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ToolManagement2 CNC

The screenshot displays the Beckhoff ToolManagement2 CNC software interface. At the top, there's a status bar with 'Kanal 1', 'Automatic', 'Selected', 'TwinCAT', 'PLC', and 'RUN' buttons. Below this, a list of tools is shown on the left, with 'Test 1.1' selected. The main area displays the parameters for 'Test 1.1'. The parameters are organized into sections: 'length', 'radius', 'time used', 'distance used', 'logical spindle ID', 'minimum speed', 'gear ratio num', 'type', 'wear const', 'min. disc radius', 'Kinematics-ID', 'delta length', 'tolerance positive', 'delta radius', 'time max.', 'distance max.', 'pos', 'maximum speed', 'maximum accel.', 'gear inv. direction', 'cutter orientation', 'max. disc. infeed', 'min. disc width', 'tilt angle', and 'kinematic parameter'. The 'kinematic parameter' section shows a list of values from 0 to 11, all set to 0.0000. At the bottom, there's a toolbar with 'add tool' and 'remove tool' buttons, and a 'Back' button.

The plugin „ToolManagement2“ is located in the DLL „Beckhoff.App.Tools.dll“ in folder “Plugins” of the HMI

With the help of „Menumanager“ the form „Beckhoff.App.Tools.FormTools2“ can be included.

It makes sense to check the checkbox „AutoInstance“. The form will be loaded automatically at start of the HMI, if it is checked.

The screenshot shows the Beckhoff Menumanager dialog box. It contains a list of forms with checkboxes. The first form is 'FormNcGraphics' with the path 'Beckhoff.App.NcGraphics.FormNcGraphics' and is unchecked. The second form is 'FormTools2' with the path 'Beckhoff.App.Tools.FormTools2' and is checked. Below the list, there is a checkbox labeled 'AutoInstance' which is also checked. At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'OK' buttons.

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A tool is selected in the left tree.

The tool data is shown in the right window.

This data may be edited, if the actual tool is not used.

The tool data is automatically stored in a XML file "tools.xml" in folder "System\Tools".

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In settings the variable names that are used for communication with plc are entered.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CNC CNCControls ColorTheme FormCNC_WPF FormCNCNpv FormMessages FormNC formNestedExeSysman FormTool FormTools2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ads PlcVariables General Language LogOnDialog MachineStatus Manual MessageLine Module NCGraphics 	data structure for the actual tool	ActTool	Global_MaschinenDaten.aktTool
	data structure for old tool data	OldTool	Global_MaschinenDaten.oldTool
	rising edge of this bool variable leads to reading the old tool data to HMI	OldToolDataPresent	Global_MaschinenDaten.bOldToolData
	basic tool id which is requested from cnc	RequestBasicId	Global_MaschinenDaten.nToolRequestId
	sister tool id which is requested from cnc	RequestSisterId	Global_MaschinenDaten.nToolRequestIDSister
	rising edge of this bool variable starts the transfer of tool data to PLC	ToolDataRequest	Global_MaschinenDaten.bToolData
	basic tool id of tool which is actually located in cnc	ToolInCnc	Global_MaschinenDaten.nToolInCnc
	sister tool id of tool which is actually located in cnc	ToolInCncSister	Global_MaschinenDaten.nToolInCncSister

