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**CoDeSys Exercise
Structured Text
G562e_a_b Part 9**

 eLearning



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Objectives

After completing this module, you will be able to

- Build an application in programming language Structured Text (ST)



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After completing of this module, you will be able to build an application using programming language “Structured Text”

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Structured Text (ST)

- Structured Text is a text programming language
- It is like PASCAL or C-Code
- Several functions are only possible in ST, because in graphical languages it is too complicated
- Function calls and connections between variables are different from graphical languages
- Learning of Structured Text is harder than graphical languages. But after a little bit exercising, programming is faster and more efficient like graphical languages

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Call a function block from a library

- Open a new project
- Select programming language ST
- Now the function block Square Root should be inserted
- Type in the following code:

SQUAREROOT

iMul1 : INT
iMul2 : INT
bAbs : BOOL

iOut : INT

```

0001 PROGRAM PLC_PRG
0002 VAR
0003   FB1: SquareRoot;
0004   A: INT;
0005   B: INT;
0006   Out: INT;
0007 END_VAR
0008
0001 (* call function block Square root *)
0002 FB1(iMul1 := A, iMul2 := B, bAbs := TRUE);
0003 Out := FB1.iOut;

```

Instance FB1 → 0003 FB1: SquareRoot;

Comment → 0001 (* call function block Square root *)

Inputs → 0002 FB1(iMul1 := A, iMul2 := B, bAbs := TRUE);

Output → 0003 Out := FB1.iOut;

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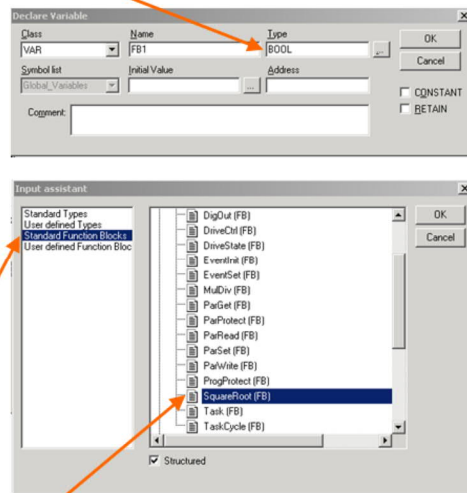
In graphical languages a call of a function block is easy to do when you put in function blocks. In a text language the function block isn't visible at all. You see only a line with variables and allocations. But with "Structured Text" you can do the same things and more as with graphical languages.

If you will call a function block from the library type in an instance, for example "FB1". Then set brackets and click F2. Now you can select the function block from the library. What you see inside the brackets are the inputs of the selected function block. Connection between an input and other functions is possible with variables.

Outputs are not inside the brackets because it is easier to use the instance of the function block with the selected output.

Declare function block

- The function block *Square Root* must be declared in CoDeSys
- This is possible with the same window as variable declaration
- But the type must be selected
- Change to *Standard Function Blocks*
- Select the *DCS800* library and choose *Square Root*

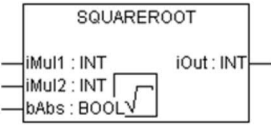


Now we look deeper in the function block declaration. If a new instance is created, you can set the type. To do this use the input assistant, please. Find the several libraries which are included in item "Standard Function Blocks". Then select the needed function block from the list. Therefore, the function block is declared.

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Declare function block

- It is important to use the exact name of inputs and outputs (iMul1 := ..., iMul2 := ..., bAbs := ...)
- Outputs mustn't be declared!
- For allocation of outputs, use the instance name (here: **FB1**)
- Set a dot (**FB1.**)
- Select an output from the list

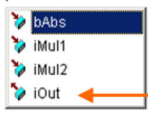



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```

0001 (* call function block Square root *)
0002 FB1 (iMul1 := A, iMul2 := B, bAbs := TRUE);
0003 Out := FB1.;
          
```





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Inside the brackets you can see the several inputs. After the equal sign you can set the connection variable. It is important to use the exact name of inputs and outputs, otherwise you get error messages. Outputs mustn't be declared. For allocation of outputs, use the instance name, here FB1.


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Loops and special functions

- In Structured Text there are special functions which are only available in this language
- IF – ELSE steps
 - E.g. switches
- CASE function
- FOR-Loop
- WHILE-Loop
- Repeat-Loop

