Industrial Automation

(Automação de Processos Industriais)

PLC Programming languages

Structured Text

http://users.isr.ist.utl.pt/~jag/courses/api1920/api1920.html

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Syllabus:

Chap. 2 – Introduction to PLCs [2 weeks]

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Chap. 3 – PLC Programming languages [2 weeks]

Standard languages (IEC-1131-3):

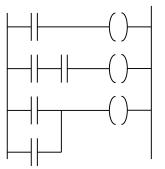
Ladder Diagram; Instruction List, and Structured Text. Software development resources.

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Chap. 4 - GRAFCET (Sequential Function Chart) [1 week]

PLC Programming Languages (IEC 61131-3)

Ladder Diagram



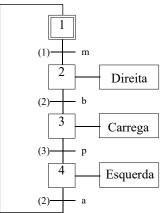
Structured Text

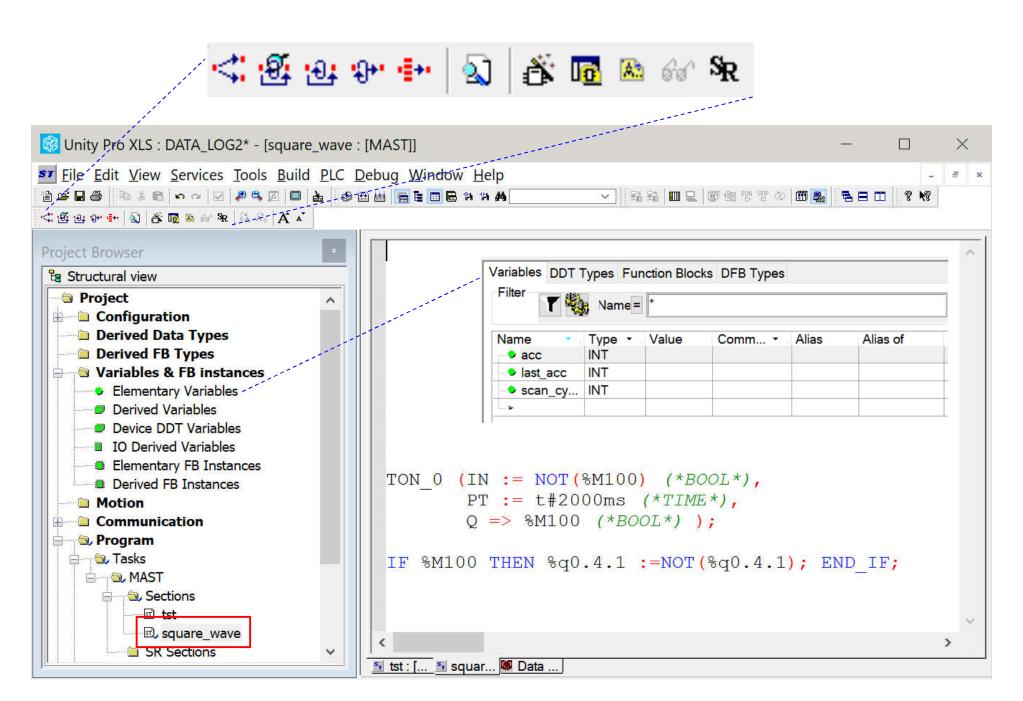
If %I1.0 THEN
%Q2.1 := TRUE
ELSE
%Q2.2 := FALSE
END_IF

Instruction List

LD %M12 AND %I1.0 ANDN %I1.1 OR %M10 ST %Q2.0

Sequential Function Chart (GRAFCET)





