

Logix5000 Controllers Messages

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This manual shows how to program message (MSG) instructions to and from Logix5000™ controllers. This manual is one of a set of related manuals that show common procedures for programming and operating Logix5000™ controllers.

For a complete list of common procedures manuals, refer to the <u>Logix5000</u> <u>Controllers Common Procedures Programming Manual</u>, publication <u>1756-PM001</u>.

• The term Logix5000 controller refers to any controller that is based on the Logix5000 operating system.

Studio 5000 environment

The Studio 5000 Automation Engineering & Design Environment[™] combines engineering and design elements into a common environment. The first element is the Studio 5000 Logix Designer[™] application. The Logix Designer application is the rebranding of RSLogix[™] 5000 software and will continue to be the product to program Logix5000[™] controllers for discrete, process, batch, motion, safety, and drive-based solutions.



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Additional resources

These documents contain additional information concerning related Rockwell Automation products.

Resource	Description
Industrial Automation Wiring and Grounding Guidelines, publication 1770-4.1	Provides general guidelines for installing a Rockwell Automation industrial system.
Product Certifications webpage, available at http://ab.rockwellautomation.com	Provides declarations of conformity, certificates, and other certification details.

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Controller messages

Introduction to Controller Messages

This section describes how to transfer (send or receive) data between controllers by executing a message (MSG) instruction. It explains cache connections and buffers so you can correctly program the controller.

Supported data types

The following data types are supported when sending CIP messages.

- SINT
- INT
- DINT
- LINT
- REAL

In addition, you can send a message with any structure type that is predefined, module-defined, or user-defined.

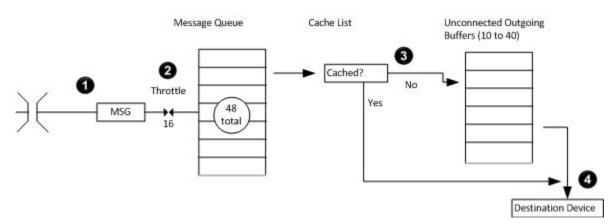
For more information, see "Convert between INTs and DINTs on page 16".

For complete details on programming a message instruction, see the <u>Logix5000</u> <u>Controllers General Instruction Reference Manual</u>, publication 1756-RM003.

Example: Execute a message (MSG) instruction

If count_send = 1
and count_msg.EN = 0 (MSG instruction is not enabled)
then execute a MSG instruction that sends data to another controller.



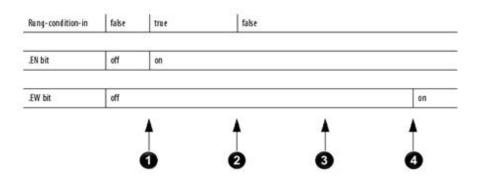


This diagram shows how the controller processes MSG instructions.

0	The controller scans the MSG instruction and its rung-condition-in goes true. The remains enabled but is held until another controller scan.	nessage passes to a throttle that has 16 positions. If the throttle is full, the message
2	The System-overhead time slice executes and the message is pulled from the thro	ttle to the message queue.
3	If the MSG instruction	Then the MSG instruction
	Does not use a connection or the connection was not previously cached	Uses an unconnected buffer to establish communication with the destination device.
	Uses a connection and the connection is cached	Does not use an unconnected buffer.
4	Communication occurs with the destination device.	

Message Queue

The message queue holds up to 48 MSG instructions, including those that you configure as a block-transfer read or block-transfer write. When the queue is full, an instruction tries to enter the queue on each subsequent scan of the instruction, as shown in the following illustration.



Description	
0	The controller scans the MSG instruction. The rung-condition-in for the MSG instruction is true. The EN bit is set. The MSG instruction attempts to enter the gueue but 16 throttle positions exist. If all 16 are filled and a 17th message is executed, the message is enabled.
	The EW bit remains cleared.
2 & 3	The controller scans the MSG instruction. The rung-condition-in for the MSG instruction is false. The EN bit remains set.
	The MSG instruction attempts to pass through the throttle, but no open positions exist yet. The EW bit remains cleared.
4	The controller scans the MSG instruction. The MSG instruction attempts to enter the queue. This time the throttle position is open and the message can pass to the message queue. The EW bit is set.

