

Logix5000 Controllers Structured Text

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Summary of changes

The following table contains the changes made in this revision.

Change	Topic
Changed the applicable controllers from 5x80 to CompactLogix 5380, CompactLogix 5480, and ControlLogix 5580 controllers only.	Assignments on page 12 Specify a non-retentive assignment on page 13 Expressions on page 14
Added character string literals	Use Relational Operators on page 17 Assignments on page 12

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This manual shows how to program Logix5000 controllers with structured text programming language.

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 [Logix5000 Controllers Common Procedures Programming Manual](#), publication [1756-PM001](#).

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

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These documents contain additional information concerning related Rockwell Automation products.

Resource	Description
Logix5000 Controllers Program Parameters Programming Manual publication 1756-PM021	Describes how to use program parameters when programming Logix5000 controllers.

Resource	Description
Logix5000 Controllers General Instructions Reference Manual , publication 1756-RM003	Describes the available instructions for a Logix5000 controller.
Logix5000 Controllers Process and Drives Instructions Reference Manual , publication 1756-RM006	Describes how to program a Logix5000 controller for process or drives applications.
Logix5000 Controllers Motion Instruction Set Reference Manual , publication MOTION-RM002	Describes how to program a Logix5000 controller for motion applications.
Product Certifications website, http://ab.rockwellautomation.com	Provides declarations of conformity, certificates, and other certification details.

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Program Structured Text

Introduction

Structured text is a textual programming language that uses statements to define what to execute.

- Structured text is not case sensitive.
- Use tabs and carriage returns (separate lines) to make your structured text easier to read. They do not effect on the execution of the structured text.

Structured text can contain these components.

Term	Definition		Examples
Assignment	Use an assignment statement to assign values to tags. The := operator is the assignment operator. Terminate the assignment with a semi colon ";".		tag := expression;
Expression	An expression is part of a complete assignment or construct statement. An expression evaluates to a number (numerical expression) or to a true or false state (BOOL expression). An expression contains these components.		
	Tags	A named area of the memory where data is stored (BOOL, SIN, INT, DINT, REAL, String type).	value1
	Immediates	A constant value.	4
	Operators	A symbol or mnemonic that specifies an operation within an expression.	tag1 + tag2 tag1 >= value1
	Functions	When executed, a function yields one value. Use parentheses to contain the operand of a function. Even though their syntax is similar, functions differ from instructions in that functions can only be used in expressions. Instructions cannot be used in expressions.	function(tag1)

Instruction	<p>An instruction is a standalone statement.</p> <p>An instruction uses parenthesis to contain its operands.</p> <p>Depending on the instruction, there can be zero, one, or multiple operands.</p> <p>When executed, an instruction yields one or more values that are part of a data structure.</p> <p>Terminate the instruction with a semi colon ";".</p> <p>Even though their syntax is similar, instructions differ from functions in that instructions cannot be used in expressions. Functions can only be used in expressions.</p>	<pre>instruction();</pre> <pre>instruction(operand);</pre> <pre>instruction(operand1, operand2, operand3);</pre>
Construct	<p>A conditional statement used to trigger structured text code, such as other statements.</p> <p>Terminate the construct with a semi colon ";".</p>	<pre>IF...THEN</pre> <pre>CASE</pre> <pre>FOR...DO</pre> <pre>WHILE...DO</pre> <pre>REPEAT...UNTIL</pre> <pre>EXIT</pre>
Comment	<p>Text that explains or clarifies what a section of structured text does.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments make it easier to interpret the structured text. • Comments do not affect the execution of the structured text. • Comments can appear anywhere in structured text. 	<pre>//comment</pre> <pre>(*start of comment . . . end of comment*)</pre> <pre>/*start of comment . . . end of comment*/</pre>

Important: Use caution when copying and pasting components between different versions of the Logix Designer application. The application only supports pasting to the same version or newer version. Pasting to a prior version of the application is not supported. When pasting to a prior version, the paste action may succeed, but the results may not be as intended.

Assignments

Use an assignment to change the value stored within a tag. An assignment has this syntax:

tag := expression;

where:

Component	Description	
Tag	Represents the tag that is getting the new value; the tag must be a BOOL, SINT, INT, DINT, STRING, or REAL. Tip: The STRING tag is applicable to the CompactLogix 5380, CompactLogix 5480, and ControlLogix 5580 controllers.	
:=	Is the assignment symbol	
Expression	Represents the new value to assign to the tag	
	If tag is this data type	Use this type of expression
	BOOL	BOOL expression
	SINT INT DINT REAL	numeric expression
	STRING (CompactLogix 5380, CompactLogix 5480, and ControlLogix 5580 controllers only).	String type, including string tag and string literal
;	Ends the assignment	

The tag retains the assigned value until another assignment changes the value.

The expression can be simple, such as an immediate value or another tag name, or the expression can be complex and include several operators and functions, or both. Refer to [Expressions](#) on [page 14](#) for more information.

Tip: I/O module data updates asynchronously to the execution of logic. If you reference an input multiple times in your logic, the input could change state between separate references. If you need the input to have the same state for each reference, buffer the input value and reference that buffer tag. For more information, see [Logix5000 Controllers Common Procedures](#), publication [1756-PM001](#).
You can also use Input and Output program parameters which automatically buffer the data during Logix execution. See [Logix5000 Controllers Program Parameters Programming Manual](#), publication [1756-PM021](#).

