



We software Automation.









The Trace is a mighty weapon in your fight against errors occurring during operation.







- What is Trace?
- How does Trace work?
- What is the Trace Functionality (standard)?
- What else can Trace do for me?











CoDeSys Sampling Trace What is Trace?

Information in the online help:

Trace allows you to record the behavior of variable values from the controller during a certain period of time.





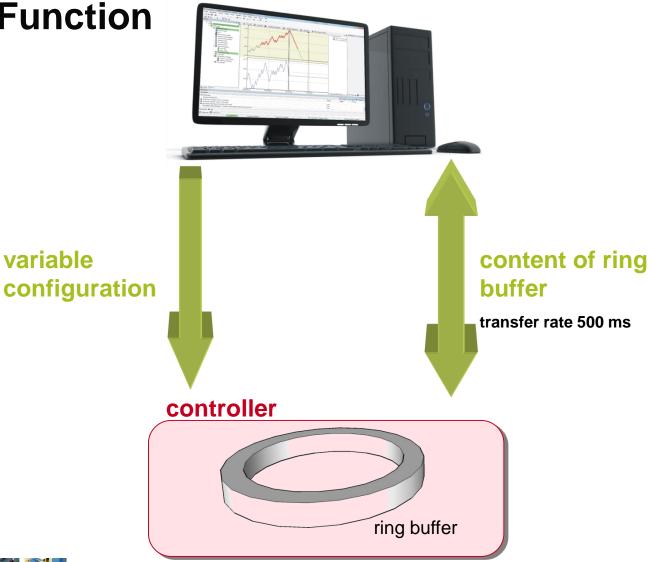




How does Trace work?

Trace Function

variable











How does Trace work?

Ring Buffer: Functional Principle







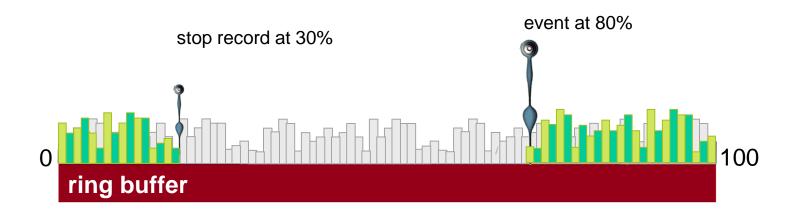






How does Trace work?

Ring Buffer: Trigger Event













- You can define which variables you would like to trace in the CoDeSys configuration.
- This definition is then loaded onto the PLC in form of an automatically generated application (load trace).
- The trace automatically starts to write into a ring buffer.
- After the trace is stopped, tracing will continue for a defined period of time.
- The buffer content can be loaded in CoDeSys and displayed there at any time.

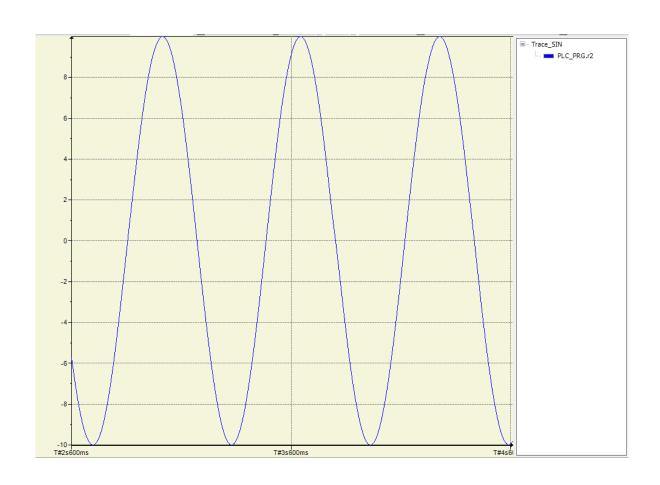








Trace configuration













Configuration of the Trace frame

◆ Trace Configuration		X
Exercise1 IoConfig_Globals.SM_BottomLift IoConfig_Globals.SM_VirtualMas IoConfig_Globals.SM_Chain.fSel IoConfig_Globals.SM_Punch.fSe	Trigger variable: Trigger edge: none Trigger Position (%): Task: MainTask Measure in every Record condition: Runtime buffer size: 100 Comment:	
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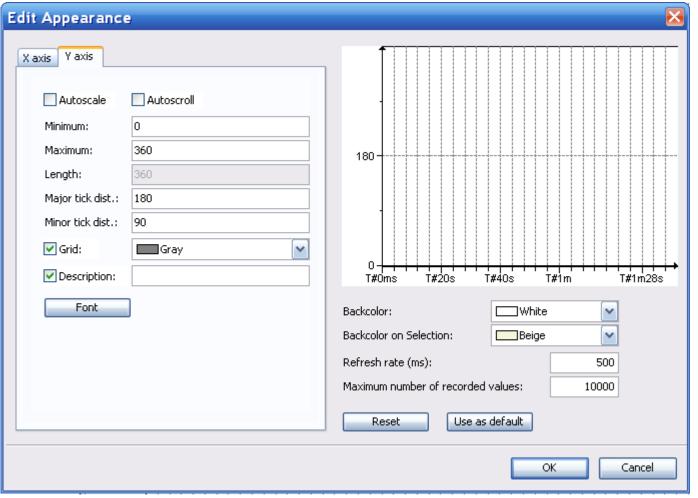








