

ST programming

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This section will cover

- Overview of a ST program
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- Comments
- ST Operators
- Standard ST commands
 - Conditional statements
 - Branching
 - Conditional Loops
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- Function Calls in ST
- Data Types handling in ST
- Comparing ST vs. LD structures

Overview of a ST program

```
148 //Program Overview
149 IF NOT fault THEN
150     Ready:=TRUE; //Green Light in ON state
151     AlarmSignal:=FALSE;
152     (*Turn OFF the red light
153        AND enable machine FOR operation*)
154
155     IF NOT HomingDone THEN
156         ExecuteHoming:=TRUE; //Make homing FOR 1st TIM
157         OpenGrip:=TRUE; //OpenGrip grip FOR Enable g
158         MyString:='This is a string';
159     END_IF;
160
161 ELSE
162     Ready:=FALSE;
163     ExecuteHoming:=FALSE;
164     AlarmSignal:=TRUE;
165     (*turn red light ON*)
166 END_IF;
167
168 Data1:=45676;
```

BLUE:

Flow control
program statements
and operators

GREEN:

User
comments

DARK RED:

Text strings variables

BLACK:

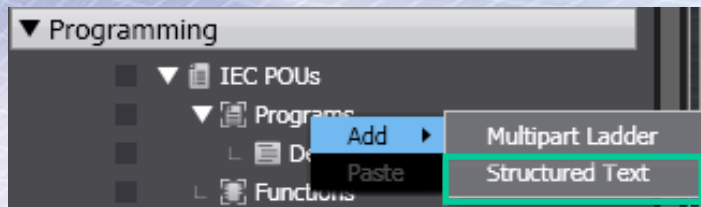
User functions, user
variables, and user
functions blocks

light BLUE:

Global variables

- **Benefits in ST programming**
 - Code easily **readable** by the user
 - **Portability** (99%) between IEC61131-3 3rd party ST code
 - **Editable** by a **text editor**
 - Coding **Efficiency** better than LD or FBD
 - Excellent **handling for Structures** (Data Types)
 - **Development time** reduced (when you're used to ST)
 - You can **merge** LD and ST in same LD POU (*InLine ST*)

ST editor description



The screenshot shows the ST editor interface. At the top, there's a 'Configuration' tab and a 'Programming' tab. Below them, a 'DemoST1' window is open. The 'Internals' tab is selected, showing a table of variable declarations. Below the table, the ST program code is displayed in a text editor.

Name	Data Type	Initial Value	Address	Retain	Comment
CountDown	INT	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Value	INT	0		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ready	BOOL	False		<input type="checkbox"/>	
AlarmSignal	BOOL	False		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Power_Drive	MC_Power			<input type="checkbox"/>	

```
6
7  IF NOT HomingDone THEN
8      ExecuteHoming:=TRUE; //Make homing for 1st time
9      OpenGrip:=TRUE;      // Open grip for enable grasping
10  END_IF
11
12  ELSE
13      Ready:=FALSE;
14      ExecuteHoming:=FALSE;
15      AlarmSignal:=TRUE;    (*Turn red light ON*)
16
17      (*Lights must be ON in while machine is not
18      in ready state ready *)
19
20  END_IF
21
22
23  Signal := Power AND Enable AND NOT Fault ;          //Check signal availability
24  Position:= Encodervalue * UserUnits / Increments;    //Read position in user units
```

Variable
declaration
area

ST program
editor area

- Assigning values, expressions or conditions to a variable is done using the “:=” sign combination:

```
Ready:=FALSE;  
AlarmSignal:=TRUE;  
OpenGrip:=FALSE;
```

- It is allowed to put spaces or tabs to improve readability

```
Signal:=    Power AND Enable AND NOT fault;    //check Signal availability  
Position:=  EncoderPosition * UserUnits / Increments;  //Read Position in UserUnits units
```

- WORD assignments can be expressed also in binary and hexadecimal.

```
ValueINT:=125;           //value expressed in integer  
ValueHEX:=16#7D;         //value expressed in hexadecimal  
ValueBIN:=2#1111101;     //value expressed in binary
```


- Statements **always** must end with a single semicolon “ ; ”

```
Ready:=FALSE;  
AlarmSignal:=TRUE;  
OpenGrip:=FALSE;
```

- For a complex or longer expressions, it is allowed to split the expression in multiple lines, using line feed (↵). Do not miss to end with a semicolon.

```
SafetyChain:= (Sensor_1 AND Sensor_2 AND NOT Sensor3)  
AND (PowerEnable AND NOT StandStill OR MotorDisabled OR Compressor)  
OR (MainsSupply AND PowerSupply OR SecondarySupply)  
AND NOT (SafetyRelays OR SecurityLatch OR SafetyStop) ;
```

- Comments can be added in any place for a ST program using parentheses and asterisks for opening and closing a comment “(*.....*)”, in a single or multi line comment

```
AlarmSignal:=TRUE;      (*Turn red light ON*)  
  
(*Lights must be ON in while machine is not  
in ready state ready *)
```

- A simplest way to add a single comment is using double slash “//” before your comment

```
IF NOT HomingDone THEN  
    ExecuteHoming:=TRUE;//Make homing for 1st time  
    OpenGrip:=TRUE;      // Open grip for enable grasping  
END_IF ;
```


- **Variable declaration:**

- The editor doesn't differentiate between variables declared in uppercase (or containing them) and lowercase. But for readability and consistency , is a **good practice** to maintain the format for these variables during the program writing:

```
Signal := Power AND Enable AND NOT Fault ;  
Position:= Encodervalue * UserUnits / Increments;
```

```
IF SIGNAL AND position>1000 THEN  
    OutBounds:=TRUE;  
END_IF;
```

**Not
recommended**

```
Signal := Power AND Enable AND NOT Fault ;  
Position:= Encodervalue * UserUnits / Increments;
```

```
IF Signal AND Position>1000 THEN  
    OutBounds:=TRUE;  
END_IF;
```

More consistent

- **Keywords (reserved)**

- ALL keywords are forbidden to use because they are ST commands:

AND, BY, CASE, DO, ELSE, ELIF, EXIT, FALSE, FOR, IF, NOT, OF, OR, REPEAT, RETURN, THEN, TO, TRUE, UNTIL, WHILE, XOR, END_IF, END_WHILE, END_CASE, END_REPEAT...

- Special characters cannot be used to declare variable name.
However, underscore sign (“_”) can be used (not in the 1st /end position).

<=, >=, <>, :=, .., &, (*,*), %,\$,@...

- Definition Types and User types cannot be used as a variable name

USINT, SINT, BYTE, UINT, INT, WORD, REAL, DINT, UDINT, DWORD, LREAL, LINT, ULINT, LWORD...