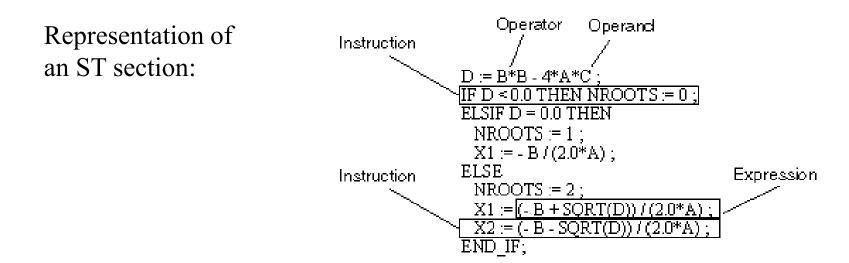
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```
Searching for the first element that is not zero in a
table of 32 words (table = words %MW100 till %MW131).
Input:
%MO works as an enable bit (run search iff %MO is 1)
%MW100 till %MW131 is the table to search
Output:
%M1 is set to 1/0 if the not zero element was/was-not found
%MW10 is the non-zero value found
%MW11 is the location of the non-zero value
Auxiliary:
%MW99 is the table index
IF %MO THEN
  FOR %MW99:=0 TO 31 DO
    IF %MW100[%MW99]<>0 THEN
      %MW10:=%MW100[%MW99];
      %MW11:=%MW99;
      %M1:=TRUE;
      EXIT; (* exit the loop *)
    ELSE
      %M1:=FALSE;
    END IF;
  END FOR;
ELSE
  %M1:=FALSE;
END IF;
```

PLC Program = {Sections}, Section = {Sequences}

One sequence is equivalent to one or more rungs in ladder diagram.

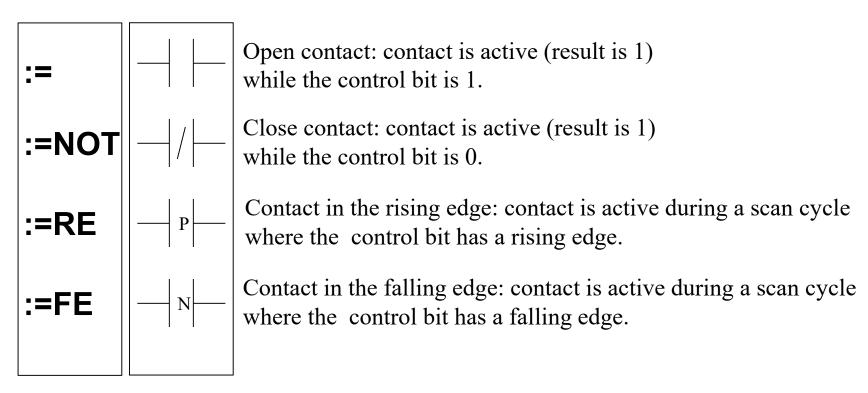
Each section can be programmed in Ladder, Instruction List, or **Structured Text**



The length of an instruction line is limited to 300 characters. The length of an ST section is not limited within the programming environment. The length of an ST section is only limited by the size of the PLC memory.

Basic Instructions

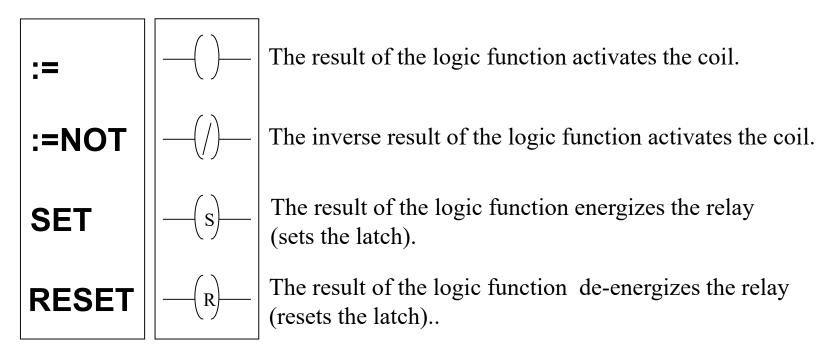
Load



Examples: %M0:=%I0.2.0; %M0:=NOT %I0.2.0; %M0:=RE(%I0.2.0);

Basic Instructions

Store



Examples: %MW100:=123; %Q0.4.0:=NOT %M1; %M0:=TRUE; SET(%Q0.4.0);

Basic Instructions

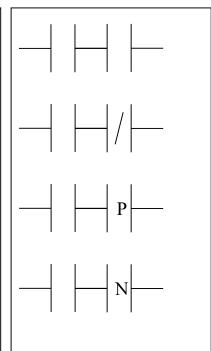
AND

AND

AND(NOT...)

AND(RE...)

AND(FE...)



AND of the operand with the result of the previous logical operation.

AND of the operand with the inverted result of the previous logical operation.

AND of the rising edge with the result of the previous logical operation.

AND of the falling edge with the result of the previous logical operation.

Basic Instructions

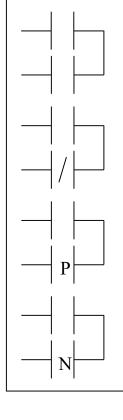
OR

OR

OR(NOT...)

OR(RE...)

OR(FE...)



OR of the operand with the result of the previous logical operation.

OR of the operand with the inverted result of the previous logical operation.

OR of the rising edge with the result of the previous logical operation.

OR of the falling edge with the result of the previous logical operation.

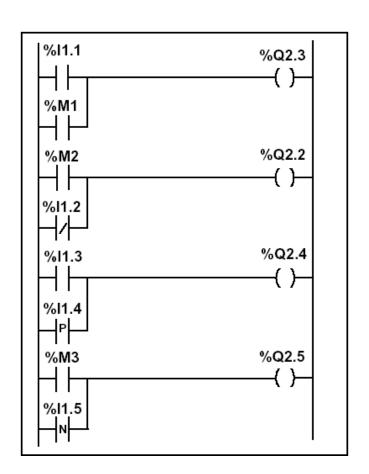
Example:

PL7 (Micro PLC):

