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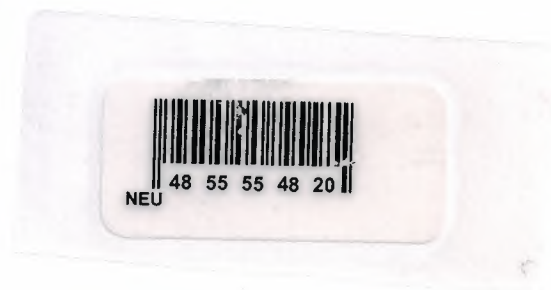
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INTRODUCTION

Programmable controllers are generally programmed in ladder diagram (or "relay diagram") which is nothing but a symbolic representation of electric circuits. Symbols were selected that actually looked similar to schematic symbols of electric devices, and this has made it much easier for electricians to switch to programming PLC controllers. Electrician who has never seen a PLC can understand a ladder diagram.

The need for low cost, versatile and easily commissioned controllers has resulted in the development of programmable-control systems standard units based on a hardware CPU and memory for the control of machines or processes. Originally designed as a replacement for the hard-wired relay and timer logic to be found in traditional control panels, PLC's provides ease and flexibility of control based on programming and executing simple logic instructions. PLC's have internal functions such as timers, counters and shift registers, making sophisticated control possible using even the smallest PLC.

CHAPTER 1

1. WHAT IS A PLC ?

A programmable logic controller (PLC) is a device that was invented to replace the necessary sequential relay circuits for machine control. The PLC works by looking at its inputs and depending upon their state, turning on / off its outputs. The user enters a program, usually via software, that gives the desired results.

PLC's are used in many real world applications. If there is industry present, changes are good that there is a PLC present. If you are involved in machining, packaging material handling, and automated assembly or countless other industries you are probably already using them. If you are not, you are wasting money and time. Almost any application that needs some type of electrical control has a need for PLC.

For example, let's assume that when a switch turned on, we want turn on a solenoid for 5 seconds and then turn it off regularly of how long the switch is on. We can do this with a simple external timer. But what will happen if the process included 10 switches and solenoids? We would need 10 external timers. What will happen if the process also needed to count how many times the switches individually turned on? We would need a lot of external counters.

As you see, if the process becomes more complicated, then we have to use a device the simplify that. We use PLC for this process. We can program the PLC to count its inputs and turn the solenoids for the specified time.

This site gives you enough information to be able to write programs for more complicated then the simple than above. We will take a look at what is considered to be the 'top 20' PLC instructions. It can be safely estimated that with affirm understanding of these instructions, that just one of them can solve more than 80 % of the applications in existence.

1.1 PLC HISTORY

In the late 1960's PLC's were first introduced. The primary reason for designing such a device was eliminating the large cost involved in replacing the complicated relay based machine control systems. Bedford Associates (Bedford, MA) proposed something called a modular digital controller (MODICON) to a major US car manufacturer. Other companies at the time proposed computer based upon the PDP – 8. The MODICON 084 brought the world's first PLC into commercial production.

When production requirements changed so did the control system. This becomes very expensive when the change is frequent. Since relays are mechanical devices they also have a limited lifetime that required strict adherence to maintenance schedules. Troubleshooting was also quite tedious when so many relays are involved. Now picture a machine control panel that included many, possibly hundreds or thousands, of individual relays. The size could be mind-boggling. How about the complicated initial wiring of so many individual devices! These relays would be individually wired together in a manner that would yield the desired outcome.

These new controllers also had to be easily programmed by maintenance and plant engineers. The lifetime had to be long and programming changes easily performed. The also had to survive the harsh industrial environment. That's a lot to ask! The answers were to use a programming technique most people were already familiar with and replace mechanical parts with solid-state ones.

In the mid70's the dominant PLC techniques were sequencer state machines and the bit-slice based CPU. The AMD 2901 and 2903 were quite popular in MODICON and A-B PLC's. Conventional microprocessors lacked the power to quickly solve PLC logic in all but the smallest PLC's. As conventional microprocessors evolved, larger and larger PLC's were being based upon them. However, even today some are still based upon the 2903. MODICON has yet the build a faster PLC then their 984A/B/X, which was based upon the 2901.

Communications abilities began to appear in approximately 1973. The first such system was MODICON's MODBUS. The PLC could now talk to other PLC's and they could be far away from the actual machine they were controlling. They could also now be used to send and receive varying voltages to allow them to enter the analogue world. Unfortunately, the lack of standardization coupled with continually changing

technology has made PLC communications a nightmare of incompatible protocols and physical networks.

The 80's saw an attempt to standardize communications with General Motor's manufacturing automation protocol. It was also a time for reducing the size of the PLC and making them software programmable through symbolic programming on personnel computers instead of dedicated programming terminals or handheld programmers.

The 90's have seen a gradual reduction in the introduction new protocols, and the modernization of the physical layers of some of the more popular protocols that survived the 1980's. The latest standard has tried to merge PLC- programming languages under one international standard. We now have PLC's that are programmable in function block diagrams, instruction list, C and structured text all at the same time! PC's are also being used to replace PLC's in some applications. The original company who commissioned the MODICON 084 has actually switched to a PC based control system.

1.2 GENERAL PHYSICAL BUILD MECHANISM

PLC's are separated into two according to their building mechanisms.

1.2.1 Compact PLC'S

Compact PLC's are manufactured such that all units forming the PLC are placed in a case. They are low price PLC with lower capacity. They are usually preferred by small or medium size machine manufacturers. In some types compact enlargement module is present.

1.2.2 Modular PLC's

They are formed by combining separate modules together in a board. They can have different memory capacity, I / O numbers, power supply up to the necessary limits.

Some examples: SIEMENS S5-115U, SIEMENS S7-200, MITSUBISHI PC40, TEXAS INSTRUMENT PLC'S, KLOCKNER-MOELLER PS316, OMRON C200H.

CHAPTER 2

2.1 ADVANTAGES

2.1.1 Accuracy

In relay control systems logical knowledge's carries in electro-mechanical contactors, they can lose data because of mechanical errors. But PLC's are microprocessor-based system so logical data are carried inside the processor, so that PLC's are more accurate than relay type of controllers.

2.1.2 Data Areas

Data memory contains variable memory, and register, and output image register, internal memory bits, and special memory bits. This memory is accessed by a byte bit convention. For example to access bit 3 of variable memory byte 25 you would the address V25.3.

The following table shows the identifiers and ranges for each of the data area memory types:

Area Identifier	Data Area	CPU 212	CPU 214
I	Input	I0.0 to I7.7	I0.0 to I7.7
Q	Output	Q0.0 to Q7.7	Q0.0 to Q7.7
M	Internal memory	M0.0 to M15.7	M0.0 to M31.7
SM	Special Memory	SM0.0 to SM45.7	SM0.0 to SM85.7
V	Variable Memory	V0.0 to V1023.7	V0.0 to V4095.7

2.1.3 Logic Control of Industrial Automation

Everyday examples of these systems are machines like dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers, and elevators. In these systems, the output tend to be 220 V AC power signals to motors, solenoids, and indicator lights, and the inputs are DC or AC signals from user interface switches, motion limit switches, binary liquid level sensor, etc. Another major function in these types of controllers is timing.

2.1.4 Data Object

The S7-200 has six kinds of devices with associated data: timers, counters, analogue inputs, analogue outputs, accumulators and high-speed counters. Each device has associated data. For example, the S7-200 has counters devices. Counters have a data value that maintains the current count value. There is an also a bit value, which is set when the current value is greater than or equal to the present value. Since there are multiple devices are numbered from 0 to n. The corresponding data objects and object bits are also numbered.

The following table shows the identifiers and ranges for each of the data object memory types:

Area Identifier	Data Area	CPU 212	CPU 214
T	Timers	T0 to T63	T0 to T127
C	Counters	C0 to C63	C0 to C127
AI	Analogue Input	AIW0 to AIW0	AIW0 to AIW30
AQ	Analogue Output	AQW0 to AQW30	AQW0 to AQW30
AC	Accumulator	AC0 to AC3	AC0 to AC3
HC	High-speed Counter	HC0	HC0 to HC2

2.1.5 Flexibility

When the control needs a change, relay type of controllers modification are hard, in PLC, this chance can be made by PLC programmer equipment.

2.1.6 Communication

PLC's are computer-based systems. That's why, they can transfer their data to another PC, or they can take external inputs from another PC. With this specification we can control the system with our PC. With relays controlled system it's not possible.

2.2 LADDER AND STL PROGRAM

2.2.1 SIEMENS SIMATIC S7-200 PLC SAMPLE PROGRAM

In this program, Cotton to filament converts during the war. While cottons are to comb by the machine, separate operation during by the war cotton pieces are to gather of under the machine.

This program purposes are cotton pieces convert to back. With this program cotton cost decrease the less.

Program Work

1. For the vacuum if we give the start, motor is start to work.
2. After the 15 s machines are made with raw and once vacuum.
3. One machine and other machine between passed time 2 s, and vacuum time for the all machine 8 s.
4. If someone machine not works passed to other machine.
5. If fire alarm or tight alarm gives, fan motor and all other operation stop. For the machines works are until push the button machines are not work.

Input

- 1- Start
- 2- Stop
- 3- Reset
- 4- Machine work 1
- 5- Machine work 2
- 6- Machine work 3
- 7- Tight

Output

- 1- Fan motor start
- 2- Machine 1 vacuum
- 3- Machine 2 vacuum
- 4- Machine 3 vacuum
- 5- Fire alarm
- 6- Tight alarm

Symbol name	Address	Note
Start	E0.0	Start button
Stop	E0.1	Stop button
Reset	E0.2	Reset button
1.Machine work	E0.3	If 1. Machine Work sends to sign
2.Machine work	E0.4	If 2. Machine Work sends to sign

3. Machine work	E0.5	If 3. Machine Work sends to sign
Fire	E0.6	If the fire alarm is coming
Tight	E0.7	Fan motor has tight
Start-Output	A0.0	Fan motor is start
Vacuum 1	A0.1	1.Machine vacuum valve
Vacuum 2	A0.2	2.Machine vacuum valve
Vacuum 3	A0.3	3.Machine vacuum valve
Fire Alarm	A0.4	If the fire sensor signal coming
Tight Alarm	A0.5	To throw the motor tight
Cleanliness Air valve	A0.6	Tube Cleanliness valve
Relay of vacuum	T32	After start vacuum relay
Vacuum time	T33	Valves are Vacuum Time
Stop Time	T34	Between of valves Stop time
Counter 0	Z0	1.Machine Valve Work Counter
Counter 1	Z1	2.Machine Valve Work Counter
Counter 2	Z2	3.Machine Valve Work Counter
Counter 3	Z3	Circle Reset
Jump Output	A7.1	Machines are not jump

CHAPTER 3

3. PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLER PLC's

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3.2 Background

The programmable controller was initially conceived by a group of engineers from General Motors in 1968, where an initial specification was provided: the controller must be:

- 1- Easily programmed and reprogrammed, preferably in-plant to alter its sequence of operations.
- 2- Easily maintained and repaired- preferably using plug-in modules.
- 3- (a)-More reliable in plant environment.
(b)-Smaller than it is relay equivalent.
- 4- Cost competitive, with solid-state and relay panels than in use.

This provoked a keen interest from engineers of all disciplines in how to PLC could be used for industrial control. With this came demands for additional PLC capabilities and facilities, which were rapidly implemented as the technology became available. The instruction sets quickly moved from simple logic instructions to include counters, timers and shift registers, than onto more advanced mathematical functions on the machines. Developments hardware were also occurring, with larger memory and greater numbers of input / output points featuring on new models. In 1976 became possible to control remote I / O racks, where large numbers of distant I / O points were monitored updated via a communications link, often several hundred meters from the main PLC. The Allan-Bradley Corporation in America introduced a microprocessor-based PLC in 1977. It was based on an 8080 microprocessor but used an extra processor to handle bit logic instruction at high speed.

The increased rate of application of programmable controllers within industry has encouraged manufacturers to develop whole families of microprocessor-based systems having various levels of performance. The range of available PLC's now extends from small self-contained units with 20 digital I / O points and 500 program steps, up to modular systems with add-on function modules:

- Analogue I/O;
- PID control (proportional, integral and derivative terms);
- Communications;
- Graphics display;
- Additional I/O;
- Additional memory.