Specify a non-retentive assignment

The non-retentive assignment is different from the regular assignment previously shown because the tag in a non-retentive assignment is reset to zero each time the controller:

- Enters the Run mode.
- Leaves the step of an SFC if you configure the SFC for Automatic reset. This applies only if you embed the assignment in the action of the step or use the action to call a structured text routine by using a JSR instruction.

A non-retentive assignment has this syntax:

tag [:=] *expression* ;

where:

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[:=]	Is the non-retentive assignment symbol.											
<i>expression</i>	Represents the new value to assign to the tag.											
	<table> <tr> <th>If tag is this data type</th><th>Use this type of expression</th></tr> <tr> <td>BOOL</td><td>BOOL expression</td></tr> <tr> <td>SINT</td><td rowspan="4">Numeric expression</td></tr> <tr> <td>INT</td></tr> <tr> <td>DEAL</td></tr> <tr> <td>REAL</td></tr> <tr> <td>STRING (CompactLogix 5380, CompactLogix 5480, and ControlLogix 5580 controllers only).</td><td>String type, including string tag and string literal.</td></tr> </table>	If tag is this data type	Use this type of expression	BOOL	BOOL expression	SINT	Numeric expression	INT	DEAL	REAL	STRING (CompactLogix 5380, CompactLogix 5480, and ControlLogix 5580 controllers only).	String type, including string tag and string literal.
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;	ends the assignment											

Assign an ASCII character to a string data member

Use the assignment operator to assign an ASCII character to an element of the DATA member of a string tag. To assign a character, specify the value of the character or specify the tag name, DATA member, and element of the character.

This is OK	This is not OK
string1.DATA[0]:= 65;	string1.DATA[0] := A;
string1.DATA[0]:= string2.DATA[0];	string1 := string2; Tip: string1 := string2 erroneously assigns all the content of string2 to string1.

To add or insert a string of characters to a string tag, use either of these ASCII string instructions.

To	Use this instruction
Add characters to the end of a string	CONCAT
Insert characters into a string	INSERT

Expressions

An expression is a tag name, equation, or comparison. To write an expression, use any of these elements.

- Tag name that stores the value (variable)
- Number that you enter directly into the expression (immediate value)

- String literal that you enter directly into the expression (CompactLogix 5380, CompactLogix 5480, and ControlLogix 5580 controllers only).
- Functions, such as: ABS, TRUNC
- Operators, such as: +, -, <, >, And, Or

As you write expressions, follow these general rules.

- Use any combination of upper-case and lower-case letters. For example, these three variations of "AND" (AND, And, and) are acceptable.
- For more complex requirements, use parentheses to group expressions within expressions. This makes the whole expression easier to read and ensures that the expression executes in the desired sequence.

Important: You may add user comments inline. Therefore, local language switching does not apply to your programming language.

In structured text, you use two types of expressions.

BOOL expression: An expression that produces either the BOOL value of 1 (true) or 0 (false).

- A bool expression uses bool tags, relational operators, and logical operators to compare values or check if conditions are true or false. For example, tag1>65.
- A simple bool expression can be a single BOOL tag.
- Typically, use bool expressions to condition the execution of other logic.

Numeric expression: An expression that calculates an integer or floating-point value.

- A numeric expression uses arithmetic operators, arithmetic functions, and bitwise operators. For example, tag1+5.
- Often, you nest a numeric expression within a bool expression. For example, (tag1+5)>65.

String expression: An expression that represents a string

- A simple expression can be a string literal or a string tag

Use the following table to choose operators for your expressions.

If you want to	Then
Calculate an arithmetic value	Use Arithmetic Operators and Functions on page 16.
Compare two values or strings	Use Relational Operators on page 17.

If you want to	Then
Check if conditions are true or false	Use Logical Operators on page 19 .
Compare the bits within values	Use Bitwise Operators on page 20 .

Use Arithmetic Operators and Functions

You can combine multiple operators and functions in arithmetic expressions.

Arithmetic operators calculate new values.

To	Use this operator	Optimal data type
Add	+	DINT, REAL
Subtract/negate	-	DINT, REAL
Multiply	*	DINT, REAL
Exponent (x to the power of y)	**	DINT, REAL
Divide	/	DINT, REAL
Modulo-divide	MOD	DINT, REAL

Arithmetic functions perform math operations. See the following table to specify a constant, a non-boolean tag, or an expression for the function.

For	Use this function	Optimal data type
Absolute value	ABS (<i>numeric_expression</i>)	DINT, REAL
Arc cosine	ACOS (<i>numeric_expression</i>)	REAL
Arc sine	ASIN (<i>numeric_expression</i>)	REAL
Arc tangent	ATAN (<i>numeric_expression</i>)	REAL
Cosine	COS (<i>numeric_expression</i>)	REAL
Radians to degrees	DEG (<i>numeric_expression</i>)	DINT, REAL
Natural log	LN (<i>numeric_expression</i>)	REAL
Log base 10	LOG (<i>numeric_expression</i>)	REAL
Degrees to radians	RAD (<i>numeric_expression</i>)	DINT, REAL
Sine	SIN (<i>numeric_expression</i>)	REAL
Square root	SQRT (<i>numeric_expression</i>)	DINT, REAL
Tangent	TAN (<i>numeric_expression</i>)	REAL
Truncate	TRUNC (<i>numeric_expression</i>)	DINT, REAL

For example:

Use this format	Example	
	For this situation	You write
<i>value1 operator value2</i>	If gain_4 and gain_4_adj are DINT tags and your specification says: "Add 15 to gain_4 and store the result in gain_4_adj."	gain_4_adj := gain_4+15;

