



PoBlocks 2.0

User manual

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The screenshot displays the PoBlocks 2.0.0.0 software interface. The title bar shows the file path: `C:/.../Examples/Scheduled configurable temperature control.xml`. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Tools, Help, IO, Algebra, Logic, Memory, Trigger / timing, Extended, Control, Communication, and Misc. The toolbar contains various blocks: Digital input, Digital output, Analog input, PWM output, PWM output C, Encoder value, Digital counter, EasySensors, PoExtBus output, PoExtBus module, and USB key. The main workspace shows a project titled "Temperature control" with a circuit diagram. The diagram includes a "Simplified scheduled temperature control" block, a "PID controller", and a "Multiplexer 5-1". Annotations provide instructions on how to interact with the blocks. The Properties panel on the right shows the following settings:

Property	Value
Project properties	
Target device	PoKeys57 series
Execution	
Disable division...	<input type="checkbox"/> False
Auto start	<input type="checkbox"/> False
Reset core on ...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> True
Cycle time	10
General	
Date	
Auto reload pr...	<input type="checkbox"/> False
Author	
Project name	

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1. PoBlocks description

PoBlocks is a graphical programming tool for PoKeys devices. It features an intuitive and clean interface and enables the user to quickly and easily design, deploy and debug a program that gets transferred and executed by the PoKeys device itself.

PoBlocks was developed with ease of use in mind, which means that it does not require long manuals, extended tutorials, or deep knowledge to use. Although PoBlocks is simple to use, it also boasts a rich set of features - support for PoKeys basic and extended I/O interfaces support, timers, counters, configurable clock sources, algebra, memory, logic and non-linear operations, time schedule, event drums, even PID and on/off controllers, etc.

PoBlocks also features a simple to use monitor mode for debugging that gives user a good insight in how the program executes in real-time.

2. Main features

- **Simple and intuitive graphical user interface with integrated support:** just open the application and start designing your diagram. Drag the function blocks from the graphical toolbar with mouse and connect them by clicking on the input/output ports. When in doubt, hover over the block to access the integrated help.
- **Support for wide array of PoKeys peripherals:** PoBlocks gives you the access to digital inputs and outputs, analog inputs, PWM outputs, encoder inputs, digital counters, PoExtBus outputs and more just by dragging a block and selecting the pins in the property panel on the right.
- **Algebra, logic blocks:** Choose from basic algebra functions and logic functions to create simple conditional logics.
- **Memory blocks:** use JK, D, T or data latches, minimum/maximum value memories, simple RAM blocks.
- **Trigger and timing functions:** PoBlocks offers counters, signal level triggers, on-, off- and pulse-timers, etc.
- **Advanced blocks:** weekly time schedule, LCD interface support with multiple layouts, drum-style programming, process control etc. Advanced blocks enable you to quickly start controlling your process as you want it. If no block suit your needs, custom PoLL and ST code blocks enables to define a new block in code and seamlessly include it in the diagram.
- **One-click compiling and downloading:** when satisfied with your design, compile it and download it to the device with only one click.
- **Real-time debugging/monitoring:** with PoBlocks, your diagrams are simply created, then compiled and downloaded to the device with one click. When it comes to debugging or monitoring the process, simply activate the monitor mode and all outputs and connections will be populated with current values.

3. Requirements


- Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8, 10, 11
- Visual C++ 2019 Redistributable Package installed on the target computer
- PoKeys56, PoKesy57 or PoRelay8 device (on USB or network)

4. Installation

PoBlocks application is a part of the PoKeys software installation package, available free of charge on www.poscope.com.

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6. PoLabs PoIL core introduction

PoKeys PoIL core is a virtual 16/32-bit software processor, which interprets PoIL code in PoKeys device and has access to various PoKeys peripherals.

PoIL code is created in the compiling process in the PoBlocks application and is stored in the flash memory of the PoKeys device.

6.1. Operating modes

PoIL core has the following operating modes:

- **STOPPED:** PoIL core is stopped and no code is being executed
- **RUNNING:** PoIL core is executing code
- **EXCEPTION:** PoIL core encountered an error and execution had to be stopped
- **PAUSE:** PoIL core is temporarily halted and when restarted, continues from this point

6.2. Start-up configuration

When PoKeys device is started (power is applied), the PoIL core can be reset (initialization code executed) and PoIL code execution can start automatically. By default, PoIL code is not automatically executed on reset (Auto-start is disabled).

6.3. Cycle time

The PoIL core supports priority-based pre-emptive scheduler that switches between two (or more on later versions) tasks. Task 0 has the lowest priority and is enabled by default. Other tasks are periodic tasks that have a fixed time-period between executions. Task switching is done at 1 ms intervals or on task exit events.

Task 1 is automatically used and enabled by PoBlocks software for executing the PoIL code of the diagram when periodic mode is selected (when cycle time, greater than 0 is specified). In this mode, minimum cycle time for execution is limited by the code size, but cannot be lower than 1 ms. In non-periodic mode (cycle time set to 0), task 0 is used and cycle time depends solely on the PoIL code size.

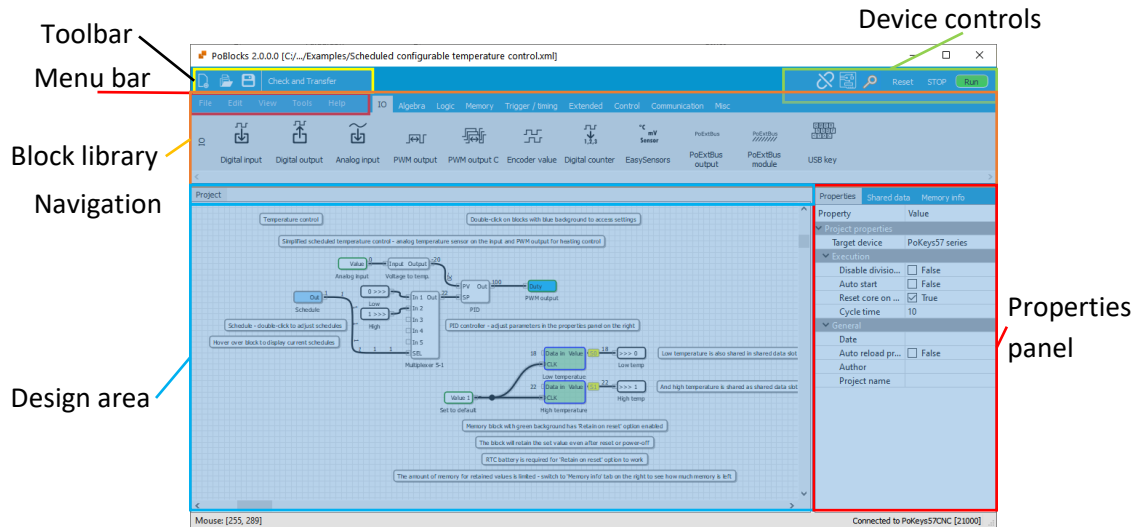
PoBlocks features an integrated Task manager that displays the target and actual cycle times of the tasks being executed (Task manager is found in PoBlocks application menu under 'Tools > Task manager'). For more details, see 'Task manager' below.

6.4. PoIL programming

PoBlocks enables low-level PoIL language programming using the custom PoIL block. PoIL processor and instructions documentation is available as a part of the PoKeys setup package – look for PoIL.pdf document in the installation folder.

7. User interface

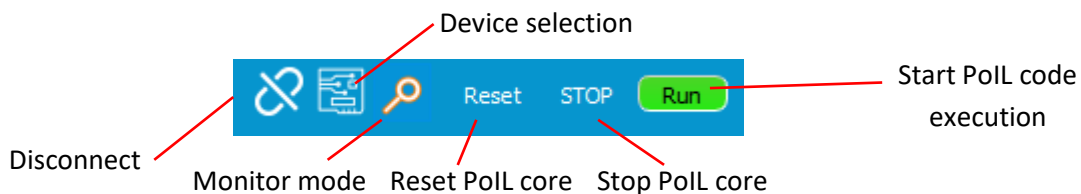
PoBlocks user interface is displayed below. Top area contains menu bar, toolbar with device controls and block library. Bottom left area is diagram design area, while the right part is reserved for properties panel that contains dynamic properties of project or currently selected block.



7.1. Toolbar and device controls

Toolbar gives the access to most-frequently used functions of the PoBlocks application. Besides creating new, opening and saving the designed diagram, 'Compile and transfer' button enables one-click compiling, checking and transferring of the diagram to the device. If the code is already running the device, a dialog appears asking user to confirm the download procedure.

Device controls panel enables user to interact with the PoIL core in the PoKeys device.



The following controls are available:

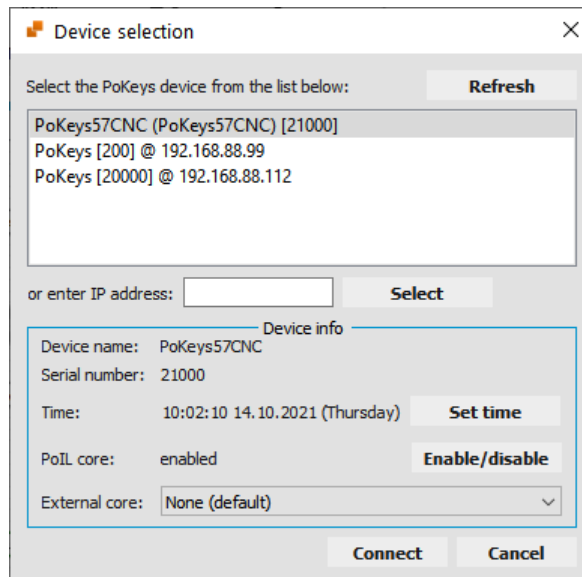
- **Switch to PoKeys application:** disconnect and open PoKeys application for advanced peripheral setup and testing. This option is only available if PoKeys application is installed to the default installation path.
- **Disconnect:** click this to disconnect from current device

- **Device selection:** this opens a device selection dialog to select a device to download the PoIL code to.
- **Monitor mode:** clicking the Monitor mode button enables or disables the real-time monitor mode (this is available after the diagram has been successfully compiled and downloaded to the device).
- **Reset PoIL core:** use this command to reset the PoIL code execution.
- **Stop PoIL core:** this command stops the PoIL code execution.

7.2. Device selection dialog

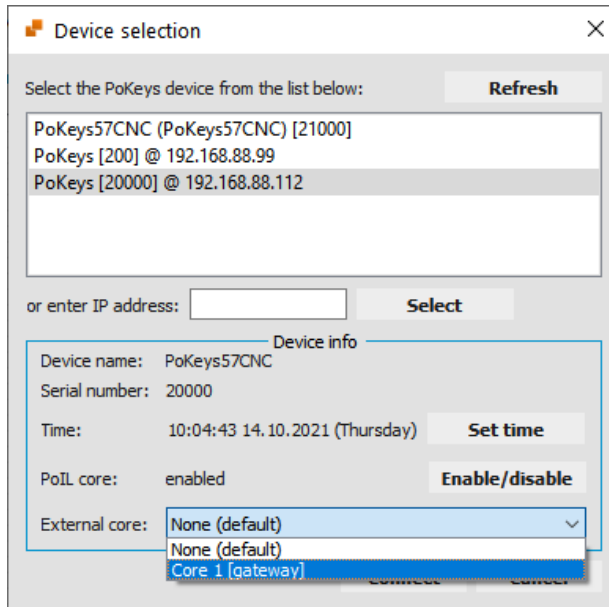
Device selection dialog is used to select a PoKeys device to work with. All detected devices are displayed in the list and selecting a device refreshes the device information panel, giving the user information on device's name, its serial number, current time and status of PoIL core activation. All PoKeys devices are shipped with PoIL core disabled and user must enable the core once prior downloading the diagram to that device. This is accomplished by clicking the 'Enable/disable' button (note: enabling PoIL core disables keyboard macro capability of PoKeys56U devices).

