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Function Block Diagram

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This manual includes new and updated information. Use these reference tables to locate changed information.

Grammatical and editorial style changes are not included in this summary.

**Global changes**

None in this release.

**New or enhanced features**

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This manual shows how to program Logix 5000 controllers with the function block diagram (FBD) programming language. This manual is one of a set of related manuals that show common procedures for programming and operating Logix 5000 controllers.

For a complete list of common procedures manuals, refer to the Logix 5000 Controllers Common Procedures Programming Manual, publication 1756-PM001.

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These documents contain additional information concerning related Rockwell Automation products.

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Program a Function Block Diagram

Introduction

To make it easier to navigate through a function block routine, divide the routine into a series of sheets.

- Sheets help organize function blocks and make them easier to locate. They do not affect the order in which the function blocks execute.
- When the routine executes, all the sheets execute.
- In general, use one sheet for each device, such as a motor or valve.

Example

Function block routine divided into sheets:

Motor Control Routine

Sheet 1 of 4 motor 1

Sheet 2 of 4 motor 2

Sheet 3 of 4 motor 3

Sheet 4 of 4 motor 4
Choose the function block elements

Use these elements to control a device:

![Function Block Diagram Diagram]

Guidelines to choose the function block elements:

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<tr>
<td>Supply a value from an input device or tag</td>
<td>Input reference (IREF)</td>
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<td>Send a value to an output device or tag</td>
<td>Output reference (OREF)</td>
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<td>Perform an operation on an input value or values and produce an output value or values</td>
<td>Function block or function&lt;br&gt;Functions are similar to function blocks, but do not require backing tags, require less memory than function blocks, sometimes execute more quickly, and use less space in a function block diagram. <strong>Tip:</strong> Functions are available only in Logix Designer versions 32 and later on CompactLogix 5380, CompactLogix 5480, ControlLogix 5580, Compact GuardLogix 5380, and GuardLogix 5580 controllers.</td>
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Transfer data between function blocks when they are:<br>• Far apart on the same sheet.<br>• On different sheets within the same routine.<br><br>Output wire connector (OCON) and an input wire connector (ICON)

Disperse data to several points in the routine<br><br>Single output wire connector (OCON) and multiple input wire connectors (ICON)

Choose a tag name for an element

Each function block uses a tag to store configuration and status information about the instruction.<br>• The Logix Designer application automatically creates a tag for each new function block instruction. Use this tag, rename the tag, or assign a different tag.<br>• For IREFs and OREFs, create a tag or assign an existing tag.

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<td>Tag</td>
<td>tag_name</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bit number of a larger data type</td>
<td>tag_name.bit_number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member of a structure</td>
<td>tag_name.member_name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Element of a one dimension array</td>
<td>tag_name[x]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Element of a two dimension array</td>
<td>tag_name[x,y]</td>
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For a:

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<td>Element of an array within a structure</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<tr>
<td>Member of an element of an array</td>
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</table>

where:

- \( x \) is the location of the element in the first dimension.
- \( y \) is the location of the element in the second dimension.
- \( z \) is the location of the element in the third dimension.

For a structure within a structure, add an additional `member_name`.

Define execution order (flow of data) by wiring elements together and indicating any input (feedback) wires, if necessary. The location of a block does not affect the order in which the blocks execute.

Data latching

When an IREF specifies input data for a function block instruction, the data in that IREF is latched for the scan of the function block routine. The IREF latches data from program-scoped and controller-scoped tags. The controller updates all IREF data at the beginning of each scan as shown in this diagram.

In this example, the value of tagA is stored at the beginning of the execution of the routine. The stored value is used when Block_01 executes. The same stored value is also used when Block_02 executes. If the value of tagA changes
during execution of the routine, the stored value of tagA in the IREF does not change until the next execution of the routine.

This example is the same as the previous example. The value of tagA is stored only once at the beginning of the execution of the routine. The routine uses this stored value throughout the routine.

With version 11 and later of the application, use the same tag in multiple IREFs and an OREF in the same routine. Because the values of tags in IREFs are latched every scan through the routine, all IREFs use the same value, even if an OREF obtains a different tag value during execution of the routine. In this example, if tagA has a value of 25.4 when the routine starts executing this scan, and Block_01 changes the value of tagA to 50.9, the second IREF wired into Block_02 still uses a value of 25.4 when Block_02 executes this scan.
The new tagA value of 50.9 is not used by any IREFs in this routine until the start of the next scan.