Exercise #1

- Find the 7 mistakes in this code section

```
IF NOT Fault THEN
  Ready:= TRUE; // Green light in ON state
  AlarmSignal:=FALSE;
  (*Turn OFF the red light
    and enable machine for operation*)
  Light3:= FALSE;

  IF Position=3456 THEN
    ExecuteHoming:=TRUE; //Make homing for 1st time
    OpenGrip:=TRUE; // Open grip for enable grasping
    MotorEnable:=FALSE;
    Exit:=TRUE;
  END_IF;

ELSE
  Ready:=FALSE;
  AlarmSignal:=TRUE; (*Turn red light ON*)
 .opengrip:=FALSE;
  (*Lights must be ON while machine is not
    in ready state ready *)
END_IF;
```

()	Operation Execution Order	Value:=(1+2) *(3+4) // Value is 21 Precedence order : (), * / , + -
**	Exponent	Value:= 2**8 ; // Value is 256
NOT	Negation of a logical condition	Value:=NOT TRUE; //Value is FALSE
*	Multiplication	Value:=8 * 100; // Value is 800
/	Division	Value:=200 / 25; // Value is 8
+	Addition	Value:=200 + 25; // Value is 225
-	Subtraction	Value:=200 - 25; // Value is 175
MOD	Remainder	Value:=10 MOD 6; // Value is 4
< , > , <= , >=	Comparison	Value:= 60 > 10; // Value is TRUE
=	Equal condition	Value:= 8=7; // Value is FALSE
<>	Not equal condition	Value:= 8<>7; // Value is TRUE
& , AND	Logical AND	Value:=2#1001 AND 2#1100; //Value is 2#1000
XOR	Logical Exclusive OR	Value:=2#1001 XOR 2#1100; //Value is 2#0101
OR	Logical OR	Value:=2#1001 XOR 2#1100; //Value is 2#1101

- Conditional Statements
 - **IF..THEN....END_IF**
 - **IF..THEN....ELSE....END_IF**
 - **IF..THEN....ELSIF..THEN...END_IF**
- Branching
 - **CASE..OF....END_CASE**
- Conditional loops
 - **FOR.. (BY) .. DO..END_FOR**
 - **WHILE..DO....END_WHILE**
 - **REPEAT...UNTIL...END_REPEAT**
 - **EXIT**

- Single condition command: **IF .. THEN .. END_IF**

```
IF <condition_expression> THEN  
    <statement_1>;  
END_IF;
```

- The <condition_expresion> is evaluated and executes the statements between IF..THEN and END_IF when the condition is TRUE.
- If not, the command misses these statements and jumps after END_IF to continue the code execution

IF..THEN..END_IF example:

```
State:=0;  
IF Enable AND NOT PowerON THEN  
    State:=10;  
END_IF;
```

```
Value:=State;(*if previous condition would be TRUE, Value will be 10.  
              If not, Value will be 0 *)
```

- Here, *Value* variable will be 10 if *Enable* is TRUE and *PowerON* is FALSE.
- If not, *Value* is 0.

- Therefore, a ELSE command can be added to execute statements when the condition is FALSE

```
IF <condition_expression> THEN
    <statement_1>; ← When TRUE
ELSE
    <statement_2>; ← When FALSE
END_IF;
```

- When the <condition_expression> is TRUE the statements between IF..THEN and ELSE are executed. If the condition evaluation is FALSE, the statements between ELSE and END_IF are executed.

- Extended Condition command: **IF .. THEN .. ELSIF .. END_IF**

```
IF <condition_expression_1> THEN <statement_1>;  
  ELSIF <condition_expression_2> THEN <statement_2>;  
  ELSIF <condition_expression_3> THEN <statement_3>;  
  
  ...  
  ELSIF <condition_expression_n> THEN <statement_n>;  
ELSE <statement_m>;  
END_IF;
```

- The <condition_expresion_1> is evaluated and executes the <statement_1> if it is TRUE. In this case, it ends the evaluation.
- But if it is not met (FALSE) , it checks the next ELSIF conditions and executes his statements if it is TRUE. If not, it checks the next ELSIF condition, and so on. So, it allows simultaneous condition checking.
- If none of these conditions are fulfilled , the sentences under ELSE command are executed instead.

IF_THEN..ELSIF..END_IF example:

```
IF Enable AND NOT PowerON THEN //Checks the first condition
    State:=10;
ELSIF NOT Enable AND PowerON THEN //Also checks the 2nd
    State:=20;
ELSIF Enable AND PowerON THEN //.. and the 3rd
    State:=30;
ELSE
    State:=0;           //If no one of these conditions are true
END_IF;
```

–It is possible to nest IF...THEN..ELSIF..END_IF into a general IF..END_IF selection command.

```
IF Enable AND NOT PowerON THEN
    State:=10;
    IF Temperature >100 then
        Frezzer:=TRUE
    ELSE
        Frezzer:=FALSE;
        IF Setpoint>0 THEN
            EnableConveyor:=TRUE;
            State:=20;
        ELSE
            EnableConveyor:=FALSE;
            State:=40;
        END_IF;
    END_IF;
ELSIF Enable AND PowerON and Setpoint>20 THEN
    Feeder:=TRUE;
    Speed:=200;
ELSE
    Feeder:=FALSE;
    Speed:=0;
    EnableConveyor:=FALSE;
END_IF;
```

In a nested code section, take care to control the END_IF for each nested section.

For this reason, is strongly recommended use the **indenting** for the inlay nested commands ; also improves the readability and is a **good practice**

- Branching commands:

CASE..OF...ELSE..END_CASE

```
CASE <integer_expression> OF
    <integer_expression_value_1>:<statement_1>;
    <integer_expression_value_2>:<statement_2>;
    ...
    <integer_expression_value_n>:<statement_n>;
ELSE<statement_m>;
END_CASE;
```

- The *<integer_expression>* is evaluated and depending its value, executes the code for each matching value (*<integer_expression_value_n>*)
- If none of these conditions are fulfilled , the statements under ELSE command are executed
- After complete the evaluation, it jumps after END_CASE command

CASE..OF.. END_CASE example:

CASE State OF

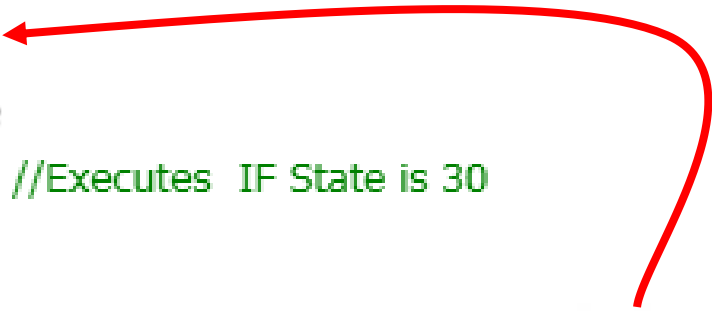
```
10: SetPoint:=45; //Executes IF State is 10  
Cooler:=TRUE;
```

```
20: SetPoint:=65; //Executes IF State is 20  
Cooler:=FALSE;  
IF Speed>200 THEN  
State:= 30;  
END_IF;
```

```
30: SetPoint:=95; //Executes IF State is 30  
Cooler:=TRUE;  
Speed:=100;
```

```
ELSE  
Speed:=0;
```

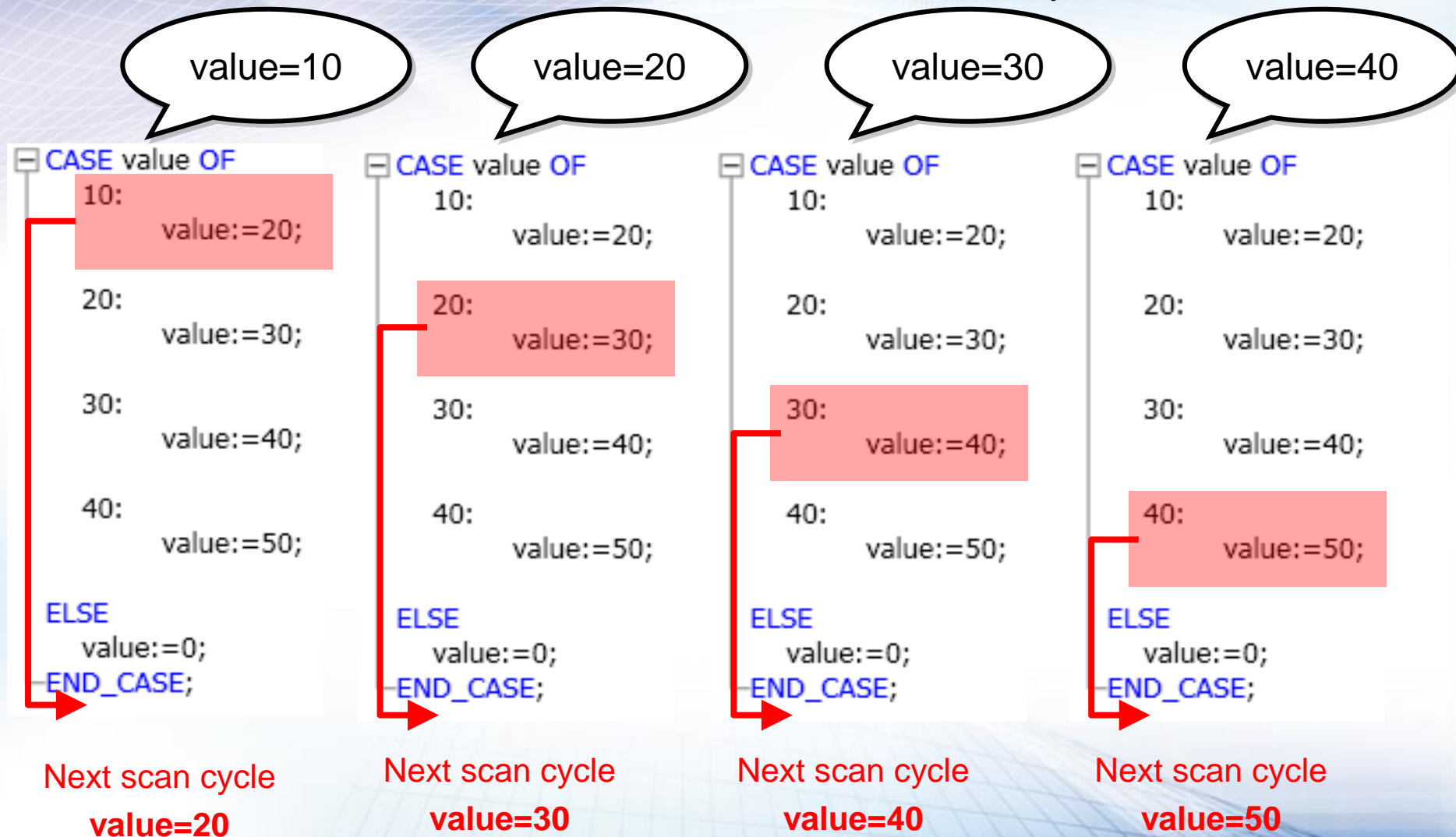
```
END_CASE;
```



Note that **if the condition changes during the evaluation**, it is evaluated at the next PLC cycle

ST Standard commands

For a **CASE..OF..END_CASE** if the condition changes during the evaluation, it is evaluated at the next PLC cycle



ST Standard commands

CASE..OF.. END_CASE example (using Enums):

```
(* example usig ENUM in a CASE..END_CASE;*)
```

```
CASE State OF
```

```
low:
```

```
    SetPoint:=45;
```

```
    Cooler:=TRUE;
```

```
medium:
```

```
    SetPoint:=65;
```

```
    Cooler:=FALSE;
```

```
    IF Speed>200 THEN
```

```
        Speed:= 30;
```

```
    END_IF;
```

```
high:
```

```
    SetPoint:=95;
```

```
    Cooler:=TRUE;
```

```
    Speed:=100;
```

```
ELSE
```

```
    Speed:=0;
```

```
END CASE;
```

ENUM declaration

	Name	Enum Value
▼	States	
	low	10
	medium	20
	high	30

Variable declaration

program_0			
Internals			
Externals			
	Name	Data Type	Initial Value
	State	States	
	Fault	BOOL	False

- In a CASE..OF..END_CASE structure, **multiple matching values** declaration are supported , in this way:

```
CASE A OF
```

```
  1:
```

```
    X:=1;
```

```
  2,5:  //if X value is 2 or 5
```

```
    X:=2;
```

```
  6..10: //if X value is within 6 to 10 range
```

```
    X:=3;
```

```
  11,12,15..20: //if X value is 11 Or 12, or within 15 and 20
```

```
    X:=4;
```