Use this format	Example	
	For this situation	You write
<i>operator value1</i>	If alarm and high_alarm are DINT tags and your specification says: "Negate high_alarm and store the result in alarm."	alarm := -high_alarm;
<i>function(numeric_expression)</i>	If overtravel and overtravel_POS are DINT tags and your specification says: "Calculate the absolute value of overtravel and store the result in overtravel_POS."	overtravel_POS := ABS(overtravel);
<i>value1 operator (function((value2+value3)/2))</i>	If adjustment and position are DINT tags and sensor1 and sensor2 are REAL tags and your specification says: "Find the absolute value of the average of sensor1 and sensor2, add the adjustment, and store the result in position."	position := adjustment + ABS((sensor1 + sensor2)/2);

Use Relational Operators

Relational operators compare two values or strings to provide a true or false result. The result of a relational operation is a BOOL value.

If the comparison is	The result is
True	1
False	0

Use these relational operators.

For this comparison	Use this operator	Optimal data type
Equal	=	DINT, REAL, String type
Less than	<	DINT, REAL, String type
Less than or equal	<=	DINT, REAL, String type
Greater than	>	DINT, REAL, String type
Greater than or equal	>=	DINT, REAL, String type
Not equal	<>	DINT, REAL, String type

The table shows some examples.

Use this format	Example	
	For this situation	Write
value1 operator value2	If temp is a DINT tag and your specification says: 'If temp is less than 100 then ...'	IF temp < 100 THEN...
stringtag1 operator stringtag2	If bar_code and dest are string tags and your specification says: 'If bar_code equals dest then ...'	IF bar_code = dest THEN...
stringtag1 operator 'character string literal'	If bar_code is a string tag and your specification says: 'If bar_code equals 'Test PASSED' then ...'	IF bar_code = 'Test PASSED' THEN...
char1 operator char2 To enter an ASCII character directly into the expression, enter the decimal value of the character.	If bar_code is a string tag and your specification says: 'If bar_code.DATA[0] equals 'A' then ...'	IF bar_code.DATA[0] = 65 THEN...

bool_tag := bool_expressions	If count and length are DINT tags, done is a BOOL tag, and your specification says: 'If count is greater than or equal to length, you are done counting.'	Done := (count >= length);
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How strings are evaluated

The hexadecimal values of the ASCII characters determine if one string is less than or greater than another string.

- When the two strings are sorted as in a telephone directory, the order of the strings determines which one is greater.

	ASCII Characters	Hex Codes	
<div>l e s s e r g r e a t e r</div>	1ab	\$31\$61\$62	
	1b	\$31\$62	
	A	\$41	
	AB	\$41\$42	— AB < B
	B	\$42	— a > B
	a	\$61	
	ab	\$61\$62	

- Strings are equal if their characters match.
- Characters are case sensitive. Upper case "A" (\$41) is not equal to lower case "a" (\$61).

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	A	\$41	
	AB	\$41\$42	— AB < B
	B	\$42	— a > B
	a	\$61	
	ab	\$61\$62	

- Strings are equal if their characters match.
- Characters are case sensitive. Uppercase 'A' (\$41) is not equal to lowercase 'a' (\$61).

Use Logical Operators

Logical operators let you check if multiple conditions are true or false. The result of a logical operation is a BOOL value.

If the comparison is	The result is
True	1
False	0

Use these logical operators.

For	Use this operator	Data Type
Logical AND	&, AND	BOOL
Logical OR	OR	BOOL
Logical exclusive OR	XOR	BOOL
Logical complement	NOT	BOOL

For example:

Use this format	Example	
	For this situation	You write
<i>BOOLtag</i>	If photoeye is a BOOL tag and your specification says: "If photoeye_1 is on then..."	IF photoeye THEN...
NOT <i>BOOLtag</i>	If photoeye is a BOOL tag and your specification says: "If photoeye is off then..."	IF NOT photoeye THEN...
<i>expression1</i> & <i>expression2</i>	If photoeye is a BOOL tag, temp is a DINT tag, and your specification says: "If photoeye is on and temp is less than 100 then..."	IF photoeye & (temp<100) THEN...
<i>expression1</i> OR <i>expression2</i>	If photoeye is a BOOL tag, temp is a DINT tag, and your specification says: "If photoeye is on or temp is less than 100 then..."	IF photoeye OR (temp<100) THEN...
<i>expression1</i> XOR <i>expression2</i>	If photoeye1 and photoeye2 are BOOL tags and your specification says: "If: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photoeye1 is on while photoeye2 is off or • Photoeye1 is off while photoeye2 is on then..."	IF photoeye1 XOR photoeye2 THEN...
<i>BOOLtag</i> := <i>expression1</i> & <i>expression2</i>	If photoeye1 and photoeye2 are BOOL tags, open is a BOOL tag, and your specification says: "If photoeye1 and photoeye2 are both on, set open to true."	open := photoeye1 & photoeye2;

Use Bitwise Operators

Bitwise operators manipulate the bits within a value based on two values.

See the following table for an overview of the Bitwise operators.

For	Use this operator	Optimal Data Type
Bitwise AND	&, AND	DINT
Bitwise OR	OR	DINT
Bitwise exclusive OR	XOR	DINT
Bitwise complement	NOT	DINT

For example:

Use this format	Example	
<i>value1 operator value2</i>	For this situation	You write
	If input1, input2, and result1 are DINT tags and your specification says: "Calculate the bitwise result of input1 and input2. Store the result in result1."	result1 := input1 AND input2;

Determine the order of execution

The operations you write into an expression are performed in a prescribed order, not necessarily from left to right.