If there is an entry „RootTool“, this content will be added in front of all variable names.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CNCControls ColorTheme FormCNC_WPF FormCNCNpv2 FormMessages FormNC FormNCI FormPath3DView FormRecipe FormTools2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ads PlcVariables SimpleView FormToolsCh2 General Language LogOnDialog LogView MachineStatus Manual MessageLine Module PathSettings PlcInfoLine PLCStatus PlcStructure 	prefix for all following variable names (empty is allowed)	_RootTool	Global_CNC.CNCSystem.Channel[0].ToolData	#	
	data structure for the actual tool	ActTool		.stActTool	#
	data structure for old tool data	OldTool		.stOldTool	#
	rising edge of this bool variable leads to reading the old tool data to HMI (BOOL)	OldToolDataPresent		.bOldToolDataExist	#
	data structure for preparation tool data	PrepTool		.stPrepTool	#
	basic tool id which is requested from cnc (DINT)	RequestBasicId		.nToolRequestID	#
	basic tool id for request of preparation data form plc (DINT)	RequestPreId		.nToolRequestPreId	#
	sister tool id which is requested from cnc (DINT) (not implemented yet)	RequestSisterId		.nToolRequestIDSister	#
	variant tool id which is requested from cnc (DINT) (not implemented yet)	RequestVariantId		.nToolRequestIDVariant	#
	rising edge of this bool variable starts the transfer of tool preparation data to PLC (TOOL)	ToolDataPrepRequest		.bToolRequestPrepData	#
	rising edge of this bool variable starts the transfer of tool data to PLC (TOOL)	ToolDataRequest		.bToolRequest	#
	basic tool id of tool which is actually located in cnc (DINT)	ToolInCnc		.nToolInCnc	#
	sister tool id of tool which is actually located in cnc (DINT)	ToolInCncSister		.nToolInCncSister	#
	variant tool id of tool which is actually located in cnc (DINT)	ToolInCncVariant		.nToolInCncVariant	#

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The function „**add tool**“ (normally F2) is used to create a new tool.

Only new tools that differ in (T) AND (S) from all other tools can be created.

The function “**remove tool**” (normally F3) is used to remove a tool in the left window.



The function „**import from actual NC program**“ (default Alt-F1) is used to import tool data from the header of the selected nc program.

The special header may be created out of a CAM postprocessor.

To make reading of this data possible, the following format is used:

Example:

```
(ToolDataStart)
(T=1;S=1; D=6.;L=57.1; Desc=Zentrierbohren Test;
(T=2; R=2.0025; L=27.1; P=2; Desc=Reibahle;
(T=3; D=11.7; P=3; Desc=Schaftfraser;
(T=5;S=1; D=4.2;Desc=Bohrer;
(T=6; D=5.;Desc=Gewinde;
(T=7; D=5.5;Desc=Bohrer;
(T=8;S=2; D=4.8;Desc=Bohrer;
(T=10; D=8.;Desc=Fasenfraser;
(T=18; D=4.95;Desc=Schaftfraser;
(ToolDataEnd)
```

The area starts with the keyword (ToolDataStart) and ends with (ToolDataEnd). The area is searched in the first 100 lines of the nc program. If it is defined later in the program, it will be ignored.

Every tool is defined in exactly one line. A semicolon (;) separates each entry.

The values of the elements are assigned with the equal sign (=). The order of the values of a line is arbitrary.

This are the possible entries for a tool:

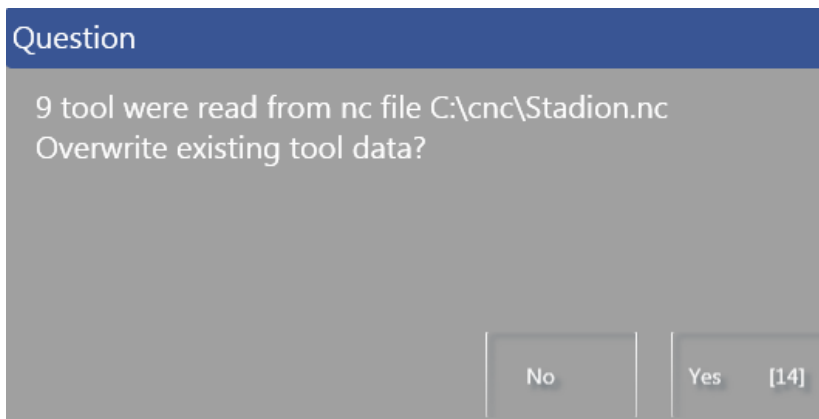
• T	tool number	UINT
• S	tool sister number	UINT
• D	diameter in mm	DOUBLE
• R	radius in mm (alternatively to D)	DOUBLE
• L	length in mm	DOUBLE
• P	position (pos)	INT
• Desc	description	STRING

With the functionalities "Import from File" (Alt-F3) and "Export to File" (Alt-F4) the tool data can be imported or exported to other XML files.

