

Lecture 2- Part 3

Programming PLC

Counters for PLC



Basic instructions	
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IEC Counters Parameters

Parameters	Declaration	Data Type	Description
CU/CD	Input	BOOL	Count Up / Count Down Input
R	Input	BOOL	Input to Reset CV = Zero
LD	Input	BOOL	Input to Load CV = PV
PV	Input	Integers	Preset Value to Assign to counter
QU/QD	Output	BOOL	QU bit set when $CV \geq PV$ QD bit set when $CV \leq Zero$
CV	Output	Integers	Current Value of Counter

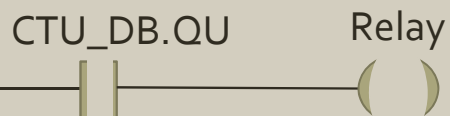
- IEC Counters are function blocks (FB) with pre-defined functions that could allow programmer to reuse the functions
- Each FB require an instance to be declared, and there are several variables associated
- DataBlock (DB) declaration is required for the instance, with an unique name and has it's own data area (global)

Format	Data type	Number of bits	Value range
Integer (w/sign) ^a	<i>SINT</i>	8	-128 to + 127
	<i>INT</i>	16	-32 768 to + 32 767
	<i>DINT</i>	32	-2^{31} to $+ 2^{31}-1$
	<i>LINT</i>	64	-2^{63} to $+ 2^{63}-1$



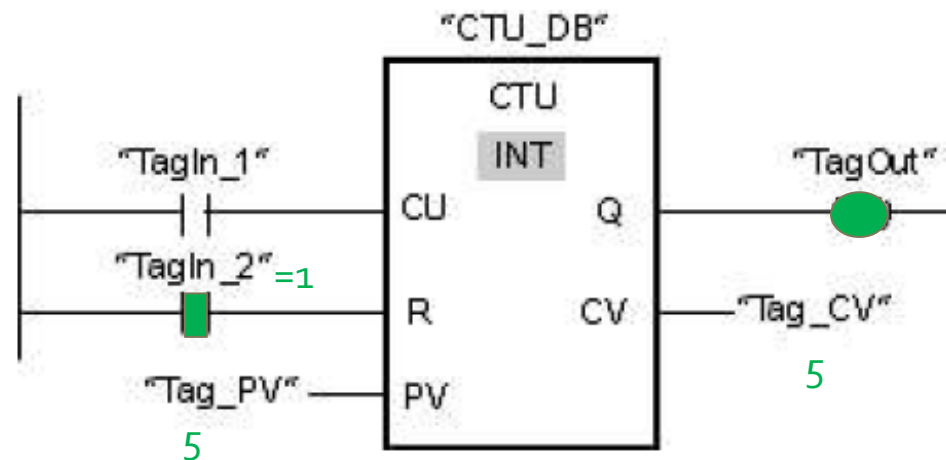
Counters are used to count up or count down and as the counter value reaches or exceeds the preset value, it would change the state of the Boolean bit.

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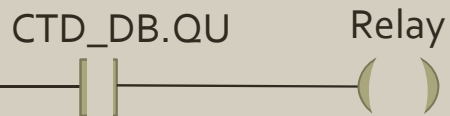
Count up Counter (CTU)

- Counts up, increment of count value (CV) each time when the count up (CU) input transit from 0 to 1 (positive signal edge) ⏏
- Output bit Q is set when count value (CV) reaches or exceed preset value (PV). CTU_DB.QU = 1
- When reset (R) = 1, CV = zero (whenever R = 1, CU has no effect)