- Operations of equal order are performed from left to right.
- If an expression contains multiple operators or functions, group the conditions in parenthesis (). This ensures the correct order of execution and makes it easier to read the expression.

The following table lists order of operation.

Order	Operation
1.	()
2.	function (...)
3.	**
4.	- (negate)
5.	NOT
6.	*, /, MOD
7.	+, - (subtract)
8.	<, <=, >, >=
9.	=, <>
10.	&, AND
11.	XOR

Order	Operation
12.	OR

Instructions

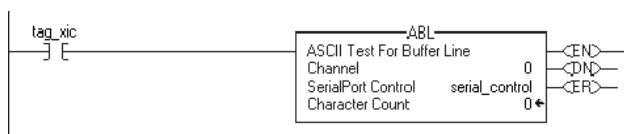
Structured text statements can also be instructions. A structured text instruction:

- Executes each time it is scanned.
- Within a construct executes every time the conditions of the construct are true.

If the conditions of the construct are false, the statements within the construct are not scanned. There is no rung-condition or state transition that triggers execution. This differs from function block instructions that use EnableIn to trigger execution. Structured text instructions execute as if EnableIn is always set.

This also differs from relay ladder instructions that use rung-condition-in to trigger execution. Some relay ladder instructions only execute when rung-condition-in toggles from false to true. These are transitional relay ladder instructions. In structured text, instructions will execute each time they are scanned unless you pre-condition the execution of the structured text instruction.

For example, the ABL instruction is a transitional instruction in relay ladder. In this example, the ABL instruction only executes on a scan when tag_xic transitions from cleared to set. The ABL instruction does not execute when tag_xic stays set or when tag_xic is cleared.



In structured text, if you write this example as:

```
IF tag_xic THEN ABL(0,serial_control);
```

```
END_IF;
```

The ABL instruction will execute every scan that tag_xic is set, not just when tag_xic transitions from cleared to set. If you want the ABL instruction to execute only when tag_xic transitions from cleared to set, you have to condition the structured text instruction.

Use a one shot to trigger execution.

```
osri_1.InputBit := tag_xic;
```

```

OSRI(osri_1);

IF (osri_1.OutputBit) THEN
    ABL(0,serial_control);
END_IF;

```

Constructs

You can program constructs singly or nested within other constructs.

Follow this table to use the appropriate construct.

If you want to	Use this construct
Do something if or when specific conditions occur	IF...THEN on page 22
Select what to do based on a numerical value	CASE...OF on page 25
Do something a specific number of times before doing anything else	FOR...DO on page 28
Keep doing something as long as certain conditions are true	WHILE...DO on page 31
Keep doing something until a condition is true	REPEAT...UNTIL on page 33

Some Key Words Are Reserved for Future Use

These constructs are not available.

- GOTO
- REPEAT

The Logix Designer application will not let you use them.

IF...THEN

Use IF...THEN to do something if or when specific conditions occur.

Operands



```

If bool_expression THEN
    <statement>;
END_IF;

```

Structured Text			
Operand	Type	Format	Tag Expression
bool_expression	BOOL	Tag Expression	BOOL tag or expression that evaluates to a BOOL value (BOOL expression)

Description:

The syntax is:

```

IF bool_expression1 THEN
    <statement>; ❶
    .
    .
    .
Optional { ELSIF bool_expression2 THEN
             <statement>; ❷
             .
             .
             .
Optional { ELSE
             <statement>; ❸
             .
             .
             .
END_IF;
  
```

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- ❶ Statements to execute when *bool_expression1* is true.
 - ❷ Statements to execute when *bool_expression2* is true.
 - ❸ Statements to execute when both expressions are false.
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To use ELSIF or ELSE, follow these guidelines.

1. To select from several possible groups of statements, add one or more ELSIF statements.
 - Each ELSIF represents an alternative path.
 - Specify as many ELSIF paths as you need.
 - The controller executes the first true IF or ELSIF and skips the rest of the ELSIFs and the ELSE.
2. To do something when all of the IF or ELSIF conditions are false, add an ELSE statement.

This table summarizes combinations of IF, THEN, ELSIF, and ELSE.

If you want to	And	Then use this construct
Do something if or when conditions are true	Do nothing if conditions are false	IF...THEN
	Do something else if conditions are false	IF...THEN...ELSE
Choose from alternative statements or groups of statements based on input conditions	Do nothing if conditions are false	IF...THEN...ELSIF
	Assign default statements if all conditions are false	IF...THEN...ELSIF...ELSE

Affects Math Status Flags:

Not affected

Fault Conditions:

None

Example 1: IF...THEN

If you want this	Enter this structured text
IF rejects > 3 then	IF rejects > 3 THEN
conveyor = off (0)	conveyor := 0;
alarm = on (1)	alarm := 1;
	END_IF;

Example 2: IF...THEN...ELSE

If you want this	Enter this structured text
If conveyor direction contact = forward (1) then	IF conveyor_direction THEN
light = off	light := 0;
Otherwise light = on	ELSE
	light [:=] 1;
	END_IF;

The [:=] tells the controller to clear light whenever the controller:

- Enters the Run mode.
- Leaves the step of an SFC if you configure the SFC for Automatic reset. This applies only if you embed the assignment in the action of the step or use the action to call a structured text routine through a JSR instruction.