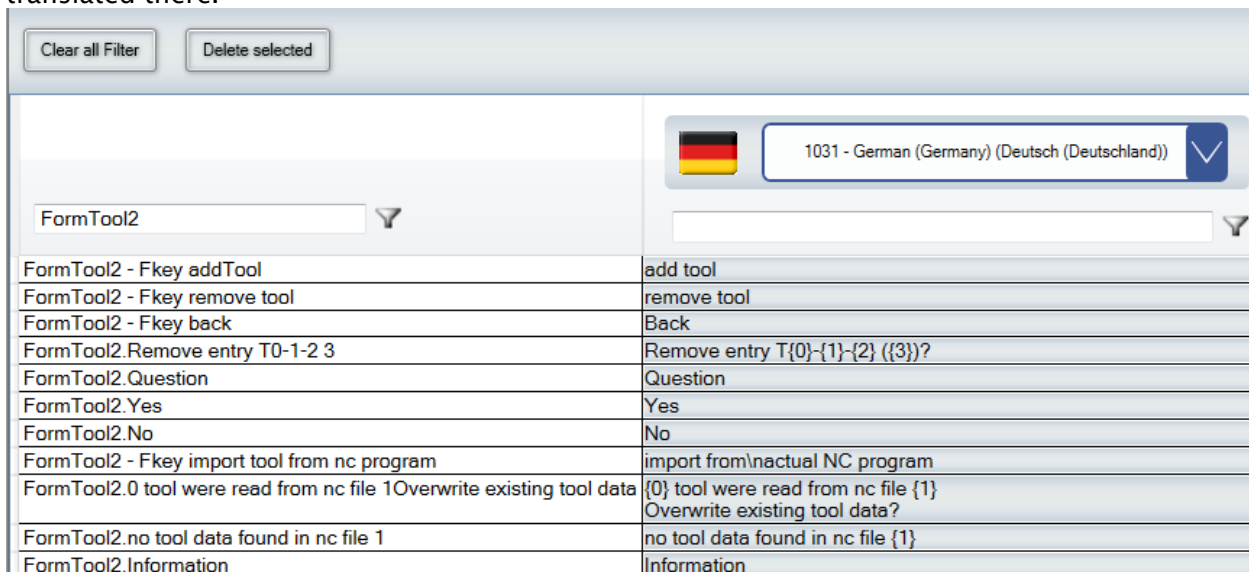
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After calling the function a messagebox has to be acknowledged.

All found tool data from the nc file is added to the actual tool data table. Existing tools are updated and new tool are added.



The language texts can be found in the language database under "FormTool2" and can be translated there.



Additional „Settings“

True -> no data is transferred from PLC back to HMI

Boolean

BlockReadingDataFromPLC

zero based channel index (first channel = 0)

Int32

ChannelIdx

0

TRUE: create Tool in HMI if old Tool from PLC does not exist

Boolean

CreateUndefinedToolFromPLC

Directory where the data for the tools is stored

String

Directory

.\System\Tools

#

DoubleFormatString

0.00

Int32

FontSize

18

Int32

FontSizeHeader

18

Boolean

PreferUsedTool

Read length and radius when transferring old tool data from PLC to HMI

Boolean

ReadLengthRadiusFromPLC

Boolean

ShowChannelNumber

Select viewstyle from complete, custom or simple

StringListSelected

ViewStyle

CustomView

- **BlockReadingDataFromPLC** if enabled, no data from PLC will be read at all
- **ChannelIdx:** 0 based index of channel
(is used for „import from actual NC program“)
- **Directory:** Folder where tool data is stored
- **DoubleFormatString:** format to show double values
- **FontSize:** fontsize
- **FontSizeHeader:** fontsize if header in “SimpleView”
- **PreferUsedTool:** If sister tools exist, the first one is selected for which DistUsed or TimeUsed is not equal to 0. This means that tools are completely used before a newer one is loaded.
- **ReadLengthRadiusFromPLC:** only if set to true, length and radius are transferred back from the plc together with used time and used path data.
- **ShowChannelNumber:** Show the channel number above the displayed data
- **ViewStyle:** selects the style of view:
Complete View (all data),
SimpleView (table with some selected data),
CustomView (fully customizable table)

SimpleView

In “settings” the entry “SimpleView” enables a simple view of the tool data.

