined comment will be stored with the check-out-action in the version history for each particular object. Example: `"eni project checkout "for working on xy" pou:as_fub gvl:global_1"` -> The POU as_fub and the global variables list global_1 will be checked out and the comment "for working on xy" will be stored with this action
eni <category>checkinall "<comment>"	All objects of the project, which are under source control in the project data base, will be checked in. The defined comment will be stored with the check-in-action.
eni <category> checkin "<comment>" <Objecttype>:<POUname> <Objecttype>:<POUname>	All objects (Objecttype:POUname) which are listed separated by spaces will be checked in to the data base. The defined comment will be stored with the check-in-action in the version history for each particular object. (see above: check out) The defined comment will be stored with the check-in-action in the version history for each particular object.

Keywords for the command parameters:

The following keywords, enclosed in "$", can be used in command parameters:

$PROJECT_NAME$	Name of the current PLC Designer project (file name without extension ".pro", e.g. "project_2.pro")
$PROJECT_PATH$	Path of the directory, where the current PLC Designer project file is (without indication of the drive and without a backslash at the end, e.g. "projects\sub1").
$PROJECT_DRIVE$	Drive, where the current PLC Designer project is (without backslash at the end, e.g. "D:")
$COMPILE_DIR$	Compile directory of the current PLC Designer project (with indiciation of the drive and without backslash at the end, e.g. "D:\plcdesigner\compile")
EXE_DIR	Directory where the plcdesigner.exe file is (with indication of the drive and without backslash at the end, e.g. D:\plcdesigner)

Example of a command file:

A command file like shown below will open the project file ampel.pro, will then load a watch list, which was stored as w.wtc, will then start the application program and write after 1 second delay - the values of the variables into the watch list watch.wtc (which will be saved) and will finally close the project.

```
file open C:\projects\plcdesigner_test\ampel.pro
query off ok
watchlist load c:\work\w.wtc
online login
online run
delay 1000
watchlist read
watchlist save $PROJECT_DRIVE$\$PROJECT_PATH$\w_update.wtc
online logout
file close
```

This command file will open the project ampel.pro, will load an existing watchlist w.wtc, will start the application program, after 1 second will write the variables values to the watch list w_update.wtc, which will be saved in the directory "C:\projects\plcdesigner_test" and then will close the project again.

A command file is called in a command line like shown here:

```
"<path of plcdesigner.exe>" /cmd "<path of cmd file>"
```

14 Use of Keyboard

If you would like to run »PLC Designer« using only the keyboard, you will find it necessary to use a few commands that are not found in the menu.

- The function key <F6> allows you to toggle back and forth within the open POU between the Declaration and the Instruction parts.
- <Alt>+<F6> allows you to move from an open object to the Object Organizer and from there to the Message window if it is open. If a Search box is open, <Alt>+<F6> allows you to switch from Object Organizer to the Search box and from the there back to the object.
- Press <Ctrl>+<F6> to move to the next open editor window, press <Ctrl>+<Shift>+<F6> to get to the previous.
- Press <Tab> to move through the input fields and buttons in the dialog boxes.
- The arrow keys allow you to move through the register cards and objects within the Object Organizer and Library Manager.

All other actions can be performed using the menu commands or with the shortcuts listed after the menu commands. **<Shift>+<F10>** opens the context menu which contains the commands most frequently used for the selected object or for the active editor.

14.1 Key Combinations

The following is an overview of all key combinations and function keys:

General Functions	
Move between the declaration part and the instruction part of a POU	<F6>
Context Menu	<Shift>+<F10>
Shortcut mode for declarations	<Ctrl>+<Enter>
Move from a message in the Message window back to the original position in the editor	<Enter>
Move to the next open editor window	<Ctrl>+<F6>
Move to the previous open editor window	<Ctrl>+<Shift>+<F6>
Open and close multi-layered variables	<Enter>
Open and close folders	<Enter>
Switch register cards in the Object Organizer and the Library Manager	<Arrow keys>
Move to the next field within a dialog box	<Tab>
Context sensitive Help	<F1>

General Commands	
'File' 'Save'	<Ctrl>+<S>
'File' 'Print'	<Ctrl>+<P>
'File' 'Exit'	<Alt>+<F4>
'Project' 'Build'	<F11>
'Project' 'Delete Object'	<Del>
'Project' 'Add Object'	<Ins>
'Project' 'Rename Object'	<Spacebar>
'Project' 'Open Object'	<Enter>
'Edit' 'Undo'	<Ctrl>+<Z>
'Edit' 'Redo'	<Ctrl>+<Y>
'Edit' 'Cut'	<Ctrl>+<X> or <Shift>+<Del>
'Edit' 'Copy'	<Ctrl>+<C>
'Edit' 'Paste'	<Ctrl>+<V>
'Edit' 'Delete'	<Del>
'Edit' 'Find next'	<F3>
'Edit' 'Input Assistant'	<F2>
'Edit' 'Auto Declare'	<Shift>+<F2>
'Edit' 'Next Error'	<F4>
'Edit' 'Previous Error'	<Shift>+<F4>
'Online' 'Log-in'	<Alt><F8>
'Online' 'Logout'	<Ctrl>+<F8>
'Online' 'Run'	<F5>
'Online' 'Toggle Breakpoint'	<F9>
'Online' 'Step over'	<F10>
'Online' 'Step in'	<F8>
'Online' 'Single Cycle'	<Ctrl>+<F5>
'Online' 'Write Values'	<Ctrl>+<F7>
'Online' 'Force Values'	<F7>
'Online' 'Release Force'	<Shift>+<F7>
'Online' "Write/Force dialog'	<Ctrl><Shift>+<F7>
'Window' 'Messages'	<Shift>+<Esc>

FBD Editor Commands	
'Insert' 'Network (after)'	<Ctrl>+<T>
'Insert' 'Assignment'	<Ctrl>+<A>
'Insert' 'Jump'	<Ctrl>+<L>
'Insert' 'Return'	<Ctrl>+<R>
'Insert' 'Function Block'	<Ctrl>+<B>
'Insert' 'Input'	<Ctrl>+<U>
'Extras' 'Negate'	<Ctrl>+<N>
'Extras' 'Zoom'	<Alt>+<Enter>

CFC Editor Commands	
'Insert' 'POU'	<Ctrl>+<B>
'Insert' 'Input'	<Ctrl>+<E>
'Insert' 'Output'	<Ctrl>+<A>
'Insert' 'Jump'	<Ctrl>+<J>
'Insert' 'Label'	<Ctrl>+<L>
'Insert' 'Return'	<Ctrl>+<R>
'Insert' 'Comment'	<Ctrl>+<K>
'Insert' 'POU input'	<Ctrl>+<U>
'Extras' 'Negate'	<Ctrl>+<N>
'Extras' 'Set/Reset'	<Ctrl>+<T>
'Extras' 'Connection'	<Ctrl>+<M>
'Extras' 'EN/ENO'	<Ctrl>+<I>
'Extras' 'Zoom'	<Alt>+<Enter>

LD Editor Commands	
'Insert' 'Network (after)'	<Ctrl>+<T>
'Insert' 'Contact'	<Ctrl>+<K>
'Insert' 'Contact (negated)'	<Ctrl>+<G>
'Insert' 'Parallel Contact'	<Ctrl>+<R>
'Insert' 'Parallel contact (negated)'	<Ctrl>+<D>
'Insert' 'Function Block'	<Ctrl>+<B>
'Insert' 'Coil'	<Ctrl>+<L>
'Insert' ''Set' coil'	<Ctrl>+<I>
'Insert at blocks' 'Input'	<Ctrl>+<U>

LD Editor Commands	
'Insert at blocks' 'Assign'	<Ctrl>+<A>
'Extras' 'Negate'	<Ctrl>+<N>
'Extras' 'Zoom'	<Alt>+<Enter>

SFC Editor Commands	
'Insert' 'Step-Transition (before)'	<Ctrl>+<T>
'Insert' 'Step-Transition (after)'	<Ctrl>+<E>
'Insert' 'Alternative Branch (right)'	<Ctrl>+<A>
'Insert' 'Parallel Branch (right)'	<Ctrl>+<L>
'Insert' 'Jump'	<Ctrl>+<U>
'Extras' 'Zoom Action/Transition'	<Alt>+<Enter>
Move back to the editor from the SFC Overview	<Enter>

Work with the PLC- resp. Task Configuration	
Open and close organization elements	<Enter>
Place an edit control box around the name	<Spacebar>
'Extras' 'Edit Entry'	<Enter>

Working in the Parameter Manager Editor	
Toggle between navigation window and list editor	<F6>
Delete a line in the list editor	<Ctrl>+<Del> <Shift>+<Del>
Delete a field in the list editor	<Del>

15 Siemens Import

In the **'Project' 'Siemens Import'** submenu, you will find commands which allow you to import POUs and variables from Siemens STEP5 files. The command "Import from a SEQ symbol file" allows you to import global variables from STEP5 symbol files. Run this command before either the command **'Import from a S5 project file'** so that readable symbol names can be created when the POUs are imported. These two commands allow you to import POUs from STEP5 program files. When this done, the POUs are inserted into the open PLC Designer project. You can select whether the POUs will remain in the STEP5 IL language or be converted to an IEC language.

We recommend that the PLC Designer project into which you are importing be empty. Of course, you must be certain that the library standard.lib is linked to your project, otherwise you will be unable to import the counter and the timer.

15.1 Import from a SEQ Symbol File

SEQ format is a common format for symbol files in a STEP5 project. Symbol assignments can be read from SEQ symbol files (*.seq). A symbol assignment contains an absolute address for a S5 program element (input, output, memory location, etc.), a corresponding symbol identifier and may also contain comments about the symbol. A SEQ file is text file that contains one assignment of this type per line. Each of the "Fields" in the line are separated by Tabs. Also each line can only hold one comment which must begin with a semicolon.

The symbol assignments in the SEQ file will be translated into global variable declarations based on IEC 61131-3. The symbolic name, the address and the comment (if available) will be transferred during this process. The address will be adapted to IEC 61131-3 (Percent sign, etc.). Since a S5 symbol name can contain characters that are not permitted in an IEC identifier, the names will be changed if necessary. Invalid characters will be replaced by the underscore character. Should there be more than one underscore character in a row, every second one would be replaced by a valid character (e.g., "0"). If a symbol name is changed during the conversion, the original name will be added in a comment after the change. SEQ comment lines will be transferred as comments. Multiple blocks of global variables can be created. Each block consists of less than 64K of text.

The SEQ format described is used in Siemens STEP5-PG Software, in most versions of the Siemens STEP7-300/400 and in ACCON-PG from DELTALOGIC. This format is supported in STEP7-SEQ files created in version 3.x or better. STEP7 version 2.x can export a different SEQ format that is not supported. Instead of using separators (Tabs), it is based on a fixed length for the symbolic name and uses blanks if necessary.

You first select the SEQ file in a standard Windows dialog box. Then perform the import, when this is done the global variable list will be compiled. Errors may arise during this process when STEP5/7 identifiers are converted into IEC61131-3 compatible identifiers. For example, both STEP5 identifiers "A!" and "A?" would be converted into the IEC identifier "A_". At this point the following message would appear, "Multiple declarations with the same identifier A_". Change one of the variables.

Under absolutely no other circumstances should you make any changes to the global variable list. If you identify addresses that are valid in a Siemens PLC but are invalid in your Controller: Leave them alone for now, even if you get a thousand error messages while compiling. The addresses are needed exactly as they are in order to import the POUs.

If the project into which you are importing already contains a declaration for a global variable x with its address (e.g., "%MX4.0"), you may find that the SEQ import contains a variable defined with the same address. This is allowed in IEC 61131-3 but is generally not in the best interest of the user. No error message will appear, but your program may not function as it should since the address will be used in different POUs with no contextual reference. To avoid this problem, it is best to import into an empty project or into a project in which no absolute addresses have been used up to this point.

STEP5/7 Program Organization Units can be imported, once the SEQ import has been performed. You can also add the inputs and outputs that will be used in the PLC Configuration. These are not required for the STEP5/7 import but the addresses will be checked and may show up as errors when you rebuild the project.

15.2 Converting S5 to IEC 61131-3

If you select an IEC language as your target language for a STEP5 import, you must be aware that portions of your project cannot be converted into IEC 61131-3. If part of a S5 POU contains code that cannot be converted into IEC 61131-3, an error message will be generated and the critical portion of the original STEP5 IL code will be inserted as a comment in the IEC POU. You must then replace or rewrite this code. System commands that only function in a specific S5 CPU cannot be converted into IEC. The "STEP5 Core Command List" can be converted into IEC code with a click of a button despite the fact that STEP5 is enormously different in the way it is conceived.

The core command list that can be converted to IEC 61131-3 contains all commands that can be converted to LD or FBD in a STEP5 programming system and also all commands that are allowed in a STEP5-PB (Program Block). In addition, of the STEP5 commands allowed only in IL or in FB's (function blocks), the commands that can be converted to IEC are primarily those that are available in every S5 CPU (e.g., absolute and conditional jumps, shift commands, etc.)

The only exception or limitation for conversion is related to resetting timers which can be done in STEP5 but not normally in IEC 61131-3.

The individual convertible commands:

- U, UN, O, ON, S, R, = with the following bit operands: I (inputs), O (outputs), M (memory locations), S (S memory locations), D (Data in data blocks)
- U, UN, O, ON with the following operands: T (Timer), C (Counter)
- S, R with the following operands: C
- SU, RU, P, PN with the following operands: E, A, M, D
- O, O(, U(,)
- L, T with the following operand ranges: E, A, M, D, T, C, P (Periphery) and operand sizes: B (byte), W (word), D (double word), L (left byte), R (right byte)
- L with the following constant formats: DH, KB, KF, KH, KM, KT, KZ, KY, KG, KC
- SI, SE, SA with the following operands: T
- ZV, ZR with the following operands: C
- +, -, X, : with the following operands: F (fixed point number), G (floating point number)
- +, - with the following operands: D (32 bit fixed point number)
- !=, ><, >, <, >=, <= with the following operands: F, D, G
- ADD with the following operands: BF, KF, DH
- SPA, SPB with the following operands: PB, FB (with most parameter types), SB
- A, AX with the following operands: DB, DX
- BE, BEA, BEB
- BLD, NOP, ***
- UW, OW, XOW
- KEW, KZW, KZD
- SLW, SRW, SLD, RRD, RLD
- SPA=, SPB=
- SPZ=, SPN=, SPP=, SPM=
- TAK
- D, I
- Most of the formal operand commands

Unconvertible Commands

- U, UN, O, ON, S, R, = with the following bit operands: Timer and counter bits (T0.0, C0.0)
- L, T with the following operand ranges: Q (expanded periphery)
- LC with the following operands: T, C
- SV, SS, R, FR with the following operands: T
- FR with the following operands: C
- Formal operand commands for starting, resetting and releasing timers
- All commands with operands from the ranges BA, BB, BS, BT (operating system data).
- SPA, SPB with the following operands: OB (works only with certain S5's and certain OBs)
- BA, BAB with the following operands: FX
- E, EX with the following operands: DB, DX
- STP, STS, STW
- DEF, DED, DUF, DUD
- SVW, SVD
- SPO=, SPS=, SPR
- AS, AF, AFS, AFF, BAS, BAF
- ENT
- SES, SEF
- B with the following operands: DW, MW, BS
- LIR, TIR, LDI, TDI, TNW, TXB, TXW
- MAS, MAB, MSA, MSB, MBA, MBS
- MBR, ABR
- LRW, LRD, TRW, TRD
- TSG
- LB, TB, LW, TW with the following operands: GB, GW, GD, CB, CW, CD
- ACR, TSC
- BI
- SIM, LIM

If you examine the commands that cannot be converted you will see that they are generally special commands that are only available on certain CPUs. The standard commands that cannot be converted to IEC are: loading BCD coded timer or counter values (LC T, LC C), timer types SV and SS, and resetting timers.

Data Blocks

STEP5 data blocks are converted into POUs (Program Organization Units) that have a header but no code. This is convenient if the data blocks are used as normal variable ranges but inconvenient if attempts have been made to manually implement concepts like instance data blocks in the STEP5 program.

Other Problems when Importing from STEP5

The STEP5 import can be improved manually in the following ways.

- Time values in word variables

  In STEP5 a time value is allowed in every word address be it in the memory location area or in a data block. This is not allowed in IEC 61131-3, TIME variables or constants are not compatible with WORD addresses. This can result in the creation of erroneous command sequences when importing from STEP5. This will not happen if you open a data block and select the time format (KT) for the address in question. In other words, this error only occurs when the STEP5 program is worth the effort of improving it. When it does occur, you will see the message "Incompatible Types: Cannot convert WORD to TIME." or "Incompatible Types: Cannot convert TIME to WORD." You must then modify the declaration for the WORD variable (if available) and turn it into a TIME variable.

- Failure to Access Data Blocks

  There are no data blocks in IEC 61131-3 and it is impossible completely to recreate them in IEC. In STEP5 they are used as normal variable ranges (almost like a memory location ranges), and also in the form of arrays (B DW), pointers (B MW100 A DB 0) or unions (byte, word or double word access in DBs). STEP5 conversion can only convert DB access if it is somewhat structured. When attempting to access DBs you must know which DB is open (A DB). You must be aware of this when the A DB operation is closer to the beginning in the same POU or when the DB number is included with the POU as a formal parameter. If A DB is not found in front of the first DB access, the POU cannot be converted. The warning "No open data block (insert an A DB)" notifies you that this is the case. In the converted POU, you will see access to an undefined variable named "ErrorDW0" (for example) that will cause an error message to be generated when the newly converted POU is compiled. You can then replace the variables with access to the correct DB (e.g., replace "ErrorDW0" with "DB10.DW0"). The other option is to discard the converted POU and insert an A DB at the beginning of the POU in STEP5.

A STEP5 POU that accesses data words (data bytes, etc.) should always open the data block first. If necessary, the POU should be improved before being imported by inserting the appropriate A DB command preferably at the beginning of the POU. Otherwise the converted POU will have to be edited after the fact.

If there is more than one A BD operation that must be partially skipped, the conversion may have a errors, i.e., code may be generated that accesses the wrong DB.

- Higher Concepts Related to Data Block Access

  In STEP5 you have the option of creating something similar to instances by having the Code block open an indexed version of a data block. This could be done with the following sample code sequence:

  L KF +5

  T MW 44

  B MW 44

  A DB 0

  The DB5 is opened at the end of this sequence (in general, the DB whose number is found in the memory location word %MW44 will be opened). This type of access is not recognized in the conversion which means that the following changes have to be made after the conversion:

  First, all DBs must be imported that act as instance DBs , e.g., DB5 and DB6. They will be imported as normal IL, LD or FBD POUs whichever you prefer. The POUs do not have a code, but rather a header with definitions of local variables. Type instances can now be created from these POUs. Create a user-defined type (e.g., named DBType) and insert the local variables and converted DBs as components. Then create global instances of this type by writing to a global variable list:

  VAR_GLOBAL

  DB5, DB6 : DBType;

  END_VAR

  You can now delete the converted DBs from your project.

  Then you have to create a copy of the indexed version of the DBs by giving the corresponding POU another VAR_INPUT parameter of the type DBType. Data access within the POU must now be redirected to this instance. You must then include one of the instance DBs as an actual parameter when you open it.

- The so-called integrated S5 function blocks that have a STEP5 access interface have a special function but their implementation is either not written in STEP5 (or MC5) or is protected by a special mechanism. POUs of this kind are generally firmware and can only be "imported as an interface". The implementation portion of this type of POU is empty. These POUs must generally be reprogrammed after being converted.

- There are also firmware OBs that have no interface but whose code is in 805xx Assembler (as an example) and not in STEP5. This mainly affects the PID regulator listed as OB251 which obtains its parameters and local variables through a separate (data) block that you can select. Neither the PID regulator, the corresponding data block or other POUs that use regulators to access the data block can be converted to IEC. The IEC code that is created for data blocks and other POUs during the conversion is meaningless without the PID regulator. The meaning of the individual program parts can be found in the programming handbook for the CPU.
- Configuration data blocks (like DB1 [S5-95U], DX0, and DX2) are sometimes used to configure S5 CPUs and other assemblies that were converted into useless IEC POUs. The meaning of much of this type of data can be found in the programming handbook for the CPU. For the rest you must use a S5 programming system that can evaluate the configuration DBs . The configuration affects settings for communication, analog value processing, multiprocessing, etc. Therefore, it is useless to even think about working with these POUs on a non-Siemens SPS.

Once the import is complete, you have to find the errors that are shown and then fix, add to and rewrite the affected spots. These spots are marked with comments like:

(*Warning! Unconvertible STEP5/7 code shown as comment:*)

This is followed by the unconvertible code which is also shown as a comment.

Finally, you must check the addresses. Original Siemens addresses are created during the import. These addresses have the following format:

Bits: Byte-Offset.Bit-Nummer

Non-Bits:Byte-Offset

Also word addresses that follow each other in sequence will overlap (simply due to the fact that the numbers in the addresses are byte offsets). This means that %MW32 and %MW33 have an overlapping byte which is %MB33 (only on a Siemens SPS). On your SPS, %MW32 and %MW33 would not normally have anything to do with each other.

Your PLC may have more hierarchies. For example, non-bits have several interlocking levels ("%MW10.0.0" as WORD). You can either make changes to the addresses to make them compatible with your PLC or you can try to leave them out entirely. Proceed very cautiously! In the original Siemens program, it is quite common that word access and bit or byte access is made in the same memory location. When imported into »PLC Designer«, accesses of this type will only be correctly compiled for data blocks. In this case, »PLC Designer« creates WORD variables for the words in the DBs . Then when WORD accesses word x in DB y there are no problems. Attempts to access the left or right byte in word x, a double word or a bit will then be compiled into more complex expressions. This cannot be done with memory locations, inputs or outputs since this can't be done with a standard access method (e.g., word access). If you are working with %MX33.3 and with %MB33 or %MW32 or %MD30 you must go to the effort of converting them manually. The IEC program generated by the PLC Designer import will definitely not work correctly.

Open a cross reference list containing all inputs, outputs and memory locations to find out which accesses are important. Remove the mixed accesses manually.

15.3 Import from a S5 Project File

POUs can read from Siemens S5 program files (*.s5d). The code that it uses is MC5 Code that can be run by S5 SPS. In general, MC5 Code corresponds with the STEP5 Instruction List (without symbol names) with which the programmer is familiar. The S5D also contains the line comments from the STEP5 Instruction List. Since an S5D file contains only absolute addresses with no symbol names, »PLC Designer« searches for the symbol names among the current PLC Designer project variables. If none are found, the absolute address is left unchanged. Therefore, if you feel the symbol name is useful, import the SEQ file before the S5 file.

You first select the S5D file in a standard Windows dialog box. Another box pops up which contains the list of POUs from which you can select. It is best to select all of them. You can also select to leave the POUs in the STEP5 IL language or to convert them to IL, LD or FBD.

Symbol names will be used in place of absolute names as much as possible. If »PLC Designer« finds the instruction "U M12.0" during the import, it will search for a global variable set at memory location M12.0. The first declaration that fits this description will be taken and the instruction will be imported as "U-Name" instead of "U M12.0" (the name of the identifier for the memory location is M12.0).

At times additional variables may be needed during an import or code conversion. These additional variables will be declared globally. For example, R_TRIG instances are needed to reproduce edge-triggered inputs (e.g., in a S5 counter).

16 Keywords in PLC Designer

16.1 Keywords in »PLC Designer«

The following strings are reserved as keywords inPLC Designer, i.e. they cannot be used as identifiers for variables or POUs:

ABS

ACOS

ACTION (only used in the Export Format)

ADD

ADR

ADRINST

AND

ANDN

ARRAY

ASIN

AT

ATAN

BITADR

BOOL

BY

BYTE

CAL

CALC

CALCN

CASE

CONSTANT

COS

DATE

DINT

DIV

DO

DT

DWORD

ELSE

ELSIF

END_ACTION (only used in the Export Format)

END_CASE

END_FOR

END_FUNCTION (only used in the Export Format)

END_FUNCTION_BLOCK (only used in the Export Format)

END_IF

END_PROGRAM (only used in the Export Format)

END_REPEAT

END_STRUCT

END_TYPE

END_VAR

END_WHILE

EQ

EXIT

EXP

EXPT

FALSE

FOR

FUNCTION

FUNCTION_BLOCK

GE

GT

IF

INDEXOF

INI

INT

JMP

JMPC

JMPCN

LD

LDN

LE

LINT

LN

LOG

LREAL

LT

LWORD

MAX

MIN

MOD

MOVE

MUL

MUX

NE

NOT

OF

OR

ORN

PERSISTENT

POINTER

PROGRAM

R

READ_ONLY

READ_WRITE

REAL

REPEAT

RET

RETAIN

RETC

RETCN

RETURN

ROL

ROR

S

SEL

SHL

SHR

SIN

SINT

SIZEOF

SQRT

ST

STN

STRING

STRUCT

SUB

TAN

THEN

TIME

TO

TOD

TRUE

TRUNC

TYPE

UDINT

UINT

ULINT

UNTIL

USINT

VAR

VAR_ACCESS (only used very specifically, depending on the hardware)

VAR_CONFIG

VAR_CONSTANT

VAR_EXTERNAL

VAR_GLOBAL

VAR_IN_OUT

VAR_INPUT

VAR_OUTPUT

WHILE

WORD

WSTRING (IEC data type, not supported in »PLC Designer«)

XOR

XORN

Additionally all **conversion operators** as listed in the input assistant are handled as keywords.

17 PLC Designer Files

The following files can be created with »PLC Designer«:

File Extension	Example	Description	Format	Path(Default)
*.pro	project01.pro	PLC Designer project file	binary	project directory
*.ci	project01<number>.ci	Information on the last build (compilation) of the project -> incremental compile possible; only created when project gets saved number: coded Target-ID	binary	project directory
*.eci	project01<number>.eci	external Compile-Information; Subset of the ci-file in eci-format; can be read via an access-dll number: coded Target-ID	PE	project directory
*.cic	project01<number>.cic	target-dependant information on the last build (compilation) of the project -> incremental compile possible; only created when project gets saved number: coded Target-ID	binary	project directory
*.cit	project01<number>.cit	temporary *.ci-file; created at target change, transformed to a ci-file at next save of the project number: coded Target-ID	binary	project directory
*.ri	project01<number>.ri	information on the last download, important for Online Change; created at each download number: coded Target-ID	binary	project directory
*.exp	project01.exp, PLC_PRG.exp	export file ('Project' 'Export')	Export format (Text)	project directory
*.tlt *.txt	project01.tlt project01.txt	translation file (defined in 'Project' 'Translate in another language')	Text	
*.sym	project01.sym	symbol file	Text	project directory
*.sdb	project01.sdb	symbol file	binary	project directory
*.sym_xml	project01.sym_xml	symbol file	XML	project directory

File Extension	Example	Description	Format	Path(Default)
*.asd	project01.asd	save file (temporary, 'Auto save', 'Auto save before compile')	binary	project directory
*.asl	lib01.asl	save file for a library opened as project in »PLC Designer« (temporary, 'Auto save', 'Auto save before compile')	binary	library resp. project directory
*.bak	project01.bak	backup file for project (permanent, 'Create backup')	binary	project directory
*.prg *.bin	default.prg project01.prg	boot project, file name depending on target	binary	target system (created online) project directory (created offline)
*.chk	default.chk project01.chk	checksum for boot projekt code	binary	target system (created online) project directory (created offline)
*.ini	plcdesigner.ini	ini-file for various PLC Designer settings	Text	with plcdesigner.exe
*.dfr	default.dfr project01.dfr	frame file (Printer setup)	binary	with plcdesigner.exe
*.asm	code386.asm	assembler-Listing of the created project code	Text	compile directory
*.lst	project01.lst	assembler-Listing of the created project code	Text	compile directory
*.bpl	project01.bpl	debug-files (breakpoint-information)	Text	compile directory
*.st	PLC_PRG.st	debug-files, implicit ST-code	Text	compile directory
*.map	project01.map	map-file; information on memory organization and variable locations	Text	compile directory
*.hex *.h86	project01.hex (Output) resp. standard.hex (Lib)	.hex for Intel or Motorola, .h86 for Intel; compiler output or input for external library	Intel or Motorola hex-files	compile directory resp. library directory
*.trd	projectxy0.trd	trend logging (number befor the dot is counted up, if file is full and another must be created)	Text	project directory
*.log	projectxy.log	log file (Log)	binary	project directory

File Extension	Example	Description	Format	Path(Default)
*.wtc	projx_watch1.wtc	watch list (Watch and Recipe-Manager)	Text	user defined directory
*.alm	alarmlog0.alm	alarm log-file		user defined directory resp. download-directory of the controller
*.zip	projectxy.zip	project archive file; zip-file with files belonging to the project , 'File' 'Save/Mail Archive'		user defined directory
*.trc	project01_tr1.trc	trace recording	binary	with plcdesigner.exe
*.mon	project01_tr1.mon	trace recording	XML	with plcdesigner.exe
*.tcf	project01_tr1.tcf	trace configuration	binary	with plcdesigner.exe

18 Compiler Errors and Warnings

18.1 Remarks on Compiler errors and warnings

If errors are detected during the compilation of the project, messages will be dumped in the message window. Also warnings might be displayed there. <F4> always allows to jump to the next message line in this window, whereby also the concerned POU will be opened. The error and warning messages are preceded by unique numbers. If a message line is selected in the message window, <F1> will open the corresponding online help window.

18.2 Warnings

1100

"Unknown function '<name>' in library."

An external library is used. Please check, whether all functions, which are defined in the .hex file, are also defined in the .lib file.

1101

"Unresolved symbol '<Symbol>'."

The code generator expects a POU with the name <Symbol>. It is not defined in the project. Define a function/program with this name.

1102

"Invalid interface for symbol '<Symbol>'."

The code generator expects a function with the name <Symbol> and exactly one scalar input, or a program with the name <Symbol> and no input or output.

1103

"The constant '<name>' at code address '<address>' overwrites a 16K page boundary!"

A string constant exceeds the 16K page boundary. The system cannot handle this. It depends on the runtime system whether the problem could be avoided by an entry in the target file. Please contact the PLC manufacturer.

1200

"Task '<name>', call of '<name>' Access variables in the parameter list are not updated"

Variables, which are only used at a function block call in the task configuration, will not be listed in the cross reference list.

1300

"File not found '<name>'"

The file, to which the global variable object is pointing, does not exist. Please check the path.

1301

"Analyze-Library not found! Code for analyzation will not be generated."

The analyze function is used, but the library analyzation.lib is missing. Add the library in the library manager.

1302

"New externally referenced functions inserted. Online Change is therefore no longer possible!"

Since the last download you have linked a library containing functions which are not yet referenced in the runtime system. For this reason you have to download the complete project.

1400

"Unknown Pragma '<Name>' is ignored!"

This pragma is not supported by the compiler. See keyword ‘pragma’ for supported directives.

1401

"The struct '<name>' does not contain any elements."

The structure does not contain any elements, but variables of this type allocate 1 Byte of memory.

1410

"'RETAIN' and 'PERSISTENT' do not have any effect in functions"

Remanent variables which are defined locally in functions are handled like normal local variables.

1411

"Variable '<name>' in the variable configuration isn't updated in any task"

The top level instance of the variable is not referenced by a call in any task. Thus it will not be copied from the process image.

Example:

```
Variable Configuration:

VAR_CONFIG
 plc_prg.aprg.ainst.in AT %IB0 : INT;
END_VAR

plc_prg:

index := INDEXOF(aprg);
```

The program aprg is referenced but not called. Thus plc_prg.aprg.ainst.in never will get the actual value of %IB0.

1412

"Unexpected token NameName in pragma {pragma name}"

You are using a pragma which is not written correctly resp. which cannot be used at this location. See keyword 'pragma' in the PLC Designer Online Help or Users Guide for getting help for a correction.

1413

"'<Name>' is not a valid key for list '<Name>'. The key will be ignored"

In the pragma a nonexistent parameter list is specified. Check the list name resp. have a look in the Parameter Manager for the currently available lists.

1414

Too many component definitions in pragma '<name>'

The Pragma contains more definitions (in square brackets) than there are elements in the corresponding array, functionblock or structure.

1415

'<Name>' (<Number>): The literal '<Number>' is assigned to more than one enumeration

In the declaration of enumeration <Name> the same number is assigned to more than one enumeration components (e.g. TYPE aenum (a:=1, b:=1); END_TYPE).

1500

"Expression contains no assignment. No code was generated."

The result of this expression is not used. For this reason there is no code generated for the whole expression.

1501

"String constant passed as 'VAR_IN_OUT': '<Name>' must not be overwritten!"

The constant may not be written within the POU, because there no size check is possible.

1502

"Variable '<Name>' has the same name as a POU. The POU will not be called!"

A variable is used, which has the same name like a POU.

Example:

PROGRAM a

...

VAR_GLOBAL

a: INT;

END_VAR

...

a; (* Not POU a is called but variable a is loaded. *)

1503

"The POU '<name>' has no outputs. Box result is set to 'TRUE'."

The Output pin of a POU which has no outputs, is connected in FBD or KOP. The assignment automatically gets the value TRUE.

1504

"'<name>' ('<number>'): Statement may not be executed due to the evaluation of the logical expression"

Eventually not all branches of the logic expression will be executed.

Example:

IF a AND funct(TRUE) THEN ....

If a has is FALSE then funct will not be called.

1505

"Side effect in '<Name>'! Branch is probably not executed !"

The first input of the POU is FALSE, for this reason the side branch, which may come in at the second input, will not be executed.

1506

"Variable '<name>' has the same name as a local action. The action will not be called!"

Rename the variable or the action.

1507

"Instance '<name>' has the same name as a function. The instance will not be called"

You call in ST an instance which has the same name like a function. The function will be called ! Use different names.

1509

"'<name>' ('<number>'): Functions to be registered as callbacks have to start with 'Callback'."

You are using a callback function, the name of which does not start with “callback”.This can cause unexpected effects on RISC resp. Motorola 68K controllers!

1510

"Operand to be rotated has no explicit type. Please use a typed literal, like 'DWORD#1'."

For the constant used in the ROL resp. ROR operation there must be a data type definition.

1511

"Operand to be shifted has no explicit type. Please use a typed literal, like 'DWORD#1'."

For the constant used in the SHL resp. SHR operation there must be a data type definition.

1550

"Multiple calls of the POU '<Name>' in one network may lead to undesired side effects"

Check, whether the multiple call of this POU is really necessary. By a multiple call unwanted value overstrikes may occur.

1600

"Open DB unclear (generated code may be erroneous)."

The original Siemens program does not tell, which POU is openend.

1700

"Input not connected."

An input box is used in CFC which has no assignment. For this no code will be generated.

1750

"Step '<Name>': the minimal time is greater than the maximal time!"

Open dialog 'Step attributes' for this step and correct the time definitions.

1751

"Caution with usage of variable '<name>'. This variable is used by implicit code and influences the behaviour of the step sequence."

We recommend to rename the variable, so that unique identifiers are used within the project and undesired side effects can be avoided.

1800

"<name>(element #<element number>): Invalid watchexpression '<name>'"

The visualization element contains an expression which cannot be monitored. Check variable name and placeholder replacements.

1801

"'<name> (number): No Input on Expression '<name>' possible"

In the configuration of the visualization object at field input a composed expression is used. Replace this by a single variable.

1802

"<Visualization object>(Element number): Bitmap '<name>' was not found"

Make sure, that an external bitmap-file is available in that path which is defined in the visualization configuration dialog.

1803

"'<name>'(<number>'): "The print action would not supported for web- and target visualisation"

An print action is assigned to an alarm configured in the visualization. This will not be regarded in the Web- or Target-Visualization.

1804

"'<name>'(<number>'): The font '<name>' is not supported by the target."

In the visualization you are using a font, which is not supported by the target system. See in the target settings, category 'Visualization' for the supported fonts.

1807

"<name> (<number>): No message window for alarms for target visualization"

Regard that action "message" is not supported for the Target-Visualization!

1808

"'<name>'(<number>'): A polygon consists of to many points for target visualization. In case of a meter element, please open the configuration once."

Per default maximum 512 points are allowed, target-specifically another maximum number might be defined. By opening the configuration dialog the element will be optimized to the allowed number of points.

1809

"'<name> ('<nummer>'): Invalid visualization as zoom target: '<number>'"

This visualization could not be found. Please check whether the visualization name is not correct or the visualization object is not available at all.

1850

"Input variable at %IB<number> is used in task '<name>' but updated in another task"

Please check which tasks are using this variable and whether the current programming is not causing undesirable effects. The update of the variable value usually is done in the task with the highest priority.

1851

"Output variable at %IQ<number> is used in task '<name>' but updated in another task"

Please check which tasks are using this variable and whether the current programming is not causing undesirable effects. The update of the variable value usually is done in the task with the highest priority.

1852

"CanOpenMaster might not be called cyclically in event task '<name>'! Set modul parameter UpdateTask!"

Currently the CanOpen Master is called by the named event task. If you want to get it called cyclically, specify an appropriate task via parameter UpdateTask in the PLC Configuration in dialog 'Module parameters'.

1853

"A PDO (index: '<number>') might not be updated cyclically in event task '<name>'"

Currently the named PDO is controlled via the named event task. But if you want to get it called cyclically, you must assign an appropriate task to the PDO by shifting IO-references to this task.

1900

"POU '<name>' (main routine) is not available in the library"

The Start-POU (z.B. PLC_PRG) will not be available, when the project is used as library.

1901

"Access Variables and Variable Configurations are not saved in a library!"

Access variables and variable configuration are not stored in the library.

1902

"'<Name>': is no Library for the current machine type!"

The .obj file of the lib was generated for another device.

1903

"<Name>: is no valid Library"

The file does not have the format requested for the actual target.

1904

"The constant '<Name>' hides a constant of the same name in a library"

In your project you have defined a constant which has the same name like one which is defined in a linked library. The library variable will be overwritten !

1970

"Parameter manager: List '<Name>' , Column '<Name>', Value '<Name>' could not be imported!"

Check the Import-file *.prm for entries which do not match the current configuration (standard values resp. XML-description file) of the Parameter Manager.

1980

Global network variables '<Name>' '<Name>': simultaneous reading and writing may result in loss of data!"

In the configuration of the network variables list (Select list in the Resources tab and open dialog 'Global variables list' via command 'Properties' in the context menu) options 'Read' and 'Write' are activated. Regard that this might result in data losses during communication.

1990

"No 'VAR_CONFIG' for '<name>'"

For this variable there is no address configuration available in the Variable_Configuration (VAR_CONFIG). Open window Variable_Configuration in the Resources tab and there insert the appropriate configuration (Command 'Insert 'All instance paths').

2500

"Task '<task name>': fno cycle time specified for cyclic task"

In the Task configuration a cyclic task has been created, for which no cycle time has been defined. Enter an appropriate time span in dialog 'Taskattributes' at "Interval".

4710

"'<name>' ('<number>'): A required expression has not been configured"

Check the configuration of the slider element in category 'Variables': There must be defined a valid value for each of the fields 'Min.Value', 'Slider' and 'Max. Value'.

4711

"'<name>'('<number>'): The slider element is not supported by your SysLibTargetVisu."

Install and use the current version of the library SysLibTargetVisu.library.

4714

"'<name>'('<number>'): The type of the selection variable has to be a signed type compatible to INT""

Check and appropriately correct the configuration of the table element in category "Selection".

4715

"The current target does not support formatted display of time and date values"

Option "Formatted time display" is activated in the settings of a visualization. However this is not supported by the currently used target system.

4716

"The current target does not support simplified input handling"

In the target settings, in category 'Visualization' option 'Simplified input handling' is activated. Maybe it is not supported by the current target system, because an old version of the library SysLibTargetvisu.lib is used.

18.3 Errors

3100

"Code too large. Maximum size: '<number>' Byte (<number>K)"

The maximum program size is exceeded. Reduce project size.

3101

"Total data too large. Maximum size: '<number>' Byte (<number>K)"

Memory is exceeded. Reduce data usage of the application.

3110

"Error in Library '<Name>'."

The .hex file is not in INTEL Hex format.

3111

"Library '<Name>' is too large. Maximum size: 64K"

The .hex file exceeds the set maximum size.

3112

"Nonrelocatable instruction in library."

The .hex file contains an instruction which is not relocatable. The library code cannot be linked.

3113

"Library code overwrites function tables."

The ranges for code and function tables are overlapping.

3114

"Library uses more than one segment."

The tables and the code in the .hex file use more than one segment.

3115

"Unable to assign constant to VAR_IN_OUT. Incompatible data types."

The internal pointer format for string constants cannot get converted to the internal pointer format of VAR_IN_OUT, because the data are set "near" but the string constants are set " huge" or "far". If possible change these target settings.

3116

"Function tables overwrite library code or a segment boundary."

Code 166x: The external library cannot be used with the current target settings. These must be adapted resp. the library must be rebuilt with appropriate settings.

3117

"<Name> (<Zahl>): Expression too complex. No more registers available"

The named expression is to complex to be handled by the available registers. Please try to reduce the expression by using interim variables.

3120

"Current code-segment exceeds 64K."

The currently generated code is bigger than 64K. Eventually to much initializing code is created.

3121

"POU too large."

A POU may not exceed the size of 64K.

3122

"Initialisation too large. Maximum size: 64K"

The initialization code for a function or a structure POU may not exceed 64K.

3123

"Data segment too large: segment '<Number>%s', size <size> bytes (maximum <number> bytes)"

Please contact your manufacturer.

3124

"String constant too large: '<number>' characters (maximum 253 characters)"

The given constant must be reduced in number of characters.

3130

"User-Stack too small: '<number>' DWORD needed, '<number>' DWORD available."

The nesting depth of the POU calls is to big. Enter a higher stack size in the target settings or compile build project without option ‚Debug' (can be set in dialog 'Project' 'Options' 'Build').

3131

"User-Stack too small: '<number>' WORD needed, '<number>' WORD available."

Please contact the PLC manufacturer.

3132

"System-Stack too small: '<number>' WORD needed, '<number>' WORD available."

Please contact the PLC manufacturer.

3150

"Parameter <number> of function '<name>': Cannot pass the result of a IEC-function as string parameter to a C-function."

Use a intermediate variable, to which the result of the IEC function is assigned.

3160

"Can't open library file '<name>'."

A library <name> is included in the library manager for this project, but the library file does not exist at the given path.

3161

"Library '<name>' contains no codesegment"

A .obj file of a library at least must contain one C function. Insert a dummy function in the .obj file, which is not defined in the .lib file.

3162

"Could not resolve reference in Library '<name>'(Symbol '<name>', Class '<name>', Type '<name>')"

The .obj file contains a not resolvable reference to another symbol. Please check-the settings of the C-Compiler.

3163

"Unknown reference type in Library '<name>' (Symbol '<name>' , Class '<name>' , Type '<name>')"

The .obj file contains a reference type, which is not resolvable by the code generator. Please check-the settings of the C-Compiler.

3200

"<name>: Boolean expression to complex"

The temporary memory of the target system is insufficient for the size of the expression. Divide up the expression into several partial expressions thereby using assignments to intermediate variables.

3201

"<name> (<network>): A network must not result in more than 512 bytes of code"

Internal jumps can not be resolved. Activate option "Use 16 bit jump offsets" in the 68k target settings.

3202

"Stack overrun with nested string/array/structure function calls"

A nested function call CONCAT(x, f(i)) is used. This can lead to data loss. Divide up the call into two expressions.

3203

"Expression too complex (too many used adress registers)."

Divide up the assignment in several expressions.

3204

"A jump exceeds 32k Bytes"

Jump distances may not be bigger than 32767 bytes.

3205

"Internal Error: Too many constant strings"

In a POU there at the most 3000 string constants may be used.

3206

"Function block data exceeds maximal size"

A function block may produce maximum 32767 Bytes of code.

3207

"Array optimization"

The optimization of the array accesses failed because during index calculation a function has been called.

3208

"Conversion not implemented yet"

A conversion function is used, which is not implemented for the actual code generator.

3209

"Operator not implemented"

A operator is used, which is not implemented for this data type and the actual code generator. MIN(string1,string2).

3210

"Function '<Name>' not found"

A function is called, which is not available in the project.

3211

"Max string usage exceeded"

A variable of type string can be used in one expression 10 times at the most.

3212

"Wrong library order at POU <POU name>"

The order of libraries for this POU does not match with that in the cslib.hex file. Correct the order accordingly. (only for 68K targets, if the checking option is activated in the target file.)

3250

"Real not supported for 8 Bit Controller"

The target is currently not supported.

3251

"date of day types are not supported for 8 Bit Controller"

The target is currently not supported.

3252

"size of stack exeeds <number> bytes"

The target is currently not supported.

3253

"Could not find hex file: '<Name>' "

The target is currently not supported.

3254

"Call to external library function could not be resolved."

The target is currently not supported.

3255

"Pointers are not supported for 8 bit controllers."

Avoid using pointers in your program to get it running on the 8 bit system.

3260

"Function ‚<name>' has too many arguments: Increase the size of the argument stack in the target settings."

If possible, modify the size of the stack in dialog ‚Target Platform' in the Target Settings (Default: 40). If the setting is not editable in »PLC Designer«, please contact the PLC manufacturer.

3400

"An error occured during import of Access variables"

The .exp file contains an incorrect access variables section.

3401

"An error occured during import of variable configuration"

The .exp file contains an incorrect configuration variables section.

3402

"An error occured during import of global variables"

The .exp file contains an incorrect global variables section.

3403

"Could not import <name>"

The section for object <name> in the .exp file is not correct.

3404

"An error occured during import of task configuration"

The section for the task configuration the .exp file is not correct.

3405

"An error occured during import of PLC configuration"

The section for the PLC configuration in the .exp file is not correct.

3406

"Two steps with the name '<name'. Second step not imported."

The section for the SFC POU in the .exp file contains two steps with equal names. Rename one of the steps in the export file.

3407

"Predecessor step '<name>' not found"

The step <name> is missing in the .exp file.

3408

"Successor step '<name>' not found"

The step <name> is missing in the .exp file.

3409

"No successing transition for step '<´name>' "

In the .exp file a transition is missing, which requires step <name> as preceeding step.

3410

"No successing step for transition '<name>'"

In the .exp file a step is missing which requires the transition <name> as preceeding condition.

3411

"Step '<name>' not reachable from initial step"

In the .exp file the connection between step <name> and the initial step is missing.

3412

"Macro '<name>' not imported"

Check the export file.

3413

"Error during import of the CAMs."

You have imported an export file (*.exp) which contains erroneous information on a CAM. Check the export file.

3414

"Error during import of the CNC program list"

You have imported an export file (*.exp) which contains erroneous information on a CNC program. Check the export file.

3415

Error during import of the Alarm configuration"

You have imported an export file (*.exp) which contains erroneous information on the Alarm Configuration. Check the export file.

3450

"PDO'<PDO-name>': Missing COB-Id!"

Click on the button ‚Properties' in the PLC configuration dialog for the module and enter a COB ID for the PDO <PDO Name>.

3451

"Error during load: EDS-File '<name>' could not be found, but is referenced in hardware configuration!"

Eventually the device file needed for the CAN configuration is not in the correct directory. Check the directory setting for configuration files in ‚Project' 'Options' 'Directories'.

3452

"The module '<name>' couldn't be created!"

The device file for module <name> does not fit to the current configuration. Eventually it has been modified since the configuration has been set up in »PLC Designer« or it is corrupted.

3453

"The channel '<name>' couldn't be created!"

The device file for channel <name> does not fit to the current configuration. Eventually it has been modified since the configuration has been set up in »PLC Designer« or it is corrupted.

3454

"The address '<name>' points to an used memory!"

Option 'Check for overlapping addresses' is activated in the dialog ‚Settings' of the PLC configuration and an overlap has been detected. Regard, that the area check is based on the size which results of the data types of the modules, not on the size which is given by the entry ‚size' in the configuration file.

3455

"Error during load: GSD-File '<name>' could not be found, but is referenced in hardware configuration!"

Eventually the device file required by the Profibus configuration is not in the correct directory. . Check the directory setting for configuration files in ‚Project' 'Options' 'Directories'.

3456

"The profibus device '<name>' couldn't be created!"

The device file for module <name> does not fit to the current configuration. Eventually it has been modified since the configuration has been set up in »PLC Designer« or it is corrupted.

3457

"Error in module description!"

Please check the device file of this module.

3458

"The PLC-Configuration couldn't be created! Check the configuration files."

Check if all required configuration and device files are available in the correct path (see defined compile directory in 'Project' 'Options' /Directories)

3459

"The selected baudrate is not supported."

Change the settingn in the CAN Parameter dialog. Regard the specification of the baud rate given by the GSD file.

3460

3S_CanDrv.lib has the wrong version.

Make sure, that the 3S_CanDrv.lib which is included in the project, is up to date.

3461

"3S_CanOpenMaster.lib has the wrong version."

Make sure, that the 3S_CanOpenMaster.lib which is included in the project, is up to date.

3462

"3S_CanOpenDevice.lib has the wrong version."

Make sure, that the 3S_CanOpenDevice.lib which is included in the project, is up to date.

3463

"3S_CanOpenManager.lib has the wrong version."

Make sure, that the 3S_CanOpenManager.lib which is included in the project, is up to date.

3464

"3S_CanNetVar.lib has the wrong version."

Make sure, that the 3S_CanNetVar.lib which is included in the project, is up to date.

3465

"CanDevice: Sub indices have to be numerated sequentially"

In parameter lists used by the CanDevice the subindices must be numbered sequentially and without interruption. Check the corresponding list in the Parameter Manager.

3466

"CAN network variables: No CAN controller found in the PLC configuration"

There are network variables configured for a CAN network (Resources, Global Variables), but in the PLC Configuration there is no CAN Controller available.

3468

"CanDevice: Update task not available in the task configuration."

The update task (used for calling the CANdevice), which is defined in the Base Settings dialog of the CANdevice in the PLC Configuration, must be configured in the Task Configuraiton of the project.

3469

"The CanOpenMaster can not be called. Please assign a task manually."

Assign a task, which should call the Master, via parameter UpdateTask in the Module parameters dialog in the PLC Configuration.

3470

"Invalid name in parameter UpdateTask"

Open the CanMasters Module parameter dialog in the PLC Configuration. Check parameter UpdateTask. The specified task must be available in the project. If you cannot set an appropriate task here, the device file must be checked for the corresponding value definitions for UpdateTask.

3500

"No 'VAR_CONFIG' for '<Name>'"

Insert a declaration for this variable in the global variable list which contains the 'Variable_Configuration'.

3501

"No address in 'VAR_CONFIG' for '<name>'."

Assign an address to this variable in the global variable list which contains the 'Variable_Configuration'.

3502

"Wrong data type for '<name>' in 'VAR_CONFIG"

In the global variables list which contains the ‚Variable_Configuration’ the variable is declared with a different data type than in the POU.

3503

"Wrong data type for '<name>' in 'VAR_CONFIG'"

In the global variables list which contains the ‚Variable_Configuration' the variable is declared with a different address than in the POU.

3504

"Initial values are not supported for 'VAR_CONFIG"

A variable of the ‚Variable_Configuration' is declared with address and initial value. But an initial value can only be defined for input variables without address assignment.

3505

"'<name>'is no valid instance path"

The Variable_Configuration contains a nonexisting variable.

3506

"Access path expected"

In the global variable list for Access Variables the access path for a variable is not correct. Correct: <Identifier>:'<Access path>':<Type> <Access mode>.

3507

"No address specification for 'VAR_ACCESS'-variables"

The global variable list for Access Variables contains an address assignment for a variable. This is not allowed.

Valid variable definition: <Identifier>:'<Access path>':<Type> <Access mode>

3550

"Duplicate definition of identifier '<name>'"

There are two tasks are defined with an identic same name. Rename one of them.

3551

"The task '<name>' must contain at least one program call"

Insert a program call or delete task.

3552

"Event variable '<name>' in task '<name>' not defined"

There is an event variable set in the ‘Single’ field of the task properties dialog which is not declared globally in the project. Use another variable or define the variable globally.

3553

"Event variable '<name>' in task '<name>' must be of type 'BOOL'"

Use a variable of type BOOL as event variable in the ‘Single’ field of the task properties dialog.

3554

"Task entry '<name>' must be a program or global function block instance"

In the field ‚Program call’ a function or a not defined POU is entered. Enter a valid program name.

3555

"The task entry '<name>' contains invalid parameters"

In the field ‚Append program call’ there are parameters used which do not comply with the declaration of the program POU.

3556

"Tasks are not supported by the currently selected target"

The currently defined task configuration cannot be used for the currently set target system. Change target or modify the task configuration correspondingly.

3557

"Maximum number of Tasks ('<number>') exceeded"

The currently defined number of tasks exceeds the maximum number allowed for the currently set target system. Change target or modify the task configuration correspondingly. Attention: Do not edit the XML description file of the task configuration !

3558

"Priority of task '<name>' is out of valid range between '<lower limit>' and '<upper limit>'"

The currently defined priority for the task is not valid for the currently set target system. Change target or modify the task configuration correspondingly.

3559

"Task '<name>': Interval-Tasks are not supported by the current target"

The current task configuration contains an interval task. This is not allowed by the currently set target system. Change target or modify the task configuration correspondingly.

3560

"Task '<name>': free wheeling tasks are not supported by the current target"

The current task configuration contains an free wheeling task. This is not allowed by the currently set target system. Change target or modify the task configuration correspondingly.