This modular approach allows the expansion or upgrading of a control system with minimum cost and disturbance.

Programmable controllers are developing at a virtually the same pace as microcomputers, with particular emphasis on small controllers, positioning numeric control and communication networks. The market for small controllers has grown rapidly since the early 1980's when a number of Japanese companies introduced very small, low cost units that were much cheaper than others available at that time. This brought programmable controllers within the budget of many potential users in the manufacturing and process industries, and this trend continues with PLC's offering ever-increasing performance at ever-decreasing cost.

The Mitsubishi F40 PLC is a typical example of a modern small PLC, providing 40 I / O points, 16 timers and counters, plus other functions. The controller uses a microprocessor and has 890 RAM locations for user programs. The 24-input channels of the F40 operate at 24 V d.c. Whilst 16 outputs may be 24 V d.c. or 240 V a.c. to provide easy interfacing to industrial equipment.

3.3 Terminology-PC or PLC

There are several different terms used to describe programmable controllers, most referring to the functional operation of the machine in question:

PC programmable controller

PLC programmable logic controller

PBS programmable binary system

By their nature these terms tend to describe controllers that normally work in a binary environment. Since all but the smallest programmable controllers can now be equipped to process analogue inputs and outputs these labels are not representative of their capabilities. For these reason the overall term programmable controller has been widely adopted to describe the family of freely programmable controllers. However, to avoid confusion with the personal computer PC, this text uses the abbreviation PLC for programmable (logic) controller.

3.4 PLC Hardware Design

Programmable controllers are purpose-built computers consisting of three functional areas:

- Processing:

- Memory:

- Input / output:

Input conditions to the PLC are sensed and then stored in the memory, where the PLC performs the programmed logic instructions on these input states. Output conditions are then generated to drive associated equipment. The action taken depends totally on the control program held in memory.

In smaller PLC these functions are performed by individual printed circuit cards within a single compact unit, whilst larger PLC's are constructed on a modular basis with function modules slotted in to the backplane connectors of the mounting rack.

This allows simple expansion of the system when necessary. In both these cases the individual circuit board are easily removed and replaced, facilitating rapid repair of the system should faults develop.

In addition a programming unit is necessary to download control programs to the PLC memory.

3.4.1 Input output / units

Most PLC'S operate internally at between 5 and 15 V d.c. (common TTL and CMOS voltages), whilst process signals much greater, typically 24 V d.c. to 240 V a.c. at several amperes.

The I / O units form the interface between the microelectronics of the programmable controller and real world outside, and must therefore provide all, necessary signal conditioning and isolation functions. This often allows a PLC to be directly connected to process actuators and transducers (pumps and valves) without the need for intermediate circuitry and relays.

To provide this signal conversion programmable controllers are available with a choice of input / output units to suit different requirements.

For example;

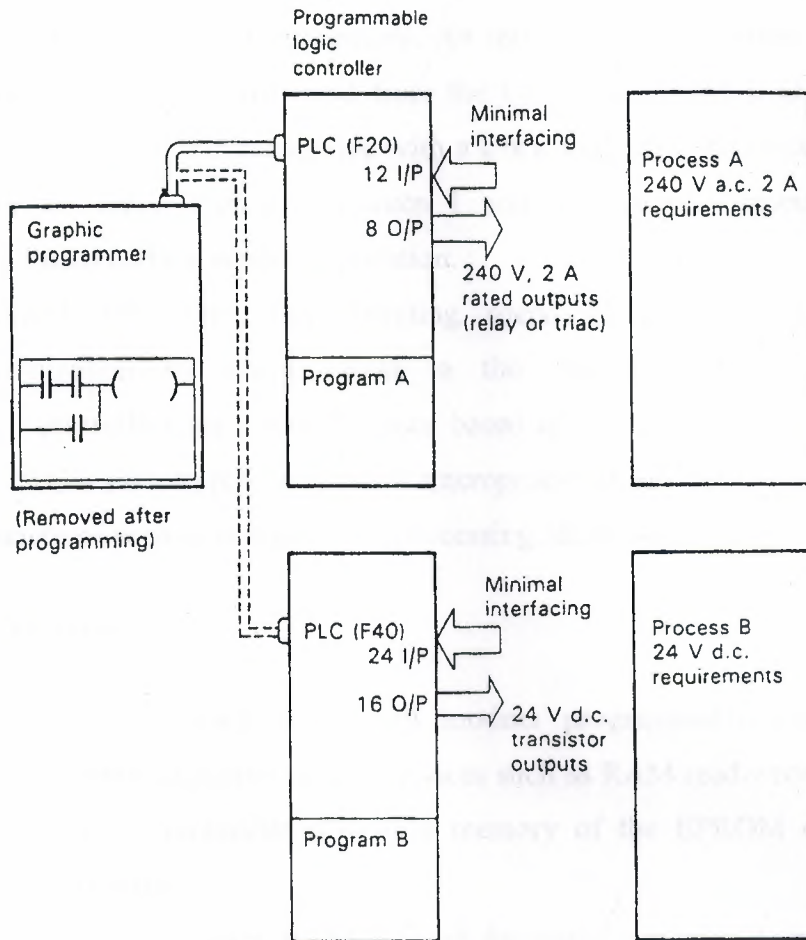
Inputs	5 V (TTL level) switched I/ P
	24 V switched I/ P
	110 V switched I/ P
	240 v switched I/ P

Outputs	24 V 100 mA switched O/ P
	110 V 1mA
	240 V 1 A a.c. (triac)
	240 V 2 A a.c. (relay)

It is standard practice for all I/O channels to be electrically isolated from the controlled process, using opto-isolator circuits on the I/O modules. An opto-isolator circuit consists of a light emitting diode and a phototransistor, forming an opto coupled pair that allows small signals to pass through, but will clamp any high voltage spikes or surges down to the same small level. This provides protection against switching transients and power-supply surges, normally up to 1500V.

In small self contained PLC's in which all I/ O points are physically located on the one casing, all inputs will be of one type (e.g. 24 V) and the same for outputs (e.g. all 240 V triac). This is because manufacturers supply on the standard function boards for economic reasons. Modular PLC's have greater flexibility of I/ O, however, since the user can select from several different types and combinations of input and output modules.

In all cases the input/output units are designed with the aim of simplifying the connections of process transducers and actuators to the programmable controller. For these purpose all PLC'S are equipped with standard screw terminals or plugs on every I\O point, allowing the rapid and simple removal and replacement of a faulty I/ O card. Every input\output point has a unique address or channel number, which is using during program development to specify to monitoring of an input or the activating of a particular output within the program. Indication of the status of input\output channels is provided by light-emitting diode (LED's) on the PLC or I/ O unit, making it simple to check the operation of process inputs and outputs from the PLC itself.



PLC Control.
Easily programmed/alterd by the USER.
Used for switched input/output.

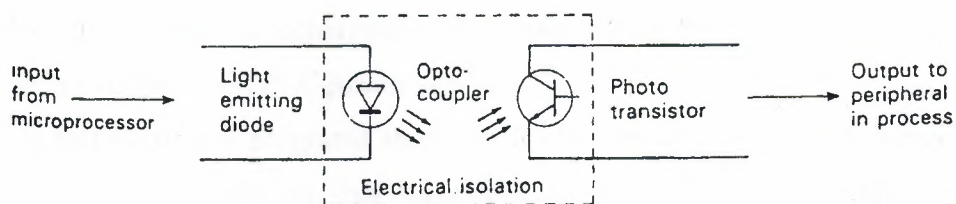


Figure 6.5 Opto-isolator circuit

3.4.2 Central Processing Unit (CPU)

The CPU controls and supervises all operations within the PLC, carrying out programmed instructions stored in memory. An internal communications highway or bus system, carries information to and from the CP, memory and I/ O units, under control of the CPU. The CPU is supplied with a clock frequency by an external quartz crystal or RC oscillator, typically between 1 and 8 megahertz depending on the microprocessor used and the area of application.

The clock determines the operating speed of the PLC and provides timing/synchronization for all elements in the system. Virtually all modern programmable controllers are microprocessor based using a micro as a system CPU. Some larger PLC's also employ additional microprocessor to control complex, time-consuming functions such as mathematical processing, three terms PID control.

3.4.3 Memory

- (a) For program storage all modern programmable controllers use semiconductor memory devices such as RAM read/write memory, or a programmable read-only memory of the EPROM or EEPROM families.

In the virtually all cases RAM is used for initial program development and testing, as it follows changes to be easily made in program. The current trend is to be providing CMOS RAM because of it is very low power consumption, to provide battery back-up to this RAM in order to maintain the contents when the power is removed from the PLC system. This battery has a lifespan of at least one year before replacement is necessary, or alternatively a rechargeable type may be supplied with the system being recharge whenever the main PLC power supply is on.

This feature makes programs stored in RAM virtually permanent. Many users operate their PLC systems on this basis alone, since it permits future program alterations if and when necessary.

After a program is fully developed and tested it may be loaded (blown) into a PROM or EPROM memory chip, which are normally cheaper than RAM devices. PROM programming is usually carried out with a special purpose programming unit, although many programmable controllers now have this facility built-in, allowing

programs in the PLC RAM to be down loaded into a PROM IC placed in a socket provided on the PLC itself.

(b) In addition to program storage, a programmable controller may require memory for other functions:

- 1- Temporary buffer store for input/output channels status- I/ O RAM
- 2- Temporary storage for status of internal function (timers, counters, marker relays)

Since these consist of changing data they require RAM read/write memory, which may be battery-backed in sections.

3.4.4 Memory size

Smaller programmable controllers normally have a fixed memory size, due in part to the physical dimensions of the unit. This varies in capacity between 300 and 1000 instructions depending on the manufacturer. This capacity may not appear large enough to be very useful, but it has been estimated that 90 % of all binary control tasks can be solved using less than 1000 instructions, so there is sufficient space to meet most users needs.

Larger PLC's utilize memory modules of between 1K and 64K in size, allowing the system to be expanded by fitting addition RAM or PROM memory cards to the PLC rack.

As integrated circuit memory costs continue to fall, the PLC manufacturers are providing larger program memories on all products.

3.5 Logic instruction set

The most common technique for programming small PLC's is to draw a ladder diagram of the logic to be used, and then convert this in to mnemonic instructions, which will be keyed in to programming panel attached to the programmable controller. These instructions are similar in appearance to assembly-type codes, but refer to physical inputs, outputs and functions within the PLC itself.

The instruction set consists of logic instructions (mnemonics) that represent the actions that may be performed within a given programmable controller. Instructions sets

vary between PLC's from different manufacturers, but are similar in terms of the control actions performed.

Because the PLC logic instruction set tends to be small, it can be quickly mastered and used by control technicians and engineers.

Each program instructions are made up of two parts: a mnemonic operation component or opcode, and an address or operand component that identifies particular elements

(E.g. outputs) within the PLC.

For example;

Opcode	Operand
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OUT	Y430
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Device symbol	Identifier
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Here the instruction refers to output (Y) number 430

3.6 Input/output numbering

These instructions are used the program logic control circuits that have been designed in ladder diagram form, by assigning all physical inputs and outputs with an operand suitable to the PLC being used. The numbering system used differs between manufacturers, but certain common terms exist. For example, Texas instrument and Mitsubishi use the symbol X to represent inputs, and Y to label outputs.

Programmable Controller

Inputs X

Outputs Y

A range of addresses will be allocated to particular elements: for example

Mitsubishi F40 PLC: 24 inputs: X400 – 407, 410 – 413
 X500 – 507, 510 – 513
 16 Outputs: Y430 – 437
 Y530 – 537

Inspections of these numbers ranges will reveal that there is no overlap of addresses between functions; that is, 400 must be an input, 533 must be an output. Thus for these programmable controllers the symbol X or Y is redundant, being used purely for the benefit of the user, who is unlikely to remember what element 533 represents. However, for many PLC's both parts of the address are essential, since the I/O number ranges are identical. For example the Klockner-Moeller range of controllers:

Sucos PS 21 PLC:	8 inputs	I0 to 7, etc.	8 Outputs	Q0 to 7, etc
X400	X401		Y430	
				Y431

Figure 7.7 **Ladder Diagram**

To program the ladder diagram given in figure 7.7, the following code would be written, and then programmed in to a keypad or terminal.