Description	in U	T	length	tolerance posil	tolerance negz	radius	distance used	distance max.	Vali	pos
Werkzeug 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	105.0000	0.0000	0.0000	25.0000	551.3420	0.0000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Werkzeug 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	145.0000	0.0000	0.0000	20.0000	276.0610	0.0000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Werk2 Schwesetr	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	123.5000	4.4500	3.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	<input type="checkbox"/>	-1
Werkzeug 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	6.5000	55.0000	0.0000	3.0000	0.0000	0.0000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4
Werkzeug 23	<input type="checkbox"/>	23	35.5600	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	<input type="checkbox"/>	8
noch eins	<input type="checkbox"/>	25	25.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10
Test T 32	<input type="checkbox"/>	32	3.1400	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	<input type="checkbox"/>	-1
gross	<input type="checkbox"/>	120	47.1100	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5

The “simple” view presents the tool data similar to the old version of tool management in the HMI.

In “Settings” the user can choose which columns are displayed in this view.

The functionality of tool data is not changed and independent from the type of view.

(PLC connection variables, communication PLC <-> HMI)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ CNC ▸ CNCControls ColorTheme ▸ FormCNC_WPF ▸ FormCNCNpv ▸ FormCNCNpv2 FormMessages FormNC formNestedExeSysman ▸ FormPath3DView FormTool ▸ FormTools2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ads PlcVariables SimpleView ▸ General ▸ Language LogOnDialog ▸ MachineStatus ▸ Manual MessageLine ▸ Module PathSettings PlcInfoLine PLCStatus ▸ PlcStructure Teileverfolgung 	<div>aMax Visible <input type="checkbox"/></div> <div>DeltaLength Visible <input type="checkbox"/></div> <div>DeltaRadius Visible <input type="checkbox"/></div> <div>Description Visible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> <div>DistMax Visible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> <div>DistUsed Visible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> <div>Length Visible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> <div>LengthTolNeg Visible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> <div>LengthTolPos Visible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> <div>Pos Visible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> <div>Radius Visible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>
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CustomView

Kanal: 1

Beschreibung	T	S	Gü	Laenge	LaengeDe	radius	RadiusDe	pos	DistMax	DistUsed	TimeMax	TimeUse
Tool1	1	1	✓	55.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tool 2	2	0	✓	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2-25	2	25	✓	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tool 6	6	1	✓	3.20	4.30	2.50	0.00	3	0.00	270.40	0.00	34.26

It is not possible to edit the line of the actually “in use” data. (here T:2 S:1)

The custom view is fully customizable in settings. It is possible to show up to 20 columns in this viewstyle.

CNCControls	String
ColorTheme	Col01
FormCNC_WPF	Description<310>
FormCNC_WPF2	String
FormCNCNpv2	Col02
FormNC_WPF	ToolDesc.ToolId.Basic<80>
FormNestedExeDesigner	String
FormPath3DView	Col03
FormTools2	ToolDesc.ToolId.Sister
Ads	String
CustomView	Col04
PlcVariables	ToolDesc.Valid
SimpleView	String
FormTools2-Ch2	Col05
	ToolDesc.Laenge LR<200>
	String
	Col06
	ToolDesc.DescAdditional.LaengeDelta LR

Only not empty entries are shown in this view. If a value in PLC is a DINT (normally 0.1 µm) an append “|LR “ will force it to be converted to LREAL in the HMI.

For each entry, the column width of the display can optionally be specified as the last element in brackets. Example: ToolsDesc.ToolId.Basic <80>

