

# RobotStudio<sup>tm</sup> 6.08 SmartComponents



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## 1. Smart Components

#### Overview

Smart Components give RobotStudio users a series of building blocks or tools which enable components within a station to have more complex behavior. Some examples are gipper motion, objects moving on conveyors, logic etc. Once created these objects can be saved as library files for use in future stations and simulations.

#### 1.1. Create Smart Component (SC) - InFeeder

#### Overview

In this exercise we will learn how to create a Smart Component that simulates an in feeder. It will create dynamic objects which it will move in a straight line until they arrive at a picking position. When an object is removed from the picking position a new object will automatically be created.

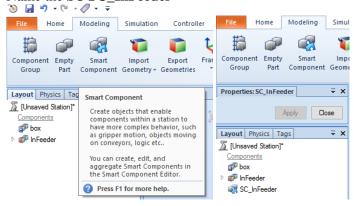
#### Preparing the station

We will start with an empty station and import the geometry of the conveyor, and the part which should be generated by the SC.

- 1. Import the geometry .... \Geometry \InFeeder.sat
- 2. Import the library ...\Libraries\box.rslib

#### **Creating the Smart Component**

- 1. On the **Modeling** tab click the **Smart Component** button.
- 2. Name the SC SC\_InFeeder



#### Adding a part to the SC

Next we will add the part **InFeeder** to our SC as a **Child component**.

1. In the **Layout** browser drag the part **InFeeder** and drop it on **SC\_InFeeder**.



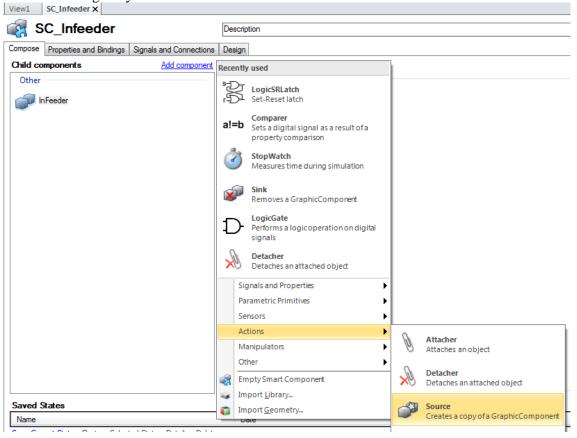
#### Adding base components to our SC

A Smart Component consists of one or more **base components**. A **base component** is a building block with predefined behaviors and properties.

1. In the SC view go to the **Compose** tab and click the **Add component** button.



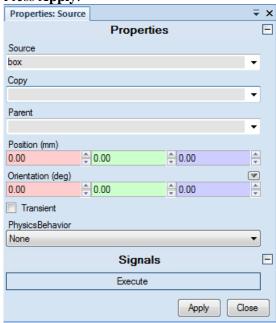
2. In the **Actions** gallery click on the **Source** button.



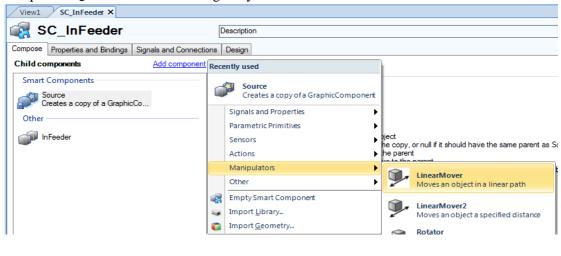
- 3. Right click on the **Source** and select **Properties** in the context menu (if the properties window not already is opened).
- 4. In the Properties window select the box in the Source drop down box.
  NOTE: If the Transient box is checked the part (in this case the box) will automatically be deleted when the simulation is stopped. Leave the box unchecked

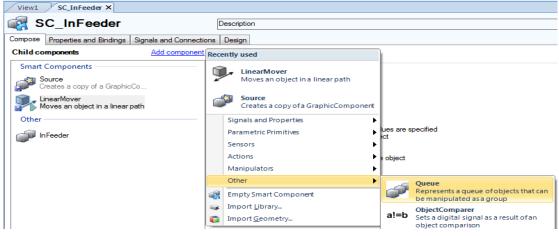
for this exercise.

5. Press Apply.



6. Add the base component **LinearMover** from the **Manipulators** gallery, and the base component **Queue** from the **Other** gallery.





Note: As additional components are added they will populate in the recently used section.