```

0005 (* check analog input 1 *)
0006 IF A > 5
0007 THEN
0008 B := 111;
0009 ELSIF A >= 0
0010 THEN
0011 B := 25;
0012 ELSE
0013 B := 0;
0014 END_IF;
0015
0016 CASE A OF
0017 1 : B := 11;
0018 2 : B := 111;
0019 3 : B := 1111;
0020 ELSE
0021 B := 0;
0022 END_CASE;
0023
0024 FOR A:=1 TO 5 BY 1 DO
0025
0026 B := B + 1;
0027
0028 END_FOR;
0029
0030 Out := B;
          
```



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Next special function are the loops. In “Structured Text” it is easy to define loops directly like in C-Code or Pascal. Another important function is the “IF-ELSE-Construction”. With this it's easy to program switches. Also important is the “CASE-Command”. You can use it for selections from a volume.

IF – ELSE construction

- With an IF-ELSE construction it is possible to check conditions for execution of some code
- Example: *Speed control in 3 steps*
- Is switch A true → speed value 1
- Is switch B true → speed value 2
- When all switches are false or true → speed is zero

	0	1	2
A	L / H	H	L
B	L / H	L	H

We solve this exercise with an IF-ELSE construction!



IF-ELSE construction

- With an IF-ELSE construction it is possible to check conditions for execution of some code.


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IF-ELSE construction

- 1 condition (**A & NOT B**)
 - Speed value 1
- 2 condition (**B & NOT A**)
 - Speed value 2
- All other conditions cause that Speed value 0 is selected
- The end of an IF-ELSE construction is END_IF;

```

0001 (* exercise IF-ELSE construction *)
0002 (* select correct speed *)
0003
0004 (* select speed value 1 *)
0005 IF A = TRUE AND B = FALSE
0006 THEN
0007 speed := speed_val1;
0008
0009 (* select speed value 2 *)
0010 ELSIF B = TRUE AND A = FALSE
0011 THEN
0012 speed := speed_val2;
0013
0014 (* select speed value 0 *)
0015 ELSE
0016 speed := speed_val0;
0017
0018 END_IF;
            
```



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Let's have a look to the "IF-ELSE-Construction". Each "IF-Condition" has a boolean expression to select if the expression is fulfilled. If it's fulfilled the command will be executed. Otherwise, the next step is checked. The whole construction ends with the command "END_IF". So, you can define a stairs with several steps which can be executed or not.

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CASE construction

- The distinguish between IF and CASE is that there is only 1 condition variable
- Example: *Counter with defined range*
- Between 1...100 → Light 1 is active
- Between 101...200 → Light 2 is active
- Outside the range → Light 1 and 2 are inactive

Counter	<1	1...100	101...200	>200
Light 1	Low	High	Low	Low
Light 2	Low	Low	High	Low



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Now we change to the “CASE-Construction”. The distinguish between “IF” and “CASE” is that there is only 1 condition variable. This variable has more than 2 conditions and the “CASE-Construction” checks the actual state of the variable. Then it comes a decision!

An example is a counter with a defined range. The selection works between the defined ranges. So, the counter goes up and down and the result is shown at light 1 or 2 if the counter is inside the defined range.


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CASE construction

- Range 1...100
 - Light 1 is active
- Range 101...200
 - Light 2 is active
- Outside range
 - Both lights are inactive
- The CASE construction ends with command END_CASE

```

0019
0020 (* exercise CASE construction *)
0021 (* select between the range *)
0022
0023 (* range 1...100 *)
0024 CASE count OF
0025 1..100: Light1 := TRUE;
0026 Light2 := FALSE;
0027
0028 (* range 101...200 *)
0029 101..200: Light2 := TRUE;
0030 Light1 := FALSE;
0031
0032 (* outside range *)
0033 ELSE
0034 Light1 := FALSE;
0035 Light2 := FALSE;
0036
0037 END_CASE;
0038
          
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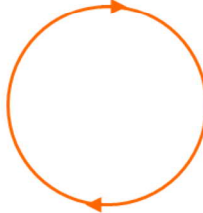
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The “CASE-Construction” looks like the picture on the right side. We have 1 variable, here “count”, and the several steps with the defined range. It ends with the command “END_CASE”.