Possible entries:

```

Description
InUse
ToolDesc.Amax
ToolDesc.AxVersatz[x]           // x [0..31]
ToolDesc.DiscMinRadius
ToolDesc.DiscMinWidth
ToolDesc.DiscTiltAngle
ToolDesc.ExtDiscretLimit
ToolDesc.GearInvDirection
ToolDesc.GearInvDirectionNoStop
ToolDesc.GearRatioDenom
ToolDesc.GearRatioNum
ToolDesc.KinId
ToolDesc.KopfVersatz[x]        // x [0..31]
ToolDesc.Laenge
ToolDesc.LogAxNrSpdl
ToolDesc.MassEinheit
ToolDesc.Param[x]             // x [0..59]
ToolDesc.Radius
ToolDesc.RadiusPath2
ToolDesc.SrkLage
ToolDesc.ToolFixed
ToolDesc.ToolId.Basic
ToolDesc.ToolId.Sister
ToolDesc.ToolId.Variant
ToolDesc.Typ
ToolDesc.Valid
ToolDesc.VbMax
ToolDesc.VbMin
ToolDesc.WearConst
ToolDesc.DescAdditional.LaengeDelta
ToolDesc.DescAdditional.Pos
ToolDesc.DescAdditional.RadiusDelta
ToolDesc.DescAdditional.ToleranceNeg
ToolDesc.DescAdditional.TolerancePos
ToolLife.DistMax
ToolLife.DistUsed
ToolLife.TimeMax
ToolLife.TimeUsed

```

The header labels are translated with an index string created with "FormTools-" and the string behind the last .

Example:

ToolDesc.ToolId.Basic -> LanguageId: "FormTools2-Basic"

FormTools2-ToolDesc.KopfVersatz0	ToolDesc.KopfVersatz[0]
FormTools2-Basic	T
FormTools2-Laenge	Laenge
FormTools2-LaengeDelta	LaengeDelta
FormTools2-RadiusDelta	RadiusDelta
FormTools2-AxVersatz0	AxVersatz[0]



CustomView with sorting by "Pos"

If "ToolDesc.DescAdditional.Pos" is selected as the first element in the "CustomView" settings, the tool data is shown in a different representation.

Pos	Description	ToolDesc.DescAdditional.Pos
Col01		ToolDesc.DescAdditional.Pos
Col02		Description<310>
Col03		ToolDesc.ToolId.Basic<80>
Col04		ToolDesc.Valid
Col05		ToolDesc.Laenge LR<100>

The list is sorted according to the entry "Pos" and empty elements are represented by an empty line.

Kanal: 1													
pos	Beschreibung	T	Gül	Laenge	LaengeD	radius	RadiusDe	KopfVers	KopfVers	DistMax	DistUsed	TimeMax	TimeUser
1	Tool with number 9	9	✓	3	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2													
3	Tool1	1	✓	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Neues Tool	11	✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Werkzeug 2	2	✓	125	0	2	0	47	31400	0	181550	0	2218
6													
7	Test Schwesetr	6	✓	8	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Test Tool 12.1	12	✓	30	2	4	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
9													
10													
11													
12	Tool3	3	✓	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	116750	0	1508
-1	ein TestTool	15	✓	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Entries with Pos < 0 are placed at the end of the list.

It is also possible to write the data Pos, T, S, V to an array in the PLC each time the "Pos" entry is changed.

All entries are written if there is space in the array inside the PLC.

The PLC array variable is entered in the settings under "CustomView.PlcVarToolPosArray".