8. Open the Properties window for the **LinearMover** by right clicking on it in the **Layout** browser. Select the **SC\_InFeeder/Queue** as the Object. Change the **Direction** to X= - 1000, Y=0, Z=0 (the box will move in minus X direction). Change the **Speed** to

7. The SmartComponent should now have the following features present.

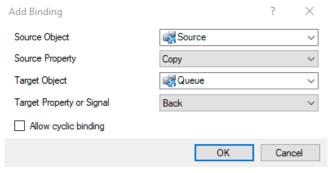
- 500mm/s. Press **Apply**.

  9. Activate the **Execute** signal. Close the Properties window.
  - Properties: LinearMover ₹× **Properties** Object Queue (SC\_InFeeder) V Direction (mm) -1000.00 🖨 0.00 0.00 • Speed (mm/s) 500.00 Reference Global Signals Execute Apply Close

#### **Adding Property Bindings**

The next step is to add a binding between the base component **Source** and the base component **Queue.** This will define which object will be moved by the conveyor.

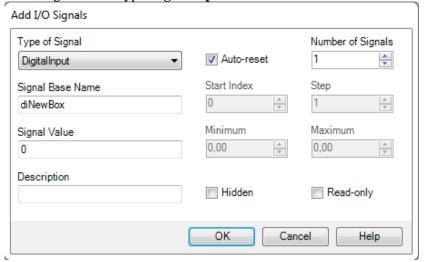
- 1. In the SC view, go to the **Properties and Bindings** tab and click the **Add Binding** button.
- 2. Bind the **Copy** of the **Source** to the **Back** of the **Queue** and press **OK**:



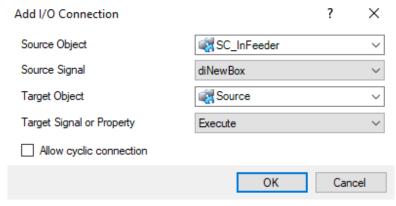
#### **Adding Signals and Connections**

In order to define actions in our SC we need to define I/O Signals and I/O Connections.

- 1. In the SC view, go to the **Signals and Connections** tab and click the **Add I/O Signals** button.
- 2. Add a signal of the type **DigitalInput** and name it **diNewBox**. Check **Auto-reset**.



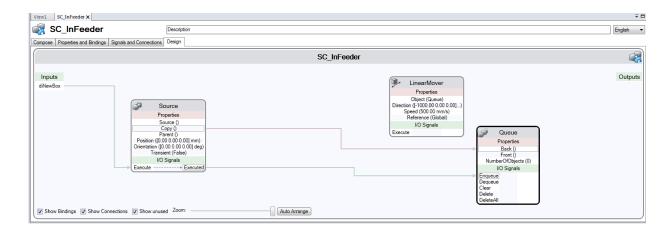
- In the SC view, go to the Signals and Connections tab and click the Add I/O Connections button.
- 4. Set Source Object to SC\_InFeeder, Source Signal to diNewBox, Target Object to Source and Target Signal to Execute. Press OK.



5. Add a new I/O Connection and set Source Object to Source, Source Signal to Executed, Target Object to Queue and Target Signal to Enqueue. Press OK.



**Note:** At any point you can also look at the Design view which gives you a graphical representation of the Smart Component. I/O Connections are represented by green lines while bindings are represented by red lines. These can be toggled on and off to simplfy the view if necessary.



6. **Save** the station as ...\ $my\_SC\_InFeeder$ .

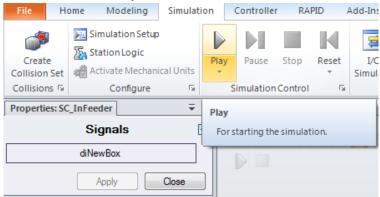
#### **Test running the Smart Component**

When you are creating **Smart Components** (**SC**), you can minimize the risk of making mistakes by testing it as often as possible. For example, if a sensor is added, you can test the SC by activating the sensor and then moving an object to intersect the beam. The **SensorOut** signal should go high when the beam is intersected.

Before we add a sensor to this SC we will test the **Source** and the **Queue** to ensure it works as expected.

**Note:** SmartComponents that consume time (e.g. moving objects) are activated by the simulation function within RobotStudio. Therefore a simulation needs to be running in order to test/use a SC.