Configuration of the variable display in Trace





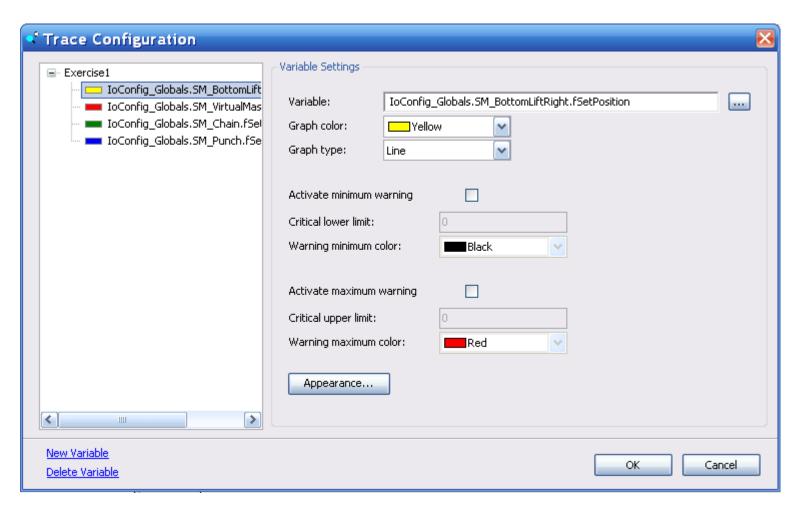








Trace menu











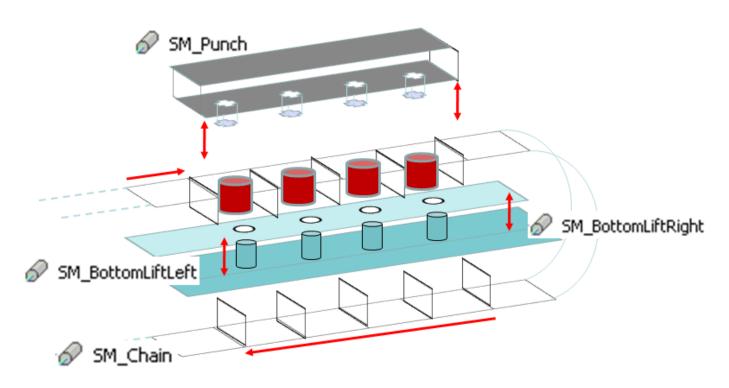


Exercise I

How does the machine work?

Machine setup (Use TRACE_START.projectarchive)