PoKeys devices with a holder for a RTC battery support RTC (real time clock) that can be used for scheduling the events. RTC in the device is set to current computer time by clicking the button 'Set time'.



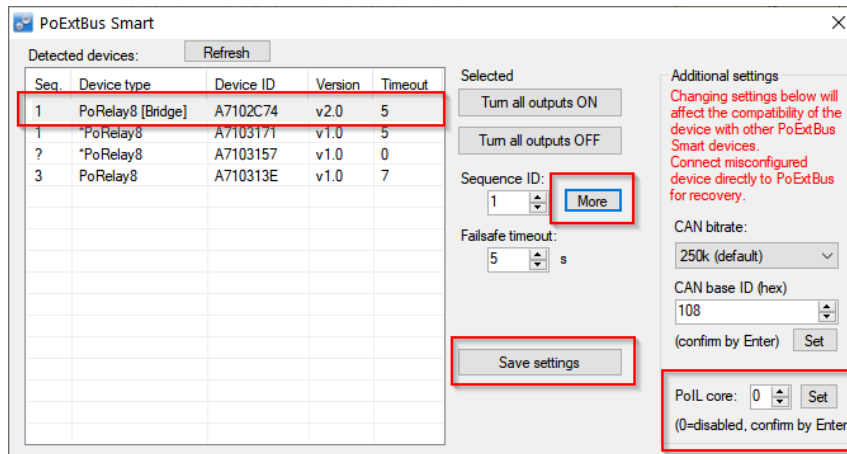
7.3. External core selection

PoBlocks also supports deploying the project to external cores (e.g. PoRelay8). To select the external core, select the host PoKeys device first in the list of PoKeys devices, then select the target device from the drop-down list 'External core'. Check the documentation of the target device for the information on how to enable the external core functionality.



Example: enabling external core support on PoRelay8

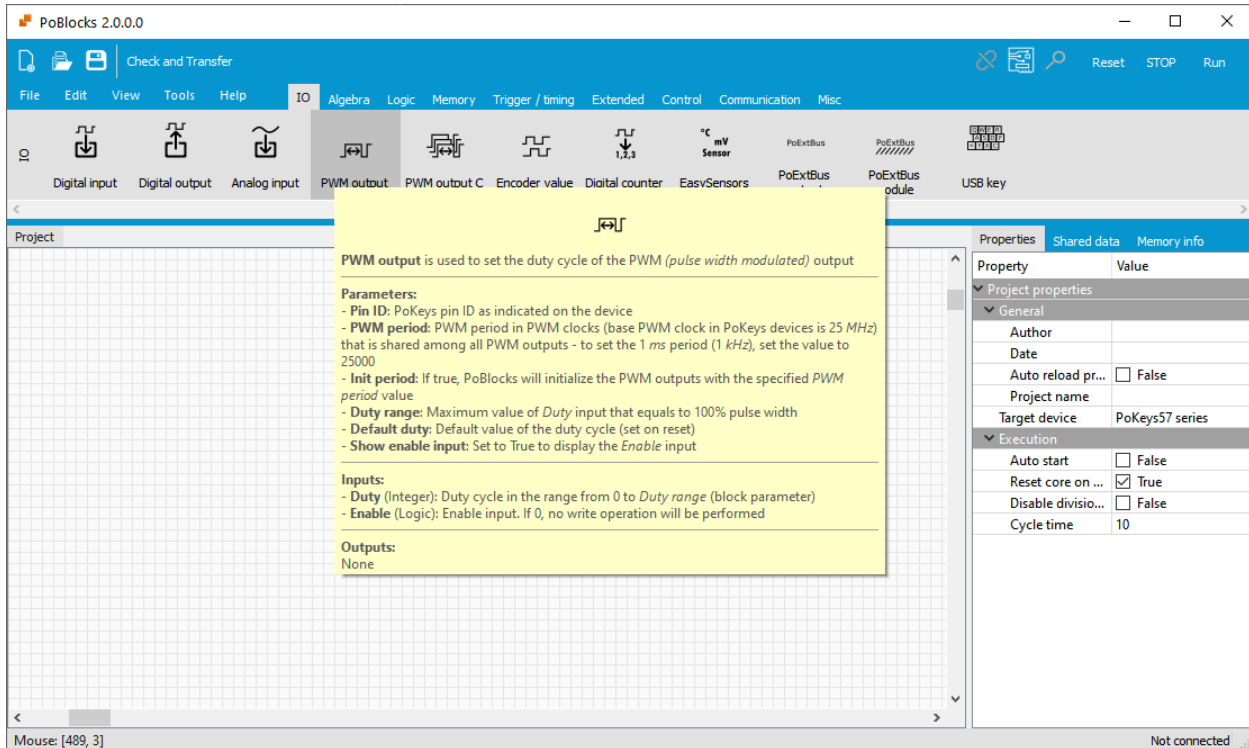
Use PoKeys application to connect to the host PoKeys device. Then open PoExtBus Smart peripheral configuration dialog and select the PoRelay8 device in the list (note that the PoRelay8 must be connected to host PoKeys device via the PoExtBus connection). Click on 'More' and select 'PoIL core' greater than 1 in the settings. Confirm by clicking the 'Set' and 'Save settings'.



7.4. Block library

Block library panel contains graphical representations of function blocks in the PoBlocks library. The library is divided into block categories and tabbed menu system is used to switch between these. Each block in the block library offers integrated help system (see the figure below) that gets activated by hovering the mouse cursor over the block.

To insert the block from the library into the diagram, drag a block using mouse cursor from the block library into the diagram.



7.5. Properties panel

Properties panel contains a dynamic grid of properties based on the currently selected object in the diagram. By clicking on an empty space (without blocks), PoBlocks project properties are displayed in the grid.

7.6. Project properties

Project properties are accessed by clicking on an empty space in the designing area (an area without blocks or connections). The following options are available in the properties panel

Reset core on startup: if checked, PoIL core executes the initialization code on PoKeys device startup (defining the pin functions, setting-up the peripherals used in the diagram, etc.)

Auto start: if checked, PoIL core starts PoIL code execution immediately after the PoKeys device is powered up

Cycle time: this option sets the cycle time, defining the time between each diagram PoIL code execution

Disable division by zero exception: if checked, division by zero event does not stop PoIL code execution, but generates result 0

Target device: a drop-box menu used to select the device type that will be used to execute the diagram's code

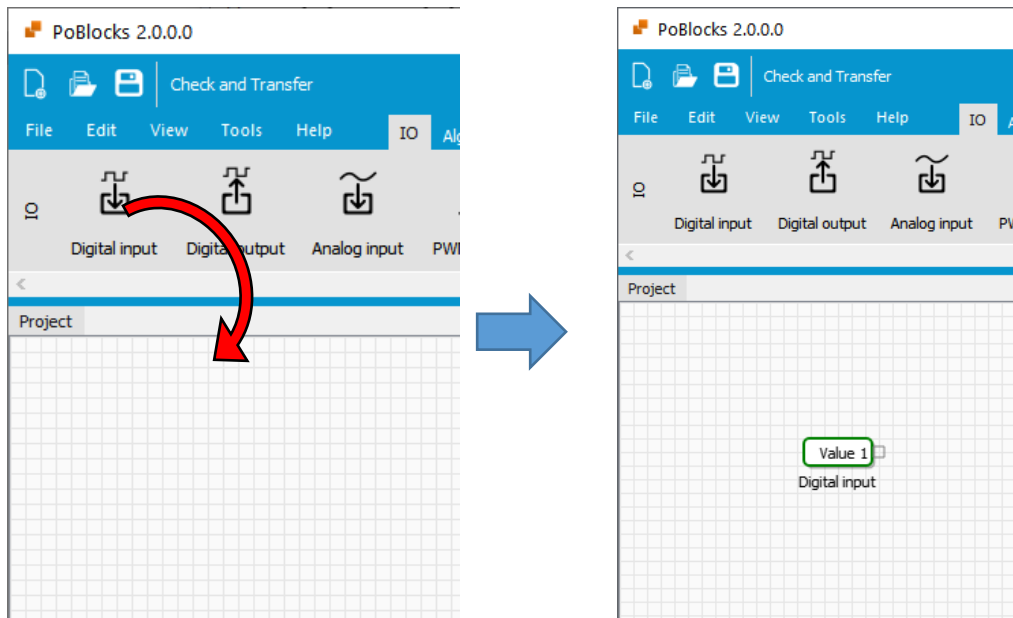
General section: contains fields used for project documentation purposes

Properties		Shared data	Memory info
Property	Value		
▼ Project properties			
▼ General			
Author			
Date			
Auto reload pr...	<input type="checkbox"/>	False	
Project name			
Target device	PoKeys57 series		
▼ Execution			
Auto start	<input type="checkbox"/>	False	
Reset core on ...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	True	
Disable divisio...	<input type="checkbox"/>	False	
Cycle time	10		

8. Using PoBlocks

8.1. Inserting blocks

Use left mouse button to drag a selected block from the block library to design area.



8.2. Navigating the project diagram

The project diagram can be navigated via the scroll bars at the right and bottom and by using the mouse. Use the scroll wheel to zoom in or out and drag with the right mouse button to move the displayed view. Background grid helps in navigating the project.

8.3. Removing blocks

Select one block or use lasso selection to select multiple blocks, then press 'Delete' button.

8.4. Moving blocks

Use left mouse button to move the selected block.

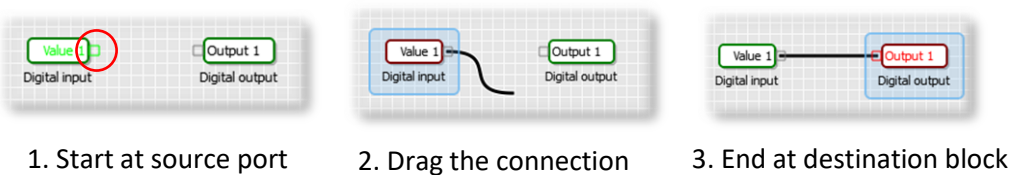
8.5. Copying blocks

Select the blocks you want to copy by a 'lasso tool'. Press down the left mouse button on an empty part of the diagram, then drag the mouse to select the blocks. To copy the blocks, press Ctrl+C or go to Edit > Duplicate selected.

8.6. Connecting blocks

Right port of one block can only be connected to left port of another block. Left port of one block can however be connected to either right port of another block or to an existing connection.