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1 LD X400    start a rung with a normally open contact
2 OR Y430    connect a normally open contact in parallel
3 ANI X401   connect a normally closed contact in series
4 OUT Y430   drive an output channel
5 OUT Y431   drive another channel
6 END       end of program-return to start

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Notice the contact Y430 that forms a latch across X400. The Y contact is not a physical element, but is simulated within the programmable controller and will operate in unison with the output point Y430. The programmer may create as many contacts associated with an output as necessary.

CHAPTER 4

4. TYPES OF PLC

The increasing demand from industry for programmable controllers that can be applied to different forms and sizes of control tasks has resulted in most manufacturers producing a range of PLC's with various levels of performance and facilities.

Typical rough definitions of PLC size are given in terms of program memory size and the maximum number of input/output points the system can support. Table 7.1 gives an example of these categories.

Table 4.1 Categories of PLC

PC size	Max I \ O points	Use memory size
Small	40 / 40	1K
Medium	128 / 128	4K
Large	> 128 / > 128	> 4K

However, to evaluate properly any programmable controller we must consider many additional features such as its processor, cycle time language facilities, functions, and expansion capabilities.

A brief outline of the characteristics of small, medium of large programmable controller is given below, together with typical applications.

4.1 Small PLC's

In general, small and 'mini' PLC's are designed as robust, compact units, which can be mounted on or beside the equipment to be controlled. They are mainly used the replaced hard-wired logic relays, timers, counters. That control individual items of plant or machinery, but can also be used to coordinate several machines working in conjunction with each other.

Small programmable controllers can normally have their total I/ O expanded by adding one or two I/ O modules, but if any further developments are required this will

often mean replacement of the complete unit. This end of the market is very much concerned with non-specialist and users, therefore ease of programming and a 'familiar' circuit format are desirable. Competition between manufacturers is extremely fierce in this field, as they vie to obtain a maximum share in this partially developed sector of the market.

A single processor is normally used, and programming facilities are kept at a fairly basic level, including conventional sequencing controls and simple standard functions: e.g. timers and counters. Programming of small PLC's is by way of logic instruction list (mnemonics) or relay ladder diagrams.

Program storage is given by EPROM or battery-backed RAM. There is now a trend towards EEPROM memory with on-board programming facilities on several controllers.

Table 4.2 Features of a typical small PLC – Mitsubishi F20

Electrical:	240 V a.c. supply;
	24 V d.c. on-board for input requirements;
	12 input, 8 output points;
	LED indicators on all I/ O points;
	All I/O Opto-isolated
Choice of output:	Relay(240 V 2 A rated)
	Triac (240 V 1 A rated)
	Transistor (24 V d.c. 1 A)
	320 – step memory (CMOS battery-backed RAM)
Programming:	Ladder logic or instruction set using hand-held or graphic LCD programmer, with editor, test and monitor facilities;
Facilities:	8 counters, range 1-99 (can be cascaded)
	8 timers, range 0.1-99s (can be cascaded)
	64 markers\auxiliary relays; can be used individually or in blocks forming shift registers;
	Special function relays;
	Jump capability.

4.2 Medium-sized PLC'S

In this range modular construction predominates with plug-in modules based around the Eurocard 19 inch rack format or another rack mounting system. This construction allows the simple upgrading or expansion of the system. This construction allows the simple upgrading or expansion of the system by fitting additional I/ O cards in to the cards into the rack, since most rack, systems have space for several extra function cards. Boards are usually 'ruggedized' to allow reliable operation over a range of environments.

In general this type of PLC is applied to logic control tasks that can not be met by small controllers due to insufficient I/O provision, or because the control task is likely to be extended in the future. This might require the replacement of a small PLC, where as a modular system can be expanded to a much greater extent, allowing for growth. A medium-sized PLC may therefore be financially more attractive in the long term.

Communications of a single and multi-bit processor are likely within the CPU. For programming, standard instructions or ladder and logic diagrams are available. Programming is normally carried out via a small keypad or a VDU terminal. If different sizes of PLC are purchased from a single manufacturer, it is likely that programs and programming panels will be compatible between the machines.

4.3 Large PLC

Where control of very large numbers of input and output points is necessary and complex control functions are required, a large programmable controller is the obvious choice. Large PLC's are designed for use in large plants or on large machines requiring continuous control. They are also employed as supervisory controllers to monitor and control several other PLC's or intelligent machines. e.g. CNC tools.

Modular construction in Eurocard format is standard, with a wide range of function cards available including analogue input output modules. There is a move towards 16-bit processor, and also multi-processor usage in order to efficiently handle a large range of differing control tasks.

For example;

- 16-bit processor as main processor for digital arithmetic and text handling.
- Single-bit processor as co-or parallel processor for fast counting, storage etc.

- Peripheral processor for handling additional tasks which are time-dependent or time-critical, such as:

Closed-loop (PID) control

Position controls

Floating-point numerical calculations

Diagnostic and monitoring

Communications for decentralized

Remote input/output racks.

This multi-processor solution optimizes the performance of the overall system as regards versatility and processing speed, allowing to PLC to handle very large programs of 100 K instructions or more. Memory cards can now provide several megabytes of CMOS RAM or EPROM storage.

4.4 Remote input/output

When large numbers of input / output points are located a considerable distance away from the programmable controller, it is uneconomic to run connecting cables to every point. A solution to this problem is to site a remote I/ O unit near to the desired I/ O points. This acts as a concentrator to monitor all inputs and transmit their status over a single serial communications link to the programmable controller. Once output signals have been produced by the PLC they are feedback along the communications cable to the remote I/ O unit, which converts the serial data into the individual output signals to drive the process.

4.5 Programming large PLC's

Virtually any function can be programmed, using the familiar ladder symbols via a graphics terminal or personal computer. Parameters are passed to relevant modules either by incorporating constants in to the ladder, or via on screen menus for that module.

There may in addition be computer-oriented languages, which allow programming of function modules and subroutines.

There is progress towards standardization of programming languages; with programs becoming easier to over-view through improvement of text handling, hand

improved documentation facilities. This is assisted by the application of personal computers as workstations.

4.6 Developments

Present trends include the integration of process data from a PLC into management databases, etc. This allows immediate presentation of information to those involved in scheduling, production and planning.

The need to pass process information between PC's and PLC sand other devices within a automated plants has resulted in the provision of a communications capability on all but the smallest controller. The development of local area networks (LAN) and in particular the recent MAP specification by General Motors (manufacturing automation protocol) provides the communication link to integrate all levels of control systems.

CHAPTER 5

5. PROGRAMMING OF PLC SYSTEMS

In the previous chapter we were introduced to logic instructions sets for programming PLC systems. The complete sets of basic logic instruction for two common programmable controllers are given below. Note the inclusion in these lists of additional instructions ORB and ANB to allow programming of more complex, multi branch circuits. The use of all these instructions and others is dealt with in this chapter. Some typical instruction sets for Texas instruments and Mitsubishi PLC's are given in table 8.1

Table 5.1 Typical logic instruction sets

Texas Instrument		Mitsubishi A series	
Mnemonic	Action	Mnemonic	Action
STR	Store	LD	Start rung with an open contact
OUT	Output	OUT	Output
AND	Series components	AND	Series elements
OR	Parallel components	OR	Parallel elements
NOT	Inverse action	..I	As for not
		ORB	Or together parallel branches
		ANB	And together series circuit blocks

5.1 Logic instruction sets and graphic programming

In the last chapter we introduced logic instructions as the basic programming language for programmable controllers. Although logic instructions are relatively easy

to learn and use, it can be extremely time-consuming to check and relate a large coded program to actual circuit function.

In addition, logic instructions tend to vary between different types of PLC.

In a factory or plant is equipped with a range of different controllers (a common situation), confusion can result over differences in the instruction sets.

RELAY LOGIC SYMBOLS: (MISUBISHI PLC)



Input, normally open contacts



Input, normally closed contacts



Inputs in parallel connection



Output device



Special instruction circuit block

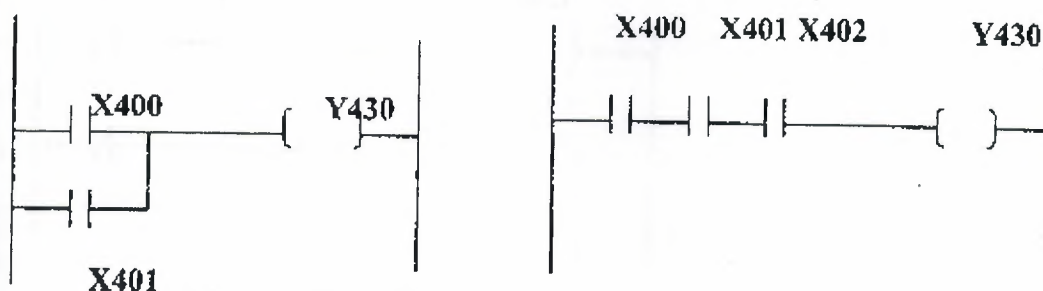
A preferable alternative is to use a graphic programmer, as available for several programmable controllers including the small Mitsubishi and Toshiba models from Japan Graphing programming allows the user to enter his program as a symbolic ladder circuit layout, using standard logic symbols to represent input contacts, output coils, etc. as shown in the above figure. This approach is more user friendly than programming with mnemonic logic instructions and can be considered as a higher-level form of language.

The programming panel translates or compiles these graphing symbols into machine instructions that are stored in the PLC memory, relieving the user of this task.

Different types of graphing programmer are normally used for each family of programmable controller, but they all support similar graphic circuit conventions. Smaller, hand-held panels are common for the small to medium-sized PLC's although the same programming panel often used as a 'field programmer' for these and larger PLC'S in the sane family. However, the majority of graphic programming for larger systems is carried out on terminal sized units. Some of these units are also semi-portable, and may be operated alongside the PLC system under commissioning or test in plant. In addition to screen displays, virtually all graphic-programming stations can drive printers for hard copy of the programs and\or status information, plus program storage via battery-backed RAM or tape/ floppy disk. The facility to load resident programs into EPROM IC'S may be available on more expensive units.

5.1.1 Input/output numbering

It was previously stated that different PLC manufacturers use different numbering systems for input/ output points and other functions within the controller.

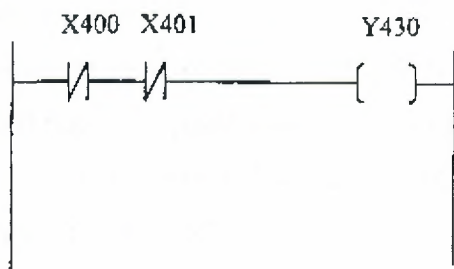


OR gate

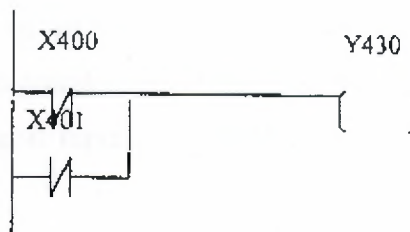
AND gate

5.1.2 Negation – NAND and NOR gates

These logic functions can be produced in ladder form simply by replacing all contacts with their inverse, AND becomes ANI; OR becomes ORI; etc. this changes the function of the circuit.



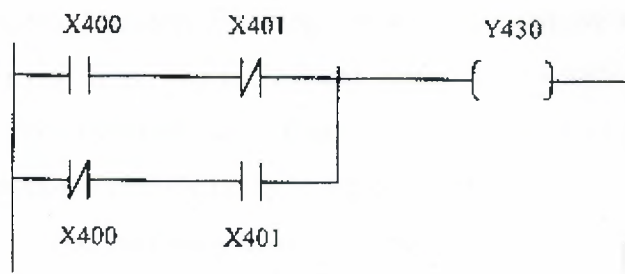
NOR gate



NAND gate

5.1.3 Exclusive – OR gate

This different from the normal OR gates as it gives an output of 1 when either one input or the other is on, but not both. This is comparable to two parallel circuits, each one with make and one break contact in series as shown in exclusive OR gate figure.