Order of execution

The Logix Designer application automatically determines the order of execution for the function blocks in a routine when:

- Verifying a function block routine.
- Verifying a project that contains a function block routine.
- Downloading a project that contains a function block routine.

Define the order of execution by wiring function blocks together and indicating the data flow of any feedback wires, if necessary.

If function blocks are not wired together, it does not matter which block executes first. There is no data flow between the blocks.

If the blocks are wired sequentially, the order of execution moves from input to output. The inputs of a block require data to be available before the controller can execute that block. In this example, block 2 has to execute before block 3 because the outputs of block 2 feed the inputs of block 3.

The order of execution is only relative to the blocks that are wired together. The two groups of blocks in this example are not wired together. The blocks
within a specific group execute in the appropriate order in relation to the blocks in that group.

To create a feedback loop around a block, wire an output pin of the block to an input pin of the same block. In this example, the loop contains only a single block, so execution order does not matter.

If a group of blocks are in a loop, the controller cannot determine which block to execute first, and it cannot resolve the loop, as illustrated in this example.

To identify which block to execute first, mark the input wire that creates the loop (the feedback wire) with the **Assume Data Available** indicator. In this example, block 1 uses the output from block 3 that was produced in the previous execution of the routine.

The **Assume Data Available** indicator defines the data flow within the loop. The arrow indicates that the data serves as input to the first block in the loop. Do not mark all the wires of a loop with the **Assume Data Available** indicator.
### Resolve data flow between two blocks

When using two or more wires to connect two blocks, use the same data flow indicators for all of the wires between the two blocks.

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- In this example, neither wire uses the **Assume Data Available** indicator.
- In this example, only one wire uses the **Assume Data Available** indicator.
- In this example, both wires use the **Assume Data Available** indicator.

### Create a one scan delay

Use the **Assume Data Available** indicator to produce a one scan delay between blocks. In this example, block 1 executes first. It uses the output from block 2 that was produced in the previous scan of the routine.

```
2
   ←
1
```

- **Assume data available indicator**

### Summary

A function block routine executes in this order.
1. The controller latches all data values in IREFs.
2. The controller executes the other function blocks in the order determined by how they are wired.
3. The controller writes outputs in OREFs.

**Identify any connectors**

Like wires, connectors transfer data from output pins to input pins. Use connectors when:

- The elements to connect are on different sheets within the same routine.
- A wire is difficult to route around other wires or elements.
- Data should be dispersed to several points in the routine.

To use connectors, use these rules.

- Each OCON requires a unique name.
- Each OCON must have at least one corresponding ICON, such as an ICON with the same name as the OCON.
- Multiple ICONs can reference the same OCON. This allows dispersal of data to several points in a routine.

**Define program/operator control**

These instructions support the concept of Program/Operator control.

- Enhanced Select (ESEL)
- Totalizer (TOT)
- Enhanced PID (PIDE)
- Ramp/Soak (RMPS)
- Discrete 2-State Device (D2SD)
- Discrete 3-State Device (D3SD)

Program/Operator control allows simultaneous control of these instructions from the user program and from an operator interface device. When in Program control, the instruction is controlled by the Program inputs to the instruction. When in Operator control, the instruction is controlled by the Operator inputs to the instruction.

Program or Operator control is determined by using these inputs:

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<td>.ProgProgReq</td>
<td>A program request to go to Program control.</td>
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To determine whether an instruction is in Program or Operator control, examine the `ProgOper` output. If `ProgOper` bit is set, the instruction is in Program control. If `ProgOper` bit is cleared, the instruction is in Operator control.

Operator control takes precedence over Program control if both input request bits are set. For example, if `ProgProgReq` and `ProgOperReq` bits are set, the instruction goes to Operator control.

The Program request inputs take precedence over the Operator request inputs. This provides the capability to use the `ProgProgReq` and `ProgOperReq` inputs to lock an instruction in a desired control.

For example, assume that a Totalizer instruction is always used in Operator control, and the user program never controls the running or stopping of the Totalizer. In this case, wire a literal value of 1 into the `ProgOperReq` input. This prevents the operator from ever putting the Totalizer into Program control by setting the `OperProgReq` input from an operator interface device.