Example 3: IF...THEN...ELSIF

If you want this	Enter this structured text
If sugar low limit switch = low (on) and sugar high limit switch = not high (on) then	IF Sugar.Low & Sugar.High THEN
inlet valve = open (on)	Sugar.Inlet := 1;
Until sugar high limit switch = high (off)	ELSIF NOT(Sugar.High) THEN
	Sugar.Inlet := 0;
	END_IF;

The [=] tells the controller to clear Sugar.Inlet whenever the controller:

- Enters the Run mode.
- Leaves the step of an SFC if you configure the SFC for Automatic reset. This applies only if you embed the assignment in the action of the step or use the action to call a structured text routine through a JSR instruction.

Example 4: IF...THEN...ELSIF...ELSE

If you want this	Enter this structured text
If tank temperature > 100	IF tank.temp > 100 THEN
then pump = slow	pump.fast := 1; pump.slow := 0; pump.off := 0;
If tank temperature > 200	ELSIF tank.temp > 200 THEN
then pump = fast	pump.fast := 0; pump.slow := 1; pump.off := 0;
otherwise pump = off	ELSE
	pump.fast := 0; pump.slow := 0; pump.off := 1;
	END_IF;

CASE...OF

Use CASE to select what to do based on a numerical value. Use CASE...OF in a Logix program to determine the next process to run based on the evaluation of a numerical input value.

Operands

CASE numeric_expression OF

selector1: statement;

selectorN: statement; ELSE

END_CASE;

Structured Text

Operand	Type	Format	Enter
Numeric_expression	SINT INT DINT REAL	Tag expression	Tag or expression that evaluates to a number (numeric expression)
Selector	SINT INT DINT REAL	Immediate	Same type as numeric_expression

Important: As a best practice, use a range of values for a selector when evaluating numeric expressions with REAL data types.

Description

The following table depicts how the CASE syntax is evaluated.

CASE numeric_expression OF	
Optional {	selector1: <statement>; ❶
	.
	.
	.
Optional {	selector2: <statement>; ❷
	.
	.
	.
Optional {	selector3: <statement>; ❸
	.
	.
	.
Optional {	ELSE>
	<statement> ❹
	.
	.
	.
END_CASE;	
❶ Statements to execute when numeric_expression = selector1	
❷ Statements to execute when numeric_expression = selector2	
❸ Statements to execute when numeric_expression = selector3	
❹ Statements to execute when numeric_expression ≠ selector1	

Use the following to help determine the selector values.

When selector is	Enter
One value	value: statement
Multiple, distinct values	value1, value2, valueN : <statement> Use a comma (,) to separate each value.
A range of values	value1..valueN : <statement> Use two periods (..) to identify the range.
Distinct values plus a range of values	valuea, valueb, value1..valueN : <statement>

The CASE construct is similar to a switch statement in the C or C++ programming languages. However, with the CASE construct the controller executes only the statements that are associated with the first matching selector value. Execution always breaks after the statements of that selector and goes to the END_CASE statement.

Affects Math Status Flags

No

Fault Conditions

None.

Example

The following table provides examples that illustrate how to translate a functional requirement into structured text using the standard syntax of CASE ... OF, and modifying it with the requirement variables.

If you want this	Enter this structured text
If recipe number = 1 then Ingredient A outlet 1 = open (1) Ingredient B outlet 4 = open (1)	CASE recipe_number OF
	1: Ingredient_A.Outlet_1 :=1; Ingredient_B.Outlet_4 :=1;
If recipe number = 2 or 3 then Ingredient A outlet 4 = open (1) Ingredient B outlet 2 = open (1)	2,3: Ingredient_A.Outlet_4 :=1; Ingredient_B.Outlet_2 :=1;
If recipe number = 4, 5, 6, or 7 then Ingredient A outlet 4 = open (1) Ingredient B outlet 2 = open (1)	4...7: Ingredient_A.Outlet_4 :=1; Ingredient_B.Outlet_2 :=1;
If recipe number = 8, 11, 12, or 13 then Ingredient A outlet 1 = open (1) Ingredient B outlet 4 = open (1)	8,11...13 Ingredient_A.Outlet_1 :=1; Ingredient_B.Outlet_4 :=1;

Otherwise all outlets = closed (0)	ELSE
	Ingredient_A.Outlet_1 [:]=0; Ingredient_A.Outlet_4 [:]=0; Ingredient_B.Outlet_2 [:]=0; Ingredient_B.Outlet_4 [:]=0;
	END_CASE;

The [:=] tells the controller to clear the outlet tags whenever the controller does the following:

- Enters the RUN mode.
- Leaves the step of an SFC if you configure the SFC for Automatic reset.

FOR...DO

Use a FOR...DO loop to perform an evaluation process a specific number of times before continuing on to the next instruction in the sequence.