3561

"Task '<name>': event tasks are not supported by the current target"

The current task configuration contains event tasks which are not supported by the currently set target system. Change target or modify the task configuration correspondingly.

3562

"Task '<name>': external event tasks are not supported by the current target"

The current task configuration contains external event tasks which are not supported by the currently set target system. Change target or modify the task configuration correspondingly.

3563

"The interval of task '<name>' is out of valid range between '<lower limit>' and '<upper limit>'"

Change the interval value in the configuration dialog for the task.

3564

"The external event '<name>' of task '<name>' is not supported by the current target"

The currently set target system does not support the external event which is defined in the task configuration for this task. Change target or modify the task configuration correspondingly.

3565

"Maximum number of event tasks ('<number>') exceeded"

The currently set target system does not allow as many event tasks as are defined at the moment. Change target or modify the task configuration correspondingly.

3566

"Maximum number of interval tasks ('<number>') exceeded"

The currently set target system does not allow as many interval tasks as defined at the moment. Change target or modify the configuration correspondingly.

3567

"Maximum number of free wheeling tasks ('<number>') exceeded"

The currently set target system does not allow as many free wheeling tasks as defined at the moment. Change target or modify the configuration correspondingly.

3568

"Maximum number of external interval tasks ('<number>') exceeded"

The currently set target system does not allow as many external interval tasks as defined at the moment. Change target or modify the configuration correspondingly.

3569

"POU '<name>' for system event '<name>' not defined"

The POU which should be called by the named system event, as defined in the task configuration, is not available in the project. Modify the task configuration correspondingly or make sure that the POU is available in the project.

3570

"The tasks '<name>' and '<name>' share the same priority"

Modify the task configuration so that each task has a different priority.

3571

"The library 'SysLibCallback' is not included in the project! System events can not be generated."

In order to create event tasks, the SysLibCallback.lib is needed. Link this library to the project in the library manager or modify the task configuration (task attributs) in that way that there is no task triggered by an event.

3572

"Watchdog interval of task '<name>' is out of the valid range from <number>µs' to '<number>µs'"

In the task configuration in dialog 'Taskattributes' there is a watchdog time defined in microseconds, which is out of the valid range defined in the XML-description file.

3573

"Watchdog interval of task '<name>' is out of the valid range from <Zahl>%' to

In the task configuration in dialog 'Taskattributes' there is a watchdog time defined in percents, which is out of the valid range defined in the XML-description file.

3574

"The event variable '<name>' respectively its direct address must not be used multiple times as an event"

A Singleton event is used several times in the task configuration. For information on singleton events see the description in 'Insert' 'Insert task' or 'Insert' 'Append Task'.

3575

"Task '<name>': the cycle time has to be a multiple of '<number>' µs."

Correct the cycle time accordingly in the Taskattributes dialog for this task. The target system defines a base time and prescribes that the cycle time must be equal to or be a multiple of this base time.

3600

"Implicit variables not found!"

Use command ‚Rebuild all'. If nevertheless you get the error message again please contact the PLC manufacturer.

3601

"<name> is a reserved variable name"

The given variable is declared in the project, although it is reserved for the codegenerator. Rename the variable.

3610

" '<Name>' not supported"

The given feature is not supported by the current version of the programming system.

3611

"The given compile directory '<name>' is invalid"

There is an invalid directory given in the ‚Project' ‚Options' ‚Directories' for the Compile files.

3612

"Maximum number of POUs (<number>) exceeded! Compile is aborted."

Too many POUs and data types are used in the project. Modify the maximum number of POUs in the Target Settings / Memory Layout.

3613

"Build canceled"

The compile process was cancelled by the user.

3614

"Project must contain a POU named '<name>' (main routine) or a taskconfiguration"

Create an init POU of type Program (e.g. PLC_PRG) or set up a task configuration.

3615

"<Name> (main routine) must be of type program"

A init POU (e.g. PLC_PRG) is used in the project which is not of type Program.

3616

"Programs musn't be implemented in external libraries"

The project which should be saved as an external library contains a program. This will not be available, when the library will be used.

3617

"Out of memory"

Increase the virtual memory capacity of your computer.

3618

"BitAccess not supported in current code generator!"

The code generator for the currently set target system does not support bit access on variables.

3619

"Object file '<name>' and library '<name>' have different versions!"

Make sure that for the library there are available matching versions of *.lib and *.obj resp. *.hex files. These files must have the very same time stamp.

3620

"The POU '<name>' must not be present inside a library"

You want to save the project as a library of version 2.1. In this version a library may not contain a PLC_PRG object. Use a different POU name.

3621

"Cannot write compile file '<name>'"

Probably in the path which is specified for the compile file there is already a file of the same name, which is "read only". Remove that file resp. change the access rights.

3622

"The symbol file '<name>' could not be created"

Probably in the path which is specified for the symbol file (usually project directory) there is already a file of the same name, which is "read only". Remove that file resp. change the access rights.

3623

"Cannot write boot project file '<name>'"

Probably in the path which is specified for the symbol file (target specific) there is already a file of the same name, which is "read only". Remove that file resp. change the access rights.

3700

" POU with name ‘<name>' is already in library '<name>'"

A POU name is used in the project, which is already used for a library POU. Rename the POU.

3701

"Name used in interface is not identical with POU Name"

Use command **‘Project’ ‘Rename object’** to rename the POU in the object organizer, or change the name of the POU in the declaration window. There the POU name has to be placed next to one of the keywords PROGRAM, FUNCTION oder FUNCTIONBLOCK.

3702

"Overflow of identifier list"Maximum 100 identifiers can be entered in one variable declaration.

3703

"Duplicate definition of identifier '<Name>'"

Take care that there is only one identifier with the given name in the declaration part of the POU.

3704

"data recursion: "<POU 0> -> <POU 1> -> .. -> <POU 0>"

An instance of a functionblock is used, which calls itself.

3705

"<Name>: VAR_IN_OUT in Top-Level-POU not allowed, if there is no Task-Configuration"

Create a task configuration or make sure that there are no VAR_IN_OUT variables used in PLC_PRG.

3706

"Modifier 'CONSTANT' allowed for 'VAR', 'VAR_INPUT', 'VAR_EXTERNAL' and 'VAR_GLOBAL' only"

Für diese Variablenkategorie können keine Konstanten deklariert werden.

3720

"Address expected after 'AT'"

Add a valid address after the keyword AT or modify the keyword.

3721

"Only 'VAR' and 'VAR_GLOBAL' can be located to addresses"

Put the declaration to a VAR or VAR_GLOBAL declaration area.

3722

"Only 'BOOL' variables allowed on bit addresses"

Modify the address or modify the type of the variable to which the address is assigned.

3726

"Constants can not be laid on direct addresses"

Modify the address assignment correspondingly.

3727

"No array declaration allowed on this address"

Modify the address assignment correspondingly.

3728

"Invalid address: '<address>'"

This address is not supported by the PLC configuration. Check PLC configuration resp. modify address.

3729

"Invalid type '<name>' at address: '<Name>' "

The type of this variable cannot be placed on the given address. Example: For a target system working with ‘alignment 2’ the following declaration is not valid: var1 AT %IB1:WORD;

This error message also might indicate that an array is assigned to the address of a direct variable, which is not allowed.

3740

"Invalid type: '<Name>' "

An invalid data type is used in a variable declaration.

3741

"Expecting type specification"

A keyword or an operator is used instead of a valid type identifier.

3742

"Enumeration value expected"

In the definition of the enumeration type an identifier is missing after the opening bracket or after a comma between the brackets.

3743

"Integer number expected"

Enumerations can only be initialized with numbers of type INT.

3744

"Enum constant '<name>' already defined"

Check if you have followed the following rules for the definition of enumeration values:

Within one enum definition all values have to be unique.

Within all global enum definitions all values have to be unique.

Within all local enum definitions all values have to be unique.

3745

"Subranges are only allowed on Integers!"

Subrange types can only be defined resting on integer data types.

3746

"Subrange '<name>' is not compatible with Type '<name>'"

One of the limits set for the range of the subrange type is out of the range which is valid for the base type.

3747

"unknown string length: '<name>'"

There is a not valid constant used for the definition of the string length.

3748

"More than three dimensions are not allowed for arrays"

More than the allowed three dimensions are given in the definition of an array. If applicable use an ARRAY OF ARRAY.

3749

"lower bound '<name>' not defined"

There is a not defined constant used to define the lower limit for a subrange or array type.

3750

"upper bound '<name>' not defined"

There is a not defined constant used to define the upper limit for a subrange or array type.

3751

"Invalid string length '<number of characters>'"

The here defined string length exceeds the maximum value which is defined for the currently set target system.

3752

More than 9 dimensions are not allowed for nested arrays"

An array can be 1- 2- or 3-dimensional. The number of dimensions reached by nesting of arrays (e.g "arr: ARRAY [0..2,0..2,0..2] OF ARRAY [0..2,0..2,0..2] OF ARRAY [0..2,0..2,0..2, 0..2] OF DINT" maximum may be 9 and is exceeded in the current error case. Reduce appropriately to max. 9 dimensions.

3760

"Error in inital value"

Use an initial value which corresponds to the type definition. To change the declaration you can use the declaration dialog for variables (Shift/F2 or 'Edit''Autodeclare').

3761

"'VAR_IN_OUT' variables must not have an inital value."

Remove the initialization at the declaration of the VAR_IN_OUT variable.

3780

"'VAR', 'VAR_INPUT', 'VAR_OUTPUT' or 'VAR_IN_OUT' expected"

The first line following the name of a POU must contain one of these keywords.

3781

"'END_VAR' or identifier expected"

Enter a valid identifier of a END_VAR at the beginning of the given line in the declaration window.

3782

"Unexpected end"

In the declaration editor: Add keyword END_VAR at the end of the declaration part.

In the texteditor of the programming part: Add an instruction which terminates the last instruction sequence (e.g. END_IF).

This error message already might be created together with error 3703, if there are two identic declarations at the end of the declaration part.

3783

"END_STRUCT' or identifier expected"

Ensure that the type declaration is terminated correctly.

3784

"The current target doesn't support attribute <attribute name>"

The target system does not support this type of variables (e.g. RETAIN, PERSISTENT)

3800

"The global variables need too much memory. Increase the available memory in the project options."

Increase the number of segments given in the settings in dialog ‚Project' ‚Options' ‚Build'.

3801

"The variable '<Name>' is too big. (<size> byte)"

The variable uses a type which is bigger than 1 data segment. The segment size is a target specific parameter and can be modified in the target settings/memory layout. If you do not find this in the current target settings, please contact your PLC manufacturer.

3802

"Out of retain memory. Variable '<name>', <number> bytes."

The memory space available for Retain variables is exhausted. The size of the memory area can be set target-specific in the target settings /memory layout. If you do not find the settings field in the dialog, please contact your PLC manufacturer. (Please regard: If retain variables are used in an function block instance, the complete instance POU will be stored in the retain memory area !)

3803

"Out of global data memory. Variable '<name>', ‚<number>' bytes."

The memory space available for global variables is exhausted. The size of the memory area can be set target-specific in the target settings /memory layout. If you do not find the settings field in the dialog, please contact your PLC manfacturer.

3804

"The current size of the perstistent data description is <'number'> bytes and exceeds the maximum of <'number'> bytes."

Reduce the persistent data to that size which is allowed by the target system.

3820

"'VAR_OUTPUT' and 'VAR_IN_OUT' not allowed in functions"

In a function no output or in_output variables may be defined.

3821

"At least one input required for functions"

Add at least on input parameter for the function.

3840

"Unknown global variable '<name>'!"

In the POU a VAR_EXTERNAL variable is used, for which no global variable declared.

3841

"Declaration of '<name>' do not match global declaration!"

The type given in the declaration of the VAR_EXTERNAL variable is not the same as that in the global declaration.

3850

"Declaration of an unpacked struct '<name>' inside a packed struct '<name>' is not allowed!"

This structure definition leads to a misalignment in the memory. You must change the structure definition appropriately.

3900

"Multiple underlines in indentifier"

Remove multiple underlines in the identifier name.

3901

"At most 4 numerical fields allowed in addresses"

There is a direct assignment to an address which has more than four levels. (e.g. %QB0.1.1.0.1).

3902

"Keywords must be uppercase"

Use capital letters for the keyword or activate option ‚Autoformat' in ‚Project' ‚Options'.

3903

"Invalid duration constant"

The notation of the constant does not comply with the IEC61131-3 format.

3904

"Overflow in duration constant"

The value used for the time constant cannot be represented in the internal format. The maximum value which is presentable is t#49d17h2m47s295ms.

3905

"Invalid date constant"

The notation of the constant does not comply with the IEC61131-3 format.

3906

"Invalid time of day constant"

The notation of the constant does not comply with the IEC61131-3 format.

3907

"Invalid date and time constant"

The notation of the constant dies not comply with the IEC61131-3 format.

3908

"Invalid string constant"

The string constant contains an invalid character.

4000

"Identifier expected"

Enter a valid identifier at this position.

4001

"Variable '<Name>' not declared"

Declare variable local or global.

4010

"Type mismatch: Cannot convert '<Name>' to '<Name>'."

Check what data type the operator expects (Browse Online Help for name of operator) and change the type of the variable which has caused the error, or select another variable.

4011

"Type mismatch in parameter '<Name>' of '<Name>': Cannot convert '<Name>' to '<Name>'."

The data type of the actual parameter cannot be automatically converted to that of the formal parameter. Use a type conversion or use another variable type.

4012

"Type mismatch in parameter '<Name>' of '<Name>': Cannot convert '<Name>' to '<Name>'."

A value with the invalid type <Typ2> is assigned to the input variable '<Name>'. Replace the variable or constant to one of type <Typ1> or use a type conversion respectively a constant with type-prefix.

4013

"Type mismatch in output '<Name>' of '<Name>': Cannot convert '<Name>' to '<Name>'."

A value with the invalid type <Typ2> is assigned to the output variable '<Name>'. Replace the variable or constant to one of type <Typ1> or use a type conversion respectively a constant with type-prefix.

4014

"Typed literal: Cannot convert '<name>' to '<name>'"

The type of the constant is not compatible with the type of the prefix.

Example: SINT#255

4015

"Data type ‘<name>' illegal for direct bit access"

Direct bit addressing is only allowed for Integer- and Bitstring datatypes and not at all for direct variables. You are using a variable var1 of type Typ REAL/LREAL or a constant in bit access <var1>.<bit>, or you are trying a bit access on a direct variable.

4016

"Bit index '<number>' out of range for variable of type '<name>'"

You are trying to access a bit which is not defined for the data type of the variable.

4017

"'MOD' is not defined for 'REAL'"

The operator MOD can only be used for integer and bitstring data types.

4020

"Variable with write access or direct address required for 'ST', 'STN', 'S', 'R'"

Replace the first operand by a variable with write access.

4021

"No write access to variable '<name>' allowed"

Replace the variable by a variable with write access.

4022

"Operand expected"

Add an operand behind the command.

4023

"Number expected after '+' or '-'"

Enter a digit.

4024

"Expecting <Operator 0> or <Operator 1> or ... before '<Name>'"

Enter a valid operand at the named position.

4025

"Expecting ':=' or '=>' before '<Name>'"

Enter one of the both operators at the named position.

4026

"'BITADR' expects a bit address or a variable on a bit address"

Use a valid bit address (e.g. %IX0.1).

4027

"Integer number or symbolic constant expected"

Enter a integer number or the identifier of a valid constant.

4028

"'INI' operator needs function block instance or data unit type instance"

Check the data type of the variable, for which the INI operator is used.

4029

"Nested calls of the same function are not possible."

At not reentrant target systems and in simulation mode a function call may not contain a call of itself as a parameter.

Example: fun1(a,fun1(b,c,d),e);

Use a intermediate table.

4030

"Expressions and constants are not allowed as operands of 'ADR'"

Replace the constant or the expression by a variable or a direct address.

4031

"'ADR' is not allowed on bits! Use 'BITADR' instead."

Use BITADR. Please note: The BITADR function does not return a physical memory address.

4032

"'<number>' operands are too few for '<name>'. At least '<number>' are needed"

Check how many operands the named operator requires and add the missing operands.

4033

"'<number>' operands are too many for '<name>'. At least '<number>' are needed"

Check how many operands the named operator requires and remove the surplus operands.

4034

"Division by 0"

You are using a division by 0 in a constant expression. If you want to provocate a runtime error, use – if applicable - a variable with the value 0.

4035

"ADR must not be applied on 'VAR CONSTANT' if 'replaced constants' is activated"

An address access on constants for which the direct values are used, is not possible. If applicable, deactivate the option ‚Replace Constants' in ‚Project' ‚Options' ‚Build'.

4040

"Label '<name>' is not defined"

Define a label with the name <LabelName> or change the name <LabelName> to that of a defined label.

4041

"Duplicate definition of label '<name>'"

The label '<Name>' is multiple defined in the POU. Rename the label or remove one of the definitions.

4042

"No more than <number> labels in sequence are allowed"

The number of jump labels is limited to '<Anzahl>'. Insert a dummy instruction.

4043

"Format of label invalid. A label must be a name optionally followed by a colon."

The label name is not valid or the colon is missing in the definition.

4050

"POU '%s' is not defined"

Define a POU with the name '<Name>' using the command **'Project' 'Add Object'** or change '<Name>' to the name of a defined POU.

4051

"'%s' is no function"

Use instead of <Name> a function name which is defined in the project or in the libraries.

4052

"'<name>' must be a declared instance of FB '<name>'"

Use an instance of data type '<Name>' which is defined in the project or change the type of <Instance name> to '<Name>'.

4053

"'<name>' is no valid box or operator"

Replace '<Name>' by the name of a POU or an operator defined in the project.

4054

"POU name expected as parameter of 'INDEXOF'"

The given parameter is not a valid POU name.

4060

"'VAR_IN_OUT' parameter '<name>' of '<name>' needs variable with write access as input"

To VAR_IN_OUT parameters variables with write access have to be handed over, because a VAR_IN_OUT can be modified within the POU.

4061

"'VAR_IN_OUT' parameter '<name>' of '<name>' must be used."

A VAR_IN_OUT parameter must get handed over a variable with write access, because a VAR_IN_OUT can be modified within the POU.

4062

"No external access to 'VAR_IN_OUT' parameter '<name>' of '<name>'."

VAR_IN_OUT Parameter only may be written or read within the POU, because they are handed over by reference.

4063

"'VAR_IN_OUT' parameter '<name>' of '<name>' must not be used with bit addresses."

A bit address is not a valid physical address. Hand over a variable or a direct non-bit address.

4064

"'VAR_IN_OUT' must not be overwritten in local action call!"

Delete the parameters set for the VAR_IN_OUT variable in the local action call.

4070

"The POU contains a too complex expression"

Decrease nesting depth by dividing up the expression into several expressions. Use intermediate variables for this purpose.

4071

"Network too complex"

Divide up the network into several networks.

4072

"Inconsistent use of an action identifier in FB type ('<name>') and instance ('<name>')."

You have defined two actions of a function block fb: e.g. a1 and a2, but in the call of one of the actions in the FBD you are using a type (string within the box, e.g. fb.a1 different to that used in the instance-name (e.g. inst.a2, above box). Correct the name correspondingly into the name of the desired action.

4100

"'^' needs a pointer type"

You are trying to dereference a variable which is not declared as a pointer.

4110

"'[<index>]' needs array variable"

[<index>] is used for a variable which is not declared as an array with ARRAY OF.

4111

"Index expression of an array must be of type 'INT'"

Use an expression of the correct type or a type conversion.

4112

"Too many indexes for array"

Check the number of indices (1, 2, or 3), for which the array is declared and remove the surplus.

4113

"Too few indexes for array"

Check the number of indices (1, 2, or 3), for which the array is declared and add the missing ones.

4114

"One of the constant indizes is not within the array range"

Make sure that the used indices are within the bounds of the array.

4120

"'.' needs structure variable""

The identifier on the left hand of the dot must be a variable of type STRUCT or FUNCTION_BLOCK or the name of a FUNCTION or a PROGRAM.

4121

" '<Name>' is not a component of <object name>"

The component '<Name>' is not included in the definition of the object <object name>.

4122

"'<name>' is not an input variable of the called function block"

Check the input variables of the called function block and change '<name>' to one of these.

4200

"'LD' expected"

Insert at least one LD instruction after the jump label in the IL editor.

4201

"IL Operator expected"

Each IL instruction must start with an operator or a jump label.

4202

"Unexpected end of text in brackets"

Insert a closing bracket after the text.

4203

"<Name> in brackets not allowed"

The operator <name> is not valid in a IL bracket expression.

(not valid are: 'JMP', 'RET', 'CAL', 'LDN', 'LD', 'TIME')

4204

"Closing bracket with no corresponding opening bracket"

Insert an opening bracket or remove the closing one.

4205

"No comma allowed after ')'"

Remove comma after closing bracket.

4206

"Label in brackets not allowed"

Shift jump label so that it is outside of the brackets.

4207

"'N' modifier requires operand of type 'BOOL','BYTE','WORD' or 'DWORD'"

The N modifier requires a data type, for which a boolean negation can be executed.

4208

"Conditional Operator requires type 'BOOL'"

Make sure that the expression gives out a boolean result or use a type conversion.

4209

"Function name not allowed here"

Replace the function call by a variable or a constant.

4210

"'CAL', 'CALC' and 'CALN' require a function block instance as operand"

Declare an instance of the function block which you want to call.

4211

"Comments are only allowed at the end of line in IL"

Shift the comment to the end of the line or to an extra line.

4212

"Accumulator is invalid before conditional statement"

The accu is not defined. This happens if an instruction is preceeding which does not submit a result (e.g. 'CAL').

4213

"'S' and 'R' require 'BOOL' operand"

Use a boolean variable at this place.

4250

"Another 'ST' statement or end of POU expected"

The line does not start with a valid ST instruction.

4251

"Too many parameters in function '<name>'"

There are more parameters given than are declared in the definition of the function.

4252

"Too few parameters in function '<name>'"

There are less parameters given than are declared in the definition of the function.

4253

"'IF' or 'ELSIF' require 'BOOL' expression as condition"

Make sure that the condition for IF or ELSIF is a boolean expression.

4254

"'WHILE' requires 'BOOL' expression as condition"

Make sure that the condition following the ‘WHILE’ is a boolean expression.

4255

"'UNTIL' requires 'BOOL' expression as condition"

Make sure that the condition following the ‘UNTIL’ is a boolean expression.

4256

"'NOT' requires 'BOOL' operand"

Make sure that the condition following the ‘NOT’ is a boolean expression.

4257

"Variable of 'FOR' statement must be of type 'INT'"

Make sure that the counter variable is of an integer or bitstring data type (e.g. DINT, DWORD).

4258

"Expression in 'FOR' statement is no variable with write access"

Replace the counter variable by a variable with write access.

4259

"Start value in 'FOR' statement is no variable with write access"

The start value in the ‚FOR' instruction must be compatible to the type of the counter variable.

4260

"End value of 'FOR' statement must be of type 'INT'"

The end value in the ‚FOR' instruction must be compatible to the type of the counter variable.

4261

"Increment value of 'FOR' statement must be of type 'INT'"

The incremental value in the ‚FOR' instruction must be compatible to the type of the counter variable.

4262

"'EXIT' outside a loop"

Use 'EXIT' only within 'FOR', 'WHILE' or 'UNTIL' instructions.

4263

"Expecting Number, 'ELSE' or 'END_CASE'"

Within a ‘CASE' expression you only can use a number or a 'ELSE' instruction or the ending instruction 'END_CASE'.

4264

"'CASE' requires selector of an integer type"

Make sure that the selector is of an integer or bitstring data type (e.g. DINT, DWORD).

4265

"Number expected after ','"

In the enumeration of the CASE selectors there must be inserted a further selector after a comma.

4266

"At least one statement is required"

Insert an instruction, at least a semicolon.

4267

"Function block call requires function block instance"

The identifier in the functionblock call is no instance. Declare an instance of the desired functionblock or use the name of an already defined instance.

4268

"Expression expected"

Insert an expression.

4269

"'END_CASE' expected after 'ELSE'-branch"

Terminate the 'CASE' instruction after the 'ELSE' part with an 'END_CASE'.

4270

"'CASE' constant '<name>' already used"

A 'CASE' selector may only be used once within a ‘CASE' instruction.

4271

"The lower border of the range is greater than the upper border."

Modify the area bounds for the selectors so that the lower border is not highte than the upper border.

4272

"Expecting parameter '<name>' at place <position> in call of '<name>'!"

You can edit a function call in that way, that also the parameter names are contained, not only the parameter values. But nevertheless the position (sequence) of the parameters must be the same as in the function definition.

4273

Parts of the 'CASE'-Range '<range>' already used in Range '<range>'

Make sure that the areas for the selectors which are used in the CASE instruction, don’t overlap.

4274

"Multiple 'ELSE' branch in 'CASE' statement"

A CASE instruction may not contain more than one ‚ELSE' instruction.

4300

"Jump requires 'BOOL' as input type"

Make sure that the input for the jump respectively the RETURN instruction is a boolean expression.

4301

"POU '<name>' need exactly <number> inputs"

The number of inputs does not correspond to the number of VAR_INPUT and VAR_IN_OUT variables which is given in the POU definition.

4302

"POU '<name>' need exactly %d outputs".

The number of outputs does not correspond to the number of VAR_OUTPUT variables which is given in the POU definition.

4303

"'<name>' is no operator"

Replace '<Name>' by a valid operator.

4320

"Non-boolean expression '<name>' used with contact"

The switch signal for a contact must be a boolean expression.

4321

"Non-boolean expression '<name>' used with coil"

The output variable of a coil must be of type BOOL.

4330

"Expression expected at input 'EN' of the box '<name>' "

Assign an input or an expression to the input EN of POU '<Name>'.

4331

"Expression expected at input '<number>' of the box '<Name>' "

The input <number> of the operator POU is not assigned.

4332

Expression expected at input '<name>' of the box '<Name>'"

The input of the POU is of type VAR_IN_OUT and is not assigned.

4333

"Identifier in jump expected"

The given jump mark is not a valid identifier.

4334

"Expression expected at the input of jump"

Assign a boolean expression to the input of the jump. If this is TRUE, the jump will be executed.

4335

"Expression expected at the input of the return"

Assign a boolean expression to the input of the RETURN instruction. If this is TRUE, the jump will be executed.

4336

"Expression expected at the input of the output"

Assign a suitable expression to the output box.

4337

"Identifier for input expected"

Insert a valid expression or identifier in the input box.

4338

"Box '<name>' has no inputs"

To none of the inputs of the operator POU '<Name>' a valid expression is assigned.

4339

"Typemismatch at output: Cannot convert '<name>' to '<name>'.

The type of the expression in the output box is not compatible to that of the expression which should be assigned to it.

4340

"Jump requires 'BOOL' as input type"

Make sure that the input for the jump is a boolean expression.

4341

"Return needs a boolean input"

Make sure that the input for the RETURN instruction is a boolean expression.

4342

"Expression expected at input 'EN' of the box '<name>'"

Assign a valid boolean expression to the EN input of the box.

4343

"Values of Constants: ‘<name>’"

Input '<Name>' of box '<Name>' is declared as VAR_INPUT CONSTANT. But to this POU box an expression has been assigned in the dialog 'Edit Parameters' which is not type compatible.

4344

"'S' and 'R' require 'BOOL' operand"

Insert a valid boolean expression after the Set resp. Reset instruction.

4345

"Invalid type for parameter '<name>' of '<name>': Cannot convert '<type>' to '<type>'."

An expression is assigned to input '<Name>' of POU box '<Name>' which is not type compatible.

4346

"Not allowed to use a constant as an output"

You can only assign an output to a variable or a direct address with write access.

4347

"'VAR_IN_OUT' parameter needs variable with write access as input"

To VAR_IN_OUT parameters only variables with write access can be handed over, because these can be modified within the POU.

4348

"Invalid program name '<name>'. A variable with the same name exists already."

You have inserted a program box in the CFC editor, which has the same name as a (global) variable already existing in your project. You must rename accordingly.

4349

Input or output in POU <name> has been deleted: Check all connections to the box. This errormessage disappears only after the CFC was edited

Error in CFC POU.

4350

"An SFC-Action can not be accessed from outside!"

SFC actions only can be called within the SFC POU in which they are defined. But this error also will be dumped, if you call an action from within a SFC POU, which is allowed, but are not using IEC steps while the iecsfc.lib is still included in your project. In this case please remove the library in the library manager and rebuild the project.

4351

"Step name is no identifier: '<name>'"

Rename the step or choose a valid identifier as step name.

4352

"Extra characters following valid step name:'<Name>'"

Remove the not valid characters in the step name.

4353

"Step name duplicated: '<Name>'"

Rename one of the steps. This error also will be generated if a step has the same name as a non-boolean variable.

4354

"Jump to undefined Step: '<Name>'"

Choose an existent step name as aim of the jump resp. insert a step with name ‚<name>'.

4355

"A transition must not have any side effects (Assignments, FB-Calls etc.)"

A transition must be a boolean expression.

4356

"Jump without valid Step Name: '<Name>' "

Use a valid identifier as aim (mark) of the jump.

4357

"IEC-Library not found"

Check whether the library iecsfc.lib is inserted in the library manager and whether the library paths defined in ‘Project’ ‘Options’ ‘Paths’are correct.

4358

"Action not declared: '<name>'"

Make sure that in the object organizer the action of the IEC step is inserted below the SFC POU and that in the editor the action name is inserted in the box on the right hand of the qualifier.

4359

"Invalid Qualifier: '<name>'"

In the box on the left hand of the action name enter a qualifier for the IEC action.

4360

"Time Constant expected after qualifier '<name>'"

Enter next to the box on the left hand of the action name a time constant behind the qualifier.

4361

"'<name>' is not the name of an action"

Enter next to the box on the right hand of the qualifier the name of an action or the name of a variable which is defined in the project.

4362

"Nonboolean expression used in action: '<name>'"

Insert a boolean variable or a valid action name.

4363

"IEC-Step name already used for variable: '<Name>'"

Please rename the step or the variable.

4364

"A transition must be a boolean expression"

The result of the transition expression must be of type BOOL.

4365

"Time Constant expected after qualifier '<name>'"

Open dialog ‚step attributes' for the step '<Name>' and enter a valid time variable or time constant.

4366

"The label of the parallel branch is no valid identifier: '<Name>'"

Enter a valid identifier next to the triangle which marks the jump label.

4367

"The label '<name>' is already used"

There is already a jump label or a step with this name. Please rename correspondingly.

4368

"Action '<name>' is used in multiple step chains, where one is containing the other!"

The action '<Name>' is used in the POU as well as in one or several actions of the POU.

4369

"Exactly one network requried for a transition"

There are used several FBD resp. LD networks for a transition. Please reduce to 1 network.

4370

"Additional lines found after correct IL-transition"

Remove the not needed lines at the end of the transition.

4371

"Invalid characters following valid expression: '<name>"

Remove the not needed characters at the end of the transition.

4372

"Step '<name>': Time limit needs type 'TIME'"

Define the time limits of the step in the step attributes by using a variable of type TIME or by a time definition in correct format (e.g "t#200ms").

4373

"IEC-actions are only allowed with SFC-POUs"

There is an action assigned to a non-SFC-POU (see in the Object Organizer), which is programmed in SFC and which contains IEC actions. Replace this action by one which contains no IEC actions.

4374

"Step expected instead of transition '<name>'"

The SFC POU is corrupt, possibly due to any export-import actions.

4375

"Transition expected instead of step '<name>'"

The SFC POU is corrupt, possibly due to any export-import actions.

4376

"Step expected after transition '<name>'"

The SFC POU is corrupt, possibly due to any export-import actions.

4377

"Transition expected after step '<name>'"

The SFC POU is corrupt, possibly due to any export-import actions.

4400

Import / conversion of POU '<name>' contains errors resp. is not complete."

The POU cannot be converted to IEC 61131-3 completely.

4401

"S5 time constant <number> seconds is too big (max. 9990s)."

There is no valid BCD coded time in the accu.

4402

"Direct access only allowed on I/Os."

Make sure that you only access variables which are defined as input or output.

4403

"STEP5/7 instruction invalid or not convertible to IEC 61131-3."

Some STEP5/7 commands are not convertible to IEC 61131-3, e.g. CPU commands like MAS.

4404

"STEP5/7 operand invalid or not convertible to IEC 61131-3."

Some STEP5/7 operands are not convertible to IEC 61131-3 respectively an operand is missing.

4405

"Reset of a STEP5/7 timer cannot be converted into IEC 61131-3."

The corresponding IEC timer have no reset input.

4406

"STEP5/7 Counter constant out of range (max. 999)."

There is no valid BCD coded counter constant in the accu.

4407

"STEP5 instruction not convertible to IEC 61131-3."

Some STEP5/7 instructions cannot be converted to IEC 61131-3, e.g. DUF.

4408

"Bit access of timer or counter words not convertible into IEC 61131-3."

Special timer/counter commands are not convertible into IEC 61131-3.

4409

"Contents of ACCU1 or ACCU2 undefined, not convertible into IEC 61131-3."

A command, which connects the both accus, cannot be converted, because the accu values are not defined.

4410

"Called POU not in project."

Import the called POU.

4411

"Error in global variable list."

Please check the SEQ file.

4412

"Internal error no.11"

Please contact the PLC manufacturer.

4413

"Error in format of line in data block"

In the code which should be imported there is an erroneous date.

4414

"FB/FX name missing."

In the original S5D file the symbolic name of an (extended) POU is missing.

4415

"Instruction after block end not allowed."

A protected POU cannot get imported.

4416

"Invalid command"

The S5/S7 command´cannot be disassembled.

4417

"Comment not closed"

Close the comment with "*)".

4418

"FB/FX-Name too long (max. 8 characters)"

The symbolic name of an (extended) POU is too long.

4419

"Expected format of line ""(* Name: <FB/FX-Name> *)"" "

Correct the line correspondingly.

4420

"Name of FB/FX parameter missing"

Check the POUs.

4421

"Type of FB/FX parameter invalid"

Check the POUs.

4422

"Type of FB/FX parameter missing"

Check the POUs.

4423

"Invalid FB/FX call parameter"

Check the interface of the POU.

4424

"Warning: FB/FX for call either missing or parameters invalid or has '0' parameters"

The called POU is not imported yet or is not correct or has no parameters (in the last case you can ignore the error message).

4425

"Definition of label missing"

The aim (label) of the jump is not defined.

4426

"POU does not have a valid STEP 5 block name, e.g. PB10"

Modify the POU name.

4427

"Timer type not declared"

Add a declaration of the timer in the global variables list.

4428

"Maximum number of open STEP5 brackets exceeded"

You may not use more than seven open brackets.

4429

"Error in name of formal parameter"

The parameter name may not exceed four characters.

4430

"Type of formal parameter not IEC-convertible"

In IEC 61131-3 Timer, counter and POUs cannot be converted as formal parameters.

4431

"Too many 'VAR_OUTPUT' parameters for a call in STEP5 STL"

A POU may not contain more than 16 formal parameters as outputs.

4432

"Labels within an expression are not allowed"

In IEC 61131-3 jump labels may not be inserted at any desired position.

4434

"Too many labels"

A POU may not contain more than 100 labels.

4435

"After jump / call, a new expression must start"

After jump or call a Load command LD must follow.

4436

"Bit result undefined, not convertible to IEC 61131-3."

The command which is used by VKE cannot get converted, because the value of the VKE is not known.

4437

"Type of instruction and operand are not compatible"

A bit command is used for a word operand or the other way round.

4438

"No data block opened (insert instruction C DB before)"

Insert a "A DB".

4500

"Unrecognized variable or address"

The watch variable is not declared within the project. By pressing <F2> you get the input assistant which lists the declared variables.

4501

"Extra characters following valid watch expression"

Remove the surplus signs.

4520

"Error in Pragma: Flag expected before '<Name>'!"

The pragma is not correct. Check whether '<Name>' is a valid flag.

4521

"Error in Pragma: Unexpected element '<Name>'!"

Check whether pragma is composed correctly.

4522

"flag off' pragma expected!"

Pragma has not been terminated, insert a 'flag off' instruction.

4523

"Pragma {<Pragmaname>} not allowed in interface of type '<Name>'"

Das Pragma cannot be used at this location. Please see the PLC Designer Online Help resp. Users Guide, keyword 'pragma' for the correct use of pragmas.

4550

"Index out of defined range : Variable OD "number>, Line <line number>."

Ensure that the index is within the area which is defined in the target settings/networkfunctionality.

4551

"Subindex out of defined range : Variable OD "number>, Line <line number>."

Ensure that the subindex is within the area which is defined in the target settings/networkfunctionality.

4552

"Index out of defined range : Parameter OD "number>, Line <line number>."

Ensure that the index is within the area which is defined in the target settings/networkfunctionality.

4553

"Subindex out of defined range : Parameter OD "number>, Line <line number>."

Ensure that the subindex is within the area which is defined in the target settings/networkfunctionality.

4554

"Variablename invalid: Variable OD <number>, Line <line number>."

Enter a valid project variable in the filed ‚variable'. Use the syntax <POU name>.<variable name> resp. for global variables .<variable name>

4555

"Empty table-entry, input not optional: Parameter OD <number>, Line <line number>

You must make an entry in this field.

4556

"Empty table-entry, input not optional: Variable OD <number>, Line <number>"

You must make an entry in this field.

4557

"The required parameter memory is too large"

The maximum size of data which can be loaded via parameter lists of type Parameters to the controller has been exceeded. This size is defined by the target system. Information on the data size is displayed in the message window at compilation. Reduce the parameter lists size.

4558

"The required variable memory is too large"

The maximum size of data which can be loaded via parameter lists of type Variables to the controller has been exceeded. This size is defined by the target system. Information on the data size is displayed in the message window at compilation. Reduce the parameter lists size.

4560

"Invalid value: Dictionary '<Name>', column '<Name>', line '<line number>'"

Check this entry. It depends on the currently used column (attribute) definition which entries are valid for this field. This definition is given by the target-specific XML description file of the Parameter Manager resp. by the standard settings which will be used if there is no description file.

4561

"Column not defined: '<Name>'"

Entries in a column of the parameter list refer to another column, which is not defined however. The column definitions are given by the description file (XML) of the Parameter Manager for the current target. If a description file is not available, standard settings are used.

4562

"Index/subindex used already: Dictionary '<Name>', line '<Line Number>'"

The Index/Subindex-combination must be unique throughout all parameter lists, because it can be used for the parameter access. Correct the indices correspondingly.

4563

"Identifier '<Name>' used already: Dictionary '<Name>', line '<Line Number>'"

The name must be unique throughout all parameter lists, because it can be used for parameter access.

4564

"Index '<Name>' is out of range: Dictionary '<Name>', line '<Line Number>' "

Enter an index which is within the range defined in the target settings, category network functionality in field 'Index range...' for the respective list types (Variables, Parameters, Mappings).

4565

"Subindex '<Name>' is out of range: Dictionary '<Name>', line '<Line Number>' "

Enter an subindex which is within the range defined in the target settings, category network functionality in field 'SubIndex range'.

4566

"An error occurred during import of the parameter manager"

You have imported an export file which contains erroneous information on the Parameter Manager. Check the *.exp-file.

4600

"Networkvariables: '<name>' expression is not from type bool!"

Make sure that the variable defined in the properties dialog of the network variables list at option 'Transmit on event', is of type BOOL.

4601

"Network variables '<name>': No cyclic or freewheeling task for network variable exchange found"

There is no cyclic or free-wheeling task resp. PLC_PRG in the project where the network variables of type CAN or UDP of the given list are used (only declaration is not sufficient!). You must take care that the variables are used in an appropriate task or in PLC_PRG. If you want to use them in several tasks, regard, that at data exchange the task with the highest priority will be regarded.

4602

"'<name of network variables list>': The object uses UDP port '<port number>' instead of '<port number>'"

In the Settings of the named network variables list a port number is used which is not the same as that which is used in the first network variables list found in the global variables folder. Take care that all network variables lists are using the same port!

4604

"Network variables '<name>': Base identifier has been used more than once."

The same COB-ID is used in the configuration settings of multiple Network Variables lists. Assign unique IDs.

4605

"Network variables '<name>': Duplicate CAN COB id."

In the configuration of a Network Variables list a COB-ID is used which is also specified in the CAN PLC Configuration. Assign unique IDs.

4620

Unused variables have been found in the project. See the description for command 'Project' 'Check' Unused Variables.

4621

There are overlaps at the assignment of variables to memory areas via the „AT"-declaration. See the description of command 'Project' 'Check' 'Overlapping memory areas'.

4622

IEC addresses assigned to the same memory area are referenced in more than one task. See the description of command 'Project' 'Check' 'Concurrent Access'.

4623

The project gains write access to the same memory area at more than one place. See the description of command 'Project' 'Check' 'Multiple write access to output'.

4650

"AxisGroup '<Name>': Task '<Name>' does not exist."

In the PLC Configuration in the definition of the axis group (dialog 'Module parameters', column 'Value') there is a name defined for the task which is controlling the data transfer of this axis group, which is not known in the Task Configuration. Correct Task Configuration resp. PLC Configuration correspondingly.

4651

"AxisGroup '<Name>': Cycletime (dwCycle) not set."

In dialog 'Module parameters' of the axis group enter a value for the cycle time (dwCycle).

4652

"Drive '<name>': wDriveID exists already in this axis group"

In the PLC Configuration within the same axis group there is already a drive with the same Drive ID. Select the drive in the configuration tree and define an ID in configuration dialog 'Drive' which is unique within the axisgroup.

4656

"Drive '<name>': Scaling factor must not be 0.

Open the PLC Configuration and check the Scale entries in the configuration dialog of the drive. All fields must have entries not equal "0".

4670

"CNC program '<Name>': Global variable '<Name>' not found."

In the CNC program a global variable is used (e.g. $glob_var$), which is not defined in the project. Add the appropriate declaration resp. correct the assignment to the variable in the CNC program.

4671

"CNC program '<Name>': Variable '<Name>' has an incompatible type."

There is a variable assigned in a instruction of the CNC program , which is declared of a data type which is not valid in this place. Use another variable resp. correct the type specification.

4685

"CAM '<Name>': CAM table type unknown."

Check the data type which is specified in the CAM Editor dialog "Compile options.." for the equidistant resp. element optimized point table.

4686

"CAM '<Name>': CAM point exceeds datatype range."

In this CAM points are used, which are out of the data range specified for the point table. For the current range definition see dialog 'Compile options..' in the CAM-Editor.

4700

"'<Number>' ('<Name>'): Watch expression '<Name>' is not a numeric variable."

In the configuration of the visualization a variable is used which is not a number, as required in this place (e.g. at the configuration of XOffset or Angle values etc.).

4701

"'<Name>' ('<Number>'): Watch expression '<name>' is not of type BOOL."

In the configuration of the visualization a variable is used which is not of type BOOL, as required in this place.

4702

"'<Name>' ('<Number>'): Watch expression '<name>' is not of type STRING."

The visualization contains a variable which is not of type STRING although this is required in this place (e.g. at the tooltip configuration).

4703

"'<Name>' ('<Number>'): Invalid watch expression '<Name>'"

The visualization contains an invalid variable.

4704

"'<Name>'('<Number>'): Invalid initial value in watchlist '<Name>'."

In this watchlist, used in a visualization (INTERN command in category Input), there is a erroneous initial value. Check the used list.

4705

"'<name>' ('<number>'): No valid alarm group assigned to alarm table."

Enter a valid alarm group In the configuration dialog of the alarm table (category Alarm table).

4706

"'<name>' ('<number>'): Use of alarm tables requires the target setting 'Alarmhandling in controller' to be activated."

Open the target settings in tab 'Resources' and in dialog 'Visualization' activate option 'Alarmhandling in the PLC'. Otherwise the alarm table element will not work in the Target-Visualization which is currently activated also in the target settings.

4707

"'<name>' ('<number>'): Alarm tables are not supported by the current target. Please remove these elements from the target visualization."

The target system does not support the processing of alarms (target setting 'Alarmhandling in the PLC' cannot be activated). Thus for running a Target-Visualization (currently activated in the target settings in tab 'Visualization') the alarm table elements must be removed from the visualization.

4708

"'<name>' ('<number>'): Use of trends requires the target setting 'Trend recording in controller' to be activated.

Open the target settings in tab 'Resources' and in dialog 'Visualization' activate option 'Store trend data in the PLC'. Otherwise the trend element will not work in the Target-Visualization which is currently activated also in the target settings.

4709

"'<name>' ('<number>'): Trends are not supported by the current target. Please remove these elements from the target visualization."

The target system does not support the processing of trend data (target setting 'Store trend data in the PLC' cannot be activated). Thus for running a Target-Visualization (currently activated in the target settings in tab 'Visualization') the trend elements must be removed from the visualization.

4712

"'<Name>'('<number>'): The selected target does not support the output of passwords""

The text output in the visualization element is configured to work via dynamic texts or unicode texts. Additionally the option "Hidden" is activated in the "Input" category. This is not supported by the Target-Visualization.

4900

"Invalid type for conversion"

You are using a type conversion which is not supported by the currently chosen codegenerator.

4901

"Internal error: Overflow in array access!"

The array bounds are to large for a 32-bit-variable. Reduce the array index range.

5100

"<Name> (<Zahl>): Expression too complex. No more registers available"

The named expression is to complex to be handled by the available registers. Please try to reduce the expression by using interim variables.

19 PLC Designer Libraries

19.1 Standard.lib library

19.1.1 String functions...

Note!

String functions are not "thread safe": When using tasks, string functions may only be used in a single task. If the same function is used in different tasks, there is a danger of overwriting.

LEN

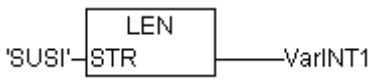
Provided by standard.lib.

Returns the length of a string. Input STR is of type STRING, the return value of the function is type INT.

Example in IL:

```
LD  'SUSI'
LEN
ST  VarINT1 (* Result is 4 *)
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
VarSTRING1 := LEN ('SUSI');
```

Note!

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LEFT

Provided by standard.lib.

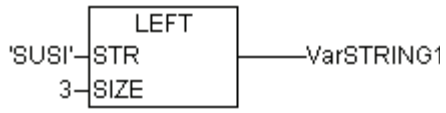
Left returns the left, initial string for a given string. Input STR is type STRING, SIZE is of type INT, the return value of the function is type STRING.

LEFT (STR, SIZE) means: Take the first SIZE character from the right in the string STR.

Example in IL:

```
LD   'SUSI'
LEFT 3
ST   VarSTRING1 (* Result is 'SUS' *)
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
VarSTRING1 := LEFT ('SUSI',3);
```

Note!

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RIGHT

Provided by standard.lib.

Right returns the right, initial string for a given string.

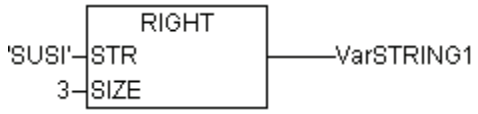
RIGHT (STR, SIZE) means: Take the first SIZE character from the right in the string STR.

Input STR is of type STRING, SIZE is of type INT, the return value of the function is of type STRING.

Example in IL:

```
LD    'SUSI'
RIGHT 3
ST    VarSTRING1 (* Result is 'USI' *)
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
VarSTRING1 := RIGHT ('SUSI',3);
```

Note!

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MID

Provided by standard.lib.

Mid returns a partial string from within a string.

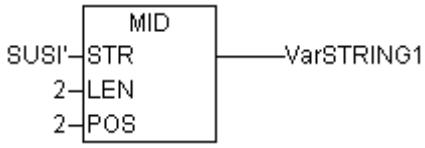
Input STR is type STRING, LEN and POS are type INT, the return value of the function is type STRING.

MID (STR, LEN, POS) means: Retrieve LEN characters from the STR string beginning with the character at position POS.

Example in IL:

```
LD  'SUSI'
MID 2,2
ST  VarSTRING1 (* Result is 'US' *)
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
VarSTRING1 := MID ('SUSI',2,2);
```

Note!

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CONCAT

Provided by standard.lib.

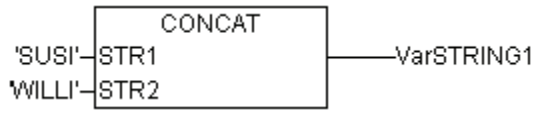
Concatenation (combination) of two strings.

The input variables STR1 and STR2 as well as the return value of the function are type STRING.

Example in IL:

```
LD      'SUSI'
CONCAT  'WILLI'
ST      VarSTRING1 (* Result is 'SUSIWILLI' *)
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
VarSTRING1 := CONCAT ('SUSI','WILLI');
```

Note!

The CONCAT function does not work, if nested over more than five levels.

Stop!

String functions are not "thread safe": When using tasks, string functions may only be used in a single task. If the same function is used in different tasks, there is a danger of overwriting.

INSERT

Provided by standard.lib.

INSERT inserts a string into another string at a defined point.

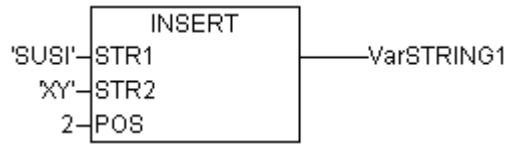
The input variables STR1 and STR2 are type STRING, POS is type INT and the return value of the function is type STRING.

INSERT(STR1, STR2, POS) means: insert STR2 into STR1 after position POS.

Example in IL:

```
LD    'SUSI'
INSERT 'XY',2
ST    VarSTRING1 (* Result is 'SUXYSI' *)
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
VarSTRING1 := INSERT ('SUSI','XY',2);
```

Note!

String functions are not "thread safe": When using tasks, string functions may only be used in a single task. If the same function is used in different tasks, there is a danger of overwriting.

DELETE

Provided by standard.lib.

DELETE removes a partial string from a larger string at a defined position.

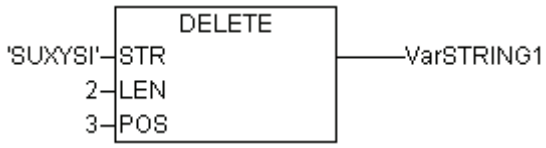
The input variable STR is type STRING, LEN and POS are type INT, the return value of the function is type STRING.

DELETE(STR, L, P) means: Delete L characters from STR beginning with the character in the P position.

Example in IL:

```
LD    'SUXYSI'
DELETE 2,3
ST    Var1 (* Result is 'SUSI' *)
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
Var1 := DELETE ('SUXYSI',2,3);
```

Note!

String functions are not "thread safe": When using tasks, string functions may only be used in a single task. If the same function is used in different tasks, there is a danger of overwriting.

REPLACE

Provided by standard.lib.

REPLACE replaces a partial string from a larger string with a third string.

The input variable STR1 and STR2 are type STRING, LEN and POS are type INT, the return value of the function is type STRING.

REPLACE(STR1, STR2, L, P) means: Replace L characters from STR1 with STR2 beginning with the character in the P position.

Example in IL:

```
LD      'SUXYSI'
REPLACE 'K',2,2
ST      VarSTRING1 (* Result is 'SKYSI' *)
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
VarSTRING1 := REPLACE ('SUXYSI','K',2,2);
```

Note!

String functions are not "thread safe": When using tasks, string functions may only be used in a single task. If the same function is used in different tasks, there is a danger of overwriting.

FIND

Provided by standard.lib.

FIND searches for a partial string within a string.

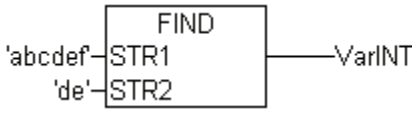
The input variable STR1 and STR2 are type STRING, the return value of the function is type STRING.

FIND(STR1, STR2) means: Find the position of the first character where STR2 appears in STR1 for the first time. If STR2 is not found in STR1, then OUT:=0.

Example in IL:

```
LD   'abcdef'
FIND 'de'
ST   VarINT1 (* Result is '4' *)
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
arINT1 := FIND ('abcdef','de');
```

Note!

String functions are not "thread safe": When using tasks, string functions may only be used in a single task. If the same function is used in different tasks, there is a danger of overwriting.

19.1.2 Bistable Function Blocks...

SR

Provided by standard.lib.

Making Bistable Function Blocks Dominant:

Q1 = SR (SET1, RESET) means:

```
Q1 = (NOT RESET AND Q1) OR SET1
```

The input variables SET1 and RESET as well as the output variable Q1 are type BOOL.

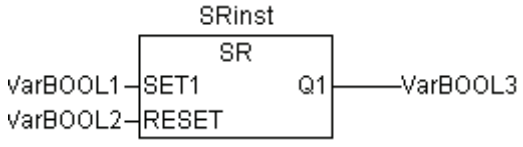
Declaration example:

```
SRInst : SR ;
```

Example in IL:

```
CAL SRInst(SET1 := VarBOOL1, RESET := VarBOOL2)
LD SRInst.Q1
ST VarBOOL3
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
SRInst(SET1:= VarBOOL1 , RESET:=VarBOOL2 );
VarBOOL3 := SRInst.Q1 ;
```

RS

Provided by standard.lib.

Resetting Bistable Function Blocks

Q1 = RS (SET, RESET1) means:

```
Q1 = NOT RESET1 AND (Q1 OR SET)
```

The input variables SET and RESET1 as well as the output variable Q1 are type BOOL.