```
%Q2.3:=%I1.1 OR %M1;
%Q2.2:=%M2 OR (NOT%I1.2);
%Q2.4:=%I1.3 OR (RE%I1.4);
%Q2.5:=%M3 OR (FE%I1.5);
```

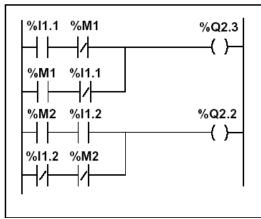
Unity Pro (Premium PLC):

```
%Q0.4.3 := %I0.2.1 OR %M1;
%Q0.4.2 := %M2 OR (NOT %I0.2.2);
%Q0.4.4 := %I0.2.3 OR RE(%I0.2.4);
%Q0.4.5 := %M3 OR FE(%I0.2.5);
```



Structured Text Basic Instructions

XOR



```
%Q2.3:=%I1.1 XOR%M1;
%Q2.2:=%M2 XOR (NOT%I1.2);
%Q2.4:=%I1.3 XOR (RE%I1.4)
%Q2.5:=%M3 XOR (FE%I1.5);
```

Instruction list	Structured text	Description	Timing diagram
XOR	XOR	OR Exclusive between the operand and the previous instruction's Boolean result	XOR %I1.1 %M1 %Q2.3
XORN	XOR (NOT)	OR Exclusive between the operand inverse and the previous instruction's Boolean result	XORN %M2 %I1.2 %Q2.2
XORR	XOR (RE)	OR Exclusive between the operand's rising edge and the previous instruction's Boolean result	XORR %I1.3 %I1.4 %Q2.4
XORF	XOR (FE)	OR Exclusive between the operand's falling edge and the previous instruction's Boolean result.	XORF %M3 %I1.5 1%Q2.5

Unity Pro (Premium PLC):

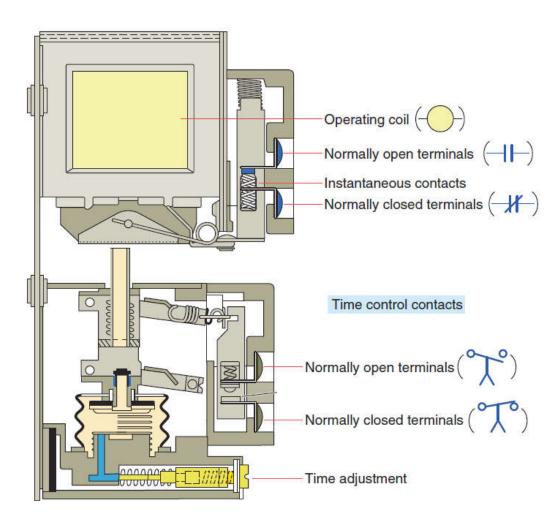
Basic Instructions to Manipulate Bit Tables

Designation	Function
Table:= Table	Assignment between two tables
Table:= Word	Assignment of a word to a table
Word:= Table	Assignment of a table to a word
Table:= Double word	Assignment of a double word to a table
Double word: = Table	Assignment of a table to a double word
COPY_BIT	Copy of a bits table in a bits table
AND_ARX	AND between two tables
OR_ARX	OR between two tables
XOR_ARX	exclusive OR between two tables