Operands

FOR count:= initial_value TO

final_value BY increment DO

<statement>;

END_FOR;

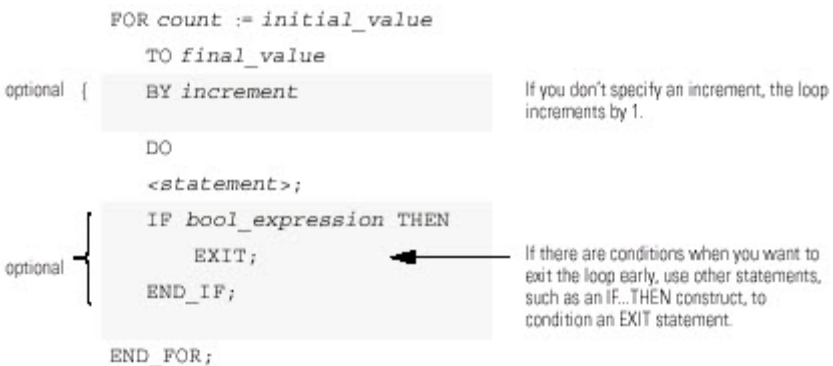
Structured Text

Operand	Type	Format	Description
count	SINT INT DINT	Tag	Tag to store count position as the FOR...DO executes
initial_value	SINT INT DINT	Tag expression Immediate	Must evaluate to a number Specifies initial value for count
final_value	SINT INT DINT	Tag expression Immediate	Specifies final value for count, which determines when to exit the loop
increment	SINT INT DINT	Tag expression Immediate	(Optional) amount to increment count each time through the loop If you don't specify an increment, the count increments by 1.

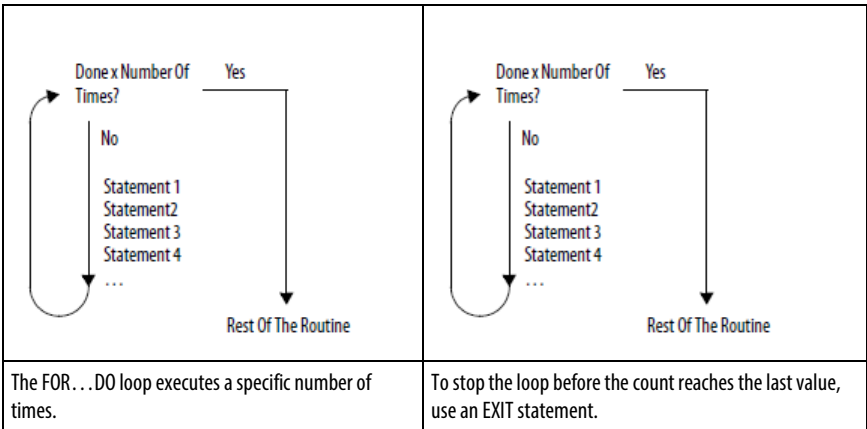
Important: The controller does not execute any other statements in the routine until it completes the loop. Make sure that you do not iterate within the loop too many times in a single scan. If the time that it takes to complete the loop is greater than the Watchdog timer for the task, a major fault occurs. If you encounter this fault, consider using a different construct, such as IF...THEN.

Description

The following table depicts how the FOR...DO syntax is evaluated.



The following diagrams show how a FOR ...DO loop executes and how an EXIT statement leaves the loop early.



Affects Math Status Flags

No

Fault Conditions

A major fault will occur if	Fault type	Fault code
If the time that it takes to complete the loop is greater than the Watchdog timer for the task.	6	1

Examples

The following tables provide examples that illustrate how to translate a functional requirement into structured text using the standard syntax of FOR...DO and then modifying it with the requirement variables.

If you want this

Clear bits 0...31 in an array of BOOLs:

1. Initialize the subscript tag to 0.
2. Clear i. For example, when subscript = 5, clear array[5].
3. Add 1 to subscript.
4. If subscript is \leq to 31, repeat 2 and 3.

Otherwise, stop.

Enter this structured text

For subscript:=0 to 31 by 1 DO

array[subscript] := 0;

End_FOR;

If you want this	Enter this structured text
<p>A user-defined data type (structure) stores the following information about an item in your inventory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barcode ID of the item (string data type) • Quantity in stock of the item (DINT data type) <p>An array of the above structure contains an element for each unique item in your inventory. You want to search the array for a specific product (use its bar code) and determine the quantity that is in stock.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Get the size (number of items) of the Inventory array and store the result in Inventory_Items (DINT tag). 2. Initialize the position tag to 0. 3. If Barcode matches the ID of an item in the array, then: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set the Quantity tag = Inventory[position].Qty. This produces the quantity in stock of the item, or • Stop. <p>Barcode is a string tag that stores the bar code of the item for which you are searching. For example, when position = 5, compare Barcode to Inventory[5].ID.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Add 1 to position. 5. If position is \leq to (Inventory_Items -1), repeat 3 and 4. Since element numbers start at 0, the last element is 1 less than the number of elements in the array. <p>Otherwise, stop.</p>	SIZE(Inventory,0,Inventory_Items);
	FOR position:=0 to Inventory_Items - 1 DO
	If Barcode = Inventory[position].ID then
	Quantity := Inventory[position].QTY;
	EXIT;
	END_IF;
	END_FOR;

WHILE...DO

Use a WHILE...DO loop to continue performing a process until the specified condition is false before continuing on to the next instruction in the sequence.