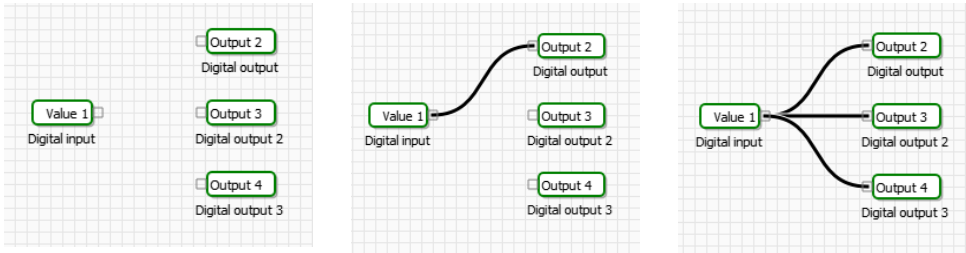
Start connecting the blocks by clicking on one of the empty ports (a port that can accept a connection will be highlighted in green). You can then either drag the connection to another port and release the mouse button or release the button immediately and click again on the destination block's port.



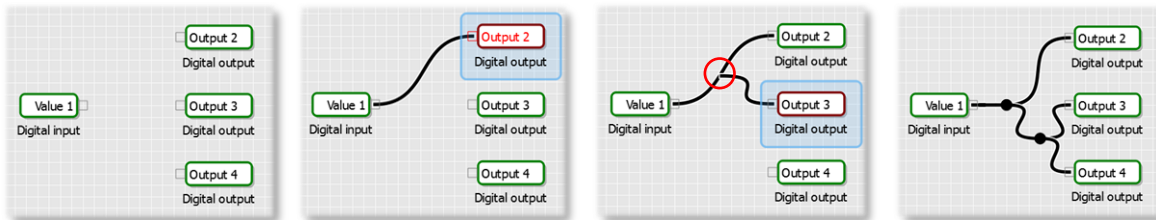
In order to route the connection around other blocks to improve the readability of the diagram, intermediate points can be added to the connection. Just click on an empty space while dragging the connection and an intermediate point will appear. Based on the connection profile, the connection will pass the intermediate point in either vertical or horizontal direction. To move the intermediate point, complete the connection, click on the intermediate point and drag it into the correct position.

Due to the properties of the block diagrams, left port (input) of each block can be connected to only one right port (output) of another (or the same) block. However, each output can be connected to multiple inputs. PoBlocks uses these rules and refuses a connection that breaks them.

In order to connect multiple inputs (left ports) to one output (right port), simply use the existing output port to start each connection.



Alternatively, link anchors can be used to split the connection to multiple inputs. Start by creating a base connection between one input and one output. Then, start adding another connection by clicking on an empty input and complete the connection by clicking on an existing connection.



8.7. Constant inputs

Often a simple constant value is used as an input parameter. In order to insert a constant value, right click on an empty input (left port) - constants can not be added to output (right ports). An default constant value 0 appears - to edit the value, just click on it and enter a new value. To replace the constant with a connection, simply drop the new connection to the port, containing the constant value - the constant value will be replaced by the newly established connection.

8.8. Removing connections

In order to remove an existing connection, select the connection by clicking on it and press 'Delete' button.

8.9. Configuring blocks

Basic blocks are configured using the properties panel on the right of the design area. Select a block first and the properties panel will be automatically populated with options for that block. Help for each property is included in the block help pop-up window in the block library.

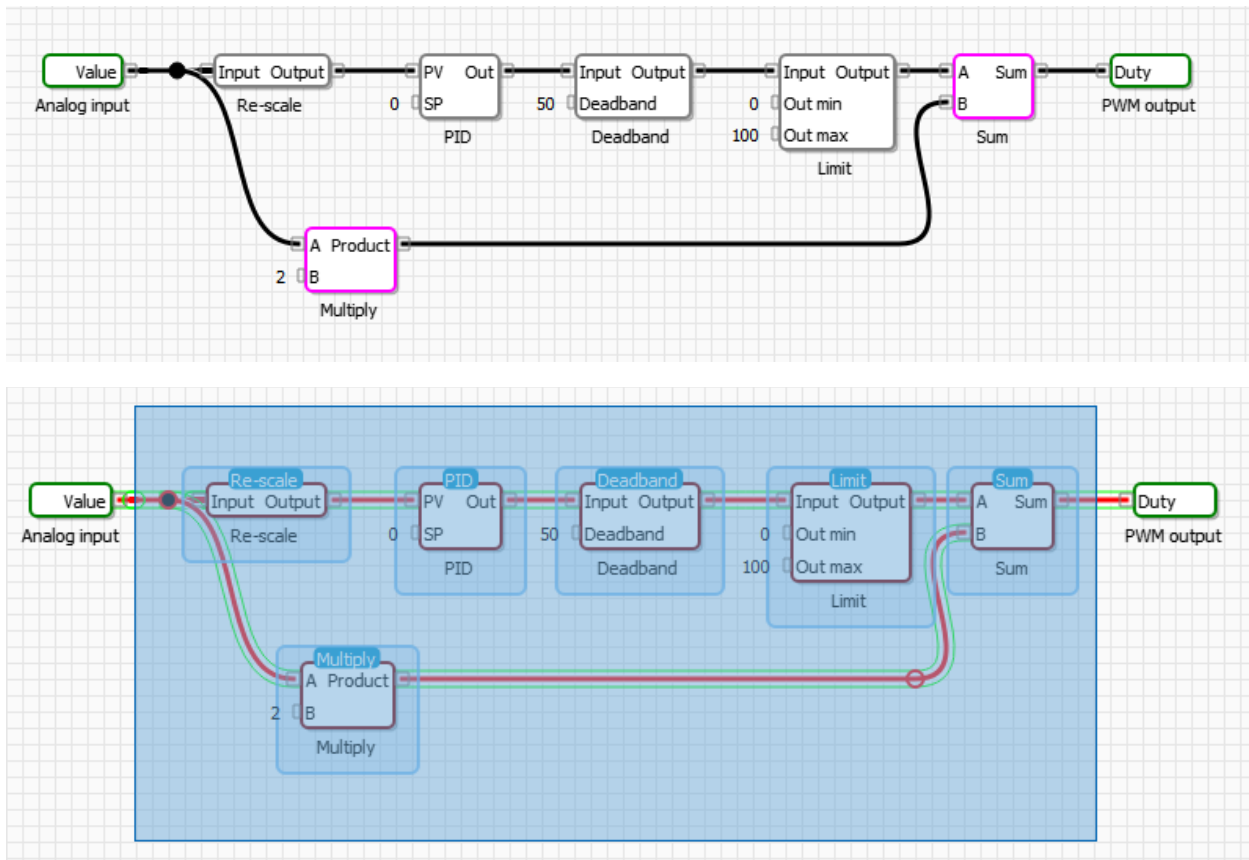
Advanced (extended) blocks (those that have light blue background) like Event drum, Look-up table, Schedule, LCD UI, Custom PoIL, etc. have a dedicated block properties editor. This editor is accessed by

double-clicking on a block. The description of each of these blocks can be found in the blocks section below.

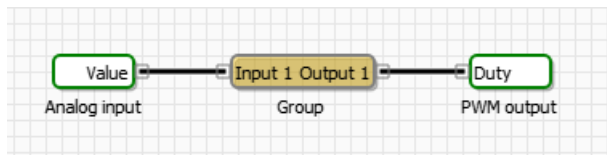
8.10. Blocks grouping

PoBlocks supports blocks grouping to manage the diagram complexity.

To create a group of blocks, select the blocks that will form a group, as shown below.

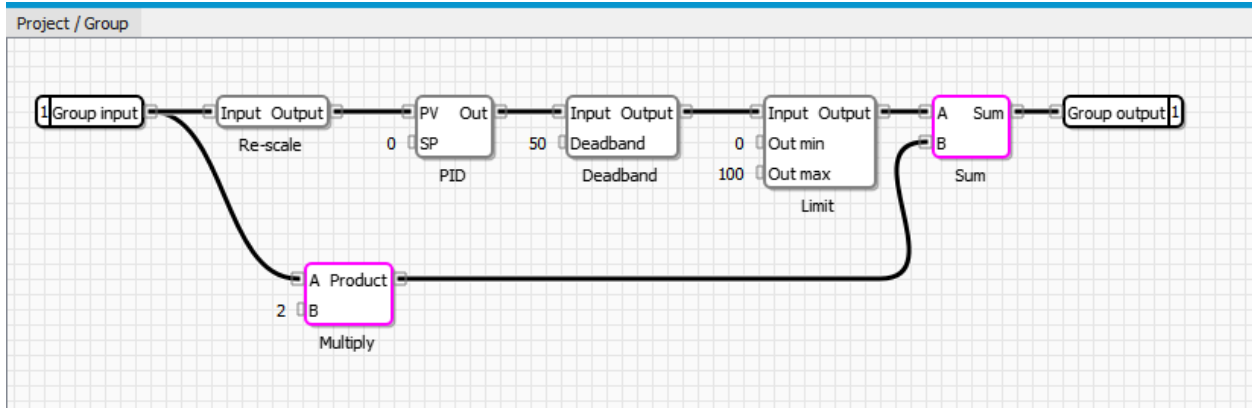


Press 'g' on the keyboard to create a group – blocks will be moved into the group block.



To access the group block contents, double-click the group block.

Note the navigation bar at the top changes in regards to the current view – when entering the group block, the navigation will add the '/ Group block name' to the current path, as shown below. Press 'Escape' on the keyboard to exit the group.



Names of the group block object are derived from the 'Group input' and 'Group output' blocks. Use the block property pane to change the position and the name of each input and output accordingly.

8.11. Importing group

PoBlocks also supports importing an existing PoBlocks project into the current diagram as a group by selecting File > Import as group.

9. Compile process

After PoBlocks diagram is finished, a built-in compiler is used to translate it into PoIL code that is then transferred and executed on a PoKeys device. During compiling, the diagram is checked for errors and if any are detected, a pop-up error list window will appear and compiler process will be stopped. User has to correct the errors before the diagram can be fully compiled and transferred to the PoKeys device.

Compile process executes the following operations

- The blocks are first put into a proper execution sequence based on their function and how they are connected to other blocks. PoIL core executes code of one block after the other and the proper sequence is required to obtain correct result. If the diagram consists of algebraic loops (closed loops containing blocks that can not be properly sectioned), an error is thrown and user has to insert a proper '1 T delay' block somewhere in the loop in order to instruct the compiler where to split the loop.
- After the block execution sequence is defined, PoIL code is generated for each block.
- Code of all blocks is joined and optimized.
- Compile time errors (if any) are displayed in the errors pop-up window.

10. Modes of operation (Run, Stop)

When a PoKeys device is selected in the 'Device selection' dialog, an operating mode of the PoIL core is automatically displayed in device controls as a highlighted item.