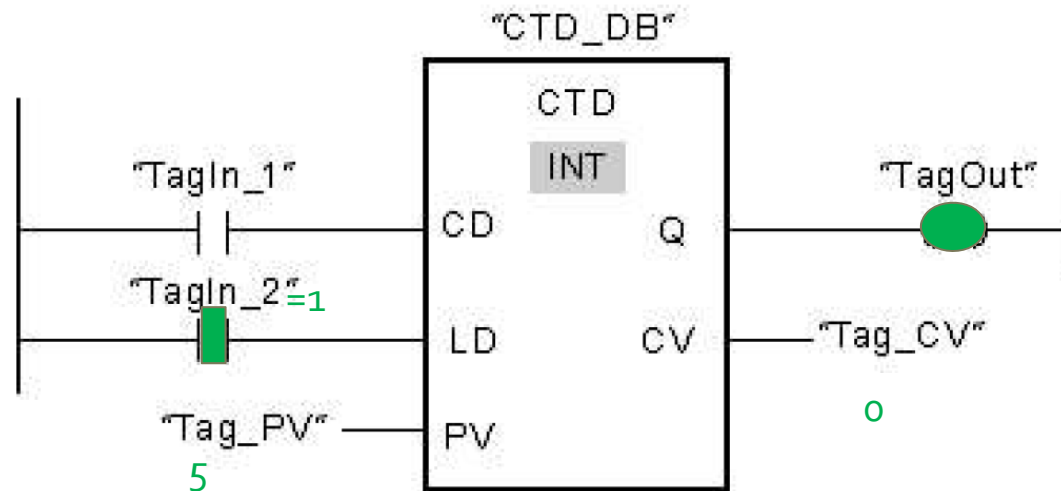
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Count Down Counter (CTD)

- Counts down, decrement of count value (CV) each time when the count down (CD) input transit from 0 to 1 (positive signal edge) ⌋
- Output bit Q is set when count value (CV) reaches Zero or below zero
- When Load (LD) = 1, CV = PV (whenever LD = 1, CD has no effect)



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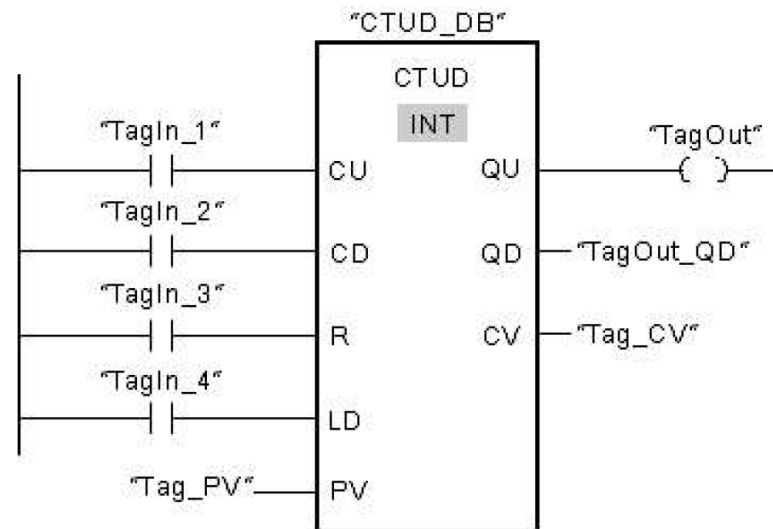
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CTU_DB.QU Full ()

CTD_DB.QU Empty ()

Count Up Count Down Counter (CTUD)

- Counts up, increment of count value (CV) each time when the count up (CU) input transit from 0 to 1 (positive signal edge) ⌋
- Counts down, decrement of count value (CV) each time when the count down (CD) input transit from 0 to 1 (positive signal edge) ⌋
- Output bit QU is set when count value (CV) \geq PV
- Output bit QD is set when count value (CV) \leq Zero
- When Reset (R) = 1, CV = Zero
- When Load (LD) = 1, CV = PV (whenever R or LD = 1, CU or CD has no effect)



Count up Count down Counter in Action: <https://youtu.be/pjLodoDrGn8>

Quiz

Click the **Quiz** button to edit this object

Select the correct statement about count up counter:

- ☐ When current Counter Value (CV) reaches PV, Output Q bit would be set
- ☐ When current Counter Value (CV) reaches zero, Output Q bit would be set
- ☐ When reset $R = 1$, Output Q bit would be set