Operands

WHILE bool_expression DO

<statement>;

END_WHILE;

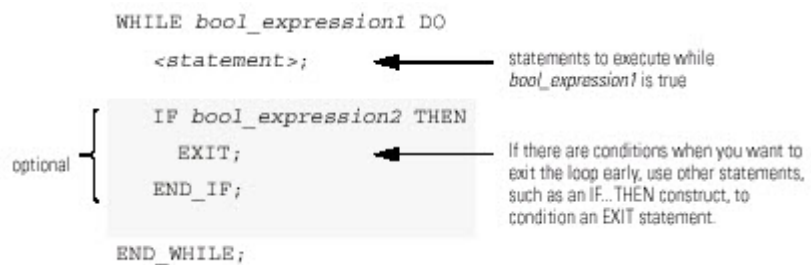
Structured Text

Operand	BOOL	Format	Description
<i>bool_expression</i>	BOOL	tag expression	BOOL tag or expression that evaluates to a BOOL value

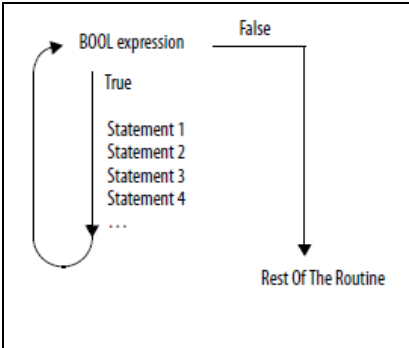
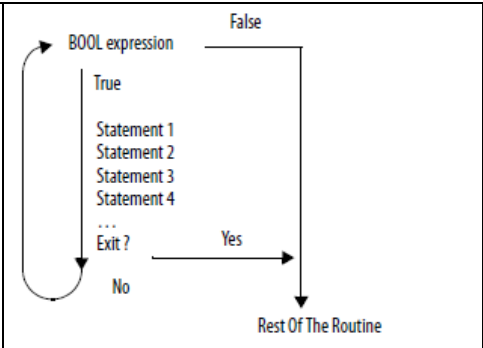
Important: The controller does not execute any other statements in the routine until it completes the loop. Make sure that you do not iterate within the loop too many times in a single scan. If the time that it takes to complete the loop is greater than the Watchdog timer for the task, a major fault occurs. If you encounter this fault, consider using a different construct, such as IF...THEN.

Description

The following table depicts how the WHILE..DO syntax is evaluated.



The following diagrams show how a WHILE...DO loop executes and how an EXIT statement leaves the loop early.

	
While the bool_expression is true, the controller executes only the statements within the WHILE...DO loop.	To stop the loop before the conditions are true, use an EXIT statement.

Affects Math Status Flags

No

Fault Conditions

A major fault will occur if	Fault type	Fault code
If the time that it takes to complete the loop is greater than the Watchdog timer for the task.	6	1

Examples

The following tables provide examples that illustrate how to translate a functional requirement into structured text using the standard syntax of WHILE...DO and then modifying it with the requirement variables.

If you want this	Enter this structured text
The WHILE...DO loop evaluates its conditions first. If the conditions are true, the controller then executes the statements within the loop. This differs from the REPEAT...UNTIL loop because the REPEAT...UNTIL loop executes the statements in the construct and then determines if the conditions are true before executing the statements again. The statements in a REPEAT...UNTIL loop are always executed at least once. The statements in a WHILE...DO loop might never be executed.	pos := 0;
	While ((pos <= 100) & structarray[pos].value <> targetvalue)) do
	pos := pos + 2;
	String_tag.DATA[pos] := SINT_array[pos];
	end_while;

If you want this	Enter this structured text
Move ASCII characters from a SINT array into a string tag. (In a SINT array, each element holds one character.) Stop when you reach the carriage return.	element_number := 0;
1. Initialize Element_number to 0.	SIZE(SINT_array, 0, SINT_array_size);
2. Count the number of elements in SINT_array (array that contains the ASCII characters) and store the result in SINT_array_size (DINT tag).	While SINT_array[element_number] <> 13 do
3. If the character at SINT_array[element_number] = 13 (decimal value of the carriage return), then stop.	String_tag.DATA[element_number] := SINT_array[element_number];
4. Set String_tag[element_number] = the character at SINT_array[element_number].	element_number := element_number + 1;
5. Add 1 to element_number. This lets the controller check the next character in SINT_array.	String_tag.LEN := element_number;
6. Set the Length member of String_tag = element_number. (This records the number of characters in String_tag so far.)	If element_number = SINT_array_size then
7. If element_number = SINT_array_size, then stop. (You are at the end of the array and it does not contain a carriage return.)	exit;
8. Go to step 3.	end_if;
	end_while;

REPEAT...UNTIL

Use a REPEAT...UNTIL loop to repeat an evaluation process until the specified condition is true before continuing on to the next instruction in the sequence.

Operands

REPEAT

<statement>;

END_REPEAT;

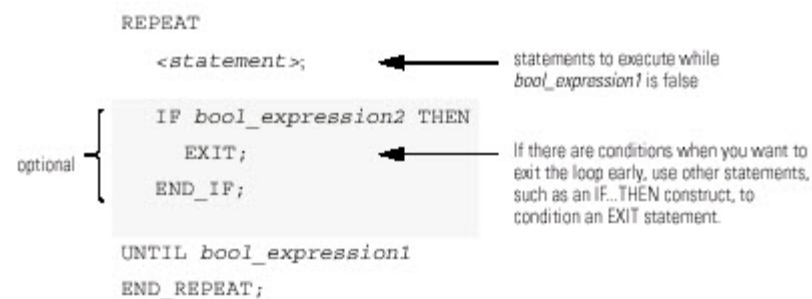
Structured Text

Operand	Type	Format	Enter
bool_expression	BOOL	Tag expression	BOOL tag or expression that evaluates to a BOOL value (BOOL expression)