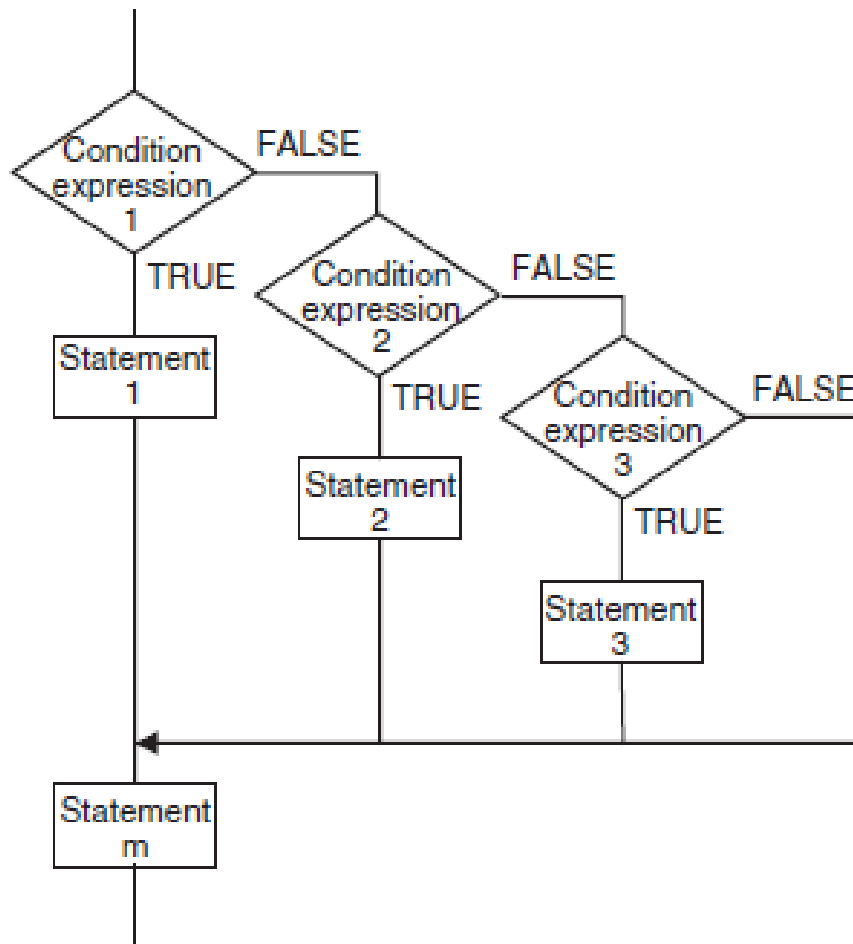
```
ELSE
```

```
  X:=0;
```

```
END_CASE;
```

Exercise #2

- Make a short program following the next flow code
(we assume the condition expression is evaluating the same variable)



```
IF A =1 THEN  
    Value:=10;
```

```
ELSIF A=2 THEN  
    Value:=20;
```

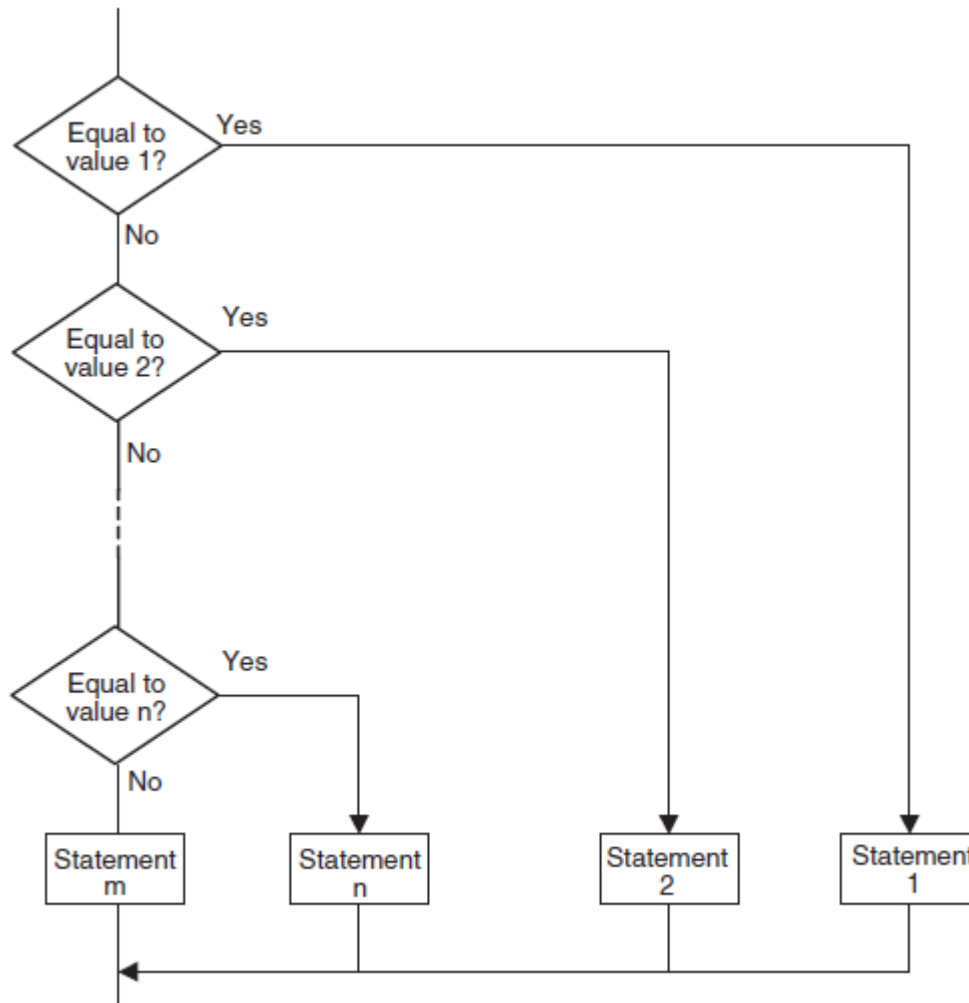
```
ELSIF A=3 THEN  
    Value:=30;
```

```
ELSIF A=4 THEN  
    Value:=40;
```

```
ELSE  
    Value:=50;  
END_IF;
```

Exercise #3

- Make a short program following the next flow code



CASE A OF

1:
Value:=10;

2:
Value:=20;

3:
Value:=30;

ELSE

Value:=40;

END_CASE;

Exercise #4

- Make a program in ST for a **pumping sequence**: when pump_1 reaches its setpoint, enables pump_2.
- After, when pump_2 reaches its setpoint , enables pump_3.