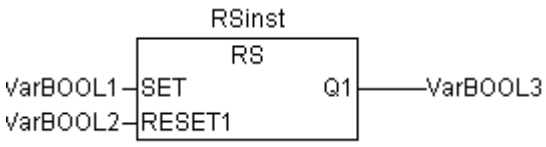
Declaration example:

```
RSInst : RS ;
```

Example in IL:

```
CAL RSInst(SET:= VarBOOL1,RESET1:=VarBOOL2)
LD RSInst.Q1
ST VarBOOL3
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
RSInst(SET:= VarBOOL1 , RESET1:=VarBOOL2 );
VarBOOL3 := RSInst.Q1 ;
```

SEMA

Provided by standard.lib.

A Software Semaphore (Interruptible)

BUSY = SEMA(CLAIM, RELEASE) means:

```
BUSY := X;
IF CLAIM THEN X:=TRUE;
ELSE IF RELEASE THEN BUSY := FALSE; X:= FALSE;
END_IF
```

X is an internal BOOL variable that is FALSE when it is initialized.
The input variables CLAIM and RELEASE as well as the output variable BUSY are type BOOL.

If BUSY is TRUE when SEMA is called up, this means that a value has already been assigned to SEMA (SEMA was called up with CLAIM = TRUE). If BUSY is FALSE, SEMA has not yet been called up or it has been released (called up with RELEASE = TRUE).

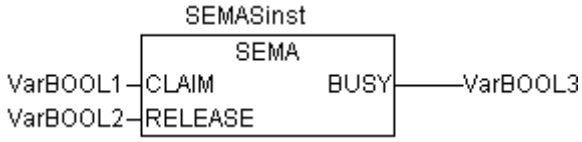
Declaration example:

```
SEMAInst : SEMA ;
```

Example in IL:

```
CAL SEMAInst(CLAIM:=VarBOOL1,RELEASE:=VarBOOL2)
LD SEMAInst.BUSY
ST VarBOOL3
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
SEMAInst(CLAIM:= VarBOOL1 , RELEASE:=VarBOOL2 );
VarBOOL3 := SEMAInst.BUSY;
```

19.1.3 Trigger...

R_TRIG

Provided by standard.lib.

The function block R_TRIG detects a rising edge.

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK R_TRIG
VAR_INPUT
 CLK : BOOL;
END_VAR
VAR_OUTPUT
 Q : BOOL;
END_VAR
VAR
 M : BOOL := FALSE;
END_VAR
 Q := CLK AND NOT M;
 M := CLK;
```

The output Q and the help variable M will remain FALSE as long as the input variable CLK is FALSE. As soon as CLK returns TRUE, Q will first return TRUE, then M will be set to TRUE. This means each time the function is called up, Q will return FALSE until CLK has falling edge followed by an rising edge.

Declaration example:

```
RTRIGInst : R_TRIG ;
```

Example in IL:

```
CAL RTRIGInst(CLK := VarBOOL1)
LD  RTRIGInst.Q
ST  VarBOOL2
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
RTRIGInst(CLK:= VarBOOL1);

VarBOOL2 := RTRIGInst.Q;
```

F_TRIG

Provided by standard.lib.

The function block F_TRIG a falling edge.

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK F_TRIG

VAR_INPUT

 CLK: BOOL;

END_VAR

VAR_OUTPUT

 Q: BOOL;

END_VAR

VAR

 M: BOOL := FALSE;

END_VAR

 Q := NOT CLK AND NOT M;

 M := NOT CLK;
```

The output Q and the help variable M will remain FALSE as long as the input variable CLK returns TRUE. As soon as CLK returns FALSE, Q will first return TRUE, then M will be set to TRUE. This means each time the function is called up, Q will return FALSE until CLK has a rising followed by a falling edge.

Declaration example:

```
FTRIGInst : F_TRIG ;
```

Example in IL:

```
CAL FTRIGInst(CLK := VarBOOL1)
LD  FTRIGInst.Q
ST  VarBOOL2
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
FTRIGInst(CLK:= VarBOOL1);
VarBOOL2 := FTRIGInst.Q;
```

19.1.4 Counter...

CTU

Provided by standard.lib.

Function block Incrementer:

The input variables CU and RESET as well as the output variable Q are type BOOL, the input variable PV and the output variable CV are type WORD.

The counter variable CV will be initialized with 0 if RESET is TRUE. If CU has a rising edge from FALSE to TRUE, CV will be raised by 1.Q will return TRUE when CV is greater than or equal to the upper limit PV.

Declaration example:

```
CTUInst : CTU ;
```

Example in IL:

```
CAL  CTUInst(CU := VarBOOL1, RESET := VarBOOL2, PV :=
VarINT1)

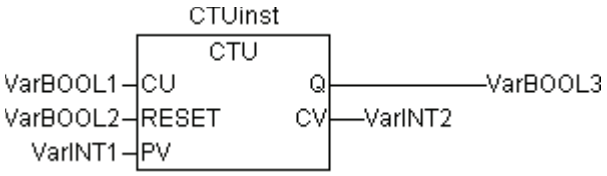
LD   CTUInst.Q

ST   VarBOOL3

LD   CTUInst.CV

ST   VarINT2
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
CTUInst(CU:= VarBOOL1, RESET:=VarBOOL2 , PV:= VarINT1);

VarBOOL3 := CTUInst.Q ;

VarINT2 := CTUInst.CV;
```

CTD

Provided by standard.lib.

Function Block Decrementer:

The input variables CD and LOAD as well as the output variable Q are type BOOL, the input variable PV and the output variable CV are type WORD.

When LOAD_ is TRUE, the counter variable CV will be initialized with the upper limit PV. If CD has a rising edge from FALSE to TRUE, CV will be lowered by 1 provided CV is greater than 0 (i.e., it doesn't cause the value to fall below 0).

Q returns TRUE when CVis equal 0.

Declaration example:

```
CTDInst : CTD ;
```

Example in IL:

```
CAL  CTDInst(CD := VarBOOL1, LOAD := VarBOOL2, PV :=
VarINT1)

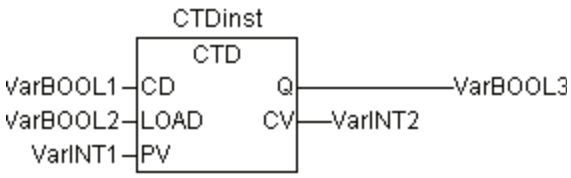
LD   CTDInst.Q

ST   VarBOOL3

LD   CTDInst.CV

ST   VarINT2
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
CTDInst(CD:= VarBOOL1, LOAD:=VarBOOL2 , PV:= VarINT1);

VarBOOL3 := CTDInst.Q ;

VarINT2 := CTDInst.CV;
```

CTUD

Provided by standard.lib.

Function Block Incrementer/Decrementer

The input variables CU, CD, RESET, LOAD as well as the output variables QU and QD are type BOOL, PV and CV are type WORD.

If RESET is valid, the counter variable CV will be initialized with 0. If LOAD is valid, CV will be initialized with PV.

If CU has a rising edge from FALSE to TRUE, CV will be raised by 1. If CD has a rising edge from FALSE to TRUE, CV will be lowered by 1 provided this does not cause the value to fall below 0.

QU returns TRUE when CV has become greater than or equal to PV.

QD returns TRUE when CV has become equal to 0.

Declaration example:

```
CTUDInst : CUTD ;
```

Example in IL:

```
CAL  CTUDInst(CU:=VarBOOL1, RESET:=VarBOOL3, LOAD:=VarBOOL4,
PV:=VarINT1)

LD   CTUDInst.Q

ST   VarBOOL5

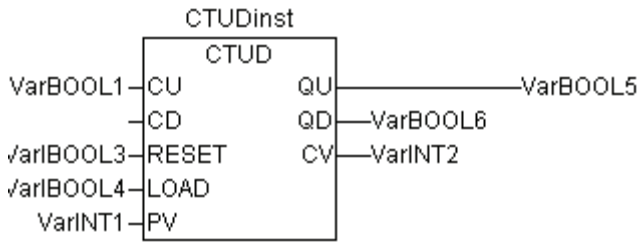
LD   CTUDInst.QD

ST   VarBOOL5

LD   CTUInst.CV

ST   VarINT2
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
CTUDInst(CU := VarBOOL1, RESET := VarBOOL3, LOAD:=VarBOOL4 ,
PV:= VarINT1);

VarBOOL5 := CTUDInst.QU ;

VarBOOL6 := CTUDInst.QD ;

VarINT2 := CTUDInst.CV;
```

19.1.5 Timer...

TP

Provided by standard.lib.

The function block Timer is a trigger. TP(IN, PT, Q, ET) means:

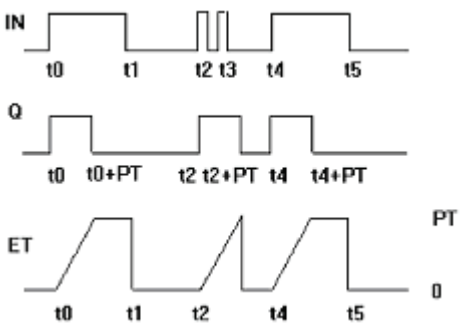
IN and PT are input variables of the BOOL and TIME types respectively. Q and ET are output variables of the BOOL and TIME types respectively. If IN is FALSE, Q is FALSE and ET is 0.

As soon as IN becomes TRUE, the time will begin to be counted in milliseconds in ET until its value is equal to PT. It will then remain constant.

Q is TRUE as from IN has got TRUE and ET is less than or equal to PT. Otherwise it is FALSE.

Q returns a signal for the time period given in PT.

Graphic Display of the TP Time Sequence



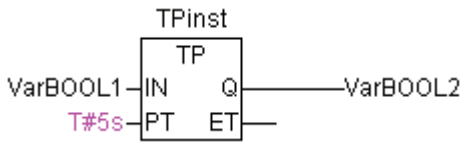
Declaration example:

```
TPInst : TP ;
```

Example in IL:

```
CAL TPInst(IN := VarBOOL1, PT := T#5s)
LD  TPInst.Q
ST  VarBOOL2
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
TPInst(IN := VarBOOL1, PT:= T#5s);

VarBOOL2 :=TPInst.Q;
```

TON

Provided by standard.lib.

The function block Timer On Delay implements a turn-on delay..

TON(IN, PT, Q, ET) means:

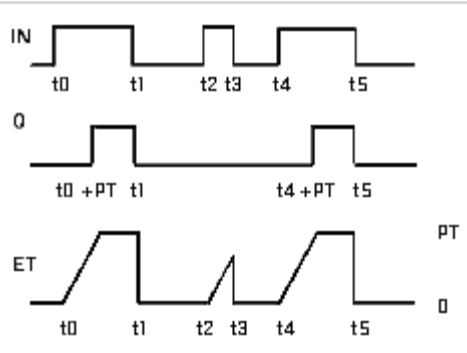
IN and PT are input variables of the BOOL and TIME types respectively. Q and ET are output variables of the BOOL and TIME types respectively. If IN is FALSE, Q is FALSE and ET is 0.

As soon as IN becomes TRUE, the time will begin to be counted in milliseconds in ET until its value is equal to PT. It will then remain constant.

Q is TRUE when IN is TRUE and ET is equal to PT. Otherwise it is FALSE.

Thus, Q has a rising edge when the time indicated in PT in milliseconds has run out.

Graphic display of TON behavior over time:



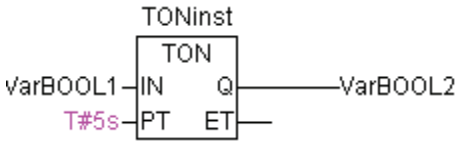
Declaration example:

```
TONInst : TON ;
```

Example in IL:

```
CAL TONInst(IN := VarBOOL1, PT := T#5s)
LD  TONInst.Q
ST  VarBOOL2
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

```
TONInst(IN := VarBOOL1, PT:= T#5s);
```

TOF

Provided by standard.lib.

The function block TOF implements a turn-off delay..

TOF(IN, PT, Q, ET) means:

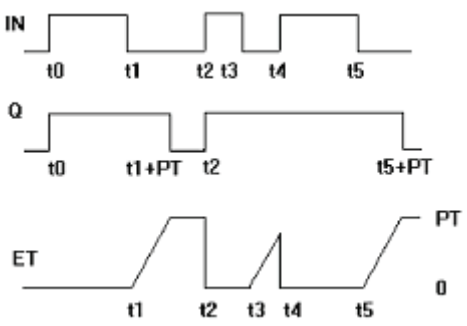
IN and PT are input variables type BOOL respectively TIME. Q and E are output variabls type BOOL respectively TIME. If IN is TRUE, the outputs are TRU respectively 0.

As soon as IN becomes FALSE, in ET the time will begin to be counted in milliseconds in ET until its value is equal to PT. It will then remain constant.

Q is FALSE when IN is FALSE und ET equal PT. Otherwise it is TRUE.

Thus, Q has a falling edge when the time indicated in PT in milliseconds has run out.

Graphic display of TOF behavior over time:



Declaration example:

```
TOFInst : TOF ;
```

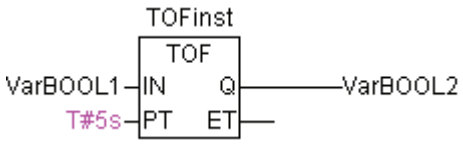
Example in IL:

```
CAL TOFInst(IN := VarBOOL1, PT := T#5s)

LD TOFInst.Q

ST VarBOOL2
```

Example in FBD:



Example in ST:

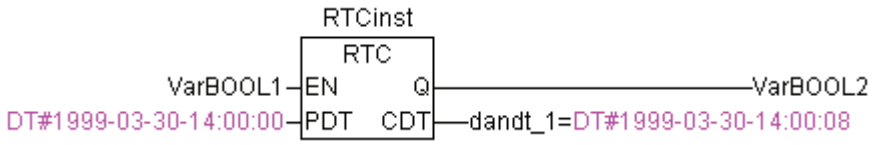
```
TOFInst(IN := VarBOOL1, PT:= T#5s);

VarBOOL2 :=TOFInst.Q;
```

RTC

Provided by standard.lib.

The function block Runtime Clock returns, starting at a given time, the current date and time.



RTC(EN, PDT, Q, CDT) means:

EN and PDT are input variables type TIME. Q and CDT are output variables type BOOL respectively DATE_AND_TIME. When EN is FALSE, the output variables Q und CDT are FALSE respectively DT#1970-01-01-00:00:00.

As soon as EN becomes TRUE, the time of PDT is set, is counted up in seconds and returned in CDT as long as EN is TRUE (see example in the picture above). As soon as EN is reset to FALSE, CDT is reset to the initial value DT#1970-01-01-00:00:00. Please note that the time in PDT is only set by a rising edge.

19.2 Util.lib library

This library contains an additional collection of various blocks which can be used for BCD conversion, bit/byte functions, mathematical auxiliary functions, as controller, signal generators, function manipulators and for analogue value processing.

As some of the functions and function blocks contain REAL variables, an accessory library named UTIL_NO_REAL exists in which these POUs are excluded.

19.2.1 BCD Conversion

Provided by util.lib.

A byte in the BCD format contains integers between 0 and 99. Four bits are used for each decimal place. The ten decimal place is stored in the bits 4-7. Thus the BCD format is similar to the hexadecimal presentation, with the simple difference that only values between 0 and 99 can be stored in a BCD byte, whereas a hexadecimal byte reaches from 0 to FF.

An example: The integer 51 should be converted to BCD format. 5 in binary is 0101, 1 in binary is 0001, which makes the **BCD byte 01010001, which corresponds to the value $51=81.**

BCD_TO_INT

Provided by util.lib.

This function converts a byte in BCD format into an INT value:

The input value of the function is type BYTE and the output is type INT.

Where a byte should be converted which is not in the BCD format the output is -1.

Examples in ST:

```
i:=BCD_TO_INT(73); (* Result is 49 *)

k:=BCD_TO_INT(151); (* Result is 97 *)

l:=BCD_TO_INT(15); (* Output -1, because it is not in BCD
format *)
```

INT_TO_BCD_

Provided by util.lib.

This function converts an INTEGER value into a byte in BCD format:

The input value of the function is type INT, the output is type BYTE.

The number 255 will be outputted where an INTEGER value should be converted which cannot be converted into a BCD byte.

Examples in ST:

```
i:=INT_TO_BCD(49); (* Result is 73 *)

k:=BCD_TO_INT(97); (* Result is 151 *)

l:=BCD_TO_INT(100); (* Error! Output: 255 *)
```

19.2.2 Bit-/Byte Functions

EXTRACT

Provided by util.lib.

Inputs to this function are a DWORD X, as well as a BYTE N. The output is a BOOL value, which contains the content of the Nth bit of the input X, whereby the function begins to count from the zero bit.

Examples in ST:

```
FLAG:=EXTRACT(X:=81, N:=4); (* Result : TRUE, because 81 is
binary 10**1**0001, so the 4th bit is 1 *)

FLAG:=EXTRACT(X:=33, N:=0); (* Result : TRUE, because 33 is
binary 10000**1**, so the bit '0' is 1 *)
```

PACK

Provided by util.lib.

This function is capable of delivering back eight input bits B0, B1, ..., B7 from type BOOL as a BYTE.

The function block UNPACK is closely related to this function.

PUTBIT

Provided by util.lib.

The input to this function consists of a DWORD X, a BYTE N and a BOOLean value B.

PUTBIT sets the Nth bit from X on the value B, whereby it starts counting from the zero bit.

Example in ST:

```
A:=38;     (* binary 100110 *)

B:=PUTBIT(A,4,TRUE); (* Result : 54 = 2#110110 *)

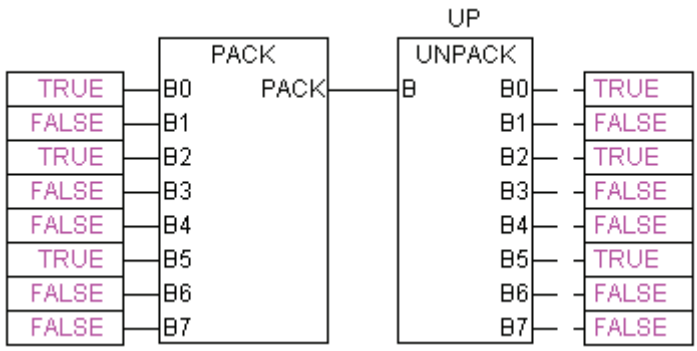
C:=PUTBIT(A,1,FALSE); (* Result : 36 = 2#100100 *)
```

UNPACK

Provided by util.lib.

UNPACK converts the input B from type BYTE into 8 output variables B0,...,B7 of the type BOOL, and this is the opposite to PACK.

Example in FBD: Output:



19.2.3 Mathematic Auxiliary Functions

DERIVATIVE

Provided by util.lib.

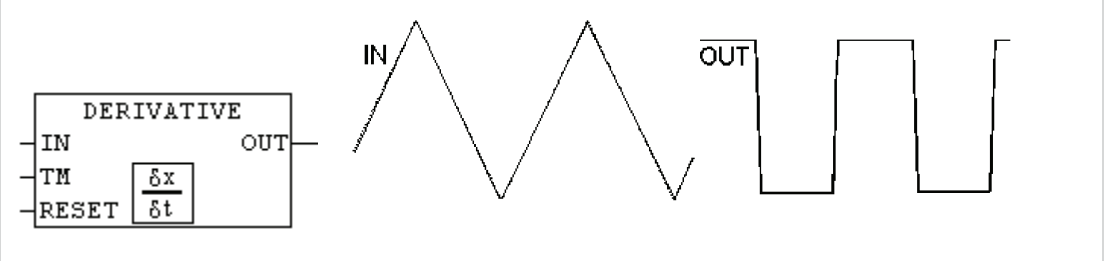
This function block approximately determines the local derivation.

The function value is delivered as a REAL variable by using IN. TM contains the time which has passed in msec in a DWORD and the input of RESET of the type BOOL allows the function block to start anew through the delivery of the value TRUE.

The output OUT is of the type REAL.

In order to obtain the best possible result, DERIVATIVE approximates using the last four values, in order to hold errors which are produced by inaccuracies in the input parameters as low as possible.

Block in FBD:



INTEGRAL

Provided by util.lib.

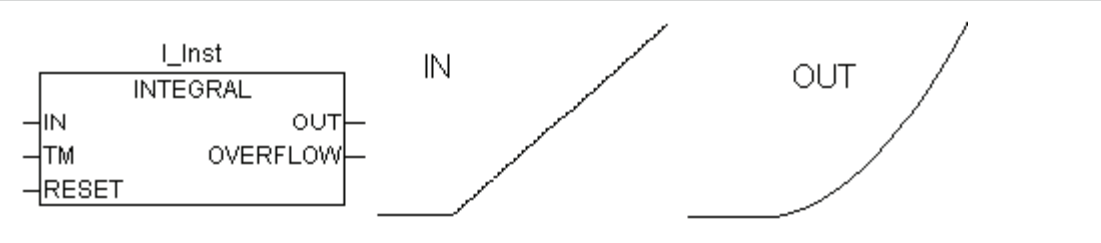
This function block approximately determines the integral of the function.

In an analogue fashion to DERIVATIVE, the function value is delivered as a REAL variable by using IN. TM contains the time which has passed in msec in a DWORD and the input of RESET of the type BOOL allows the function block to start anew with the value TRUE.

The output OUT is of the type REAL.

The integral is approximated by two step functions. The average of these is delivered as the approximated integral.

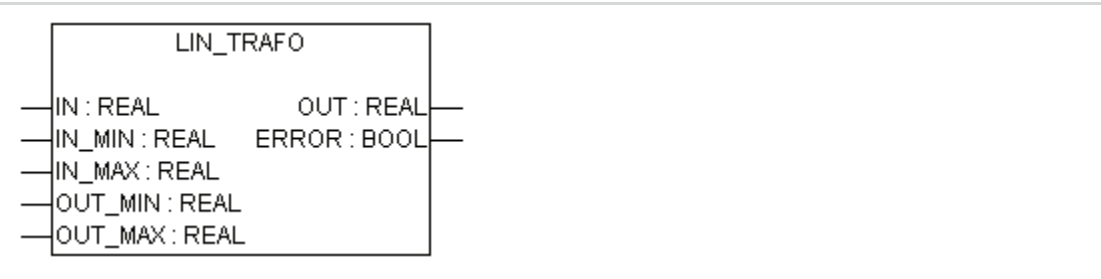
Block in FBD: Example: Integration of a linear function:



LIN_TRAFO

This function block (util.lib. transforms a REAL-value, which lies in a value range defined by a lower and upper limit value, to a REAL-value which lies correspondingly in another range also defined by a lower and upper limit. The following equation is basis of the conversion:

(IN - IN_MIN) : (IN_MAX - IN) = (OUT - OUT_MIN) : (OUT_MAX - OUT)



Input variables:

Variable	Data type	Description
IN	REAL	Input value
IN_MIN	REAL	Lower limit of input value range
IN_MAX	REAL	Upper limit of input value range
OUT_MIN	REAL	Lower limit of output value range
OUT_MAX	REAL	Upper limit of output value range

Output variables:

Variable	Data type	Description
OUT	REAL	Output value
ERROR	BOOL	Error occurred: TRUE, if IN_MIN = IN_MAX, or if IN is outside of the specified input value range

Application example:

A temperature sensor provides Volt-values (input IN). These are to be converted to temperature values in degree centigrade (output OUT). The input(Volt) values range is defined by the limits IN_MIN=0 and IN_MAX=10. The output(degree centigrade) value range is defined by the limits OUT_MIN=-20 and OUT_MAX=40.

Thus for an input of 5 Volt a temperature of 10 degree centigrade will result.

STATISTICS_INT

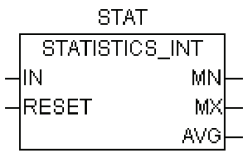
Provided by util.lib.

This function block calculates some standard statistical values:

The input IN is of the type INT. All values are initialised anew when the BOOLean input RESET is TRUE.

The output MN contains the minimum, MX of the maximum value from IN. AVG describes the average, that is the expected value of IN. All three outputs are of the type INT.

Block in FBD:



STATISTICS_REAL

Provided by util.lib.

This function block corresponds to STATISTICS_INT, except that the input IN is of the type REAL like the outputs MN, MX, AVG.

VARIANCE

Provided by util.lib.

VARIANCE calculates the variance of the entered values.

The input IN is of the type REAL, RESET is of the type BOOL and the output OUT is again of the type REAL.

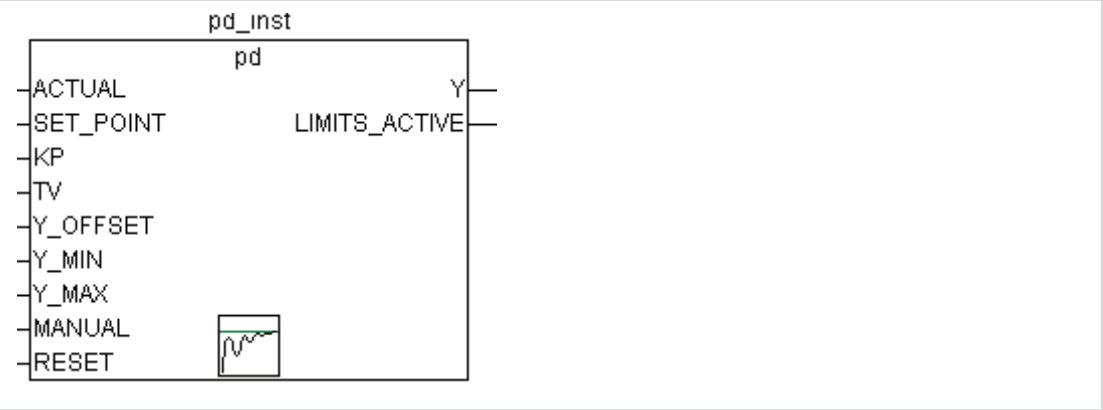
This block calculates the variance of the inputted values. VARIANCE can be reset with RESET=TRUE.

The standard deviation can easily be calculated as the square root of the VARIANCE.

19.2.4 Controllers

PD

The library util.lib provides the following PD controller function block:



Inputs of the function block:

Variable	Data type	Description
ACTUAL	REAL	Current value of the controlled variable
SET_POINT	REAL	Desired value, command variable
KP	REAL	Proportionality coefficient, unity gain of the P-part
TV	REAL	Derivative action time, unity gain of the D-part in seconds, e.g. "0.5" for 500 msec
Y_MANUAL	REAL	Defines output value Y in case of MANUAL = TRUE
Y_OFFSET	REAL	Offset for the manipulated variable Y
Y_MIN, Y_MAX	REAL	Lower resp. upper limit for the manipulated variable Y. If Y exceeds these limits, output LIMITS_ACTIVE will be set to TRUE and Y will be kept within the prescribed range. This control will only work if Y_MIN<Y_MAX.
MANUAL	BOOL	If TRUE, manual operation will be active, i.e. the manipulated value will be defined by Y_MANUAL.
RESET	BOOL	TRUE resets the controller; during reinitialization Y = Y_OFFSET.

Outputs of the function block:

Variable	Data type	Description
Y	REAL	Manipulated value, calculated by the function block (see below)
LIMITS_ACTIVE	BOOL	TRUE indicates that Y has exceeded the given limits (Y_MIN, Y_MAX).

Y_OFFSET, Y_MIN und Y_MAX are used for the transformation of the manipulated variable within a prescribed range.

MANUAL can be used to switch on and off manual operation. RESET serves to reset the controller.

In normal operation (MANUAL = RESET = LIMITS_ACTIVE = FALSE) the controller calculates the **controller error e** as difference SET_POINT – ACTUAL, generates the derivation with respect to time $\delta e/\delta t$ and stores these values internally.

The output, i.e. the **manipulated variable Y** is calculated as follows:

$Y = KP \cdot (\Delta + TV\ \delta\Delta/\delta t) + Y\_OFFSET$ whereby Δ=SET_POINT-ACTUAL

So besides the P-part also the current change of the controller error (D-part) influences the manipulated variable.

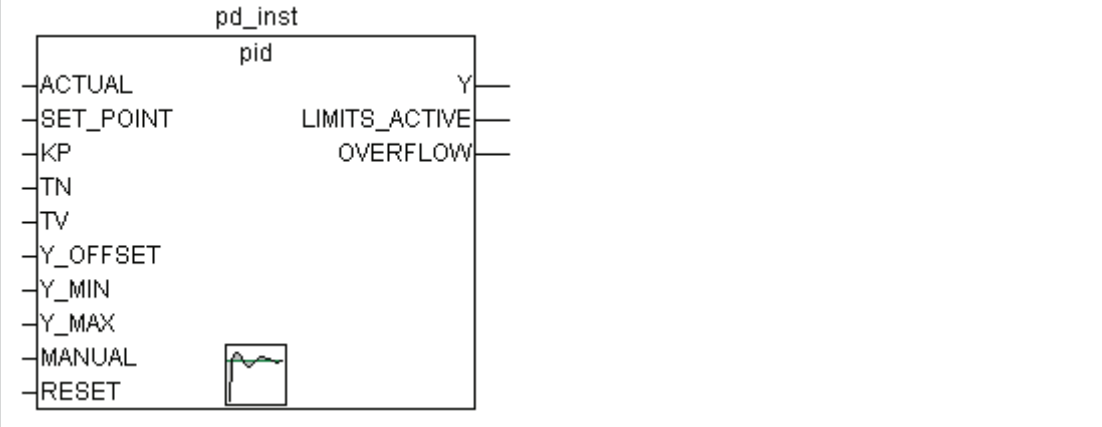
Additionally Y is limited on a range prescribed by Y_MIN and Y_MAX. If Y exceeds these limits, LIMITS_ACTIVE will get TRUE. If no limitation of the manipulated variable is desired, Y_MIN and Y_MAX have to be set to 0.

As long as MANUAL=TRUE, Y_MANUAL will be written to Y.

A **P-controller** can be easily created by setting TV=0.

PID

The library util.lib provides the following PID controller function block:



Unlike the PD controller, this function block contains a further REAL input TN for the readjusting time in sec (e.g. "0.5" for 500 msec).

Inputs of the function block:

Variable	Data type	Description
ACTUAL	REAL	Current value of the controlled variable
SET_POINT	REAL	Desired value, command variable
KP	REAL	Proportionality coefficient, unity gain of the P-part
TN	REAL	Reset time, reciprocal unity gain of the I-part; given in seconds, e.g. "0.5" for 500 msec
TV	REAL	Derivative action time, unity gain of the D-part in seconds, e.g. "0.5" for 500 msec
Y_MANUAL	REAL	Defines output value Y in case of MANUAL = TRUE
Y_OFFSET	REAL	Offset for the manipulated variable Y
Y_MIN, Y_MAX	REAL	Lower resp. upper limit for the manipulated variable Y. If Y exceeds these limits, output LIMITS_ACTIVE will be set to TRUE and Y will be kept within the prescribed range. This control will only work if Y_MIN<Y_MAX.
MANUAL	BOOL	If TRUE, manual operation will be active, i.e. the manipulated value will be defined by Y_MANUAL.
RESET	BOOL	TRUE resets the controller; during reinitialization Y = Y_OFFSET.

Outputs of the function block:

Variable	Data type	Description
Y	REAL	Manipulated value, calculated by the function block (see below)
LIMITS_ACTIVE	BOOL	TRUE indicates that Y has exceeded the given limits (Y_MIN, Y_MAX).
OVERFLOW	BOOL	TRUE indicates an overflow (see below)

Y_OFFSET, Y_MIN und Y_MAX serve for transformation of the manipulated variable within a prescribed range.

MANUAL can be used to switch to manual operation; RESET can be used to re-initialize the controller..

In normal operation (MANUAL = RESET = LIMITS_ACTIVE = FALSE) the controller calculates the **controller error e** as difference from SET_POINT – ACTUAL, generates the derivation with respect to time $\delta e/\delta t$ and stores these values internally.

The output, i.e. the manipulated variable Y unlike the PD controller contains an additional integral part and is calculated as follows:

$$Y = KP \cdot (\Delta + 1/TN \int edt + TV\ \delta\Delta/\delta t) + Y\_OFFSET$$

So besides the **P-part** also the current change of the controller error (**D-part**) and the history of the controller error (**I-part**) influence the manipulated variable.

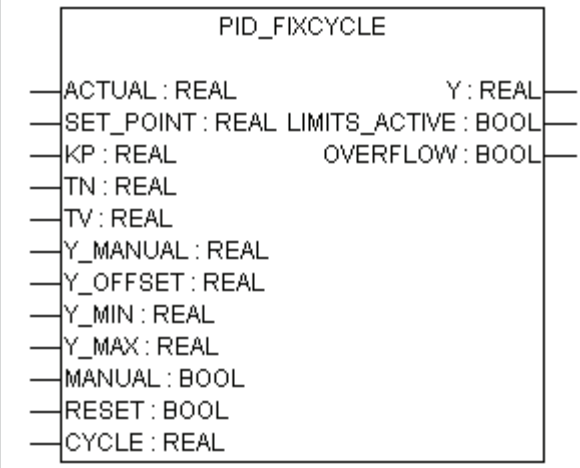
The PID controller can be easily converted to a **PI-controller** by setting TV=0.

Because of the additional integral part, an **overflow** can come about by incorrect parameterization of the controller, if the integral of the error Δ becomes to great. Therefore for the sake of safety a BOOLean output called OVERFLOW is present, which in this case would have the value TRUE. This only will happen if the control system is instable due to incorrect parameterization. At the same time, the controller will be suspended and will only be activated again by re-initialization.

PID_FIXCYCLE

Provided by util.lib.

The PID_FIXCYCLE controller function block:



This function block functionally corresponds to the PID controller with the exception that the cycle time is not measured autmatically by an internal function but is set by input CYCLE (in seconds).

19.2.5 Signal Generators...

BLINK

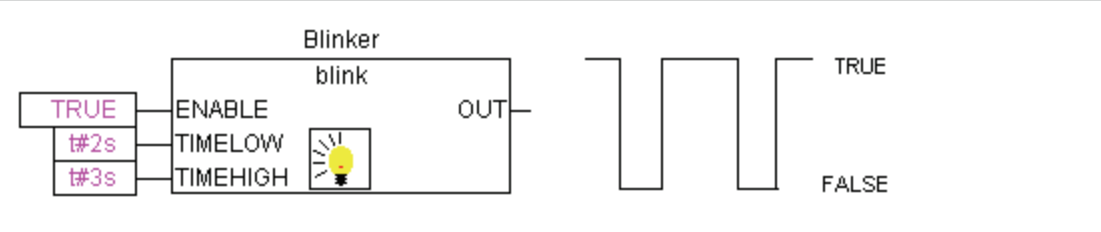
Provided by util.lib.

The function block BLINK generates a pulsating signal. The input consists of ENABLE of the type BOOL, as well as TIMELOW and TIMEHIGH of the type TIME. The output OUT is of the type BOOL.

If ENABLE is set to TRUE, BLINK begins to set the output for the time period TIMEHIGH to TRUE and afterwards to set it for the time period TIMELOW to FALSE.

When ENABLE is reset to FALSE, output OUT will not be changed, i.e. no further pulse will be generated. If you explicitly also want to get OUT FALSE when ENABLE is reset to FALSE, you might use "OUT AND ENABLE" (i.e. adding an AND box with parameter ENABLE) at the output.

Example in CFC:



FREQ_MEASURE

Provided by util.lib.

This function block measures the (average) frequency (Hz) of a boolean input signal. You can specify over how many periods it should be averaged. A period is the time between two rising edges of the input signal.

Input variables:

Variable	Data type	Description
IN	BOOL	Input signal
PERIODS	INT	Number of periods, i.e. the time intervals between the rising edges, over which the average frequency of the input signal should be calculated. Possible values: 1 to 10
RESET	BOOL	Reset of all parameters to 0

Output variables:

Variable	Data type	Description
OUT	REAL	resulting frequency in [Hz]
VALID	BOOL	FALSE until the first measure has been finished, or if the period > 3*OUT (indicating something wrong with the inputs)

GEN

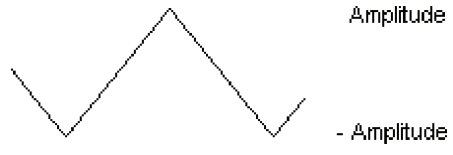
Provided by util.lib.

The function generator generates typical periodic functions:

The inputs are a composition consisting of MODE from the pre-defined counting type GEN_MODE, BASE of the type BOOL, PERIOD of the type TIME, of two INT values CYCLES and AMPLITUDE and of the BOOLean RESET input.

The MODE describes the function which should be generated, whereby the enumeration values TRIANGLE and TRIANGLE_POS deliver two triangular functions, SAWTOOTH_RISE an ascending, SAWTOOTH_FALL a descending sawtooth, RECTANGLE a rectangular signal and SINE and COSINE the sine and cosine:

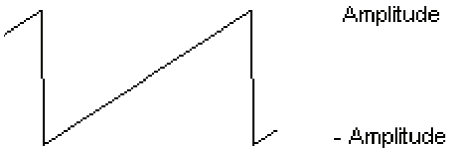
TRIANGLE:



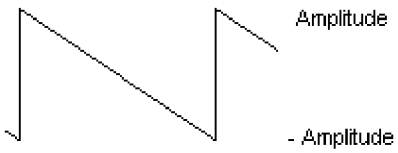
TRIANGLE_POS:



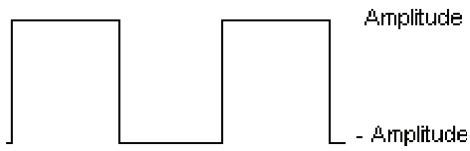
SAWTOOTH_RISE:



SAWTOOTH_FALL:



RECTANGLE:



SINUS:



COSINUS:



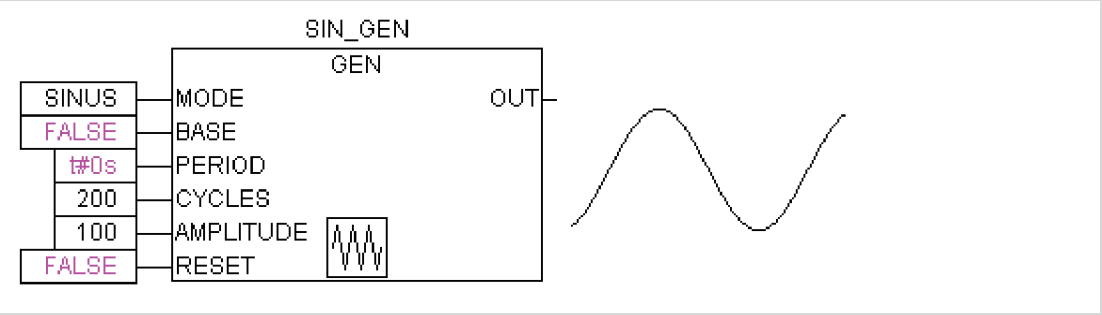
BASE defines whether the cycle period is really related to a defined time (BASE=TRUE) or whether it is related to a particular number of cycles, which means the number of calls of function block (BASE=FALSE).

PERIOD or CYCLES defines the corresponding cycle period.

AMPLITUDE defines, in a trivial way, the amplitude of the function to be generated.

The function generator is again set to 0 as soon as RESET=TRUE.

Example in FBD:



19.2.6 Function Manipulators...

CHARCURVE

Provided by util.lib.

This function block serves to represent values, piece by piece, on a linear function:



IN of the type INT is fed with the value to be manipulated. The BYTE N designates the number of points which defines the presentation function. This characteristic line is then generated in an ARRAY P[0..10] with P of the type POINT which is a structure based on two INT values (X and Y).

The output consists of OUT of the type INT, the manipulated value and BYTE ERR, which will indicate an error if necessary.

The points P[0]..P[N-1] in the ARRAY must be sorted according to their X values, otherwise ERR receives the value 1. If the input IN is not between P[0].X and P[N-1].X, ERR=2 and OUT contains the corresponding limiting value P[0]. Y or P[N-1].Y.

If N lies outside of the allowed values which are between 2 and 11, then ERR=4.

Example in ST:

First of all ARRAY P must be defined in the header:

```
VAR
 ...
 CHARACTERISTIC_LINE:CHARCURVE;
 KL:ARRAY[0..10] OF POINT:=(X:=0,Y:=0),(X:=250,Y:=50),
(X:=500,Y:=150),(X:=750,Y:=400),7((X:=1000,Y:=1000));
 COUNTER:INT;
 ...
END_VAR
```

Then we supply CHARCURVE with for example a constantly increasing value:

```
COUNTER:=COUNTER+10;
 CHARACTERISTIC_LINE(IN:=COUNTER,N:=5,P:=KL);
```

The subsequent tracing illustrates the effect:



RAMP_INT

Provided by util.lib.

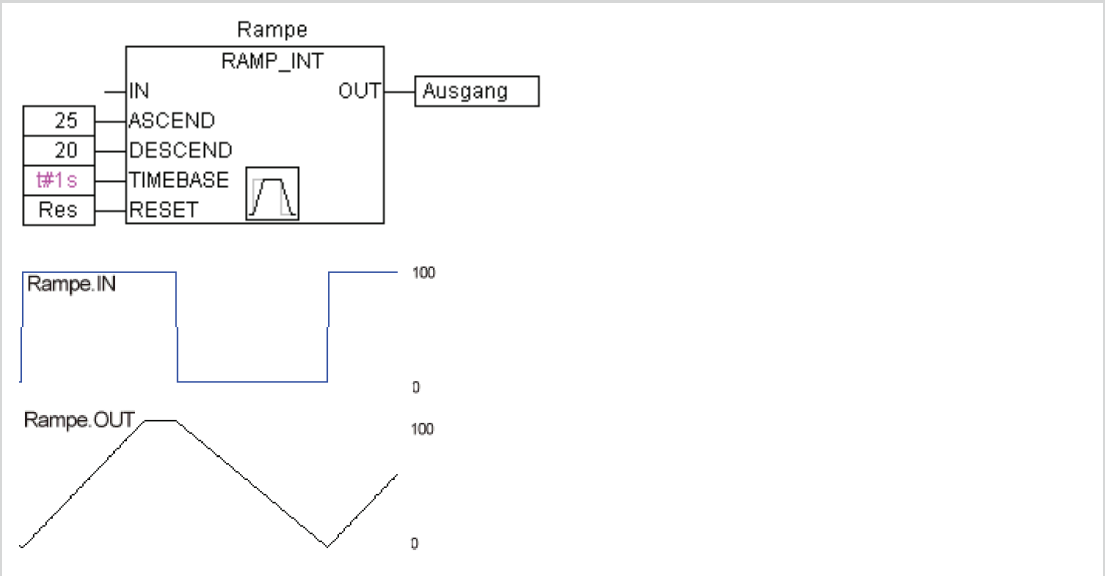
RAMP_INT serves to limit the ascendance or descendance of the function being fed:

The input consists on the one hand out of three INT values: IN, the function input, and ASCEND and DESCEND, the maximum increase or decrease for a given time interval, which is defined by TIMEBASE of the type TIME. Setting RESET to TRUE causes RAMP_INT to be initialised anew.

The output OUT of the type INT contains the ascend and descend limited function value.

When TIMEBASE is set to t#0s, ASCEND and DESCEND are not related to the time interval, but remain the same.

Example in CFC:



RAMP_REAL

Provided by util.lib.

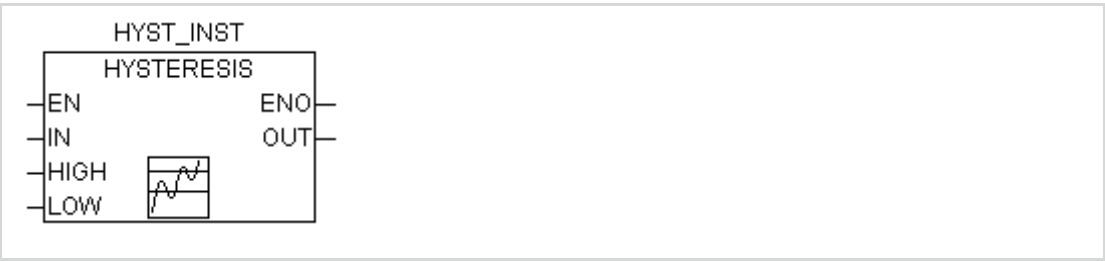
RAMP_REAL functions in the same way as RAMP_INT, with the simple difference that the inputs IN, ASCEND, DESCEND and the output OUT are of the type REAL.

19.2.7 Analog Value Processing...

HYSTERESIS

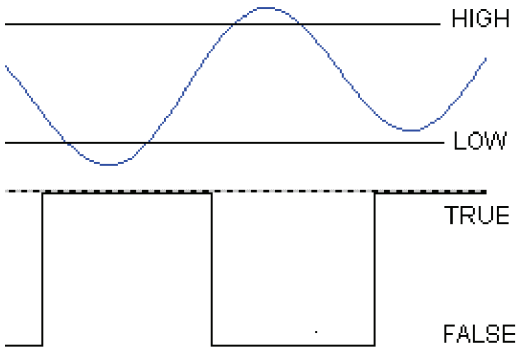
Provided by util.lib.

The input to this function block consists of three INT values IN, HIGH and LOW. The output OUT is of the type BOOL.



If IN goes below the limiting value LOW, OUT becomes TRUE. If IN goes over the upper limit HIGH, FALSE is delivered.

An illustrative example:



LIMITALARM

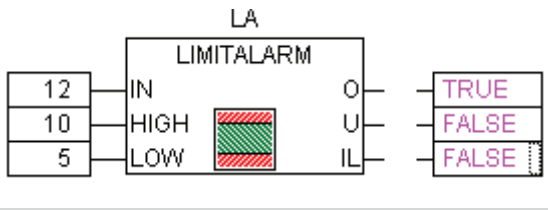
Provided by util.lib.

This function block specifies, whether the input value is within a set range and which limits it has violated if it has done so.

The input values IN, HIGH and LOW are each of the type INT, while the outputs O, U and IL are of the type BOOL.

If the upper limit HIGH is exceeded by IN, O becomes TRUE, and when IN is below LOW, U becomes TRUE. IL is TRUE if IN lies between LOW and HIGH.

Example in FBD: Result:



19.3 AnalyzationNew.lib library

19.3.1 Analysis of expressions with the AnalyzationNew.lib library

This library provides modules for the analysis of expressions. If a composed expression is FALSE, those of its components can be evaluated which are adding to this result. In the SFC-Editor the flag SFCErrorAnalyzationTable uses this function implicitely for the analysis of expressions in transitions.

Example of an expression:

```
b OR NOT(y < x) OR NOT (NOT d AND e)
```

The functions:

The following variables are used by all modules:

- InputExpr: BOOL, expression to be analysed
- DoAnalyze: BOOL, TRUE starts analysis
- ExpResult: BOOL, current value of the expression

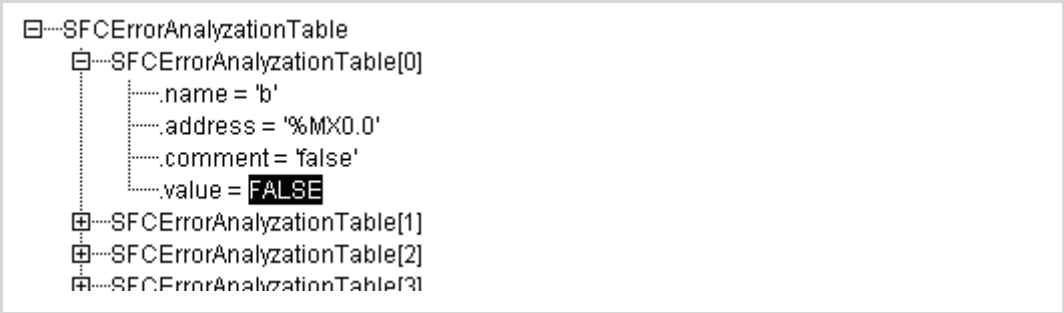
Different is the output of the result of the analyzation:

- **AnalyzeExpression** returns in a string the components of the expression, which are adding to the total value FALSE. Function **AppendErrorString** is used for this purpose, separating the particular components in the output string by "|" characters.

  OutString: STRING, Result of the analysis, Sequence of the concerned components of the expression (e.g. y < x | d)
- **AnalyseExpressionTable** writes the components of the expression, which are adding to the total value FALSE, to an array. For each component the following information is provided by **structure ExpressionResult**: name, address, comment, (current)value.

OutTable: ARRAY [0..15] OF ExpressionResult;

e.g..



AnalyseExpressionCombined combines the functionalities of AnalyzeExpression plus AnalyseExpressionTable

19.4 PLC Designer Protocol- and System Libraries

Note!

For more Information about the libraries see the PLC Designer Online Help.

Library	Description
SysLibCallback.lib	This library provides the functions SysCallbackRegister and SysCallbackUnregister, which serve to activate defined callback functions for runtime events.
SysLibCom.lib	This library supports the serial communication with a target system.
SysLibDir.lib	If supported by the runtime system, you can use the functions of this library to handle a file directory system on the target system. Entries of the directory can be read and modified. The execution is synchronous.
SysLibDirect.lib	The functions of this library serve to access variables by indices with which they are referenced in the runtime system. For detailed information see the description of the particular runtime system.
SysLibEvent.lib	This library serves to synchronize and control the processing of two (IEC-) tasks.
SysLibDPV1Hilscher.lib	This library supports the acyclic Profibus DPV1, Class 1, Read- and Write-Services for the data transfer between Master and Slaves. The data are addressed within the slaves by slot and index.
SysLibFile.lib	This library supports a file system on the target computer. If the target supports the functionality, the library functions can be used to open, close, delete, rename, write to or read from files. Further functions are available for getting the file size or the date of the last access, as well as for reading or modifying the offset. The execution is synchronous.

Library	Description
SysLibFileAsync.lib	This library supports asynchronous file access from the IEC-application. Possible error numbers at the output wErrorID: 1: AJERR_FILE_FILE_NOT_FOUND File cannot be opened for reading. (The error can also occur when the file is renamed.) 2: AJERR_FILE_FILE_NO_ACCESS File cannot be opened for writing. 3: AJERR_FILE_FILE_NOT_CLOSED Error during closing the file 4: AJERR_FILE_FILE_NOT_DELETED Error during deleting the file 6: AJERR_FILE_TOO_MANY_OPEN_FILES The internal async file management does not provide space for further files. 7: AJERR_NO_QUEUE Internal error in the async file management
SysLibFileStream.lib	This library provides functions which correspond to ANSI C functions for file stream operations. The execution is synchronous.
SysLibGetAddress.lib	This library provides functions SysLibGetAddress and SysLibGetSize which - if supported by the target system - return the start address and the size of a data segment (Memory, Input, Output, Retain or Global) in a DWORD.
SysLibIECTasks.lib	If the target system supports the functionality, this library can be used to call information on the configuration of IEC tasks. (To create, delete, prioritize, stop and restart a task you can use the library SysLibTasks.lib.) The execution is synchronous.
SysLibInitLibrary.lib	This library contains a function which can be used to initialize an external library, which is available as an obj-file. The execution is synchronous.
SysLibInt.lib	If the target system supports this functionality you can use this library to set and remove an interrupt handler for a function. The execution is synchronous.
SysLibMem.lib	This library can be used for memory management. If the target system supports the functionality, the following library functions are available to allocate, to free, to define, to compare memory locations and to copy, move or swap between different memory locations. The execution is synchronous.
SysLibPciCards.lib	This library is designed for access to a Pci card plugged to the Plc. If the system supports the functionality, the function SysPciGetCardInfo can be used to retrieve information about a Pci card.
SysLibPLCConfig.lib	This library supports the reading of the configuration data of the PLC Configuration. These data are also loaded to the controller at a download of the application and are written to structures by the runtime system. The library offers functions for getting pointers on these structures. The execution is synchronous.

Library	Description
SysLibPlcCtrl.lib	This library contains the following functions for controlling a PLC.
SysLibPorts.lib	This library can be used to communicate with external hardware devices via their port addresses; e.g. realtime clock, graphic controller etc. The port addresses can accessed reading and writing. The execution is synchronous.
SysLibProjectInfo.lib	If the target system supports the functionality, then the functions contained in this library can be used to read the Project Info (PLC Designer Menu 'Project' 'Project Info') respectively the Project ID. The execution is synchronous.
SysLibRtc.lib	This library contains functions for accessing the realtime clock of the local system. If the target system is supporting the functionality, the realtime clock can be read and set; additionally the current hour display mode as well as the battery can be retrieved. The execution is synchronous.
SysLibSem.lib	This library can be used to create and use semaphores for the synchronization of tasks. The semaphores serve to avoid any concurrent access on critical data, which are used by several tasks. The target system must support this functionality. The execution is synchronous.
SysLibShm.lib	This library provides functions for accessing a memory area which is used in common by several processes resp. referencing a physical address (Shared-Memory, shortcut ShM).
SysLibSockets.lib	This library supports the access on sockets for the communication via TCP_IP and UDP.
SysLibSocketsAsync.lib	This library offers the same functionality as SysLibSockets.lib, however function blocks instead of functions are used and the processing is asynchronous.
SysLibStr.lib	This library provides functions for string operations. If the target system is supporting the functionality, the following functions can be used to compare or copy strings or to retrieve the length of a string. The execution is synchronous.
SysLibTasks.lib	If the target system supports the functionality, then the library functions can be used to manage tasks. That means to generate, to delete, to modify priority level, to stop and restart tasks. The execution is synchronous.
SysLibSymbols.lib	If supported by the target system (CSP32F as from Version 2.4.5.0), the function SysLibGetSymbolAddress provided by this library can be used to read the physical address of a symbol of an IEC project. The processing is done synchronously.
SysLibTime.lib	This library provides function blocks for reading the realtime clock of the local system. The execution is synchronous.
SysTaskInfo.lib	The library is used for evaluating the task runtimes.Via the **Taskinfo()** function block that is included, the following information can be retrieved: Max./last jitter: They are updated during a positive edge at the input bBeginCycle. Min./max./last task runtime: They are updated during a negative edge at the input bBeginCycle.

20 PLC Designer Visualization

20.1 Visualization - Overview

A visualization is a **graphical representation** of the project variables which allows inputs to the PLC program in online mode via mouse and keypad. The PLC Designer **visualization editor**, which is part of the programming system provides graphic elements which can be arranged as desired and can be connected with project variables. Thereupon in online mode the look of the graphical elements will change depending on the variables values.
Simple example: In order to represent a fill level, which is calculated by the PLC program, draw a bar and connect it to the corresponding project variable, so that the length and color of the bar will show the current fill level value. Add a text field which will display the current value in a text string and a button for starting and stopping the program.

The properties of a single visualization element as well as of the whole visualization object will be defined in appropriate **configuration** dialogs and in the Object Properties dialog. There it is possible to set basic parameters by activating options as well as to define a dynamic parameterizing by entering project variables.

Additional special possibilities for configuring are given by the programmability of element properties via structure variables.

Using placeholders in the configuration dialogs may save a lot of effort in case you want to use the same visualization object several times with different configurations.

The visualization which is created in the programming system will in many cases be used as the only user interface available for controlling and watching the associated PLC program in online mode. For this purpose it must be possible to give inputs to the program solely by activating visualization elements. To reach this you can use special input possibilities during the configuration of the visualization and you have the option to define special hotkeys for each particular visualization.

20.2 Create a new Visualization

A **visualization object** is a PLC Designer object which is managed in the 'Visualization' register of the Object Organizer. It contains an arrangement of **visualization elements** and can get certain object properties. One or several visualization objects can be created in a PLC Designer project and might be linked with each other.

In order to create a visualization object in the Object Organizer, you must select the register card for  **Visualization** in the Object Organizer.

Using the **'Project' 'Object Add'** command, you can create a new visualization object. Open the 'New visualization' dialog, in which you can enter the **name** of the new visualization (see the remarks below). Once a valid entry is made, that is not a name that is already in use and no special characters used, you can close the dialog with **OK**. A window opens, in which you can edit the new visualization.

When the visualization object is marked in the Object Organizer, via command 'Project' 'Object' 'Properties' (see CoDeSys User Manual) the Properties dialog can be opened, where you can make settings concerning the usage of the object in a Web- or Target-Visualization as well as concerning a Master layout.

When defining the name of the visualization object, please regard the following:

- A visualization named "**PLC_VISU**" per default automatically will be used as start visualization in a Target- or Web-Visualization resp. in CoDeSys HMI, if there not explicitly another visualization is configured for this.
- A visualization may **not get the same name as another object** within the project because this would result in problems when changing between visualizations.

Note!

If you want to use the implicit variable **currentVisu** (type STRING) for addressing the currently opened visualization object, with compiler versions < V2.3.7.0 and if the library SysLibStr.lib is not included in the project, you must use capital letters for the names of the visualization objects (e.g. "`PLC_VISU`"). (For information on implicit variables see here)

20.3 Visualization Elements, Insert...

A visualization element is a graphical element, which is used to fill a visualization object. The available elements are offered in the PLC Designer menu bar. Each element gets a separate configuration.

You can insert various geometric forms, as well as bitmaps, metafiles, buttons, various special elements and existing visualizations into your visualization. Regard the possibility of defining a special directory for visualization files in the project options.

Go to the 'Insert' menu item and select freely from the following commands:  **'Rectangle'**,  **'Rounded Rectangle'**,  **'Ellipse'**,  **'Polygon'**,  **Polyline'**,  **'Curve'**,  **'Pie'**,  **'Bitmap'**,  **'Visualization'**,  **'Button'**,  **'Table'**,  **'ActiveX-Element'**,  **Scrollbar'**,  **'Meter'**,  **'Bar Display'**,  **'Histogram'**,  **'Alarm table'**,  **'Trend'**,  **'WMF file'**. A check appears in front of the selected command.

Alternatively you can use the tool bar. The selected element appears pushed down (e.g. ).

If you then draw the mouse pointer to the editor window, the corresponding element symbol will be displayed at the pointer (e.g. ). Click on the desired starting point of your element and move the pointer with pressed left mouse key until the element has the desired dimensions.

If you want to create a polygon or a line, first click with the mouse on the position of the first corner of the polygon resp. on the starting point of the line, and then click on the further desired corner points. By doubleclicking on the last corner point you will close the polygon and it will be completely drawn respectively the line will be completed. If you want to create a curve (Bezier curves) determine the initial and two other points with mouse clicks to define the circumscribing rectangle. An arc is drawn after the third mouse click. You can then change the position of the end point of the arc by moving the mouse and can then end the process with a double click or add another arc with additional mouse clicks.

Furthermore pay attention to the **status bar** and the change from select and insert modes.

Regard also the possibility of using placeholders and Master layouts.

20.3.1 'Insert' 'Rectangle'

Symbol: 

With the command you can insert a rectangle as an element into your present visualization. (Use, see Visualization Elements, Insert)

20.3.2 'Insert' 'Rounded Rectangle'

Symbol: 

With the command you can insert a rectangle with rounded corners as an element in your present visualization. (Use, see Visualization Elements, Insert).

20.3.3 'Insert' 'Ellipse'

Symbol: 

With the command you can insert a circle or an ellipse as an element in your present visualization. (Use, see Visualization Elements, Insert).

20.3.4 'Insert' 'Polygon'

Symbol: 

With the command you can insert a polygon as an element in your present visualization. (Use, see Visualization Elements, Insert).

20.3.5 'Insert' 'Polyline'

Symbol: 

With the command you can insert a line as an element into your current visualization. (Use, see Visualization Elements, Insert).

20.3.6 'Insert' 'Curve'

Symbol: 

With the command you can insert a Bezier curve as an element into your current visualization. (Use, see Visualization Elements, Insert).

20.3.7 'Insert' 'Pie'

Symbol: 

Use this command to insert a Pie Segment as an element into your current visualization.

While pressing the left mouse button, bring up an area in the desired size. An oval element including a line marking the radius at the 0° position will be displayed. As long as keeping the mouse button pressed you can immediately change size and position of the element by moving the mouse. A little black square is attended to the the element, indicating the corner of a virtual rectangle surronding the element.

In order to define the start and end angles of a Pie, select the end point of the radius line on the circular arc by a mouse-click. As soon as you, keeping the mouse button pressed, move the cursor, two small rectangles will be displayed, indicating the two angle positions. As from now those can be selected and moved seperately. If you want the angle values get defined dynamically by variables, open the configuration dialog category 'Angle' and enter the desired variable names.

You can resize or reshape the element later by either clicking on the centre point, the cursor getting displayed as diagonally crossed arrows, and moving the mouse while keeping the mouse button pressed (or using the arrow keys). Alternatively you can select and move the corner indicating little square outside of the element. In order to move the element to another position, click inside the element to get the cursor beeing displayed as vertically crossed arrows and then move the cursor.

20.3.8 'Insert' 'Bitmap'

Symbol: 

With the command you can insert a bitmap as an element in your present visualization. (Use, see Visualization Elements, Insert).

While pressing the left mouse button, bring up an area in the desired size. The standard dialog box for browsing for a file will be opened. You can use this dialog to select and enter a **bitmap file from the local file system**. In the configuration dialog of the inserted bitmap you then can define, whether a link to the bitmap file should be stored or the bitmap should be inserted as an element.

Alternatively you can specify a **project variable to define which bitmap** should be used. This allows a dynamic change of bitmaps in online mode. The variable must be entered in the configuration dialog of an already inserted bitmap element and it must contain the name of a bitmap file managed in the project-global bitmaplist.

20.3.9 'Insert' 'Visualization'

Symbol: 

With the command you can insert an existing visualization as an element in your present visualization. (Use, see Visualization Elements, Insert).

While pressing the left mouse button, bring up an area in the desired size. A selection list of existing visualizations opens. After you have selected the desired visualization, it will be inserted in the defined area.

An inserted visualization will also be named "instance".

20.3.10 'Insert' 'Button'

Symbol: 

This command is used to insert a button into your current visualization. (Use, see Visualization Elements, Insert).

Drag the element to the desired size with the left mouse button held down.

If a toggle variable is configured for the button it displays the state of this variable by visually displaying whether it is pressed or not pressed. Conversely, the variable is toggled by „pressing" the button.

Like for a "Bitmap“ element also for the filling of a button element an image file can be specified (static or dynamic use). See the description of the configuration dialog for category „Bitmap“.

20.3.11 'Insert' 'WMF file'

Symbol: 

This command is used to insert a Windows Metafile. The standard dialog for opening a file will appear, where you can select a file (extension *.wmf). After having closed the dialog with OK the file will be inserted as an element in the visualization. Please regard, that no link to a file will be saved, like it is done when you insert a bitmap, but the elements of the metafile will be inserted as a group.

20.3.12 'Insert' 'Table'

Symbol: 

Use this command to insert a Table element as an element into your current visualization. It is used to display the current values of the elements of an array.

While pressing the left mouse button, bring up an area in the desired size. Before the element gets displayed the configuration dialog 'Configure table'' will be opened. Here you will find additionally to the standard categories Tooltip and Security the categories 'Table', 'Columns', 'Rows' and 'Selection' where you can define contents and appearance of the table.

20.3.13 'Insert' 'ActiveX-Element'

Symbol: 

Use this command to insert an ActiveX Control into your current visualization. It can be used later on Windows32 systems in CoDeSys HMI and the CoDeSys Target-Visualization. While pressing the left mouse button, bring up an area in the desired size. It will be inserted as a rectangle with the inscription "Control:".

To select a certain ActiveX Control and to configure the method calls and the display open the dialog 'Configure ActiveX-Control' by a double-click on the element resp. via command 'Extras' 'Configure'.

20.3.14 'Insert' 'Scrollbar'

Symbol:

Use this command to insert a Scrollbar element in the current visualization. In the configuration of that element you can assign a variable to the element, the value of which will be changed when the user moves the scrollbar slider in online mode. Vice versa the slider position will reflect the current value of the variable if this value is given by any other input.

In the Target-Visualization the element will work only if it is supported by the target system.

Insert the element by drawing a rectangle in desired size. The shape of the rectangle determines whether the scrollbar will be entered vertically or horizontally .

20.3.15 'Insert' 'Meter'

Symbol: 

Use this command to insert a Meter as an element into your current visualization. It provides a scale which is defined as a sector of a circular arc, and a pointer element.

While pressing the left mouse button, bring up an area in the desired size. Before the element gets displayed the configuration dialog Configure Meter will be opened. Here you can define various parameters concerning the display of the element and a preview is available to check the configuration before really inserting the element by confirming the dialog.

20.3.16 'Insert' 'Bar Display'

Symbol: 

Use this command to insert a Bar Display element into your current visualization. It is used to visualize the value of the assigned variable by a bar indicating the value by its length along a horizontal scale.

While pressing the left mouse button, bring up an area in the desired size. Before the element gets displayed the configuration dialog 'Configure bar display' will be opened. Here you can define various parameters concerning the display of the element and a preview is available to check the configuration before really inserting the element by confirming the dialog.

20.3.17 'Insert' 'Histogram'

Symbol: 

Use this command to insert a Histogram element into your current visualization. It is used to visualize the elements of an array by bars which are placed side by side each indicating the value of the element by its length.

While pressing the left mouse button, bring up an area in the desired size. Before the element gets displayed the configuration dialog 'Configure Histogram' will be opened. Here you can define various parameters concerning the display of the element and a preview is available to check the configuration before really inserting the element by confirming the dialog.

20.3.18 'Insert' 'Alarm table'

Symbol: 

Use this command to insert an alarm table into your current visualization object.

While pressing the left mouse button, bring up an area in the desired size. Before the element gets displayed the configuration dialog 'Configure Alarm table' will open. Here you will find additionally to the standard categories Tooltip and Security the categories 'Alarmtable', 'Settings for sorting', 'Columns' and Settings for alarmtable' where you can define contents and appearance of the table.

An alarm table can be used to visualize the alarms, which have been defined in the Alarm configuration of the project.

20.3.19 'Insert' 'Trend'

Symbol: 

Use this command to insert a trend element into your current visualization object.. While pressing the left mouse button, bring up an area in the desired size. The configuration (axes, variables, history) is done in the configuration dialog 'Trend'.

The trend element, also named oscilloscope element, is used to display variable values within a certain time period. It stores the data in a file on the client and displays them as a graph. As soon as a value changes, a new entry will be made in the file, showing date/time and the new value.

The trend element is drawn transparently. So you can assign any desired background (bitmap, color).

20.4 Positioning of Visualization Elements...

20.4.1 Selecting Visualization Elements

The selection mode is activated by default. In order to select an element, click with the mouse on the element. You can also select the first element of the elements list by pressing the <Tab> key and jump to the next by each further keystroke. If you press the <Tab> key while pressing the <Shift> key, you jump backwards in the order of the elements list.

In order to select elements, which are placed one upon the other, first select the top level element by a mouse-click. Then do further mouse-clicks while the <Ctrl>+<Shift>-buttons are pressed, to reach the elements in the underlying levels .

In order to mark multiple elements, press and hold the <Shift> key and click the corresponding elements, one after another; or, while holding down the left mouse button, pull a window over the elements to be selected.

In order to select all the elements, use the 'Extras' 'Select All' command.

If you are in the element list (called by **'Extras' 'Element list'**), you can select the concerned element in the visualization by selecting a line.

20.4.2 Changing the Selection and Insert Mode

After the insertion of a visualization element, there is an automatic change back into the selection mode. If you want to insert an additional element the same way, you can once again select the corresponding command in the menu or the symbol  in the tool bar.

You can also quickly change between the selection mode and the insert mode by pressing the <Ctrl>-key and the right mouse button simultaneously.

In the insert mode, the corresponding symbol will also appear at the mouse pointer, and the name will also be indicated in black in the status bar.

20.4.3 'Extras' 'Select'

This command is used to switch the selection mode on or off. This can also be achieved using the symbol  or by pressing the right mouse-key while holding down the key at the same time.

20.4.4 'Extras' 'Select All'

This command allows you to select all visualization elements within the current visualization object.

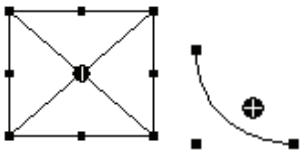
20.4.5 Copying Visual Elements

One or more selected elements can be inserted with the **'Edit' 'Copy'**command, the <Ctrl>+<C> key combination, or the corresponding copy symbol, and with **'Edit' 'Paste'**.

A further possibility is to select the elements and to again click in one of these elements with the **<Ctrl>** key held down. If you now hold the left mouse button down, you can separate the elements thus copied from the original.

20.4.6 Modifying Visualization Elements

You can select an element which has already been inserted by a mouse click on the element or by pressing the <tab> key. A small black square will appear at each corner of each of the elements, (with ellipses at the corners of the surrounding rectangle). Except in the case of polygons, lines or curves further squares appear in the middle of the element edges between the corner points.



With a selected element, the **turning point** (balance point) is also displayed at the same time. You can then rotate the element around this point with a set motion/angle. The turning point is displayed as a small black circle with a white cross (⊕). You can drag the turning point with a pressed left mouse button.

You can change the **size** of the element by clicking on one of the black squares and, while keeping the left mouse button pressed, controlling the new outline.

With the selection of a *polygon*, you can **drag** each individual corner using the same technique. While doing this, if you press the <Ctrl>-key then an additional corner point will be inserted at the corner point, an additional corner point will be inserted, which can be dragged by moving the mouse. By pressing the <Shift>+<Ctrl>-key, you can **remove** a corner point.

20.4.7 Dragging Visualization Elements

One or more selected elements can be dragged by pressing the left mouse button or the arrow key.

20.4.8 Grouping Elements

Elements can be grouped by selecting all desired elements and performing the command **'Extras' 'Group'**. The group will behave like a single element:

the grouped elements get a collective frame; when dragging the frame, depending on the current configuration all elements will be stretched, compressed or keep their original size; only the group can be moved to another position.

the grouped elements get collective properties: inputs only can effect the group and not a single element. Thus the elements also get one collective configuration dialog (category 'group'). The property 'Change color' can not be configured for a group !

To redefine a single element of a group, the grouping must be redone by the command **'Extras' 'Ungroup'**. The configuration of the group will be lost in this case.

Note!

As soon as you save the project as PLC Designer Version 2.1 or lower, a group of visualization elements will be resolved automatically; that means that the elements of the group will be shown as single elements in the visualization.

20.4.9 'Extras' 'Send to Front'

Use this command to bring selected visualization elements to the front.

20.4.10 'Extras' 'Send to Back'

Use this command to send selected visualization elements to the back.

20.4.11 'Extras' 'Align'

Use this command to align selected visualization elements.

The following alignment options are available:

- **Left**: the left edge of each of the elements will be aligned to the element that is furthest to the left
- the same is true for **Right** / **Top** / **Bottom**
- **Horizontal Center**: each of the elements will be aligned to the average horizontal center of all elements
- **Vertical Center**: each of the elements will be aligned to the average vertical center of all elements

20.4.12 'Extras' 'Elementlist'

This command opens a dialog box containing a list of all visualization elements including their **number, type** and **position**. The element number will be displayed in the element in the editor view, if the corresponding option is activated in the visualization Settings. The position is given according to the x and y position of the upper left (x1, y1) and the lower right (x2, y2) corner of the element.

When one or more items have been selected, the corresponding elements in the visualization are marked for visual control and if necessary the display will scroll to that section of the visualization that contains the elements.

Use the **To front** button to bring selected visualization elements to the front. Use the **To behind** button to move them to the back.

Below the elements list there you find – depending on which element is currently selected - one of the following combinations of edit fields where you can modify size and position of the element:

If a rectangle, rounded rectangle, ellipse, bitmap, visualization, button or a meta file is currently selected, then next to the text "**Rectangle (x1, y1, x2, y2)**" there are four edit fields, where the actual x/y positions are shown and can be modified.

If a line, polygon or a curve is currently selected, a table will be available showing the actual **X-Position** and **Y-Position** of each of the black squares which mark the shape of the element, as soon as it is selected. These values can be edited here.

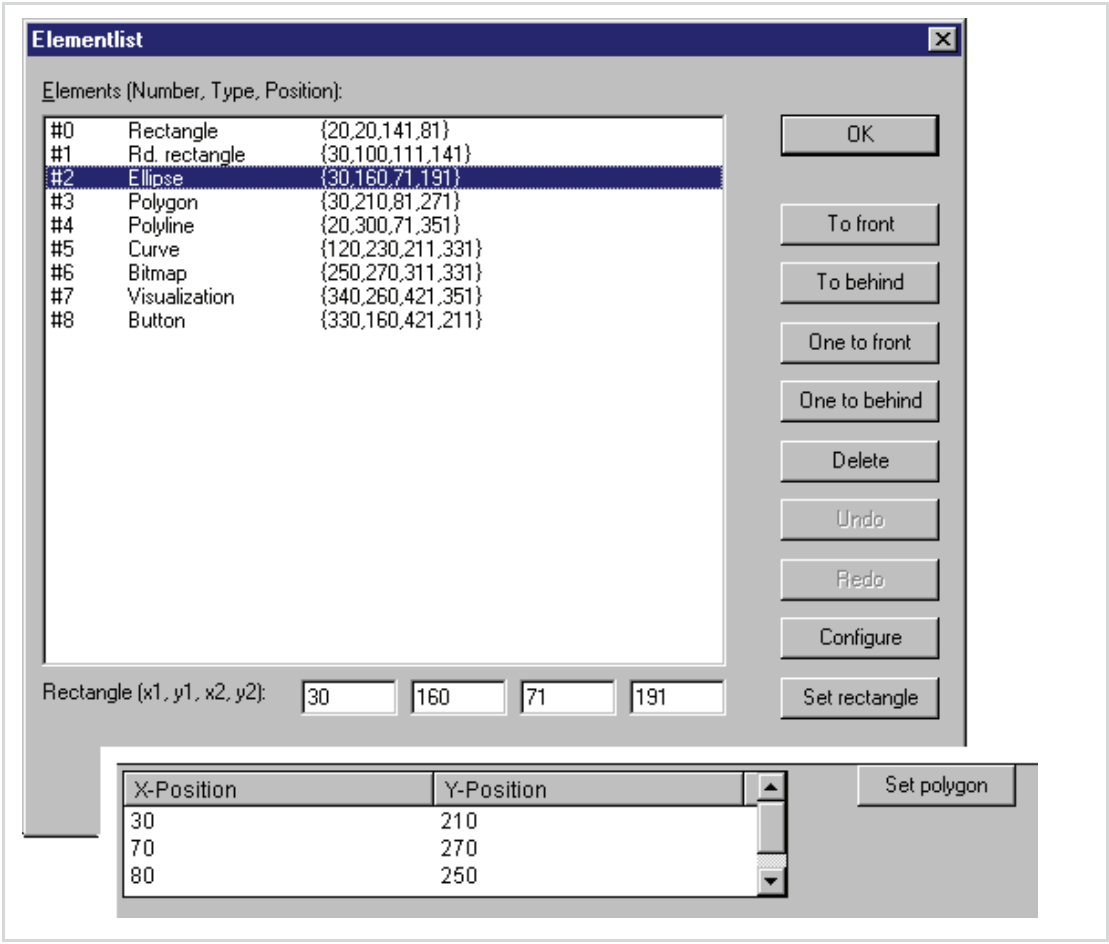
To set the modified position values in the elements list and in the visualization, press button **Set rectangle** (in case 1.) resp. **Set polygon** (in case 2.).

Use the **Delete** button to remove selected visualization elements.

Use the Undo and Redo buttons to undo or restore changes that have been made just as you would do with the commands 'Edit' 'Undo' and 'Edit' 'Redo' . In the dialog box, you can observe the changes that are being made.

Click on **OK** to close the dialog box and confirm the changes.

Use **Configure** to get the configuration dialog for the element.



Element list dialog box

20.4.13 Status Bar in the Visualization

If a visualization has the focus, the current **X** and **Y position** of the mouse cursor in pixels relative to the upper left corner of the image is displayed in the status bar. If the mouse pointer is located on an **Element**, or if the element is being processed, then the number of the element will be displayed. If you have selected an element to insert, then this element will also appear (for example, **Rectangle**).

20.5 Visualization, Configure - Overview

For the configuration of a visualization element or for the visualization object as a whole you can use the configuration dialogs available via the 'Extras' menu, if you are working in the visualization. Additionally some settings can be done in the Properties dialog available for a visualization object marked in the Object Organizer.

Regard that in the project options a separate directory can be defined for **visualization files**.

20.6 Visualization Elements, Configure...

In the configuration dialogs opened via the 'Extras' 'Configure' command the properties of an element or object are set either by activating options or dynamically by inserting project variables. Besides that the properties can be programmed via the components of a structure variable, which can be defined for each visualization element.

Note!

Regard the order of analysis, which will be followed in online mode:

The values which are given dynamically, i.e. via project variables, will overwrite the fix parameters defined for the same property.

If an element property is defined by a "normal" project variable as well as by the component of a structure variable, then in online mode primarily the value of the project variable will be regarded.

Please regard the possibility of using Placeholders as well as the special input possibilities which are useful if the visualization should be used in CoDeSys HMI resp. as Target or Web-visualization , that means if the visualization serves as the only user interface for a PLC program (see also: INTERN in category 'Input' of the configuration dialogs, Keyboard usage).

Stop!

Dialogs which include the configuration of **Colors and Fonts** for a visualization element, can look differently depending on the currently selected target system. Possibly instead of the standard dialog there is a dialog with restricted options. This might be reasonable for projects, which are designated for a use in Target-Visualizations. See also: Colors resp. Text.

Also regard that in the project options a separate directory can be defined for visualization files.

20.6.1 Placeholders in Visualization

At each location in the configuration dialog at which variables or text are entered, a **placeholder** can be set in place of the respective variable or text. This makes sense if the visualization object is not to be used directly in the program, but is created to be inserted in other visualization objects as an "instance". When configuring such an **Instance**, the placeholders can be replaced with variable names or with text (see chapter Configuring an inserted visualization, there you also find an example for using placeholders).

Any string enclosed in two dollar signs ($) is a valid placeholder (e.g. $variable1$, variable$x$). For each placeholder a „value group" can be defined as an input specification in the 'Placeholder list' dialog (called from 'Extras' 'List of placeholders'). With one of these values you can replace the placeholder when configuring an instance of the visualization object. A placeholder list will be available in the instance to do this replacements.

Example of an application of the placeholder concept:

Instances of a function block can easily be displayed with the help of instances of the same visualization. For example, in configuring the visualization visu, which visualizes the variables of function block, one could begin each variable entry with the placeholder FUB (e.g. FUB.a). If an instance of visu is then used (by inserting visu in another visualization or by calling via 'Zoom to vis.'), then in the configuration of this instance the placeholder FUB can then be replaced with the name of the function block instance to be visualized.

This might look like shown in the following:

In the project define a function block containing the following declarations:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK fu
VAR_INPUT
 changecol : BOOL; (* should cause a color change in the
visualization *`)
END_VAR
```

In PLC_PRG define two instances of 'fu':

```
inst1_fu : fu;
inst2_fu : fu;
```

Create a visualization object 'visu'. Insert an element and open the configuration dialog, category 'Variables'. Enter in field 'Change color' the following: "FUB.changecol". Open category 'Input' and enter in field 'Tap Variable' "FUB.changecol". Open category 'Text' and enter"FUB - change color ".

Create another visualization object 'visu1'.

Insert visualization 'visu' twice in 'visu1' (two references of 'visu').

Mark the first reference of 'visu' and open the configuration dialog of category 'Visualization'. Press button 'Placeholder', so that the placeholder list will be displayed. There replace entry 'FUB' by 'PLC_PRG.inst_1'.

Now mark the second instance of 'visu' and (like described for the first one) replace 'FUB' by 'PLC_PRG.inst_2'.

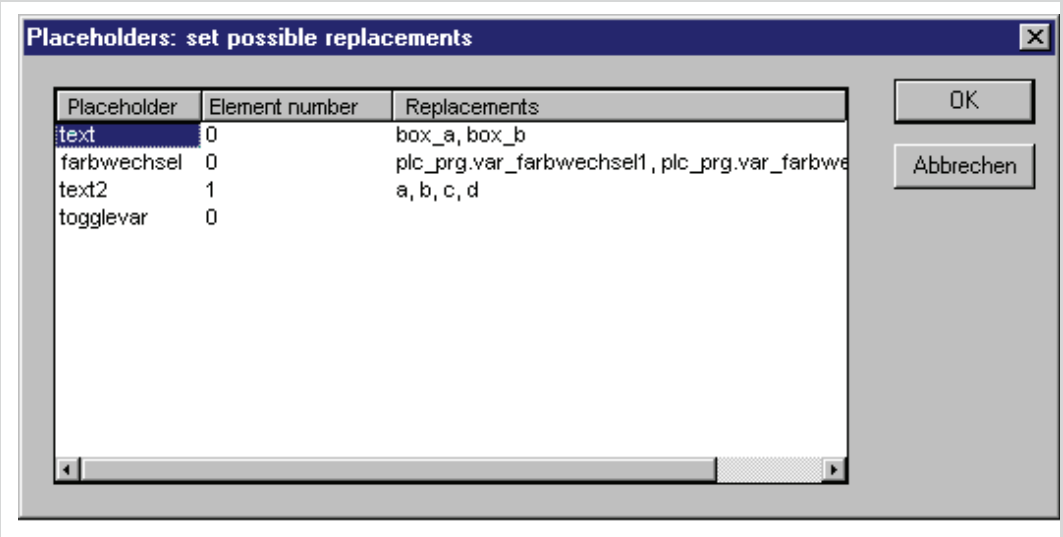
Now in online mode the values of the variables which are used to configure the two instances of 'fu' will be visualized in the corresponding instance of 'visu'.

Of course the placeholder FUB can be used at all places in the configuration of 'visu' where variables or text strings are entered.

20.6.2 'Extras' 'List of Placeholders...'

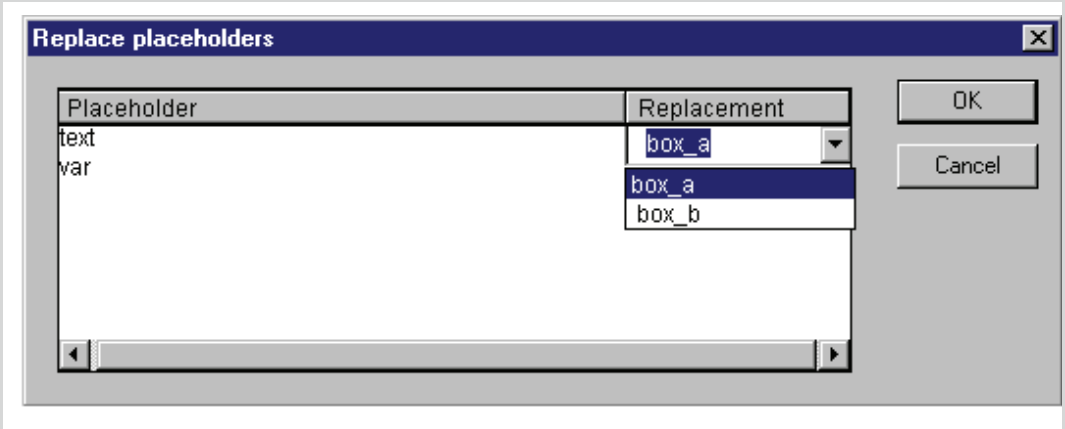
This list is used at two places in »PLC Designer«: to manage placeholders and to configure them:

- primarily you use the list when configuring a visualization object, which later should be inserted, which means instanced, in other visualization(s). For this reason you will use placeholders instead of or additionally to variables and strings in the configuration dialogs. You can open the dialog 'Placeholders' by the command 'List of Placeholders' in the 'Extras' menu or in the context menu. The list shows three columns:



Placeholder list for input of possible replacements for the placeholders

- Column **Placeholder** will list all placeholders, which are currently used in the configuration of the visualization object. Column **Element** number shows the elements which contain a placeholder. In column **Replacements** you can enter one or several strings (text, variable, expression) which you want to get available later when replacing a placeholder during the configuration of an instance of the visualization object. The elements of the selection must be entered separated by commas. If no or an impossible replacement string is specified, then the placeholder can be replaced with any desired text later during the configuration of the visualization's reference.
- later you use the list of placeholders when **configuring an instance** of the above mentioned visualization object, that means after this object has been inserted (as a 'reference') in another visualization by the command 'Insert' 'Visualization'. For this purpose do the following to open the dialog: Select the inserted visualization, execute command 'Extras' 'Configure' and press button 'Placeholders' in Category 'Visualization'. In this case the dialog will only contain two columns:



List of placeholders for replacing a placeholder in a visualization instance

Column Placeholder – like described above – shows all placeholders which have been defined for the primary visualization object. If additionally a selection of possible replacements had been defined, this list will now be available in column 'Replacement'. Select one of the entries to replace the placeholder in the present instance. If no replacements have been pre-defined then you can manually enter an expression or variable. For this purpose perform a mouse-click on the field in column Replacement to open an editor field.

20.6.3 'Extras' 'Configure'

With this command, the 'Configure element' dialog opens for configuring the selected visualization element (see Select visualization element). You are given the dialog box when you double-click on the element.

Select a category in the left area of the dialog box (available categories depending on element type) and fill out the requested information in the right area. This has to be done by activating options resp. by inserting the name of valid variables, whose values should define the property of the element.

Note!

There are also configuration dialogs available for a group of elements. Regard that the settings will be valid for the "element" group. If you want to configure the particular elements of the group, you have to resolve the group.

If you have defined an element property by a "static" setting as well as dynamically by a variable, then in online mode **the variable will overwrite the static value** (Example: "Alarm color Inside" can be defined statically in category 'Color' and additionally dynamically in category 'Colorvariables' by a variable). If the setting is controlled by a "normal" project variable as well as by a structure variable, then the value of structure variable also will be overwritten by the "normal" project variable.

Please regard: Meter, Bar Display and Histogram must be **re-grouped** before !

At locations in the element configuration where variables are operative, the following **Entries** are possible:

- Variable names, for which input assistant is available
- Expressions which are assembled from component accesses, field accesses with constant index, variables and direct addresses.
- Operators and constants, which can be combined at will with the aforementioned expressions.
- Placeholders instead of variable names or text strings

Examples of permissible expressions:

```
x + y
100*PLC_PRG.a
TRUE
NOT PLC_PRG.b
9*sin(x + 100)+cos(y+100)
```

Function calls are not possible. Invalid expressions result in an error message on login („Invalid Watch expression..."). Examples of invalid expressions: fun(88), a := 9, RETURN.

There are two possible ways in the configuration dialogs to write **global variables**: „.globvar" and „globvar" are equivalent. The style with a dot (which is that used in the Watch and Receipt Manager) is not allowed within an assembled expression, however.

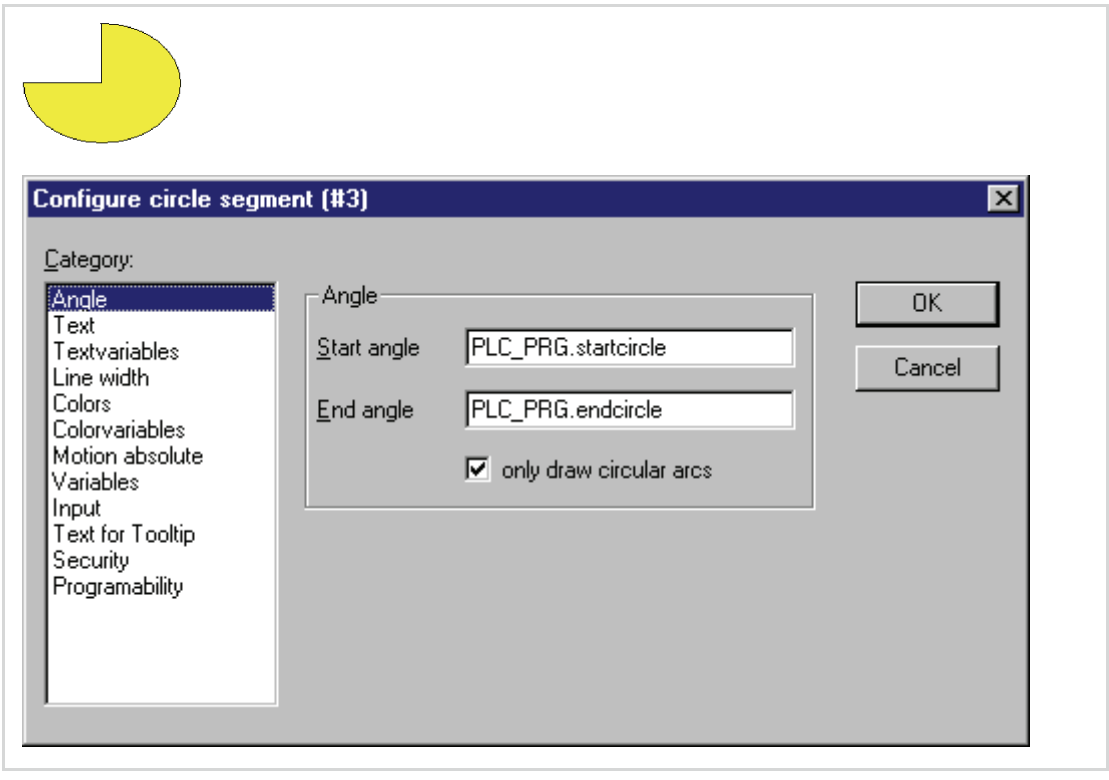
Regard also the possibility of using Placeholders.

20.6.4 Angle

In the configuration dialog 'Configure Pie' in the **Angle** category you can each enter a value or a variable defining the **start angle** and the **end angle** of the sector element in degrees. The sector will be drawn clockwise from the start angle position to the end angle position.

Example:

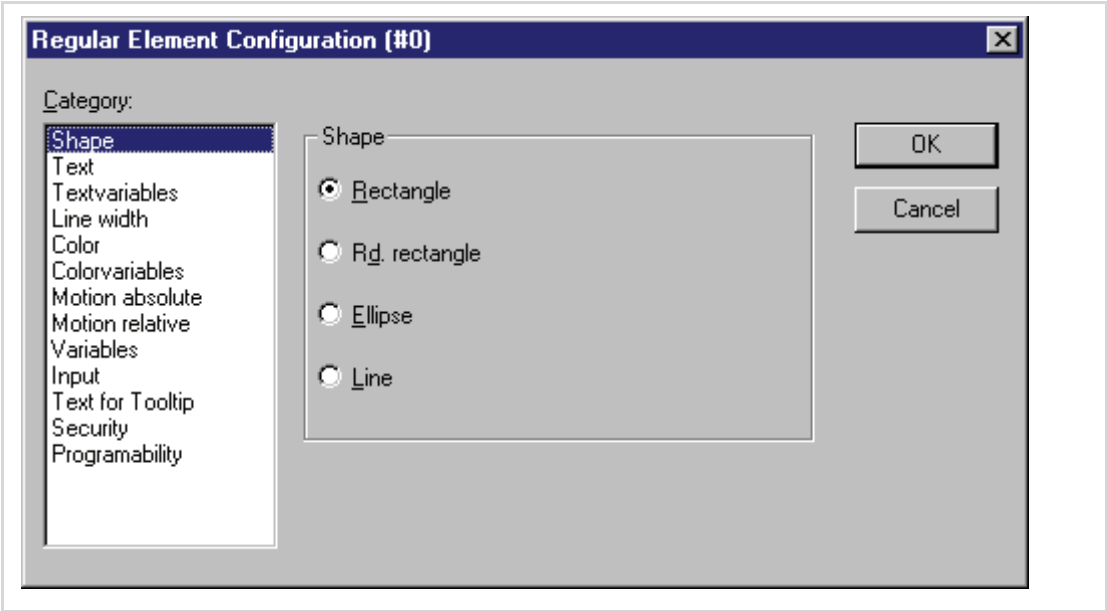
Enter start angle: "90", end angle: "180"



Dialog for Configuring a Pie

20.6.5 Shape

In the visualization element configuration dialog box, you can select in the **Shape** category from among **Rectangle**, **Rounded Rectangle**, **Line** and **Ellipse** respectively **Polygon, Line** and **Curve**. The form will change into the size already set.



Dialog Box for Configuring Visualization Elements (Shape Category)

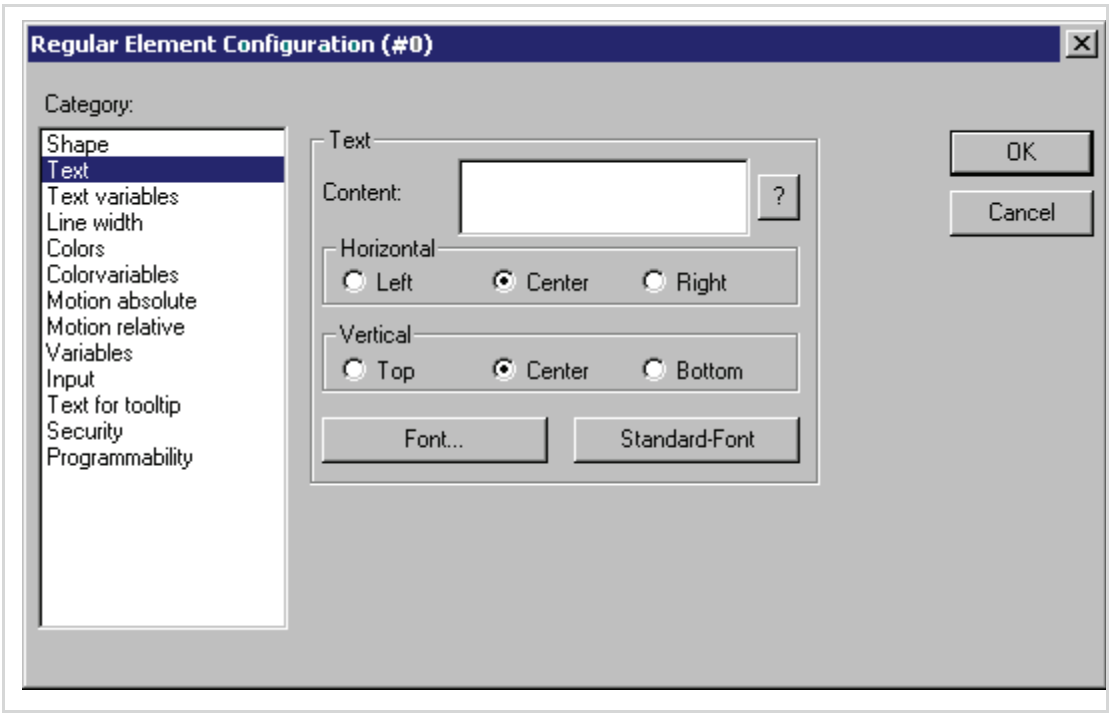
20.6.6 Text

In the dialog for configuring visualization elements, you can specify a text for the element in the **Text** category. This can be entered directly or/and a variable can be defined which will determine the text string. The usage of placeholders is possible. Also the default settings for font and alignment are done here.

Note!

As soon as text parameters are additionally provided dynamically, which means by a system or structure variable (see also below, category 'Text variables' resp. 'Programmability'), the static definitions which are done in the currently opened dialog , will be overwritten !

In case of multiple definition of an element property consider the specific order of precedence concerning according to which a value might be overwritten in online mode by another.



Dialog Box for Configuring Visualization Elements (Text Category)

Enter the text in the **Content** field. With the key combination <Ctrl>+<Enter> you can insert line breaks, with <Ctrl>+<Tab>, tab stops. Besides the input of a pure text string you can use the following formatting sequences (via button ? the corresponding online help page can be opened):

If you include "%s" into the text, then this location, in Online mode, will be replaced by the value of the variable from the **Textdisplay** field of the **Variables** category. Instead of "s" you also can use other formatting strings conforming with the standard C-library function 'sprintf': See here a sample list of strings and arguments:

Character	Argument / Output as
d,i	Decimal number
o	Unsigned octal number (without leading zerol)
x	Unsigned hexadecimal number (without leading 0x)
u	Unsigned decimal number
c	Single character
s	String
f	REAL-values; syntax: %|<alignment><minimal width><accuracy>|f Accuracy defines the number of decimal places behind the comma (Default is 6). Example see below.

Stop!

If you want to get displayed a **percent sign %** combined with one of the formatting strings mentioned above, you must enter "%%". For example: Enter "Rate in %%: %s" to get displayed in online mode "Rate in %: 12" (if the text display variable currently is "12").

Be careful with letter case: capital letters, i.e. %S instead of %s not acceptable."

The value of the variable will be displayed correspondingly in online mode. You can enter any IEC-conforming format strings, which fit to the type of the used variable.

Stop!

It is not checked whether the type which is used in the formatting string matches with the type of the variable which is defined in the 'Text Output' field !

Example:

Input in the 'Content' field: `Fill level %2.5f mm`

Input in the 'Textdisplay' field (variable of type REAL), e.g.: `plc_prg.fvar1`

-> Output in online mode e.g.: `Fill level 32.8999 mm`

- If you enter "%t", followed by a certain sequence of special placeholders, then this location will be replaced in Online mode by the system time. The placeholders define the display format, see the following table.

Stop!

Do not insert any other characters before %t in the 'Content' field (in contrast this is allowed for e.g. "%s", see above)

%a	Abbreviated weekday name
%A	Full weekday name
%b	Abbreviated month name
%B	Full month name
%c	Date and time representation appropriate for locale
%d	Day of month as decimal number (01 – 31)
%H	Hour in 24-hour format (00 – 23)
%I	Hour in 12-hour format (01 – 12)
%j	Day of year as decimal number (001 – 366)
%m	Month as decimal number (01 – 12)
%M	Minute as decimal number (00 – 59)
%p	Current locale's A.M./P.M. indicator for 12-hour clock
%S	Second as decimal number (00 – 59)
%U	Week of year as decimal number, with Sunday as first day of week (00 – 53)
%w	Weekday as decimal number (0 – 6; Sunday is 0)
%W	Week of year as decimal number, with Monday as first day of week (00 – 53)
%x	Date representation for current locale
%X	Time representation for current locale
%y	Year without century, as decimal number (00 – 99)
%Y	Year with century, as decimal number
%z, %Z	Time-zone name or abbreviation; no characters if time zone is unknown
%%	Percent sign

Examples:

```
%t%a %b %d.%m.%y %H:%M:%S
```

-> Display in online mode: `Wed Aug 28.08.02 16:32:45`

Between the placeholders you can insert any text strings:

```
%Today is %d.%m.%y
```

-> Display in online mode: Today is `28.08.02`

Note!

If a text string is to be transferred into a **translation file**, which will then be used in Online mode to enable switching into another national language, it must be delimited at the beginning and end by #.
Examples: "#Pump 1#" or else even "#Pump# 1"
The second case might for example in the event of multiple occurrences of the text Pump (Pump 1, Pump 2, etc.), prevent multiple appearances in the translation.

If you include"**%<PREFIX>**" into the text, you can enter instead of "PREFIX" a certain string, which will serve as an identifier concerning the use of dynamic texts. The prefix will be used together with an **ID** number, which is to be defined in the 'Variables' category of the configuration dialog in field 'Textdisplay'. The combination references to a certain text, which is defined in a xml-file available for this purpose and listing all possible dynamic texts. Thus at run time the text which is indicated by the current ID-Prefix-combination will be displayed. For further information see also the description of Language Switching. See there also information on the usage of Unicode-Format.

The configured text will appear online in the prescribed alignment within the element: **horizontally left**, **center** or **right** and **vertically top**, **center** or **bottom**.

Via button **Font** the dialog for font selection will appear. Choose the desired font and confirm with OK. (The list of offered fonts depends on the target system.) The **Standard-Font** button can be used to assign the currently valid standard font to the element. That is defined in the visualization settings in category Display.

20.6.7 Textvariables

In category **Textvariables** of the dialog for configuring visualization elements you can specify a variable which should dynamically set color and font of that string which is defined in category 'Text'. At best enter the variable name with the aid of the input assistant (<F2>).

You can also use components of the structure *VisualObjectType* to set the text properties. For this see the description of category 'Programability'; there you will find the possible values of the particular structure components and their effect.

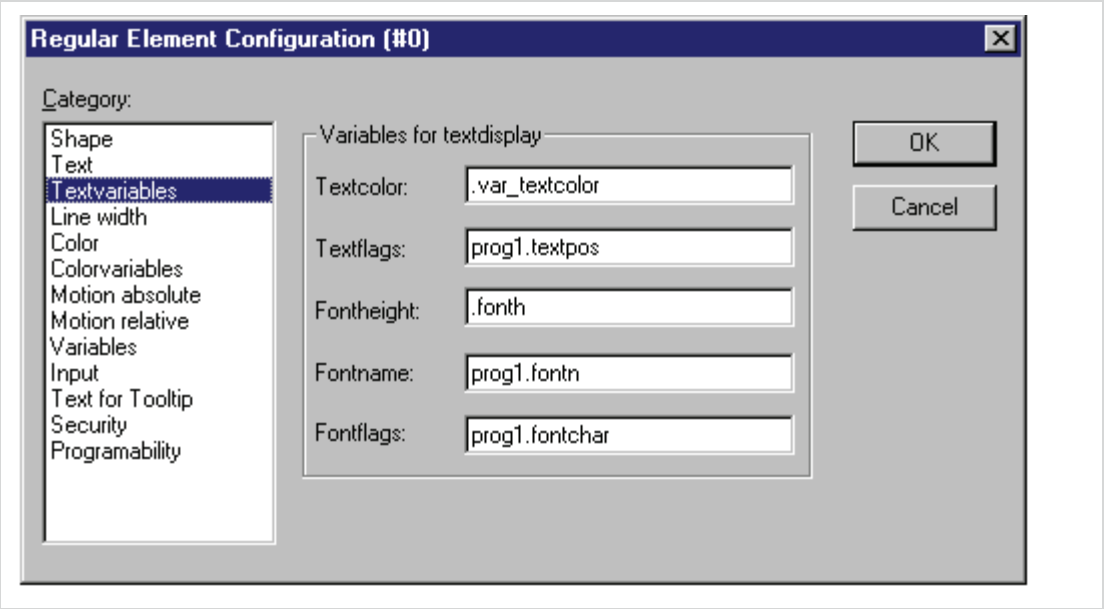
Note!

If there are corresponding static definitions in category 'Text', these will be overwritten by the dynamic parameter values.

In case of multiple definition of an element property consider the specific order of precedence concerning according to which a value might be overwritten in online mode by another.

The parameters of the dialog:

Parameter:	Meaning:	Example entry of project variable:	Example Usage of variable in program:	corresponding component of structure VisualObjectType:
Textcolor:	Text color	"plc_prg.var_textcolor"	var_textcolor=16#FF00FF → Farbe	dwTextColor
Textflags:	Alignment (right, left, centered...)	"plc_prg.textpos"	textpos:=2 → Text right justified	dwTextFlags
Fontheight:	Font height in Pixel	".fonth"	fonth:=16; → Font height 16 pt	ntFontHeight
Fontname:	Font name	"vis1.fontn"	fontn:=arial; → Arial is used	stFontName
Fontflags:	Font display (bold, underlined, italic...)	"plc_prg.fontchar"	fontchar:=2 → Text will be displayed bold	dwFontFlags



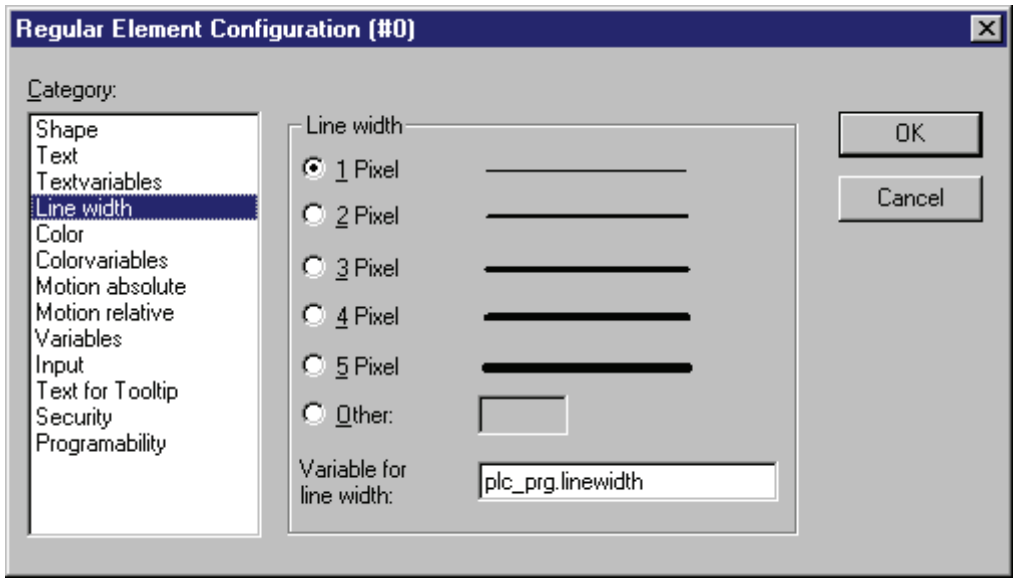
Dialog for configuring visualization elements (category Textvariables)

20.6.8 Line width

In the dialog for configuring visualization elements, you can choose the line width for an element. As predefined options you find width settings from 1 to 5 pixel, additionally an other value can be entered manually (**Other:**), or a project variable (**Variable for line width:**) can be inserted. For the latter the input assistance ((<F2>) can be used.

Note!

As soon as the parameter is additionally defined dynamically, i.e. by a structure variable (see below, category 'Programmability'), the static setting will be overwritten in online mode.



Dialog Box for Configuring Visualization Elements (Line width category)

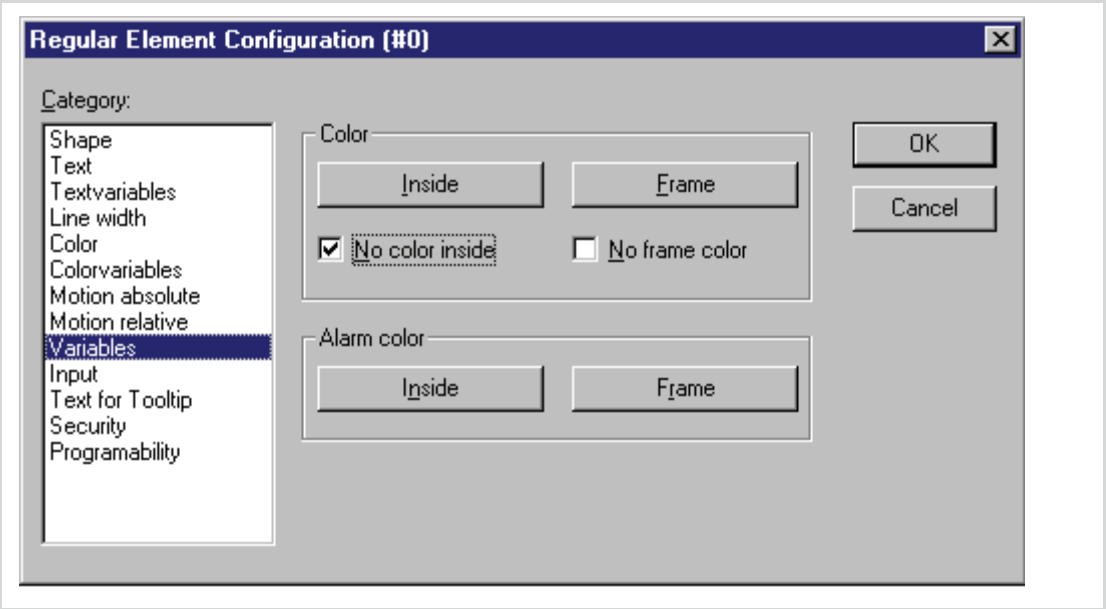
20.6.9 Colors

In the visualization element configuration dialog box, in the **Color** category you can select primary colors and alarm colors for the inside area and for the frame of your element. Choosing the options **no color inside** and **no frame color** you can create transparent elements.