Cache list

Depending on how you configure a MSG instruction, it may use a connection to send or receive data.

This type of message	And this communication method	Uses a connection
CIP data table read or write	_	Your option ⁽¹⁾
PLC-2, PLC-3, PLC-5, or SLC (all types)	CIP CIP with Source ID	No
	DH+	Yes
CIP generic	_	Your option ⁽²⁾
Block-transfer read or write	_	Yes

⁽¹⁾ CIP data table read or write messages can be connected or unconnected. However for most applications, it is recommended you leave CIP data table read or write messages connected.

If a MSG instruction uses a connection, you have the option to leave the connection open (cache) or close the connection when the message is done transmitting.

If you	Then
Cache the connection	The connection stays open after the MSG instruction is done. This optimizes execution time. Opening a connection each time the message executes increases execution time.
Do not cache the connection	The connection closes after the MSG instruction is done. This frees up that connection for other uses.

⁽²⁾ CIP generic messages can be connected or unconnected. However for most applications, it is recommended you leave CIP generic messages unconnected, unless you want to use the Large Connection option.

The controller has the following limits on the number of connections that you can cache.

If you have this software version and firmware revision	Then you can cache
11.x or earlier	Block transfer messages for up to 16 connections.
	• Other types of messages for up to 16 connections.
12.x or later	Up to 32 connections.

If several messages go to the same device, the messages may be able to share a connection.

If the MSG instructions are to	And they are	Then
Different devices	_	Each MSG instruction uses 1 connection.
The same device, cached, and not a large connection	Enabled simultaneously (same scan)	Each MSG instruction uses 1 connection and 1 cached buffer.
	Not enabled simultaneously	All MSG instructions use 1 connection and 1 cached buffer. They share the connection and the buffer.
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	Not enabled simultaneously	All MSG instructions use 1 connection and 1 cached buffer. They share the connection and the buffer.

Example: Share a connection

- If the controller alternates between sending a block-transfer read message and a block-transfer write message to the same module, then together the messages count as one connection. Caching both messages counts as one on the cached buffer.
- If the controller sends 10 cached connected messages to the same bridge module (for example, 1756-EN2T) where 7 utilize a standard connection (large connection unchecked) and 3 utilize a large connection, then the 7 standard connection messages all utilize one cached connection. The 3 large connection messages all utilize another cached connection. In total, the 10 messages use 2 cached connections.

Unconnected buffers

To establish a connection or process unconnected messages, the controller uses an unconnected buffer.

Term	Definition
Unconnected buffer	An allocation of memory that the controller uses to process unconnected communication. The controller performs unconnected communication when it:
	Establishes a connection with a device, including an I/O module.
	Executes a MSG instruction that does not use a connection.

The controller can have 10 to 40 unconnected buffers.

- The default number is 10.
- To increase the number of unconnected buffers, execute a MSG instruction that reconfigures the number of unconnected buffers.
- Each unconnected buffer uses 1.2 KB of memory.
- If all unconnected buffers are in use when an instruction leaves the message queue, an error occurs and data does not transfer.

If a MSG instruction uses a connection, the instruction uses an unconnected buffer when it first executes to establish a connection. If you configure the instruction to cache the connection, it no longer requires an unconnected buffer once the connection is established.

Guidelines

As you plan and program your MSG instructions, follow these guidelines.

Guideline	Details
For each MSG instruction, create a control tag.	Data type = MESSAGE
	Scope = controller
	The tag cannot be part of an array or a user-defined data type.
Keep the source and destination data at the controller scope.	A MSG instruction can access only tags that are in the Controller Tags folder (controller scope).
If your message is to a device that uses 16-bit integers, such as a PLC-5 or SLC 500 controller, and it transfers integers (not REALs),	Logix5000 controllers execute more efficiently and use less memory when working with 32-bit integers (DINTs).
use a buffer of INTs in the message and DINTs throughout the project.	See <u>Convert Between INTs and DINTs</u> on <u>page 16</u> .
Cache the connection for those MSG instructions that execute most frequently, up to the maximum number permissible for your controller revision.	Execution time is optimized when the controller does not open a connection each time the message executes.
If you want to enable more than 16 MSGs at one time, use a management strategy to ensure some MSG instructions are not	To guarantee the execution of each message, use one of these options:
delayed entering the queue.	Enable each message in sequence. Trackle the message is required.
	Enable the messages in groups. Program a message to communicate with multiple devices.
	Program a message to communicate with multiple devices. Program logicate as additionable the accordance of massages.
w	Program logic to coordinate the execution of messages.
Keep the number of unconnected and uncached MSGs less than the number of unconnected buffers.	The controller can have 10 to 40 unconnected buffers. The default number is 10.
the number of unconnected buffers.	• If all unconnected buffers are in use when an instruction leaves the message queue, an error occurs, the data is not transferred.
	You can increase the number of unconnected buffers (up to 40), provided you continue to adhere to the previous guideline.
	• To increase the number of unconnected buffers, see "Get or Set the Number of Unconnected Buffers on page 13".