EXCLUSIVE – OR gate

Note the use of an ORB instruction in this example. The programmable controller reads the first two instructions, then finds another rung start instruction before an OUT instruction has been executed. The CPU therefore realizes that a parallel form of circuit exists and reads the subsequent instructions until an ORB instruction is found.

5.2 Facilities

5.2.1 Standard PLC functions

In addition to the series and parallel connection of input and output contacts, the majority of control tasks involve the use of time delays, event counting, storage of

process status data, etc. All of these requirements can be met using standard features found on most programmable controllers. These include timers, counters, markers and shift registers, easily controlled using ladder diagrams or logic instructions.

These internal functions are not physical input or output. They are simulated within the controller.

Each function can be programmed with related contacts, which may be used to control different elements in the program. As with physical inputs and outputs. Certain number ranges are allocated to each block of functions. The number range will depend both on the size of a PLC, and the manufacturer. For example, for Mitsubishi F-40 series, the details are as follows:

Timers T	450 - 457
	550 - 557
Counters C	460 - 467
	560 - 567

The information illustrates the use of different number ranges assigned to each supported function. For example, the timer circuits for this programmable controller are addressed from 450 to 457 and 550 to 557, a total of 16 bit timers. It is the specified number that identifies a function and its point to the PLC, not the prefix letter. This prefixes are included only to aid the operator.

The functions listed are provided on most programmable controllers, although the exact format will vary between manufacturers. Other functions may also exist, either as standard or by the selection and fitting of function modules to the PLC rack.

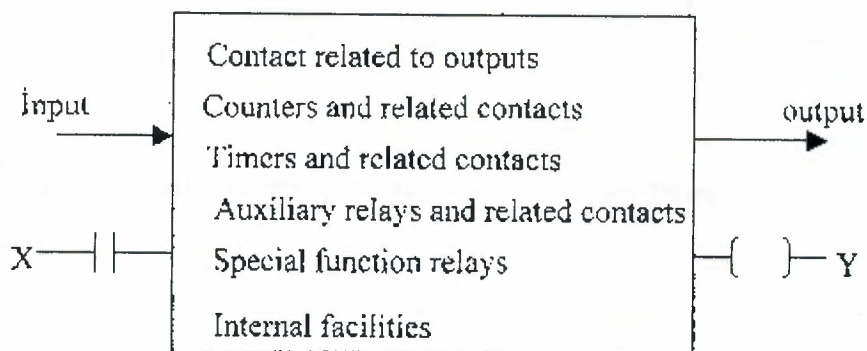


Figure 5.1 Standard PLC function

PC (F40) I/O ASSIGNMENTS

Inputs:	24 points	400 – 407
		410 – 413
		500 – 507
		510 – 513
Outputs:	16 points	430 – 437
		530 – 537
Timers:	16 points	450 – 457
		550 – 557
Counters:	16 points	460 – 467
		560 – 567
Auxiliary control		100 – 107
Relays:	128 points	170 – 177
		200 – 207
		270 – 277
Battery – backed: 64 points		300 – 307
Special function		370 – 377
Auxiliary relays: 5 points		70,71,72,75,77

Figure 5.2 Typical number assignments to internal functions

The operation and use of the listed standard functions is covered in the following sections.

5.2.2 Markers / auxiliary relays

Often termed control relays or flags, these provide general memory for the programmer, plus associated contacts. They also form the basis for shift-register construction. Normally a group of markers with battery back up is provided allowing process status information to be retained in the event of a power failure. These markers can be used to ensure safe startup/shut down of process plant by including them as necessary in the logic sequence.

Referring, the Mitsubishi F40 has:

128 auxiliary (marker) relays, 64 battery-backed markers.

5.2.3 Ghost contacts

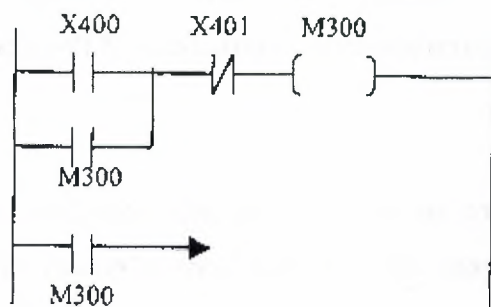
In certain cases it will be necessary to derive an output from the combined logic of several ladder rungs, due to the number of contacts involved. The straightforward way of providing this is to common-up the respective circuit rungs and drive an internal relay or marker (M). This acts in the same manner as a 'physical' relay, in that it can have associated contacts except for the fact that it is simulated by software within the programmable controller, and has no external appearance whatsoever!

In common with other internal functions, auxiliary relays/markers can be programmed with as many associated contacts as desired. These contacts may be used anywhere in a ladder programs as elements in a logic circuit or as control contacts driving output relays or other functions.

5.2.4 Retentive battery – backed relays

If power is cut or interrupted whilst the programmable controller is operating, the output relays and all standard marker relays will be turned off. Thus when power is restored, all contacts associated with output relays and markers will be of possibly resulting in incorrect sequencing. When control tasks have to restart automatically after a power failure, the use of battery-backed markers is required. In the above PLC, there are 64 retentive marker points, which can be programmed as for ordinary markers, only storing pre-power failure information that, is available once the system is restarted.

In figure 8.3 retentive markers M300 is used to retain data in the event of a power failure. Once input X400 is closed to operate the M300 marker, M300 latches via its associated contact.



So even if X400 is opened due to a power failure, the circuit holds on restart due to M300 retaining the operated status and placing its associated contacts in the operated positions.

Obviously X401 still controls the circuit, and if this input is likely to be energized (opened) by a power-failure situation, then a further stage of protection may be used.

5.2.5 Optional functions on auxiliary relays

From the above text it is apparent that auxiliary relays constitute an important facility in any programmable controller. This is basically due to their ability to control a large numbers of associated contacts and perform as intermediate switching elements in many different types of control circuit.

In addition, many PLC manufacturers have provided additional, programmable functions associated with these auxiliary relays, to further extend their usefulness.

A very common example is a 'pulse' function that allows any designated marker to produce a fixed-duration pulse at its contacts when operated, rather than the normal d.c. level change.

This pulse output is irrespective of the duration of relay operation, thus providing a very useful tool for applications such as program triggering, setting/resetting of timers and counters etc.

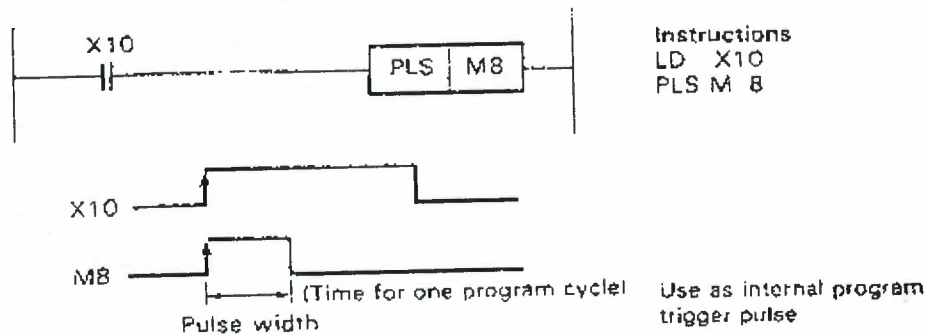
5.2.6 Pulse operation

The programming of these feature varies between controllers, but the general procedure is the same, and very straightforward.

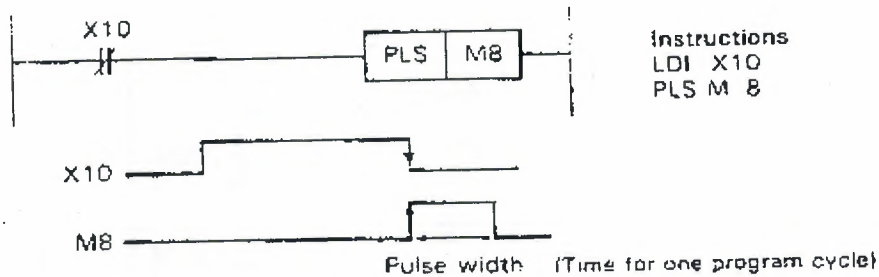
A pulse-PLS instruction is programmed onto an auxiliary relay number. (in figure 8.4)

This configures the designated relay to output a fixed-duration pulse when operated. The examples show how the relay may be used to output a pulse for either a positive or negative going input.

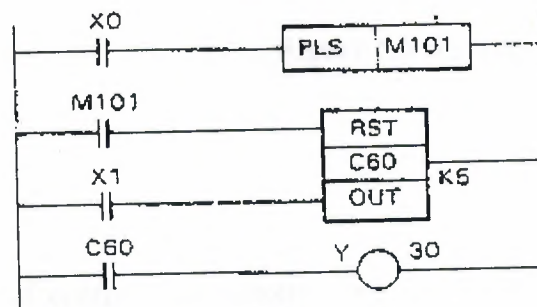
The circuit in figure 8.5 uses a PLS instruction on auxiliary relay 101 to provide a reset signal for a counter circuit C60. When input 0 is operated, a pulse is sent to relay 101, causing its contacts to pulse and reset counter C60. This is used here because counters and timers often require short duration resetting to allow the restart of the counting or timing.



(a)



(b)



Step No.	Instruction	
0	LD X0	
1	PLS M101	Auxiliary relay M101
2	LD M101	
3	RST C60	
4	LD X1	
5	OUT C60	Counter C60
7	K 5	Count of five
10	LD C60	
11	OUT Y30	
12	END	

Figure 5.4 Pulse function on auxiliary relays (a) rise detection circuit

Figure 5.5 Providing a pulse input to a counter circuit (b) drop detection circuit

5.2.7 Set and reset

As with pulse – PLS, the ability to SET and RESET an auxiliary relay can often be produced by using appropriate instructions as in figure 8.6. These instructions are used to hold (latch) and reset the operation of the relay coils.

The S-set instruction causes the coil M202 to self-hold. This remains until a reset instruction is activated.

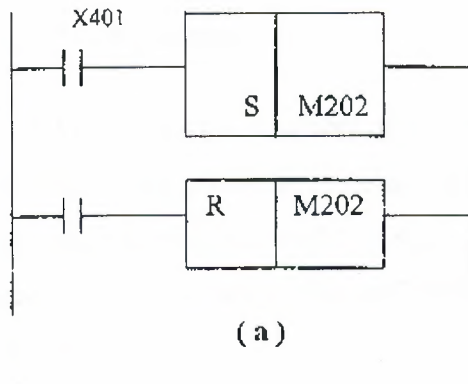


Figure 5.6 (a) set/reset

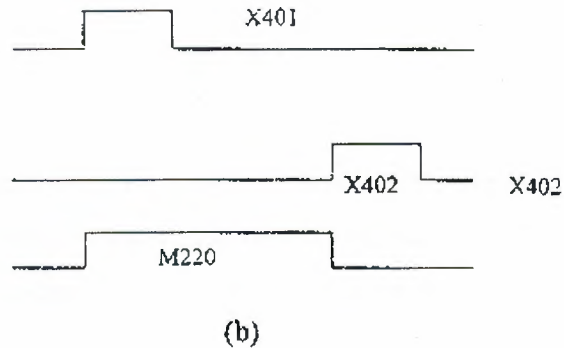


Figure 5.6 (b) time chart

5.2.8 Timers

In a large proportion of control applications, there is a requirement for some aspect of timing control. PC's have some software timer facilities that are very simple to program and use in a variety of situations.

The common method of programming a timer circuit is to specify the interval to be timed, and the conditions or events that are to start and / or stop the timer function. The initiating event may be produced by other internal or external signals to the controller. In this example the timer T450 is totally controlled by a contact related to output Y430. Thus, T450 begins timing only when Y430 is operated. This is caused by input X400 and not X401. Once activated, the timer will 'time-down' from its preset value in this case 3.5 seconds to zero, and then its associated contacts will operate.

As with any other PLC contact, the timer contacts may be used to drive succeeding stages of ladder circuitry. Here the T450 contact is controlling output Y431. The enabling path to a timer may also form the 'reset' path, causing the timer to reset to

preset value whenever the path is opened. This is the case with most small PC's. The enabling path may contain very involved logic, or only a single contact.