Hint:

Use CASE..OF..END_CASE for the sequence

```
IF Enable THEN

    CASE State OF
        10: enable_Pump_1:=TRUE;
            IF Pump_1_OK THEN
                State:=20;
            END_IF;

        20: enable_Pump_2:=TRUE;
            IF Pump_2_OK THEN
                State:=30;
            END_IF;

        30: enable_Pump_3:=TRUE;
            IF Pump_3_OK THEN
                State:=40;
            END_IF;

        40: //DO something...|
            ;
    END_CASE;

ELSE

    State:=10;
    enable_Pump_1:=FALSE;
    enable_Pump_2:=FALSE;
    enable_Pump_3:=FALSE;

END_IF;
```

- Conditional Loop commands :**FOR.. (BY) .. DO..END_FOR**

```
FOR <FOR_variable> := <initial_value> TO <end_value_expression> BY <increment_expression>  
    DO  
        <statement>;  
END_FOR;
```

- Executes the statements within FOR ..END_FOR, in a loop from <initial_value> to <end_value>.
- When the counting is fulfilled it goes out the loop, after END_FOR.
- The **BY command** is optional, it allows to count in <increment_expression> steps .
- The execution control will remain into the loop up to reach the condition. It could origin a **Task Period Exceeded Error** for a large loops.

FOR.. (BY) .. DO..END_FOR example:

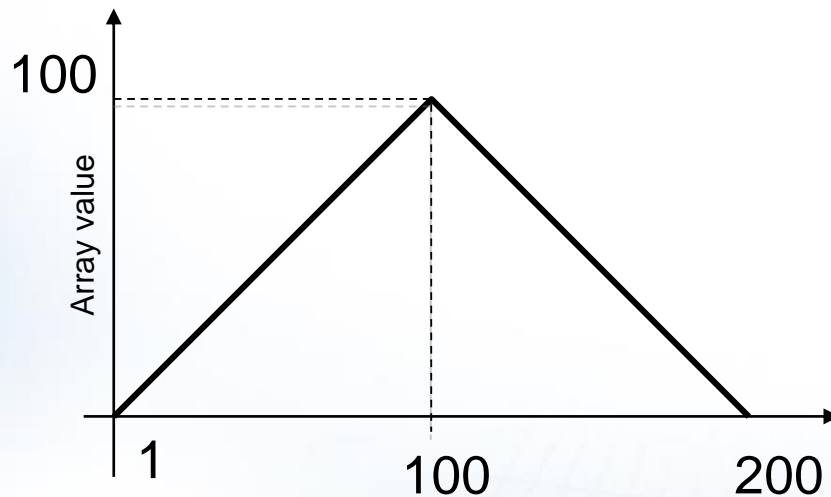
```
FOR CountDown:=100 TO 0 BY -1 DO  
    Value:= Value + 5;  
    Toggle:= NOT Toggle;  
END_FOR;
```

- For a FOR..END_FOR without **BY command**, the ST interpreter assumes that the increment for the control variable is +1 by default. Let's see an example:

```
FOR CountDown:=3 TO 56 DO  
    Value:= Value + CountDown;  
END_FOR;
```

Exercise #5

- Build a ST program that writes a triangular signal period, from 1 to 200, in a array variable



Triangle:
Array[1..200]

```
FOR index:=1 TO 200 DO  
  
    IF Index <=100 THEN  
        triangle[index]:=index;  
    ELSE  
        triangle[index]:=INT#200-index;  
    END_IF;  
  
END_FOR;
```

We must force INT
datatype otherwise
system will use DINT

- Conditional Loop commands :
 - **WHILE.. DO..END_WHILE**

```
WHILE <condition_expression> DO  
    <statement>;  
END_WHILE;
```

- Executes the <statement> within the WHILE ..END_WHILE loop continuously while the <condition_expression> is fulfilled.
- When the condition is not fulfilled, the loop is over and it jumps to the sentences after END_WHILE
- The execution control will remain into the loop while the condition is fulfilled. It could origin a **Task Period Exceeded Error** for a large loops.

- **WHILE..DO..END_WHILE** example:

```
WHILE (Counter<10) DO
    Counter:=Counter+1;
END_WHILE;

Value:=Counter;
```

Here, the loop is released when *Counter* reaches 10, and *Value* is 10.

- **Avoid WHILE loops like this:**

```
WHILE (TRUE) DO // infinite loop. Avoid !!
    Counter:=Counter+1;
END_WHILE;
```


- Conditional Loop commands :
 - **REPEAT .. UNTIL..END_REPEAT**

```
REPEAT  
    <statement>;  
UNTIL <condition_expression>  
END_REPEAT;
```

- First, <statement> is executed unconditionally. Then the <condition_expression> is evaluated. If <condition_expression> is FALSE, <statement> is executed again. If <condition_expression> is TRUE, <statement> is not executed and the loop is over.
- The execution control will remain into the loop while the condition is fulfilled. It could origin a **Task Period Exceeded Error** for a large loops.

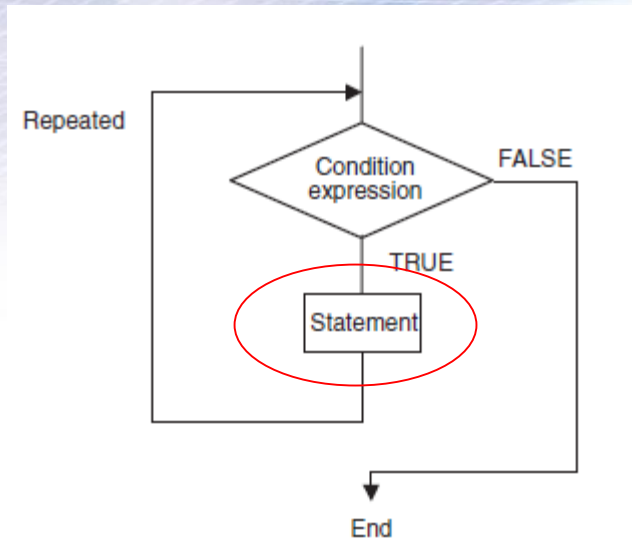
REPEAT..UNTIL..END_REPEAT example:

```
REPEAT  
    Counter:=Counter+1;  
UNTIL Counter=10  
END_REPEAT;  
  
Value:=Counter;
```

After END_REPEAT, *Value* is equal to 10

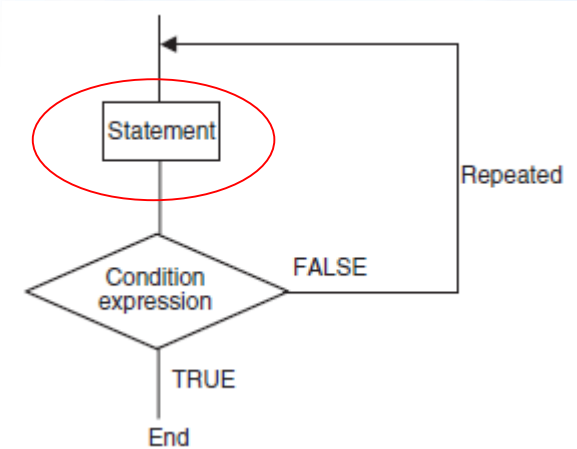
- Differences between **WHILE** loop vs. **REPEAT** loop