NOT_ARX	Negation in a table
BIT_W	Copy of a bits table in a word table
BIT_D	Copy of a bits table in a double word table
W_BIT	Copy of a word table in a bits table
D_BIT	Copy of a double word table in a bits table
LENGHT_ARX	Calculation of the length of a table by the number of elements

Structured Text Temporized Relays or Timers (pneumatic)



Pneumatic timing relay



The instantaneous contacts change state as soon as the timer coil is powered. The delayed contacts change state at the end of the time delay.

Temporized Relays or Timers

%TMi

Q

IN

MODE: TON

TB: 1mn

TM.P: 9999

MODIF: Y

Characteristics:

Identifier: %TMi 0..63 in the TSX37

Input: IN to activate

Mode: TON On delay

TOFF Off delay

TP Monostable

Time basis: TB 1mn (def.), 1s,

100ms, 10ms

Programmed value: %TMi.P 0...9999 (def.)

period=TB*TMi.P

Actual value: %TMi.V 0...TMi.P

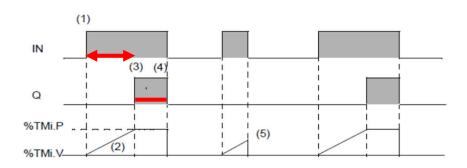
(can be real or tested)

Modifiable: Y/N can be modified from

the console

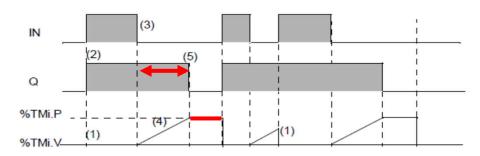
Timers

TON mode



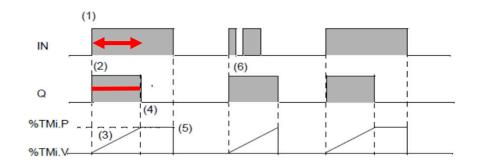
App. example: start ringing the alarm if N sec after door open there is no disarm of the alarm.

TOF mode



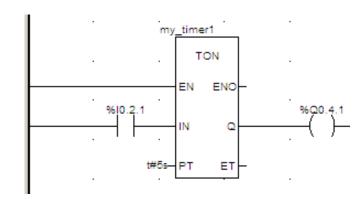
App. example: turn off stairways lights after N sec the lights' button has been released.

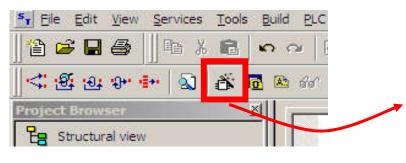
TP mode

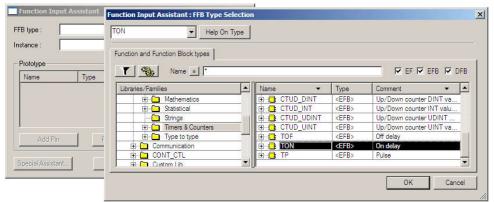


App. example: positive input edge give a controlled (fixed) duration pulse to start a motor.

Temporized Relays or Timers