Note!

As soon as the parameter is additionally defined dynamically by a variable, the static setting will be overwritten in online mode.

In case of multiple definition of an element property consider the specific order of precedence concerning according to which a value might be overwritten in online mode by another.



Dialog Box for Configuring Visualization Elements (Color Category)

If you now enter a Boolean variable in the **Variables** category in the **Change Color** field, then the element will be displayed in the **Color** set, as long as the variable is FALSE. If the variable is TRUE, then the element will be displayed in its **Alarm Color**.

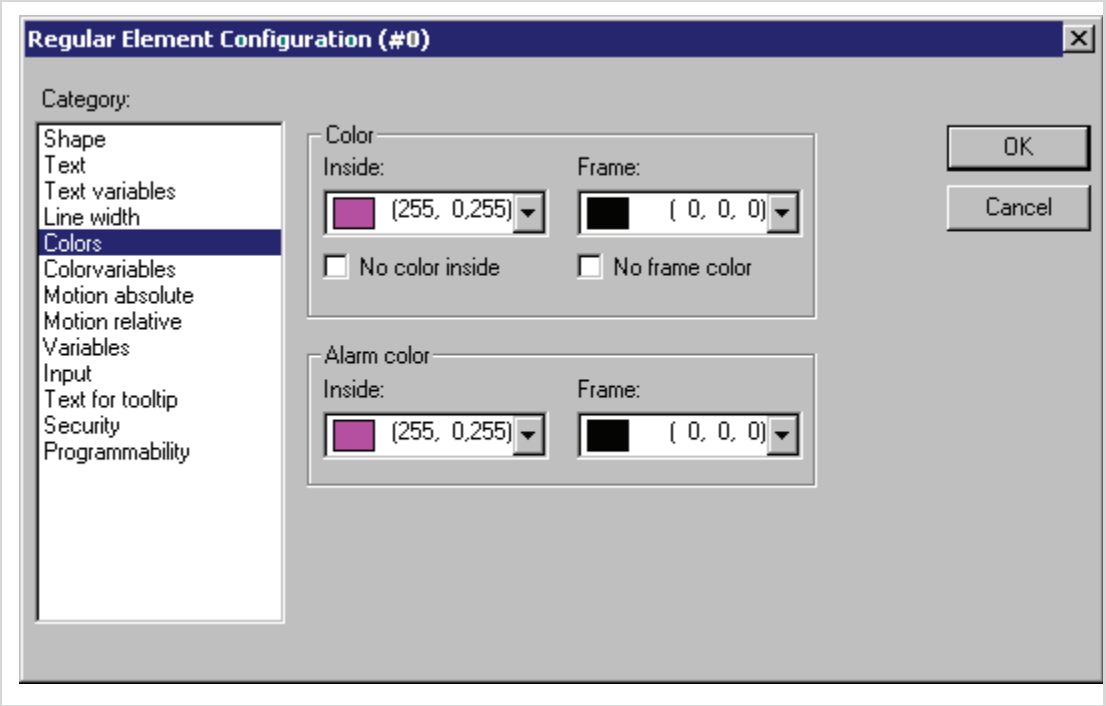
Note!

The change color function only becomes active, if the PLC is in *Online Mode*!

If you want to change the color of the frame, then press the **Frame** button, instead of the **Inside** button. In either case, the dialog box will open for selection of the color.

Here can to choose the desired hue from the primary colors and the user-defined colors. By pressing the Define Colors you can change the user-defined colors.

Depending on the target the dialog might offer only a restricted selection of colors. This can be reasonable for creating projects which are intended for Target-Visualizations. In this case the colors are defined via selection lists.



Target specific dialog with restricted color options

20.6.10 Color Variables

Here you can enter project variables (e.g. PLC_PRG.color_inside), which should determine the particular property in online mode: These property definitions also or additionally can be programmed with the aid of components of the structure VisualObjectType. Therefore see the description on the "Programmability" of a visualization element. There you will find a list of the possible values and their effects.

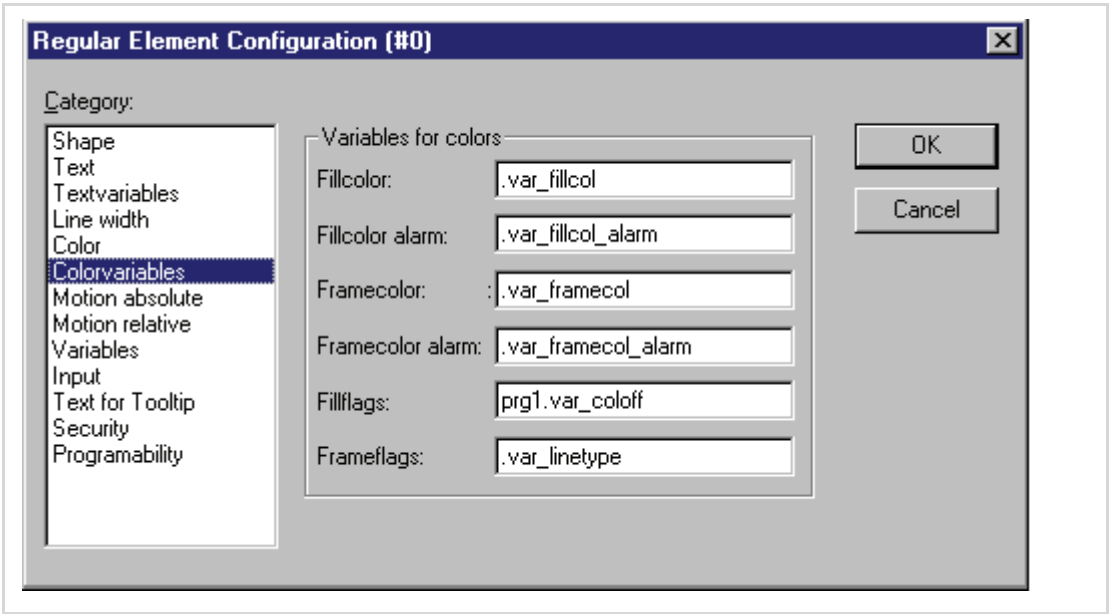
Note!

The variables, entered in the Color Variables dialog, in online mode will overwrite the static values given in the 'Color' category as well as corresponding values given by a structure variable.

In case of multiple definition of an element property consider the specific order of precedence concerning according to which a value might be overwritten in online mode by another.

The parameters of the dialog:

Parameter:	Description:	Example of an entry:	Example for using the variable in the program:	corresponding component of structure VisualObjectType:
Fillcolor:	fill color	"plc_prg.var_fillcol"	var_var_fillcol:=16#FF00FF → fill color pink	dwFillColor
Fillcolor alarm:	fill color if the 'Change color' variable is TRUE	"plc_prg.var_fillcol_a"	var_fillcol_a:=16#FF00FF → alarm fill color pink	dwFillColorAlarm
Framecolor:	frame color	"plc_prg.var_framecol"	var_framecol::=16#FF00FF → frame color pink	dwFrameColor
Framecolor alarm:	frame color if the 'Change color' variable is TRUE	"plc_prg.var_framecol"	var_framecol:=16#FF00FF → alarm frame color farbe pink	dwFrameColor Alarm
Fillflags:	The current inside color configuration can be activated (FALSE) resp. deactivated (TRUE)	"plc_prg.var_col_off"	var_col_off:=1 → the color definition for the fill color will not be regarded, that for the frame remains valid	dwFillFlags
Frameflags:	Display of the frame (solid, dotted etc.)	"plc_prg.var_linetype"	var_linetype:=2; → frame will be displayed as dotted line	dwFrameFlags



Dialog Box for Configuring Visualization Elements (Category Colorvariables)

20.6.11 Motion absolute

In the visualization element configuration dialog box, in the **Motion absolute** category, **X-** or **Y-**Offset fields variables can be entered. These variables can shift the element in the X or the Y direction, depending on the respective variable value. A variable in the Scale field will change the size of the element linear to its current value. This value, which is used as scaling factor, will be divided by 1000 implicitely, so that it is not necessary to use REAL-variables in order to get a reduction of the element. The scaling always will refer to the balance point.

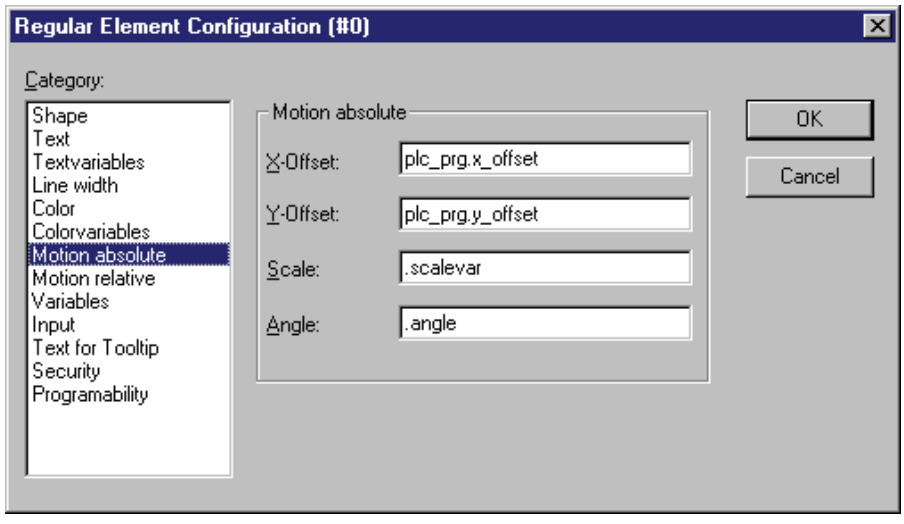
A variable in the **Angle** field causes the element to turn on its turning point, depending on the value of the variable. (Positive Value = Mathematic Positive = Clockwise). The value is evaluated in degrees. With polygons, every point rotates; in other words, the polygon turns. With all other elements, the element rotates, in such a way, that the upper edge always remains on top.

The turning point appears after a single click on the element, and is displayed as a small black circle with a white cross (⊕). You can drag the turning point with a pressed left mouse button.

Note!

In online mode the variables which are set in the 'Motion absolute' dialog will override the values of structure components which additionally might be used to define the same property ('Programability').

In case of multiple definition of an element property consider the specific order of precedence concerning according to which a value might be overwritten in online mode by another.



Visualization Element Configuration Dialog Box (Motion Absolute Category)

20.6.12 Motion relative

In the dialog for configuring visualization elements in the **Motion Relative** category, you can assign variables to the individual element edges. Depending on the values of the variables, the corresponding element edges are then moved. The easiest way to enter variables into the fields is to use the Input Assistant (<F2>).

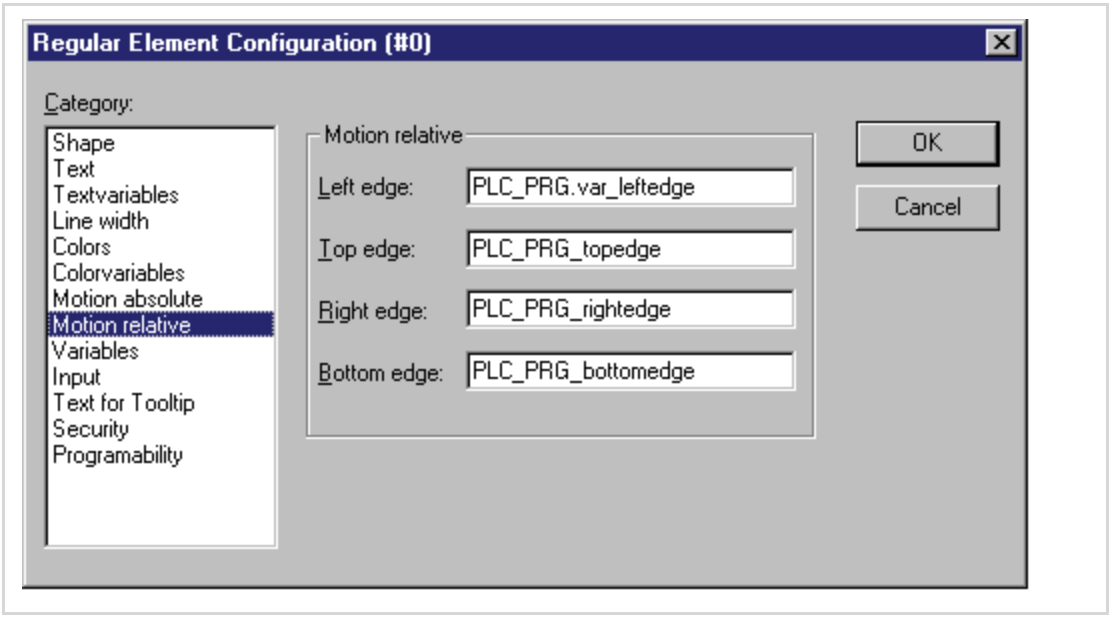
The four entries indicate the four sides of your element. The base position of the corners is always at zero. A new value in the variables, in the corresponding column, shifts the boundary in pixels around this value. Therefore, the variables that are entered ought to be INT variables.

Note!

Positive values shift the horizontal edges downward, or, the vertical edges, to the right!

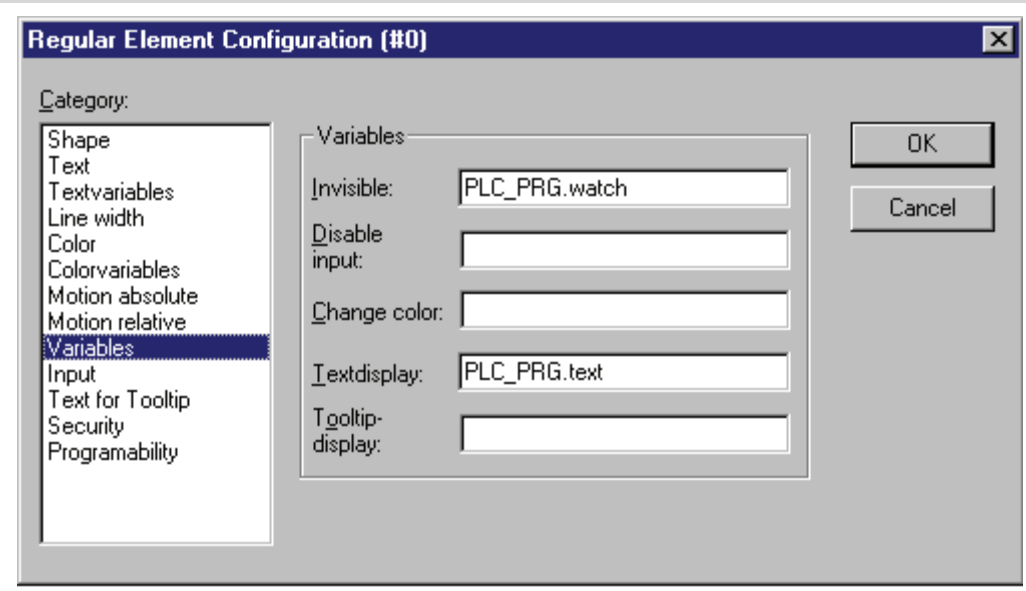
In online mode the variables which are set in the 'Motion absolute' dialog will override the values of structure components which additionally might be used to define the same property ('Programmability').

In case of multiple definition of an element property consider the specific order of precedence concerning according to which a value might be overwritten in online mode by another.



Dialog Box for Configuration of Visualization Elements (Motion Relative Category)

20.6.13 Variables



Visualization Element Configuration Dialog Box (Variables Category)

You can enter the variables that describe the status of the visualization elements in the **Variable** category within the dialog box for configuring visualization elements. The simplest way to enter variables in the fields is to use the Input Assistant.

Note!

In online mode the variables which are set in the 'Motion absolute' dialog will override the values of structure components which additionally might be used to define the same property ('Programability').

In case of multiple definition of an element property consider the specific order of precedence concerning according to which a value might be overwritten in online mode by another.

You can enter Boolean variables in the **Invisible** and **Change color** fields. The values in the fields determine their actions. If the variable of the **Invisible** field contains the value FALSE, the visualization element will be visible. If the variable contains the value TRUE, the element will be invisible.

Disable input: If the variable entered here is TRUE, all settings of category 'Input' will be ignored.

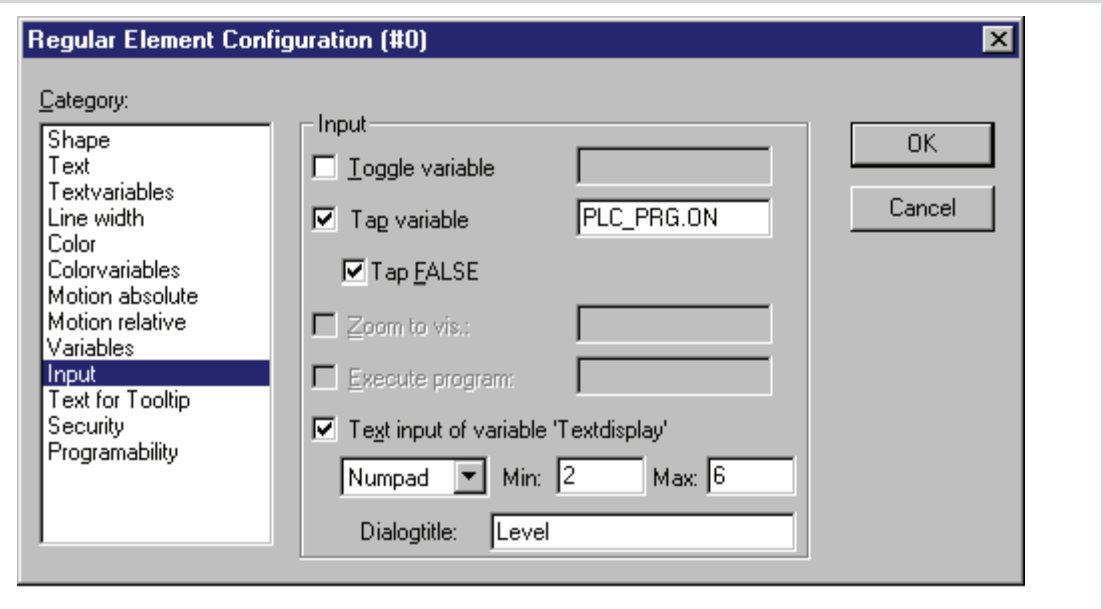
Change color: If the variable which is defined in this field, has the value FALSE, the visualization element will be displayed in its default color. If the variable is TRUE, the element will be displayed in its alarm color.

Textdisplay:

- If you have inserted a "%s" in the **Content** field of the **Text** category or if you have included "%s" in the textstring, then the value of the variable which is defined in 'Textdisplay' will be displayed in online mode in the visualization object. "%s" will be replaced by the value.
- If you have inserted resp. included a "%<PREFIX>" in the **Content** field of the **Text** category ("PREFIX" must be a sequence of letters), then the variable resp. the numeric value which is entered here in 'Textdisplay' will be interpreted as an ID, which in combination with the prefix serves as a reference on a text, which is described in a XML-file. This text will be displayed in online mode instead of "%<PREFIX>" in the visualization object. Thus a dynamic modification of the text display is possible. See also the help pages on Language Switching and the description of the dialog 'Settings', category Language.
- If you want to edit the value of the variable in Online mode using the keyboard, you can do this via the 'Text input of variable' 'Textdisplay' in the Input category.

Tooltip-display: Here you can enter a string or a variable of type STRING, which defines the ID for a dynamic tooltip text. In combination with a prefix to be defined in category ToolTip uniquely a certain text in a dynamic textlist can be called to be displayed as tooltip. Thus dynamic text switching resp. language switching is also possible for tooltip texts.

20.6.14 Input



Dialog for configuring the visualization elements (Category Input)

Toggle variable: If this option is activated, in online mode you will toggle the value of the variables which are located in the input field by each mouse click on the visualization element. You can obtain input assistance for data entry via <F2>. The value of the Boolean variable changes with each mouse click from TRUE to FALSE and then back to TRUE again at the next mouse click, etc.

Tap Variable: If this option is activated, in online mode you can switch the value of the Boolean variable which is located in the input field, between TRUE and FALSE. Place the mouse cursor on the element, press the mouse-key and hold it depressed. If option Tap FALSE is activated, the value is set to FALSE as soon as the mouse key is pressed, otherwise it is set to TRUE at this moment. The variable changes back to its initial value as soon as you release the mouse key.

Zoom to Vis...: If this option is activated, you can enter in the edit field the name of a visualization object of the same project to which you want to jump by a mouse-click on the element in online mode. In this case always first the window of the target visualization will be opened before that of the current one will be closed.

The following entries are allowed:

- The name of a visualization object of the current project (see Object Organizer)
- If a visualization reference that contains placeholders is to be jumped to, the placeholders can be directly replaced by variable names or text when called up. For this purpose, conform to the following syntax:
  <Visuname>(<Placeholder1>:=<Text1>, <Placeholder2>:=<Text2>,..., <Placeholder n>:=<Textn>).
  During compilation of the visualization it will be checked, whether the text matches with one of the defined replacement values defined in the placeholder list, if it does not, a warning will be output.

  Example:
  Calling the visualization visu1, whereby the placeholders var_ref1 and var_ref2 used in visu1 are replaced by the variables PLC_PRG.var1 and PROG.var1 respectively:

  visu1(var_ref1:=PLC_PRG.var1, var_ref2:=PROG.var1)
- If a program variable of the type STRING (e.g. PLC_PRG.xxx) has been entered instead of a visualization object, then this variable can be used to define the name of the visualization object (e.g. ‚visu1') which the system should change to when a mouse click occurs (e.g. xxx:= ‚visu1).
- If you issue the command „ZOOMTOCALLER" in the **Zoom to vis.** field, a backward jump into the calling visualization is achieved in Online mode by a mouse click on the element, if such a constellation was configured.

Note!

The implicit variable **CurrentVisu** (type STRING, for implicit (system) variables see here) describes the name of the currently opened visualization object. For example it can be used in the application to control which visualization should be opened resp. to see which is the currently opened. But **note**: with compiler versions < V2.3.7.0, and if the library SysLibStr.lib is not included in the project, this will only work if the names of the visualization objects are defined in capital letters (see 'Create a visualization object'). Example: CurrentVisu:='PLC_VISU';

Execute program: If this option is activated you can enter ASSIGN- or special "INTERN"-commands in the input field, which will be executed in online mode as soon as you perform a mouse-click on the element. Press button "**...**" to get the dialog **Configure programs** where you can select the desired commands (Add) and arrange them in the desired order (Before, After).

Note!

This feature especially is important if the visualization will be the only operating interface of a system (pure **operating version**). See a description of the commands: Special input possibilities for the PLC Designer operating version.

Text input of variable 'Textdisplay': If this option is activated, in online mode you can enter text in an edit field in this visualization element. This value upon pressing **<Enter>** will be written to the variable that appears in the **Textdisplay** field of the 'Variables' category.

If option **Hidden** is activated, the text will be replaced by asterisks ("***") in the online display of the visualization element.

Select in the scroll box which kind of input should be possible later in online mode.

Text: An edit field will open, where you can enter the value.

Numpad resp. **Keypad:** A window will open showing an image of the numeric resp. alphabetic keypad, where you can enter a value by activating the appropriate key elements. This might be useful if the visualization must be operatable via a touch screen. The range of valid input values can be restricted by defining a minimum and a maximum value in the edit fields **Min:** and **Max:**.

Note!

In case of using Target-Visualization regard the possibility to get information on user inputs via mouse-clicks by special interface functions and to use that directly in the project.

In case of multiple definition of an element property consider the specific order of precedence concerning according to which a value might be overwritten in online mode by another.

20.6.15 Text for ToolTip

The dialog Text for Tooltip offers an input field for text which appears in a text field as soon as the mouse cursor is passed over the object in online mode. The text can be formatted with line breaks by using the key combination <Ctrl> + <Enter>.

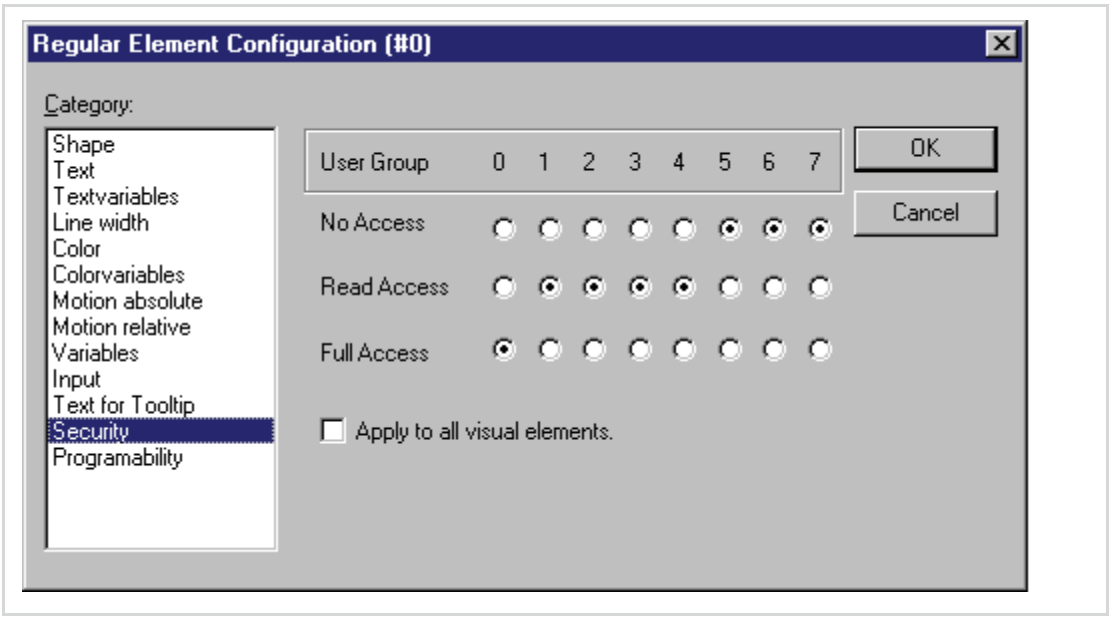
Dynamic Language Switching:

If in field 'Content' you enter "%<PREFIX>" instead of a fix text string, "PREFIX" can be any string which serves as an identifier for the usage of dynamic texts. The prefix will be used in combination with an ID, which is to be specified in category 'Variables' in field 'Tooltip-display'. The combination prefix-ID references uniquely a certain text which is defined in a special language file in xml-format. Thus at run time always that text will be displayed which corresponds to the currently valid combination of prefix and ID. For further information see the description of the dialog 'Settings', category Language, and the help pages on Language Switching in the Visualization.

Concerning the usage of **Unicode format** please also see the pages on the Language Switching in the Visualization.

20.6.16 Security

It might be useful that different user groups get different operating possibilities and display of a visualization. This can be reached by assigning different access rights concerning particular visualization elements. You can do this for the eight user groups which are available in »PLC Designer« (see also 'Project' 'Object' 'Properties' resp. 'Project' 'User Group Passwords'). The access rights can be assigned by activating the appropriate option in the configuration dialog 'Access rights' for a visualization element:



Visualization Element Configuration Dialog Box (Category Security)

The access rights for a visualization element and their effect in online mode:

No Access	Element will not be visible
Read Access	Element will be visible but not operatable (no inputs allowed)
Full Access	Element is not visible and not operatable

If you want to assign the access rights also to all other elements of the visualization object, activate option **Apply to all visual elements**.

Note!

Please regard, that the access rights which are set for the visualization object in the 'Project''Object' 'Properties' dialog, are independent on those of the particular visualization elements !

20.6.17 Programability

The properties of an visualization element can not only be defined by a static setting or by a "normal" project variable, but also by the components of a structure variable, which is exclusively used for programming visualization elements.

For this purpose the structure **VisualObjectType** is available in the library **SysLibVisu.lib**. Its components can be used to define most of the element properties.

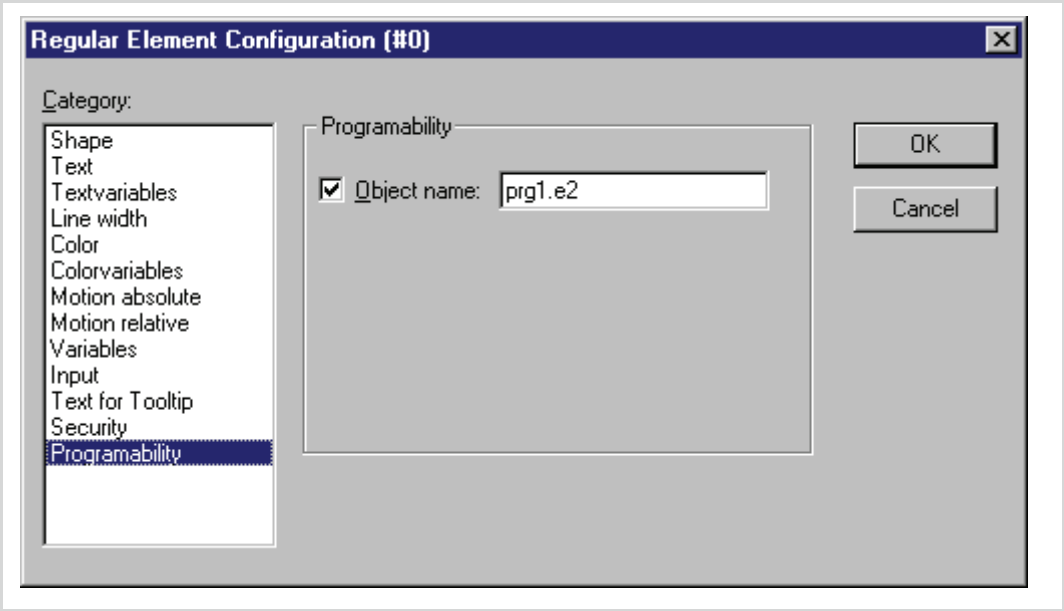
Note!

In case of multiple definition of a element property the value of the "normal" project variables will overwrite that of the structure variable and both will overwrite a static definition.

In order to configure the element properties by using a structure variable, do the following:

- Open the configuration dialog, category 'Programmability' and enter a new, unique (!) variable name in the field **Object Name:**. For this purpose you must activate the option by a mouse-click in the checkbox. The variable automatically will be declared with type **VisualObjectType**, a structure which is contained in the library **SysLibVisu.Lib**. The declaration is done implicitely and not visible for the user. Make sure that the library is included in the library manager.
- After the next compile the newly assigned structure variable will be available in the project. (Hint: Activate the Intellisense functionality 'List components' in the project options, category Editor, in order to get the structure components in a selection list as soon as the variable name followed by a dot is entered).

- Example: If you have defined a Object Name "visu1_line" for a visualization element, then you can program the line width of this element by e.g. "visu1_line.nLIneWidth:=4".



Dialog for configuring a visualization element (Category Programmability)

The structure VisualObjectType:

The following table will show you all components of the structure and references to the corresponding items in the different categories of the configuration dialog:

At the beginning of the component name the data type is integrated:

```
n   INT
dw   DWORD
b   BOOL
st   STRING
```

Component (+Data type)	Effect	Example (the Object Name "vis1" has been defined for the element)	corresponding entries in configuration dialog:
nXOffset : INT;	Shift element in X-direction	`vis1.nXOffset:=val2;` (element is set to position X=val2)	- Cat. Motion absolute: X-Offset
nYOffset : INT;	Shift element in Y-direction	`vis1.nYOffset:=22;` (element is set to position Y=val2)	- Cat. Motion absolute: Y-Offset
nScale : INT;	Change of the size	`vis1.nScale:=plc_prg.scale_var;` (element size changes linear with change of value of plc_prg.scale_var)	- Cat. Motion absolute: Scaling
nAngle : INT;	Rotating element around its center	`vis1.anglevar:=15;` (element rotates clockwise by 15)	- Cat. Motion absolute: angle

Component (+Data type)	Effect	Example (the Object Name "vis1" has been defined for the element)	corresponding entries in configuration dialog:
bInvisible : BOOL;	Element is visible / invisible	`vis1.visible:=TRUE;` (element is invisible)	- Cat. Color: No color inside + No frame color - Cat. Colorvariables: Fillcolor + Framecolor
stTextDisplay : STRING;	Text is displayed in element	`vis1.TextDisplay:='ON / OFF';` element is inscribed with this text	- Cat. Text: entry at 'Content'
bToggleColor : BOOL;	color change when toggling between TRUE and FALSE	`vis1.bToggleColor:=alarm_var;` (As soon as alarm_var gets TRUE, the element gets the color defined via the components dwFillColorAlarm, dwFrameColorAlarm resp. via the settings in category 'Colorvariables' or 'Color'.	- Cat. Input: Toggle variable + - Cat. Variables: Change color
bInputDisabled: BOOL;	if FALSE: Inputs in category 'Input' are ignored	`vis1.bInputDisabled:=FALSE;` (no input is possible for this elementt)	- Cat. Variables: 'Disable Input'
stTooltipDisplay:STRING;	Text of the tooltip	`vis1.stTooltipDisplay:='Switch for .....';`	- Cat. Text for Tooltip: Entry in 'Content:'
dwTextFlags:DWORD;	Text position: 1 left justified 2 right justified: 4 centered horizontally 8 top 10 bottom 20 centered vertically **Note**: Always set a horizontal and a vertical position (addition of values)!	`vis1.dwTextFlags:=24;` (Text will be placed in the center of the element (4 + 20)	- Cat. Text: Horizontal and Vertical options - Cat. Textvariables: Textflags
dwTextColor : DWORD;	Text color (definition of colors see subsequent to this table)	`vis1.dwTextColor := 16#00FF0000;` (Text is blue-colored)	- Cat. Text: Font | Color - Cat. Textvariables: Textcolor
nFontHeight : INT;	Font height in Pixel. should be in range 10-96	`vis1.nFontHeight:=16;` (Text height is 16 pt)	- Cat. Text: Font | Grad' - Cat. Textvariables: Font heigth

Component (+Data type)	Effect	Example (the Object Name "vis1" has been defined for the element)	corresponding entries in configuration dialog:
dwFontFlags : DWORD;	Font display. Available flags: 1 italic 2 fett 4 underlined 8 canceled + combinations by adding values	`vis1.dwFontFlags:=10;` (Text is displayed blue and canceled)	- Cat. Text: Schrift | Schriftschnitt - Cat. Textvariables: Fontflags
stFontName : STRING;	Change font	`vis1.stFontName:='Arial';` (Arial is used)	- Cat. Text: Schrift | Schriftart - Cat. Textvariables: Fontname
nLineWidth : INT;	Line width of the frame (pixels)	`vis1.nLWidth:=3;` (Frame width is 3 Pixels)	- Cat. Line width
dwFillColor : DWORD;	Fill color (definition of colors see subsequent to this table)	`vis1.dwFillColor":=16#00FF0000;` (Element ist im "Normalzustand" blau)	- Cat. Color: Color | Inside - Cat. Colorvariables: Inside
dwFillColorAlarm : DWORD;	Fill color as soon as bToggleColor gets TRUE, see above) (definition of colors see subsequent to this table)	`vis1.dwFillColorAlarm:=16#00808080;` (as soon as Variable togglevar gets TRUE, the element will be displayed grey-colored)	- Cat. Color: Alarm color | Inside - Cat. Colorvariables: Inside Alarm
dwFrameColor: DWORD;	Frame color (definition of colors see subsequent to this table)	`vis1.dwFrameColor:=16#00FF0000;` (Frame is blue-colored)	- Cat. Color: Color | Frame - Cat. Colorvariables: Frame
dwFrameColorAlarm: DWORD;	Fill color as soon as bFrameColor gets TRUE, see above (definition of colors see subsequent to this table)	`vis1.dwFrameColorAlarm:=16#00808080;` (as soon as Variable vis1.bToggleColor gets TRUE, the frame will be displayed grey-colored)	- Cat. Color: Alarm color | Frame - Cat. Colorvariables: Frame Alarm
dwFillFlags: DWORD;	Color, as defined by the color variables, can be displayed or ignored 0 = show color >0 = ignore setting	`vis1.dwFillFlags:=1;` (element gets invisible)	- Cat. Color: No color inside + No frame color - Cat. Colorvariables: Fillflags

Component (+Data type)	Effect	Example (the Object Name "vis1" has been defined for the element)	corresponding entries in configuration dialog:
dwFrameFlags: DWORD;	Display of frame: 0 full 1 dashed (---) 2 dotted ( ) 3 dash-point (_._._) 4 dash-point-point (_.._..) 8 blind out line	`vis1.FrameFlags:=1;` (Frame will be displayed as dashed line)	- Cat. Colorvariables: Frameflags

Defining color values:

Example: e1.dwFillColor := 16#00FF00FF;

A color is entered as a hex number which is composed of the Blue/Green/Red (RGB) components. The first two zeros after "16#" should be set to in each case, to fill the DWORD size. For each color value 256 (0-255) colors are available.

FF Blue component

00 Green component

FF Red component

Example for a blinking visualization element:

Define a global variable 'blink1' of type VisualObjectType in the configuration of a rectangle. In a program of function block the value of a component of the structure can be modified.

```
PROGRAM PLC_PRG

VAR

 n:INT:=0;

 bMod:BOOL:=TRUE;

END_VAR

(* Blinking element *)

n:=n+1;

bMod:= (n MOD 20) > 10;

IF bMod THEN

 blinker.nFillColor := 16#00808080;  (* Grau *)

ELSE

 blinker.nFillColor := 16#00FF0000;  (* Blau *)

END_IF
```

20.6.18 Bitmap

You can do the following settings in category 'Bitmap' in the visualization element configuration dialog box:

Specify, which image file should be used. This specification can be static or dynamic. If there are entries both in the 'Bitmap' field and in the 'Bitmap Variable' field, then that in the 'Bitmap' field will be ignored:

Bitmap: Static definition: You can enter the path of an image file available in the local file system. Via button **...** the standard dialog for browsing for a file will be opened, where you can select the desired file.

Bitmap variable: Dynamic definition: A project variable of type STRING can be entered here, containing the name of the image file currently to be used. This allows dynamic change of images in online mode, but only works with image files which are entered in the project-global "bitmap list" (see 'Extras' 'Bitmap list'). The string-variable always only must get assigned the file name, even if there is a full path specified in the bitmap list.

See in the following example 'stBitmap' as string-variable, which is got assigned various image files that are part of the global bitmap list.

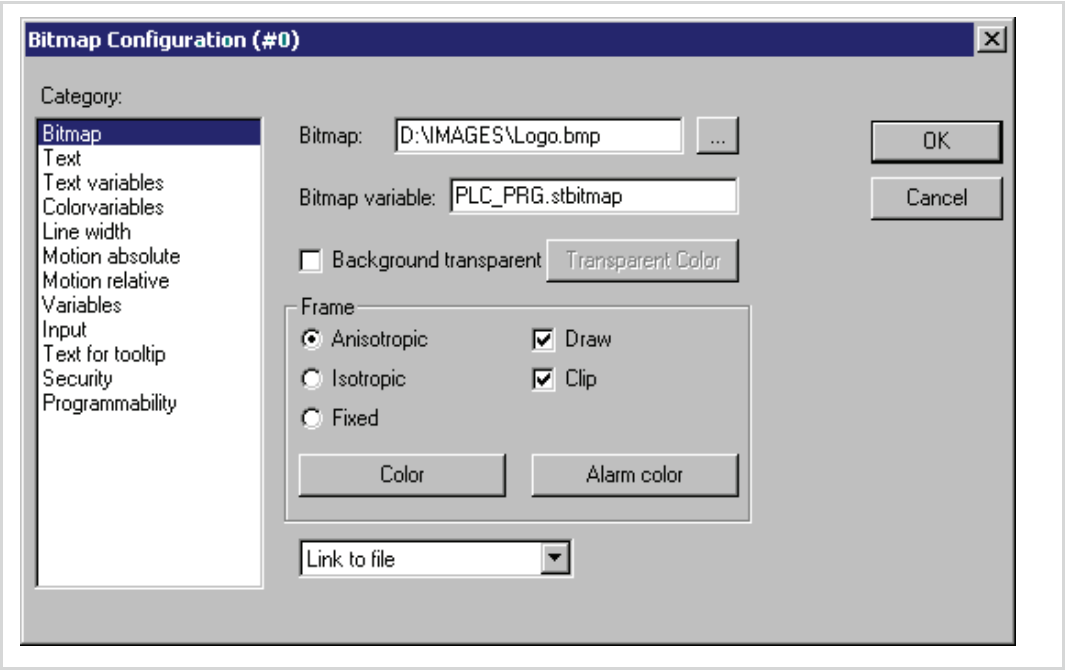
```
CASE nId OF
0: stBitmap := 'background.bmp';
1: stBitmap := 'deutest.bmp';
2: stBitmap := 'alarm.bmp';
END_CASE
```

If stBitmap e.g. is declared in object PLC_PRG, it can be entered here in the configuration dialog in field 'Bitmap variable' like follows: „PLC_PRG.stBitmap“.

The following entries affect the **frame** of the bitmap:

- By selecting **Anisotropic**, **Isotropic** or **Fixed** you specify how the bitmap should react to changes in the size of the frame. **Anisotropic** means that the bitmap remains the same size as the frame which allows you to change the height and width of the bitmap independently. **Isotropic** means that the bitmap retains the same proportions even if the overall size is changed (i.e., the relationship between height and width is maintained). If **Fixed** is selected, the original size of the bitmap will be maintained regardless of the size of the frame.
- If the **Clip** option is selected together with the **Fixed** setting, only that portion of the bitmap that is contained within the frame will be displayed.

- If you select the **Draw** option, the frame will be displayed in the color selected in the **Color** and **Alarm color** buttons in the color dialog boxes (standard or target-specific options). The alarm color will only be used if the variable in the **Change Color** field in the **Variable** category is TRUE.
- In the selection list in the lower part of the dialog you can define whether the bitmap should be inserted in the project (**Embed**) or whether just a link to an external bitmap-file (path as entered above in the 'Bitmap' field) should be created (**Remember the link**). It is reasonable to keep the bitmap file in the project directory, because then you can enter a relative path. Otherwise you would enter an absolute path and this might cause problems in case you want to transfer the project to another working environment.

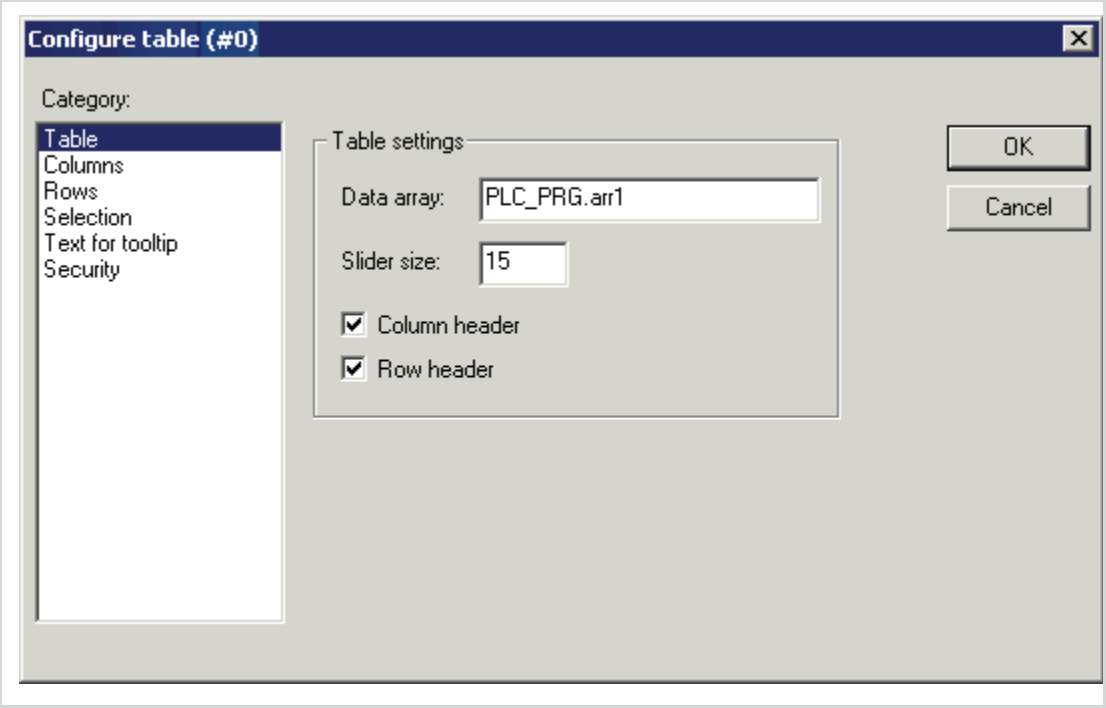


Visualization Element Configuration Dialog Box (Bitmap Category)

20.6.19 Table

As soon as a table is inserted for the purpose of visualization of an array, the dialog **Configure Table** will be opened. Besides the categories 'Tooltip' and 'Security' which are also available for other visualization elements, the following categories will be available for configuring display and contents of the table:

Category Table:

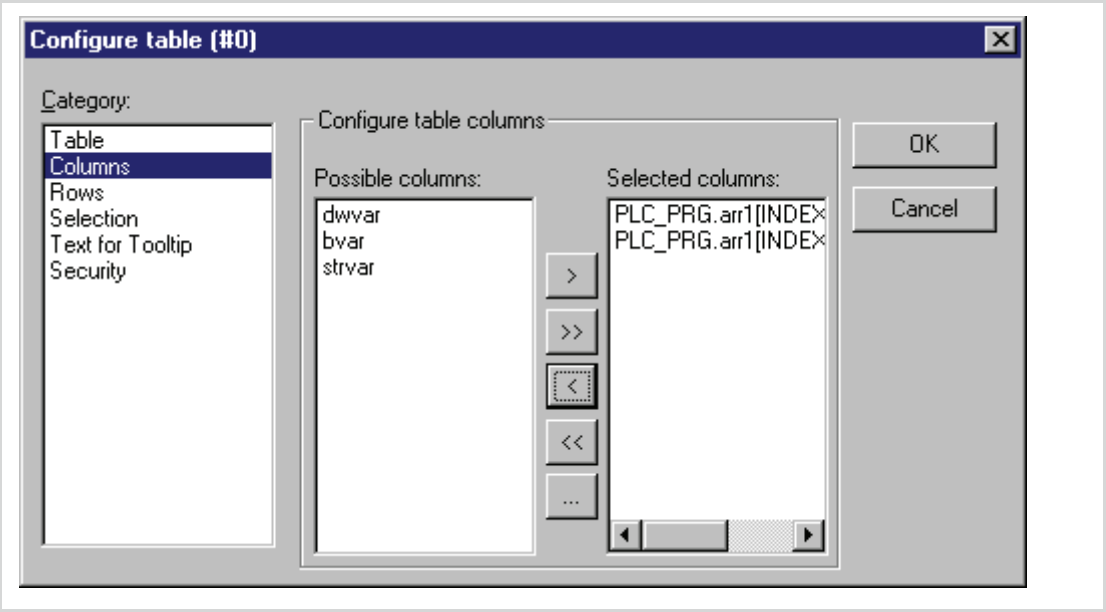


Dialog for the configuration of a Table, Category Table

Do the following table settings:

- **Data array:** Insert the name of an array which should be visualized in the table. It is recommended to use the input assistant (<F2>) resp. the Intellisense function.
- **Slider size:** Insert here the desired height of the slider which will appear at the bottom of the table element if the display of the array columns exceeds the element width.
- **Column header, Line header**: Activate these options if you want to get displayed the titles in the table. The line title reflects the array index (first column of the table), the column title can be defined in category 'Columns'.

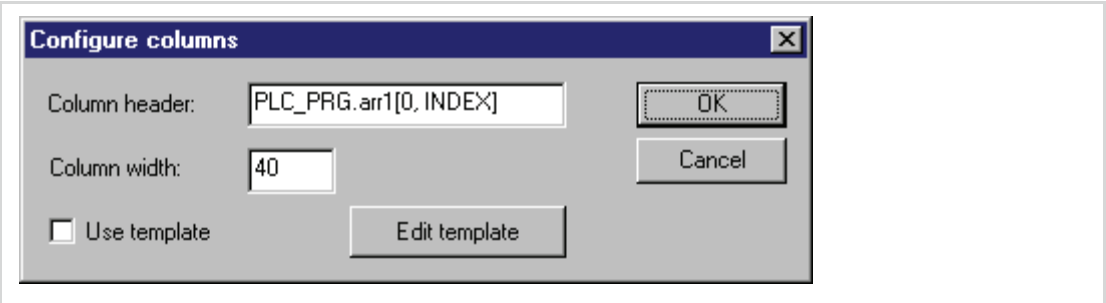
Category Columns:



Dialog for the configuration of a Table, Category Columns

Here you define the **table elements**. In the left window you get al list of all elements, which are handled in the array per index. In case of an array of a structure these would be the structure components.

Using the arrow button **>** you can transfer a selected component from the left window to the right window where you define the set of elements to be displayed in the table. Pressing button **>>** all elements will be transferred at a single blow. In the same manner you can remove elements from an already defined set (**<**, **<<**). In order to modify the default settings concerning the display of the table column for one of the elements, perform a double-click on the desired entry in the right part of the window, or press button '**...**' to open the dialog 'Configure columns':



Dialog for Configuring a Table, Category Columns, Column Properties

Editing the column header and the column width:

Initially the edit field **Column header** will contain an automatically created title (e.g. "PLC_PRG.arr1[INDEX].iNo" in case of an array of structure. for the column representing the structure component "iNo"). which you can change Further on the **Column width** (number of characters) can be set.

Editing configuration parameters for all elements of a column:

By default the table fields are displayed as simple **rectangles** and the entries are not editable. If you however activate button **Edit template** for the currently marked column, you can modify the parameters of the fields of this column, e.g. the line width, text input etc. The template affects all fields of the current column and can be edited via the known configuration dialog for a visualization element.

If you want to configure only one or several particular fields of the column, you can use the following **placeholders** determining the desired row and column: $ROWCONST$, $COLCONST$, INDEX. (INDEX has the same effect as $ROWCONST$).

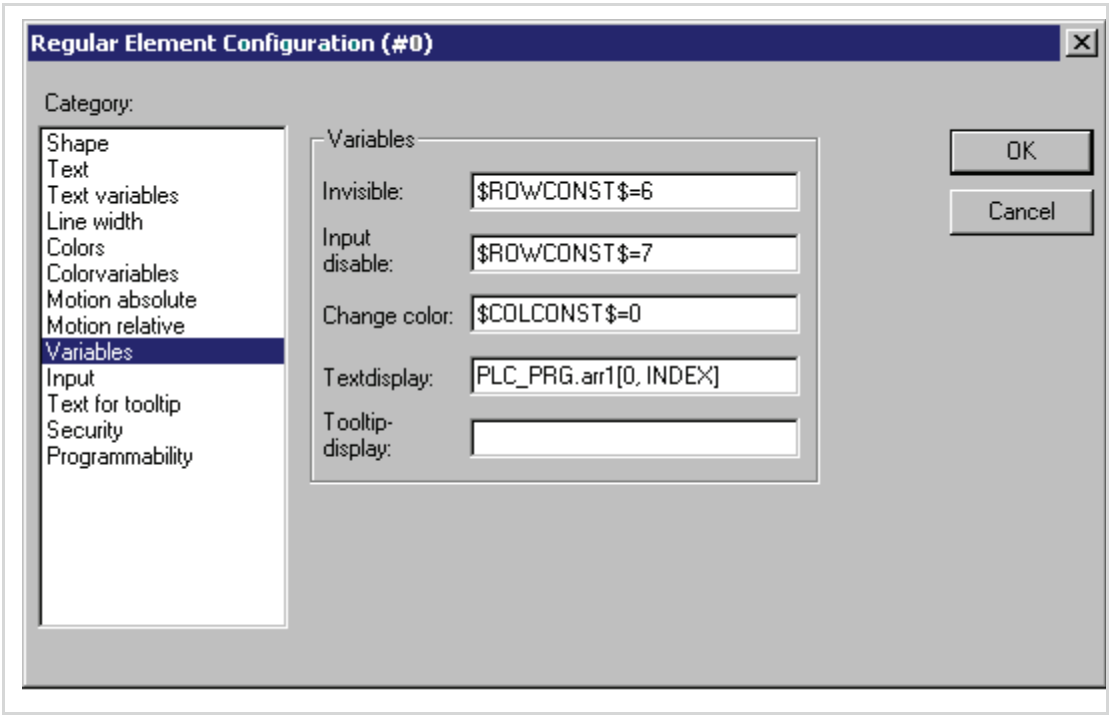
Examples for the use of placeholders in column-templates

Example1:

You visualize an array "arr1 [0..2] of BOOL" (table with 1 column) and you want, that in online mode by a mouse-click on a table cell the cell gets red-colored and the corresponding array element will be toggled and vice versa. To reach this activate 'Use template' in the configuration dialog for the column and define the template as follows: Category 'Input', Action 'Toggle variable': "PLC_PRG.arr1[INDEX]. Category 'Colors': Alarm color red. Category 'Variables', Action 'Change color': "PLC_PRG.arr1[INDEX].