Example (array limits can be freely selected):

```

TYPE ST_ToolPos :
STRUCT
    Pos:           DINT;    (* position in tool holder *)
    ToolID:        DINT;    (* tool id for request *)
    ToolIDSister:  DINT;    (* tool sister id for request, 0 if not needed *)
    ToolIDVariant: DINT;    (* tool variant id for request, 0 if not needed *)
END_STRUCT

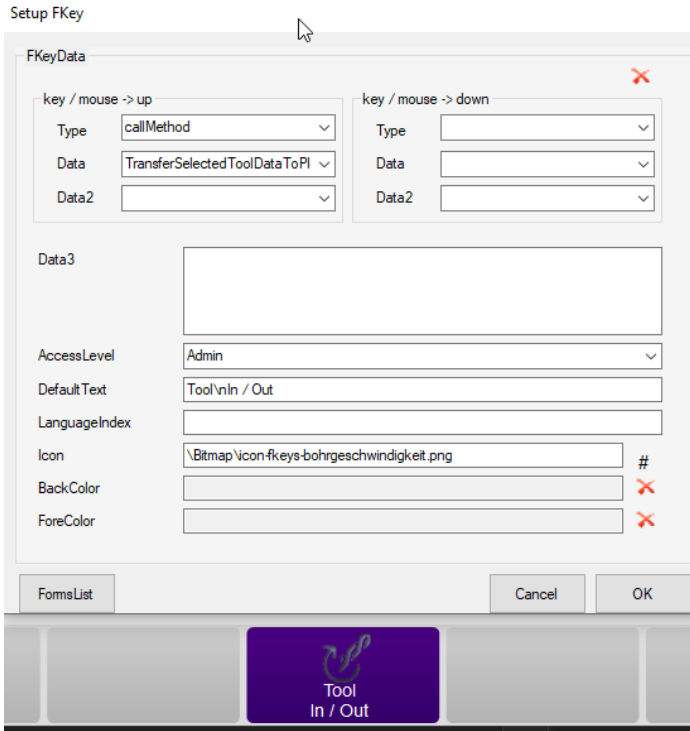
```

```

ToolPosCh1:  ARRAY[1..20] OF ST_ToolPos;

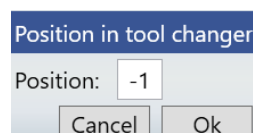
```

With the help of the menu manager, the "TransferSelectedToolDataToPlc" function can be assigned to a key with "callMethod":



The currently selected tool is then transferred to the PLC. There are two cases that have to be distinguished:

1. Tool with Pos > 0: The data of the selected tool is written into the structure that is defined in the settings with "PlcVarStOut".
2. Tool with Pos < 1 : A dialog is displayed in which a position must be entered. The data of the tool is written into the structure that is defined in the settings with "PlcVarStIn". The entered position is written into "PlcVarNPos".



Settings for the "CustomView sorting by pos" mode:

Variable	BAPlcVariableName	Value
PlcVarBToolIn	Global_HMI.bToolIn	#
PlcVarBToolOut	Global_HMI.bToolOut	#
PlcVarNPosIn	Global_HMI.nPosIn	#
PlcVarStToolIn	Global_HMI.stToolIn	#
PlcVarStToolOut	Global_HMI.stToolOut	#
PlcVarToolPosArray	Global_HMI.ToolPosCh1	#
only in mode "sorting by pos", -1=not allowed, 0=administrator,...		
UserLevelToWritePos		0

- PlcVarBToolIn:** is written to TRUE when new data has been written to the "PlcVarStToolIn" structure. Type: BOOL
- PlcVarBToolOut:** is written to TRUE when new data has been written to the "PlcVarStToolOut" structure. Type: BOOL
- PlcVarNPos:** is written with the value entered via dialog together with PlcVarBToolIn. Type: INT.
- PlcVarStToolIn:** SPS Variable type „ST_CNC_TOOL_DATA_EXT”.
- PlcVarStToolOut:** SPS Variable type „ST_CNC_TOOL_DATA_EXT”.
- PlcVarToolPosArray:** PLC variable name of the array into which the tool position is written.
- UserLevelToWritePos:** User level that allows the position to edited in the HMI.
The following applies:
-1: no level allows writing
0: administrator
1: supervisor
...etc.

Communication HMI <-> PLC

Communication takes place by means of the following global variables:

(* Tooldata *)

aktTool : ST_CNC_TOOL_DATA_EXT; (* stActTool *)

oldTool : ST_CNC_TOOL_DATA_EXT; (* stOldTool *)

nToolRequestID : DINT;

bToolData : BOOL; (* bToolRequest *)

bOldToolData : BOOL; (* bOldToolDataExist *)

In "aktTool" the currently in-use tool data is retained. The PLC can request data from the HMI, which in nToolRequestID requested tool number is written.

A rising edge on the BOOL variables bToolData then requests the data from the HMI. Once the data is in the PLC are available, bToolData is set by the HMI back to FALSE. From the HMI a tool is supplied with the = Basic_ID nToolRequestID and pos! = 0 If such a tool does not exist, then the HMI provides a tool with the flag valid = false. The PLC can update tool data in the database. The data which is in "oldTool" is transferred.

With a rising edge of the variable btoolDataChangeBufferSize -> TRUE the data from the MMI are accepted.