Likewise, constantly setting the `ProgProgReq` input can “lock” the instruction into Program control. This is useful for automatic startup sequences when the program should control the action of the instruction without an operator inadvertently taking control of the instruction. In this example, the program sets the `ProgProgReq` input during the startup, and clears the `ProgProgReq` input once the startup is complete. Once the `ProgProgReq` input is cleared, the instruction remains in Program control until it receives a request to change. For example, the operator sets the `OperOperReq` input from a
faceplate to take control of that instruction. This example shows how to lock an instruction into Program control.

Operator request inputs to an instruction are always cleared by the instruction when it executes. This lets operator interface work with these instructions by setting the desired mode request bit. It is not necessary to program the operator interface to reset the request bits. For example, if an operator interface sets the `OperAutoReq` input to a PIDE instruction, when the PIDE instruction executes, it determines the appropriate response and clears the `OperAutoReq`.

Program request inputs are not normally cleared by the instruction because these are normally wired as inputs into the instruction. If the instruction clears these inputs, the input would get set again by the wired input. In some situations, other logic should set the Program requests to be cleared by the instruction. In this case, set the `ProgValueReset` input and the instruction always clears the Program mode request inputs when it executes.

In this example, a rung of ladder logic in another routine is used to one-shot latch a `ProgAutoReq` input to a PIDE instruction when a push button is pushed. Because the PIDE instruction automatically clears the Program mode requests, no ladder logic is required to clear the `ProgAutoReq` input after the routine executes. The PIDE instruction receives only one request to go to Auto every time the push button is pressed.
**Example**

When the TIC101AutoReq button is pressed, one-shot latch \( \text{ProgAutoReq} \) for the PIDE instruction TIC101.

TIC101 is configured with the \( \text{ProgValueReset} \) input set, so when the PIDE instruction executes, it automatically clears \( \text{ProgAutoReq} \).

```
TIC101AutoReqFB  TIC101AutoReqFBOneShot  TIC101.ProgAutoReq
```

**Add a sheet**

To add a sheet to a function block routine:

1. On the **Sheet** toolbar, click **Add Sheet**.

2. In the **Description** box, type a description of the sheet. Follow the IEC-1131 naming standard. The description must not be greater than 50 characters.

**Add a function block element**

Use the Language Element toolbar to add a function block element to a routine.

**To add a function block element**

1. On the **Language Element** toolbar, click the element to add.

2. On the function block diagram, drag the element to the desired location.
Use functions

Use Function Block functions to carry out mathematical, comparison, and logical operations. Functions in the Function Block Diagram Editor are similar to instructions, but do not require backing tags, require less memory than instructions, sometimes execute more quickly, and use less space in a function block diagram.

**Tip:** Function Block functions are available only on CompactLogix 5380, CompactLogix 5480, ControlLogix 5580, Compact GuardLogix 5380, and GuardLogix 5580 controllers.

This table lists the functions that are available in the categories on the FBD Element toolbar:

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**See also**

FBD Element toolbar

Function block display

Create a text box to add notes that clarify the function of an FBD element, such as blocks, references, and connectors. Text boxes are only stored in the offline, ACD project file. Text boxes are not downloaded into controller memory.

1. On the **Language Element** toolbar, click **Text Box**.
2. In the FBD editor, drag the text box to a location near the element to which it applies.
3. Double-click the text box and enter the desired text.
4. Press **Ctrl+Enter**.
Language switching

Versions 17 and later of the Logix Designer application can display project documentation, such as tag descriptions and rung comments, for any supported localized language. Store project documentation for multiple languages in a single project file rather than in language-specific project files. Define all the localized languages that the project will support and set the current, default, and optional custom localized language. The default language is used if the current content of the language is blank for a particular component of the project. Use a custom language to tailor documentation to a specific type of project file user.

Enter the localized descriptions in a project by programming in that language, or by using the import/export utility to translate the documentation offline and import it back into the project. When language switching is enabled, users can dynamically switch between languages.

Project documentation that supports multiple translations within a project includes:

- Component descriptions in tags, routines, programs, user-defined data types, and Add-On Instructions.
- Equipment phases.
- Trends.
- Controllers.
- Alarm Messages (in ALARM_ANALOG and ALARM_DIGITAL configuration).
- Tasks.
- Property descriptions for modules in the Controller Organizer.
- Rung comments, SFC text boxes, and FBD text boxes.

For more information on enabling a project to support multiple translations of project documentation, see the online help.
### Connect elements

### Show or hide a pin

Function Block instructions provide a set of pins for the default parameters. The rest of the pins are hidden. Show or hide a pin on the Parameters tab in the Properties dialog box.