```
my_timer1 (IN := %I0.2.1 (*BOOL*),
PT := t#5s (*TIME*),
Q => %Q0.4.1 (*BOOL*),
ET => my_var (*TIME*));
```

Very similar to IL, notice however the missing CAL and the required ";".

Counters



Some applications...

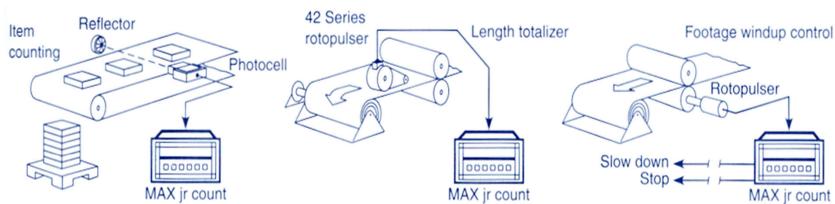
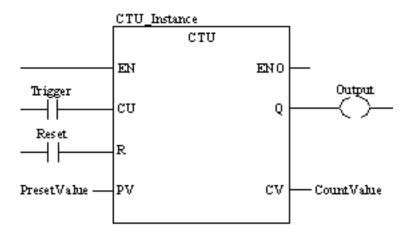


Fig. 8-3

Counter applications. (Courtesy of Dynapar Corporation, Gurnee, Illinois.)

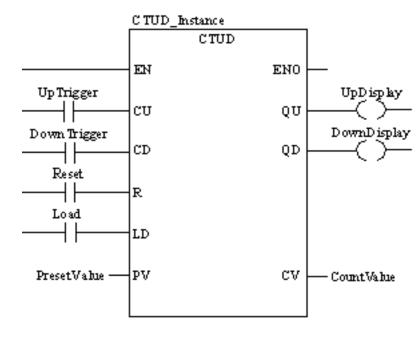
Counters in Unity Pro



CU "0" to "1" => CV is incremented by 1

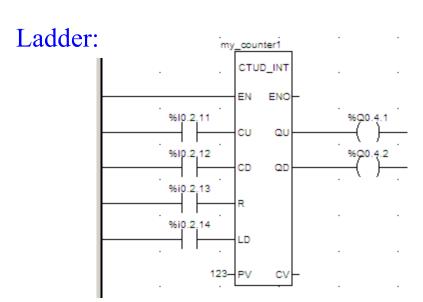
$$CV \ge PV \Rightarrow Q := 1$$

$$R=1 \Rightarrow CV:=0$$



CU "0" to "1" => CV is incremented by 1
CD "0" to "1" => CV is decremented by 1

Counters in Unity Pro



Instruction List:

CAL my_counter1 (CU := %10.2.11 (*BOOL*), CD := %10.2.12 (*BOOL*), R := %10.2.13 (*BOOL*), LD := %10.2.14 (*BOOL*), PV := 123 (*INT*), QU => %Q0.4.1 (*BOOL*), QD => %Q0.4.2 (*BOOL*), CV => %MW100 (*INT*))

Structured Text:

Again IL and ST are similar, notice however the missing CAL and the required ";".

Numerical Processing

Algebraic and Logic Functions

```
%Q2.2:=%MW50 > 10;
IF %I1.0 THEN
    %MW10:=%KW0 + 10;
END_IF;
IF FE(%I1.2) THEN
    INC(%MW100);
END_IF;
```

Numerical Processing

Arithmetic Functions for Words

+	addition of two operands	SQRT	square root of an operand
-	subtraction of two operands	INC	incrementation of an operand
*	multiplication of two operands	DEC	decrementation of an operand
1	division of two operands	ABS	absolute value of an operand
REM	remainder from the division of 2 operands		

Operands

Туре	Operand 1 (Op1)	Operand 2 (Op2)
Indexable words	%MW	%MW,%KW,%Xi.T
Non-indexable words	%QW,%SW,%NW,%BLK	Imm.Val.,%IW,%QW,%SW,%NW, %BLK, Num.expr.
Indexable double words	%MD	%MD,%KD
Non-indexable double words	%QD,%SD	Imm.Val.,%ID,%QD,%SD, Numeric expr.

Numerical Processing

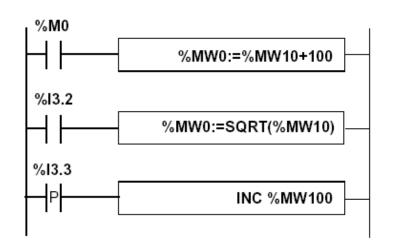
Example:

Arithmetic functions

```
IF %M0 THEN
  %MW0 := %MW10 + 100;
END_IF;

IF %I3.2 THEN
  %MW0 := SQRT(%MW10);
END_IF;

IF RE(%I3.3) THEN
  INC(%MW100);
END_IF;
```



Exercise:

In this page is shown the conversion of LD operate blocks to ST; Can you give an example of converting an LD compare block?

Numerical Processing

Example:

Arithmetic functions

```
%M0

%MW0:=%MW1+%MW2

%S18

%MW10:=%MW0

%S18

%MW10:=32767

%S18

(R)
```

```
IF %M0 THEN
  %MW0 := %MW1 + %MW2;
END_IF;