Get or set the number of unconnected buffers

To determine or change the number of unconnected buffers, use a MSG instruction.

- The range is 10 to 40 unconnected buffers.
- The default number is 10.

• Each unconnected buffers uses 1.1 KB of memory.

Get the number of unconnected buffers

To determine the number of unconnected buffers that are currently available, configure a Message (MSG) instruction as follows.

On this tab	For this item	Type or choose	Type or choose		
Configuration	Message Type	CIP Generic			
	Service Type	Custom	Custom		
	Service Code	3			
	Class	304			
	Instance	1			
	Attribute	0	0		
	Source Element	source_array where data type = SIN	source_array where data type = SINT[4]		
		In this element	Enter		
		source_array[0]	1		
		source_array[1]	0		
		source_array[2]	17		
		source_array[3]	0		
	Source Length (bytes)	4 (Write 4 SINTs.)	4 (Write 4 SINTs.)		
	Destination Element	destination_array where data type = SINT[10] (Leave all values = 0.)			
		destination_array[6] = current nu	umber of unconnected buffers		
Communication	Path	1, slot_number_of_controller	1, slot_number_of_controller		

Set the number of unconnected buffers

As a starting value, set the number of unconnected buffers equal to the number of unconnected and uncached messages enabled at one time plus 5. The additional 5 buffers provide a cushion in case you underestimate the number of messages that are enabled at once.

To change the number of unconnected buffers of the controller, configure a Message (MSG) instruction as follows.

On this tab	For this item	Type or select
Configuration	Message Type	CIP Generic
	Service Type	Custom
	Service Code	4

	Class	304	304 1		
	Instance	1			
	Attribute	0			
	Source Element	source_array where data type	= SINT[8]		
		In this element	Enter		
		source_array[0]	1		
		source_array[1]	0		
		source_array[2]	17		
		source_array[3]	0		
		source_array[4]	Number of unconnected buffers that you want.		
		source_array[5]	0		
		source_array[6]	0		
		source_array[7]	0		
	Source Length (bytes)	8 (Write 8 SINTs.)			
	Destination Element	destination_array where data	type = SINT[6] (Leave all the values = 0.)		
Communication	Path	1, slot_number_of_controller	1, slot_number_of_controller		

Example: Set the number of unconnected buffers

If S:FS = 1 (first scan)

then set the number of unconnected buffers for the controller.

Source_Array[0] = 1

Source_Array[0] = 1

Source_Array[1] = 0

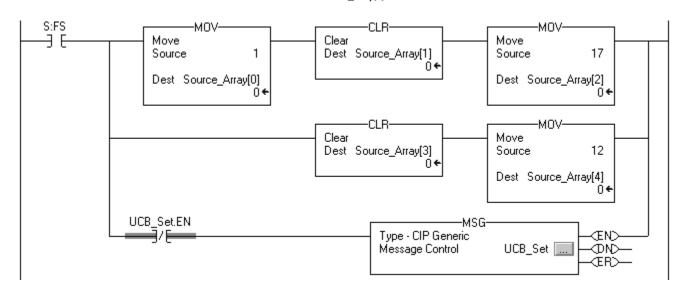
Source_Array[2] = 17

 $Source_Array[3] = 0$

Source_Array[4] = 12 (The number of unconnected buffers that you want. In this example, we want 12 buffers.)