Example2:

The following template configuration has been created for a table column representing Index „0“ of an array:



Dialog for the configuration of a column-template (Edit template)

This means the following:

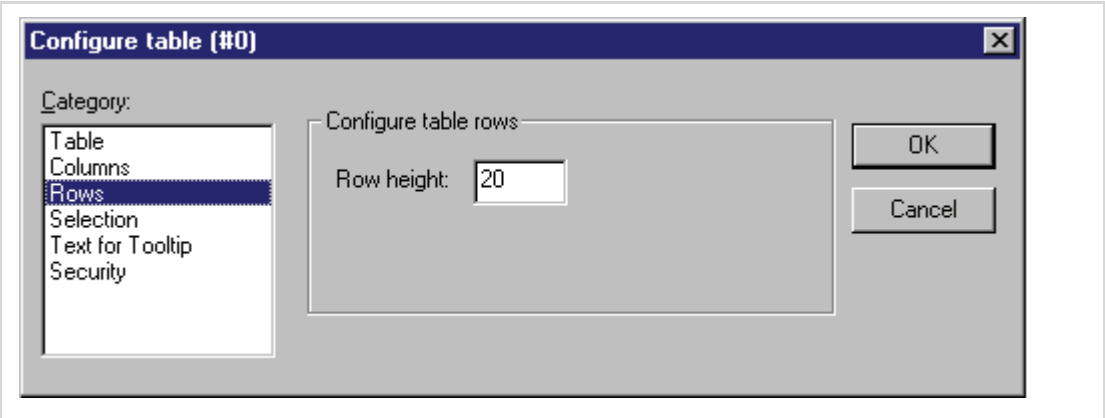
For the concerned table column

- the field in line 6 (line number, index) is invisible
- in the field in line 7 no edit field can be opened
- in all fields of column 0 the color will change to alarm color. The other fields of the column remain in base color.
- always entered automatically, but of course changeable, is the textdisplay configuration, which combined with the "%s" entry in category "Text" effects that the corresponding variable value will be displayed in the table field.

  The placeholder entries can be connected with „AND“ resp. “OR“; Example: "$ROWCONST$=1 OR $ROWCONST$=3" makes that both fields will get the respective setting.

  The use of the currently configured template can be activated or deactivated: Option **Use template**.

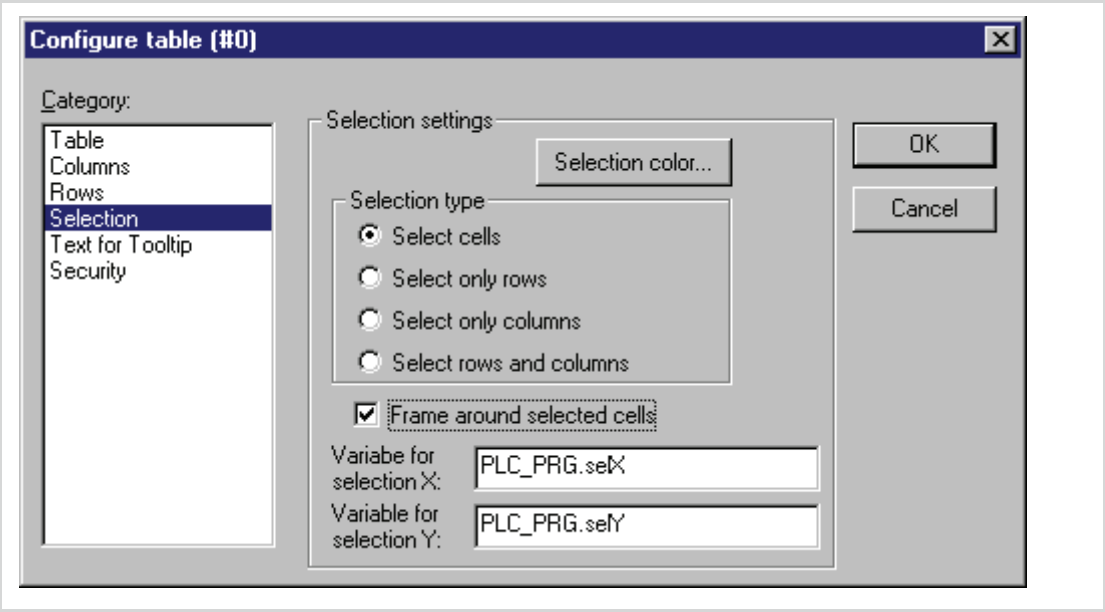
Category Rows:



Dialog for configuring a Table, Category Rows

Row height: Insert the desired height in number of pixels.

Category Selection:



Dialog for configuring a Table, Category Selection

Here you can set the following parameters concerning the selection behaviour within the table:

Selection color: Press this button to define a color for selected cells. You get the standard dialog for choosing a color or a target-specific color selection list.

Selection type: Define which part of the table will be selected when you perform a mouse-click on one of the table fields in online mode:

Select single cells: Only the cell will be selected.

Select only rows: The whole line will be selected.

Select only columns: The whole column will be selected.

Select rows and columns: The whole column and line will be selected.

Frame around selected cells: A selected cell gets surrounded by a frame.

Variable for selection X, Variable for selection Y: Here you each can enter a project variable, which will indicate the X- resp. Y-Index of the selected table cell.

Example:

Create a table element visualizing the array of a structure:

Define the following structure:

```
TYPE strucTab :

STRUCT

iNo: INT;
bDigi : BOOL;
sText:STRING;
byDummy: BYTE;

END_STRUCT
END_TYPE
```

In PLC_PRG define the following array:

```
arr1:ARRAY [1..5] OF strucTab;
```

and the following variables:

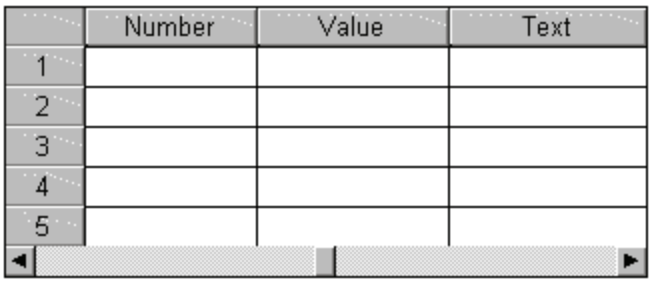
```
selX:INT;

selY:INT;
```

Create a visualization object and insert a table element. Configure like follows::

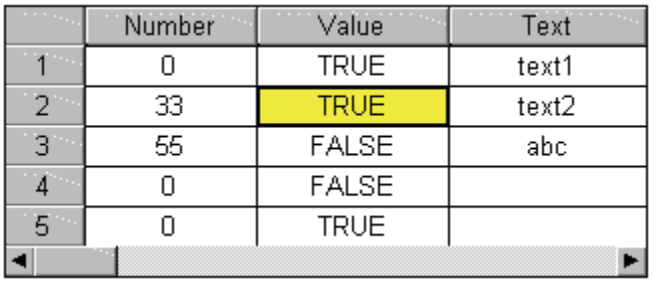
- **Cat. Table:** data array: "PLC_PRG.arr1"
- **Cat. Columns:** Transfer the components iNo, bDigi, sText to the right window - In the right window perform a double-click on the first entry (PLC_PRG.arr1[INDEX].iNo) and in the dialog which will open, replace the default title by "Number". Confirm with OK and also define new column titles for the other two entries (e.g. "Value" and "Text").
- **Cat. 'Selection':** Enter here at 'Variable Selection X': "PLC_PRG.selX" and at Variable Selection "Y: PLC_PRG.selY". Activate option 'Frame around selected cells'. Press button 'Selection color' and choose color 'yellow'. Close the configuration dialog with OK.

The table element now should be displayed as shown in the following:



At the left border the numbers of the array index, at the top the titles of the selected structure components. You can modify the column widths by placing the cursor on the separator between two columns and moving the mouse as soon as the cursor appears as a horizontal double-arrow. .

In online mode the current values of the array elements will be displayed in the table cells. As soon as you select a table cell by a mouse-click, it will get yellow-colored and surrounded by a frame. Example:

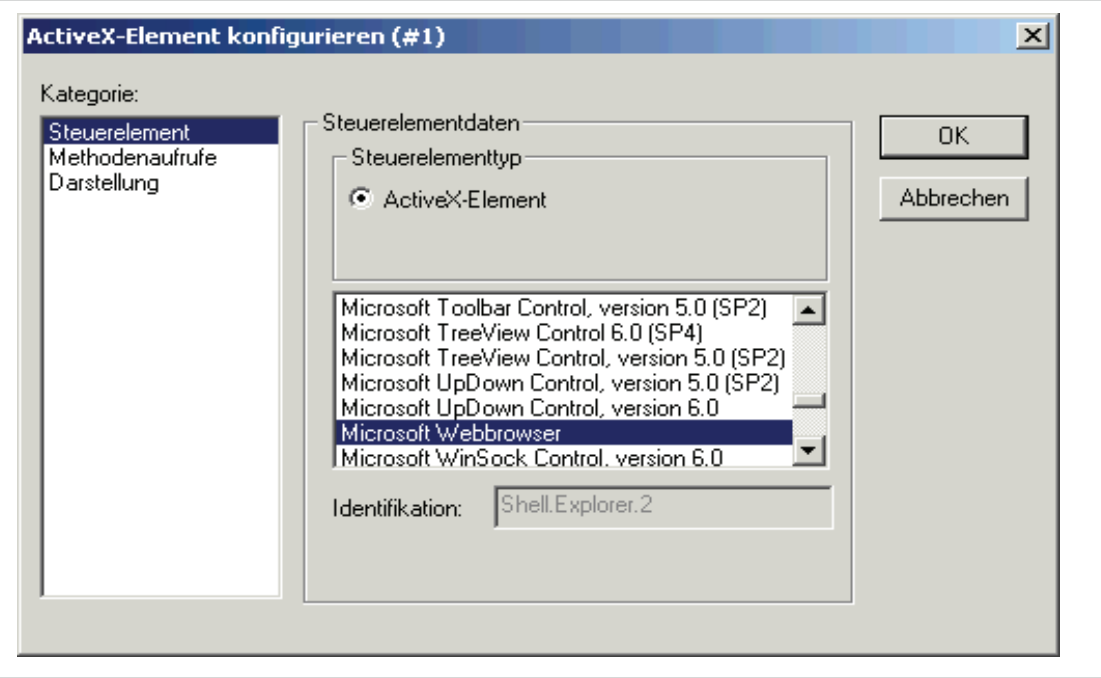


20.6.20 ActiveX-Element

The ActiveX-Element serves for displaying a passive ActiveX Control within a visualization. The element is usable on Windows32 based systems in PLC Designer HMI and in the »PLC Designer« Target-Visualization.

The configuration dialog is opened by a double-click on the inserted element and offers three sub-dialogs, for selecting the control type, for defining method calls and for the configuration of the display:

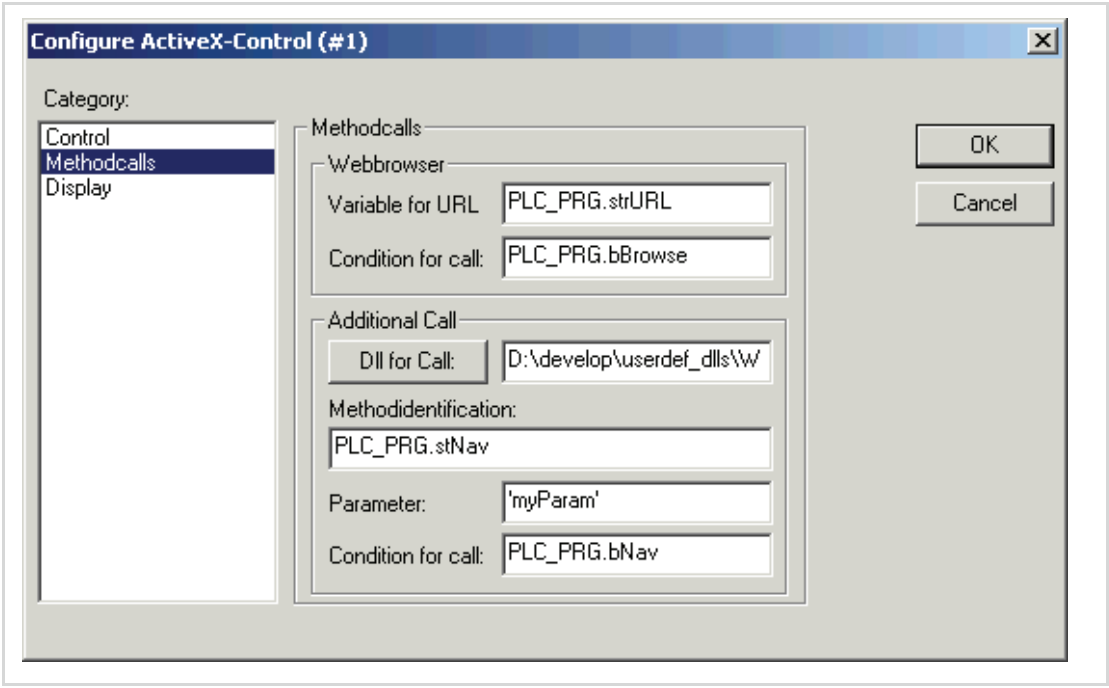
1. Control:



Dialog Configure ActiveX-Element, Category Control

In this dialog you can mark the desired ActiveX Control in the selection list offering all ActiveX Controls which are registered on your computer.

2. Methodcalls:



Dialog Configure ActiveX-Element, Category Methodcalls

Here you configure the method calls for the chosen ActiveX Control:

Webbrowser:

These input fields only can be edited if you are configuring a control element which supports the *IWebBrowser* interface (e.g. Internet Explorer or Mozilla Browser). In this case »PLC Designer« can directly call the method *Navigate* (other method calls must be controlled via a user defined Dll, see below 'Additional Call').

Enter an URL as a parameter value in field **Variable for URL** (Input as a string between inverted commas) resp. a project variable of type STRING defining an URL. The browser will be called as soon as the variable entered in field **Condition for call** gets TRUE (rising edge). If no call condition is defined here, in the Target-Visualization the browser will be called in each cycle of the visualization task!

Additional Call:

Via a user defined Windows-Dll you can define method calls for the ActiveX Control in order to control the behaviour of the control at a call. For this purpose you must enter the Dll in the field at Dll for Call. If you press the button you get the File Open dialog to browse for a Dll. If the Dll is in the visualization files directory which is specified in the project options, just the path relative to this directory will be entered, otherwise the complete file path.

Stop!

If the Dll is to be used on a runtime system with a Target-Visualization, it must explicitly be copied there. When the Control is called in the Target-Visualization, only the filename contained in the path will be regarded.

The Dll is called as soon as the variable defined below in **Condition for call** gets TRUE (rising edge). If no condition is specified, in the Target-Visualization it will be called in each cycle of the visualization task!

Regard the following when creating an appropriate Dll:

The Dll must export a method "ExecuteActiveXCall" with this function prototype :

```
void ExecuteActiveXCall(IUnknown* pUnk, char* pszId, char*
pszParam, char* pszReturnBuffer, int nReturnBufferSize,
DWORD* pdwReturnFlag);
```

The function will be called with the following parameters which can be defined in the configuration dialog:

pszId : string resp. string variable specified in field **Methodidentification**

pszParam : value specified in field **Parameter**

The parameter *pUnk* allows a query of further Com(ActiveX-)interfaces. With these interfaces you can call any Method on your ActiveX-Control with any parameters packed in a string!

The parameters *pszReturnBuffer*, *nReturnBufferSize* and *pdwReturnFlag* currently are not used.

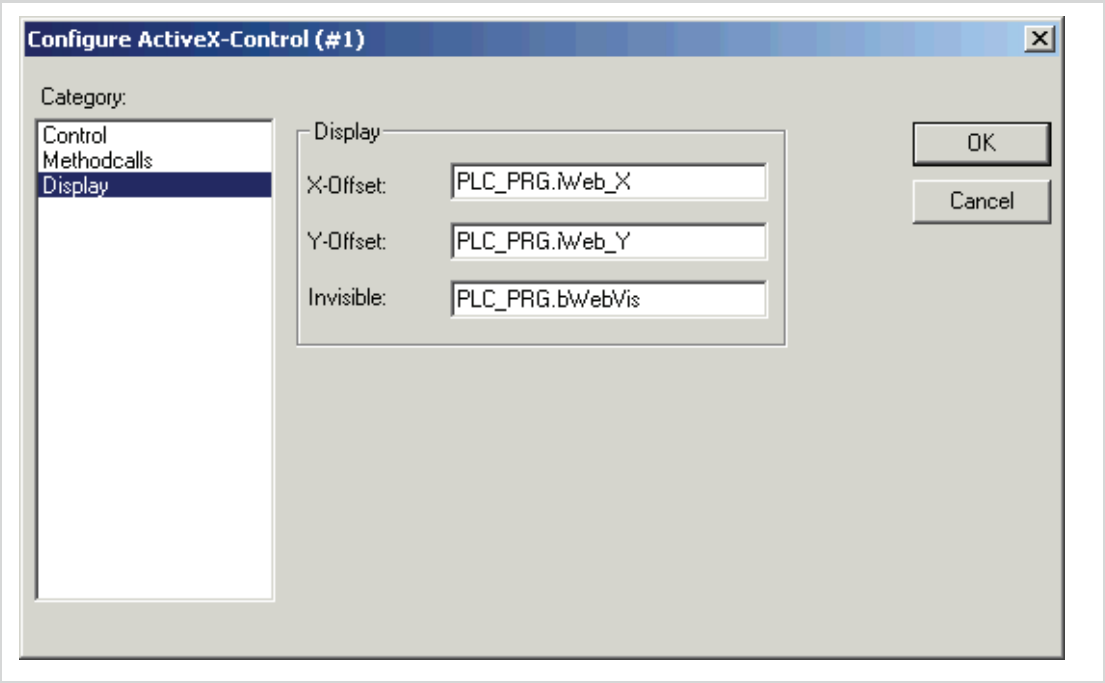
Example of a Dll source file (Click here) :

This example Dll will only call the methods GoBack or GoForward of the control if it supports the IWebBrowser interface.

The method is chosen by the parameter pszId.

```
#include "stdafx.h"
#include <unknwn.h>
#include <exdisp.h>
BOOL APIENTRY DllMain( HANDLE hModule,
                       DWORD  ul_reason_for_call,
                       LPVOID lpReserved
 )
{
    return TRUE;
}
extern "C" __declspec (dllexport) void
ExecuteActiveXCall(IUnknown* pUnk, char* pszId, char*
pszParam,
  char* pszReturnBuffer, int nReturnBufferSize, DWORD*
pdwReturnFlag)
{
if (strcmp(pszId, "IWebBrowser|GoBack") == 0)
{
IUnknown* pNewUnk;
IWebBrowser* pwb;
pUnk->QueryInterface(IID_IWebBrowser, (void**) &pNewUnk);
pwb = (IWebBrowser*) pNewUnk;
if (pwb)
{
pwb->GoBack();
pwb->Release();
}
}
else if (strcmp(pszId, "IWebBrowser|GoForward") == 0)
{
IUnknown* pNewUnk;
IWebBrowser* pwb;
pUnk->QueryInterface(IID_IWebBrowser, (void**) &pNewUnk);
pwb = (IWebBrowser*) pNewUnk;
if (pwb)
{
pwb->GoForward();
pwb->Release();
}
}
}
```

3. Display:



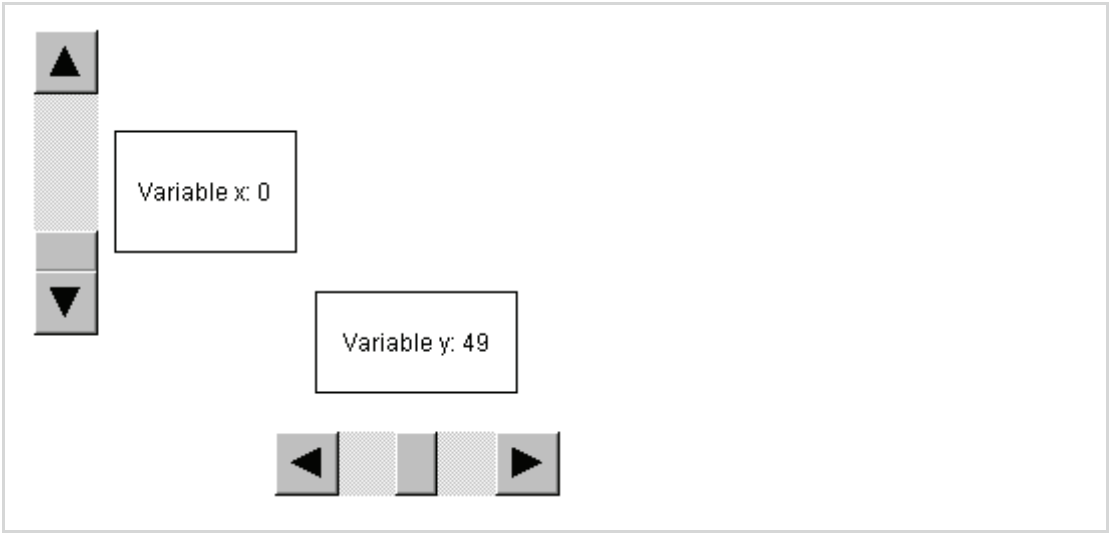
Dialog Configure ActiveX-Element, Category Display

In this dialog you can specify the variables defining the position (X-Offset, Y-Offset, see description of configuration category 'Motion absolute')and visibility of the control element (Invisible, see description for configuration category 'Variables'.

20.6.21 Scrollbar

The scrollbar element can be used to modify the value of a variable (or vice versa). The slider position will correspond to the value of an assigned variable within a defined value range.

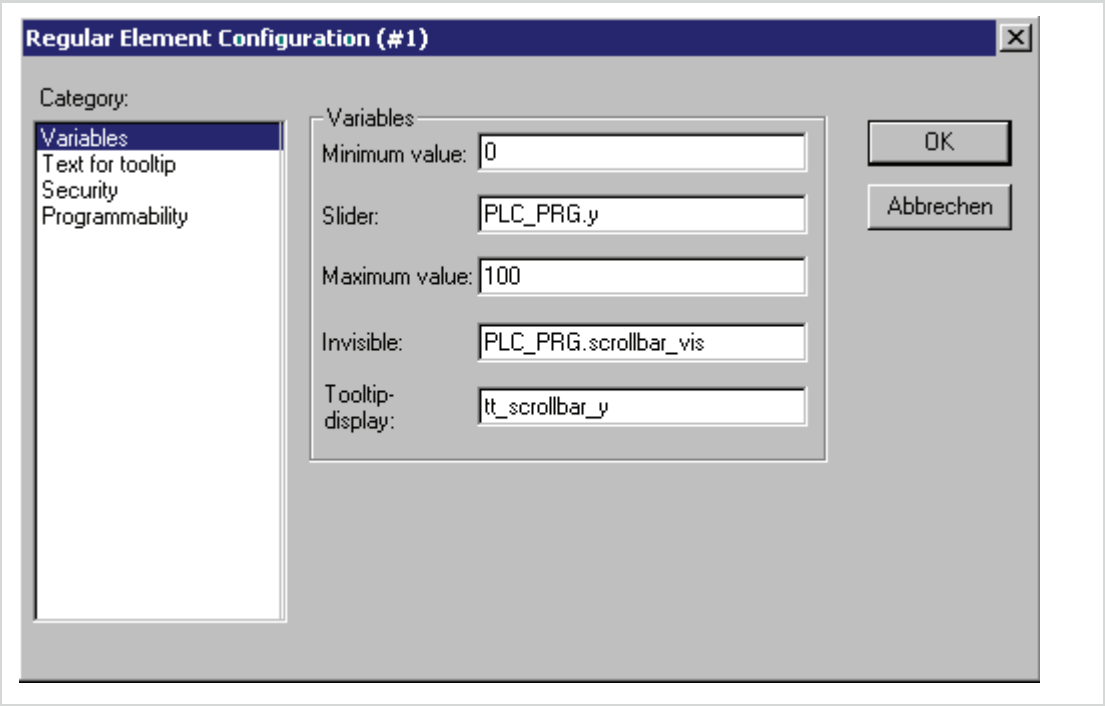
The user can move the slider in online mode by clicking on the slider and then moving it by moving the mouse - or alternatively by clicking on one of the arrow symbols on the scrollbar, whereby each mouse-click will move the slider (and thus the variable value) by 1 in the respective direction: If the slider is moved to the right resp. up, the value will be increased, if the slider is moved to the left resp. down, the value will be decreased.



Scrollbars, Example

A vertical or horizontal display of the scrollbar can be reached by a respective shaping of the element (see 'Insert' 'Scrollbar').

The configuration dialog gets opened by a double-click on the element.



Configuration dialog for Scrollbar

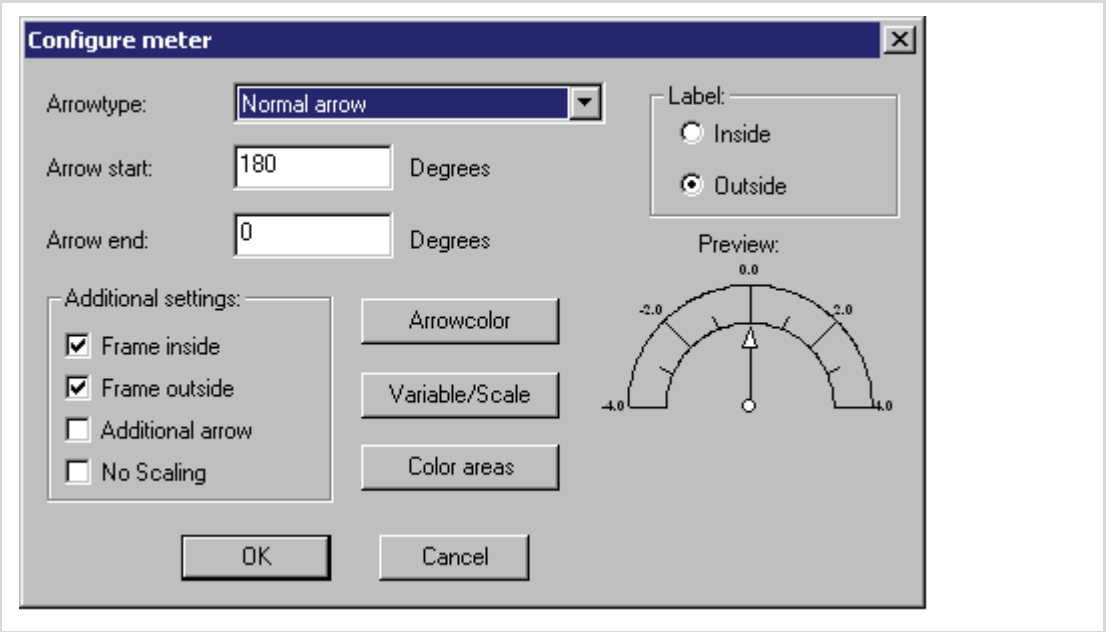
Slider: Enter here the path of the project variable, the value of which should correspond to the slider position between the given Minimum value and Maximum value (e.g. "PLC_PRG.ivar"). So, when the slider gets moved in online mode, the value of the variable will change. Vice versa, if the variable gets modified by any other input the slider would get moved correspondingly.

Minimum value, **Maximum value**: Boundaries for the value range which can be displayed for the variable assigned to the slider. In horizontal scrollbars the minimum value corresponds to the left-most position of the slider, in vertically scrollbars to the bottom-most position. The values can be entered directly or via a project variable (e.g. "0", "200", "PLC_PRG.minvar").

Invisible: The visibility of the element in online mode can be controlled dynamically, if here an appropriate boolean variable is entered, e.g. "PLC_PRG.bScrollbar_vis". A static definition is also possible ("TRUE", "FALSE" resp. "0", "1"). Default: visible.

Tooltip-display: If "dynamic texts" should be used for the tooltip text, here the ID of the prefix-ID-combination must be entered, which uniquely references the desired text in a specific language file (xml-format). You can enter the ID directly (string, e.g. "tt_scrollbar1") or via a project variable of string format which gives the ID (e.g. "PLC_PRG.tt_ID"). Concerning this see the help pages on Tooltip and generally on Language Switching.

20.6.22 Meter



Dialog for the configuration of a Meter element

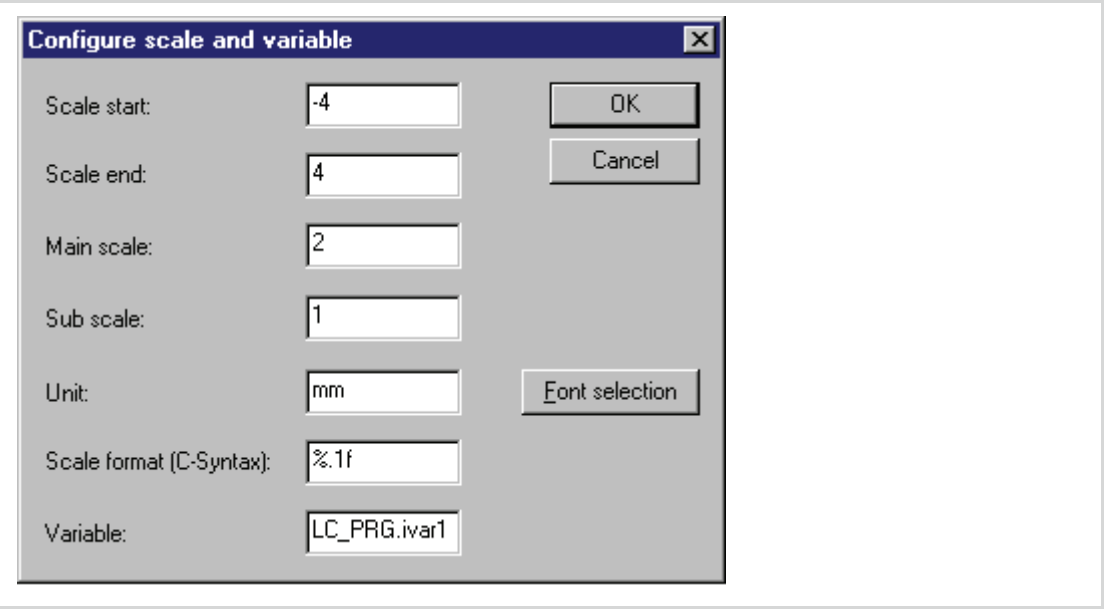
This dialog will open automatically as soon as you insert a Meter into a visualization object. A **Preview** is part of the dialog, immediately showing how the element will look as a result of the currently set parameters:

Arrowtype: Define the type of the arrow which will point at the current value on the Meter. Possible types: Normal arrow, Thin arrow, Wide arrow, Thin needle.

Arrow start, **Arrow end**: Here you define the start and the end positions of the scale on a virtual circular arc in ° **Degrees** (angle). (Example: a Start angle of 180° and an End angle of 0° will define a upturned semicircle).

Arrow color: This button opens the standard dialog or a target-specific color selection list for choosing a color. Define the color of the pointer.

Variable/Scale: This button opens the dialog Configure scale and variable:



Dialog for Configuring the Scale and Variable for a Meter element

Scale start, **Scale end:** lowest and highest value on the scale, e.g. "-4" and "4".

Main scale: Define which intervals on the scale should be marked "with all", that means which should get a scale pitch and a label. If you insert e.g. "2", each second integer value will be indicated.

Sub scale: In addtion to the main scale (Label + long pitch lines) here you can define a sub-scale which will be displayed as short pitch lines without any labels.

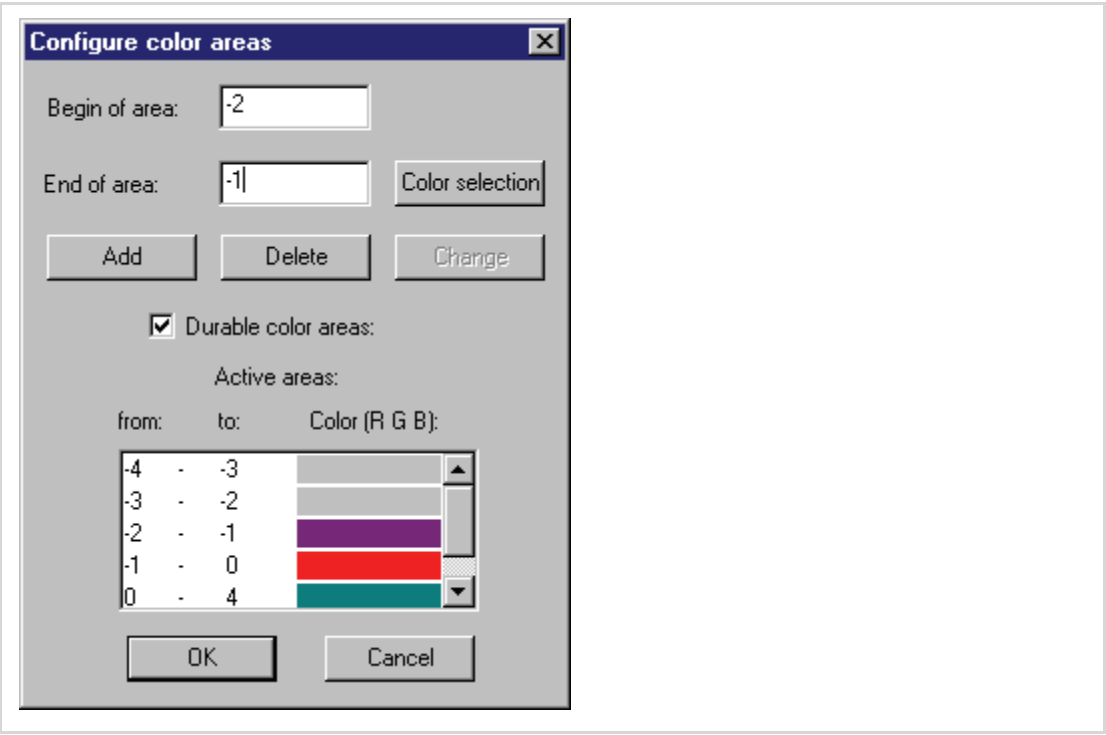
Unit: Define here the scale unit, e.g. "cm" or "sec". The unit is indicated by a label at the origin of the pointer.

Scale format (C-Syntax): According to the C-syntax you can define the display format of the scale labels; see the description concerning Category 'Text'..
Example: If you insert "%1.1f" the scale values will be indicated by a floating point number with one decimal place before and one after the comma (e.g. "12.0")

Variable: Here you can define a variable which is assigned to the pointer position. (e.g. "PLC_PRG.posvar")

Font selection: This button will open the standard dialog for defining the font used in the Meter element (the selection list can be target-specific).

Color areas: This button opens the dialog **Configure color areas**: Here you can define a separate color for each partition of the scale.



Dialog for the configuration of color areas for a Meter

Begin of area, End of area: Insert here the start and end values of the scale partition which should get the color defined in the following:

Color selection: This button opens the standard dialog for choosing a color or a target-specific selection list. Confirm your selection with OK, which will close the dialog, and press button **Add**, whereupon the color and the assigned partition of the scale will be added to the window 'Active areas'. In order to remove an already defined area, select the entry and press **Delete**.

If the option **Durable color areas** is activated, the defined color ranges will be displayed permanently, otherwise in online mode just that partition of the scale will be colored which contains the current value of the respective value.

Label: Depending on which of the options is activated (**inside** or **outside**), the scale labels are placed at the inside or the outside of the circular arc of the scale.

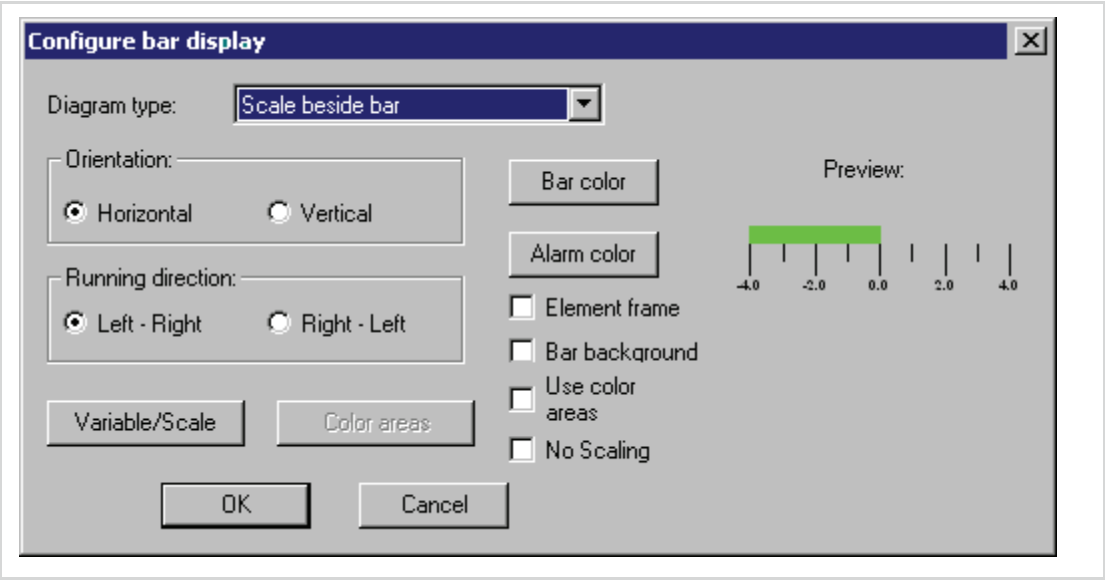
Additional settings:

Frame inside, Frame outside: If one or both of these options is/are activated, an inner or outer frame will be added to the scale arc.

Additional arrow: In addition to the main pointer a little arrow will indicate the current value directly on the scale.

No Scaling: If this option is activated, the inserted element cannot get resized.

20.6.23 Bar Display



Dialog for the configuration of a Bar Display element

This dialog will be opened as soon as you insert a Bar Display element into a visualization object. A **Preview** is part of the dialog, immediately showing how the element will look as a result of the currently set parameters:

Diagram type: Choose one of the options: 'Scale beside bar', 'Scale inside bar' and 'Bar inside scale'.

Orientation: Define one of the options: **Horizontal** or **Vertical** bar.

Running direction: Choose whether the bar should be elongated corresponding to a growing value of the assigned variable in Left – Right or in Right – Left direction.

Bar color: This button opens the standard dialog for choosing a color. Define a color for the bar in normal state (no alarm). If option 'Use color areas' (see below) is activated, no entries are possible.

Alarm color: This button opens the dialog **Configure alarm**, where you define at which value the bar will be displayed in alarm color and which is the alarm color: Insert the desired limit value in the edit field and activate one of the **Condition**s **greater than** or **lower than**, in order to define whether values higher or lower than the limit value should set off an alarm. Press button **Alarm color** to open the standard dialog or a target-specific color selection list for choosing the alarm color. Close both dialogs with OK in order to confirm the settings and to return to the main dialog for configuring the bar display. If the option 'Use color ranges' (see below) is activated, no entries are possible.

Variable/Scale: This button opens the dialog **Configure scale and variable**, which corresponds to that used for the Meter element.

Element frame: If this option is activated a frame will enclose the bar display.

Bar background: If this option is activated, the whole display range will be indicated by a black bar in the background of the current values' bar, otherwise only the current values' bar will be displayed.

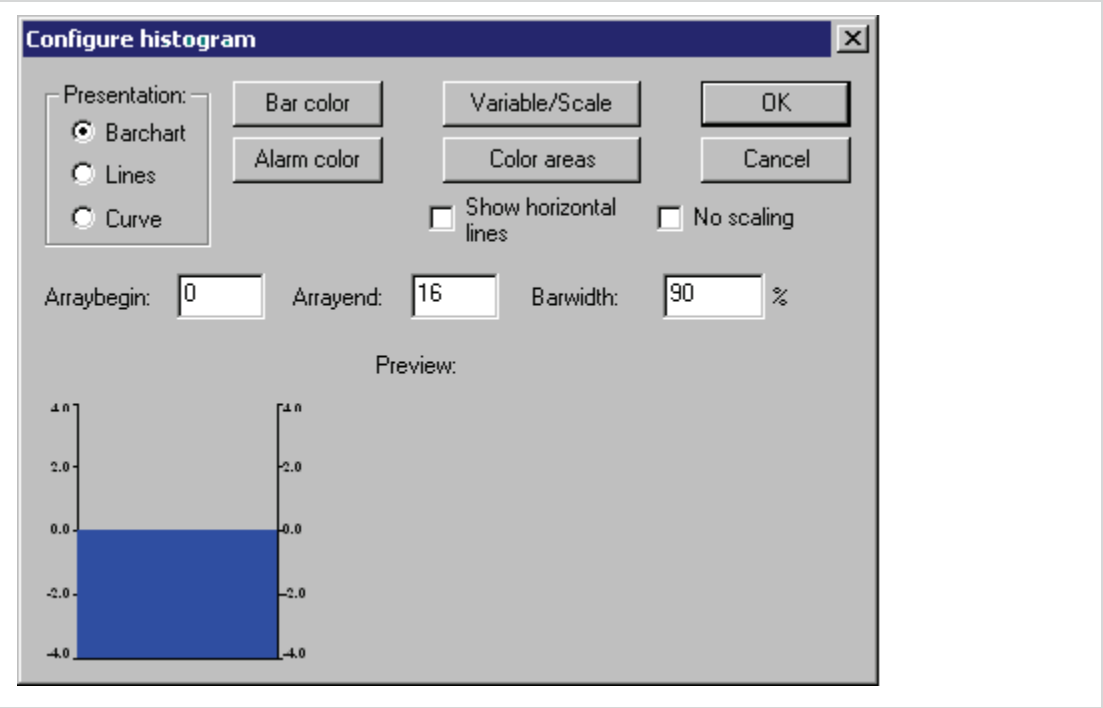
Use color areas: If this option is activated, any settings defined in the dialogs for 'Bar color' and 'Alarm color' (see above) will not be valid. In this case the color area definitions will be used, which have been made in the dialog 'Configure color areas'. This dialog can be opened by pressing button 'Color areas' (see below)

Color areas: This button opens the dialog **Configure color areas** where you can define a separate color for each partition of the scale. These definitions will only be valid if the option 'Use color areas' (see above) is activated. Use the dialog as described for the Meter element.

No Scaling: If this option is activated, the inserted element cannot get resized.

20.6.24 Histogram

A histogram element can be used to visualize an array. The values of the array elements will be represented by bars or lines side by side, indicating the current values of the element by their height.



Dialog for the configuration of a Histogram

The configuration dialog will be opened as soon as you insert a histogram element into a visualization object. A **Preview** is part of the dialog, immediately showing how the element will look as a result of the currently set parameters:

Presentation: Activate one of the options **Barchart** or **Lines**.

Show horizontal lines: If this option is activated, horizontal lines spanning the diagram will additionally display the scale gradation.

No Scaling: If this option is activated, the inserted element cannot get resized.

Alarm color: This button opens the dialog **Configure alarm**, where you define at which value the bar will be displayed in alarm color and which is the alarm color: Insert the desired threshold value in the edit field and activate one of the **Conditions greater than** or **less than**, in order to define whether values higher or lower than the limit value should set off an alarm. Press button **Alarm color** to open the standard dialog or a target-specific color selection list for choosing the alarm color. Close both dialogs with OK in order to confirm the settings and to return to the main dialog for configuring the histogram.

Variable/Scale: This button opens the dialog **Configure scale and variable**, which can be filled like described for the Meter element.

Color areas: This button opens the dialog **Configure color areas**: Here you can define a separate color for each partition of the scale. See the description of the Meter where the same dialog is available.

Bar color: This button opens the standard dialog for choosing a color. Define a color for the bar in normal state (no alarm).

Define which range of the array should be displayed:

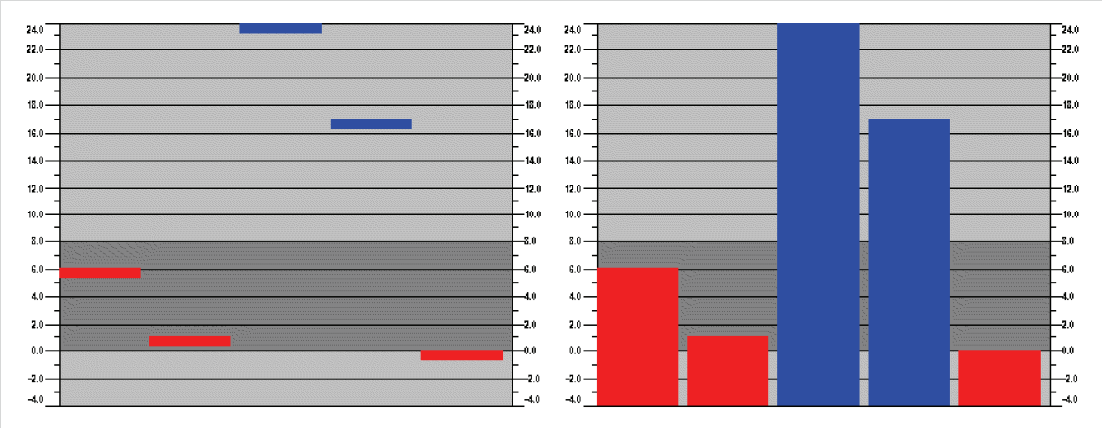
Arraybegin: First array element to be displayed (Index).

Arrayend: Last array element to be displayed (Index).

Barwidth: Define the width of the bars in percent by the total width available for one bar.

Example:

See in the following picture an example of the online display (bars resp. lines) of a histogram which represents an array arr1 [0..4] of INT. The arraybegin was set to "0", the arrayend to "4", the scale start to "–4", the scale end to "24", the main graduation was set to "2", the sub-graduation to "1" and the scale range 0 – 8 has got assigned another color (dark grey) than the rest of the scale range. Furtheron the bars should be displayed alarm-colored (blue) as soon as the value of the corresponding array element exceeds "8". You see the array elements arr1[2] and arr1[3] currently being in alarm state:



20.6.25 Alarm table

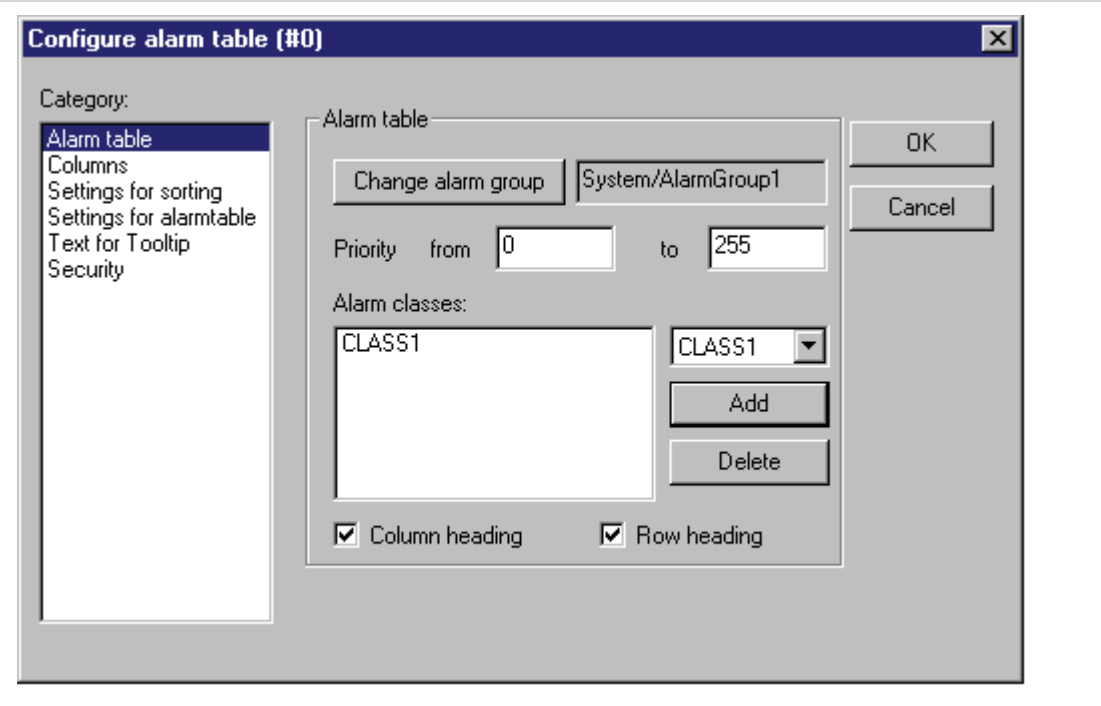
The element 'Alarm table' is used to visualize alarms, which must be defined before in the PLC Designer Alarm configuration.

Note!

Depending on the target system there might be the possibility to do the alarm handling in the PLC.

As soon as the element gets inserted in the visualization object, the dialog 'Configure alarm table'. Besides the known categories for configuration of tooltip and security the following settings concerning display and selection in the table can be made:

Category Alarm table:



Dialog for configuration of a alarm table, category Alarm table

Define what you want to get displayed in the alarm table:

Change alarm group: Press this button to get the selection tree of the alarm configuration, which offers all alarm groups currently defined. Choose the desired group (which even may contain just one alarm).

Note!

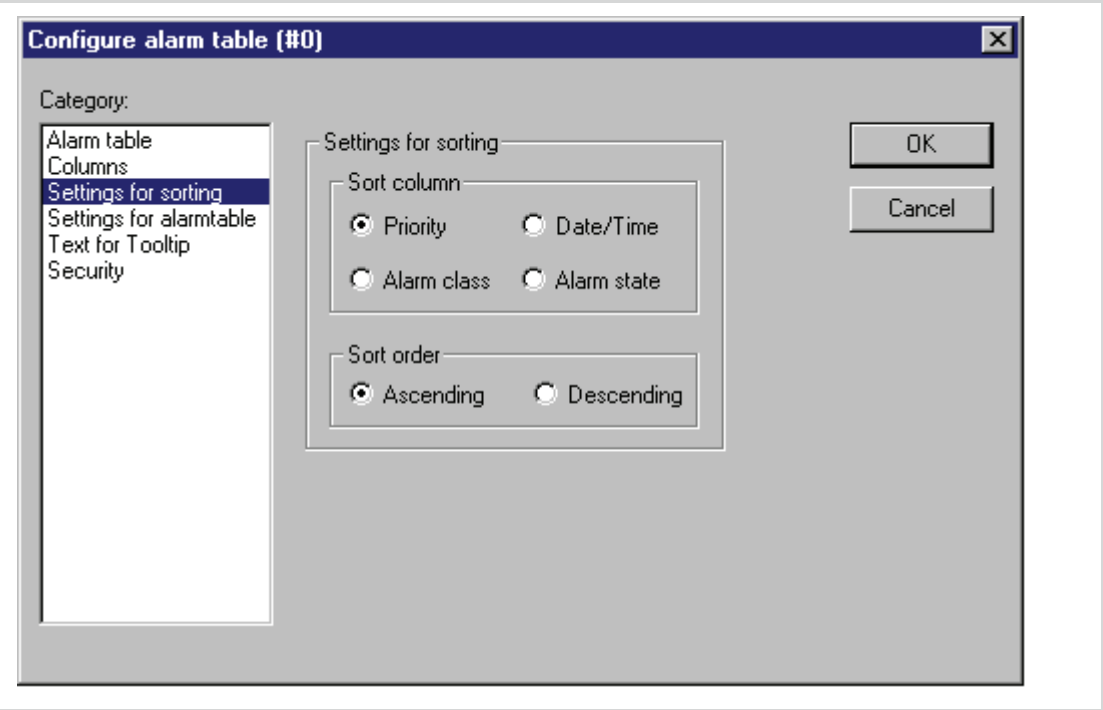
The name of the alarm group, as it is displayed here (e.g. "System/Alarmgroup1") can be used as PREFIX in a XML-file for dynamic texts in order to get **dynamic language switching** for the message texts in the alarm table; the associated ID in this must be the number of that line in the Alarm group configuration table, that defines the respective message text.

Priority: Define the priority for which you want to get displayed all alarms. Permissible range: 0 to 255.

Alarm classes: Mark a class which you want to get displayed and press button **Add** to add the class to the list in the window 'Alarm classes'. Do this for all required classes. In order to remove a marked entry from the alarm classes window press button **Delete**.

Activate options **Column heading** resp. **Row heading**, if the headings should be displayed in the alarm table.