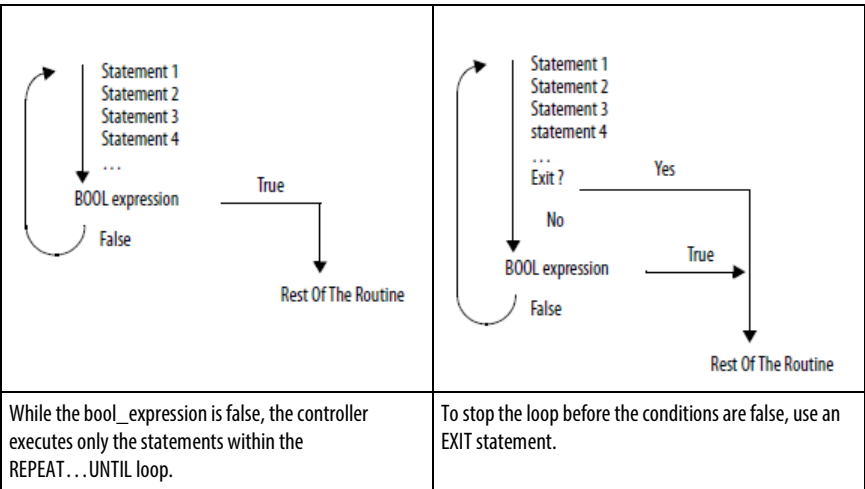
Important: The controller does not execute any other statements in the routine until it completes the loop. Make sure that you do not iterate within the loop too many times in a single scan. If the time that it takes to complete the loop is greater than the Watchdog timer for the task, a major fault occurs. If you encounter this fault, consider using a different construct, such as IF...THEN.

Description

The following table depicts how the REPEAT...UNTIL syntax is evaluated.



The following diagrams show how a REPEAT...UNTIL loop executes and how an EXIT statement leaves the loop early.



Affects Math Status Flags

No

Fault Conditions

A major fault will occur if	Fault type	Fault code
If the time that it takes to complete the loop is greater than the Watchdog timer for the task.	6	1

Examples

The following tables provide examples that illustrate how to translate a functional requirement into structured text using the standard syntax of REPEAT...UNTIL, and then modifying it with the requirement variables.

If you want this	Enter this structured text
<p>The REPEAT...UNTIL loop executes the statements in the construct and then determines if the conditions are true before executing the statements again. This differs from the WHILE...DO loop because the WHILE...DO The WHILE...DO loop evaluates its conditions first.</p> <p>If the conditions are true, the controller then executes the statements within the loop. The statements in a REPEAT...UNTIL loop are always executed at least once. The statements in a WHILE...DO loop might never be executed.</p>	pos := -1;
	REPEAT
	pos := pos + 2;
	UNTIL ((pos = 101) OR (structarray[pos].value = targetvalue))
	end_repeat;

If you want this	Enter this structured text
<p>Move ASCII characters from a SINT array into a string tag. (In a SINT array, each element holds one character.) Stop when you reach the carriage return.</p> <p>Initialize Element_number to 0.</p> <p>Count the number of elements in SINT_array (array that contains the ASCII characters) and store the result in SINT_array_size (DINT tag).</p> <p>Set String_tag[element_number] = the character at SINT_array[element_number].</p> <p>Add 1 to element_number. This lets the controller check the next character in SINT_array.</p> <p>Set the Length member of String_tag = element_number. (This records the number of characters in String_tag so far.)</p> <p>If element_number = SINT_array_size, then stop. (You are at the end of the array and it does not contain a carriage return.)</p> <p>If the character at SINT_array[element_number] = 13 (decimal value of the carriage return), then stop.</p>	element_number := 0;
	SIZE(SINT_array, 0, SINT_array_size);
	Repeat
	String_tag.DATA[element_number] := SINT_array[element_number];
	element_number := element_number + 1;
	String_tag.LEN := element_number;
	If element_number = SINT_array_size then
	exit;
	end_if;
	Until SINT_array[element_number] = 13
	end_repeat;

Comments

You can add comments to make your structured text easier to interpret. Comments:

- Let you use plain language to describe how your structured text works.
- Do not affect the execution of the structured text.
- Download into the controller memory and are available for upload.

Follow this table to add comments to your structured text.

To add a comment	Use one of these formats
On a single line	<i>//comment</i>
At the end of a line of structured text	<i>(*comment*)</i> <i>/*comment*/</i>
Within a line of structured text	<i>(*comment*)</i> <i>/*comment*/</i>
That spans more than one line	<i>(*start of comment . . . end of comment*)</i> <i>/*start of comment . . . end of comment*/</i>

For example:

Format	Example
<i>//comment</i>	<p>At the beginning of a line <i>//Check conveyor belt direction</i> IF conveyor_direction THEN...</p> <p>At the end of a line ELSE <i>//If conveyor isn't moving, set alarm light</i> light := 1; END_IF;</p>
<i>(*comment*)</i>	<p>Sugar.Inlet[:=]1;(*open the inlet*)</p> <p>IF Sugar.Low (*low level LS*)& Sugar.High (*high level LS*)THEN...</p> <p>(*Controls the speed of the recirculation pump. The speed depends on the temperature in the tank. *) IF tank.temp > 200 THEN...</p>
<i>/*comment*/</i>	<p>Sugar.Inlet:=0;/*close the inlet*/</p> <p>IF bar_code=65 /*A*/ THEN...</p> <p><i>/*Gets the number of elements in the Inventory array and stores the value in the Inventory_Items tag*/</i> SIZE(Inventory,0,Inventory_Items);</p>

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