IF %S18 THEN
  %MW10 := 32767; RESET %S18;
ELSE
  %MW10 := %MW0;
END_IF;
```

This example contains the usage of a system variable:

%S18 – flag de overflow

Numerical Processing

Logic Functions

AND	AND (bit by bit) between two operands
OR	logical OR (bit by bit) between two operands
XOR	exclusive OR (bit by bit) between two operands
NOT	logical complement (bit by bit) of an operand

Comparison instructions are used to compare two operands.

- >: tests whether operand 1 is greater than operand 2,
- >=: tests whether operand 1 is greater than or equal to operand 2,
- <: tests whether operand 1 is less than operand 2,
- <=: tests whether operand 1 is less than or equal to operand 2,
- =: tests whether operand 1 is different from operand 2.

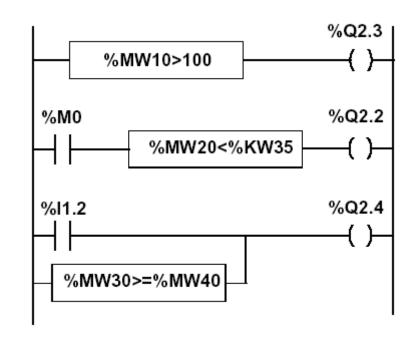
Operands

Туре	Operands 1 and 2 (Op1 and Op2)
Indexable words	%MW,%KW,%Xi.T
Non-indexable words	lmm.val.,%IW,%QW,%SW,%NW,%BLK, Numeric Expr.
Indexable double words	%MD,%KD
Non-indexable double words	Imm.val.,%ID,%QD,%SD,Numeric expr.

Numerical Processing

Example:

Logic functions



Structured text language

```
%Q2.3:=%MW10>100;
%Q2.2:=%M0 AND (%MW20<%KW35);
%Q2.4:=%I1.2 OR (%MW30>=%MW40);
```

Numerical Processing

Example:

Numeric Tables Manipulation

```
%M0

%MW0:10:=%MW20:10+100

%I3.2

%MW50:5:=%KD0:5+%MD0:5

%I3.3

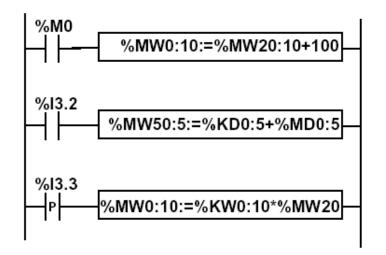
P %MW0:10:=%KW0:10*%MW20
```

Structured text language

```
IF RE %I3.3 THEN
%MW0:10:=%KW0:10*%MW20;
END_IF;
```

Structured Text Numerical Tables

Туре	Format	Maximum address	Size	Write access
Internal words	Simple length	%MWi:L	i+L<=Nmax (1)	Yes
	Double length	%MWDi:L	i+L<=Nmax-1 (1)	Yes
	Floating point	%MFi:L	i+L<=Nmax-1 (1)	Yes
Constant words	Single length	%KWi:L	i+L<=Nmax (1)	No
	Double length	%KWDi:L	i+L<=Nmax-1 (1)	No
	Floating point	%KFi:L	i+L<=Nmax-1 (1)	No
System word	Single length	%SW50:4 (2)	-	Yes



Instruction list language

LD %M0

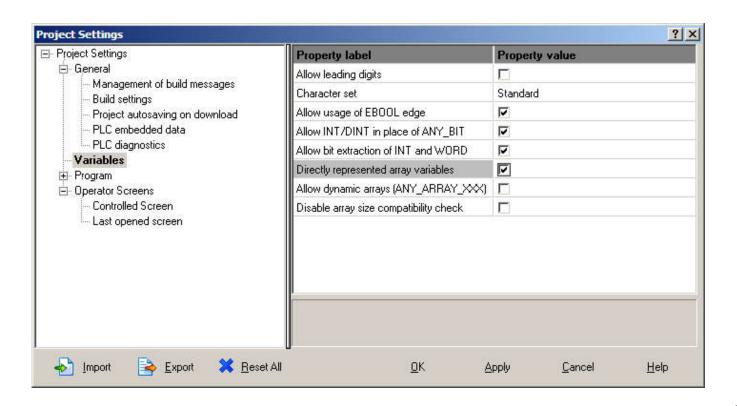
[%MW0:10:=%MW20:10+100]

LD %I3.2

[%MD50:5:=%KD0:5+%MD0:5]

Structured Text Numerical Tables

Note: in Unity Pro, both in Structured Text and Instruction List, the conventional array indexing (e.g. %MW100[%MW1]) is **disabled by default**. To enable it, go to the project settings, menu Tools -> Project Settings. See the grayed region in the next figure:



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Structured Text Example

Memory based logging

Uses:

%MW96..%MW99 aux data, %MW100..%MW139 buffer

Other variables: acc, last_acc, scan cycle num