1. In the block, click **Properties**.

2. In the Properties dialog box, on the Parameters tab, clear the Vis check box to hide the pin. Select the Vis check box to show the pin.

3. Click **OK**.

### Wire elements together

Wire (connect) two elements together by clicking the output pin of the first element and clicking the input pin of the other element. A green dot shows a valid connection point.

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### Mark a wire with the Assume Data Available indicator

When there are a group of blocks in a loop, identify which block executes first. The Assume Data Available indicator marks the input wire that creates the loop (the feedback wire). It defines the data flow within the loop.

- To define a wire as an input wire, right-click the wire and click **Assume Data Available**.
The arrow indicates that the data serves as input to the first block in the loop.

**Assign a tag**

Create and assign a new tag to the connector or assign an existing tag to the connectors.

1. Double-click the operand area to enter a name.
2. In the box, type a name for the tag and press **Enter**.
3. Right-click the tag name, and click **New <tag name>**.

4. On the **New Parameter or Tag** dialog box, in the **Usage** list, click a usage value for the tag. The default is a local tag.
5. In the **Type** list, click the tag type.
6. In the **Data Type** box, click ![data type icon].

![Select Data Type dialog box]

7. On the **Select Data Type** dialog box, click the data type for the tag.
8. If the tag is an array, in the **Dim 0** box, type or select the number of elements in each dimension.
9. Click **OK**.
10. On the **New Parameter or Tag** dialog box, in the **Scope** list, click the scope for the tag.

![New Parameter or Tag dialog box]

11. Click **Create**.

**Assign an existing tag**

1. Double-click the operand area.

2. In the box, click the down arrow ![down arrow icon] to select the tag.
3. On the **Tag Browser**, click the tag, or select the bit by clicking the down arrow to the right of the tag and clicking the bit.

![Tag Browser]

4. Press **Enter** or click a different spot on the diagram.

**Assign an immediate value (constant)**

You can assign a constant value instead of a tag value to an input parameter.

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**Use an IREF**

Complete these steps to assign a value to an IREF.

1. Add the IREF to the routine. For instructions on adding an element, see **Add a function block element** on page 21.
2. Wire the IREF to the input pin that gets the value. For instructions on wiring elements together, see **Wire elements together** on page 25.
3. Double-click the operand area of the IREF.
4. In the box, type the value and press **Enter**.

**Enter a value in the tag of a block**

Complete these steps to assign a value to a parameter when on wire connects to its pin.

1. In the block, click **Properties**.
2. On the **Parameters** tab, in the **Value** box of the desired parameter, type the value.
3. Click **OK**.

**Connect blocks with an OCON and ICON**

Use an output wire connector (OCON) or input wire connector (ICON) to transfer data between sheets or in complex wiring situations.

**Add an OCON**

1. Add an OCON and place it near the output pin that supplies the value.
2. Wire the OCON to the output pin.
3. Double-click the operand area of the OCON.
4. In the box, type a name that identifies the connector and press **Enter**.

**Add an ICON**

1. Add an ICON and place it near the input pin that gets the value from the corresponding OCON.
2. Wire the ICON to the input pin.

3. Double-click the operand area of the ICON.
4. In the box, click the down arrow and click the name of the OCON that supplies the value to this connector.
5. Click Enter or click a blank spot on the diagram.

**Rename a wire connector**

Edit the name of an input wire connector or an output wire connector in a routine.

1. Right-click the operand area of the desired ICON or OCON, and click **Rename Element**.
2. In the box, type or select a new name and press **Enter**.

**Rename a connector group**

Wire connectors that share the same connector name can be changed in a routine.

Tip: If there are wire connectors with the new name, the renamed wire connectors merge with the existing connectors.

1. Right-click the operand area of the desired ICON or OCON, and click **Rename Connector Group**.
2. In the box, type or select the new name and press **Enter**.
   
   All instances in the group are changed to the new name.

**Verify the routine**

As you program your routine, periodically verify your work.

1. On the **Standard** toolbar, click the **Verify** icon.
   
   If there are errors, they are listed in the **Output** window on the **Errors** tab at the bottom of the Logix Designer application.
2. Press **F4** to go to the first error or warning.
3. Correct the error according to the description in the **Errors** tab.
4. Repeat steps 1...3 until all of the errors are corrected.
5. To close the **Output window**, press **Alt + 1**.
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