WHILE



- Condition Expression is evaluated **BEFORE** entering into the loop
- Statement won't execute if the condition is not satisfied in the 1st loop cycle

REPEAT



- Condition Expression is evaluated **AFTER** entering into the loop
- Statement is at least executed one time

- Conditional Loop breaking command :
EXIT

```
FOR (WHILE, REPEAT) <statement>  
    ...  
    IF <condition_expression> THEN EXIT;  
END_IF;  
    ...  
END_FOR (WHILE, REPEAT);
```

- EXIT command is used usually in combination with a loop
- The purpose of EXIT is breaking a loop in a program-defined situation
- It can be useful for avoiding infinite or large loops that could origin a Task Period Exceeded Error

EXIT example:

```
loop:=0;  
WHILE (NOT Input_1) DO  
    IF loop=5 THEN EXIT; END_IF;  
    loop:=loop+1;  
    // do something  
END_WHILE;
```

- This is an example using a WHILE that checks a variable up to 5 times, then it breaks the loop

Exercise #6

- Make a Function to calculate the **n!** (factorial) for a number

$$5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$$

Hints:

- The value of 0! is 1.
- Check that the value entered is not negative (in that case, it will returns 0)
- Fit the result in a DWORD, maximum input number is 31

Exercise #6

Function program

```
Counter:=1;  
FACTOR:=1;  
REPEAT  
  IF InputNumber=0 THEN  
    FACTOR:=1;EXIT;  
  ELSIF InputNumber<0 OR InputNumber >31 THEN  
    FACTOR:=0;EXIT;  
  END_IF;  
  
  FACTOR:=FACTOR*Counter;  
  Counter:=Counter+1;  
UNTIL (Counter>InputNumber)  
END_REPEAT;  
  
RETURN ;
```

Internals	Name		Data Type
In/Out			
Externals	Counter		DINT

Internals	Name		In/Out	Data Type
In/Out				
Externals	EN		Input	BOOL
Return	InputNumber		Input	DINT

Internals	Name		Data Type
In/Out			
Externals	factor		DINT
Return			

Example of use:

```
n:=FACTOR(InputNumber:=Number);
```

- A **Function Block** must be called using a previously declared instance for its FB type

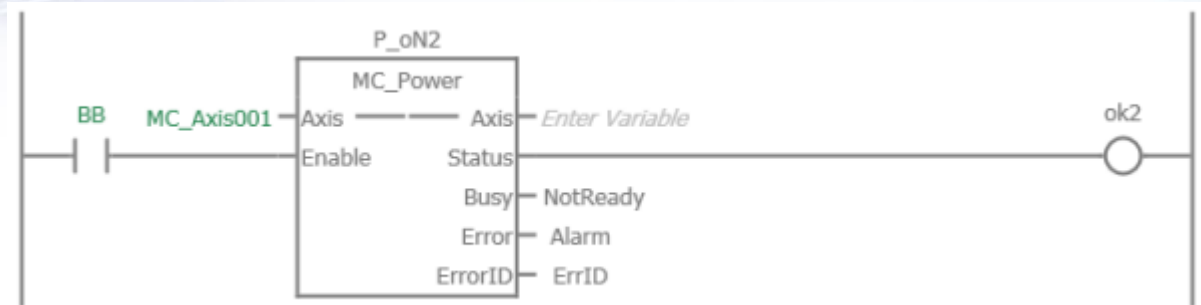
Internals Externals	Name	Data Type	Initial Value	Address	Retain	Constant	Comment
	InstanceName	FB_Type			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

```
InstanceName (<Input_1>:=... ,  
             <Input_n>:=... ,  
             <Output_1> =>... ,  
             <Output_n> =>... ,  
             <Input_output_1> :=... ,  
             <Input_output_n>) :=... );
```

- **Inputs** are assigned by using “:=”
- **Outputs** are assigned by using “=>”
- **Input/Output** are assigned by using both (commonly “:=”)

Example

Name	Data Type
P_oN2	MC_Power
NotReady	BOOL
Alarm	BOOL
ErrID	WORD
ok2	BOOL

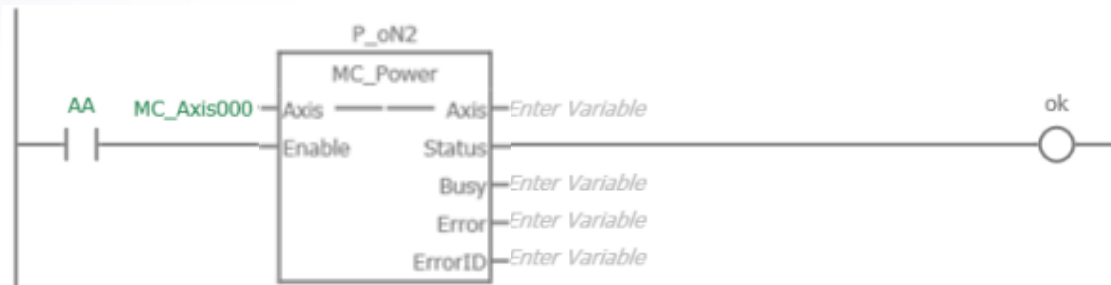


```
P_oN2 (  
    Axis := MC_Axis001,  
    Enable := BB,  
    Status =>ok2,  
    Busy =>NotReady,  
    Error =>Alarm,  
    ErrorID =>ErrID);
```

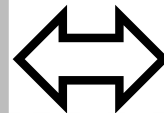
Function Block calls in ST

- The **unused inputs and outputs** for a Function Block call can be left empty or even can be removed from the Function Block call.
- Empty parameters for a Function Block will take default values.

Example



```
P_on2 (  
  Axis := MC_Axis000,  
  Enable := AA,  
  Axis => ,  
  Status => ok,  
  Busy => ,  
  Error => ,  
  ErrorID => ) ;
```




**In Sysmac Studio:
remove unused I/Os**

```
P_on2 (  
  Axis := MC_Axis000,  
  Enable := AA,  
  Status => ok) ;
```


Function & Function Block calls in ST

- There are two ways to fill the parameters:
 - By assigning the variables to its I/Os

(FunctionBlock)  MC_Power ([_sAXIS_REF] Axis, [BOOL] Enable, [BOOL] Status, [BOOL] Busy, [BOOL] Error, [WORD] ErrorID)
Axis : Axis
Power Servo

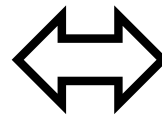
```
power_1 (Axis:=MC_Axis000,  
         Enable:=Run,  
         Status=>State,  
         Busy=>Processing,  
         Error=>Error_1,  
         ErrorID=>ID_Error);
```