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FOR-Loop construction

- With a FOR-Loop construction can programmed repeating processes
- Example: *Count-up*
- Add in each step 1

$$X = X + 1$$


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Another important function is the “FOR-Loop-Construction”. It have the functionality like a counter because the loop will be executed as long as the condition is fulfilled. An example is an upward counter. The user defined the starting point and the end point. Later the loop runs from the starting point to the end and increase the counter value with each cycle.

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FOR-Loop construction

- To count-up it is necessary to set an initial (**X**) value to 0!
- The count variable (**Z**) will be set to 0 in the loop initialization
- The end value of FOR-Loop is 20, that means it counts from 0 to 20 (**21 steps!!!**)
- In each step there will be 1 added
- After the 20st step the loop ends

```

0020
0021 (* exercise FOR-Loop construction *)
0022 (* initial value *)
0023 X := 0;
0024
0025 (* for loop *)
0026 FOR Z := 0 TO 20
0027 DO
0028
0029 X := X + 1;
0030
0031 END_FOR;
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```



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FOR loop construction


- The picture shows the FOR-loop construction.
- It begins with FOR, the initialization value and the limit.
- The command in the loop starts after the DO command.

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While-Loop construction

- While the condition is fulfilled the loop will be executed
- That means the FOR-Loop is similar to WHILE-Loop but without a counter
- Example: *Count-up with WHILE*

Condition fulfilled (Boolean TRUE)	Condition not fulfilled (Boolean FALSE)
Execution of WHILE-Loop	Stop execution of WHILE-Loop



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WHILE-Loop construction

- While the condition is fulfilled the loop will be executed.
- That means the FOR-Loop is like the WHILE-Loop but without a counter

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WHILE-Loop construction

- Set initial value to 0
- Now the loop will be executed until value1 is lower than 100
- If this Boolean expression is **False**, the execution stops
- With **EXIT** it is possible to stop the execution before the loop condition is fulfilled

```

0050
0051(* exercise WHILE-Loop construction *)
0052(* set initial value *)
0053value1 := 0;
0054
0055(* while-loop *)
0056WHILE value1 < 100
0057DO
0058
0059value1 := value1 + 1;
0060
0061END_WHILE;
0062

```



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WHILE-Loop construction

- An example for a WHILE-Loop shows the picture.

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REPEAT-Loop construction

- REPEAT-Loop is similar to WHILE-Loop but the break-off condition will be checked after an execution
- This means that the loop will run through at least once, regardless of the wording of the break-off condition
- Example: *Count-down until 0*

Loop execution

Break-off condition

End of loop

```

0001
0062 (* exercise REPEAT-Loop construction *)
0063 (* initial value, value2 = 100 *)
0064 value2 := 100;
0065
0066 (* repeat loop *)
0067 REPEAT
0068 value2 := value2 - 1;
0069
0070 (* break-off condition *)
0071 UNTIL
0072 value2 = 0
0073
0074 END_REPEAT;

```

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REPEAT loop construction

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- This means that the loop will run through at least once, regardless of the wording of the break-off condition.

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Summary

Key points of this module

- Build an application in programming language Structure Text (ST)

This module don't replace a course on ABB Academy!

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- If you will learn more about CoDeSys application programming, use a course on ABB Academy, please.

Additional information

■ Links to related information

- 3S-software.com
- DC-Drive-News (Intranet)

■ Additional references

- Application Manual (3ADW 000 199)
- Firmware Manual (3ADW 000 193)
- Hardware Manual (3ADW 000 194)
- Training Material

Glossary

- **CoDeSys**
Controller Development System (software tool)
- **Memory Card**
Flash memory
- **DriveWindow Light**
Software Tool for commissioning and maintenance using AC/DC
- **Target**
Interface between Drive and CoDeSys tool
- **Control Builder**
Whole system with software and hardware
- **PLC_PRG**
Main program which is used in all applications
- **POU**
Program Organization Unit
- **Library**
It includes function blocks which are given or designed by other users





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