If UCB_Set.EN = 0 (MSG instruction is not already enabled)

then MSG instruction sets the number of unconnected buffers = Source_Array[4].



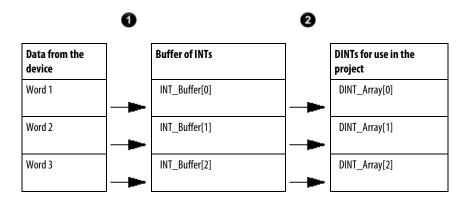
Tag Name	Туре	Description	
UCB_Set	MESSAGE	Control tag for the MSG instruction.	
Source_Array	SINT[8]	Source values for the MSG instruction, including the number of unconnected buffers that you want.	

Convert between INTs and DINTs

In the Logix5000 controller, use the DINT data type for integers whenever possible. Logix5000 controllers execute more efficiently and use less memory when working with 32-bit integers (DINTs).

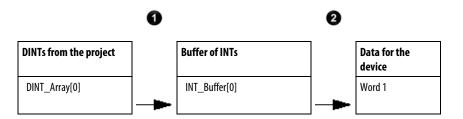
If your message is to a device that uses 16-bit integers, such as a PLC-5 or SLC 500 controller, and it transfers integers (not REALs), use a buffer of INTs in the message and DINTs throughout the project. This increases the efficiency of your project.

Read 16-bit integers

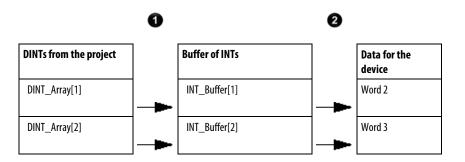


Description The Message (MSG) instruction reads 16-bit integers (INTs) from the device and stores them in a temporary array of INTs. A File Arith/Logical (FAL) instruction converts the INTs to DINTs for use by other instructions in your project.

Write 16-bit integers



Write 16-bit integers



Description

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An FAL instruction converts the DINTs from the Logix5000 controller to INTs.



The MSG instruction writes the INTs from the temporary array to the device.

Example: Read integer values from a PLC-5 controller

If Condition_1 = 1

and Msq_1.EN = 0 (MSG instruction is not enabled)

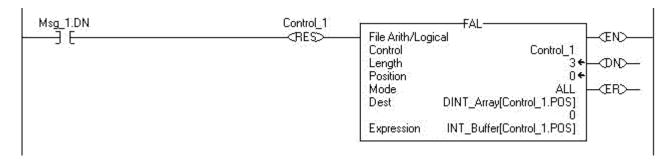
then read 3 integers from the PLC-5 controller and store them in INT_Buffer (3 INTs).



If Msg_1.DN =1 (MSG instruction has read the data)

then reset the FAL instruction.

The FAL instruction sets DINT_Array = INT_Buffer. This converts the values to 32-bit integers (DINTs).

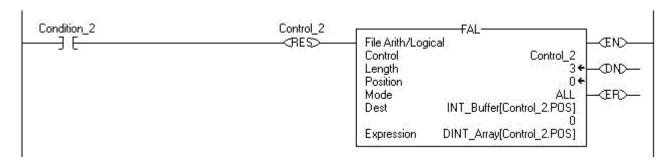


Example: Write integer values to a PLC-5 controller

If Condition_2 = 1

then reset the FAL instruction.

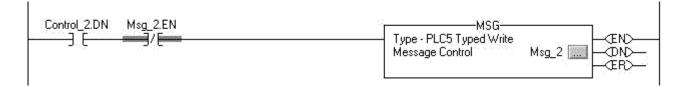
The FAL instruction sets INT_Buffer = DINT_Array. This converts the values to 16-bit integers (INTs).



If Control_2.DN = 1 (FAL instruction has converted the DINTs to INTs)

and Msg_2.EN = 0 (MSG instruction is not enabled)

then write the integers in INT_Buffer (3 INTs) to the PLC-5 controller.



Manage multiple messages

Introduction

You can use ladder logic to send groups of message (MSG) instructions in sequence.

- To be processed, each MSG instruction must enter the message queue.
- The queue holds 48 MSGs.
- If more than 16 MSGs are enabled at one time, the message throttle
 prevents some of the messages from entering the message queue. If this
 occurs, the MSG is held until room exists on the queue for the controller to
 process the MSG. On each subsequent scan of the MSG, it checks the queue
 to see if room exists.