Category Settings for sorting:



Dialog for configuration of an alarm table, category 'Settings for sorting'

Define here according to which criteria the alarm table should be sorted:

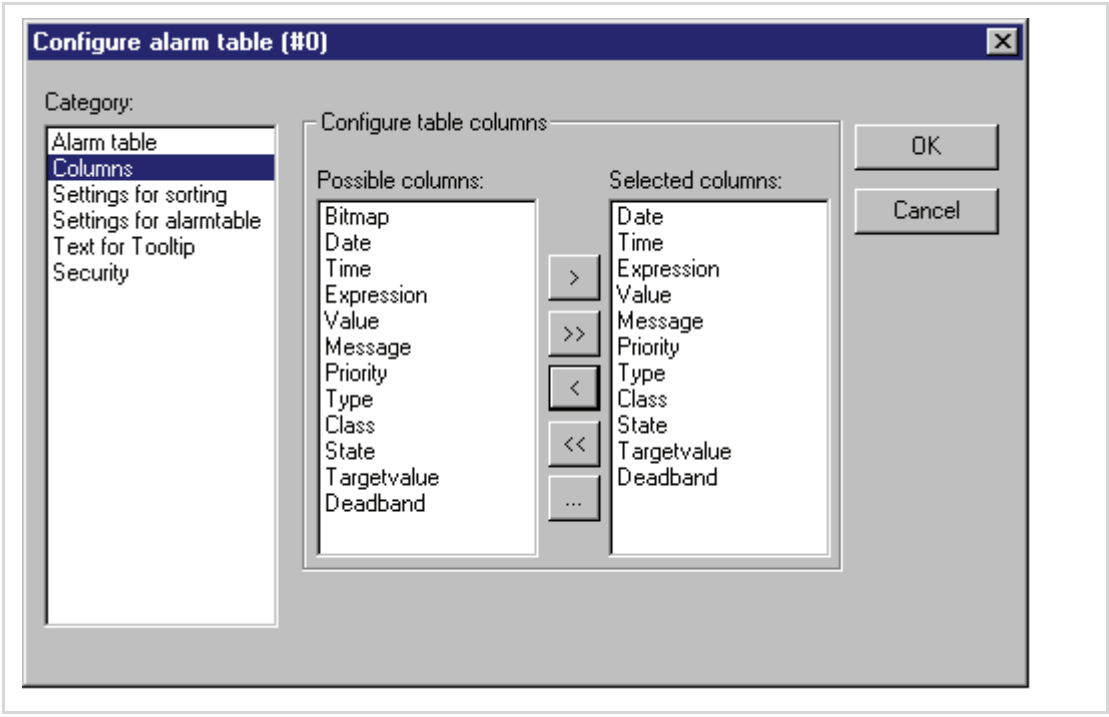
Sort column: Sorting according to Priority, Alarm class, Date/Time or Alarm state

Sort order: Ascending or Descending; Example: Ascending according to priority means that the table will start with alarms of priority 0 (if available), followed by higher numbered priorities.

Note!

When using in a Target-Visualization this settings are not regarded in the display of the alarm history. There the sorting always is descending according to the date.

Category Columns:



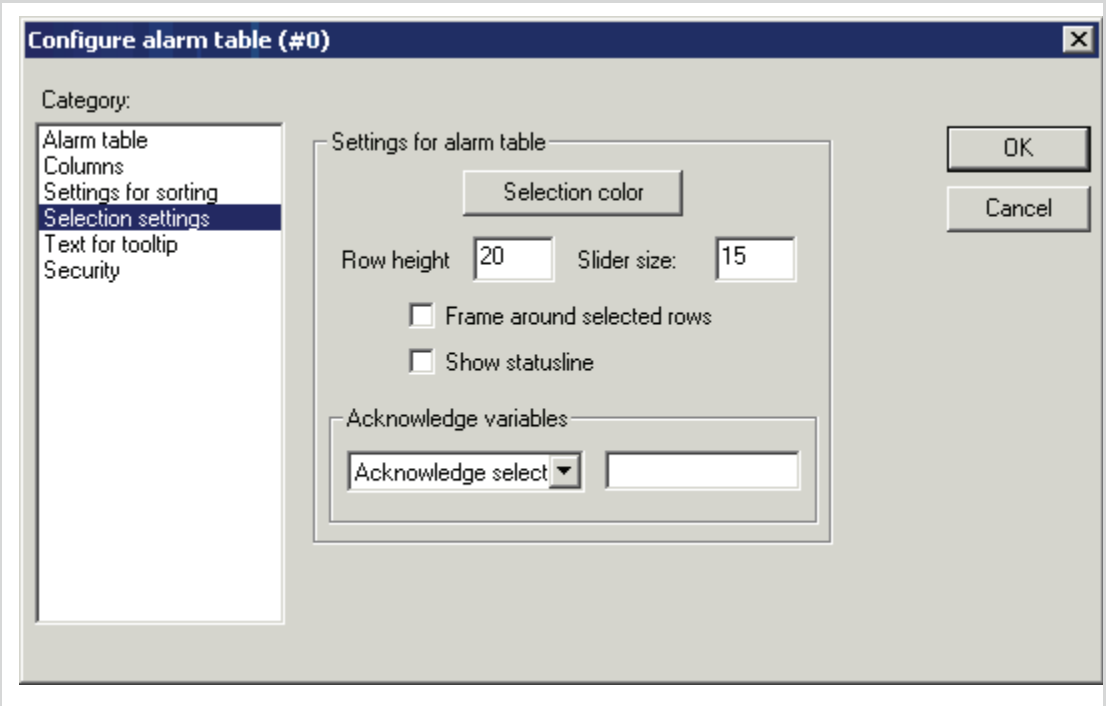
Dialog for configuration of an alarm table, category 'Columns'

Define here, which of the columns (alarm parameters) should be displayed in the alarm table: The parameters are defined -- except for date and time (alarm is coming) and alarm state (see chapter 'Overview on Alarms') in the Configuration of the alarm groups: **Bitmap**, **Date**, **Time**, **Expression**, **Value**, **Message**, **Priority**, **Type**, **Class**, **State**, **Target value** (for alarm types DEV+ and DEV-), **Deadband**.

Using the buttons "**>**", "**>>**", you can take single resp. all parameters from the left to the right window. The selection defined in the right window will be displayed in the alarm table. Using the buttons "**<**" resp. "**<<**" entries can be removed from the selection.

For each column you can open the dialog 'Configure columns' by a double-click on the entry in the right window. In this dialog **Column header** and **Column width** can be defined.

Category Selection settings for alarm table:



Dialog for configuration of an alarm table, category 'Settings for alarmtable'

Define here some settings for the display for the chosen table fields:

Selection color: This button opens the standard dialog or a target-specific selection list for choosing a color. Define the color in which selected fields should be displayed.

Row height: Height of the table rows in Pixel.

Slider size: Height of the slider (Pixel) at the bottom of the table.

Frame around selected rows: If this option is activated, selected table rows will get a frame.

Show statusline: If this option is activated, below the alarm table a status bar will be displayed providing the following buttons for the operation in online mode:

Acknowledge: All alarm entries marked in the alarm table get acknowledged.

Acknowledge all: All alarm entries listed in the alarm table get acknowledged.

History: If this button is pressed, instead of the current status of the alarms the table will show a complete list of all events which have occurred up to now (all transitions between any alarm stati). In this list no acknowledgement is possible ! Any new events will be added currently.

If you have defined a record file, also there you will find this history for all alarm classes, for which the action 'Save' has been activated.

Start: cancels **Stop** (see below)

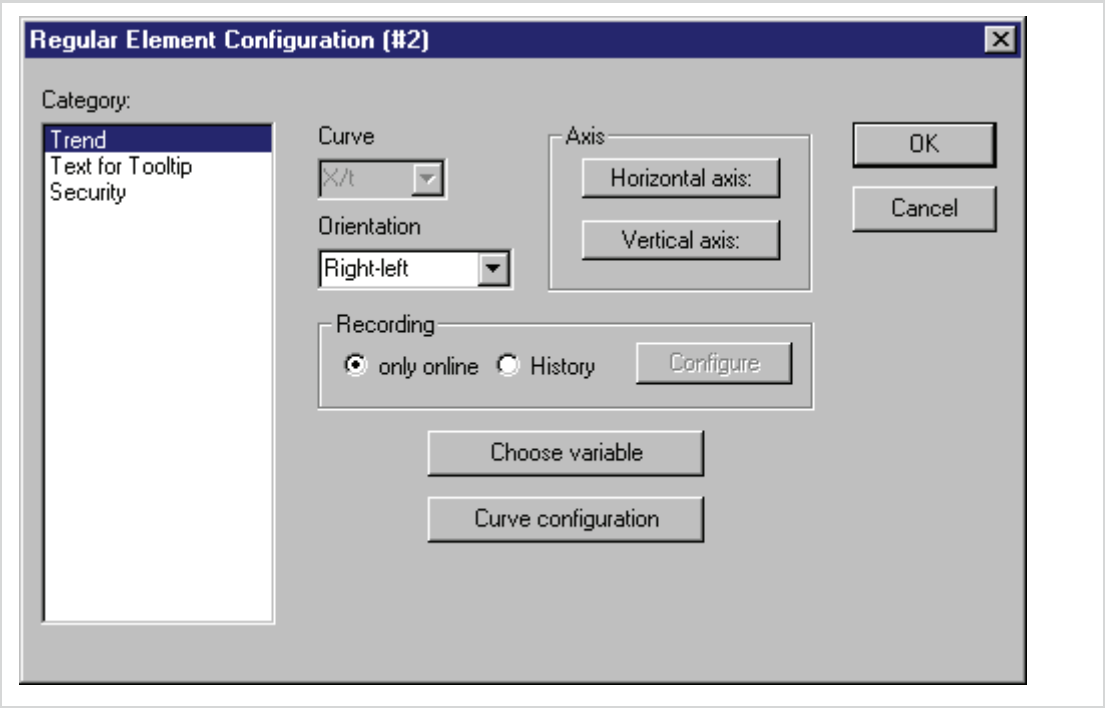
Stop: The current update of the list with newly occurring events will be stopped until it is restarted by pressing button 'Start'.

Acknowledge variables: This option is only available as long as you have not chosen option 'Show statusline' (see above). If it is activated, the functions described above for the status string buttons can get controlled by variables. In order to define these variables, choose a function from the selection list and enter a project variable in the assigned edit field. Thus for example the acknowledgement of all alarms in online mode can be done by a rising edge of the assigned variable.

Note!

The Web-Visualization might be configured in a way, that in online mode a tooltip will display the full string of a text entry, which is only partially visible in the alarm table.

20.6.26 Trend



Dialog for configuration of a Trend element

The Trend element can be used to log the time dependent behaviour of variable values in the online mode. It can be compared with the trace functionality. The online presentation is done in a diagram, in case of logging to a text file each of the values is written to a separate line.

Note!

Depending on the target system there might be the possibility to store the trend data in the PLC.

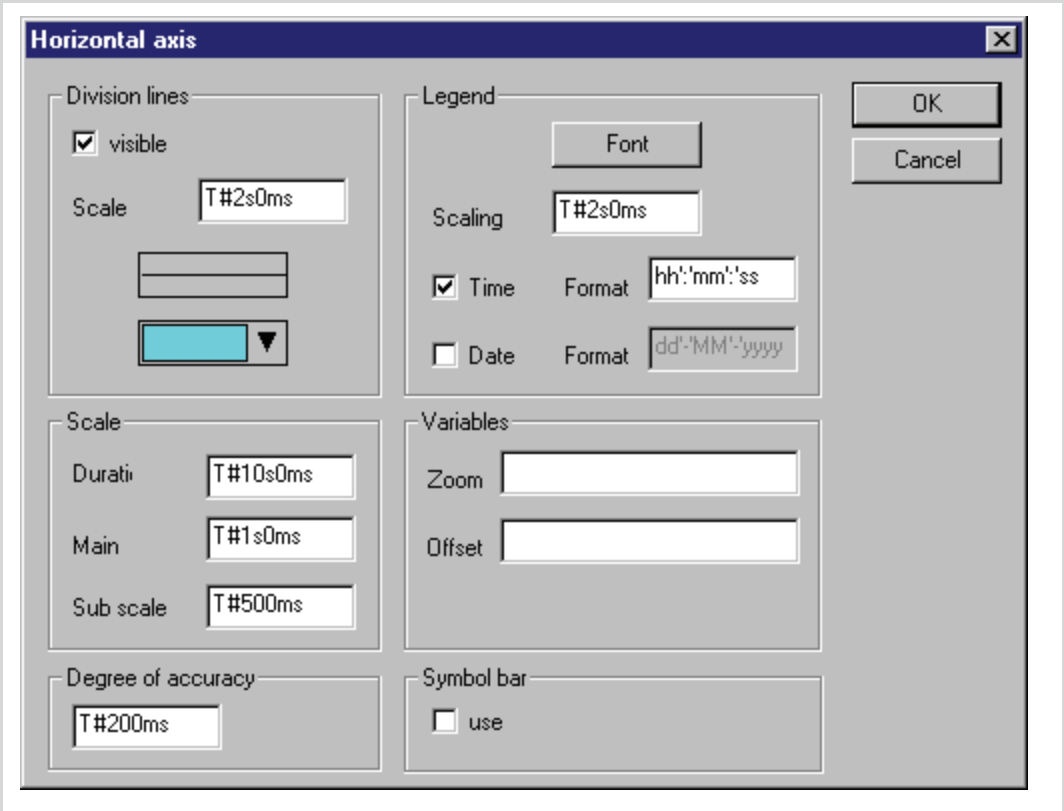
In the dialog for configuring visualization elements in category 'Trend' you can do the following settings :

Curve: X/t, horizontal axis = time axis, vertical axis = scale of values

Orientation: Left-right or Right.-left: The latest value will be displayed on the left/right side;

Axis:

Horizontal Axis:



Dialog for configuration of the horizontal axis in the trend element

Division lines: Activate option 'visible', if vertical division lines should be displayed which are elongating the scale marks. In this case define the 'Scale': The given number defines the interval between the division lines on the horizontal axis. Type (normal ___, dashed _ _ _, dotted ....., dashdotted _ . _ .) and color of the lines can be defined in dialogs which will open when you perform a mouse-click on the corresponding rectangle showing the currently set line type resp. color.

Scale: The shown range of the scale is determined by the entry for **Duration**. If here e.g. " T#20s0ms" is defined, the scale will display a period of 20 seconds. The **Main** division and the **Sub scale** division, which will be displayed by the means of long and short marks are to be defined according to the same syntax.

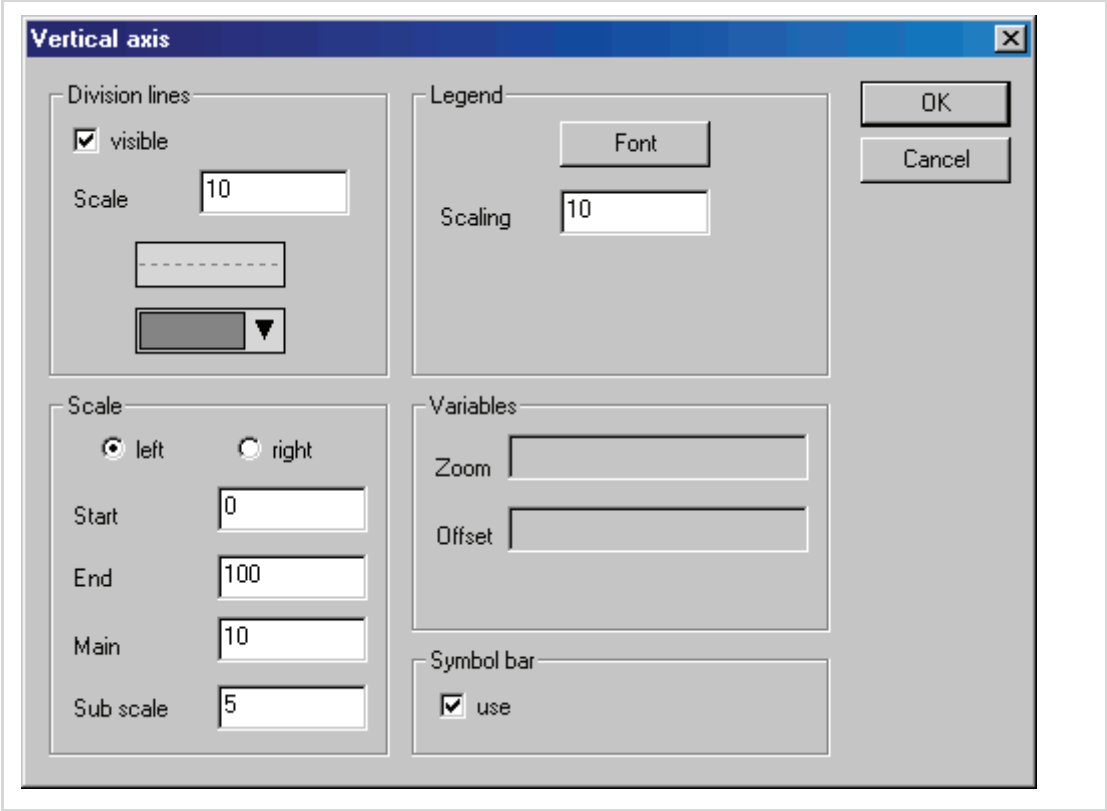
Degree of accuracy: Define here (in the standard format for dates, e.g. T#5ms) the interval for displaying the current values of the variables.

Legend: Here you define the display of the legend. Via button **Font** the standard or a target-specific restricted dialog for setting the font will be opened. At **Scaling** define the distances between the particular letterings on the scale (e.g. T#4ms, if the scale markings should get a lettering each 4 milliseconds). The lettering will contain the **Time** and/or **Date**, depending on which options are activated. The desired format each can be defined in the field '**Format**'. Regard that you can either set the 12-hour format ("hh") or the 24-hour format ("HH").

Variables: Here you can define project variables, which contain the zoom values resp. offset values for the horizontal scale. For example the offset of the display range of the horizontal axis will be set to "10" as soon as the variable assigned here gets value 10.

Symbol bar: If option use is activated, at the bottom of the element a horizontal symbol bar will be added, providing buttons for scrolling and zooming in online mode. The simple arrow buttons will move the displayed range along the time axis step by step, the double arrow buttons will shift it to the end resp. start of the record. The zoom buttons allow a zooming of the horizontal scale step by step. To get a possibility to restore the original settings concerning zoom and offset, define the vertical symbol bar to get the 'home' symbol.

Vertical axis:



Dialog for configuration of the vertical axis in the trend element

Division lines: corresponding to the horizontal axis (see above)

Scale: Define whether the scale should be displayed at the left or right border of the trend diagram. Choose the **Start** value (lower end) and **End** value (upper end) of the scale as well as the **Main** and **Sub scale** divisions (longer and shorter markings will be displayed in the here defined distances).

Legend: Font and divisions; see above, horizontal axis

Variables: see above, horizontal axis

Symbol bar: see above, horizontal axis, additionally there is a "home" button for restoring the standard settings concerning zooming and offset of the axes.

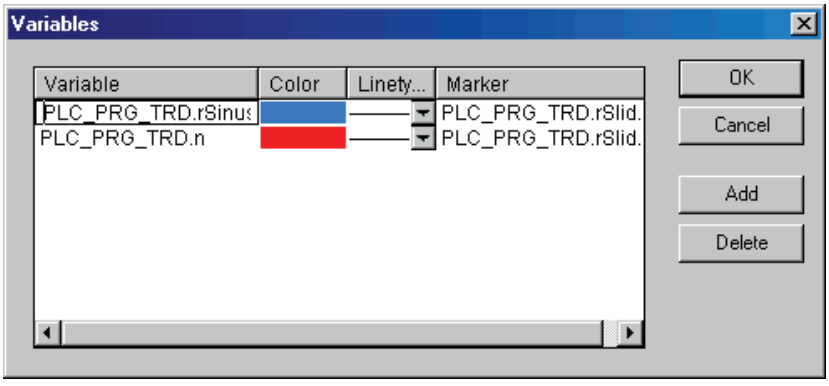
Recording: Define here whether the trend should be recorded 'only online', i.e. the time dependent behaviour of the variable values will be displayed using the chosen range of the scale, or whether the record should be saved to history file, which can be configured after pressing the button **History**. The dialog corresponds to that which is used for the configuration of the alarm log file.

Note!

If the target specific option 'Store trend data in the PLC' is activated, the path defined here will be ignored and the log file will be stored in the download directory of the PLC.

In the log file for each time of measurement a separate line is written which contains the name and the values of all regarded variables. Each line starts with a unique identifier in DWORD format, which is built from the date of measuring.

Choose variable: Press this button to get the dialog Variables, where you can configure the variables for which the trend record should be done and how they should be displayed:



Dialog for configuration of the variables in the trend element

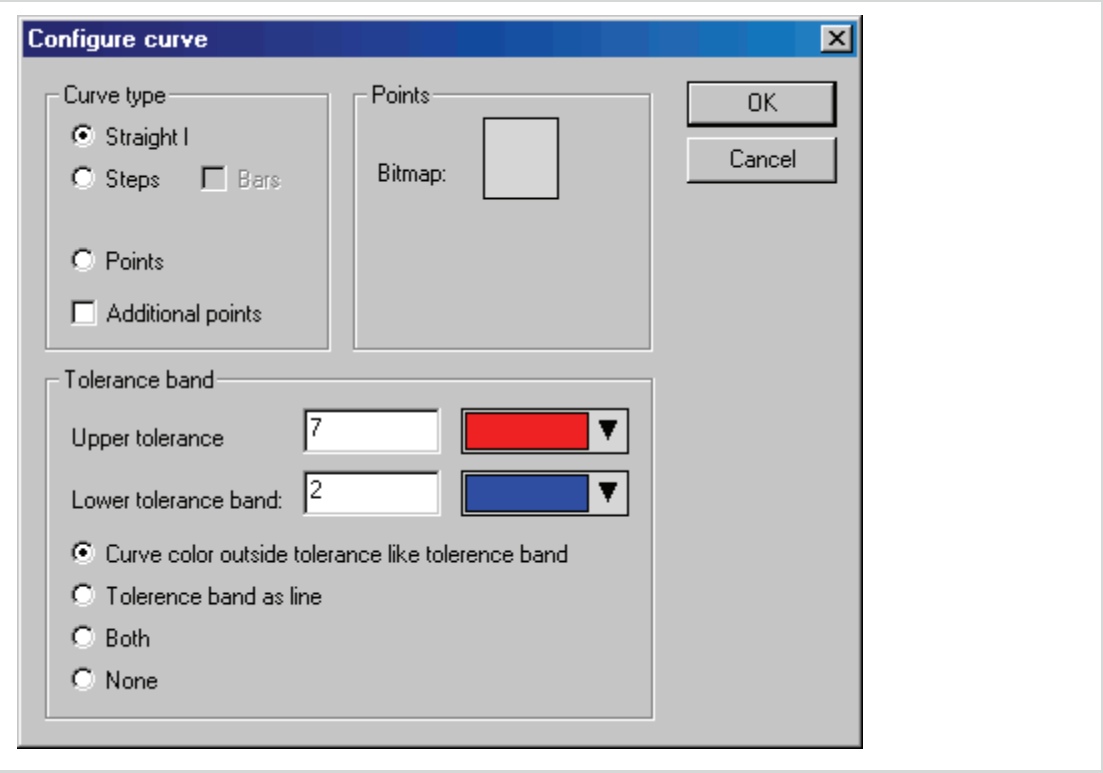
Enter a project variable in column **Variable** (mouse-click on the field will open an edit frame). It is recommended to use the input assistant <F2> or Intellisense function.

Color and **Line type** for the display of the variable in the record you can define by a mouse-click on the corresponding field in column Color (the standard dialog or a target-specific color selection list) resp. by selecting a line type in the corresponding field of column Line type (normal ___, dashed _ _ _, dotted ....., dashdotted _ . _ .).

In column **Marker** you can define a variable, which will provide the currently recorded value when you use the marker function in online mode. The marker will be displayed as a little grey triangle in the upper left corner of the diagram. If you click on the triangle and keep the mouse-button pressed, you can shift a vertical marker line along the horizontal time axis. The variable defined as 'marker' then will read the corresponding value from the record curve of the associated project variable.

Do the settings for all variables you want to record. Via button **Add** a further line will be added at the end of the list. A line can be deleted by button **Delete**.

Curve configuration: This button opens the dialog Curve configuration. Here some settings concerning the trend curves can be done:



Dialog for doing the curve configuration for the trend element

Curve type: Select one of the options Straight line, Steps or Points. For the first two types the display of **Additional points** can be defined. For displaying a point a bitmap can be defined, otherwise a filled rectangle (same color as curve) will be used as point symbol. Press the rectangle next to **Bitmap** to get the standard dialog for selecting a bitmap file. Via **Delete** the currently set bitmap can be removed from the configuration.

Tolerance band: You can define an upper and lower limit value on the vertical axis to be displayed as a tolerance band. For each band a color (Press the color rectangle to get the default resp. target-specific selection dialog) can be defined. If the bands should be displayed in online mode, activate option **Tolerance band as line**. If you want the curve to get displayed in the color defined for the respective band as soon as exceeding the tolerance value, activate **Curve color outside tolerance like tolerance band**. Activate **Both** or **None** if you want to activate both or none of the above described display options at a time.

Example: Display of a trend element in online mode:

Declaration in program PLC_PRG:

```
VAR
n: INT;
rSinus:REAL;
rValue:REAL;
rSlider1:REAL; (*for marker function*)
rSlider2:REAL; (*für marker function*)
END_VAR
```

Programmteil von PLC_PRG:

```
n:=n+1;
rValue := rValue + 0.01;
rSinus:=SIN(rValue)*50 + 50;
IF n>100 THEN
n:=0;
END_IF
```

Configuration of a trend element in a visualization:

Orientation Left-Right, History activated

Horizontal axis: Division lines: T#2s, Duration: T#10s, Main: T#1s, Sub scale: T#500ms, Degree if accuracy: T#200ms, Legend: Time Format ('HH':'mm':'ss'), Scaling T#2s. Symbol bar activated.

Vertical axis: Division lines visible, Scale: 10, dotted, grey; Scale left, Start: 0, End: 100, Main: 10, Sub scale: 5; Legend: 10; Symbol bar activated.

Variables:

1. Variable PLC_PRG.rsinus, blue line, Marker: PLC_PRG_TRD.rSlider1;

2. Variable PLC_PRG.n, red line, Marker: PLC_PRG_TRD.rSlider2

Curve configuration: Straight line, no tolerance band

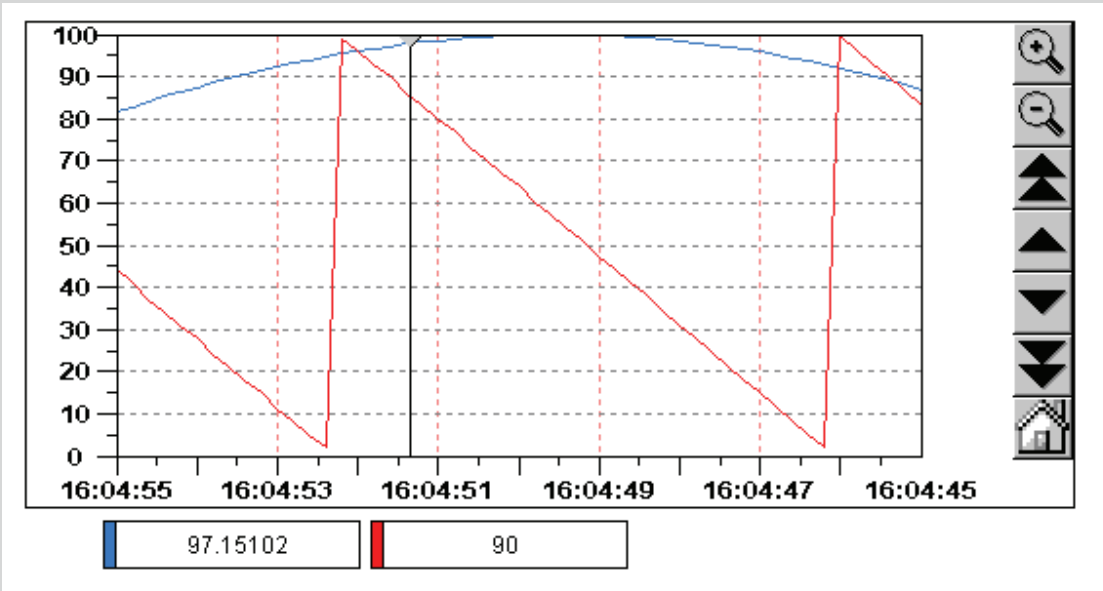
Configuration of two display fields for the current record values provided by the marker variables:

Rectangle element 1: Category Text: insert "%s" in the Content field; Category Variables: insert in field Textdisplay: PLC_PRG.rSlider1

Rectangle element 2: Category Text: insert "%s" in the Content field; Category Variables: insert in field Textdisplay: PLC_PRG.rSlider2

(additionally insert a rectangle element at the left border of the rectangle elements 1 and 2, showing the curve color of the corresponding record variable)

Result in online mode after login and start of the program:

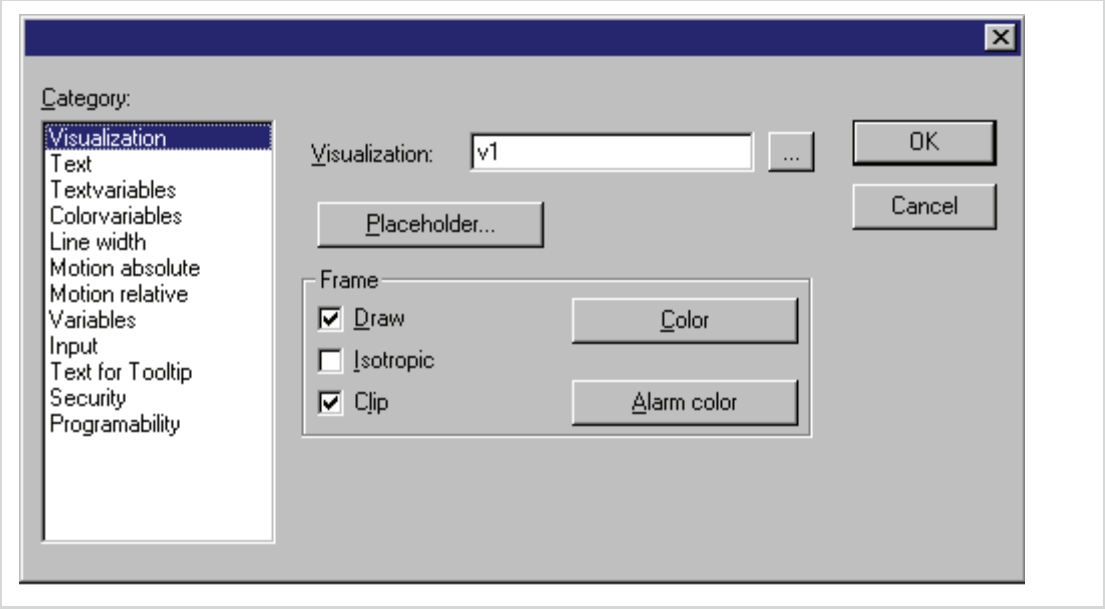


The record is running from the left to the right; the latest value is shown on the leftmost position; every 200 milliseconds the current value will be added to the display. The arrow buttons in the symbol bars allow shifting the displayed time range. Using the simple arrow buttons you can shift step by step, using the double arrows you get to the end resp. start of the record. For example: if you go to the start of the record by pressing the double arrows pointing to the left, you get a still display of the former values. If you then move the marker (grey triangle in the upper left corner) along the time axis, you can read the exact values of each of the both recorded variables for each time in the rectangle elements below the diagram.

20.6.27 Visualization

When you insert a visualization as an element in another visualization, you are creating a "**reference**" of the visualization.

The configuration of this reference can be done in the **Visualization** category within the visualization element configuration dialog box.



Visualization Element Configuration Dialog Box (Visualization Category)

Enter the object name for the visualization, which should be inserted, in the **Visualization** field. Use the **...** button to open a dialog box containing the visualizations available in this project. Any visualization may be used with the exception of the current one.

The possible settings concerning the visualization **frame** are the same as described for a bitmap (see above).

The **Placeholder** button leads to the 'Replace placeholder' dialog. It lists in the 'Placeholder' column all the placeholders which had been inserted in the configuration dialogs of the "mother"-visualization and offers in the 'Replacements' column the possibility of replacing these for the current reference with a definite value. Which replacements are possible in a given case depends on whether a value group was predefined in the 'Extras' 'Placeholder list' dialog in the "mother"-visualization. If this is the case, it will be displayed in a combo box for selection. If nothing was predefined, double clicking on the corresponding field in the Replacements column opens an editing field which can be filled in as desired.

A further possibility for replacing placeholders in references occurs directly when you define the call of a visualization by an entry into the **Zoom to vis.** option field in the configuration dialog ('Input' category).

Note!

No control of the chronological sequence of replacements is possible! Therefore no placeholders should be replaced with text that also contains placeholders!

When using placeholders it is no longer possible to check for invalid entries in the configuration of the visualization element immediately upon compilation of the project. Hence the appropriate error messages are first issued in Online mode (...Invalid Watch expression..).

Example of an application of the placeholder concept:

Instances of a function block can easily be displayed with the help of references of the same visualization. For example, in configuring the visualization visu, which visualizes the variables of function block, one could begin each variable entry with the placeholder FUB (e.g. FUB.a). If a reference from visu is then used (by inserting visu in another visualization or by calling via 'Zoom to vis.'), then in the configuration of this reference the placeholder FUB can then be replaced with the name of the function block instance to be visualized.

This might look like shown in the following:

In the project define a function block containing the following declarations:

```
FUNCTION_BLOCK fu
VAR_INPUT
 changecol : BOOL; (* should cause a color change in the
visualization *`)
END_VAR
```

In PLC_PRG define two instances of 'fu':

```
inst1_fu : fu;
inst2_fu : fu;
```

Create a visualization object 'visu'. Insert an element and open the configuration dialog, category 'Variables'. Enter in field 'Change color' the following: "FUB.changecol". Open category 'Input' and enter in field 'Tap Variable' "FUB.changecol". Open category 'Text' and enter"FUB - change color ". Define an alarm color in category 'Colors'.

Create another visualization object 'visu1'.

Insert visualization 'visu' twice in 'visu1' (two references of 'visu').

Mark the first reference of 'visu' and open the configuration dialog of category 'Visualization'. Press button 'Placeholder', so that the placeholder list will be displayed. There replace entry 'FUB' by 'PLC_PRG.inst1_fu'.

Now mark the second reference of 'visu' and (like described for the first one) replace 'FUB' by 'PLC_PRG.inst2_fu'.

Now in online mode the values of the variables which are used to configure the two instances of 'fu' will be visualized in the corresponding reference of 'visu'.

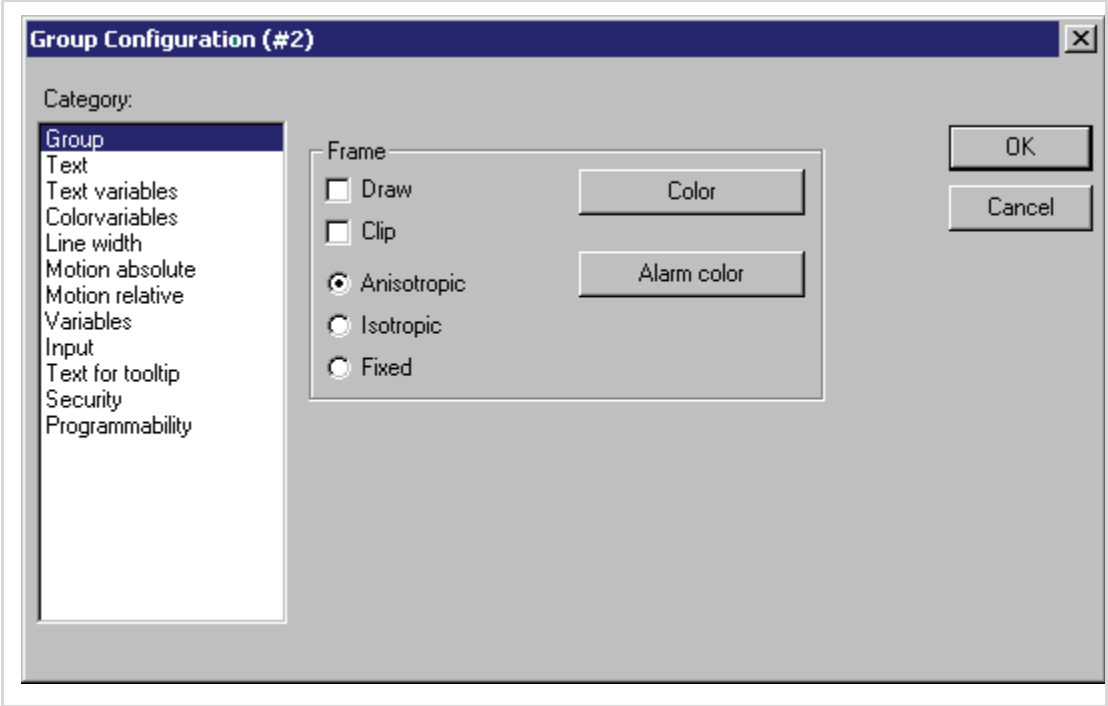
Of course the placeholder FUB can be used at all places in the configuration of 'visu' where variables or text strings are entered.

Stop!

Online behaviour of a visualization reference: If you insert a visualization and then select and configure this reference, it will be regarded as a single object and in online mode will react to inputs correspondingly to its configuration. In contrast: if you do not configurate the reference, then in online mode its particular visualization elements will react exactly like those of the original visualization.

20.6.28 Group

The configuration dialog for a group of visualization elements offers the same options **Anisotropic**, **Isotropc, Fixed, Draw, Clip, Color** and **Alarm color** in field 'Frame' as that for a Bitmap. For example regard the possibility to keep the size of the single elements of the group even when the frame gets stretched or compressed.



Dialog Box for Visualization Group Configuration

20.6.29 Special input possibilities for operating versions

The PLC Designer visualization can target specifically be used with CoDeSys HMI or as Web- or Target-Visualization as a mere operating interface. Then no menus and status and tool bars will be available to the user and no possibility to modify the code.

Thus, when a visualization is created with »PLC Designer« for the purpose of being used as a 'operating version' the principal control and monitoring functions in a project must be assigned to visualization elements thus making them accessible via mouse click or keyboard in Online mode.

See in the following some special input possibilities to configure visualization elements for the purpose of being used in CoDeSys HMI. They are available in the configuration dialog for a visualization element:

Enter internal commands in the field **Execute program** in the category **Input** according to the following syntax (The dialog 'Configure Programs' is available for this purpose):

```
INTERN <COMMAND> [PARAMETER]*
```

The following table shows the available internal commands. Some of them expect to receive several parameters, which are then entered separated by spaces. Optional parameters are enclosed in square brackets. For those commands which require that a Watch list be specified, a placeholder can be used instead of the direct name. If you enter several commands for one element, these are separated by commas.

Command	The equivalent in the programming version of »PLC Designer«	Explanation
ASSIGN <Variable>:=<Expression>	Assignment	A variable or expression gets assigned to another variable. Example: INTERN ASSIGN PLC_PRG.ivar1:=PROG1.ivar+12;
<Path executable program> [Path of the file to be opened] [2)]	Program call	The program will be executed. Example: C:\programms\notepad.exe text.txt
LANGUAGEDIALOG[2)]	visualization settings	The dialog for visualization settings which includes the category language gets opened.
LANGUAGE <language identifier as used in the currently set language file *.vis, *.tlt or *.txt> **Attention:** For visualizations it is recommended to use the *.vis language file!,	visualization settings, Language	The desired language is set without using the dialog for visualization settings.
LANGUAGE DEFAULT <language identifier as used in the currently set language file>	visualization settings, Language	For dynamic texts the default language will be used, which is defined in the currently included xml-file.
DELAY <delay time in milliseconds>[1)2)]		The next command will not be executed before this time has elapsed. e.g. a delay of 500 ms is necessary between DEFINERECEIPT, READRECEIPT and SAVEWATCH.
DEFINERECEIPT <name of watch list>	Select watch lists	A watch list is selected from the receipt manager which enters your name (name) when the command is given. The variables in this watch list are registered and displayed.

Command	The equivalent in the programming version of »PLC Designer«	Explanation
READRECEIPT <name of watch list>	'Read receipt'	In the defined watch list the pre-definition of the variables will be replaced by the current values. Regard: The watch list must be defined before via DEFINERECEIPT and a delay of 500 ms must be inserted (see above: command DELAY) !
WRITERECEIPT <name of watch list>	'Write receipts'	The name of a watch list of the receipt manager is expected. The receipt of this watch list will be written. A previous execution of DEFINERECEIPT is not necessary.
SAVEWATCH	'Save watch list'	The receipt will be read into the current watch list which will be stored in a file. Important: call a previous DEFINERECEIPT to define the current receipt and insert a delay of 500 ms (see above: command DELAY) !
LOADWATCH	'Load watch list'+ 'Write receipt'	The standard window ‚File open' appears, from which a previously stored receipt can be selected. This receipt will be immediately written into the controller system.
CHANGEUSERLEVEL	-	A dialog for setting the user group level will open. The eight PLC Designer user group levels are offered for selection.
CHANGEPASSWORD	cp. 'Project' 'User Group Passwords...'	A dialog for changing the user group password will appear.
SAVEPROJECT [1)2)]	'File' 'Save'	The project will be saved.
EXITPROGRAM [1)2)]	'File' 'Close'	The program will be exited.
PRINT [1)2)]	'File' 'Print'	The current visualization will be printed out online.
HELP <name of help file> [1)2)]	Call of a help file	Depending on which language is set for the visualization, a help file will be called which is entered for that language in the PLC Designer ini-file. (see 'Extras' 'settings')

Command	The equivalent in the programming version of »PLC Designer«	Explanation
TRACE [1)2)]	Resources, Sampling Trace	The window for trace recording (Sampling Trace) will be opened. The menu commands Trace Start, Read, Stop, Save, Load which are available in the full version of »PLC Designer« are available in this window.
CAM[1)2)]	Resources, CAMs	If there is a CAMs definition available in the project (Resources), the CAM-Editor will be opened. As soon as the editor will be closed again, it will be returned to the visualization.
CNC[1)2)]	Resources, CNC program list	f there is a CNC program list available in the project (Resources), the CNC editor will be opened. As soon as the CNC editor will be closed again, it will be returned to the visualization.

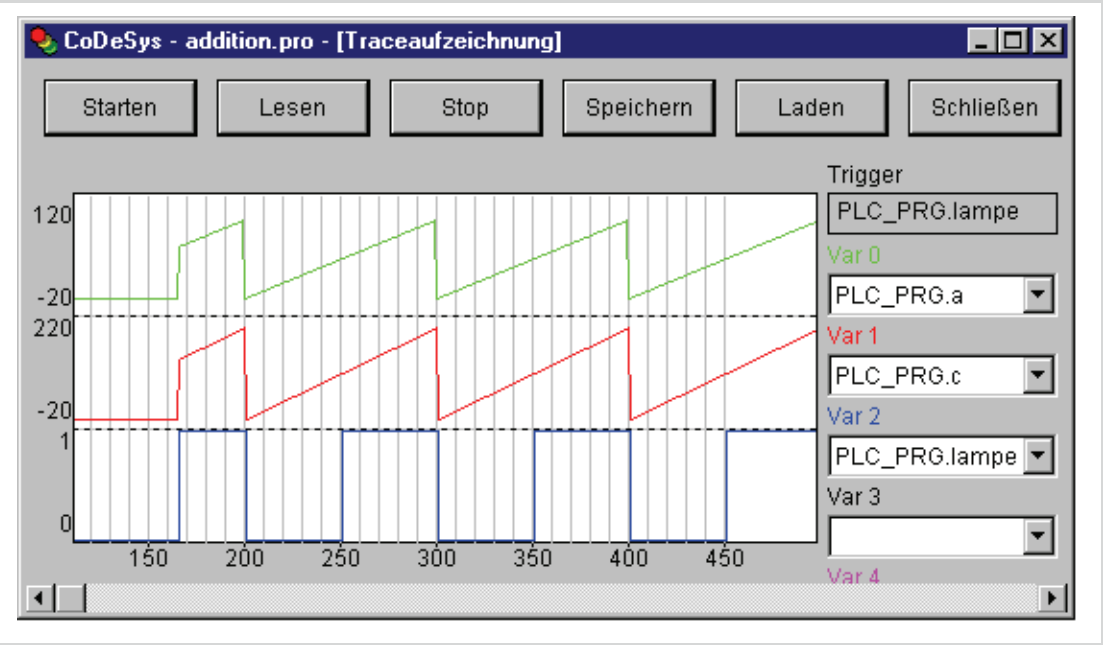
1) not supported for Target-Visualization
2) not supported for Web-Visualization

only for usage in a Web- or Target-Visualization:

The following commands can be used to give the write access in online mode on a visualization to a certain client. This is of interest if multiple clients at the same time might modify data on the PLC.

REQUESTWRITEACCESS	Request for write access
RELEASEWRITEACCESS	Deallocation of the write access which has been requested before
GLOBALRELEASEWRITEACCESS	Global deallocation of the write access
only for usage in a Web-Visualization:	
INTERN LINK <URL>	The Web-Visualization will switch over within the browser to the defined URL (Unified resource location); e.g.."INTERN LINK http://www.3s-software.com"
INTERN LINK <HTTP file path>	The defined file will be opened; e.g. "INTERN LINK http://localhost:8080/test.pdf"
INTERN LINK mailto:<EMail-Address>	The entry mask for sending an EMail to the defined address will be opened; e.g. " INTERN LINK mailto:s.sdfjksk@companyxy.com"

INTERN CONNECT_TO <PLC name>|<Start-Visu>	The PLC (target) will be switched; Preconditions: The WebServer must be configured appropriately with the connection parameters for the respective target systems and a matching ini-file for the PLC-Handler must be available. PLC name: Name of the target PLC, as defined in the PLC-Handler ini-file. Start-Visu: Name of the desired start visualization page. The WebServer will establish the connection to the respective PLC automatically. Example: "INTERN CONNECT_TO PLC1|PLC_VISU"



Dialog for the trace recording in the operating version

20.7 Visualization Object, Configure...

Besides the configuration of the individual visualization elements also the visualization object as a whole can get configured. This is possible concerning the settings for frame, language, grid, background, placeholders etc. as well as the assignment of special hotkey definitions (keyboard usage), which should be valid for exactly one visualization object. These settings are done in the visualization editor via commands of the 'Extras' menu.

Besides that outside of the editor you can do some settings in the Properties dialog of the visualization object, which concern the Usage as Target- or Web-Visualization or as Master layout.

Regard that in the project options a separate directory can be defined for visualization files.

Image files can be used for the background (static) of a visualization resp. in "bitmap" elements (static or dynamic use).

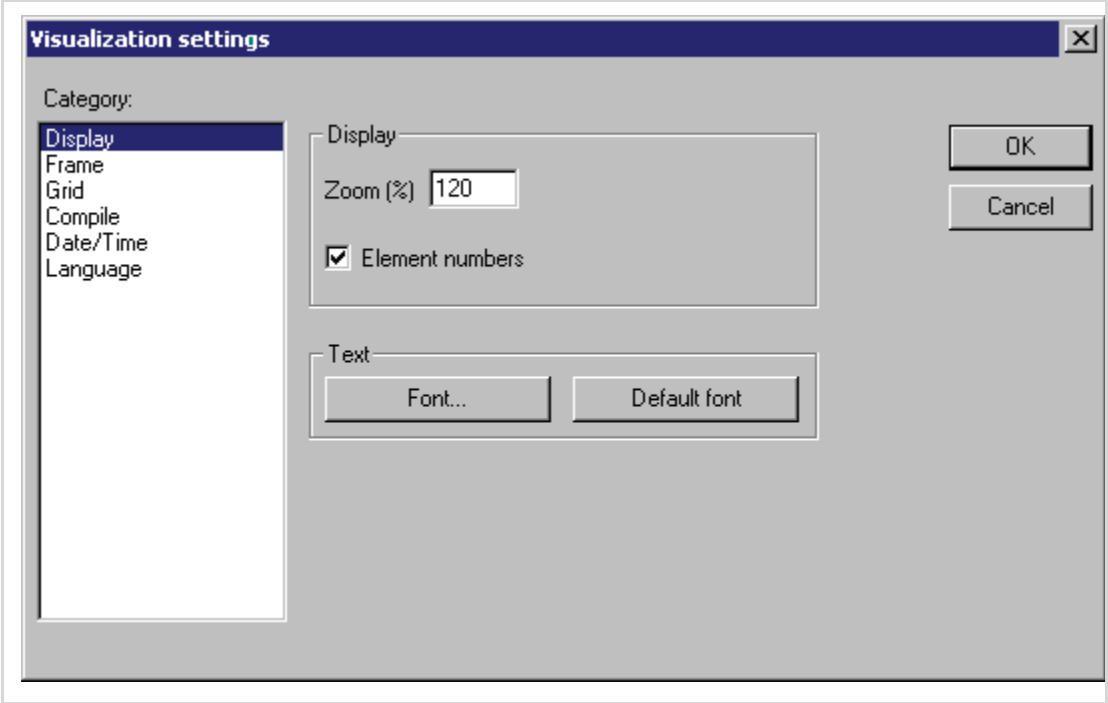
20.7.1 'Extras' 'Settings'

When this command is used, a dialog box will open in which you can make certain settings that affect the display and language in the visualization as well as the check of the visualization variables.

Note!

The categories **Display, Frame** and **Language** also can be edited in the online mode.

Category Display : Enter a zoom factor into the field Zoom of between 10 and 500 % in order to increase or decrease the size of the visualization display. If option **Element numbers** is activated, in each visualization element its number will be displayed, via which it is managed in the Element lst.
In the 'Text' area via button **Font** the standard dialog for selecting a font can be used for defining the font for the current visualization. This font will be automatically applied to all visualization elements, which do not have got a different font explicitly assigned via the element configuration (categorie Text). Via button **Standard-Font** the project font, which is defined in the Project Options, can be set as Visualization font, which also will only effect those elements without individual font definitions. Even those elements however can get assigned the currently valid standard font by the Standard-Font button in their element configuration dialog.



Setting dialog for visualizations (Category Display)

Category Frame: If **Auto-scrolling** is selected, the visible portion of the visualization window will move automatically when you reach the edge while drawing or moving a visualization element. If **Best fit in Online mode** is selected, the entire visualization including all elements will be shown in the window in Online mode regardless of the size of the window. When **Include Background Bitmap** is selected, the background bitmap will be fitted into the window as well, otherwise only the elements will be considered.

Category Grid: Define here whether the grid points are **visible** in the offline mode, whereby the spacing between the visible points is at least 10 even if the entered size is smaller than that. In this case the grid points only appear with a spacing which is a multiple of the entered size. Selecting **Active** causes the elements to be placed on the snap grid points when they are drawn and moved. The spacing of the grid points is set in the field **Size**.

Category Compile: Per default the used variables get not checked for validity before going online with a project. If you want this check to be done already during a build run of the project (command 'Project ' 'Build' resp. 'Rebuild all'), then activate option **Check visualization variable on compile**. Invalid variables will be announced by a warning "... invalid watch expression..." in the message window.

Category Time/Date: Here you can define in which format the date or time data outputs in a visualization should be displayed.
If option **Formatted time display** is activated, outputs controlled by a variable of the corresponding time or date datatype (e.g. timevar:TIME;) will be displayed in that format which is defined in the respective edit field here in the dialog. If the option is not activated or if for a datatype no formatting is defined here, the output will be displayed in that format which is used when assigning values to date and time constants (e.g. "t#12h34m15s").

Note!

During compilation as Target-Visualization a warning will be displayed, if the functionality is not supported by the target system.

Settings for the following datatypes are possible: **Format for TIME/TOD**, **Format for DATE**, **Format for DT**.
You can use the formattings listed in the table stated below. Upper and lower case must be regarded. Empty spaces inserted in a formatting definition will be displayed in the output string at the same position. Additional characters, which should not be interpreted as format definition, must be embraced by single quotation marks.
Example:
You have defined a project variable "timevar" of data type TIME, which is configured to control the text output of a visualization element. If in the Time/Date settings of this visualization, in the edit field at "Format for TIME/TOD", you enter the following: hh':'mm':'ss tt, then in online mode - e.g. if timevar has the value "t#12h34m15s" - the output by the respective visualization element will look like follows: 12:24:15 PM.

h	Hours as number, with no leading zero for single-digit hours; 12-hour clock
hh	Hours as number, with leading zero for single-digit hours; 12-hour clock
H	Hours as number, with no leading zero for single-digit hours; 24-hour clock
HH	Hours as number, with leading zero for single-digit; 24-hour clock
m	Minutes as number, with no leading zero for single-digit minutes
mm	Minutes as number, with leading zero for single-digit minutes
s	Seconds as number, with no leading zero for single-digit seconds
ss	Seconds as number, with leading zero for single-digit seconds
ms	Milliseconds as number, with no leading zero for single-digit microseconds
t	One-character time marker string; "A" (ante meridiem) for the time between 00:00 and 11:59, "P" (post meridiem) for the time between 12:00 and 23:59
tt	Two-character time marker string: "AM" (ante meridiem) for the time between 00:00 and 11:59, "PM" (post meridiem) for the time between 12:00 and 23:59
d	Day of the month as number, with no leading zero for single-digit days
dd	Day of the month as number, with leading zero for single-digit days
M	Month as number, with no leading zero for single-digit days
MM	Month as number, with leading zero for single-digit days
y	Year as last two digits, with no leading zero for years less than 10 (example: year 2007 is displayed as "7")
yy	Year as last two digits, with leading zero for years less than 10 (example: year 2007 is displayed as "07")
yyyy	Year represented by full four digits (example: year 2007 is displayed as "2007")

Category Language : Here you can specify in which national language the text that you assigned to an element in the **Text** and **Text for Tooltip** options should be displayed. Additionally the option 'Dynamic Texts' allows a dynamic change of the displayed text.
See also:
- Language Switching in Visualization
- Configuration of Dynamic Language Switching



Note!

The text display changes only in Online mode!