Once this process is completed, the HMI variable btoolDataChangeBufferSize is set back to FALSE.

The tooldata structure (new version; TC3.1 sample PLC Project) is located in each channel structure in Global_CNC.CncSystem:

ToolData	ST_CNC_ToolChannel			Data for tool handling
bToolRequest	BOOL	FALSE		rising edge starts request of tool data from HMI, HMI resets to false after read
nToolRequestID	DINT	2		tool id for request
nToolRequestIDSG...	DINT	0		tool sister id for request, 0 if not needed
nToolRequestIDV...	DINT	0		tool variant id for request, 0 if not needed
bToolRequestPre...	BOOL	FALSE		rising edge starts request of tool data to structure stPrepTool
nToolRequestPre...	DINT	0		tool id for pepRequest
bOldToolDataExist	BOOL	FALSE		rising edge commands the HMI to read oldData from stOldTool
stActTool	ST_CNC_TOOL_DATA_EXT			complete tool data for actual tool that will be transferred FROM HMI
stOldTool	ST_CNC_TOOL_DATA_EXT			complete tool data for oldTool that will be transferred TO HMI
stPrepTool	ST_CNC_TOOL_DATA_EXT			complete tool data for preTool that will be transferred FROM HMI
stActT	ST_CNC_TOOL_DATA_EXT			(internal) tool data for the actual requested T
nToolInCnc	DINT	2		main tool id of tool actually in cnc
nToolInCncSister	DINT	1		sister tool id of tool actually in cnc
nToolInCncVariant	DINT	2		variant tool id of tool actually in cnc
bResetToolRequest	BOOL	FALSE		
TCommand	ITF_ToolAction	16#0000000000000000		the method Commit is called before data for T is transferred to CNC. The process
DCommand	ITF_ToolAction	16#0000000000000000		the method Commit is called before data for D is transferred to CNC. The process
ToolLifeCommand	ITF_ToolAction	16#0000000000000000		the method Commit is called before data for ToolLife is transferred to HMI. The p



With the help of the interface ITF_ToolAction it is possible to interrupt the communication and change data if needed.

Example:

Exercise: Add 3.14mm to each tool that is requested from the cnc core.

```
VAR
    fbDInfo: Command_D_Info;
END_VAR

CNCSys.Channel[0].ToolData.DCommand := fbDInfo; // add interface implementation to DCommand
```

```
Command_D_Info
1 FUNCTION_BLOCK Command_D_Info IMPLEMENTS ITF_ToolAction
2   VAR_INPUT
3   END_VAR
4   VAR_OUTPUT
5   END_VAR
6   VAR
7       _tool : TC3_CNC.ST_CNC_TOOL_DATA_EXT; // internal tool variable
8   END_VAR
9
1  ;

Command_D_Info.Commit
1 {warning 'add method implementation'}
2 (* Commits the tool data transfer action if it returns true*)
3 METHOD Commit : BOOL
4   VAR_INPUT
5       t : TC3_CNC.ST_CNC_TOOL_DATA_EXT;
6   END_VAR
7
1  _tool := t; // copy t to internal variable
2  _tool.tool_desc.laenge := t.tool_desc.laenge + 31400; // add 3.14mm (31400 * 0.1µm) to tool length
3  Commit := TRUE; // return true
4

Command_D_Info.Tool.Get
1 VAR
2   END_VAR
3
1  Tool := _tool; // return local variable
2  return;
```

Every time the cnc requests a tool with a D command and the HMI has send the data to plc, the method “Commit” is called automatically.

The transfer to CNC core is interrupted until “Commit” returns true.

The transferred tool data is the “TOOL” from “ToolGet”



External tool management ISG

In the standard PLC project with the mechanisms described above, the external tool management of ISG core can be operated (see documentation ISG).

The communication is managed in the PLC program "HLI_InitToolConfig".

When a request from the CNC for a tool (eg T2), the required parameters are passed via the PLC to the MMI and given a corresponding tool from the database via the MMI via PLC to the CNC.

For a change, the current state of art stuff times and tool life of the tool previously used by the PLC via HMI is written to the database.