Techniques for programming the preset time value vary little between different programmable controllers, usually requiring the entry of a constant (K) command followed by the time interval in seconds and tenths of a seconds. The timers on this Mitsubishi controller can time from 0.1 – 999.9 s, and can be cascaded to provide longer intervals if required.

5.2.9 Counters

Whenever the numbers of process actions or events are significance, they must be detected and stored in some manner by the controller. Single or small numbers of events may be remembered by using latched relay circuits, but this is not suitable for larger event counts. Here programmable counter circuits are desirable, and are available on all PLC's.

Provided as an internal function, counter circuits are programmed in a similar manner the timer circuits covered above, but with the addition of a control path to signal event counts to the counter block. Most PLC counters works as subtraction or 'down' counters, as the current value is decremented from the programmed set value.

5.2.10 Registers

From using a single internal or external relay as a memory device to store a single bit of information, other PLC facilities allow the storage of several bits of data at one time.

The device used to store the data is termed a register, and commonly holds 8 or 16 bits of information. Registers can be through of as individual bit-stores- in fact many programmable controllers form the data registers out of groups of auxiliary marker relays in the figure 5.7

Registers are very important for handling data that originates from sources than simple, single switches. Instead of binary data in one bit wide fort, information in parallel data form may be read into and out of appropriately sized registers. Thus, data from devices such as thumbwheel switches, analogue to digital converters, can be feed

into appropriate PLC registers and used in later operations that will generate other bit or byte wide (8-bit) data to drive switched outputs or digital-to-analogue conversion units.

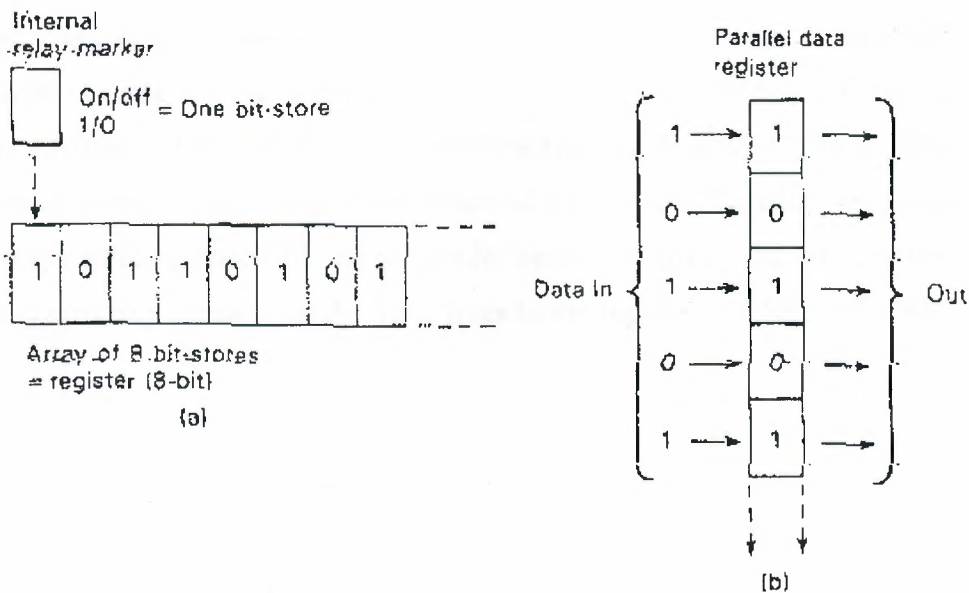


Figure 5.7 Register storage concept (a) array of bit stores; (b) parallel data register

5.2.11 Shift registers

A shift register provides a storage area for a sequence of individual data bits that are offered in series to its input line. The data are moved through the register under control of a shift or clock line as in the figure in the 8.8. The effect of a valid shift pulse is to move all stored digits one bit further in to a register, entering any new data in to the 'freed' initial bit positions. Since a shift register will only be a certain size. For example 8 or 16 bits, then any data in the last bit of the register will be shifted out and lost.

The usefulness of a shift register (SR) lies in the ability to control other circuits or devices via associated SR contacts that are affected by the stream through the register. That is, as with marker relays, when a marker is ON any associated contacts are operated.

In programmable controllers, shift registers are commonly formed groups of the auxiliary relays. This allocation is done automatically by the user programming a 'shift register function', which then reserves the chosen block of relays for that register and prohibits their use for any other function (including use as individual relays).

The example in figure 8.8 shows a typical circuit for shift register operation on a Mitsubishi PLC. Here the register is selected by programming in the shift instructions against the auxiliary relay number to be first in the register array M160. This instruction causes a block of relays M160-167 to be reserved for that shift register. Note that only the first relay had to be specified, the remainder being implied by the instructions. This shows the controlling contacts on the input lines to the register -RESET, OUTPUT and SHIFT,

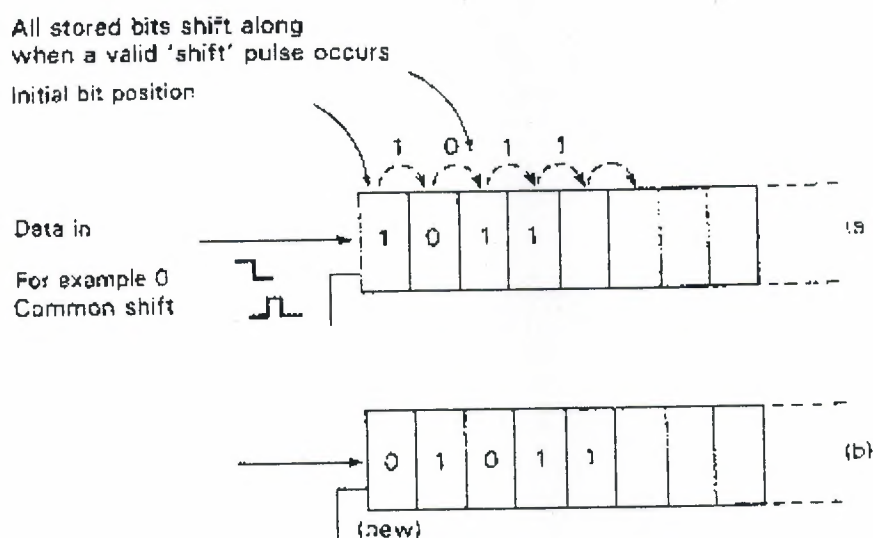
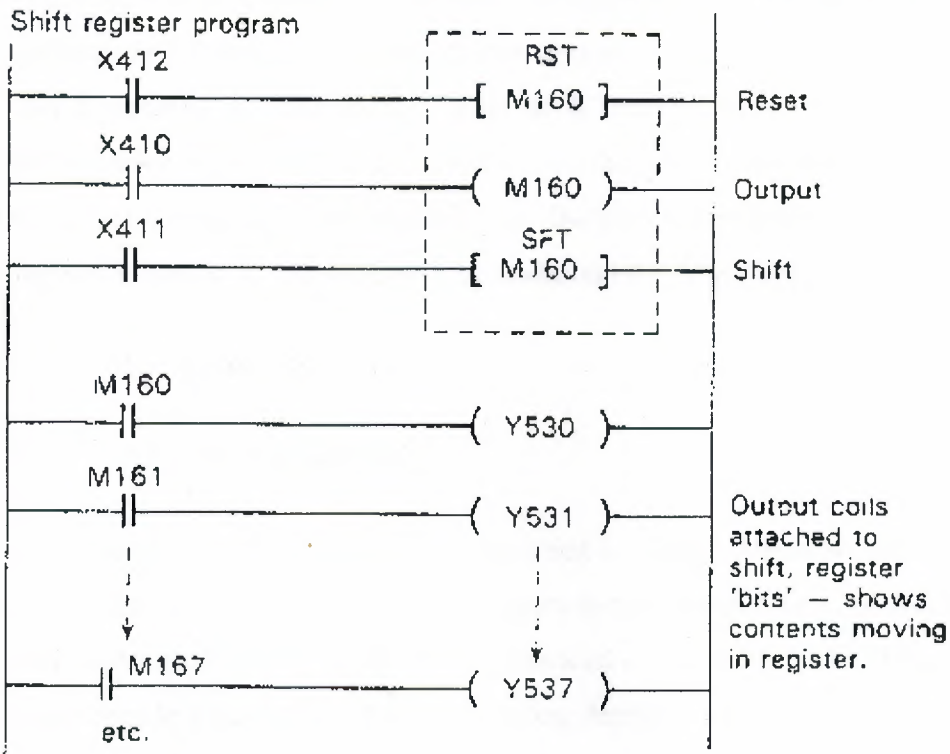


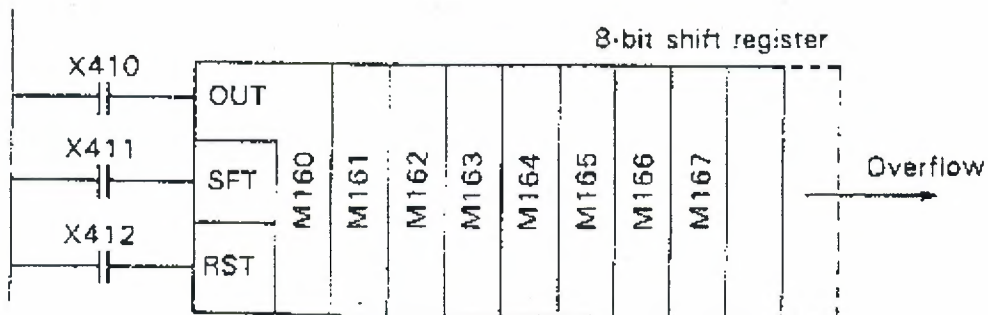
Figure 5.8 Shift register operation: (a) before (b) after 1 shift pulse

The auxiliary relays can be grouped in blocks of 8 to form 8- or 16-bit shift registers. This feature is programmed as shown below using M160-177 internal relays (only M160 is keyed in, the other bits being transparent).



The shift register contacts perform as follows:

- RST — a pulse or closure resets SR contents to 0
- OUT — logic level (0 or 1) offered to register on this rung.
- SFT — pulse moves contents along one bit at a time (eventually contents are lost off the final bit memory).



Note the M — contacts below the SR circuit that are used to drive output coils (M160 — 167 driving Y530 — 537).

It is easier to understand the function of the register if we look at an equivalent circuit in the figure 8.10. Here we can see the layout of other marker relays following M160. This helps us to visualize the shifting of data from bit to bit, affecting other parts of the circuitry as the data (1 or 0) in each bits change.

Shift registers are commonly found as 8 bits or 16 bit, and can usually be cascaded to create larger shift arrays. This allows data to be shifted out of one register and in to a second register, instead being lost. Battery-backed markers can be selected as the register elements if it is necessary to retain register data through a power failure.

5.3 Arithmetic Instructions

5.3.1 BCD numbering

All internal CPU operations are performed in binary numbers. Since it may be necessary to deal with decimal inputs and outputs in the outside world, conversion using binary coded decimal (BCD) numbering is provided on most Ply's. BCD numbering is briefly described in Figure 8.11. Readers wanting further information are referred to the many texts dealing with number system. When data is already in binary format, such as analogue values, it is placed directly in registers for use by other instructions.

(1) BIN (pure binary)

	X7	X6	X5	X4	X3	X2	X1	X0	
Upper digit	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	Lower digit
	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1	

$128 + 64 + 16 + 2 + 1 = 211$

In the data made up of 8 bits from X0 to X7, the number 211 is expressed when X0, X1, X4, X6 and X7 are turned on (= 1 in the above figure) and the others are turned off (= 0 in the above figure).