20.7.2 'Extras' 'Select Background Bitmap'

Use this command to open the dialog box for selecting files. Select a file with the extension "*.bmp". The selected bitmap will then appear as the background in your visualization.

The bitmap can be removed with the command 'Extras' 'Clear Background Bitmap'.

20.7.3 'Extras' 'Clear Background Bitmap'

Use this command to remove the bitmap as the background for the current visualization.

You can use the command 'Extras' 'Select Background Bitmap' to select a bitmap for the current visualization.

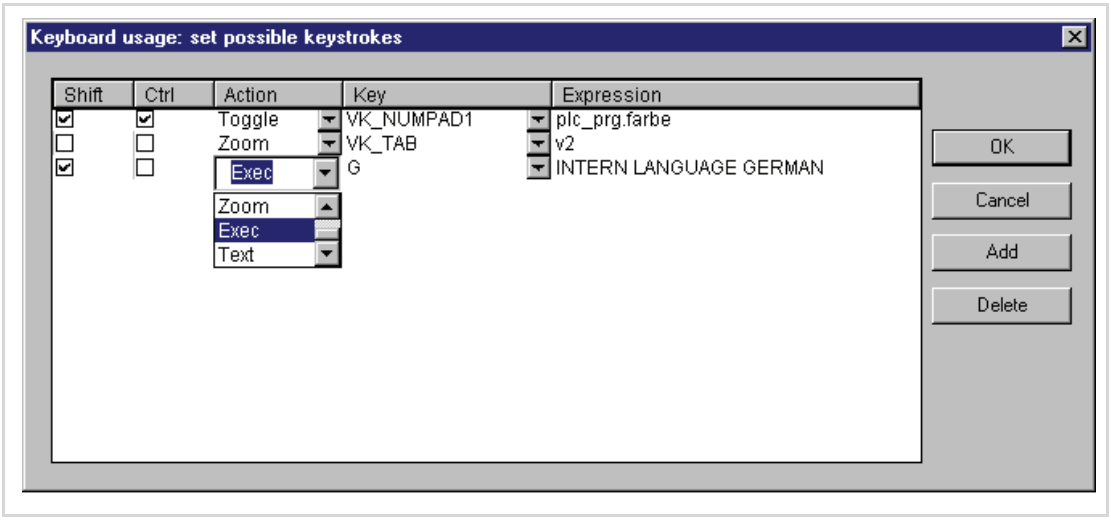
20.7.4 'Extras' 'Keyboard usage'

The use of hotkeys can optimize the pure keyboard operation of a visualization.

In the configuration of a visualization object you can define hotkeys which will cause actions like visualization elements do. For example you could define that – if visualization 'xy' is active – in online mode the hotkey <Strg><F2> will stop the program, which also will happen as soon as element 'z' of visu 'xy' gets an input (by mouse-click or via touch screen).

Anyway per default the keys <Tabulator> <Space> <Enter> will work in that way that in online mode each element of a visualization can be selected and activated.

The dialog 'Keyboard usage: set possible keystrokes' can be called in the menu 'Extras' or in the context menu:



Dialog 'Keyboard usage: set possible keystrokes'

In column **Key** a selection list offers the following keys to which an action can get assigned:

VK_TAB	Tab-Key
VK_RETURN	Enter-Key
VK_SPACE	Space-Key
VK_ESCAPE	Esc-Key
VK_INSERT	Insert-Key
VK_DELETE	Delete-Key
VK_HOME	Pos1-Key
VK_END	Ende-Key
VK_PRIOR	Bild ()-Key
VK_NEXT	Bild (↓)-Key
VK_LEFT	Arrow-Key (←)
VK_RIGHT	Arrow-Key (→)
VK_UP	Arrow-Key ()
VK_DOWN	Arrow-Key (↓)
VK_F1-VK_F12	Function keys F1 to F12
0-9	Keys 0 to 9
A-Z	Keys A to Z
VK_NUMPAD0 - VK_NUMPAD9	Keys 0 to 9 of the numeric keypad
VK_MULTIPLY	Key* of the numeric keypad
VK_ADD	Key+ of the numeric keypad
VK_SUBTRACT	Key- of the numeric keypad
VK_DIVIDE	Key÷ of the numeric keypad

In the columns **Shift** and **Ctrl** you can add the <Shift>- and/or the <Ctrl>-key to the already chosen key, so that a key combination will result.

In column **Action** you define what should happen as soon as the key (combination) will be pressed. Select the desired action from the list and insert an appropriate expression. See in the following the available actions and valid expressions, corresponding to those which can be set in the configuration dialog of category 'Input':

Action	Meaning	Expression
Toggle	Toggle variable	Variable, e.g."plc_prg.tvar"
Tap true	Tap variable (set to TRUE)	Program variable, e.g. "plc_prg.svar"
Tap false	Tap variable (set to FALSE)	Program variable, e.g. "plc_prg.xvar"
Zoom	Zoom to Vis.	Name of the visualization object to which you want to jump, e.g. "Visu1"
Exec	Execute program	Name of the executable file, e.g. "notepad C:\help.txt" (Notepad will start and open the file help.txt)
Text	Text input of variable 'Textdisplay'	Number of the element for which the text input is to be configured, e.g. "#2" (Display of element numbers can be switched on in 'Extras' 'Settings'; also see 'Elementlist...')

In column **Expression** you must enter – depending on the type of action – either a variable name, a INTERN-command, a visualization name of a text string, exactly like you would do in the configuration dialog of category 'Input' for the corresponding visualization element.

Use button **Add** to add another empty line at the end of the table. Use the **Delete** button to remove the line where the cursor is positioned currently. **OK** resp. **Cancel** will save resp. not save the done settings and close the dialog.

The keyboard usage can be configured separately for each visualization object. Thus the same key (combination) can start different actions in different visualization.

Example:

The following key configurations have been done for the visualizations VIS_1 and VIS_2:

VIS_1:

Shift	Ctrl	Action	Key	Expression
x		Toggle	A	PLC_PRG.automatic
	x	Zoom	Z	VIS_2

VIS_2:

Shift	Ctrl	Action	Key	Expression
		Exec	E	INTERN LANGUAGE DEUTSCH
	x	Zoom	Z	PLC_VISU

If you now go online and set the focus to VIS_1, then pressing <Shift><A> will cause that variable PLC_PRG.automatic will be toggled. <Ctrl><Z> will cause a jump from Visu1 to VIS_2.

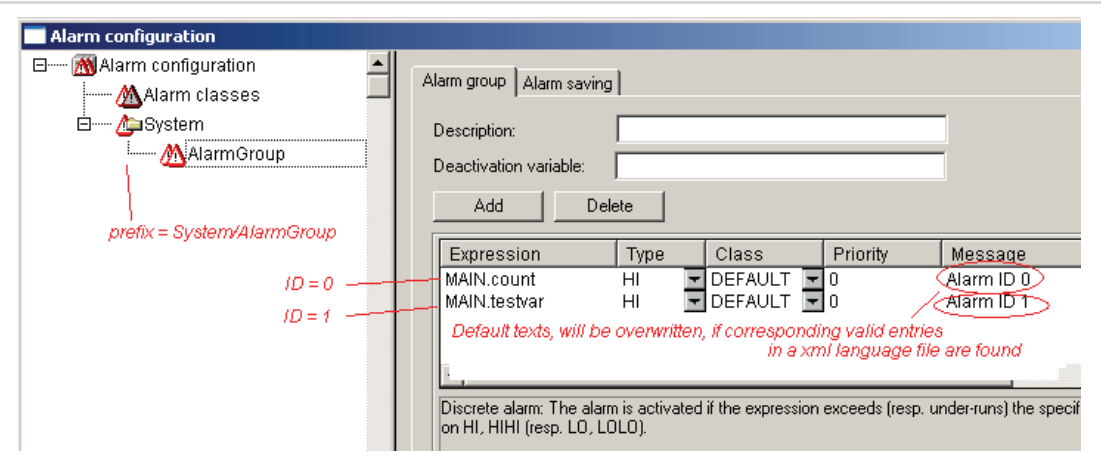
If VIS_2 is the active window, pressing key <E> will cause that the language within the visualization will switch to German. <Ctrl><Z> here will cause a jump to visualization PLC_VISU.

20.7.5 XML-File for Dynamic Texts

For a description how to use dynamic texts in the visualization see

- Dynamic Language Switching
- Configuration of Dynamic Language Switching

The basic file must be available in XML format (<file name>.xml). In this file **texts are assigned to identifiers (which are a combination of a prefix and a ID)**. In case of normal texts and tootip texts these combinations can be entered in the configuration of a visualization element, in order to get displayed the respective text in online mode. In case of an alarm table the prefix and ID are given by the "path" of the alarm group in the alarm configuration (prefix) and the line number of the text definition in the alarm group configuration table (ID).



Example picture showing prefix and ID in an alarm configuration

In the header section of the file a **default language** and a **default font** assigned to a language can be defined. See an example of an description file at the end of this page.

The descriptions in the xml-file are enclosed by tag **<dynamic-text>** and **<\dynamic_text>** which have to be entered at the beginning resp. end of the file.

The language files for dynamic texts can be created in Unicode (UTF-16) or ANSI (ISO-8859-1). This is to be defined via the encoding syntax at the beginning of the xml-file, e.g. " <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-16'?>".

Note!

To facilitate the creation of the language file the PLC Designer standard installation provides some **Excel macros**. Please see the document **DynText_Macros_E.pdf**.

Primary formats of the xml-file, which do not use the <dynamic_text>\<\dynamic_text> tags or the header section, will be supported further on !

The Target-Visualization offers an interface for scanning the entries of dynamic textlists. Thus those can be used directly in the program.

Structure of the file:

The **Header-Section** starts with **<header>** and is closed with **<\header>**. If you want to define a default language, use entry **<default-language>**. A default font which is assigned to a certain language, can be defined via entry **<default-font>**. These entries are optional. If they are missing, the dynamic text in the visualization will be displayed according to the local configuration settings of the visualization.

<header>	
<default-language><language></default-language>	Default language; that means that if there is no text entry available for the currently set language, that text will be used which is found within the same text entry for the default language. If also for the default language no text is found, "<PREFIX> < ID>“ will be displayed. If multiple XML-files are used, thus providing multiple headers, only that header section will be regarded, which is read at last. So it is reasonable to use only one header section ! The language token must correspond which one of that used in the text entries (see below). Note: In online mode the default language can be set explicitly via a visualization element configured with command INTERN LANGUAGE DEFAULT in category Input, Execute program.
<default-font>	Default font for <language>: The given font (e.g. "Arial" will automatically be used for all elements, which display dynamic texts in <language>. The language token must correspond which one of that used in the text entries (see below).
<language><language></language>	
<font-name><font></font-name>	
</default-font>	
<default-font>	further default fonts for other languages
<language>.....	
....	
</default-font>	
</header>	

The **list of the assignments** of the Prefix-ID combinations to texts must start with <text list> and end with </text list>. The particular text entries each start with <text prefix> and end with <\text>.

A text entry which is assigned to a Prefix-ID-combination must contain the following lines:

<text prefix>= "<PREFIX> id="<ID>"	"PREFIX" corresponds to the <PREFIX> used in the visualization element configuration (category Text or Tooltip); in case of an message text used in an alarm table the path of the alarm group within the alarm configuration starting at node "System" must be specified, e.g. "System/Alarmgroup_xy" "ID" corresponds to the entry in category 'Variables', Textdisplay or Tooltip-display; in case of an of an message text used in an alarm table the number of the line which defines that text in the configuration dialog of the alarm group must be specified
<language> <!CDATA[<TEXT>]] </language>	Use any string as an 'language' identifier (e.g. "english"). This identifier then will be displayed in the 'Settings' dialog , category Language of the visualization element in the selection list at 'Language'; instead of "TEXT" insert any text which then will be displayed instead of the above defined ID-prefix-combination in the visualization element.
</text>	

For each prefix-ID-combination at least for 1 language a text entry must be available. E.g. see in the file example shown below: <deutsch> indicates the start of the german version of a text, </deutsch> terminates the text.

Dynamc texts on the one hand can serve to display Texts in different languages, but of course on the other hand they also can be used to change the content of a text (same language) display dynamically.

Example: You want to have two visualization elements, one for visualizing the current machine identification, the other for visualizing an error message according to a currently given error number:

(1) Define in PLC_PRG the following variables: ivar of type INT, defining the current machine identification; errnum of type INT defining the current error number.

(2) Configure a visualization element for displaying the current machine identification:

- In category ‚Text' in the text field enter: "%<Maschine>"

- In category ‚Variables' at Textdisplay“ enter: „PLC_PRG.ivar”

(3) Configure another visualization element for displaying the error message for the currently occurred error:

- In category ‚Text' in the text field enter: "%<Error>"

- In category ‚Variables' at Textdisplay“ enter: "PLC_PRG.errnum“

(4) Create a xml-file, e.g. with name dynamictextsample.xml, according to the syntax described above, which should look as follows for the current example:

```
<dynamic-text>
  <header>
  <default-language>deutsch</default-language>
  <default-font>
  <language>deutsch</language>
  <font-name>Arial</font-name>
  <font-color>0,0,0</font-color>
  <font-height>-13</font-height>
  <font-weight>700</font-weight>
  <font-italic>false</font-italic>
  <font-underline>false</font-underline>
  <font-strike-out>false</font-strike-out>
  <font-char-set>0</font-char-set>
  </default-font>
  <default-font>
  <language>english</language>
  <font-name>Arial</font-name>
  <font-color>0,0,0</font-color>
  <font-height>-13</font-height>
  <font-weight>700</font-weight>
  <font-italic>false</font-italic>
  <font-underline>false</font-underline>
  <font-strike-out>false</font-strike-out>
  <font-char-set>0</font-char-set>
  </default-font>
  </header>
  <text-list>
  <text prefix="ERROR" id="4711">
```

```
  <deutsch>Fehler an Position 4711</deutsch>
  <english>Error at position 4711</english>
  </text>
  <text prefix="ERROR" id="815">
  <deutsch>Fehler an Position 815</deutsch>
  <english>Error at position 815</english>
  </text>
  <text prefix="ERROR" id="2000">
  <deutsch>
  <![CDATA[
Das ist ein Fehlertext über
                          mehrere Zeilen
  ]]>
  </deutsch>
  <english>
  <![CDATA[
This is a error text over more than
one line
  ]]>
  </english>
  </text>
  <text prefix="MASCHINE" id="1">
  <deutsch>
  <![CDATA[ Vorschub ]]>
  </deutsch>
  <english>
  <![CDATA[ Feed rate  ]]>
  </english>
  </text>
```

```
  <text prefix="MASCHINE" id="2">
  <deutsch>
  <![CDATA[ Beschleunigung
 ]]>
  </deutsch>
  <english>
  <![CDATA[ Acceleration
 ]]>
  </english>
  </text>
</text-list>
 </dynamic-text>
```

(5) In the visualization open dialog ‚Settings', category Language: Activate option ‚Dynamic Texts'; Add file dynamictextsample.xml, now available on your computer, to the file list.

(6) Go online with the project.

(7) In the visualization settings set language to "deutsch". Set PLC_PRG.ivar to "1" and PLC_PRG.errnum to "4711". Now in the visualization elements the following texts should be displayed: "Vorschub" resp. "Fehler an Position 4711". The texts will be displayed in Arial 13.

(8) Set PLC_PRG.ivar to „2" and PLC_PRG.errnum to "2000". The texts will change to "Beschleunigung" and "Das ist ein Fehlertext über mehrere Zeilen".

(9) In the visualization settings change the language to "english". Now the following texts will be displayed: "Acceleration" and "This is a error text over more than one line".

20.7.6 Master layout

The usage of a "Master layout" in visualizations for example could be used to provide a dialog in various visualizations without the need to explicitly insert it in each of them. Whether and when the dialog will be displayed in online mode could be controlled via a variable which is defined in the Master layout configuration for the visibility of the dialog elements .

Use as master layout

If a visualization is defined as "Master layout", it will be inserted automatically in all other visualizations (if those are not explicitly excluded, see below) and will be available there with all its functions during online mode. It always will be inserted on the front level, if you however it always want to get it in the background, then activate option ‘in background’ in the properties dialog of the visualization element (see below). A master layout cannot be edited any longer in the visualization where it has been inserted. Modifications of the configuration only can be done in the master layout visualization itself.

Appointing a visualization to be the master layout is done in the **Properties dialog**, which can be opened for an object currently selected in the Object Organizer via command 'Project' 'Object' 'Properties' (see CoDeSys User Manual, Chapter 4.3). Option **Master layout** must be activated for this purpose. If prior to this another visualization has been defined to be a master layout, that one will automatically be re-defined to be a "normal" visualization (option **Visualization** in the Properties dialog.

Visualization without master layout

Also in the Properties dialog of a visualization object you can define that it should be used as a **Visualization without master layout**.

20.7.7 Use as Web- or Target-Visualization

If a project is created for a Web- or Target-Visualization, for each visualization object you can define whether it should be used for this purpose or not.

Thereto select the visualization object in the Object Organizer and open the Properties dialog ('Project' Object' 'Properties'). If in the Target Settings the options Web- resp. Target-Visualization are activated, in the Properties dialog the corresponding options **Use as Web-Visualization** resp. **as Target-Visualization** automatically also will be activated. In order to explicitly exclude the object from the use in a Web- or Target-Visualization deactivate the appropriate option.

20.8 Images in Visualization

Image files can be used in a visualization object for the background as well as in visualization elements of type "Bitmap". The following formats are supported:

PLC Designer (HMI):	*.bitmap, *.jpg, *.tif
Web-Visualization:	*.bmp, *.jpg
Target-Visualization:	*.bmp; whether *.jpg and *.tif are supported, depends on the target system.

In „Bitmap“ elements a dynamic change of images can be reached by specifying the image file name by a project variable instead of using a definite file reference. See the following pages:

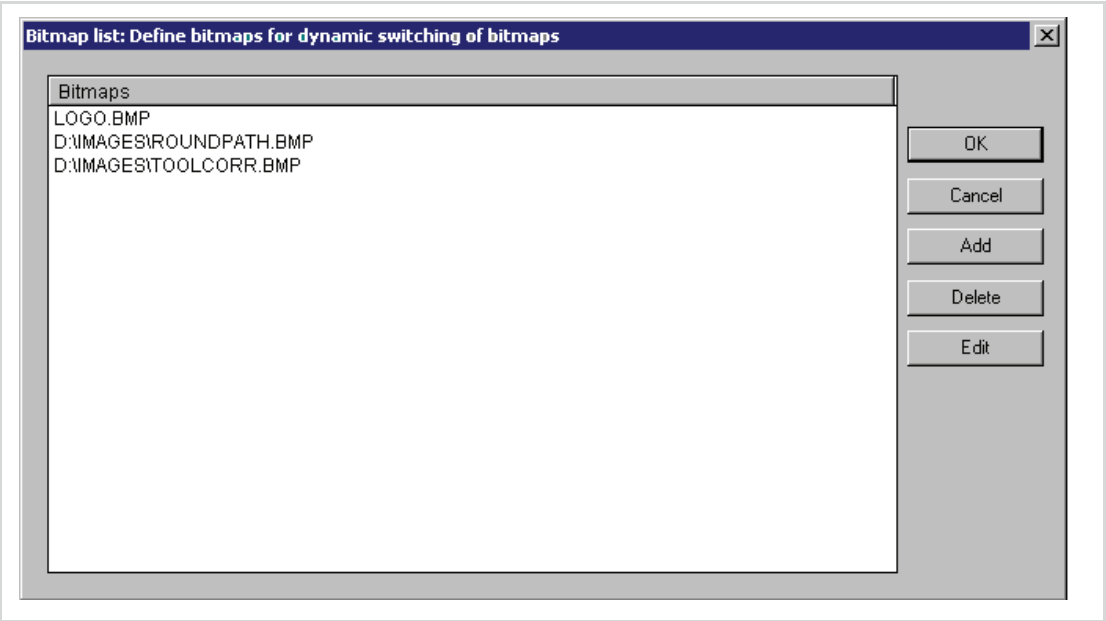
- Bitmap configuration
- 'Extras' 'Bitmaplist'

The background image of a visualization can only be defined by a static file reference.

See: 'Extras' 'Select Background Bitmap'

20.8.1 'Extras' 'Bitmap list'

In the 'Extras' menu which is available when the Visualization editor is active, command 'Bitmap list' opens dialog 'Bitmap list:...". Here you can enter image files, which then can be used in all visualization objects via a project variable defining the content of a "Bitmap" element. This allows a dynamic change of images in online mode - alternatively to the static use of image files, which for this purpose are not to be part of the bitmap list.



Dialog Bitmap list

In order to enter an image file in the bitmap list, use button **Add**. The standard dialog for browsing for a file will be opened, where you can select an image file (*.bmp, *.tif, *.jpg, regard the supported file formats!). If the chosen file is in the project directory, only the file name will be added to the list, otherwise the full path.

Via button **Delete** the currently selected entry (click by the right mouse-button) can be deleted.

In order to modify an entry, either edit it directly (click by the left mouse-button on the entry opens the edit frame), of use button **Edit** to open the standard dialog for browsing for a file. For the latter the entry first must be selected by a click with the right mouse-button.

OK saves the current list.

Each file name specified in the list now can be assigned to a variable of type STRING, which is entered in the bitmap configuration of a visualization element in order to define the image to be used.

20.9 Language Switching in Visualization

20.9.1 Language Switching

The language switching for texts, tooltips and alarm messages in a visualization can be done via static or via dynamic texts, which must be provided by a file. Unicode format is only possible with dynamic texts!

How can a language switching be done:

In the configuration dialog 'Visualization settings' in the selection list below **Language** you can choose one of the languages defined in the currently used language file, which should be used as **(start) language** in online mode; for the example shown below: german and english.

A language switch **in online mode** is done via an input on a visualization element. For this purpose the internal commands "**INTERN LANGUAGE <language>**" and "**INTERN LANGUAGEDIALOG**" are available (see help page "Special input possibilities for operating versions"), which can be used in the configuration dialog in category 'Input'.

Example:

You insert a button element which can be used to switch the visualization texts to German. For this purpose label the element with 'German', in configuration category 'Input' activate option 'Execute program' and define a command "INTERN LANGUAGE <language>". "language" is to be replaced by the language shortcut used in the language file, thus for the vis-file example shown on help page Static Language Switching: "INTERN LANGUAGE german". If the button will be operated in online mode the visualization texts will be displayed according to the entries which are available for "german" in the language file.

Unicode Format:

Unicode format is only possible with dynamic texts. An appropriate entry must be available in the XML language file. Additionally the following preconditions must be complied:

1. In the configuration of the visualization object a unicode-enabled font must be specified. Attention: Currently for tooltip texts this font must be specified in the plcdesigner.ini file ("FaceTooltip=<font>") and is not read from the XML language file!

2. In order to get work the unicode font in the Target-Visualization, it must be supported by the target system.

3. In order to get work the unicode font in the Web-Visualization, the configuration entry TOOLTIPFONT in webvisu.htm must be set with a unicode-enabled font.

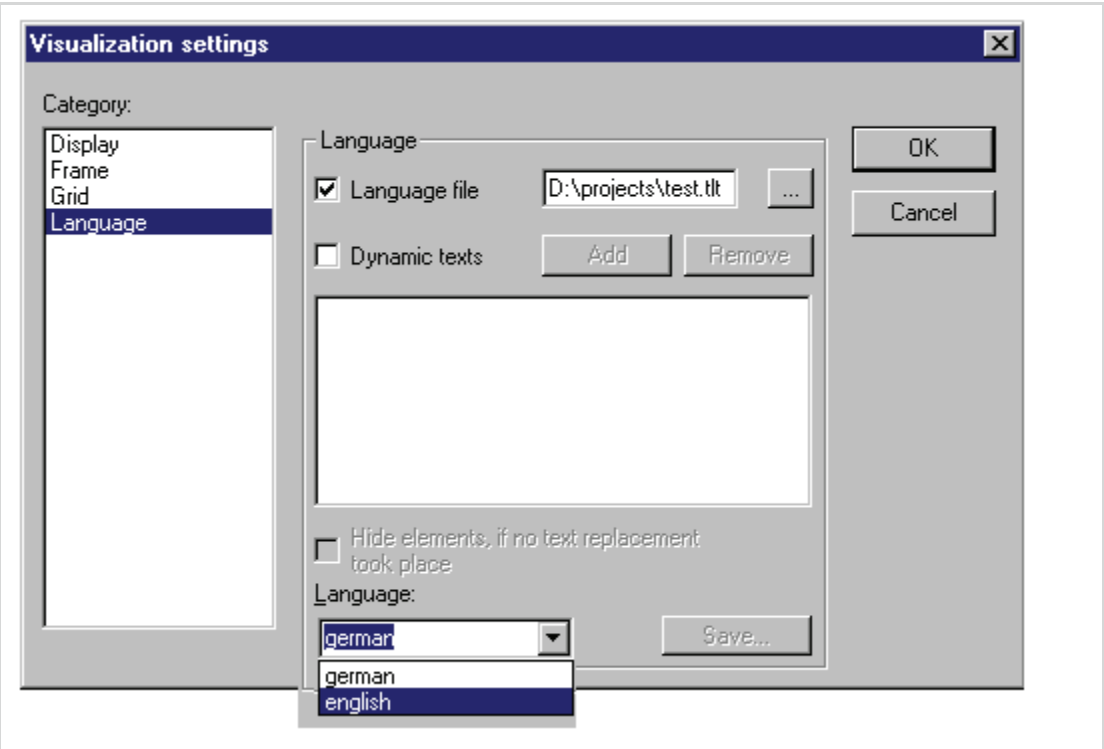
20.9.2 Static Language Switching

For a static switch of the language a **language file** (*.vis, *.tlt, *.txt) file can be used (for how to create see below). The difference to the dynamic language switching is that the language cannot be defined by a project variable during run time.

Note!

For visualizations it is recommended to use the *.vis language file, because *.tlt- resp. *.txt-translation files only work for visualizations in »PLC Designer« resp.PLC Designer HMI and also in those not for the Meter, Bar Display and Histogram elements.

In dialog ‘Visualization settings’ you configure, which language file should be used with the project. In order to choose a translation (*.tlt, *.txt) or a pure visualization language file (*.vis), which contains the texts in the various languages, activate the Language file option and in the input field next to it enter the appropriate file path. Via the button you get the standard dialog for opening a file.

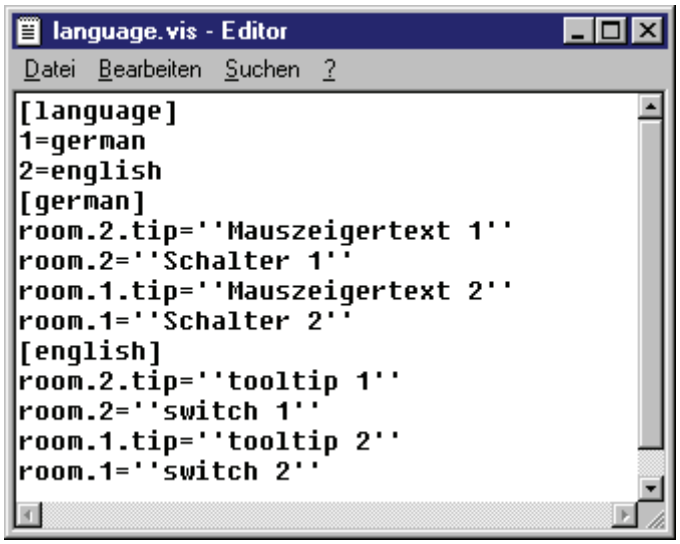


Dialog for selection of a language file for a visualization

Regarding creating a translation file *.tlt, please see 'Project' 'Translate into other languages'.

For creating a special language file *.vis for the visualization, perform the following steps:

In order to set up a new *.vis language file for the visualization, proceed as follows:
Open likewise the **Settings** Visualization dialog, **Language** category.
Choose option language file. In the associate input field enter where you want to store the file. The extension is **.vis**. You also can use the dialog 'Open file' by pressing the button  . If a language file with the extension .vis is already present, it will be offered to you here.
In the input field next to **Language** you fill in a keyword for the language which is currently used in the visualization, i.e."german" (or "D"). then press the button **Save**. A file with the extension .vis will be created, which now can be edited by a normal text editor. For example you can open the file by NOTEPAD. See here an example file:



You get a list of the text variables for the language currently used in the visualization. It includes a reference to the title of this list, for example "1=german" as reference to the title [german]. You can extend the list by copying all lines, then replacing the German by English text and setting a new title [english]. Beyond the line 1=german you accordingly have to add 2=english.
To view the visualization in one of the prepared languages, open the dialog **Language** again. In the option field beyond **Language** now you can choose between *german* and *english* (for the example described above).

20.9.3 Dynamic Language Switching

Dynamic texts allow switching between different, always language-assigned text versions for a visualization element (texts, texts for tooltips, message texts in alarm tables). The difference to static texts is that the definite text selection also can be done via a variable used in the application.

In the configuration of the element a **Prefix-ID-combination** is entered, which is assigned to a text in a XML-file (also named “textlist” in the following). The **ID can be defined by a** project variable.

Example of application: The ID represents an error number, as Prefix e.g. “Error” is used. The language file provides via the Prefix-ID-combination an appropriate error message, which – depending on the currently set language – will be displayed in this language.

Note!

The language files for dynamic texts can be created in **Unicode** (UTF-16) or ANSI (ISO-8859-1), e.g. " <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-16'?>".

For the **Target-Visualization** the start language, the directory for the xml-files to be used and a list of xml-files can be **defined by the target system**. This allows to modify these parameters later without the need of creating a new boot project. Thus in an easy way existing textlists can be modified (start language, texts) resp. new languages can be added. If the target system is providing such a configuration, the textlists which are defined for the visualization in »PLC Designer«, will not be regarded in online mode! If no target-specific configuration is available for the language switching, then after a modification of the textlists defined in »PLC Designer« a project download must be done.

20.9.4 Configuration of Dynamic Language Switching

You can control dynamically which text (also alarm message text in an alarm table) will be displayed in a visualization element resp. as tooltip of an element in online mode by using **Prefix-ID-combinations**, each pointing to another text defined in a XML-file.

For this purpose a XML-file describing the text assignments must be linked to the project **in the configuration of the visualization** (‘Extras’ ‘Settings’). The XML-file must have a certain format. A language code is added to the particular texts, thus later you not only can switch between different text contents but also language switching is supported.

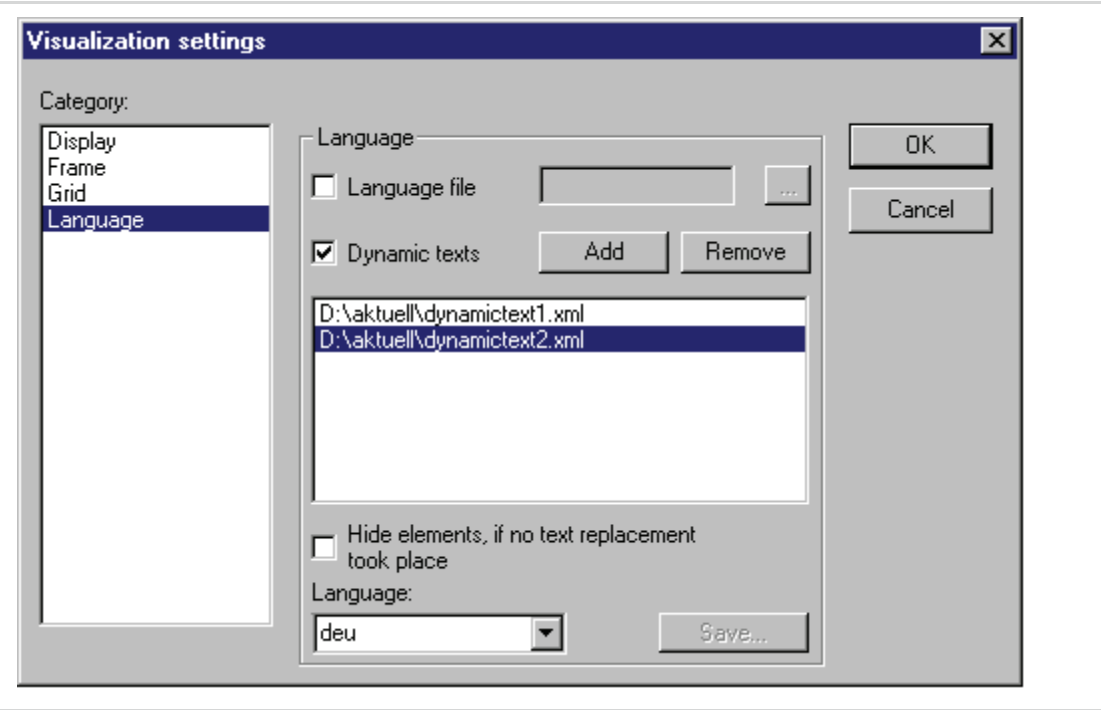
In the **configuration of a visualization element**, for which the text display should be switched dynamically, Prefix and ID are entered (see below) whereby the ID can be provided by a project variable. A default language can be defined via an INTERN command (LANGUAGE DEFAULT).

Thus the following entries have to be made in the different configuration dialogs of a visualization:

- Link the XML-file(s) and choose the (start) language: Dialog 'Settings' category Language:

  Activate option **Dynamic texts** and press button **Add**, in order to link one or several XML-files, which are available on your system, to the project. The selected files will be listed in the window below the button. Press button **Delete** if you want to remove a selected file from the list. If you want to get displayed just those visualization elements, for which a dynamic text replacement is done, then activate option **Hide elements, if no text replacement took place**.

  Selecting one of the language identifiers offered in the selection list at field **Language** will cause the display of those text versions (for the corresponding prefix-ID-combination) which are marked with that language identifier in the XML.-file.



Configuration dialog Settings, category Language, for dynamic texts

- Specify the ID (as used in the xml-file) in configuration dialog 'Variables' in field 'Textdisplay' resp. 'Tooltip-display':

  Enter a value (number) resp. a project variable which should define the ID of a text (as used in the XML-file).

  In case of message texts of an alarm table, the ID must match the respective line number in the table .

- Define the text format in configuration dialog 'Text' resp. 'Text for tootip':

  In the Content field, insert a placeholder "%<PREFIX>" at that position of the text, where you want to get displayed a dynamic text in online mode. Instead of "PREFIX" you can enter any string matching with a PREFIX-definition used in the XML-textlist. See the description for the 'Text' configuration dialog.

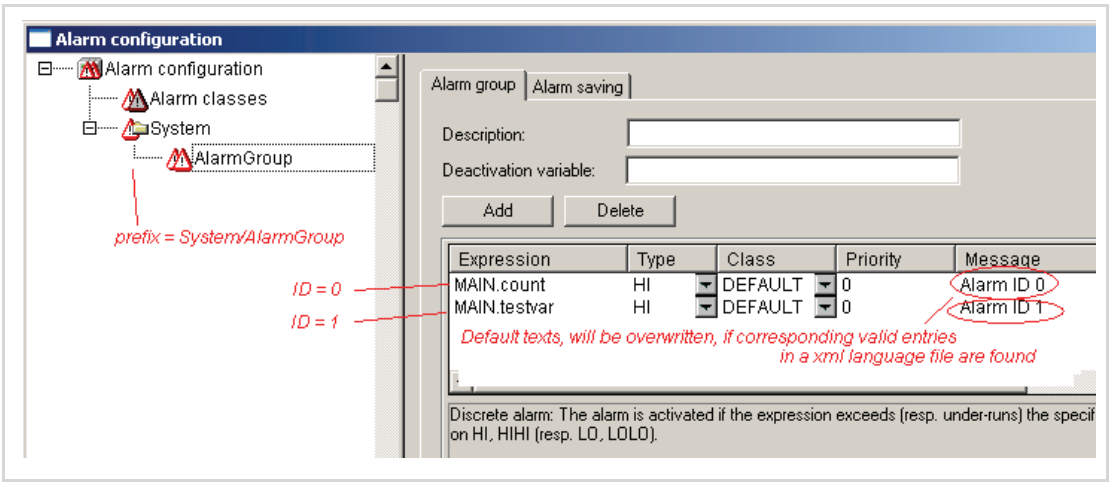
  For each prefix-ID-combination, which is found in a linked XML-file, the assigned text will be displayed in the visualization element in online mode. If no appropriate entry is found, no replacement will be done.

20.9.5 XML-File for Dynamic Texts

For a description how to use dynamic texts in the visualization see

- Dynamic Language Switching
- Configuration of Dynamic Language Switching

The basic file must be available in XML format (<file name>.xml). In this file **texts are assigned to identifiers (which are a combination of a prefix and a ID)**. In case of normal texts and tootip texts these combinations can be entered in the configuration of a visualization element, in order to get displayed the respective text in online mode. In case of an alarm table the prefix and ID are given by the "path" of the alarm group in the alarm configuration (prefix) and the line number of the text definition in the alarm group configuration table (ID).



Example picture showing prefix and ID in an alarm configuration

In the header section of the file a **default language** and a **default font** assigned to a language can be defined. See an example of an description file at the end of this page.

The descriptions in the xml-file are enclosed by tag **<dynamic-text>** and **<\dynamic_text>** which have to be entered at the beginning resp. end of the file.

The language files for dynamic texts can be created in Unicode (UTF-16) or ANSI (ISO-8859-1). This is to be defined via the encoding syntax at the beginning of the xml-file, e.g. " <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-16'?>"..

Note!

To facilitate the creation of the language file the PLC Designer standard installation provides some **Excel macros**. Please see the document **DynText_Macros_E.pdf**.

Primary formats of the xml-file, which do not use the <dynamic_text>\<\dynamic_text> tags or the header section, will be supported further on !

The Target-Visualization offers an interface for scanning the entries of dynamic textlists. Thus those can be used directly in the program.

Structure of the file:

The **Header-Section** starts with **<header>** and is closed with **<\header>**. If you want to define a default language, use entry **<default-language>**. A default font which is assigned to a certain language, can be defined via entry **<default-font>**. These entries are optional. If they are missing, the dynamic text in the visualization will be displayed according to the local configuration settings of the visualization.

<header>	
<default-language><language></default-language>	Default language; that means that if there is no text entry available for the currently set language, that text will be used which is found within the same text entry for the default language. If also for the default language no text is found, "<PREFIX> < ID>“ will be displayed. If multiple XML-files are used, thus providing multiple headers, only that header section will be regarded, which is read at last. So it is reasonable to use only one header section ! The language token must correspond which one of that used in the text entries (see below). **Note**: In online mode the default language can be set explicitly via a visualization element configured with command INTERN LANGUAGE DEFAULT in category Input, Execute program.
<default-font>	Default font for <language>: The given font (e.g. "Arial" will automatically be used for all elements, which display dynamic texts in <language>. The language token must correspond which one of that used in the text entries (see below).
<language><language></language>	
<font-name><font></font-name>	
</default-font>	
<default-font>	further default fonts for other languages
<language>.....	
....	
</default-font>	
</header>	

The **list of the assignments** of the Prefix-ID combinations to texts must start with <text list> and end with </text list>. The particular text entries each start with <text prefix> and end with <\text>.

A text entry which is assigned to a Prefix-ID-combination must contain the following lines:

<text prefix>= "<PREFIX> id="<ID>"	"PREFIX" corresponds to the <PREFIX> used in the visualization element configuration (category Text or Tooltip); in case of an message text used in an alarm table the path of the alarm group within the alarm configuration starting at node "System" must be specified, e.g. "System/Alarmgroup_xy" "ID" corresponds to the entry in category 'Variables', Textdisplay or Tooltip-display; in case of an of an message text used in an alarm table the number of the line which defines that text in the configuration dialog of the alarm group must be specified
<language> <!CDATA[<TEXT>]] </language>	Use any string as an 'language' identifier (e.g. "english"). This identifier then will be displayed in the 'Settings' dialog , category Language of the visualization element in the selection list at 'Language'; instead of "TEXT" insert any text which then will be displayed instead of the above defined ID-prefix-combination in the visualization element.
</text>	

For each prefix-ID-combination at least for 1 language a text entry must be available. E.g. see in the file example shown below: <deutsch> indicates the start of the german version of a text, </deutsch> terminates the text.

Dynamc texts on the one hand can serve to display Texts in different languages, but of course on the other hand they also can be used to change the content of a text (same language) display dynamically.

Example: You want to have two visualization elements, one for visualizing the current machine identification, the other for visualizing an error message according to a currently given error number:

(1) Define in PLC_PRG the following variables: ivar of type INT, defining the current machine identification; errnum of type INT defining the current error number.

(2) Configure a visualization element for displaying the current machine identification:

- In category ‚Text' in the text field enter: "%<Maschine>"

- In category ‚Variables' at Textdisplay“ enter: „PLC_PRG.ivar”

(3) Configure another visualization element for displaying the error message for the currently occurred error:

- In category ‚Text' in the text field enter: "%<Error>"

- In category ‚Variables' at Textdisplay“ enter: "PLC_PRG.errnum“

(4) Create a xml-file, e.g. with name dynamictextsample.xml, according to the syntax described above, which should look as follows for the current example:

Sample XML-file for dynamic texts:

```
<dynamic-text>
  <header>
  <default-language>deutsch</default-language>
  <default-font>
  <language>deutsch</language>
  <font-name>Arial</font-name>
  <font-color>0,0,0</font-color>
  <font-height>-13</font-height>
  <font-weight>700</font-weight>
  <font-italic>false</font-italic>
  <font-underline>false</font-underline>
  <font-strike-out>false</font-strike-out>
  <font-char-set>0</font-char-set>
  </default-font>
  <default-font>
  <language>english</language>
  <font-name>Arial</font-name>
  <font-color>0,0,0</font-color>
  <font-height>-13</font-height>
  <font-weight>700</font-weight>
  <font-italic>false</font-italic>
  <font-underline>false</font-underline>
  <font-strike-out>false</font-strike-out>
  <font-char-set>0</font-char-set>
  </default-font>
  </header>
  <text-list>
```

```
  <text prefix="ERROR" id="4711">
  <deutsch>Fehler an Position 4711</deutsch>
  <english>Error at position 4711</english>
  </text>
  <text prefix="ERROR" id="815">
  <deutsch>Fehler an Position 815</deutsch>
  <english>Error at position 815</english>
  </text>
  <text prefix="ERROR" id="2000">
  <deutsch>
  <![CDATA[
Das ist ein Fehlertext über
                          mehrere Zeilen
  ]]>
  </deutsch>
  <english>
  <![CDATA[
This is a error text over more than
one line
  ]]>
  </english>
  </text>
  <text prefix="MASCHINE" id="1">
  <deutsch>
  <![CDATA[ Vorschub ]]>
  </deutsch>
  <english>
  <![CDATA[ Feed rate  ]]>
  </english>
```

```
  </text>
  <text prefix="MASCHINE" id="2">
  <deutsch>
  <![CDATA[ Beschleunigung
 ]]>
  </deutsch>
  <english>
  <![CDATA[ Acceleration
 ]]>
  </english>
  </text>
</text-list>
 </dynamic-text>
```

(5) In the visualization open dialog ‚Settings', category Language: Activate option ‚Dynamic Texts'; Add file dynamictextsample.xml, now available on your computer, to the file list.

(6) Go online with the project.

(7) In the visualization settings set language to "deutsch". Set PLC_PRG.ivar to "1" and PLC_PRG.errnum to "4711". Now in the visualization elements the following texts should be displayed: "Vorschub" resp. "Fehler an Position 4711". The texts will be displayed in Arial 13.

(8) Set PLC_PRG.ivar to „2" and PLC_PRG.errnum to "2000". The texts will change to "Beschleunigung" and "Das ist ein Fehlertext über mehrere Zeilen".

(9) In the visualization settings change the language to "english". Now the following texts will be displayed: "Acceleration" and "This is a error text over more than one line".

20.9.6 Calling up language-dependent Online Help via a visualization element

The calling of a different Help file with a visualization element can be tied in with the language currently entered for the visualization. For this purpose, the command INTERN HELP must be entered for this element in the configuration dialog in category 'Input' at the location 'Execute program', and a [Visu-Helpfiles] section must be present in the PLC Designer .ini-file. Below this, the corresponding help files must be assigned to the languages available for selection in the visualization: e.g.:

```
[Visu-Helpfiles]

German=C:\PROGRAMME\HELP\<hilfedatei_german>.chm

English=C:\PROGRAMME\HELP\<hilfedatei_english>.chm
```

20.10 Visualization in Online Mode...

Regard the following items concerning a visualization in online mode:

Order of evaluation:

- Dynamically defined element properties (by variables) will overwrite the (static) base settings defined by options in the configuration dialogs.
- If an element property is defined by a "normal" project variable as well as by the component of a structure variable (Programmability), then primarily the value of the project variable will be regarded.
- A visualization can be configured in that way that in online mode it can be operated solely by inputs via keyboard. This is an important feature especially for using the visualization with CoDeSys HMI, as Target- or as Web-Visualization.
- Before a download of the project regard the current setting of option 'Prevent download of visualization files' in the target settings. This concerns all files which are used in the current visualization. Visualization files are only downloaded for Target- or Web-Visualization and can be bitmaps, language files and for Web-Visualization also XML description files.
- The configuration settings for Display, Frame and Language can also be edited in online mode.
- As long as a visualization "reference" is not configured explicitly, the particular elements of the reference in online mode will react on inputs like those of the original visualization ("mother" of the references).
- When you switch the language ('Extras' 'Settings') this will only effect the display in online mode.
- A visualization can be printed in online mode.

- If a visualization is used as Target-Visualization, information on user entries via mouse-clicks can be scanned with the help of special interface functions and thus be used in the project.

Note!

You can find descriptions on the online usage of some visualization elements, like e.g. Trend or Table, in the help page on the configuration of the respective element.

20.10.1 Operation over the keyboard - in online mode

In order to get independent from the mouse or a touch screen, it is useful to configure a visualization in a way that allows pure keyboard operation:

Per default the following key (combinations) will work in online mode anyway (no special configuration necessary):

- Pressing the <**Tabulator**> key selects the first element in the element list for which an input is configured. Each subsequent pressing of the key moves one to the next element in the list. Within tables you will jump to the next table field. Pressing the key while keeping the **<Shift>** key depressed selects the previous element. Depending on the target a simplified input handling may be possible.
- The **arrow keys** can be used to change from a selected element to a neighbouring one in any direction.
- The <**Space bar**> is used to execute an activity on the selected visualization element. If the element is one which has a text output variable or if it is a table field, a text input field will be opened which displays the text contents of the variable resp. the field. Pressing the <**Enter**> key writes in this value.

Additional key (combinations) for the online operation can be defined in the configuration dialog 'Keyboard usage'. There also the keys <Tab>, <Space> and <Enter> can get assigned another functions than the above described standards.

The individual elements of references behave in Online mode identically to the corresponding ones in the visualization that is referenced. They will therefore react the same way as individual elements to inputs and operation by mouse and keyboard; the display of tooltips in references is also element-dependent. When processing the element list, as for instance when jumping from one input element to the next using the tabulator, the processing of all individual elements of a reference proceeds from the location of the reference in the element list before jumping to the next element of the list.

Note!

Operation over the keyboard in online mode is of greatest significance, if the visualization should be used with Web-Visualization ! In the Web-Visualization a specific setting in webvisu.htm (see chapter 8.3) allows to keep effective the operation over the keyboard even if currently an entry field is opened.

20.10.2 'File' 'Print' in online mode

'File' 'Print'is used to print out the contents of the visualization window in online mode. Visualizations which stretch over the border of the window can lead to inconsistencies particularly when there are moving elements in the visualization.

20.10.3 Access protection for multi-client operations

Due to the fact that it is possible to connect multiple visualization clients to one PLC (Target- and Web-Visualization), multiple clients might access data in the PLC at the same time. If this is not desired, an access protection can be defined by certain INTERn commands, so that always only one client can write the data on the PLC.

The following INTERN commands are available for restricting the write access to one client:

REQUESTWRITEACCESS	The client requests write access on the visualization. Using the system variable **CurrentWriteAccessClientId** the client then can check whether it has got write access. This implicit variable stores the identification (ID) of the client which currently has write access. Each client has an unique ID "**CurrentClientID**".Thus the following expression can be used to allow a certain input on a visualization: CurrentWriteAccessClientId = CurrentClientId (Example: The expression could be used in the configuration of an element to define its visibility : If the expression is TRUE, i.e. the client has write access, then the element is visible, i.e. allows input) The Web-Server will check at each write request, whether the requesting client currently has write access.
RELEASEWRITEACCESS	The client deallocates its write access.
GLOBALRELEASEWRITEACCESS	The write access is deallocated client-independently.

Automatic deallocation of write access:

If during monitoring it is detected that the client which has currently write access is not connected to the PLC any longer, variable **CurrentWriteAccessClientId** will be set to "-1", which means, that no client at all has write access. This also can be done via the application.

20.11 Visualizations in libraries...

Visualizations can also be stored in libraries and thus be made available to projects in the form of library POUs. They can be inserted as references or they can be called up via the command „Zoom to vis." in the input configuration of another visualization which is part of the project.

Note!

Visualizations used in a project must have unique names. It can be problematic if for instance a visualization from a library is called or referenced which has the same name as one present in the project. Because, in processing references or visualization calls in the program, first the visualizations in the project, and only thereafter the ones in the loaded libraries will be implemented.

20.12 System Variables in the Visualization

The following implicitely created system variables can be used to program a visualization:

Implicitely generated variable	Data type	Function	Currently usable in			
			HMI	Simulation	Target Visu	Web Visu
CurrentVisu	String[40]	Name of the currently opened visualization. If the name gets changed, a change to another visualization will be done. **Note**: With compiler versions < V2.3.7.0 the name string MUST be defined in capital letters. With compiler versions as from V2.3.7.0 the string can be defined in small letters IF the library SysLibStr.lib is included in the project. Depending on the target system this variable can be activated/deactivated in the Target Settings dialog, category Visualization.	x	x	x	x
CurrentCaller	String[40]	Name of the previously opened visualization. Is used for the ZOOMTOCALLER functionality. Only set and modified in TargetVisu.	-	-	x	-
CurrentLanguage	String[40]	Currently set language, available in the language file. The language. Only set and modified in TargetVisu.	-	-	x	-
CurrentUserLevel *	INT	Currently set user level 0..7.	x	x	x	x
CurrentPasswords [0 .. 7] *	ARRAY [0..7] of String[20]	All passwords which are defined in »PLC Designer« in "Usergroup passwords“.	x	x	x	x
CurrentWriteAccessClientId	DWORD	ID of the visualization client which in a mulit-client operation currently has the write access on the PLC data	-	-	x	x
CurrentClientId	DWORD	ID of the current visualization client	-	-	x	x

Implicit variables as remanent variables:

The implicit variables of a Target-Visualization can be declared as remanent variables:

For this purpose the variables must be declared explicitly as global variables. This declaration MUST be done in the topmost (alphabetic order) global variables list in folder 'Global Variables' in the Resources tab. If the declaration is placed in another global variable list, a compile error will occur.

Example:

```
VAR_GLOBAL RETAIN

 VisuDoExecuteUserlevelInit : BOOL := TRUE;

 CurrentUserLevel : INT := 0;

 CurrentPasswords : ARRAY[0..7] OF STRING[20] :=
'a','b','c','d','e','f','g','h';

END_VAR
```

* Regard for the variables CurrentUserLevel, CurrentPasswords[...]: Those must be of the same type (normal, RETAIN, PERSISTENT...)! If they are defined as remanent variables, additionally a variable "VisuDoExecuteUserlevelInit" of type BOOL must be declared as a RETAIN variable in the global variables list, initialized with TRUE (" VisuDoExecuteUserlevelInit : BOOL := TRUE;").

20.13 Possible Key Combinations

20.13.1 Possible Key Combinations for the particular visualization variants

The table below shows all possible key combinations which are supported for keyboard usage in the particular visualization variants.

The following abbreviations are used:

C for CoDeSys HMI

TV for Target-Visualization

WV for Web-Visualization

If an abbreviation is available in a column, the referring visualization variant supports the corresponding key combination.

The comments for the particular lines you find following to the table.

	no modifier	Shift	Ctrl	Shift+Ctrl	comment
VK_TAB	C	C	C	C	K4
VK_RETURN	C / TV	C / TV	C / TV	C / TV	
VK_SPACE	C / WV	C / WV	C / WV	C / WV	K4;K5
VK_ESCAPE	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV			K3
VK_INSERT	C / TV	C / TV	C / TV	C / TV	
VK_DELETE	C / TV	C / TV	C / TV	C / TV	
VK_HOME	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
VK_END	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
VK_PRIOR	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
VK_NEXT	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
VK_LEFT	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
VK_RIGHT	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
VK_UP	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
VK_DOWN	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
F1	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	K1
F2	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
F3	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
F4	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
F5	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
F6	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	

	no modifier	Shift	Ctrl	Shift+Ctrl	comment
F7	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
F8	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
F9	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
F10	C / TV	C / TV	C / TV	C / TV	K2
F11	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
F12	C / WV	C / WV	C / WV	C / WV	
0	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
1	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
2	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
3	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
4	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
5	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
6	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
7	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
8	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
9	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
A	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
B	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	C / TV / WV	
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K1 In »PLC Designer« additionally the online help will be displayed

K2 In the Web-Visualization and the IExplorer the File Menu will be focused

K3 Ctrl/Esc opens the start menu, Shift/Ctrl/Esc opens the Taskmanager

K4 Tab and Space have a different function in the Target-Visualization

K5 Shift/Space opens the applet configuration

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