

# OpenPLC in the Simulation Environment

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This project integrates OpenPLC for simulating programmable logic controllers (PLCs) within the virtual environment. It leverages the repository [OpenPLC-Docker-AutoStart](#) to automate the import and configuration of PLCs using pre-defined `.ST` files during the build process.

## Purpose and Functionality

The OpenPLC setup allows for the inclusion of multiple PLCs to control various zones within the simulation environment. Each PLC can be configured with a specific `.ST` (Structured Text) file, representing the logic for that zone. This provides flexibility in designing complex scenarios involving different operational zones.

## Adding a PLC

To add a new PLC to the environment, you can modify the `docker-compose.yaml` file. Use the following syntax as a template:

```
plc-zone*:
  container_name: plc-zone* # Replace * with the zone name (e.g., plc-zone1, plc-zone2)
  depends_on:
    - scadaLTS
  build:
    context: ./openplc/
    dockerfile: Dockerfile
  args:
    script: watertanklogica.st # Replace with the .ST file the PLC should execute
    database: database.sh # Database script; do not modify
  ports:
    - "8082:8080" # Port mapping for external access and debugging; can be disabled if not required
  expose:
    - "502" # Modbus/TCP communication port
    - "8080" # WebUI access; can be removed if not needed
  networks:
    - plc_network
```

## Ladder Logic for ScadaLTS Integration

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This repository contains the ladder logic program designed to interact with ScadaLTS via holding registers. The program controls a pump's speed and interacts with EPANET for simulation purposes.

Download to the openplc editor to make the ladderlogic:

- [Openplc-editor](#).

## Overview

The ladder logic program uses holding registers to communicate with ScadaLTS. The `PumpSpeed` variable is mapped to `%QW1000`, which corresponds to the pump speed in EPANET.

## Variables

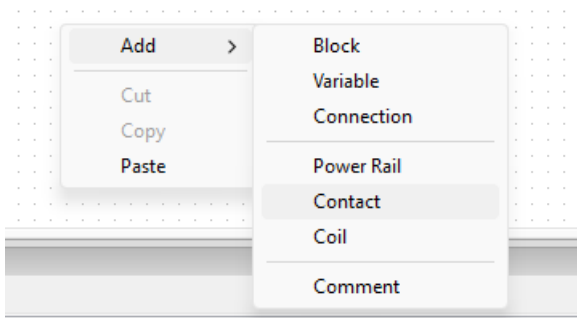
Below are the primary variables used in the ladder logic:

- **PumpSpeed:** Located at `%QW1000` in EPANET.
- **StartButton:** A functional button within ScadaLTS. Can be assigned between `%QX0.0` – `%QX99.7`.
- **Reference:** For additional details on Modbus addressing, visit [OpenPLC-Adressing](#).

## Components

- **Contacts:** Represent inputs such as StartButton.

- Coils: Control outputs like pump activation.
- Blocks: Handle logic operations and data manipulation.
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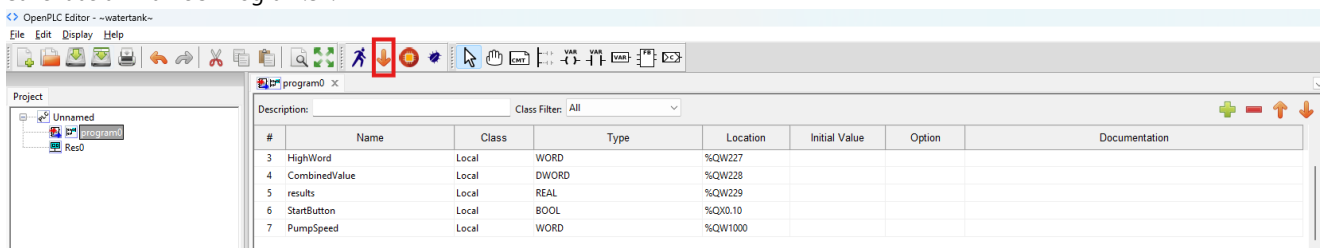
## Logic Explanation

The ladder logic program performs the following tasks:

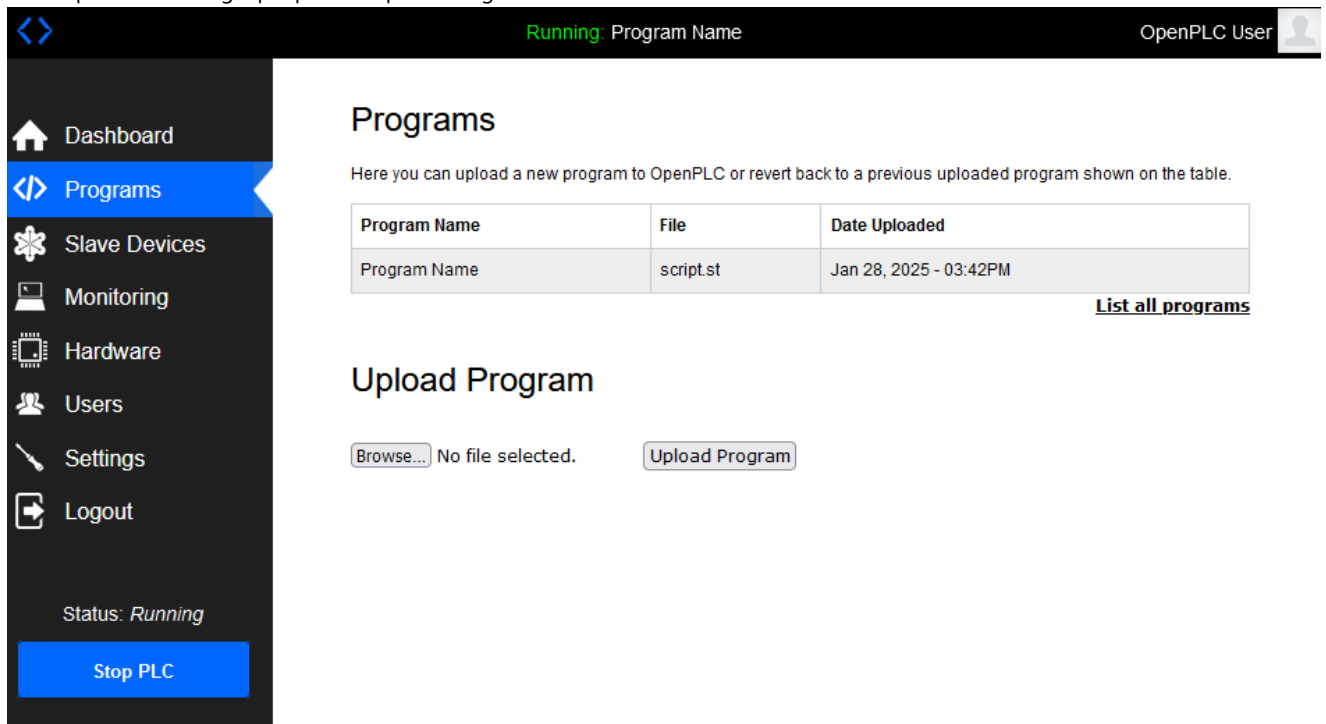
1. Reads the start button from ScadaLTS.
2. Writes the pump speed to %QW1000 for EPANET simulation.
3. This turns the pump on and makes the water flow through.

## Upload ST file to openplc program

1. Export the Ladder logic.
- Save it as an NameOfProgram.ST.



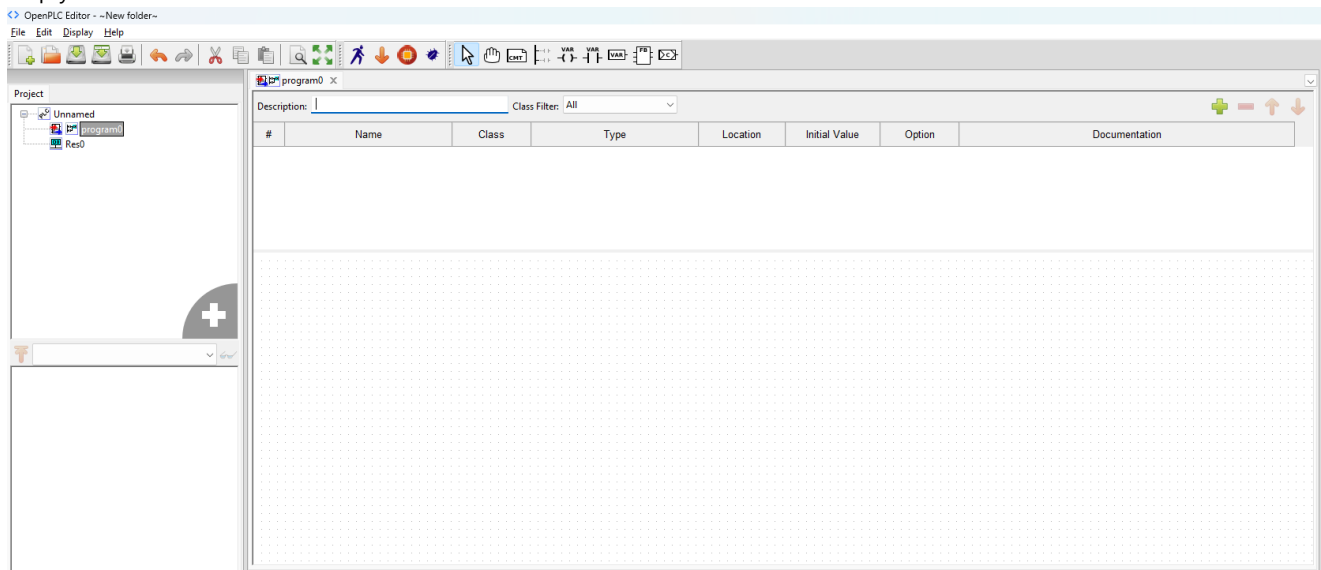
2. Then open the running Openplc and upload Program.



## Screenshots

Below are screenshots of the ladder logic program and variable mappings:

- **Ladder Logic Diagram:**
- empty:



- With data:
- **Variable Mappings:**

6	StartButton	Local	BOOL	%QX0.10	
7	PumpSpeed	Local	WORD	%QW1000	

- **EPANET Integration:**