(2) BCD (binary-coded decimal)

M113	M112	M111	M110	M107	M106	M105	M104	M103	M102	M101	M100
1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1
800	400	200	100	80	40	20	10	8	4	2	1

100s digit
10s digit
1s digit

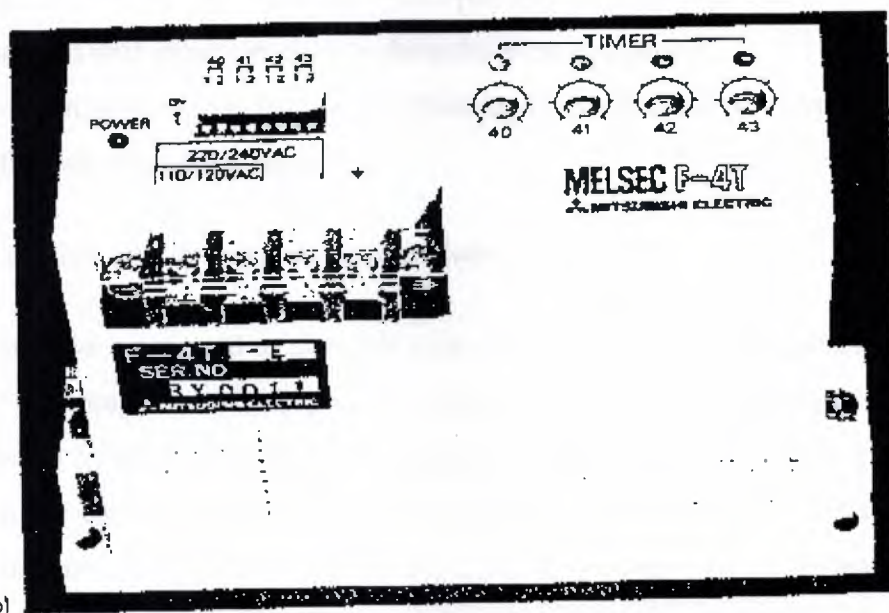
$(800 + 100 + 140 + 20) + 4 + 2 + 1 = 967$

BCD data is such that each digit of the decimal number is expressed in 4-bit binary. No digit will exceed 9.

E.g.: If both M103 and M102 are turned on (= 1) in the BCD data shown in the above figure it will result in an error.

The values of timers or counters may be treated as BCD

(a)



(b)

Figure 5.11 (a) Binary and BCD number systems

(b) Timer unit for data operations

5.3.2 Magnitude comparison

Magnitude comparison instructions are used to compare a digital value read from some input device or timer, etc., with a second value contained in a destination data register. Depending on the instruction more than, less than, or equal, this will result in a further operation when the condition is met. For example, a temperature probe in a furnace returns an analog voltage representing the current internal temperature. This is converted into a digital value by an analog to digital converter module on the PC, where it is read from input points by a data transfer instruction and stored in data register DIO. The process requires that if the temperature is less than 200 C, then the process must halt due to insufficient temperature.

If the temperature is greater than 200 C and less than 250 C, then the process operates at normal rate. If the temperature is between 250 and 280 C, then baking time is to be reduced to 3 minutes 25 seconds, and once temperature exceeds 280 C the process is to be suspended.

This type of area where magnitude comparison can provide the necessary control, in conjunction with other circuitry to drive the plant equipment.

Other common applications include the checking of counter and timer values for action part-way through a counting sequence.

5.3.3 Addition and subtraction instructions

These instructions are used to alter the value of data held in data registers by a certain amount. This may be used simply to add/subtract an offset to an input value before it is processed by other instructions. For example, when two different sensors are passing values to the controller and one sensor signal has to be compared against the other, but is a fundamentally smaller signal with a narrower output swing. It may be possible to add an offset to the smaller signal to bring it up near to the level of the larger one, thus allowing comparison to take place. The alternative would be to use signal-conditioning units to raise the sensor output before the PLC an expensive option.

Other uses of + and - include the alteration of counter and timer presets by programmed increments when certain conditions occur.

CHAPTER 6

6. LADDER PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

6.1 Software Design

When ladder programs are being developed to control simple actions or equipment, the amount of planning and actual design work for these short programs is minimal, mainly because there is no requirement to link with other actions or sections within the program. The ladder networks involved are small enough to be easily understood in terms of circuit representation and operation. In practice, of course, circuits are not limited to AND or OR gates, often involving mixed logic functions together with the many other programmable functions provided by modern programmable controllers.

When larger and more complex control operations have to be performed, it quickly becomes apparent that an informal and unstructured approach to software design will only result in programs that are difficult to understand, modify, troubleshoot and document. The originator of such software may possess an understanding of its operation, but this knowledge is unlikely to remain after even a short period of time away from that system.

In terms of design methodology, then, ladder programming is no different from conventional computer programming. Thus, considerable attention must be given to:

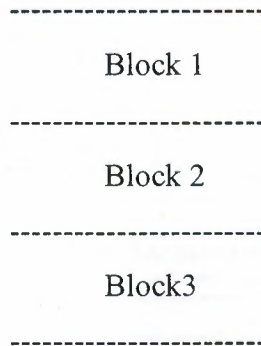
- Task definition / specification
- Software design techniques
- Documentation
- Program testing

6.1.1 System functions

Most industrial control systems may be considered as a set of functional areas or blocks, in order to aid the understanding of how the total system operates.

For example, each machine in a plant unit can be treated as a separate sub-process. Each machine process is then broken down into blocks that may be described in terms of basic sequences and operations in the figure 9.1 illustrate this approach.

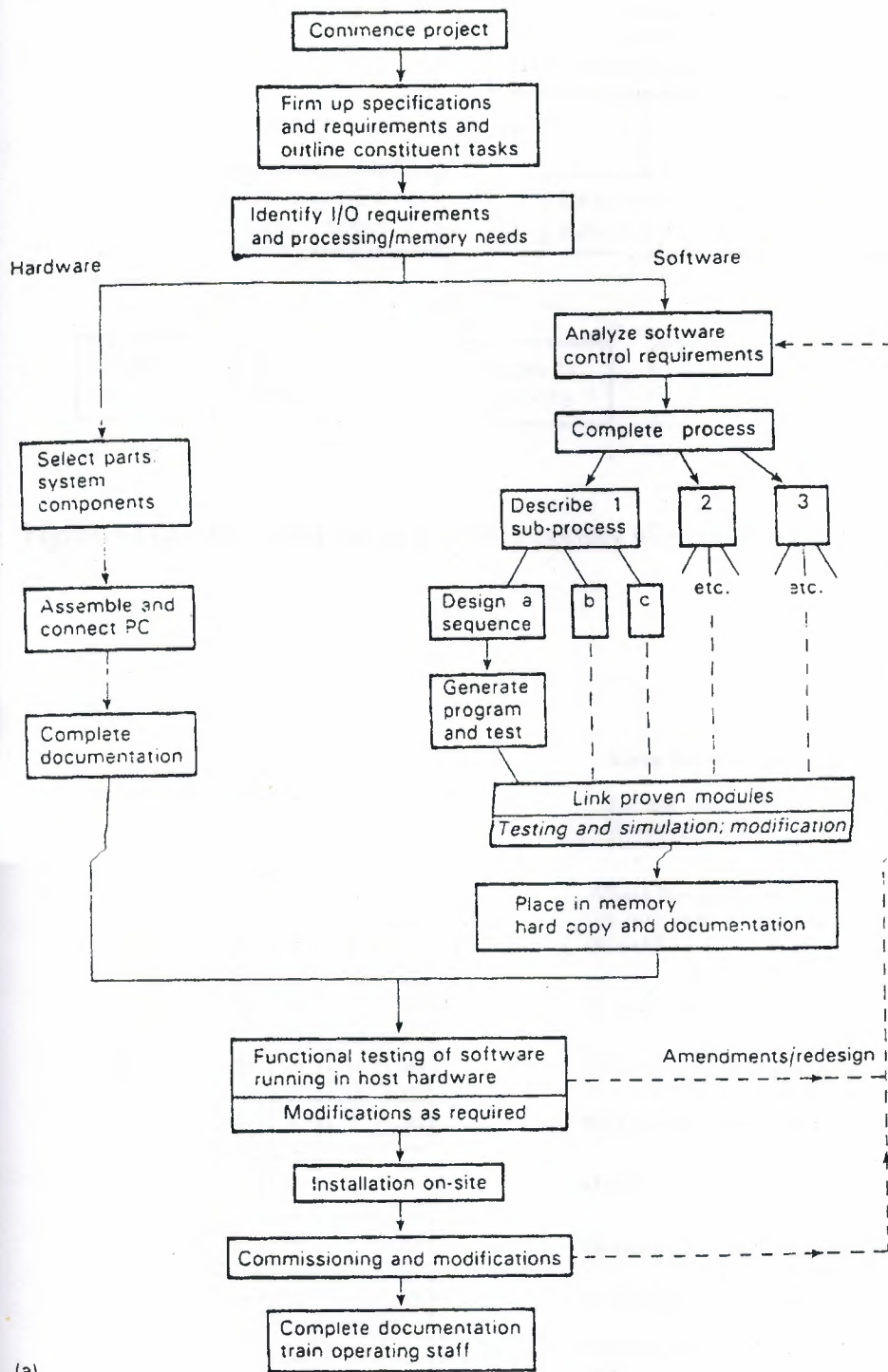
A functional block could for example, consist of all actions required to control a certain machine in the process.



The division of programming tasks in to functional blocks is an important part design.

In logic programming, there are two different types of network that may be used to implement the function of a given block:

- Interlocks or combinational logic, where the output is purely dependent on the combination of the inputs at any instant in time.
- Sequential networks where the output is dependent not only on the actual inputs but on the sequence of the previous inputs and outputs.



(a)

Figure 6.1 (a) PC system design procedure

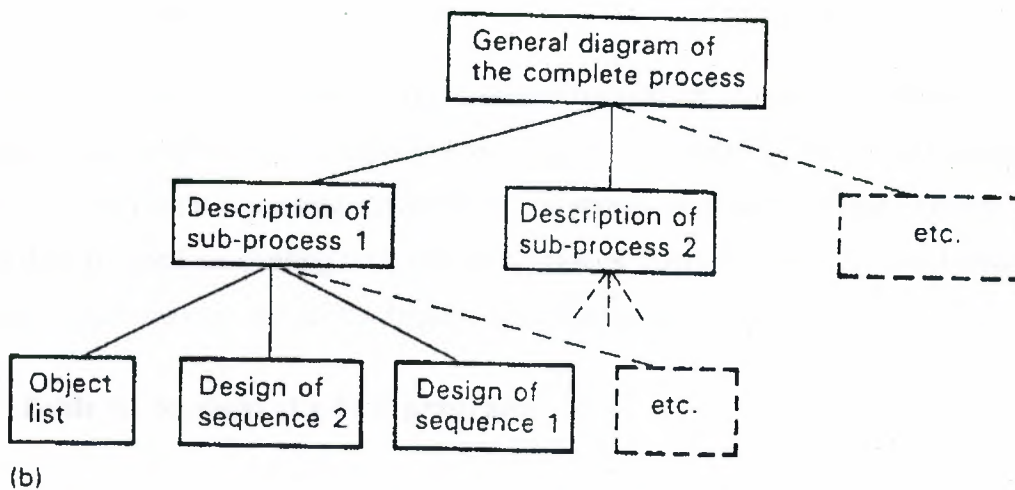


Figure 9.1 (b) Describing the functional structure of a process

Entry procedure	Key operation	Comment
1	LDR WR	Mode and function key
2.	⇌ X 2 GO	Symbol element execution (cursor moves to next position)
3.	⇌ X 3 GO	Where the ladder symbol is the same as the one used previously, it need not be rekeyed
4.	⇌ X 4 GO	
5.	○ Y 1 GO	Output coil, cursor moves to next line
6.	4P X 0 GO	Parallel contact across X2
7.	4P X 1 GO	Parallel contact across X2
8.	↓ ←	Move cursor to next line
9.	⇌ X 5 GO	Parallel contact across previous contacts
10.	— GO — GO	Horizontal circuit links to point B
11.	GO ↑ ← GO	Vertical links up to point A, using cursor keys
12.	CNV GO	Editing and writing code to RAM (compiled into logic instructions)

Figure 6.2 Graphing programming

6.2 Program Structure

At this stage in the investigation of design techniques, it is appropriate to discuss the layout and structure of PLC programs. It is sound practice to base any program layout on the general operating structure of all process-control Systems. This means having definite sections dealing with operating modes, basic functions, process chain or sequence, signal outputs and status display, as indicated in Table 9.1.