- 1. Click on the my\_SC\_InFeeder:View1 tab so you can see the conveyor and the box.
- 2. Open the property window for **SC\_InFeeder**.
- 3. Press Simulation Play.

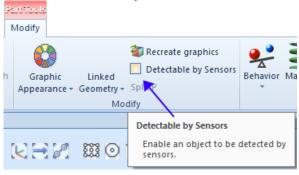


- 4. Click on **diNewBox** a couple of times and verify that a new box is created and starts moving for each click.
- 5. Stop the simulation and delete all boxes generated during the simulation.

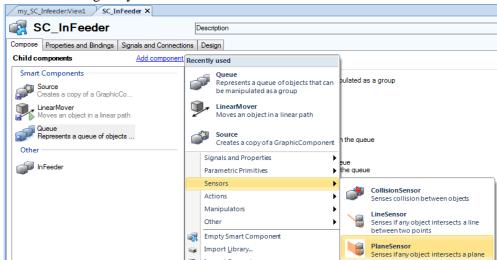
#### Adding a Plane Sensor to our Smart Component

Next we will add a sensor at the end of the conveyor which will stop the box when it hits the sensor beam. We will also add an I/O signal which will remain high as long as a box is in contact with the sensor. Finally we will add an action which generates a new box when a box is removed from the sensor. (We will have the robot pick up the box.)

1. Select the *InFeeder* in the **Layout** browser, then click on **Part Tools-Modify**, and then uncheck **Detectable by Sensors**.

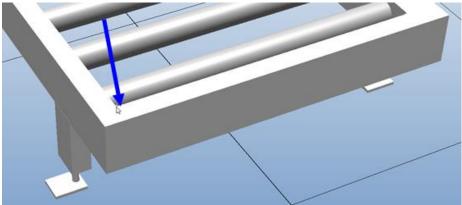


2. This is done to prevent the **PlaneSensor** from detecting the *InFeeder* geometry. It will also prevent the robot's tool from detecting and attaching to the *InFeeder*.

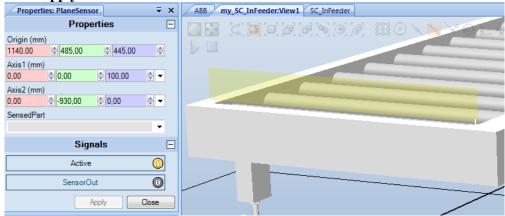


3. In the **Sensors** gallery click on the **PlaneSensor** button.

- 4. Place the cursor in the **Origin** field in the property window for the **PlaneSensor**.
- 5. Set up your **selection level** and **snap mode** to enable you to select the corner of the conveyor as in the picture below:

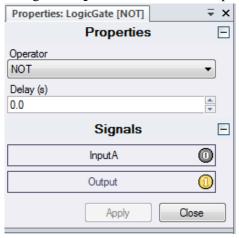


- 6. Increase the Y value with 10mm. This is to ensure that the sensor is wider than the box and that the entire edge of the box is covered by the sensor so that it is not missed.
- 7. In the **Axis 1** field type in Z= 100mm (height of the beam).
- 8. In the **Axis 2** field type in Y = -930mm (width of the beam).
- 9. Make sure that the sensor is **Active** and that the signal **SensorOut** is low.
- 10. Press **Apply**.

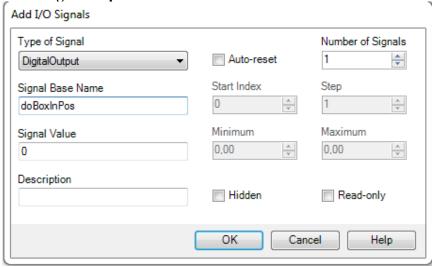


11. In the SC view (SC\_inFeeder) go to the **Compose** tab and click the **Add component** button.

- 12. In the **Signals and Properties** gallery click on the **LogicGate** button.
- 13. Change the **Operator** to **NOT** in the property window for the **LogicGate**.



- 14. In the SC view (SC\_inFeeder) go to the **Signals and Connections** tab and click the **Add I/O Signals** button.
- 15. Add a **DigitalOutput** with the name **doBoxInPos**. Press **OK**.



- 16. Click the **Add I/O Connection** button.
- 17. Add the I/O connections with the details from the table below.

