

Lab 9: Temperature ON-OFF control

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LABORATORY ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Lab Assignment	Description	Lab Attendance	Successful Run	Report Mark
1	Motor Control	✓	Jan 16, 2025	
2	Two-DC Motors Control With The Problem Detection	✓	Jan 18, 2025	
3	Timers and Counters	✓	Jan 30, 2025	
4	Computations and Comparison	✓	Feb 14, 2025	
5	Cascading Sequence	✓	Feb 21, 2025	
6	Sequencer Output Application	✓	March 07, 2025	
7	Stepper Motor Control	✓	April 05, 2025	
8	Programming with ST, FBD, SFC	✓	April 10, 2025	
9	Temperature ON-OFF control	✓	April 10, 2025	
10	Temperature PID control			

Lab Activities and Submission													
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14
Lab 1	Lab 2	Lab 3	Lab 4	Lab 5	Make up Lab	Make up Lab	Lab 6	Lab 7	Lab 8	Lab 9	Lab 10	Make up Lab	Make up Lab
Report 1	Report 2	Report 3	Report 4	Report 5				Report 6	Report 7	Report 8	Report 9	Report 10	

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It is the student's responsibility to keep this sheet up to date as the proof of the course work.

Notes:

- The column titled Attendance will be checked at the end of the lab activity.
- The column titled Successful Runs, will be initialed when the assignment is seen to run and satisfy the requirements.
- The column titled Report / Mark will be initialed when the report has been handed in to the professor and marked.
- The minimum passing mark will be given to the signed assignments without written report. All the labs have to be handed in satisfying the rubric below.

Assignment Summary: PLC LAB 9 – Temperature ON-OFF Control**Objectives**

This lab focused on the implementation of **temperature control logic** using **analog signal processing**, **ON-OFF control methods**, and **Human-Machine Interface (HMI) integration**. The primary objectives were:

1. Configuring **analog input modules** to process temperature signals.
2. Designing **ON-OFF temperature control logic** using both **single** and **dual set points**.
3. Applying **mathematical instructions** to scale and interpret analog input values.
4. Creating a user-friendly **HMI using FactoryTalk Studio ME** to monitor and control temperature parameters.
5. Implementing **trend analysis** for real-time and historical temperature behavior.
6. Verifying hardware connectivity and control accuracy through **field device wiring** and **live program testing**.

Description of Work Completed

1. Analog Signal Processing & Scaling

- The RTD (Resistance Temperature Detector) sensor signal, read via the **analog input module** (Local:3:I.CH0Data), was configured to scale from **1–5 V to 0–100°C**.
- The scaled temperature was stored in a PLC tag named **TEMPERATURE**, representing the **Process Variable (PV)**.

2. ON-OFF Temperature Control Logic**Single Set Point Mode:**

- Heater turns **ON** when **temperature < 30°C**.
- Heater turns **OFF** when **temperature ≥ 31°C**.

Two Set Points (Deadband) Mode:

- Heater turns **ON** below **SP_LOW** (e.g., 35°C).
- Heater turns **OFF** above **SP_HIGH** (e.g., 36°C).
- This prevents excessive relay toggling and ensures smoother system control.

3. Pushbutton Controls & RUN Logic

- **START_PB (green)**: Initiates temperature control operation (RUN = TRUE).
- **STOP_PB (red)**: Immediately halts the control process (RUN = FALSE).
- **RUN** tag was used to conditionally enable or disable the heater and indicator logic.

4. HMI Design – FactoryTalk Studio ME**Display 1: Main Monitoring Panel**

- **Start/Stop Pushbuttons**
- **Multi-state Indicator**: Shows whether the program is running.
- **Numeric Inputs**: For **SP_LOW** and **SP_HIGH**.
- **Analog Indicator**: Displays **real-time TEMPERATURE**.
- **Navigation Buttons**: Link to Display 2, Configuration, and Shutdown.

Display 2: Advanced Monitoring

- **Real-Time Trend Graph** displaying:
 - **SP_LOW**
 - **SP_HIGH**
 - **TEMPERATURE**
- **Navigation Buttons** as above.