The message manager logic lets you control the number of MSGs that are enabled at one time and enable subsequent MSGs in sequence. In this way, MSGs enter and exit the queue in order and do not need to wait for room on the queue to become available.

Message manager logic

The message manager logic sends three groups of MSGs. Use as many groups as needed to include all your MSGs.

The Msg_Group tag controls the enabling of each MSG.

- The tag uses the DINT data type.
- Each bit of the tag corresponds to a group of MSGs. For example,
 Msg_Group.0 enables and disables the first group of MSGs (group 0).

Example:

Message manner logic

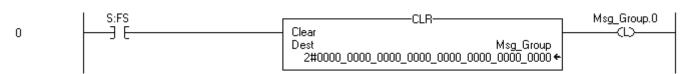
To make the example easier to follow, each group contains only two MSGs. In your project, use more MSGs in each group, such as five.

Initialize the logic

If S:FS = 1 (first scan) then initialize the MSGs:

 $Msg_Group = 0$, which disables all MSGs.

 $Msg_Group.0 = 1$, which enables the first group of MSGs.



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Restart the sequence

If the MSGs in group 2 (last group) are currently enabled (Msg_Group.2 = 1)

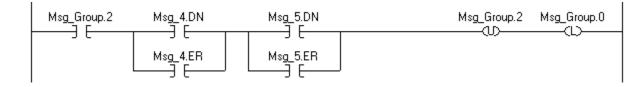
and Msg_4 is in the state of done or error

and Msq_5 is in the state of done or error

then restart the sequence of MSGs with the first group:

 $Msq_Group.2 = 0$. This disables the last group of MSGs.

 $Msg_Group.0 = 1$. This enables the first group of MSGs.



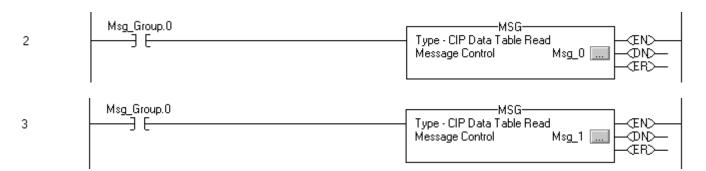
Send the first group of MSGs

If Msg_Group.0 changes from 0 -> 1 then

send Msg_0.

send Msq_1.

Because a MSG instruction is a transitional instruction, it executes only when its rung-condition-in changes from false to true.



Enable the second group of MSGs

If the MSGs in group 0 are currently enabled (Msg_Group.0 = 1)

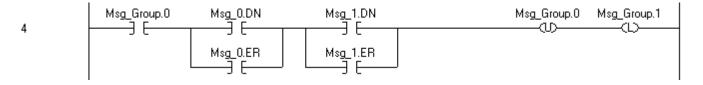
and Msg_0 is in the state of done or error

and Msg_1 is in the state of done or error

then:

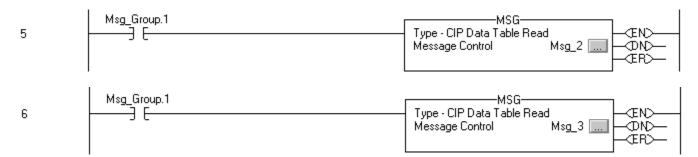
 $Msg_Group.0 = 0$. This disables the current group of MSGs.

 $Msg_Group.1 = 1$. This enables the next group of MSGs.



Send the second group of MSGs

If Msg_Group.1 changes from 0 -> 1 then send Msg_2.
send Msg_3.



Enable the next group of MSGs

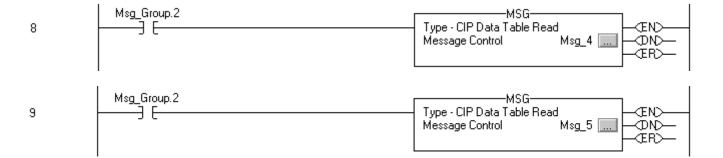
If the MSGs in group 1 are currently enabled (Msg_Group.1 = 1) and Msg_2 is in the state of done or error and Msg_3 is in the state of done or error then:

 $Msg_Group.1 = 0$. This disables the current group of MSGs. $Msg_Group.2 = 1$. This enables the next group of MSGs.