Source Object	Source Signal	Target Object	Target Signal
PlaneSensor	SensorOut	Queue	Dequeue
PlaneSensor	SensorOut	SC_InFeeder	doBoxInPos
PlaneSensor	SensorOut	LogicGate [NOT]	InputA
LogicGate [NOT]	Output	Source	Execute

#### **Test running and saving the Smart Component**

Before we save the SC as a library file we should test run it again.

- 1. Click on the my\_SC\_InFeeder:View1 tab so you can see the conveyor and the box.
- 2. Open the property window for **SC\_InFeeder**
- 3. Press **Simulation Play**.
- 4. If a new box not is generated automatically, click on **diNewBox**.
- 5. Verify that the box stops when it hits the sensor and that **doBoxInPos** goes high.
- 6. Move the box away from the sensor with **Freehand Move** and verify that **doBoxInPos** goes low and that a new box is generated.
- 7. Stop the simulation and delete all boxes that were generated during the simulation.
- 8. Save the **SC\_InFeeder** as ... *Libraries* \*SC\_InFeeder.rslib*.

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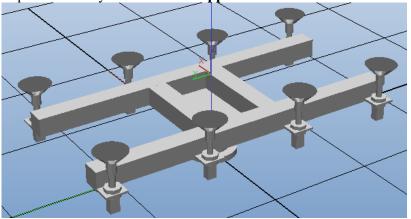
### 1.2. Create Smart Component - Vacuum Gripper

#### Overview

In this exercise we will learn how to create a Smart Component (SC) representing a vacuum gripper.

#### **Preperation**

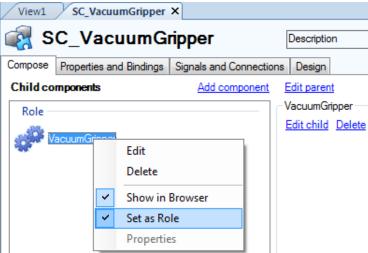
- 1. Create a new empty station.
- 2. Import the library file VacuumGripper.rslib.



- 3. As we will modify the library file we need to disconnect the library.
- 4. In the library context menu, click **Disconnect Library**.
- 5. In Modeling tab, click Smart Component to create a new empty SC.



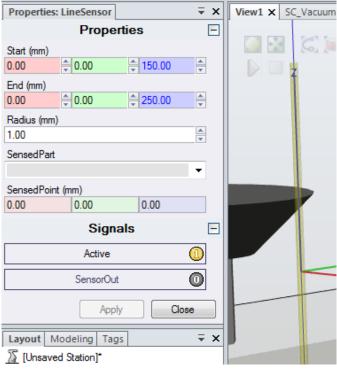
- 6. Rename the SC to **SC\_VacuumGripper**.
- 7. In Layout browser, drag and drop the vacuum gripper to **SC\_VacuumGripper**.
- 8. In order to get our new component to act as a tool, we need to set the **Vacuum\_Gripper** as **role**. In this way the **tooldata** will be created when we attach our **SC gripper** to a robot. In the SC view, set the vacuum gripper as **role** from the conontext menu.



#### **Add Base Components**

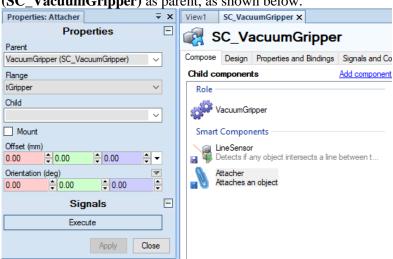
Now we will start to add base components. We will start with a **sensor** that will react when an object hits the sensor beam.

- 1. Click **Add component** and then select the **LineSensor** from the **Sensors** gallery.
- 2. In the **LineSensor** properties window set values as below. After clicking **Apply**, you will see a small cylinder representing the **sensor** in the graphics view.



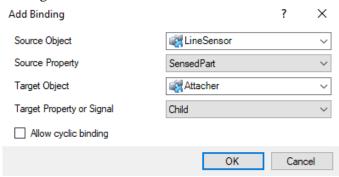
3. Next add an **Attacher** base component from the **Actions** gallery. When trigged, this base component will attach a **child** component to a **parent** component. The **parent** in this example is represented by the vacuum gripper.

4. In the properties window of the **Attacher**, select the **VacuumGripper** (**SC\_VacuumGripper**) as parent, as shown below.