5. Overshoot & Undershoot Evaluation

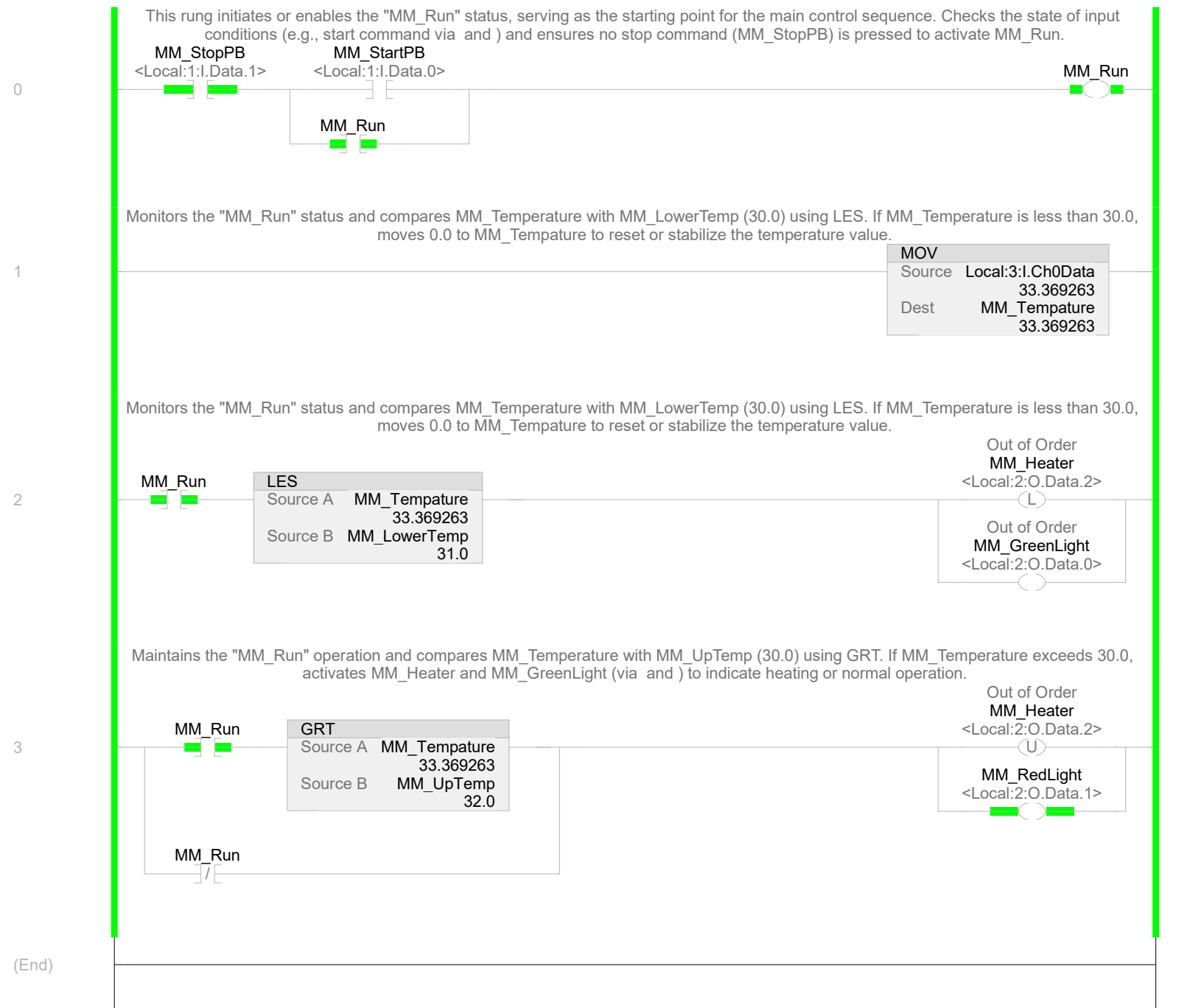
- From the **PanelView screen**, temperature was monitored in real-time to evaluate:
 - **Overshoot**: Peak temperature above **SP_HIGH**.
 - **Undershoot**: Lowest dip below **SP_LOW**.