Send the next group of MSGs

If Msg_Group.1 changes from 0 -> 1 then send Msg_2.
send Msg_3.



Send a message to multiple controllers

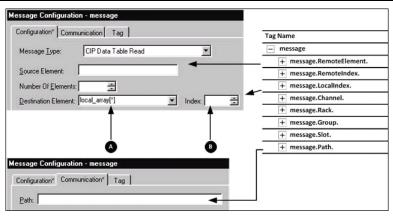
Introduction

You can program one message instruction to communicate with multiple controllers. To reconfigure a MSG instruction during runtime, write new values to the members of the MESSAGE data type.

Important:

In the MESSAGE data type, the RemoteElement member stores the tag name or address of the data in the controller that receives the message.

If the message	Then the RemoteElement is the
Reads data	Source element
Writes data	Destination element



- A If you use an asterisk [*] to designate the element number of the array, the value in B provides the element number.
- The **Index** box is available only when you use an asterisk [*] in the Source Element or Destination Element. The instruction substitutes the value of Index for the asterisk [*].

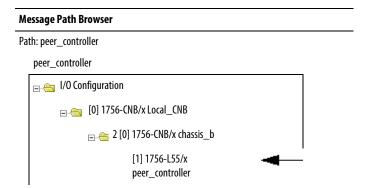
Tip: To copy the previous components from a sample project, take the following steps.

- A. On the Help menu, click Quick Start.
- B. On the Quick Start window, in the left navigation pane, expand Controller Projects, and click Open Sample Project.
- C. In the Open Project dialog box, click MSG_To_multiple_Controllers.acd, and click Open.

Configure the I/O configuration

Although not required, it is recommended that you add the communication modules and remote controllers to the I/O configuration of the controller. This makes it easier to define the path to each remote controller.

For example, once you add the local communication module, the remote communication module, and the destination controller, clicking Browse lets you select the destination.



Define your source and destination elements

An array stores the data that is read from or written to each remote controller. Each element in the array corresponds to another remote controller.

1. Use the following worksheet to organize the tag names in the local and remote controllers.

Name of Remote Controller	Tag or Address of Data in Remote Controller	Tag in This Controller
		local_array[0]
		local_array[1]
		local_array[2]
		local_array[3]

2. Create the local_array tag, which stores the data in this controller.

Tag Name	Туре
local_array	data_type [length]
	where:
	data_type is the data type of the data that the message sends or receives, such as DINT, REAL, or STRING.
	length is the number of elements in the local array.

Create the MESSAGE_ CONFIGURATION data type

Create a user-defined data type to store the configuration variables for the message to each controller.

- Some of the required members of the data type use a string data type.
- The default STRING data type stores 82 characters.
- If your paths or remote tag names or addresses use less than 82 characters, you have the option of creating a new string type that stores fewer characters. This lets you conserve memory.
- To create a string type, click **File > New Component > String Type**.
- If you create a string type, use it in place of the STRING data type.

To store the configuration variables for the message to each controller, create the following user-defined data type.

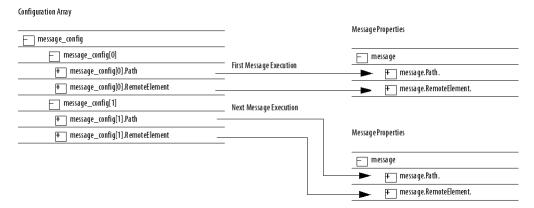


Data Type: MESSAGE_CONFIGURATION				
Name: MESSAGE_CONFIGURA	Name: MESSAGE_CONFIGURATION			
Description: Configuration pro	perties for a mess	age to another o	ontroller	
Members	Members			
Name	Data Type	Style	Description	
. □ Path	STRING			
⊞ ·	STRING			

Create the configuration array

Store the configuration properties for each controller in an array. Before each execution of the MSG instruction, your logic loads new properties into the

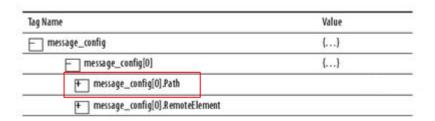
instruction. This sends the message to another controller.