- By assigning the variables in the order required

```
power_1 (MC_Axis000,  
        Run,  
        State,  
        Processing,  
        Error_1,  
        ID_Error);
```

- It is possible to get the value for a single Function Block output in this way:

```
P_oN2 (  
    Axis := MC_Axis000,  
    Enable := AA,  
    Status => ok,  
    Busy => NotReady,  
    Error => Err,  
    ErrorID => ErrCode);
```



```
ok := P_oN2.Status ;
```

```
NotReady := P_oN2.Busy ;
```

```
P_oN2 (Enable:=AA,  
        Axis:=MC_Axis000);
```

- A **Function** can be called “as it is” in ST because is no needed to declare, neither use an instance name

```
<variable>:= FunctionName (<parameter_1>, ..., <parameter_n>)
```

Example:

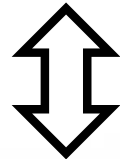
```
Production_1:=ProductionSpeed(  
    Enable:=TRUE,  
    SetPoint:=45,  
    Diameter:=345.6) ;
```

```
Production_2:=ProductionSpeed(  
    Enable:=TRUE,  
    SetPoint:=46,  
    Diameter:=220) ;
```

- The **unused inputs** for a Function call can be left empty or even can be removed from the function call.
- Empty parameters for a function will take default values.

Example:

```
Production_3:= ProductionSpeed(  
    Enable:= ,  
    Diameter:=345.6) ;
```



In **Sysmac Studio**:
remove unused I/Os

```
Production_3:= ProductionSpeed(  
    Diameter:=345.6) ;
```

- Any Type of variable, expressed as a **Structure** of data, can be accessed using “ . ” following the hierarchy for the mentioned type.

```
<variable>:= <Type> . <Type element>;
```

- A Structure containing as a member another structure, is accessed in the same way

```
<variable>:= <Type_1> . <Type_2> . <Type_2 element>;
```


Data Types handling in ST

Example:

Struct	Name	Base Type
Union		
Enumerated		
▼	Motor_Data	STRUCT
	Enable	BOOL
	SetPoint	INT
	Value	INT
	Encoder	DINT
	State	Status
▼	Status	STRUCT
	StandStill	BOOL
	Alarm	BOOL
	StateCode	INT

Name	Data Type
Motor_1	Motor_Data

```
Motor_1.Enable:=TRUE;  
Motor_1.Setpoint:=459;  
Motor_1.Value:=0;  
EncoderValue:= Motor_1.Encoder;  
Motor_1.State.StandStill:=TRUE;  
Motor_1.State.StateCode:=100;
```

Exercise #7

- Create a **Function block** in ST with the next layout:
 - **Execute** input, rise edge sensitive.
 - For each rising edge in Execute, the output variable **Value** increase up to count 5 and then will reset.
 - The boolean variable **Output**, will alternate ON-OFF-ON... for each Execute Edge.
 - A **Reset** input will reset both output values.
- Call it from a ST program and/or LD program

•FB definition and coding

Internals	Name	In/Out	Data Type	Edge	Initial Value
In/Out	Execute	Input	BOOL	Up	
Externals	Reset	Input	BOOL	No Edge	
	output	Output	BOOL	No Edge	
	value	Output	INT	No Edge	

```

IF Execute THEN
    Output:=NOT Output;
    value:=value+INT#1;
    IF value>5 THEN value:=0;END_IF;
END_IF;

IF Reset THEN
    output:=FALSE;
    value:=0;
END IF;
  
```

•FB call in ST and LD

Internals Externals	Name		Data Type	
	FB_Signal		Signal	
	X		BOOL	
	rst		BOOL	
	Counter		INT	
	Out_1		bool	

```
FB_Signal( Execute:=X,
           Reset:=rst,
           Value=>Counter,
           Output=>Out_1);
```



```
FB_Signal(Execute:=X);
FB_Signal(Reset:=rst);
Out_1:=FB_Signal.Output;
Counter:=FB_Signal.Value;
```

Note:

Here , FB_Signal is called once

Note:

Here , FB_Signal is called two times



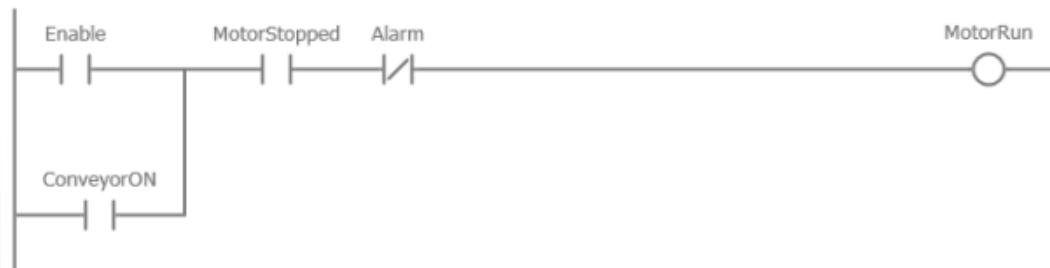
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Assignment



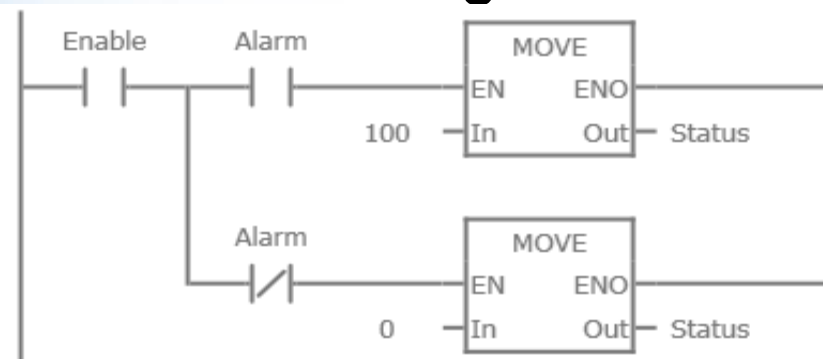
```
Starter:=TRUE;
```

Logical condition



```
MotorRun:=(Enable OR ConveyorON)  
AND MotorStopped  
AND NOT Alarm;
```