STOP: PoIL core is in STOPPED state, no PoIL code is being executed



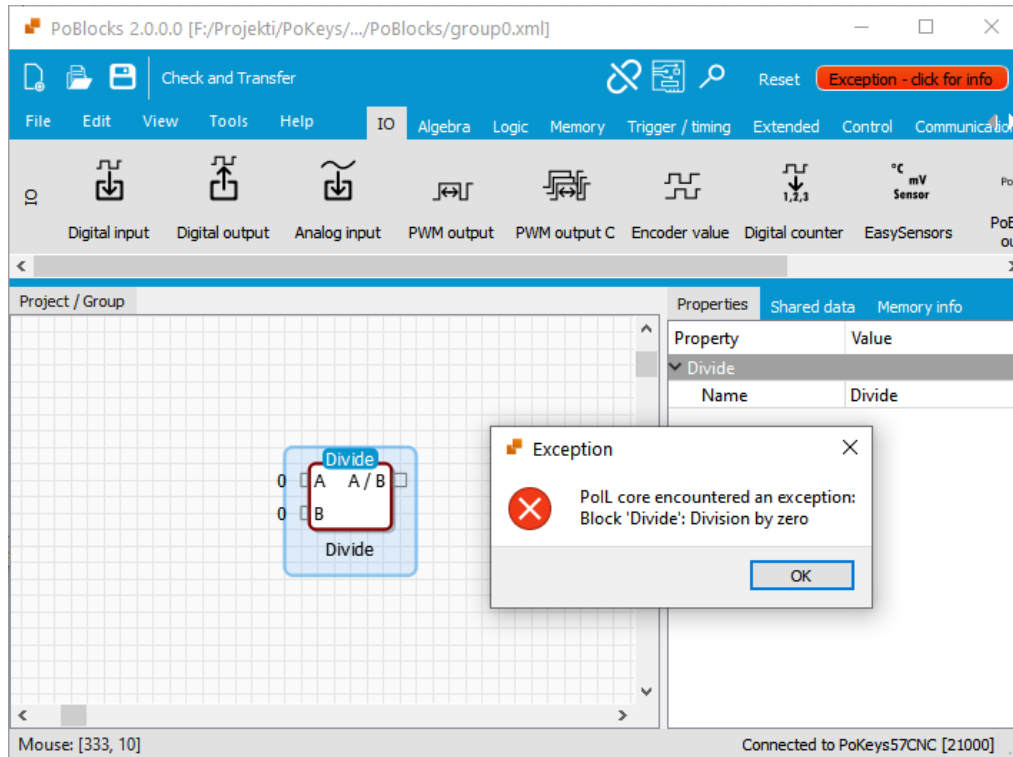
Run: PoIL core is running normally



Exception: PoIL core encountered an exception and had to be stopped. For more info on the cause of the exception, click the red Exception button.

11. Exceptions

The following figure displays a 'Division by zero' exception description after clicking the 'Exception' mode button in the device controls. The dialog also displays the most probable block that caused the exception.



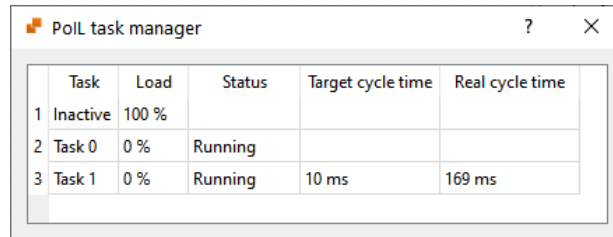
12. Monitor mode

PoBlocks features a 'Monitor mode' that is used to observe the PoBlocks diagram execution on the device in nearly real-time. Monitor mode can be enabled after the diagram is compiled and transferred to the device using the 'Monitor mode' toggle switch in device controls section. Once activated, no changes to the diagram are allowed until the monitor mode is deactivated.

All output ports of blocks in the diagram are equipped with the output value display that extend over the connection to the other block. Connections that carry Boolean signals (On/Off, True/False) are colored in gray (inactive = Off, False) or in light green (active = On, True), giving user a visual feedback of the diagram state.

13.Task manager

PoBlocks features task manager feature that gives the user an insight into how the PoIL code is being executed. Task manager can be accessed when the connection with PoKeys device is established by clicking on Tools > Task manger.



	Task	Load	Status	Target cycle time	Real cycle time
1	Inactive	100 %			
2	Task 0	0 %	Running		
3	Task 1	0 %	Running	10 ms	169 ms

Task manager shows all tasks that are currently being executed and the basic information on tasks' performances.

'Inactive' task shows how much 'Load' is still available to tasks (unused processing time)

Task 0 is the primary task being executed by PoKeys device. In periodic mode this task is only used to initialize and start other tasks and does not affect the operation afterwards, while in non-periodic mode, only task 0 is used for code execution.

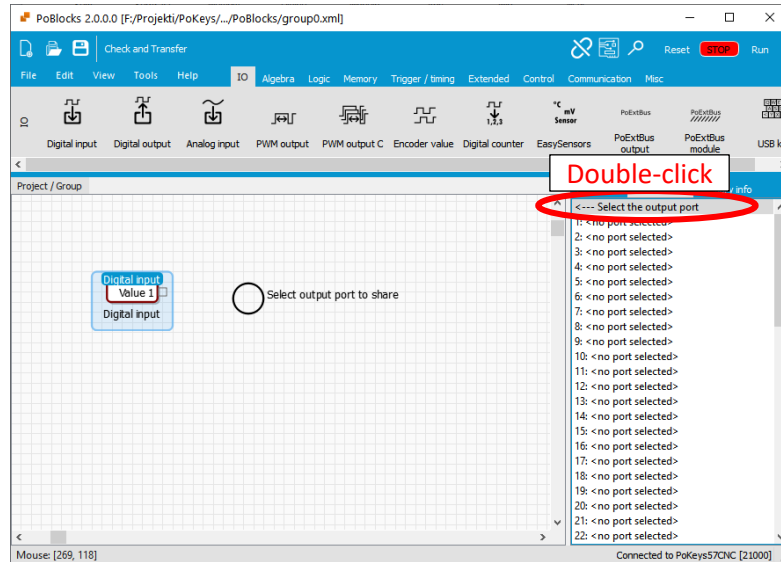
Last two columns show the 'Target cycle time' (set in the project settings) and 'Real cycle time' (true/real cycle time managed by the device).

14.Shared data

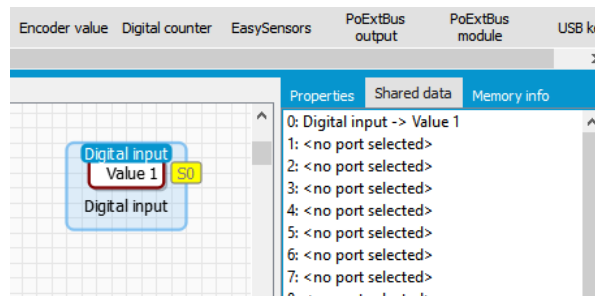
In order to share data between PoIL code and other PoKeys systems (Web dashboard and Modbus interface on Ethernet PoKeys devices, third-party applications on other devices or computers, connected to PoKeys, etc.) a shared data slots were introduced in PoKeys devices with PoIL core support. Each Shared data slot can hold 1-, 8-, 16- or 32-bit data, which can be read or written by any of the involved systems. Most frequently, PoIL code writes to Shared data slot in order to allow other systems (e.g. PoKeys Dashboard or Modbus device) or reads from Shared data slot in order to obtain data from other systems (e.g. user interaction via Dashboard or Modbus device operation).

14.1. Writing data to Shared data slot

In order to write data to shared data slot, switch to 'Shared data' tab in the properties section and double-click on an empty slot to start the slot assignment process (figure below). A circular selection will appear in the design area, instructing you to select an output port to share.



Move the cursor over to the port you want to share and click on it – this will complete the assignment process for that shared data slot. A shared port will be highlighted in yellow with the text showing ‘Sx’ (where x is the Shared data slot ID).

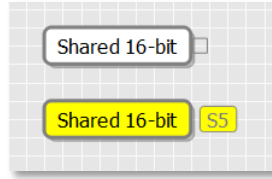


Shared slot ID (displayed as a shared slot index in the list and on every port with shared slot assigned to) is used to refer to this slot from other systems.

Certain memory objects (data latch, min/max value memory, etc.) can be used to read and write shared data slots. When a latch clock signal (for data latch) or lower/higher input value is detected, a shared data slot value is updated with a new value. If other systems write to the same shared data slot, this new value is used in PoLL code also.

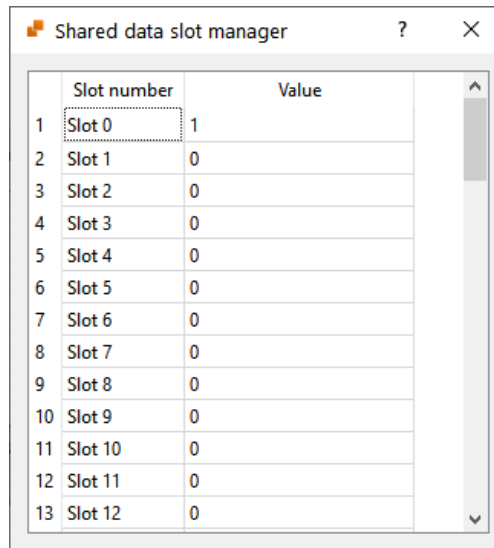
14.2. Reading data from shared data slots

Use one of the ‘Shared x-bit’ blocks (where x is 1, 8, 16 or 32) from the block library under the ‘Misc’ category. Shared data slot must then be assigned to the output port of that block (figure below illustrates a Shared 16-bit block without and with a shared data slot assigned).



14.3. Monitoring and changing of shared data slots

In order to see the values of shared data slots and/or to change it, open the Shared data slot manager (to open it, go to 'Tools > Shared slot manager' menu).



15. PoBlocks data types

In general, PoBlocks supports Boolean values (1-bit) and signed integer numbers (8-, 16- or 32-bit). While most of blocks use predefined data types for inputs and outputs, PoBlocks compiler converts between the types automatically without user intervention. Support for floating point arithmetic is not implemented, fix point arithmetic has to be used instead by the user (e.g. to obtain 0.01 resolution, all calculations must be done with numbers greater for a factor of 100, only divided or modulated by 100 when displaying the values to the user).