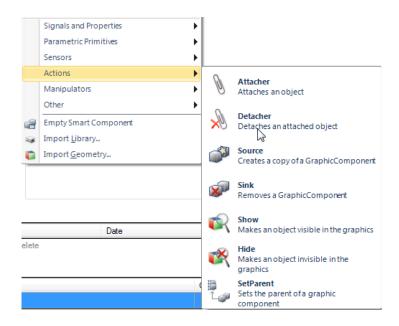
At this point we cannot state which object should represent the child in the **Attacher.** This depends upon the object that is intersected by the sensor in the simulation. Therefore a binding needs to be made between the object sensed by the **LineSensor** we created earlier.

5. Click **Add Binding** in the **Properties and Bindings** tab of the **SC** view. Create the binding as below:

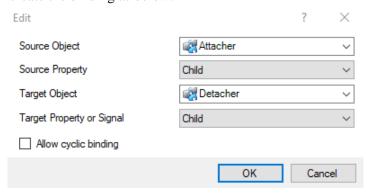


As we also want to be able to detach the attached object we need to add a **Detacher** and a binding between the attached part and the part that will be detached.

6. From the Compose tab and add a Detacher base component.



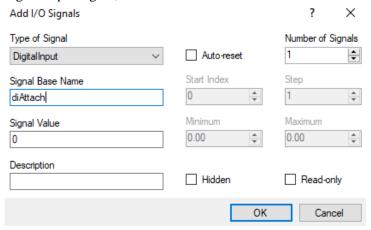
7. Click **Add binding** in the **Properties and Bindings** tab of the SC view again and create the binding as below:



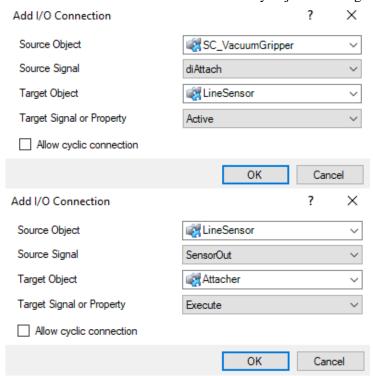
#### **Internal Signals**

Next we will define internal signals in our component that later will be cross connected with the **I/O** signals in the Virtual Controller. To define the actions in our **SC**, we also need to define some **I/O** connections.

1. In the **Signals and connections** tab of the SC view, click **Add I/O Signals** and add a digital input signal, **diAttach**.



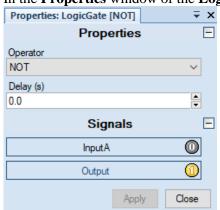
2. Create the first two **I/O connections** with the following input. When the signal is set, the sensor will become active and attach any object breaking the sensor beam.



3. When the signal **diAttach** is set low, we want the **Detacher** to execute. Instead of creating a new **I/O** signal we will add a new base component, **LogicGate** (**NOT**). This will trigger the **Detacher** when the signal is low (**NOT** high).

4. In the Compose tab of the SC view, click Add component and add a LogicGate.





5. In the Properties window of the LogicGate, change the Operator to NOT.

6. If you want the component visible in the **Layout** browser, select **Show in Browser** from the context menu.

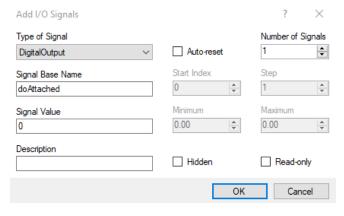


7. Add two more **I/O connections** according to the list below. (Ensure you understand the steps here as this represents the logic discussed in step 3.)

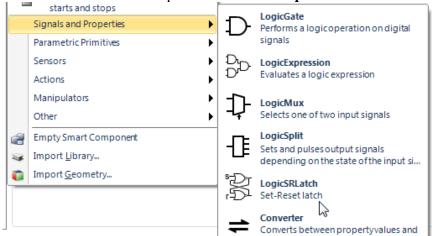


The next step is to create a handshake output signal (SC internal), **doAttached** from our **SC.** This will later be connected to a digital input signal in the robot controller confirming whether something is attached or not. This signal will be controlled by a **SRLatch** (Set-Reset latch) which will be set by the **Attacher** and reset by the **Detacher.** 

8. In the **Signals and connections** tab of the **SC** view, add a digital output signal, **doAttached.** 



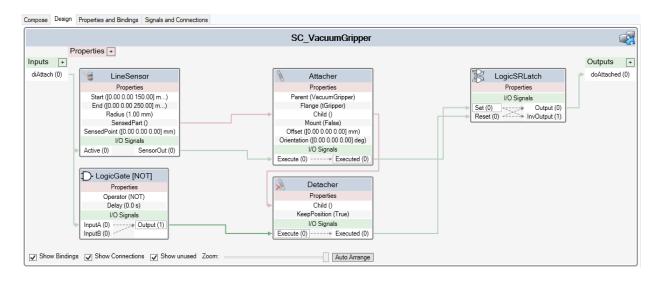
9. Add the **SRLatch** base component from the **Compose** tab of the **SC** view.