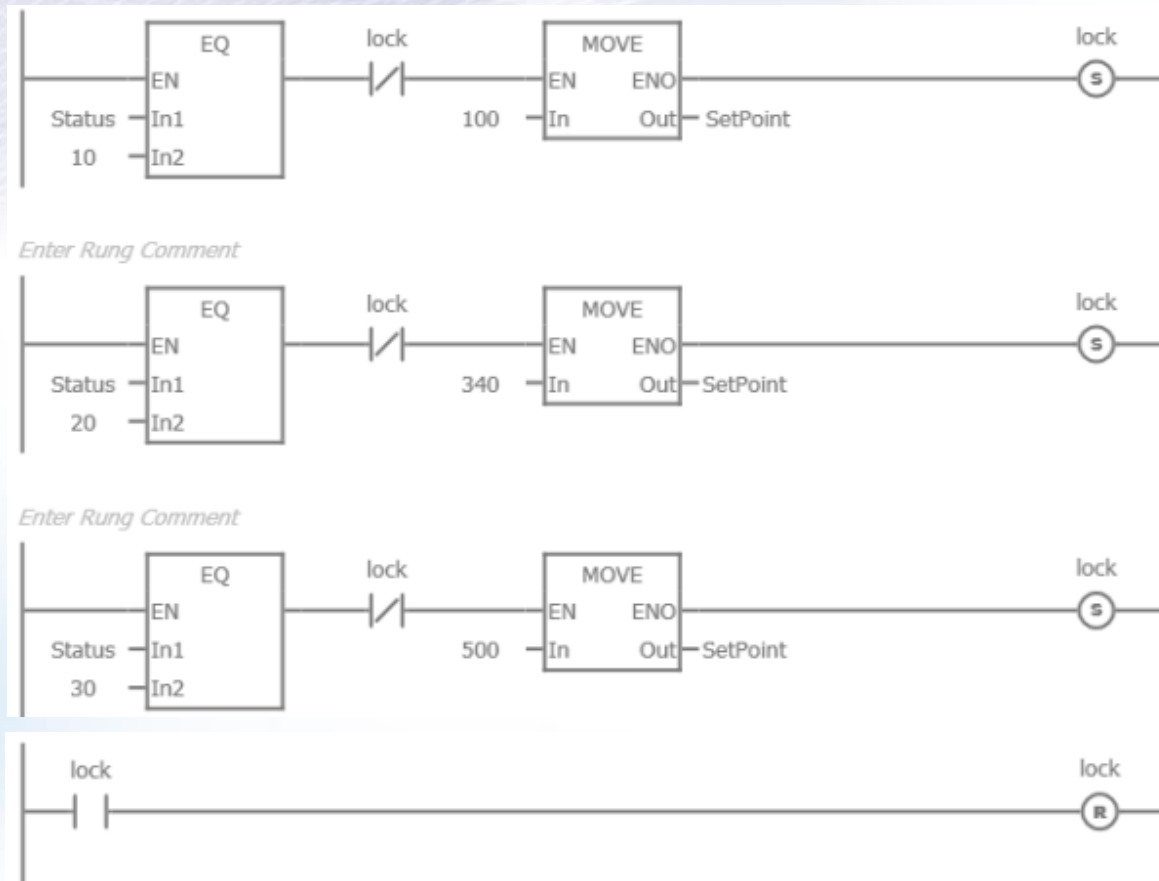
Conditional assignment



```
IF Enable THEN  
    IF Alarm THEN  
        Status:=100;  
    ELSE  
        Status:=0;  
    END_IF;  
END_IF;
```


Comparing ST vs. LD structures

Branching structure



CASE Status OF

10: Setpoint:=100;

20: Setpoint:=340;

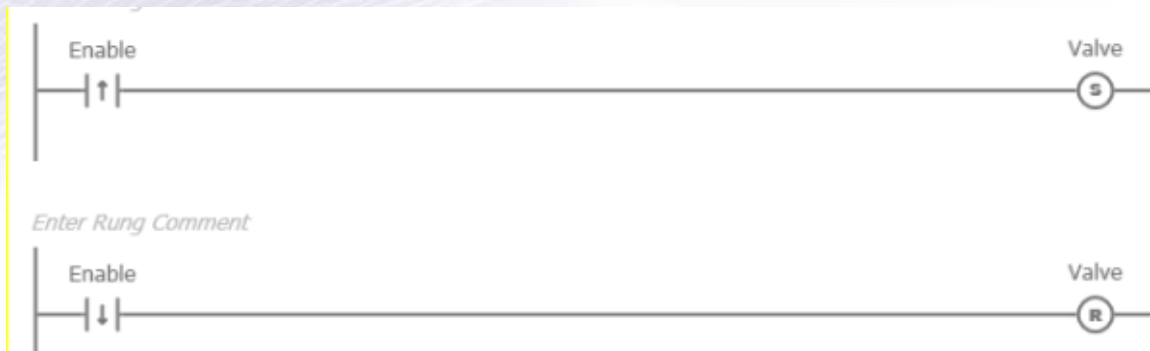
30: Setpoint:=500;

END_CASE;

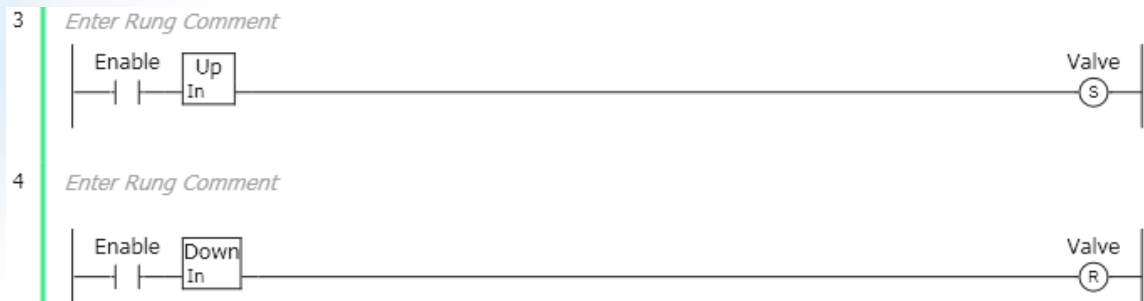
*Lock Variable is used here to emulate the CASE behavior, it means to execute just one condition per cycle

Comparing ST vs. LD structures

Rising and Falling edge



You can use also...



FB Instance declaration:

Name	Data Type
Rising_edge	R_TRIG
Falling_edge	F_TRIG

```
Rising_edge (clk:=Enable);  
Falling_edge (clk:=Enable);
```

```
IF Rising_edge.q THEN  
    Valve:=TRUE;  
END_IF;
```

```
IF Falling_edge.q THEN  
    Valve:=FALSE;  
END_IF;
```

You can't use ... (Not IEC FB, not compatible in ST)

```
Valve:=Up (Enable);  
  
Valve:=Down (Enable);
```

Timers and counters



FB Instance declaration:

Name	Data Type
Timer_1	TON
Counter_1	CTU

```
Timer_1(In:=Enable,PT:=t#100ms,Q=>Valve);
```

```
Counter_1( CU:=Count,Reset:=ResetCTU,  
           PV:=100,Q=>Valve);
```