Table 6.1 Sections of a PLC program

Start
Operating modes and basic functions
Starting (basic) position
Enabling / reset conditions
Process operation / sequence logic
Signal outputs
Status / indicator output
Finish

a- Operating modes

Basic position: The controlled equipment is likely to have a basic or normal position, for example when all actuators are off and all limit switches are open. All these elements can be combined logically to signify and initialize a basic position, which may be programmed as a step in a sequential process.

Enabling / reset conditions: Most industrial processes have manual start mid stop controls that may be incorporated in to the PLC program structure at this point. These would be included as enabling and reset contacts, having overall control of the PLC in terms of run or stop. There may also be a manual switch to enable the system outputs, which would allow the program to run without driving the physical outputs, connected to the PLC a test function.

b-Process operation/sequence

This is the main topic of this chapter, involving the design and programming of combinational and sequential networks as necessary. The resultant outputs do not normally drive actuators directly, but instead are used to operate intermediate marker relays.

c- Signal output

Output signals to process actuators are formed by interlocking the resulting operation sequence outputs (markers) with any enabling conditions that exist in (a) above.

d-Status / indicator outputs

Process status is often displayed using indicator lamps or alarms, etc. Such elements are programmed in this section of the software.

By adopting this systematic approach to program structure, we can create reliable, easily understood software, which will allow rapid fault location and result in short process down times. The programs that are developed in this chapter deal mainly with the topic of process operation, but will be structured in this manner where possible.

9.3 Further Sequential Control Techniques

In many practical applications, a control system has to deal with a process sequence that requires the concurrent operation and control of more than one step. Also, steps in a sequence may require a time delay or event count as entry criteria for a succeeding step. To describe the different types of parallel operation, we use the conventions

In figure, actions B OR C are taken, depending on the result of test A2. Either action will allow entry to action D. In the figure shows the format for a process where two actions A AND B are initialized once test A is true; also both tests B AND C must be true before progression to action D.

The equivalent function chart descriptions are illustrated. The number of parallel activities may be extended via the branching and converging rails. The chart in figure shows the tests that allow entry to steps B OR C, and also the individual tests or

conditions that will allow resetting of the chosen step (test n and run). Notice the OR signs at each branch rail.

In figure the AND ing of steps is signified by the double connecting rails after test A and before test n. This means that all parallel steps (in this case B and C) are set once state A is active and test A is fulfilled.

6.4 Limitation of Ladder Programming

1 - Ladder programs are ideal for combinational/interlock tasks and simple sequential tasks. However, the lack of comment facilities on most small programmers makes interpretation of any program extremely difficult.

2 - when applied to complex sequential tasks, ladder programs become cumbersome, difficult both to design and debug. This is mainly due to having to provide entry, hold and reset elements in every stage to ensure no sequence errors occur.

Several manufacturers are adopting a function block style of programming that removes most of this complexity. This employs basic programming symbols that are closely related to the function chart symbols used for program design purposes, as used earlier in this chapter.

6.4.1 Advanced graphic programming languages

The facility for programming using functional blocks is currently available on a few larger programmable controllers, such as those from Siemens and Telemecanique. This approach uses graphic blocks to represent sections of circuitry related to a particular task or part of a process. Each function block is user programmed to contain a section of ladder circuitry required to carry out that function. The sequential operation of the control system is obtained by progression from one block to next, where a step is entered only if its entry conditions are fulfilled, in which case it becomes active and the previous step becomes inactive. Thus, there is no need to reset the previous step an important advantage over conventional ladder programming.

To examine or program the contents of each block the user would zoom in on the block in question. These windows in on the contents as shown, which are displayed

on the programming panel. The necessary details are then entered in normal ladder format.

Provision for displaying simultaneous sequences is a further important feature of these programming methods, displaying the multi tasking ability of PLC's in an easy to follow manner.

6.4.2 Workstations

The traditional tool for programming PLC's is the small, hand held panel, which can provide only limited monitoring and editing facilities. Most manufacturers are now using personal computers as workstations on larger programmable controllers, in order to fully exploit these features, and those of graphic function blocks.

CHAPTER 7

7. CHOOSING INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF PLC SYSTEM

7.1 Feasibility Study

Under certain circumstances an initial feasibility study may be suggested or warranted prior to any decision on what solution will be adopted for a particular task. The feasibility study may be carried out either by in house experts or by external consultants. Often an independent specialist is preferred, having few or no ties to specific vendor equipment.

The scope of such a study can vary enormously, from simply stating the feasibility of the proposal, through to a comprehensive case analysis with complete equipment recommendations. Typically, though, a feasibility study of this nature encompasses several specific areas of investigation:

- (a) **economic feasibility**, consisting of the evaluation of possible installation and development costs weighed against the ultimate income or benefits resulting from a developed system;
- (b) **technical feasibility**, where the target process and equipment are studied in terms of function, performance and constraints that may relate to achieving an acceptable system;
- (c) **alternatives**, with an investigation and evaluation of alternative approaches to the development of the acceptable system.

Area (a), economic feasibility and worth, can only be addressed fully once the result of areas (b) and (c) are available, with estimated costings, and direct indirect benefits being considered. Area (b) is detailed in the following sections, with background information for area (a) usually being compiled through liaison with company personnel. The achievement of a complete technical proposal requires us to know what the present and future company needs are in terms of plant automation and desired information systems.

Once the control function has been accurately defined, a suitable programmable control system has to be chosen from the wide range available. Following the identification of a suitable PLC, work can begin on aspects of electrical hardware design and software design.

7.2 Design Procedure for PLC System

Because the programmable controller is based on standard modules, the majority of hardware and software design and implementation can be carried out independently of, but concurrently with, each other.

Developing the hardware and software in parallel brings advantages both in terms of saving time and of maintaining the most flexible and adaptable position regarding the eventual system function. This allows changes in the actual control functions through software, until the final version is placed in the system memory and installed in the PLC.

An extremely important aspect of every design project is the documentation.

Accurate and up-to-date documentation of all phases of a project need to be fully documented and updated as the job progresses through to completion. This information will form part of the total system documentation, and can often be invaluable during later stages of commissioning and troubleshooting.

7.2.1 Choosing a programmable controller

There is a massive range of PLC Systems available today, with new additions or replacement continually being produced with enhanced features of one type or another. Manufacturers quickly adopt advances in technology in order to improve the performance and market status of their products. However, irrespective of make, the majority of PLC's in each size range are very similar in terms of their control facilities. Where significant differences are to be found is in the programming methods and languages, together with differing standards of manufacturer support and backup. This latter point is often overlooked when choosing a suitable make of controller, but the value of good, reliable manufacturer's assistance cannot be overstated, both for present and future control needs.

7.2.2 Size and type of PLC system

This may be decided in conjunction with the choice of manufacturer, on the basis that more than one make of machine can satisfy a particular application, but with the vast choice of equipment now available, the customer can usually obtain similar systems from several original equipment manufacturers (OEM's). Where the

specification requires certain types of function or input/output, it can result in one system from a single manufacturer standing out as far superior or cost-effective than the competition, but this is rarely the case. Once the stage of deciding actual size of the PLC system is reached, there are several topics to be considered:

- necessary input/output capacity; types of I/ O required;
- size of memory required;
- speed and power required of the CPU and instruction set.

All this topics are to a large extent interdependent, with the memory size being directly tied to the amount of I/ O as well as program size. As the I/ O memory size rises, this takes longer to process and requires a more powerful, faster central processor if scan times are remain acceptable.

7.2.3 I/O Requirements

The I/ O sections of a PLC system must be able to contain sufficient modules to connect all signal and control lines for the process. These modules must conform to the basic system specifications as regards voltage levels, loading, etc.,

- The number and type of I/ O points required per module;
- Isolation required between the controller and the target process;
- The need for high speed I/ O, or remote I/ O, or any other special facility;
- Future needs of the plant in terms of both expansions potential and installed spare I/ O points,
- Power supply requirements of I/ O points are an on board PSU needed to drive any transducer or actuators?

In certain cases there may be a need for signal conditioning modules to be included in the system, with obvious space demands on the main or remote racks. When the system is to be installed over a wide area, the use of a remote or decentralized form of I/ O working can give significant economies in cabling the sensors and actuators to the PLC.

7.2.4 Memory and programming requirements

Depending on the type of programmable control let being considered, the system memory may be implemented on the same card as the CPU, or alternatively on

dedicated cards. This ladder method is the more adaptable, allowing memory size to be increased as necessary- up to the system maximum, without a reciprocal change in CPU card.

As stated in the previous section, memory size is normally related to the amount of I/ O points required in the system. The other factor that affects the amount of memory required is of course the control program that is to be installed. The exact size of any program cannot be defined until the software has been designed, encoded, installed and tested. However, it is possible to accurately estimate this size based on average program complexity. A control program with complex, lengthy interlocking or sequencing routines obviously requires more memory than one for a simple process. Program size is also related to the number of I/ O points, since it must include instructions for reading from or writing to each point. Special functions are required for the control task may also require memory space in the unit PLC memory map to allow data transfer between cards. Finally additional space should be provided to allow for changes in the program, and for future expansion of the system.

There is often a choice of available memory type RAM or EPROM. The RAM form is the most common, allowing straightforward and rapid program alterations both before and after the system is installed. RAM contents are made semi-permanent by the provision of battery backing on their power supply. RAM must always be used for I/ O and data functions, as these involve dynamic data.

EPROM memory can be employed for program storage only, and requires the use of a special EPROM eraser / programmer to alter the stored code. The use of EPROMS is ideal where identical programmable controllers running the same control several machines.

However, until a program has been fully developed and tested, RAM storage should be used.

As mentioned in earlier chapters, microcomputers are commonly used as program development stations. The large amounts of RAM and disk storage space provided in these machines allow the development and storage of many PLC programs, including related text and documentation. Programs can be transferred between the microcomputer and the target PLC for testing and alteration. EPROM programming can also often be carried out via the microcomputer.

7.2.5 Instruction set I CPU

Whatever else is left undefined; any system to be considered must provide an instruction set that is adequate for the task. Regardless of size, all PLC's can handle logic control, sequencing, etc. Where differences start to emerge are in the areas of data handling, special functions and communications. Larger programmable controllers tend to have more powerful instructions than smaller ones in these areas, but careful scrutiny of small medium machines can often reveal the capability to perform specific functions at surprisingly good levels of performance.

In modular programmable controllers there may be a choice of CPU card, offering different levels of performance in terms of speed and functionality. As the number of I/ O and function cards increases, the demands on the CPU also increase, since there are greater numbers of signals to process each cycle. This may require the use of a faster CPU card if scan time is not to suffer.

Following the selection of the precise units that will make up the programmable controller for a particular application, the software and hardware design functions can be carried out independently.

7.3 Installation

The hardware installation consists of building up to necessary racks and cubicles, then installing and connecting the cabling.

The cabinet that contains the programmable controller and associated sub-racks must be adequate for the intended environment, as regards security safety and protection from the elements:

security in the form of a robust, lockable cabinet; safety, by providing automatic cut off facilities alarms if the cabinet door is opened; protection from humid or corrosive atmospheres by installation of airtight seals on the cubicle. Further electrostatic shielding by earthing the cubicle body.

For maintenance purposes, there must be easy access to the PLC racks for card inspection, changing etc. Main on/ off and status indicators can be built in to the cabinet doors, and glass or Perspex windows fitted to allow visual checking of card status or relay/ contactor operation.

7.4 Testing and Commissioning

Once the installation work is completed, the next step is to consider the testing and commissioning of the PLC system.

Commissioning comprises two basic stages:

- 1- Checking the cable connections between the PLC and the plant to be controlled.
- 2- Installing the completed control software and testing its operation on the target process-

The system interconnections must be thoroughly checked out to ensure all input/output devices are wired to the correct I/ O points. In a conventional control system buzzing out the connections with suitable continuity test instruments would do this. With a programmable, however, the programming panel may be used to monitor the status of inputs points directly this is long before the control software is installed which will only be done after all hardware testing is satisfactorily completed. Before any hardware testing is started, a thorough test of all mains voltages, earthing, etc. must be carried out.