16. Blocks description

16.1. IO - Digital input

Description Digital input is used to read the state of the digital input on PoKeys device

Inputs None

Outputs **Value** (Logic): Digital input state

Properties **Pin ID** (Integer, 1 to 55): PoKeys pin ID as indicated on the device
Init function (Logic): If true, PoBlocks will setup the selected pin as digital input on startup
Inverted (Logic): If true, pin state will be inverted

Remarks None

16.2. IO - Digital output

Description Digital output is used to set the state of the digital output on PoKeys device

Inputs **Output** (Logic): Digital output state
Enable (Logic): Enable input. If 0, no write to output will be performed

Outputs None

Properties **Pin ID** (Integer, 1 to 55): PoKeys pin ID as indicated on the device
Init function (Logic): If true, PoBlocks will setup the selected pin as digital input on startup
Inverted (Logic): If true, pin state will be inverted
Default value (Logic): The default state of the output on reset (True=1, False=0)
Set to default on init (Logic): If true, the value of the output is set to *Default value* on reset
Show enable input (Logic): Set to True to display the *Enable* input

Remarks None

16.3. IO - Analog input

Description Analog input is used to read one analog input value on PoKeys device

Inputs None

Outputs **Value** (16-bit integer): Analog input value (0 to 4095)

Properties **Pin ID** (Integer, 41 to 47): PoKeys pin ID as indicated on the device
Init function (Logic): If true, PoBlocks will setup the selected pin as digital input on startup
Output value (Other type): Output value type selection

Remarks None

16.4. IO - PWM output

Description	PWM output is used to set the duty cycle of the PWM (<i>pulse width modulated</i>) output
Inputs	Duty (32-bit integer): Duty cycle in the range from 0 to <i>Duty range</i> (block parameter) Enable (Logic): Enable input. If 0, no write operation will be performed
Outputs	None
Properties	Pin ID (Integer, 17 to 22): PoKeys pin ID as indicated on the device PWM period (Integer): PWM period in PWM clocks (base PWM clock in PoKeys devices is 25 MHz) that is shared among all PWM outputs - to set the 1 ms period (1 kHz), set the value to 25000 Init period (Logic): If true, PoBlocks will initialize the PWM outputs with the specified <i>PWM period</i> value Duty range (Integer): Maximum value of <i>Duty</i> input that equals to 100% pulse width Default duty (Integer): Default value of the duty cycle (set on reset) Show enable input (Logic): Set to True to display the <i>Enable</i> input
Remarks	None

16.5. IO - PWM output C

Description	PWM output C is used to set the duty cycle and period of the PWM (<i>pulse width modulated</i>) outputs. PWM outputs 1 to 6 equate to pins 17 to 22 on PoKeys56E/U. Warning: pulse width anomalies can occur when changing PWM period.
Inputs	Period (32-bit integer): PWM period in PWM clocks (base PWM clock in PoKeys devices is 25 MHz) that is shared among all PWM outputs - to set the 1 ms period (1 kHz), set the value to 25000 Update period (Logic): Update input. On rising edge, PWM period will be updated Duty 1-6 (32-bit integer): Duty cycle for PWM output 1-6 in percent Enable (Logic): Enable input. If 0, no write operation will be performed
Outputs	None
Properties	Default period (Integer): Default PWM period (set on reset) Show enable input (Logic): Set to True to display the <i>Enable</i> input Default duty 1-6 (Integer): Default value of the duty cycle in percent
Remarks	None

16.6. IO - Encoder value

Description	Encoder value reads the value of the encoder counter
Inputs	None
Outputs	Encoder (32-bit integer): Encoder counter value
Properties	Encoder ID (Integer, 1 to 26): PoKeys encoder ID (0 to 25) Channel A pin (Integer, 1 to 55): PoKeys pin ID as indicated on the device, used for encoder A channel signal

Channel B pin (Integer, 1 to 55): PoKeys pin ID as indicated on the device, used for encoder B channel signal

Multiplier 4x (Logic): Activate the 4x multiplier for encoder signals - encoder counter is incremented on any change of the A or B signals

Init encoder (Logic): If true, PoBlocks will initialize the encoder with the specified settings on startup

Clear on start (Logic): If true, encoder counter will be reset on startup

Show reset input (Logic): If true, reset input is displayed

Remarks None

16.7. IO - Digital counter

Description Digital counter reads the value of the digital counter. Digital counter enables counting signals of higher frequencies

Inputs None

Outputs **Value** (32-bit integer): Digital counter value

Properties **Counter pin** (Integer, 1 to 55): PoKeys pin ID as indicated on the device, used as digital counter input. Not all pins support digital counters - advise PoKeys manual
Use direction pin (Logic): If True, pin specified by *Direction pin* is used to define the count direction

Direction pin (Integer, 1 to 55): PoKeys pin ID as indicated on the device, used as digital counter direction input

Rising edge (Logic): If true, counter will be incremented on rising signal edges

Falling edge (Logic): If true, counter will be incremented on falling signal edges

Clear on start (Logic): If true, counter will be reset on startup

Show reset input (Logic): If true, reset input is displayed

Remarks None

16.8. IO - Sensor value

Description Sensor value outputs the current value of the selected sensor

Inputs None

Outputs **Value** (32-bit integer): Sensor value

Sensor OK (Logic): Sensor status - 0 if sensor is inactive or error occurred

Properties **Sensor ID** (Integer, 1 to 27): PoKeys sensor ID as configured in PoKeys configuration - I2C sensors have IDs between 1 and 10, 1-wire sensors have IDs between 11 and 20, analog sensors have IDs between 21 and 27.

Remarks None

16.9. IO - PoExtBus output

Description PoExtBus output sets the state of one output on PoExtBus module

Inputs **Output** (Logic): Output state

Enable (Logic): Enable input. If 0, no write operation will be performed

Outputs None

Properties **Module number** (Integer, 1 to 10): PoExtBus module ID (1-10)

Module output (Integer, 1 to 8): PoExtBus output ID (1-8)

Default value (Logic): The default state of the output on reset (True=1, False=0)

Set to default on init (Logic): If true, the value of the output is set to *Default value* on reset

Show enable input (Logic): Set to True to display the *Enable* input

Remarks None

16.10. IO - PoExtBus module

Description PoExtBus module sets the state of 8 PoExtBus outputs on selected PoExtBus module

Inputs **Output 1-8** (Logic): Output state

Enable (Logic): Enable input. If 0, no write operation will be performed

Outputs None

Properties **Module number** (Integer, 1 to 10): PoExtBus module ID (1-10)

Set to default on init (Logic): If true, the value of the output is set to *Default value* on reset

Output 1-8 default (Logic): The default state of the output on reset (True=1, False=0)

Show enable input (Logic): Set to True to display the *Enable* input

Remarks None

16.11. IO - Pulse engine status

Description Pulse engine status - current position of the pulse engine

Inputs None

Outputs **x** (32-bit integer): x axis

y (32-bit integer): y axis

z (32-bit integer): z axis

Properties None

Remarks

16.12. Algebra - Sum

Description Sum of inputs

Inputs **A** (32-bit integer): First variable A

B (32-bit integer): Second variable B

C (32-bit integer): Third variable C
D (32-bit integer): Forth variable D
Outputs **Sum** (32-bit integer): Sum of A and B
Properties **Inputs** (Integer, 2 to 4): Number of inputs
Remarks None

16.13. Algebra - Subtract

Description Difference of two inputs
Inputs **A** (32-bit integer): First variable A
B (32-bit integer): Second variable B
Outputs **A - B** (32-bit integer): Difference of A and B (A - B)
Properties None
Remarks None

16.14. Algebra - Multiply

Description Product of inputs
Inputs **A** (32-bit integer): First variable A
B (32-bit integer): Second variable B
C (32-bit integer): Third variable C
D (32-bit integer): Forth variable D
Outputs **Product** (32-bit integer): Product of inputs
Properties **Inputs** (Integer, 2 to 4): Number of inputs
Remarks None

16.15. Algebra - Divide

Description Division of two inputs
Inputs **A** (32-bit integer): First variable A
B (32-bit integer): Second variable B
Outputs **A / B** (32-bit integer): Division result of A and B (A / B)
Properties None
Remarks Division by zero triggers a Division by zero exception in PoIL core. To stop this from happening, 'Disable division by zero exception' must be enabled in project properties

16.16. Algebra - Modulo

Description Modulo operation of two inputs
Inputs **A** (32-bit integer): First variable A
B (32-bit integer): Second variable B
Outputs **A mod B** (32-bit integer): Modulo operation result (A modulo B)

Properties None
Remarks None

16.17. Algebra - Abs

Description Absolute value of the input signal
Inputs **Input** (32-bit integer): Input variable
Outputs **Output** (32-bit integer): Absolute value of the input variable
Properties None
Remarks None

16.18. Algebra - Min

Description Min Minimum of inputs
Inputs **A** (32-bit integer): First variable A
B (32-bit integer): Second variable B
C (32-bit integer): Third variable C
D (32-bit integer): Forth variable D
Outputs **Min** (32-bit integer): Minimum value of inputs
Properties **Inputs** (Integer, 2 to 4): Number of inputs
Remarks None

16.19. Algebra - Max

Description Max Maximum of inputs
Inputs **A** (32-bit integer): First variable A
B (32-bit integer): Second variable B
C (32-bit integer): Third variable C
D (32-bit integer): Forth variable D
Outputs **Max** (32-bit integer): Maximum value of inputs
Properties **Inputs** (Integer, 2 to 4): Number of inputs
Remarks None

16.20. Logic - NOT

Description NOT : negation logic
Inputs **Input** (Logic): Input signal
Outputs **!Input** (Logic): Negated input signal
Properties None
Remarks None

16.21. Logic - AND

Description AND : logical AND operation
Inputs **A** (Logic): A signal input
B (Logic): B signal input
C (Logic): C signal input
D (Logic): D signal input
Outputs **AND** (Logic): Result of logical AND operation on input signals
NAND (Logic): Negated result of logical AND operation
Properties **Show negated output** (Logic): Set to True to display the *NAND* output
Inputs (Integer, 2 to 4): Number of logical inputs
Remarks None

16.22. Logic - OR

Description OR : logical OR operation
Inputs **A** (Logic): A signal input
B (Logic): B signal input
C (Logic): C signal input
D (Logic): D signal input
Outputs **OR** (Logic): Result of logical OR operation on input signals
NOR (Logic): Negated result of logical OR operation
Properties **Show negated output** (Logic): Set to True to display the *NOR* output
Inputs (Integer, 2 to 4): Number of logical inputs
Remarks None

16.23. Logic - XOR

Description XOR : logical XOR operation
Inputs **A** (Logic): A signal input
B (Logic): B signal input
Outputs **XOR** (Logic): Result of logical XOR operation on input signals
EQ (Logic): Negated result of logical XOR operation
Properties **Show negated output** (Logic): Set to True to display the *EQ* output
Remarks None

16.24. Logic - Compare (GT)

Description Compare (GT) checks whether *Value* is **greater** than *Reference*
Inputs **Value** (32-bit integer): Input signal
Reference (32-bit integer): Reference signal
Outputs **Result** (Logic): Result of comparison - 1 if condition is met, 0 otherwise

!Result (Logic): Negated result of the comparison
Properties **Show negated output** (Logic): Set to True to display the negated result output
Remarks None

16.25. Logic - Compare (GE)

Description Compare (GE) checks whether *Value* is **greater than or equal** to *Reference*
Inputs **Value** (32-bit integer): Input signal
Reference (32-bit integer): Reference signal
Outputs **Result** (Logic): Result of comparison - 1 if condition is met, 0 otherwise
!Result (Logic): Negated result of the comparison
Properties **Show negated output** (Logic): Set to True to display the negated result output
Remarks None

16.26. Logic - Compare (EQ)

Description Compare (EQ) checks whether *Value* is **equal** to *Reference*
Inputs **Value** (32-bit integer): Input signal
Reference (32-bit integer): Reference signal
Outputs **Result** (Logic): Result of comparison - 1 if condition is met, 0 otherwise
!Result (Logic): Negated result of the comparison
Properties **Show negated output** (Logic): Set to True to display the negated result output
Remarks None

16.27. Logic - Compare (LE)

Description Compare (LE) checks whether *Value* is **lower than or equal** to *Reference*
Inputs **Value** (32-bit integer): Input signal
Reference (32-bit integer): Reference signal
Outputs **Result** (Logic): Result of comparison - 1 if condition is met, 0 otherwise
!Result (Logic): Negated result of the comparison
Properties **Show negated output** (Logic): Set to True to display the negated result output
Remarks None