 - When SPs were adjusted to **40°C** and **42°C**, overshoot and undershoot were re-evaluated to assess the system's control accuracy and responsiveness.
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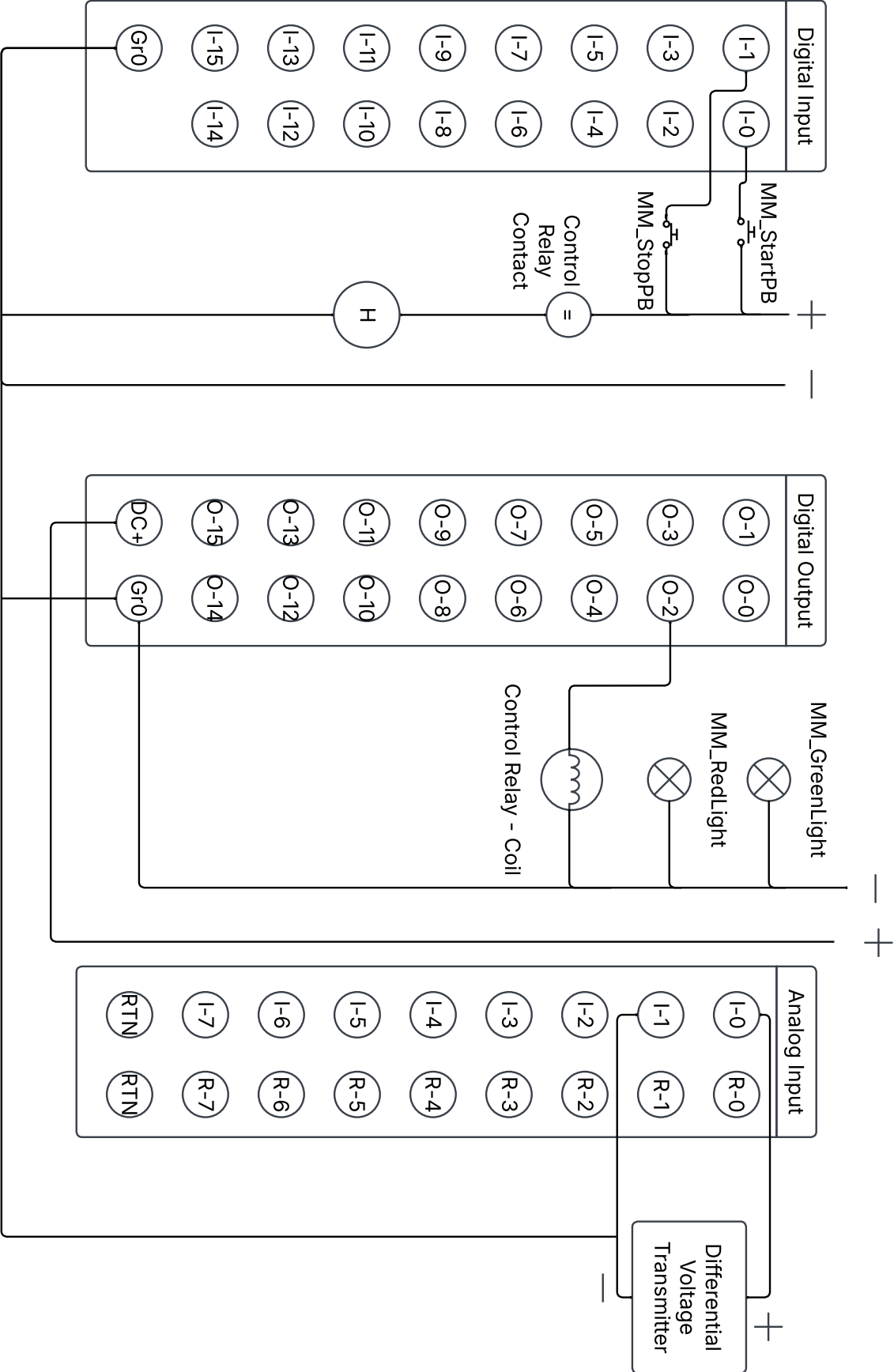
6. Indicators & Output Devices