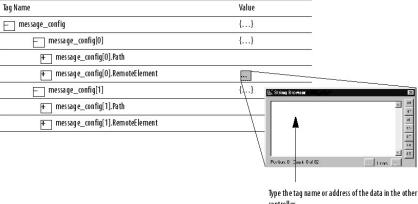
1. To store the configuration properties for the message, create the following array.

Tag Name	Туре	Scope
message_config	MESSAGE_CONFIGURATION[number] ⁽¹⁾	Any

- (1) Number indicates the number of controllers to send the message
- 2. In the message_config array, enter the path to the first controller that receives the message.



3. In the message_config array, enter the tag name or address of the data in the first controller to receive the message.



4. Enter the path and remote element for each additional controller.

Tag Na	me	Value
messag	ge_config	{}
	message_config[0]	{}
	☐ ← message_config[0].Path	
	☐ ────────────────────────────────────	
	⊡- (message_config[1]	{}
	──────────────────────────────────	◄
	$= - \stackrel{ ext{$ ext{$$}}}{ ext{$ ext{$$}}} message_config[1].RemoteElement$	4

Get the size of the local array

The SIZE instruction:

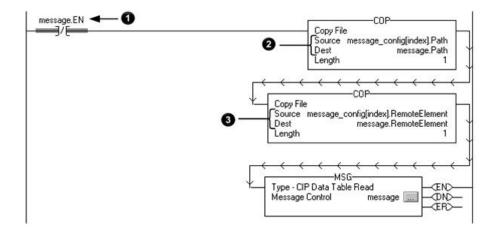
- Counts the number of elements in local_array.
- Counts the number of elements in Dimension 0 of the array. In this case, that is the only dimension.

Local_array_length (DINT) stores the size (number of elements) of local_array. This value tells a subsequent rung when the message is sent to all controllers and to start with the first controller again.



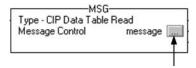
Load the message properties for a controller

- 1. The XIO instruction conditions the rung to continuously send the message.
- The first COP instruction loads the path for the message. The value of
 index determines which element the instruction loads from message_config.
 The instruction loads one element from message_config.
- 3. The second COP instruction loads the tag name or address of the data in the controller that receives the message. The value of index determines which element the instruction loads from message_config. The instruction loads one element from message_config.



Configure the message

The following table explains how to configure the message.

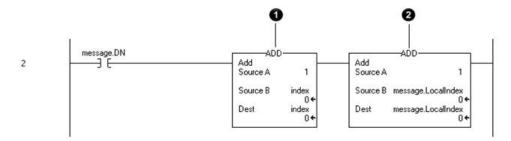


On this tab	If you want to	For this item	Type or select
Configuration	Read (receive) data from the other controllers	Message Type	The read-type that corresponds to the other controllers
		Source Element	Tag or address that contains the data in the first controller
		Number Of Elements	1
		Destination Element	local_array[*]
		Index	0
	Write (send) data to the other controllers	Message Type	The write-type that corresponds to other controllers
		Source Element	local_array[*]
		Index	0
		Number Of Elements	1
		Destination Element	Tag or address that contains the data in the first controller
Communication	_	Path	Path to the first controller
		Cache Connections	Clear the Cache Connections check box (more efficient since this procedure continuously changes the path of the message)

Step to the next controller

After the MSG instruction sends the message, the following actions occur.

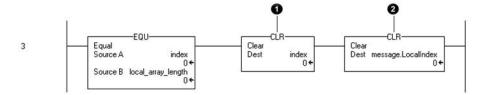
- 1. The first ADD instruction increments the index. This lets the logic load the configuration properties for the next controller into the MSG instruction.
- 2. The second ADD instruction increments the LocalIndex member of the MSG instruction. This lets the logic load the value from the next controller into the next element of local_array.



Restart the sequence

When the index equals the local_array_length, the controller sends the message to all other controllers.

- 1. The first CLR instruction sets the index equal to 0. This lets the logic load the configuration properties for the first controller into the MSG instruction and start the sequence of messages again.
- 2. The second CLR instruction sets the LocalIndex member of the MSG instruction equal to 0. This lets the logic load the value from the first controller into the first element of local_array.



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