16.28. Logic - Compare (LT)

Description Compare (LT) checks whether *Value* is **lower** than *Reference*
Inputs **Value** (32-bit integer): Input signal
Reference (32-bit integer): Reference signal
Outputs **Result** (Logic): Result of comparison - 1 if condition is met, 0 otherwise
!Result (Logic): Negated result of the comparison
Properties **Show negated output** (Logic): Set to True to display the negated result output

Remarks None

16.29. Logic - Compare (NE)

Description Compare (NE) checks whether *Value* is **not equal** to *Reference*

Inputs **Value** (32-bit integer): Input signal
Reference (32-bit integer): Reference signal

Outputs **Result** (Logic): Result of comparison - 1 if condition is met, 0 otherwise
!Result (Logic): Negated result of the comparison

Properties **Show negated output** (Logic): Set to True to display the negated result output

Remarks None

16.30. Memory - Set/Reset latch

Description Set/Reset latch simulates an (asynchronous) SR (Set/Reset) latch

Inputs **S** (Logic): Set input signal
R (Logic): Reset input signal

Outputs **Q** (Logic): Latch state

Properties **Default value** (Logic): Default value on reset
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.
Initial value (Logic): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

16.31. Memory - JK latch

Description JK latch simulates an (asynchronous) JK latch

Inputs **J** (Logic): J input signal
K (Logic): K input signal

Outputs **Q** (Logic): Latch state

Properties **Default value** (Logic): Default value on reset
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM.
Initial value (Logic): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

16.32. Memory - D latch

Description D latch simulates an (asynchronous) D latch

Inputs **D** (Logic): D input signal
E (Logic): E(nable) input signal

Outputs **Q** (Logic): Latch state
Properties **Default value** (Logic): Default value on reset
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM.
Initial value (Logic): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.
Remarks None

16.33. Memory - JK flip-flop

Description JK flip-flop simulates a JK flip-flop
Inputs **J** (Logic): J input signal
CLK (Logic): Clock input signal
K (Logic): K input signal
Outputs **Q** (Logic): Flip-flop state
Properties **Default value** (Logic): Default value on reset
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM.
Initial value (Logic): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.
Remarks None

16.34. Memory - D flip-flop

Description D flip-flop simulates a D flip-flop
Inputs **D** (Logic): D input signal
CLK (Logic): Clock input signal
Outputs **Q** (Logic): Flip-flop state
Properties **Default value** (Logic): Default value on reset
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM.
Initial value (Logic): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.
Remarks None

16.35. Memory - T flip-flop

Description T flip-flop simulates a T flip-flop
Inputs **T** (Logic): T input signal
CLK (Logic): Clock input signal
Outputs **Q** (Logic): Flip-flop state
Properties **Default value** (Logic): Default value on reset
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM.
Initial value (Logic): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.
Remarks None

16.36. Memory - Data latch

Description	Data latch simulates a data latch. Similar to D flip-flop, but supports integers for input (D flip-flop uses logical signals only)
Inputs	Data in (32-bit integer): Integer data input CLK (Logic): Clock input signal
Outputs	Value (32-bit integer): Stored integer data Value F (32-bit integer): Stored integer data (on falling edge) in bi-directional mode
Properties	Default value (Integer): Default reset value Bi-directional (Logic): If True, the latch samples on both the rising edge and falling edge. Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting. Initial value (Integer): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.
Remarks	None

16.37. Memory - 1 T delay

Description	1 T delay simulates a one-cycle delay
Inputs	In (32-bit integer): Integer data input
Outputs	Q (32-bit integer): Integer data output
Properties	Default value (Integer): Default reset value
Remarks	None

16.38. Memory - MIN memory

Description	MIN memory remembers the minimum value of the <i>Data in</i> signal. Use <i>CLK</i> input to reset the memory.
Inputs	Data in (32-bit integer): Integer data input CLK (Logic): Clock input signal
Outputs	Value (32-bit integer): Stored minimum value
Properties	Default value (Integer): Default reset value Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disabled default value setting. Initial value (Integer): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.
Remarks	None

16.39. Memory - MAX memory

Description MAX memory remembers the maximum value of the *Data in* signal. Use *CLK* input to reset the memory.

Inputs **Data in** (32-bit integer): Integer data input
CLK (Logic): Clock input signal

Outputs **Value** (32-bit integer): Stored maximum value

Properties **Default value** (Integer): Default reset value
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disabled default value setting.
Initial value (Integer): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

16.40. Memory - RAM (8-bit)

Description RAM (8-bit)

Inputs **Data** (8-bit integer): Integer data input
Address store (16-bit integer): Address of the destination memory
CLK store (Logic): Clock input signal for storing data
Address load (16-bit integer): Address of the destination memory
CLK load (Logic): Clock input signal for retrieving data

Outputs **Data out** (8-bit integer): Stored integer data (on falling edge) in bi-directional mode

Properties **Memory size** (Integer, 1 to 255): Number of memory cells
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.
Initial value (Integer, 0 to 255): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.
Initial RAM value (Integer, 0 to 255): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

16.41. Memory - RAM (16-bit)

Description RAM (16-bit)

Inputs **Data** (16-bit integer): Integer data input
Address store (16-bit integer): Address of the destination memory
CLK store (Logic): Clock input signal for storing data
Address load (16-bit integer): Address of the destination memory
CLK load (Logic): Clock input signal for retrieving data

Outputs **Data out** (16-bit integer): Stored integer data (on falling edge) in bi-directional mode

Properties **Memory size** (Integer, 1 to 255): Number of memory cells
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.

Initial value (Integer, 0 to 65535): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Initial RAM value (Integer, 0 to 65535): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

16.42. Memory - RAM (32-bit)

Description RAM (32-bit)

Inputs **Data** (32-bit integer): Integer data input

Address store (16-bit integer): Address of the destination memory

CLK store (Logic): Clock input signal for storing data

Address load (16-bit integer): Address of the destination memory

CLK load (Logic): Clock input signal for retrieving data

Outputs **Data** (32-bit integer): Stored integer data (on falling edge) in bi-directional mode

Properties **Memory size** (Integer, 1 to 255): Number of memory cells

Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.

Initial value (Integer): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Initial RAM value (Integer): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

16.43. Memory - Sample/hold

Description Sample/hold simulates a sample and hold element. When the sample input is enabled, the block operates in transparent mode. When sample input is disabled, the output retains the last value.

Inputs **Data in** (32-bit integer): Integer data input

Sample (Logic): Sample input signal

Outputs **Value** (32-bit integer): Stored integer data

Properties **Default value** (Integer): Default reset value

Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.

Initial value (Integer): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

16.44. Trigger / timing - Clock source

Description Clock source

Inputs **Half time-period** (32-bit integer): Dynamic *Half time-period* optional input

Outputs **Clock** (Logic):

Properties **Half time-period** (Integer, 1 to 3600000): Half of the clock time period (in milliseconds - set to 500 for 1 Hz clock)

Show dynamic input (Logic): If set to True, Half-time period input is enabled

Remarks None

16.45. Trigger / timing - Rising edge

Description Rising edge triggers the output when the *Input* signal value changes from 0 to 1 (rises)

Inputs **Input** (Logic): Input signal

Outputs **Change** (Logic): Output indicating a change in the input signal

Properties None

Remarks None

16.46. Trigger / timing - Falling edge

Description Falling edge triggers the output when the *Input* signal value changes from 1 to 0 (falls)

Inputs **Input** (Logic): Input signal

Outputs **Change** (Logic): Output indicating a change in the input signal

Properties None

Remarks None

16.47. Trigger / timing - Up counter

Description Up counter counts the *Clock* input positive (rising) changes from 0 to value, specified by *PV* input

Inputs **Clock** (Logic): Counter pulse signal

Reset (Logic): When 1, resets the counter value *Value* to 0

PV (32-bit integer): Maximum counter value

Outputs **Q** (Logic): Indicates whether counter has reached maximum value

Value (32-bit integer): Current counter value

Properties **Default value** (Integer): Default reset value of the counter

Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.

Initial value (Integer): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

16.48. Trigger / timing - Down counter

Description Down counter decrements the counter on the *Clock* input positive (rising) changes from value, specified by *PV* input, to 0

Inputs ***Clock*** (Logic): Counter pulse signal
Load PV (Logic): When 1, counter value *Value* is loaded with value of *PV*
PV (32-bit integer): Initial counter value

Outputs ***Q*** (Logic): Indicates whether counter has reached 0
Value (32-bit integer): Current counter value

Properties ***Default value*** (Integer): Default reset value of the counter
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.
Initial value (Integer): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

16.49. Trigger / timing - Up/down counter

Description Up/down counter increments the counter value on the *Clock up* input positive (rising) changes and decrements the counter on the *Clock down* input positive (rising) changes. The counter value *Value* is limited to the range between (including) 0 to *PV*

Inputs ***Clock up*** (Logic): Counter increasing pulse signal
Clock down (Logic): Counter decreasing pulse signal
Reset (Logic): When 1, resets the counter value *Value* to 0
Load PV (Logic): When 1, counter value *Value* is loaded with value of *PV*
PV (32-bit integer): Initial/maximum counter value

Outputs ***QU*** (Logic): Indicates whether counter has reached maximum value
QD (Logic): Indicates whether counter has reached 0
Value (32-bit integer): Current counter value

Properties ***Default value*** (Integer): Default reset value of the counter
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.
Initial value (Integer): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

16.50. Trigger / timing - Pulse timer

Description Pulse timer triggers on *IN* high input signal and turns off after the period defined by *PT*, unaffected by the *IN* signal state during this period as illustrated below

Inputs **IN** (Logic): Timer activation signal input
PT (32-bit integer): Timer period signal input (in ms)

Outputs **Q** (Logic): Timer activation status signal
ET (32-bit integer): Timer current time signal (in ms)

Properties None

Remarks

16.51. Trigger / timing - On timer

Description

On timer or (on delay timer) starts counting time on *IN* input signal rising edge and turns on after the period defined by *PT*. The timer is reset if the input signal *IN* goes to low state as illustrated below

Inputs **IN** (Logic): Timer activation signal input
PT (32-bit integer): Timer period signal input (in ms)

Outputs **Q** (Logic): Timer activation status signal
ET (32-bit integer): Timer current time signal (in ms)

Properties None

Remarks

16.52. Trigger / timing - Off timer

Description

Off timer or (off delay timer) activates on *IN* high input signal state. The timer starts counting on the *IN* input signal falling edge and turns off after the period defined by *PT*. The counter is reset if the input signal *IN* goes to high state and the timer stays activated as illustrated below

Inputs **IN** (Logic): Timer activation signal input
PT (32-bit integer): Timer period signal input (in ms)

Outputs **Q** (Logic): Timer activation status signal
ET (32-bit integer): Timer current time signal (in ms)

Properties None

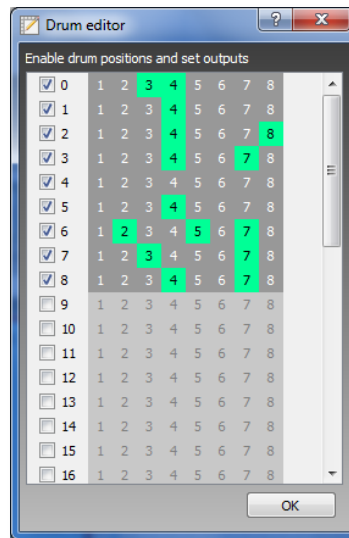
Remarks

16.53. Trigger / timing - Time

Description Time is used to read current date and time
 Inputs None
 Outputs **Second** (8-bit integer): Seconds
Minute (8-bit integer): Minute
Hour (8-bit integer): Hour
Day of month (8-bit integer): Day of month
Month (8-bit integer): Month
Year (16-bit integer): Year
Day of week (8-bit integer): Day of week
 Properties None
 Remarks None

16.54. Extended - Event drum

Description Event drum resembles a mechanical contact drum and enables easy-to-use programming of various output sequences. Double-click on block to edit configuration.
 Inputs **Position** (32-bit integer): Drum position input (in the range from 0 to number of entries - 1)
 Outputs **Out 1-8** (Logic): Drum output 1-8 signal
 Properties None
 Remarks Event drum editor (see figure below) is used to define outputs at each drum slot. Left-click to toggle output (Green = activated) and use check boxes on the left to set the number of slots on the drum.