- **GREEN_LIGHT:** Indicates the system is actively controlling temperature (RUN = TRUE).
- **RED_LIGHT:** Turns on when the heater is OFF and RUN is inactive or temperature is above SP_HIGH.
- **HEATER (Local:2:O.Data.3):** Activated based on the ON-OFF logic derived from temperature comparison.

Conclusions

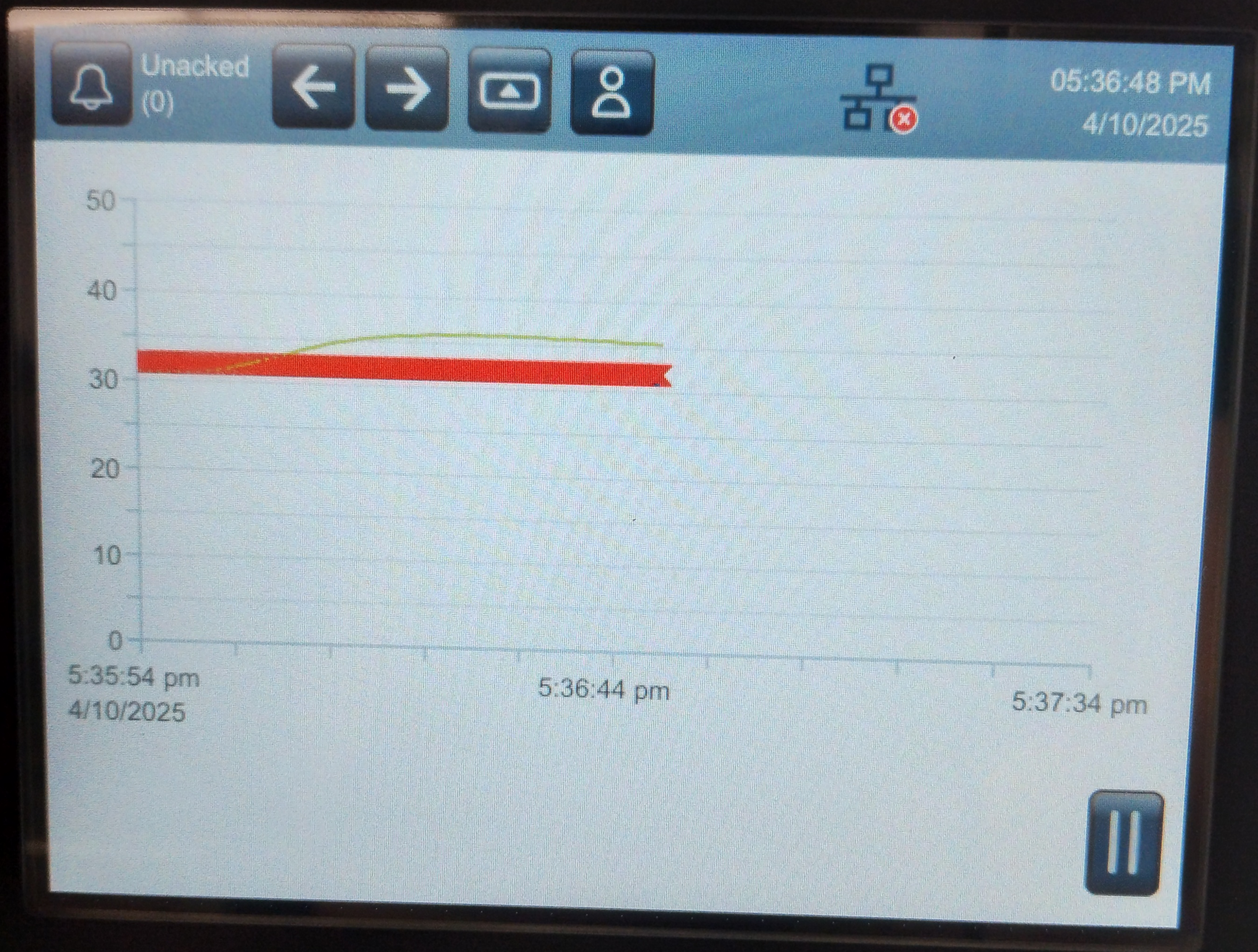
The lab successfully demonstrated how to integrate **analog processing, temperature control logic, and HMI visualization** in a real-world automation system. The use of **dual set point ON-OFF control** improved system stability by reducing relay chatter. The **FactoryTalk HMI** enabled effective real-time monitoring and control, while the trend tools provided valuable data for evaluating **system dynamics**, such as **overshoot and undershoot**. Overall, the lab reinforced important skills in **process automation, analog I/O scaling, PID alternatives, and user interface design**.





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