```
(* Mark in memory the data logging will be happening *)
IF %MW97 = 0 THEN
  %MW97 := 12345;
  %MW98 := 12345;
  %MW99 := 2010; (* Matlab matrix 2 x 10 *)
END IF;
(* Create a word collecting all inputs *)
(* "acc" datatype is INT *)
acc:=0;
IF %i0.2.15 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.14 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.13 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.12 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.11 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.10 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.9 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.8 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.7 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.6 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.5 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.4 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.3 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.2 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.1 THEN inc(acc); END IF; acc:= ROL(acc,1);
IF %i0.2.0 THEN inc(acc); END IF;
(* Save the word and the scan cycle time, 10x each *)
(* "scan cycle num" datatype is INT *)
scan cycle num := scan cycle num +1;
IF acc <> last acc AND %MW96<20 THEN
  %MW100[%MW96] := scan cycle num;
  %MW96 := %MW96+1;
  %MW100[%MW96] := acc;
  %MW96 := %MW96+1;
  last acc := acc;
END IF;
```

Numerical Processing

Priorities on the execution of the operations

Rank	Instruction
1	Instruction to an operand
2	*,/,REM
3	+,-
4	<,>,<=,>=
5	=,<>
6	AND
7	XOR
8	OR

Structures for Control of Flux

JUMP instructions:

Instruction List - conditional and unconditional jumps

Jump instructions are used to go to a programming line with an %Li label address:

- JMP: unconditional program jump
- JMPC: program jump if the instruction's Boolean result from the previous test is set at 1
- JMPCN: program jump if the instruction's Boolean result from the previous test is set at 0. %Li is the label of the line to which the jump has been made (address i from 1 to 999 with maximum 256 labels)

Structured Text – just unconditional jumps as the

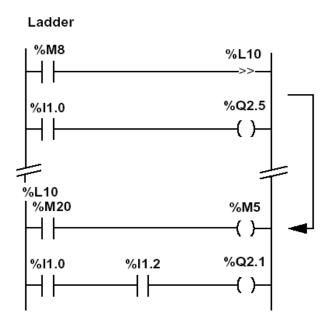
IF .. THEN .. ELSE provides the conditional clauses.

Note: by default, **jumps are disabled** in Unity Pro / Structured Text (if needed, enable them in the menu Tools -> Project Settings)

Structures for Control of Flux

Example:

Use of jump instructions



PL7:

```
IF %M8 THEN
    JUMP %L10;
END_IF;
%Q2.5:=%I1.0;
Jump to label %L10
if %M8=1

%L10:
    %M5:=%M20;
    %Q2.1:=%I1.0 AND %I1.2;
```

Unity Pro:

```
IF %M8 THEN
    JMP my_label_L10;
END_IF;
%Q0.4.5 := %I0.2.0;

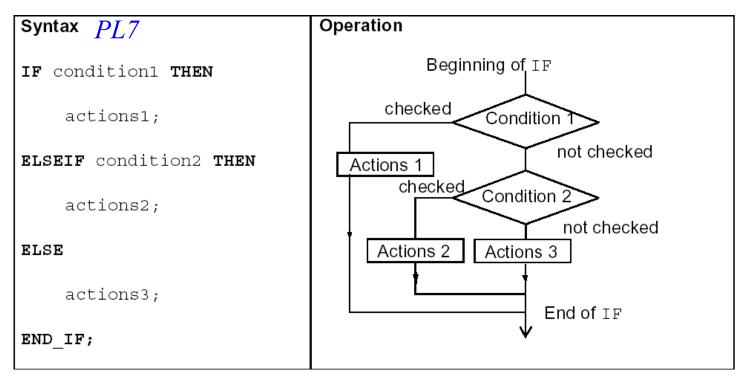
(* other code ... *)

my_label_L10:
%M5 := %M20;
```

Notes: Using JUMP is not a good style of programming. Does not improve the legibility of the proposed solution. Attention to INFINITE LOOPS.

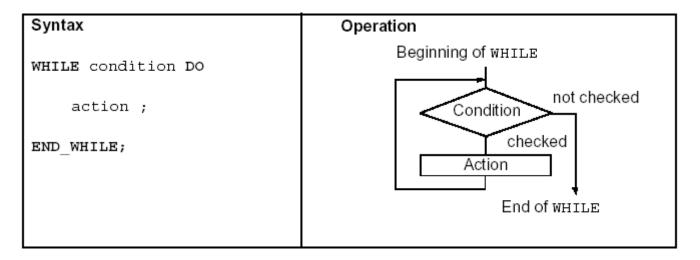
Structures for Control of Flux

IF ... THEN ...; [[ELSIF ... THEN;]ELSE ...;]END_IF; (* Unity Pro *)



Note: In PL7 one writes **ELSEIF** while in Unity Pro one writes **ELSIF**

Structures for Control of Flux: WHILE



Example:

```
(*WHILE conditional repeated action*)
WHILE %MW4<12 DO
INC(%MW4);
SET(%M25[%MW4]);
END_WHILE;
```

Word of caution: **do not wait on an input** that may take long to happen (e.g. a switch pressed by a person) as the PLC watchdog may timeout.

Structures for Control of Flux

REPEAT ... UNTIL

FOR ... DO

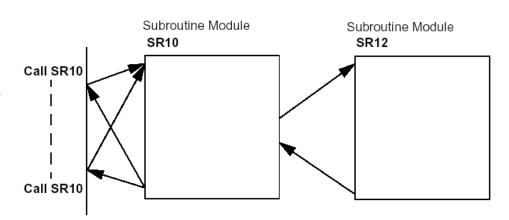
EXIT to abort the execution of a structured flux control instruction

Example:

Structures for Control of Flux

Subroutines

Call and Return



Structured text language

IF %M8 THEN
 RETURN;
END_IF;

Not executed if %M5 is larger than 3

Structured text language

IF (%M5>3) THEN
 RETURN;
END_IF;
IF %M8 THEN
 %MD26:=%MW4*%KD6;
END_IF;

Structured Text Subroutines in Unity Pro

Subroutine call example: SubroutineName();

Note name of the subroutine section followed by an empty parameter list. Subroutine calls do not return a value. The subroutine to be called must be located in the same task as the ST section called. Subroutines can also be called from within subroutines. Subroutine calls are a supplement to IEC 61131-3 and must be enabled explicitly. In SFC action sections, subroutine calls are only allowed when Multitoken Operation is enabled.

RETURN instructions can be used in DFBs (derived function blocks) and in SRs (subroutines). Cannot be used in the main program. In a DFB or a SR, a RETURN instruction forces the return to the program which called the DFB or the SR. The rest of the DFB (or SR) section containing the RETURN instruction is not executed. The next sections of the DFB (or SR) are not executed. The program which called the DFB (or SR) will be executed after return from the DFB (or SR). If the DFB (or SR) is called by another DFB (or SR), the calling DFB (or SR) will be executed after return.

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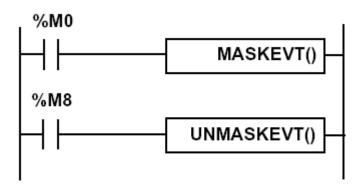
Halt

Stops all processes!

Structured text language

```
IF %M10 THEN
     HALT;
END_IF;
```

Events masking



Structured text language

```
IF %M0 THEN
    MASKEVT();
END_IF;
IF %M8 THEN
    UNMASKEVT();
END_IF;
```

Data and time related instructions

Name	Function
SCHEDULE	Time function
RRTC	Reading system date
WRTC	Updating system date
PTC	Reading date and stop code
ADD_TOD	Adding a duration to a time of day
ADD_DT	Adding a duration to a date and time
DELTA_TOD	Measuring the gap between times of day
DELTA_D	Measuring the gap between dates (without time).
DELTA_DT	Measuring the gap between dates (with time).
SUB_TOD	Totaling the time to date
SUB_DT	Totaling the time to date and time
DAY_OF_WEEK	Reading the current day of the week
TRANS_TIME	Converting duration into date
DATE_TO_STRING	Converting a date to a character string
TOD_TO_STRING	Converting a time to a character string
DT_TO_STRING	Converting a whole date to a character string
TIME_TO_STRING	Converting a duration to a character string

There are other advanced instructions (see manual)

- Monostable
- **Registers** of 256 words (LIFO ou FIFO)
- DRUMs
- Comparators
- Shift-registers

- ...
- Functions to manipulate floats
- Functions to **convert** bases and types

Casting

```
%MW104 := BOOL_TO_INT( %i0.3.0 AND %i0.3.4 );

IF INT_TO_BOOL(%MW203)

THEN SET(%q0.3.18);

ELSE RESET(%q0.3.18);

END IF;
```

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