

# ELEVATOR TEMPLATE AND SIMULATOR SETUP

## Setting up the Template file

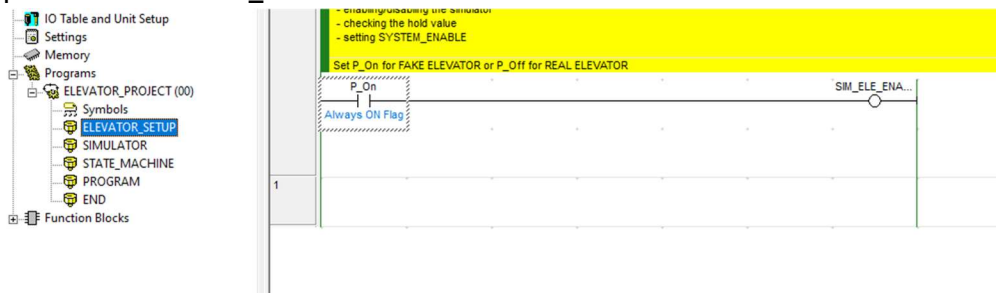
1. Download ELEVATOR.zip from LEARN
2. Extract the files from the zip file to a directory on your home network drive (somewhere on P:/ drive)
3. Rename ELEVATOR\_PROGRAM.cxp to something unique for your group e.g. ElevatorGroup12.cxp
4. Open the .cxp program by double clicking on it

## Setting up the Simulator

Key points:

- Set **SYSTEM\_ENABLE** to get the physical elevator working
- Set **SIM\_ELE\_ENABLE** ON to enable the simulator, and OFF when using the physical elevator.

1. Open the ELEVATOR\_SETUP section



2. The **SYSTEM\_ENABLE** bit must be set to **ON** (i.e. using a **P\_On** contact) while using the physical elevator models, or the elevators will do **NOTHING**.
3. The **SYSTEM\_ENABLE** bit can be found in the global symbol table:

Name	Data Type	Address / Value	Rack Locati...	Usage	Comment
WINCH_MOTOR	WORD	210		Work	
Vout	LWORD	D905		Work	
TOP_BUTTON_LAMP	BOOL	100.06	Main Rack :...	Out	
TOP_BUTTON	BOOL	1.10	Main Rack :...	In	
SYSTEM_ENABLE	BOOL	100.02	Main Rack :...	Out	
SIM_ELEVATOR	BOOL	W9.08		Work	

- NOTE – click the Name column heading to sort by symbol name, clicking multiple times switches between ascending and descending order.

4. IF YOU DON'T SET **SYSTEM\_ENABLE** NOTHING WILL MOVE ON THE PHYSICAL ELEVATOR MODEL.
5. If using the physical elevator models: **SIM\_ELE\_ENABLE** must be set to **OFF** (i.e. using a **P\_Off** contact.)
6. While using the elevator simulator: **SIM\_ELE\_ENABLE** must be set to **ON** (i.e. using a **P\_On** contact.)
7. IF YOU DON'T DO THIS YOUR CODE WILL NOT WORK CORRECTLY WHEN SWITCHING BETWEEN THE SIMULATOR AND PHYSICAL MODEL

## Hold Value and Encoder Value

Key point:

- Use the **\_COUNTER** variable as a PRV proxy while using the simulator.