10. Then continue adding **I/O connections** according to the list below. Make sure you go through and understand each step. (This represents the logic discussed in step 7.)

Attacher	Executed	LogicSRLatch	Set
Detacher	Executed	LogicSRLatch	Reset
LogicSRLatch	Output	SC_VacuumGripper	doAttached

11. To get an overview of the completed **SC**, click the **Design** tab of the **SC** view. To get a better view click on **Auto Arrange**. Note that you can also drag the various compnents around to arrange them according to your preference. You can also make **I/O connections** and **Bindings** directly in the **Design** tab.



12. Save the **SC\_VacuumGripper** as ... *Libraries* \*SC\_VacuumGripper.rslib*.

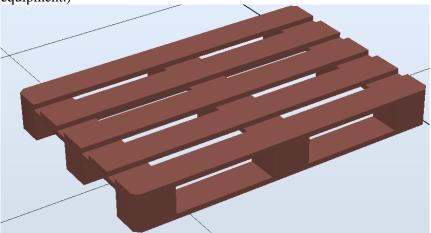
## 1.3. Create Smart Component - Out Pallet

#### **Overview**

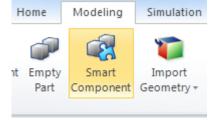
In this exercise we will learn how to create a Smart Component (SC) representing an outfeed pallet.

#### **Preparation**

- 1. Create a new empty station.
- 2. Import the library file **EuroPallet.rslib**. (Note this is in the standard ABB library under equipment.)



- 3. Set the pallet's position to X=0, Y=1100, Z=0.
- 4. As we will modify the library file we need to disconnect the library.
- 5. In the library context menu, click **Disconnect Library**.
- 6. In **Modeling** tab, click **Smart Component** to create a new empty SC.

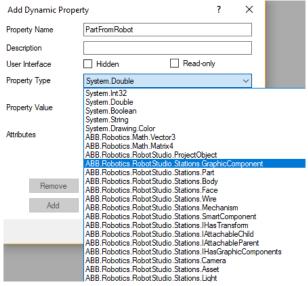


- 7. Rename the SC to SC\_OutPallet.
- 8. In the **Layout** browser, drag and drop the Euro Pallet onto the *SC\_OutPallet*.

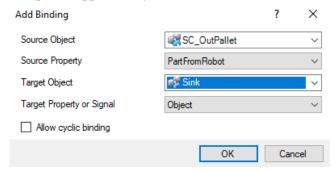
#### **Add Base Components**

We will start with a **Sink** for our first base component. This component enable the removal of a graphic component. (In this example it will be the box the robot places on the pallet.)

- 1. Click **Add component** and then select the **Sink** from the **Actions** gallery.
- 2. Open up the properties and bindings tab and select add a **Dynamic Property.**
- 3. Give it the name PartFromRobot and under property type select GraphicComponent.

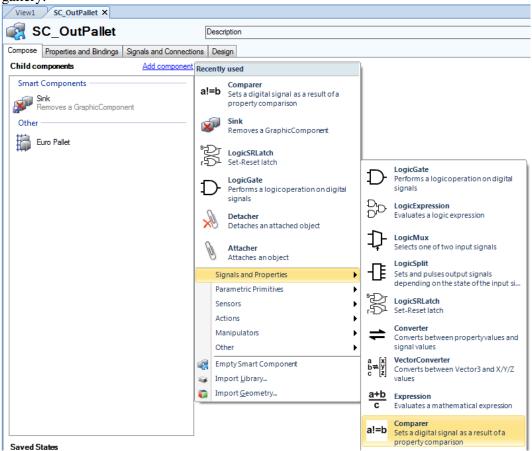


4. Next add a binding to bind the **Sink** with the **Dynamic Property**. (In this case it will be the part dropped off by the robot.)