16.55. Extended - Look-up table (byte)

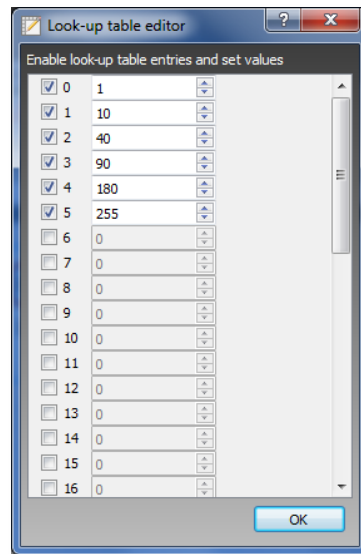
Description Look-up table (byte) is used to select data from the table. Double-click on block to edit configuration.

Inputs **Position** (32-bit integer): Look-up table entry index

Outputs **Out** (8-bit integer): Entry value

Properties None

Remarks Use look-up table editor to set values of the entries. Use check boxes on the left to set number of entries in the table.



16.56. Extended - Schedule

Description Schedule is used to setup activation schedule by configuring multiple intervals. To setup the intervals, double click on the block in the scheme.

Inputs None

Outputs **Out** (8-bit integer): Activation signal

Out 1 - 10 (8-bit integer): Interval-specific optional outputs.

Rule 1 - 10 (32-bit integer): interval-specific optional rule access, that can be used to access and modify rule data using shared slots.

Properties **Separate outputs** (Logic): When enabled, each interval rule drives its own output, Out is still the OR-ed value of all.

Expose rules values (Logic): When enabled, each interval rule is connected to the output, allowing remote changes to the intervals.

Rules (Integer, 1 to 10): Number of scheduler rules

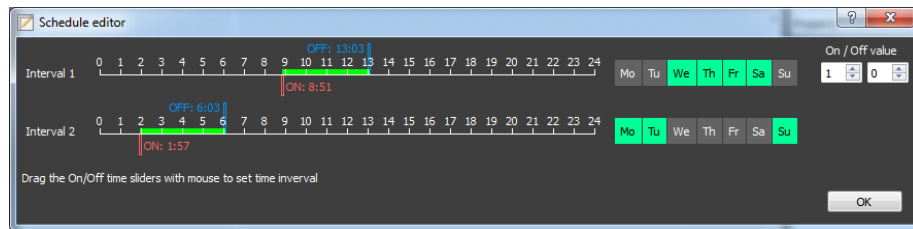
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.

Remarks Use schedule editor to configure the time-based output activation rules. Up to 10 rules can be defined for a single Schedule block a slider-based interface. Double-click

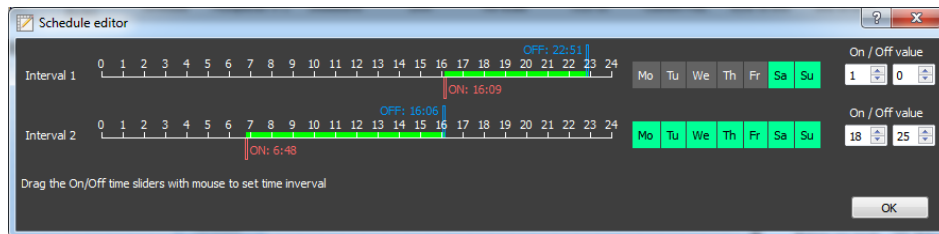
the Schedule block to access the editor. Each rule defines one time interval during which the output is activated. Use left mouse button to drag the ON and OFF sliders to appropriate positions and select weekdays that the rule is valid on. If OFF slider is positioned to the left of the ON slider, ON slider time refers to the time in the next day.

By default, 2 rules are available for setup (to increase the number of rules, change the 'Rules' property of the block).

With separate outputs option set to 'False', the block outputs single value, based on the On/Off values, defined in the Schedule block editor (in upper-right corner).



If separate outputs option is enabled (set to 'True'), the Schedule block outputs separate values for each defined rule with their respective On and Off values, set in the fields on the right side of the dialog. The 'Out' output outputs a logical 1/0 value, indicating whether any of the rules is active or not.



In order to allow remote schedule modification, 'Expose rules values' option is available. Additional rules outputs appear on the block, which can be connected to Shared data slots. The rule is bit-wise encoded in a 32-bit value as described in the list below:

- Bits 0-5: onMinute
- Bits 6-10: onHour
- Bits 11-16: offMinute
- Bits 17-21: offHour
- Bits 22-28: bit-encoded week days
- Bits 29-31: unused

16.57. Extended - Multiplexer n-1

Description Multiplexer n-1 routes an input, specified by the *SEL* input, to output. Unconnected input will be resolved as 0.

Inputs **SEL** (8-bit integer): SEL
In 1-10 (32-bit integer): Input 1-10
Outputs **Out** (32-bit integer): Value of the selected input
Properties **Inputs** (Integer, 2 to 10): Number of inputs
Remarks None

16.58. Extended - Deadband

Description Deadband adds symmetrical deadband effect to the input signal.
Inputs **Input** (32-bit integer): Input signal
Deadband (32-bit integer): (Half-)deadband width
Outputs **Output** (32-bit integer): Signal with deadband
Properties None
Remarks None

16.59. Extended - Limit

Description Limit adds limit effect to the input signal.
Inputs **Input** (32-bit integer): Input signal
Out min (32-bit integer): Minimum output signal value
Out max (32-bit integer): Maximum output signal value
Outputs **Output** (32-bit integer): Limited signal
Properties None
Remarks None

16.60. Extended - Re-scale

Description Re-scale rescales the input signal using the specified ranges
Inputs **Input** (32-bit integer): Input signal
Outputs **Output** (32-bit integer): Rescaled signal
Properties **Input min** (Integer): Minimum value of the input signal
Input max (Integer): Maximum value of the input signal
Output min (Integer): Output signal at the minimum input signal
Output max (Integer): Output signal at the maximum input signal
Limit output (Logic): Limit output to the specified range
Remarks None

16.61. Extended - LCD UI

Description LCD UI is used to configure user interface on alphanumeric LCD. LCD UI supports multiple LCD layouts (LCD contents), which can be selected/switched using the 'Layout' input. Each layout can contain different static (text) and dynamic (block

output values) content.

LCD UI block must be stimulated on the refresh input in order to refresh the contents of the LCD. LCD refresh is a time-consuming operation and is not done by PoBlocks or PoIL code by itself – user has to define a proper refresh time using clock signal block or generate a signal to refresh the LCD otherwise.

Double-click on block to edit configuration.

Inputs **Layout** (Logic): Layout selection input

Refresh (Logic): Refresh input. LCD interface will be refreshed on low-to-high transition

Outputs None

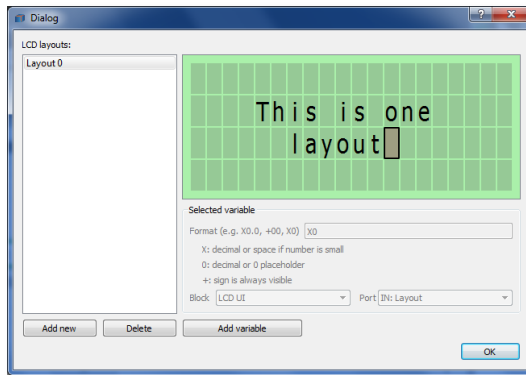
Properties **Use secondary pins** (Logic): If True, LCD will be initialized on secondary pins as described in PoKeys manual

LCD rows (Integer, 1 to 4): Number of rows in the LCD display

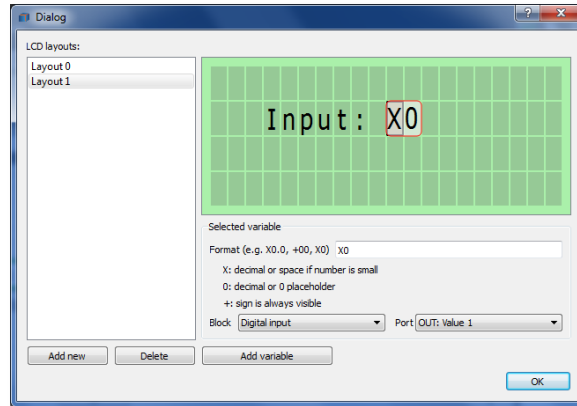
LCD columns (Integer, 1 to 20): Number of columns in the LCD display

Remarks LCD UI editor is split into layouts list on the left and a current layout editor on the right. Start by adding a new layout using 'Add new' button on the bottom. Select the new layout and place static or dynamic contents to LCD.

To place static contents (text), click on the position on the LCD simulator and enter the text. To navigate with keyboard, use arrow keys.



Dynamic content is placed using the 'Add variable' button on the bottom. Move cursor to the position where you want to position the dynamic contents and press 'Add variable'. A grey rounded rectangle will appear – click on it to edit the display properties, use the 'Format' field to enter the number format and 'Block', 'Port' drop-down boxes to select the data source.



16.62. Extended - Custom PoIL

Description Custom PoIL for custom PoIL code - double-click on block to edit code
Inputs Up to 10 inputs of various types
Outputs Up to 10 outputs of various types
Properties None
Remarks None

16.1. Extended – ST block

Description ST code block - double-click on block to edit code
Inputs Up to 10 inputs of various types
Outputs Up to 10 outputs of various types
Properties None
Remarks None

16.2. Extended - Byte to bits

Description Byte to bits extracts individual bits from the byte variable on input, bit 0 being least-significant one
Inputs **In** (8-bit integer): Input variable
Outputs **Bit 0-7** (Logic): Bit 0 (LSb) - Bit 7 (MSb)
Properties None
Remarks None

16.3. Extended - Bits to byte

Description Bits to byte joins individual bits to the byte variable on output, bit 0 being least-significant one

Inputs **Bit 0** (Logic): Bit 0 (LSb) - Bit 7 (MSb)
Outputs **Out** (8-bit integer): Output variable
Properties None
Remarks None

16.4. Control - On/off

Description On/off
Inputs **PV** (32-bit integer): Process Variable input (current value of the controlled variable)
SP (32-bit integer): Set Point
Outputs **Out** (32-bit integer): On/Off controller output
Properties **Gain** (Integer): Controller gain
Hysteresis (Integer): Half of the controller hysteresis - the difference between turn-on and turn-off points . The controller turns on at $PV < SP - \text{hysteresis}/2$ and turns off at $PV > SP + \text{hysteresis}/2$
Remarks None

16.5. Control - PID

Description PID (PID controller) is an implementation of a standard PID controller with filtered D-part and output limits with integral anti-windup protection.
Inputs **PV** (32-bit integer): Process Variable input (current value of the controlled variable)
SP (32-bit integer): Set Point
Outputs **Out** (32-bit integer): PID controller output (in the range from *Out min* to *Out max*)
Properties **K** (Floating point): Proportional gain
Ti (Floating point): Integral time constant in seconds
Td (Floating point): Derivative time constant in seconds
Tf (Floating point): Derivative filter time constant - set to a fraction of *Td*
Out min (Integer): Output lower limitation (minimum output value)
Out max (Integer): Output upper limitation (maximum output value)
Remarks When cycle time of the project is set to 0, PID block can not be used in the diagram due to improper timing.