With the programmer attached to the PLC, input points are monitored as the related transducer is operated, checking that the correct signal is received by the PLC. The same technique is used to test the various function cards installed in the system. For example, altering can check analog inputs the analog signal and observing a corresponding change in the data stored in the memory table.

In turn, the output devices can be forced by instructions from the programming panel. Checking their connection and operation. The commissioning team must ensure that any operation or disoperation of plant actuators will not result in damage to plant or personnel

Testing of some PLC functions at this stage is not always practical, such as for PID loops and certain communications channel. These require a significant amount of configuring by software before they can be operated, and are preferably tested once the control software has been installed.

Some programmable controllers contain in built diagnostic routines that can be used to check out the installed cards, giving error codes on a VDU or integral display screen. These diagnostic are run by commands from the programming panel, or from within a control program once the system is fully operational.

7.4.1 Software testing and simulation

The preceding sections have outlined the various stages in hardware design and implementation. Over the same period of time, the software to control the target process is developed, in parallel, for the chosen PLC system. These program modules should be tested and proved individually wherever possible, before being linked together to make up the complete applications program. It is highly desirable that any faults or error be removed before the program is installed in the host controller.

The time required to rectify faults can be more than doubled once the software is running in the host PLC.

Virtually all programmable controllers, irrespective of size, contain elementary software checking facilities. Typically these can scan through an installed program to check for incorrect labels. Double output coils etc, Listings of all I/ O points used, counter/ timer settings and other information is also provided. The resulting information is available on the programmer screen or as a printout. However, this form of testing is only of limited value, since there is no facility to check the operation of the resident program.

In terms of time and cost economies, an ideal method for testing program modules is to reproduce the control cycle by simulation; since this activity can be carried out in the design workshop without having the actually connect up to the physical process. Simulation of the process is done in a number of ways, depending on the size of process involved.

When the system is relatively small with only a handful of I/ O channels it is often possible to adequately simulate the process by using. Sets of switches connected up to the PLC as inputs, with outputs represented by connecting arrays of small lamps or relays in the figure 10.4. This allows inputs to be offered to a test bed controller containing software under test, checking the action of the control program by noting the operation and sequence of the output lamps or relays. By operating the input switches in specific sequences, it is possible to test sequence routines within a program. Where fast response times are involved, the tester should use the programming panel to force larger time intervals into the timers concerned, allowing that part of the circuit to be tested by the manual switch method.

Most I/ O modules have LED indicators that show the status of the channels.

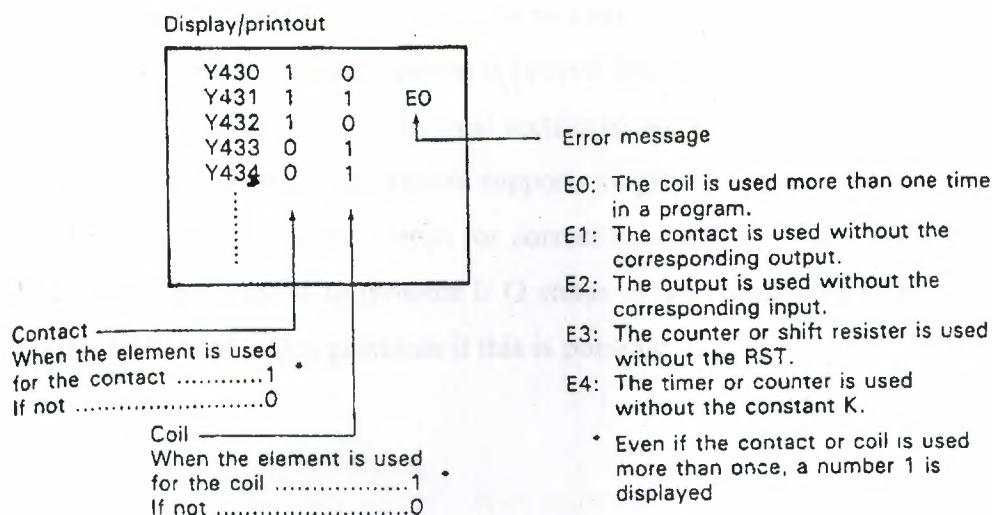


Figure 10.3 PLC printout of I/O static diagnostics information

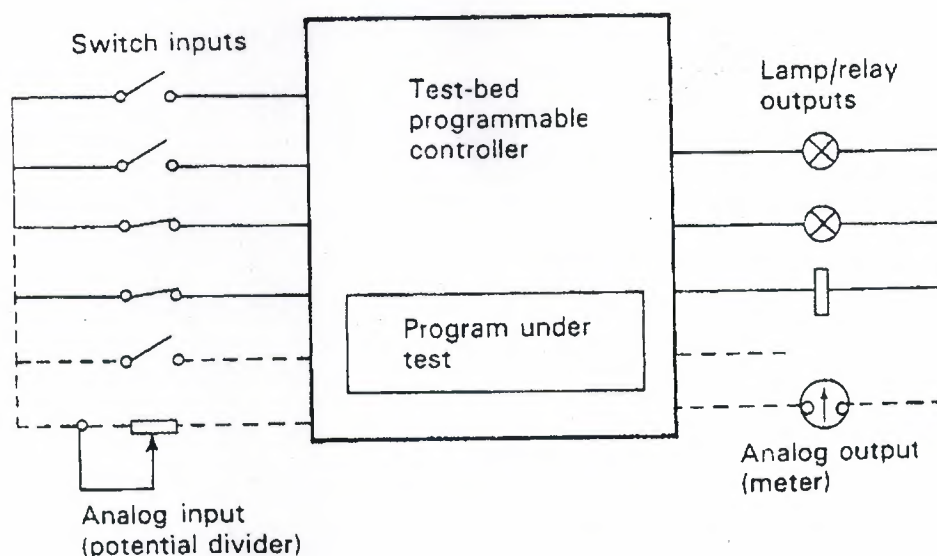


Figure 7.4 Process simulation using switches and lamps

7.4.2 Installing and running the user control program

Once the control software has been proved as far as possible by the above, methods on a test machine, the next step is to try out the program on the tested PLC hardware installation. Ideally each section of code should be downloaded and tested individually, allowing faults to be quickly localized if the plant misoperates during the program test. If this subdivided testing is not possible, another method is to include

JMP commands in the complete program to miss out all instructions except those in the section to be tested. As each section is proved, the program is amended to place the JMP instructions so as to select the next section to be tested.

Where a programmable controller supports single step operation, this can be used to examine individual program steps for correct sequencing. Again the programming terminal should be utilized to monitor I/ O status or any other area of interest during these tests. With continuous printouts if this is possible.

IO name	Address
Start	I0.1
Stop	I0.0
Emergency stop	I0.2
Motor start	Q0.0
Motor stop	Q0.1
Motor stop	Q0.2
Motor stop	Q0.3
Motor stop	Q0.4
Motor started	T0.1
Motor stopped	T0.2
Motor stop	C1
Motor stop	C3

CHAPTER 8

8. LADDER AND STL PROGRAM

8.1 SIEMENS SIMATIC S7-200 PLC MOTOR CONTROL PROGRAM

In this program, A motor is working definite time and it is stopping. While it is working and stopping some light is activate. This procees is continue 3 times.

Program Work

6. For the start bottom, give the start, motor is start to work with green light is active within 10 s.
7. After the 10 s motor is stopping with red light is active within 5 s.
8. After 5 s motor is starting to work again.
9. this procees is repeating 3 times.
10. after 3 times orange light is activating and program is stopping.

Input

- 1- Stop
- 2- Start
- 3- Reset

Output

- 1- Motor start
- 2- Green light
- 3- Motor stop
- 4- Red light
- 5- Orange light

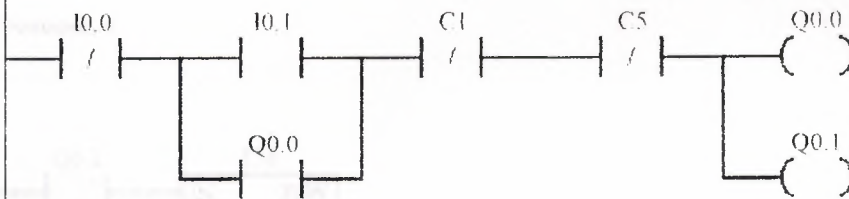
<u>Symbol name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Note</u>
Start	I0.1	Start button
Stop	I0.0	Stop button
Reset	I0.2	Reset button
Motor start	Q0.0	Motor is on
Green lamp	Q0.1	Green light is activate
Motor stop	Q0.2	Motor stop
Red Lamp	Q0.3	Red light is activate
Orange lamp	Q0.4	Orange light is active
Relay motor started	T37	1.After motor started
Relay motor stopped	T38	2.After motor stopped
Counter 1	C1	1.Timer 37, work counter
Counter 5	C5	5. timer 38, work counter

PROGRAM TITLE COMMENTS

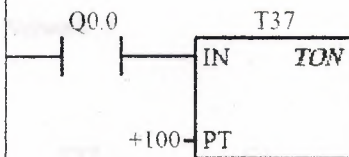
Press F1 for help and example program

Network 1 NETWORK TITLE (single line)

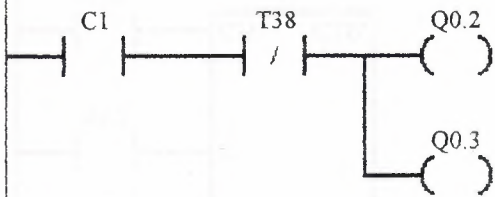
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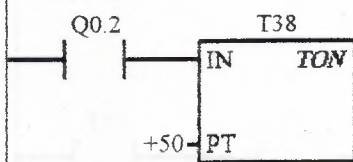
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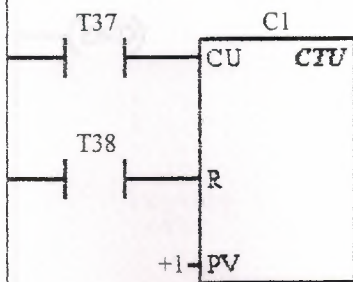
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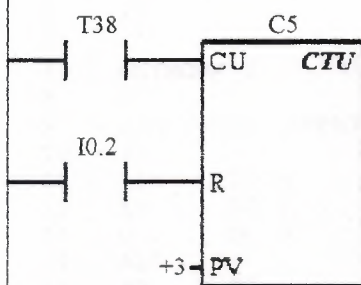
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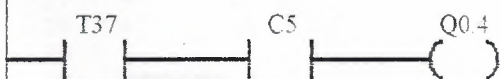
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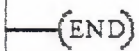
Network 6



Network 7



Network 8



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1  //
2  //PROGRAM TITLE COMMENTS
3  //
4  //Press F1 for help and example program
5  //
6
7  NETWORK 1    //NETWORK TITLE  (single line)
8  //
9  //NETWORK COMMENTS
10 //
11 LDN      IO.0
12 LD       IO.1
13 O        Q0.0
14 ALD
15 AN       C1
16 AN       C5
17 =        Q0.0
18 =        Q0.1
19
20 NETWORK 2
21 LD       Q0.0
22 TON      T37, +100
23
24 NETWORK 3
25 LD       C1
26 AN       T38
27 =        Q0.2
28 =        Q0.3
29
30 NETWORK 4
31 LD       Q0.2
32 TON      T38, +50
33
34 NETWORK 5
35 LD       T37
36 LD       T38
37 CTU      C1, +1
38
39 NETWORK 6
40 LD       T38
41 LD       IO.2
42 CTU      C5, +3
43
44 NETWORK 7
45 LD       T37
46 A        C5
47 =        Q0.4
48
49 NETWORK 8
50 MEND

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Picture 8.1 While motor working with pc and the lamp is active

CONCLUSION

When developing this project, I see that PLC makes life easier.

With the information observed from our lecturer, books and examples in the lecture, I decide that PLC is most useful device for controlling machines. There are too many advantages using PLC such as controlling several machines, easy to create and improve or check the program with single PC. In a small time interval we can adjust or change the operation. We can see the procedure on the PLC without need any device or computer. The advantages of PLC which is explained before, force us to use the PLC in the industries or in many areas. Because PLC makes life easier.

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