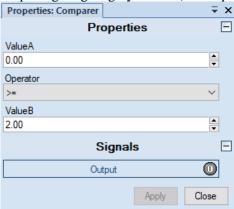


For the next base component we will add a **Comparer**. This component enables the ability to set a signal based upon the result of a property comparison.

5. Add the base component **Comparer** which is found under the **Signal and Properties** gallery.

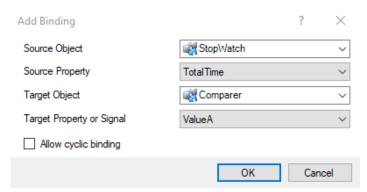


6. In the **Comparer** properties window set values as below and click **Apply**. Note that the output signal gets greyed out. (see step 8)



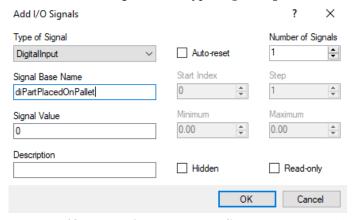
For the next base component we will add a **Stop Watch**.

- 7. Add a **Stop Watch** which is also found in the **Signals and Properties** gallery.
- 8. Add a binding to connect the **Stop Watch** to the **Comparer**. In this example by making the binding, the **Comparer** will set an output after 2 seconds of simulation time. Ultimately we will use this to remove/delete the part that will be placed on the pallet.

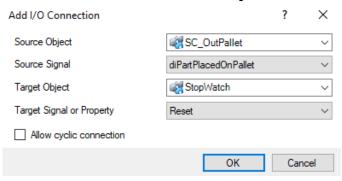


For the next base component we will add a LogicSRLatch.

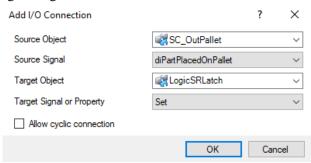
- 1. Add a **LogicSRLatch** which is again found in the **Signals and Properties** gallery.
- 2. Next add an I/O signal of the type **DigitalInput** as shown below.



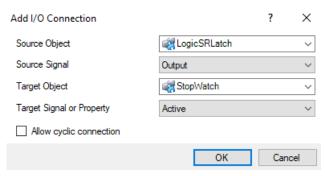
3. Add an **I/O connection** to reset the **Stop Watch** when the digital input goes high.



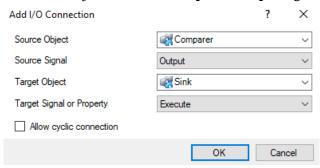
4. Add another **I/O connection** to activate the **LogicSRLatch** when the digital input goes high.



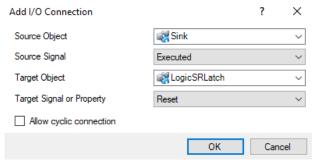
5. Add another **I/O connection** to connect the **LogicSRLatch Output** signal to the **StopWatch Active** signal. This to activate the **StopWatch** when the digital input goes high.



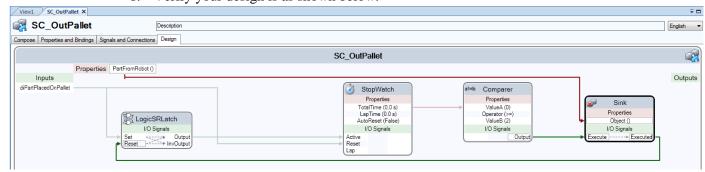
6. Add another **I/O connection** to connect the **Comparer** and the **Sink.** This will delete the object when the **Comparer Output** signal goes high (after 2 seconds).



7. Add the final **I/O connection** to deactivate the **StopWatch** when the object is deleted.



8. Verify your design is as shown below.



14. Save the **SC\_OutPallet** as ... *Libraries* \*SC\_OutPallet.rslib*.

## 1.4. Complete the Palletizing Simulation

#### Overview

In the next exercise we will complete a palletizing simulation by building a station with our smart components along with a robot system.

#### **Preperation**

- 1. Unpack the file *Courseware\Stations\SC\_Palletizing\_Robot.rspag* to a new folder *Stations\Module\_7/my\_SC\_Palletizing*.
- 2. Import the ...\Libraries\SC\_VacuumGripper.rslib created earlier in this exercise.
- 3. Import the ...\Libraries \SC\_InFeeder.rslib created earlier in this exercise.\*
- 4. Import the ...\Libraries \SC\_OutPallet.rslib created earlier in this exercise.
- 5. Import the library ...\Libraries\box.rslib.\*

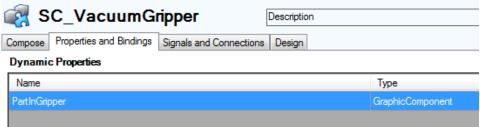
\*Note: When a SC is saved as a library component any links that may have existing during its creation are removed. This gives us the ability to reuse SC in other stations and simulations. When this is done some of the base components may need to be connected, bound etc. to another component.