16.6. Communication - 1-wire R/W

Description 1-wire write and read operation block
Inputs **ICLK** (Logic/clock): Inverted clock input signal
Write 1 - 10 (8-bit integer): Bytes 1 - 10 to write to 1-wire device
Outputs **Busy** (Logic): Busy signal
Read 1 - 10 (8-bit integer): Bytes 1 - 10 that are read from 1-wire device
Properties **Write count** (Integer, 0 to 10): Number of bytes to write to 1-wire bus

Read count (Integer, 0 to 10): Number of bytes to read from 1-wire bus

Remarks Communication is started on **falling** edge of the !CLK input in order to support chaining multiple communication blocks using busy signals - when one device completes the communication session, its Busy signal goes from 1 to 0, which then triggers a communication session on another block in the chain.

16.7. Communication - I2C read

Description I²C read operation block

Inputs **!CLK** (Logic/clock): Inverted clock input signal
Address (8-bit integer): I²C device address

Outputs **Busy** (Logic): Busy signal
Error (Logic): Error signal
Read 1 - 10 (8-bit integer): Bytes 1 - 10 to be read from I2C device

Properties **Read count** (Integer, 0 to 10): Number of bytes to read from I²C device

Remarks Communication is started on **falling** edge of the !CLK input in order to support chaining multiple communication blocks using busy signals - when one device completes the communication session, its Busy signal goes from 1 to 0, which then triggers a communication session on another block in the chain.

16.8. Communication - I2C write

Description I²C write operation block

Inputs **!CLK** (Logic/clock): Inverted clock input signal
Address (8-bit integer): I²C device address
Write 1 - 10 (8-bit integer): Bytes 1 - 10 to write to I2C device

Outputs **Busy** (Logic): Busy signal
Error (Logic): Error signal

Properties **Write count** (Integer, 0 to 10): Number of bytes to write to I²C device

Remarks Communication is started on **falling** edge of the !CLK input in order to support chaining multiple communication blocks using busy signals - when one device completes the communication session, its Busy signal goes from 1 to 0, which then triggers a communication session on another block in the chain.

16.9. Misc - Comment

Description Comment is used to enter comments

Inputs None

Outputs None

Properties **Comment**: Comment text

Remarks None

16.10. Misc - To

Description To is used to route signals across the schematic. To connect *To* and *From* blocks, identical *Link ID* must be specified.

Inputs >>>: Input port of the link

Outputs None

Properties **Link ID** (Integer): Link ID - see block description

Remarks Only one 'To' block can be specified for one *Link ID*, while multiple 'From' blocks can be specified for the same *Link ID*

16.11. Misc - From

Description From is used to route signals across the schematic

Inputs None

Outputs >>>: Output port of the link

Properties **Link ID** (Integer): Link ID - see block description

Remarks Only one 'To' block can be specified for one *Link ID*, while multiple 'From' blocks can be specified for the same *Link ID*

16.12. Misc - Shared 1-bit

Description Shared 1-bit simulates a simple memory latch for use with shared slots.

Inputs None

Outputs (Logic): Stored integer data

Properties **Default value** (Logic): Default reset value

Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.

Initial value (Logic): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

16.13. Misc - Shared 8-bit

Description Shared 8-bit simulates a simple memory latch for use with shared slots.

Inputs None

Outputs (8-bit integer): Stored integer data

Properties **Default value** (Integer): Default reset value

Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.

Initial value (Integer): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

16.14. Misc - Shared 16-bit

Description Shared 16-bit simulates a simple memory latch for use with shared slots.

Inputs None

Outputs (16-bit integer): Stored integer data

Properties **Default value** (Integer): Default reset value
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.
Initial value (Integer): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

16.15. Misc - Shared 32-bit

Description Shared 32-bit simulates a simple memory latch for use with shared slots.

Inputs None

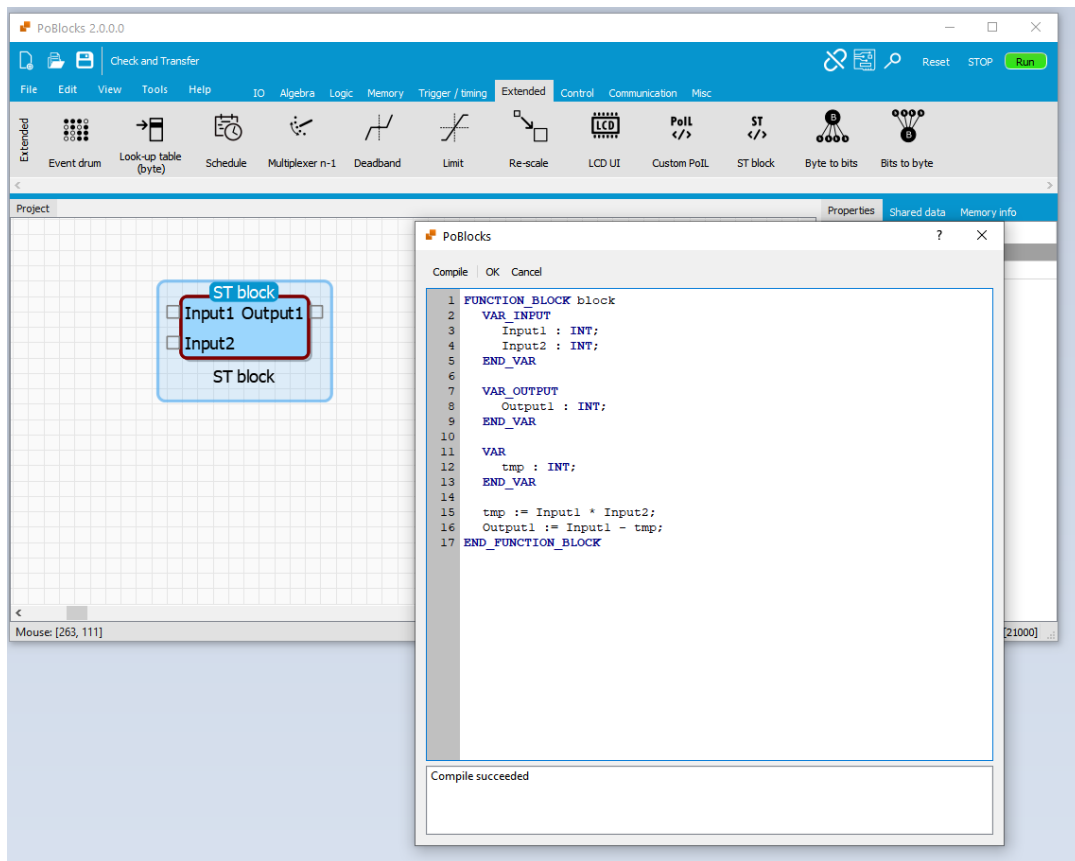
Outputs (32-bit integer): Stored integer data

Properties **Default value** (Integer): Default reset value
Retain on reset (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.
Initial value (Integer): The initial value of the retained block after it gets uploaded to the device.

Remarks None

17. Structured text (ST) block

Structured text, abbreviated as ST, is one of the five languages supported by the IEC 61131-3 standard, designed for programmable logic controllers (PLCs). PoBlocks supports entering the ST code that is translated into a function block, which is then included in the PoBlocks diagram.



Since the target application of this block is to represent the ST code as a diagram block, PoBlocks expects exactly one `FUNCTION_BLOCK` declaration in the code with inputs and outputs specified in `VAR_INPUT` and `VAR_OUTPUT` variable declaration blocks. Custom (static) variables can be declared in the `VAR` declaration block.

There can be additional `FUNCTION` declarations in front of the main function block.

PoBlocks implementation supports the following ST data types:

- `BOOL` (Boolean value)
- `INT` (32-bit integer)
- `REAL` (32-bit floating point value) - to use the `REAL` data type, `'OPTION_ENABLE FLOAT;'` must be included in the first code line of the block.
- `TIME` (relative times with 1 ms precision)

The following functions are built-into the support:

- `time_ms()` : INT - returns the current value of the millisecond system timer
- `abs(x : INT)` : INT - absolute value of parameter x
- `real(x : INT)` : REAL - converts integer into floating point
- `int(x : REAL)` : INT - converts floating point value into integer
- `read_memory_B(address : INT)` : INT - reads the PoBlocks memory address – byte (8-bit)
- `read_memory_W(address : INT)` : INT - reads the PoBlocks memory address – word (16-bit)
- `read_memory_D(address : INT)` : INT - reads the PoBlocks memory address – double-word (32-bit)
- `write_memory_B(address : INT, value : INT)` - writes value to the PoBlocks memory address – byte (8-bit)
- `write_memory_W(address : INT, value : INT)` - writes value to the PoBlocks memory address – word (16-bit)
- `write_memory_D(address : INT, value : INT)` - writes value to the PoBlocks memory address – double-word (32-bit)
- `PE_get_state ()` : INT - returns current Pulse engine state
- `PE_set_state (state : INT)` - sets current Pulse engine state
- `PE_get_position (axis : INT)` : INT - returns current Pulse engine axis position (axis indexes between 0 and 7)
- `PE_set_position (axis : INT, position : INT)` - sets current Pulse engine axis position (axis indexes between 0 and 7). This function shall only be called when there is no motion on the axis.
- `PE_home (axisMask : INT)` - initializes homing procedure for axes specified by the bit mask (bit 0 - axis 0, bit 7 - axis 7). Multiple axes can be homed at the same time.
- `PE_move_PV (axis : INT, reference : INT, speed : REAL)` - starts a move towards the reference position with the provided relative speed (0.0 - 1.0 range equals to 0 - max axis speed).
- `PE_G1 (speed : INT, x : INT, y : INT)` - starts a semi-G1 coordinated move towards the reference position x, y with the given pulse velocity
- `PE_G1_xyz (speed : INT, x : INT, y : INT, z : INT)` - similar as `PE_G1`, but in 3 coordinates x,y,z

PoBlocks also support instantiation of the following system function blocks:

- `ton(IN : BOOL, PT : TIME) -> Q : BOOL, ET : INT` - On timer
- `tof(IN : BOOL, PT : TIME) -> Q : BOOL, ET : INT` - Off timer
- `tp (IN : BOOL, PT : TIME) -> Q : BOOL, ET : INT` - Pulse timer

To check the code for errors and compile it, click the 'Compile' option at the top. If no errors are found, message 'Compile succeeded' will be shown and the code can be used as a block in the PoBlocks diagram.

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