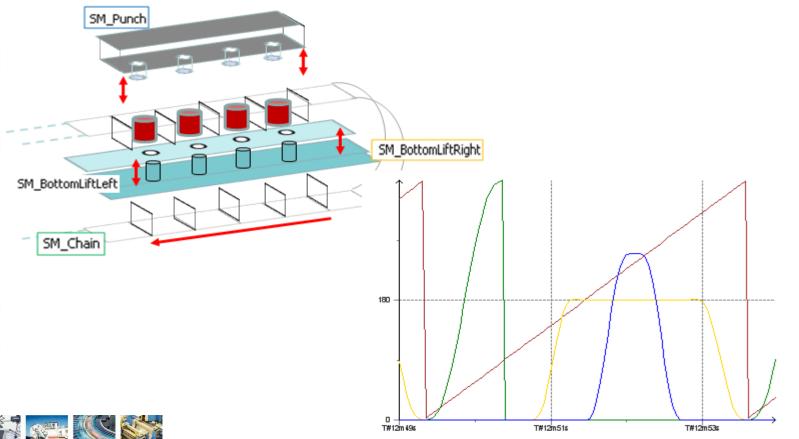




Exercise

Please create a trace and record fSetPosition of the marked drives

SM_VirtualMaster







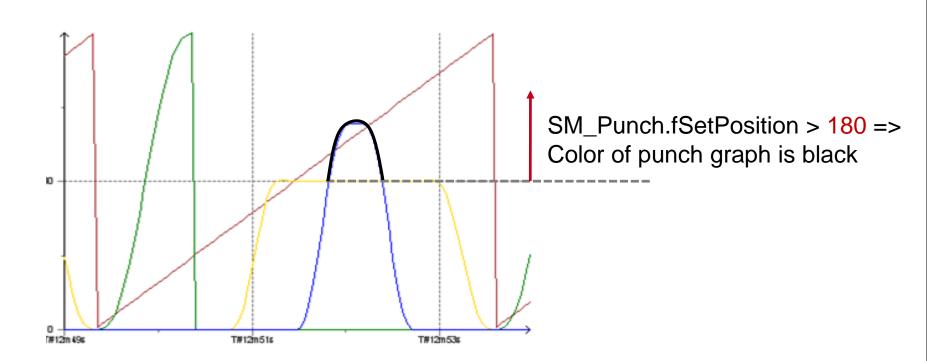






Exercise II

Please make a second trace and use the limit settings





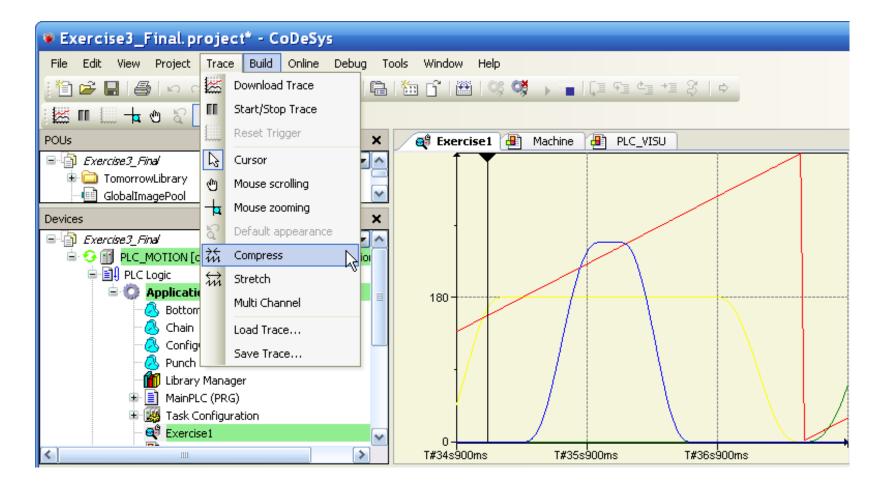








Trace menu













What else can Trace do for me?

Can I let the Trace run over a long period of time?



- load Trace
- log out
- log in
- Do NOT load Trace again!!!!
- open Trace (will automatically go online)







What else can Trace do for me?

Can I display the content of the trace buffer in the CoDeSys Visualization?



- select "Generate POU for Visualization"
- insert trace element in the visualization
- connect to Trace





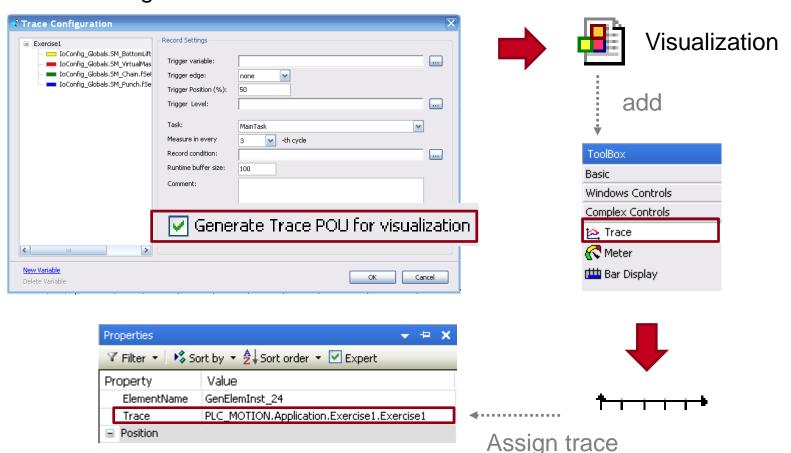




Display trace in visualization

We need 3 steps

Trace Configuration







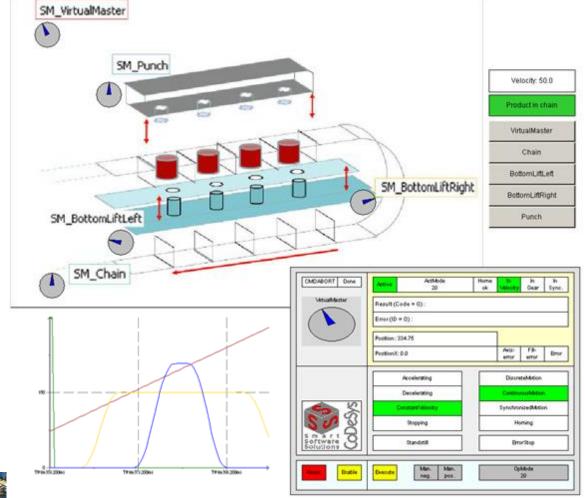






Exercise III

Please display the first trace we did in the main visualization













What else can Trace do for me?

Going too fast?



Online help



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