**Hint:** In the SC\_InFeeder what graphical component are we looking for the **Source** to copy?

#### Modify the gripper

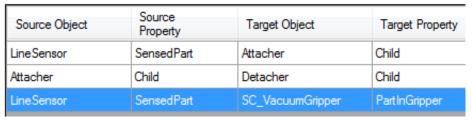
To be able to delete the object that the robot has placed on the out pallet, we need to modify the Smart Component  $SC\_VacuumGripper$ .

- 1. Disconnect *SC\_VacuumGripper* from library.
- 2. Right click on SC\_VacuumGripper and select Edit Component in the context menu.
- 3. In the **Properties and Bindings** tab, add a new **Dynamic Property** with the name *PartInGripper* of the type **GraphicComponent**.

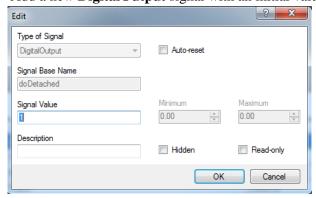


4. Bind the property *LineSensor – SensedPart* to the new property.

#### Property Bindings



5. Add a new **DigitalOutput** signal with an initial value of 1 and name it *doDetached*.



6. Make an **I/O Connection** from the *LogicSRLatch –InvOutput* to *doDetached*. **I/O Connections** 

Source Object	Source Signal	Target Object	Target Signal
SC_VacuumGripper	diAttach	LineSensor	Active
LineSensor	SensorOut	Attacher	Execute
SC_VacuumGripper	diAttach	LogicGate [NOT]	InputA
LogicGate [NOT]	Output	Detacher	Execute
Attacher	Executed	LogicSRLatch	Set
Detacher	Executed	LogicSRLatch	Reset
LogicSRLatch	Output	SC_VacuumGripper	doAttached
LogicSRLatch	InvOutput	SC_VacuumGripper	doDetached

- 7. Close the Smart Component Editor window and save the gripper with the same name as before.
- 8. Attach *SC\_VacuumGripper* to the robot.

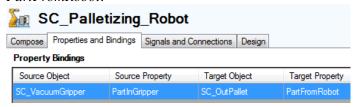
#### **Station Logic setup**

The last step is to setup I/O connections between the Smart Components and the Virtual Controller to get a complete simulation. This can be thought of as "virtual wiring" between the various components in the simulation environment whereas in the real application there would be physical wiring in place between the actual components.

1. Setup the I/O connections according to the list below.

#### I/O Connections Source Object Source Signal Target Object Target Signal diPartPlacedOnPallet SC\_VacuumGripper doDetached SC\_OutPallet IRB6620\_SC\_system doNewBox SC\_InFeeder diNewBox SC\_InFeeder doBoxInPos IRB6620\_SC\_system diBoxInPos IRB6620\_SC\_system doVacuum SC VacuumGripper diAttach SC\_VacuumGripper doAttached IRB6620\_SC\_system

2. Add a binding from *SC\_VacuumGripper - partInGripper* to *SC\_OutPallet - PartFromRobot*.



#### **Run the Simulation**

- 1. Make sure all I/O signals (including all SC) have the correct start values\* and save the current state.
- 2. Add the saved state in **Simulation Setup** and then run the simulation. Refer to Module 5 for assistance if required.
- 3. Save the station as a *station file* (.rsstn) and as a *Pack and Go* file (.rspag)

\*Note: Depending upon the exact signal values you start with multiple boxes may be created when the simulation is started. One option to correct this may be to change the Rapid code. In the main procedure an I/O is being pulsed in order to create a new box. The SC\_InFeeder is also using a logic gate to create a new part when the sensor is low at the end of the conveyor.

```
PROC main()
21
22
             SetDO doVacuum,0;
             WaitDI diVacuum,0;
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    !
              PulseDO doNewBox;
             WHILE TRUE DO
25
   PickLeave;
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27
             ENDWHILE
28
         ENDPROC
```

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