1. Set the hold value by changing the number set in **\_HOLD\_VALUE**, found in the global symbol table

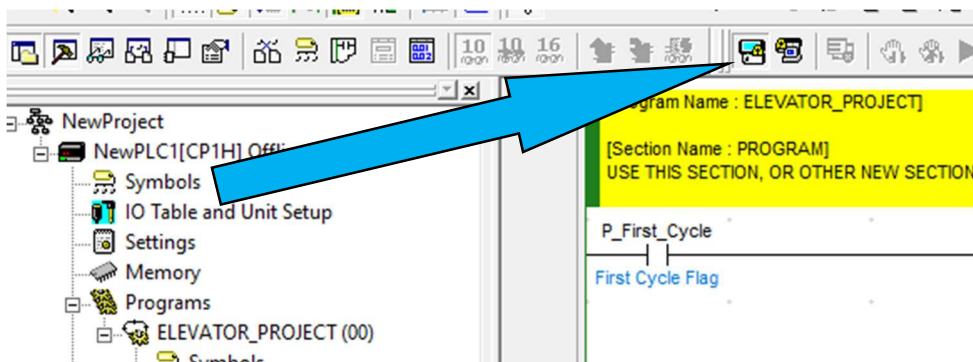
- The encoder value is read using **\_COUNTER**, also in the global symbol table.

Name	Data Type	Address / Value	Rack Locati...	Usage	Comment
_COUNTER	LWORD	D950		Work	
=X_HOLD_VALUE	NUMBER	2880			
BOTTOM_BUTTON	BOOL	1.09	Main Rack :...	In	
BOTTOM BUTTON 1 A	BOOL	100.05	Main Rack :	Out	

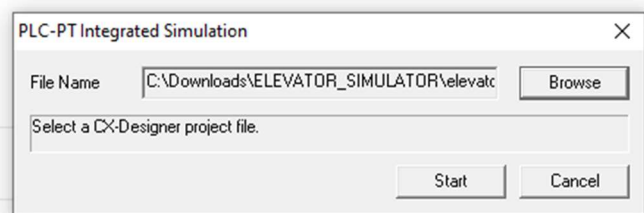
- The encoder value (**\_COUNTER**) is the position of the elevator carriage.
- It will be set in two places:
  - by the elevator simulation, which is already set up and controlled using **SIM\_ELE\_ENABLE**
  - you will also set it using a **PRV** instruction for High Speed Counter 0
- NOTE – PRV and other hardware instructions only run while running on a PLC, not in the simulation environment.

## Using the PLC integrated simulator

- Once your template has been set up, open the simulator using the Start PLC-PT Integrated Simulator button



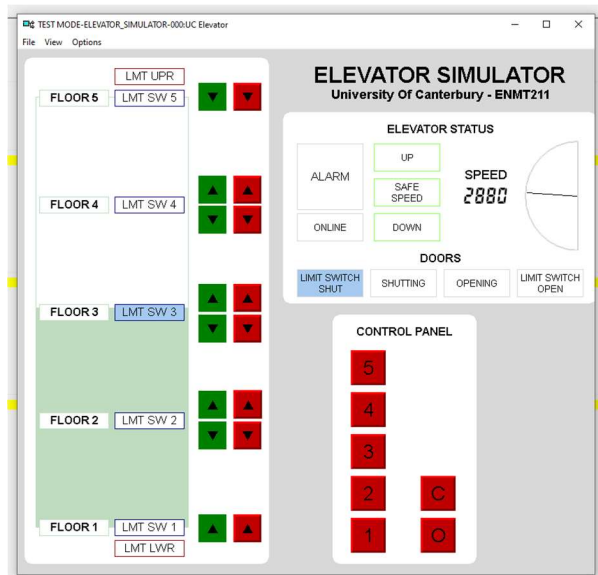
- The following dialog box will pop up:

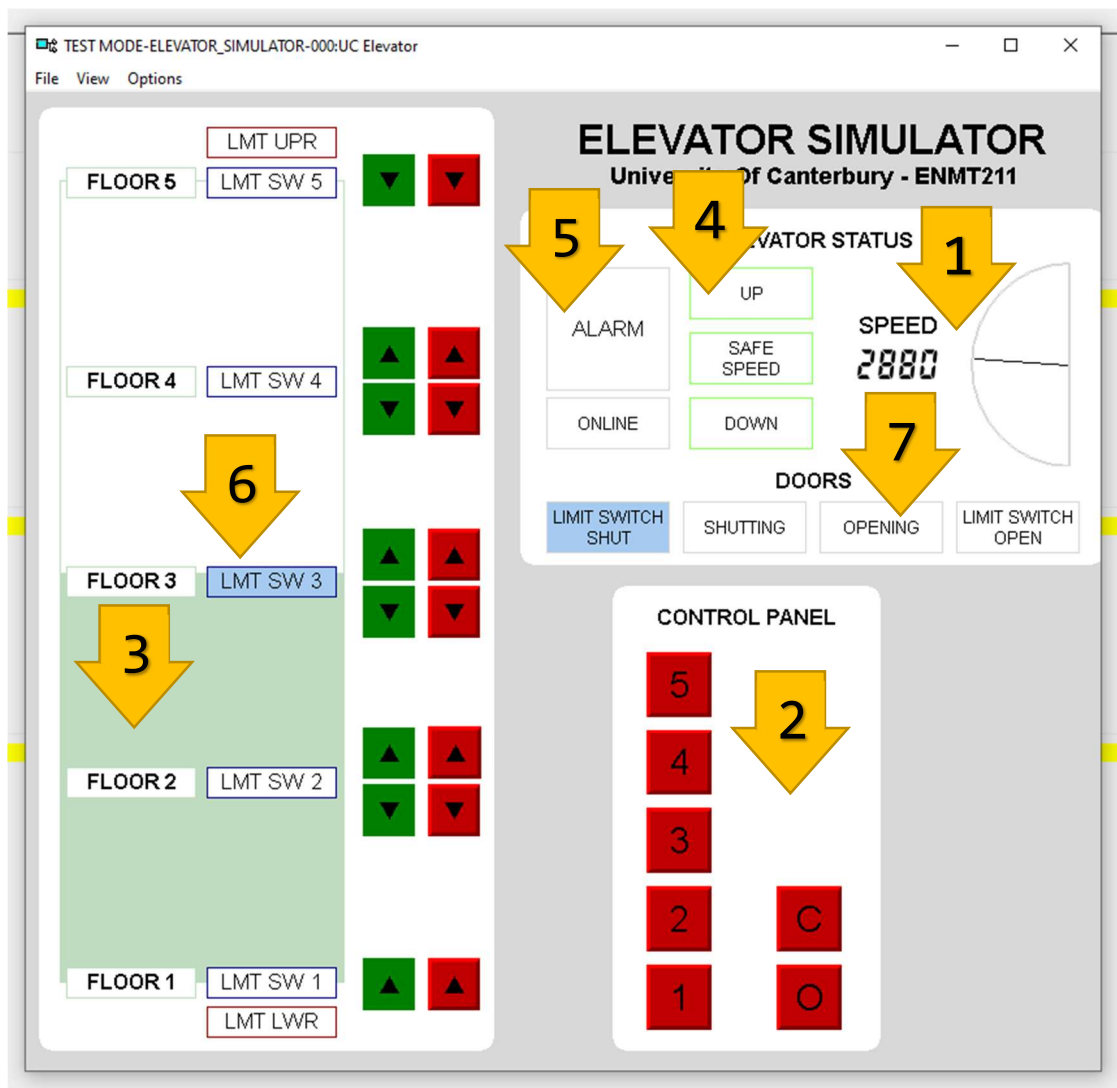


- Enter the path to ELEVATOR SIMULATOR.IPP then click Start
- The simulator GUI should now appear (if it doesn't pop up above CX-Programmer, look for



on your taskbar, it will be one of those programs) - it should look similar to below:





INDICATOR	FUNCTION
1	Speed Indicator
2	Elevator Control panel (equivalent to the inside buttons on the elevator carriage)
3	Position indicator (the edge between green and white is the current elevator location)
4	Up/Down lamps indicate the elevator direction. Use this to check if the elevator is moving very slowly. The Safe Speed/Overspeed light will change if the winch motor speed is outside the range 0 to 6000 (#0 to #1770).
5	ALARM – this will flash for the same reasons as the alarm on the physical model does.
6	Floor limit switches. Use these to determine if the elevator is at a floor.
7	Door logic lights – these indicate whether the doors are open or shut (using LIMIT_OPEN and LIMIT_SHUT), and whether the doors are currently opening or shutting.