



# PoBlocks

## User manual

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The screenshot displays the PoBlocks Beta software interface. The main workspace shows a project titled "Temperature control" with a simplified scheduled temperature control logic. The logic includes an analog input sensor, a PID controller, and a PWM output. A multiplexer selects between low and high temperature schedules. The right-hand panel shows the "Properties" tab for a "Data latch" block, with the following table:

Property	Value
Name	Low temperature
Default value	0
Retain on reset	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> True

Below the main workspace, there are several informational text boxes:

- Memory block with green background has 'Retain on reset' option enabled
- The block will retain the set value even after reset or power-off
- RTC battery is required for 'Retain on reset' option to work
- The amount of memory for retained values is limited - switch to 'Memory info' tab on the right to see how much memory is left

This is a faded screenshot of the PoBlocks Beta software interface, showing a different project. The workspace contains a complex logic diagram with various blocks and connections. The right-hand panel is also visible, showing the "Properties" tab for a block, though the details are less legible due to the fading.

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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 PoIL block enables custom PoIL code execution.
- **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 (other platforms coming soon)
- Visual C++ 2010 Redistributable Package installed on the target computer
- PoKeys56 or newer 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](http://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.

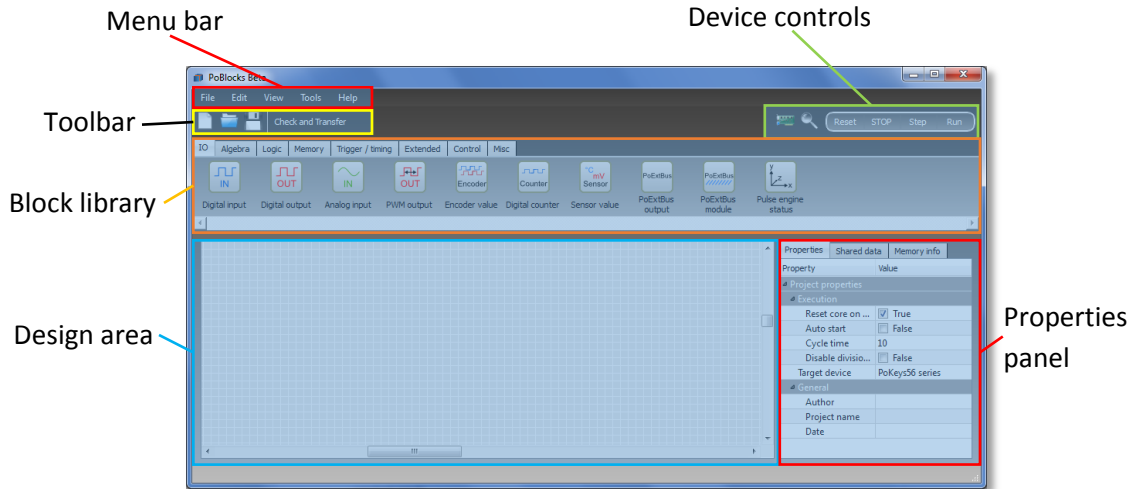
PoBlocks features an integrated Task manager that displays the target and actual cycle times of the tasks being executed (Task manager is found in PoBlocks application menu under 'Tools > Task manager'). For more details, see 'Task manager' below.

### 6.4. PoIL programming

PoBlocks enables low-level PoIL language programming using the custom PoIL block. Contact us at [support@poscope.com](mailto:support@poscope.com) and request PoIL documentation document.

## 7. User interface

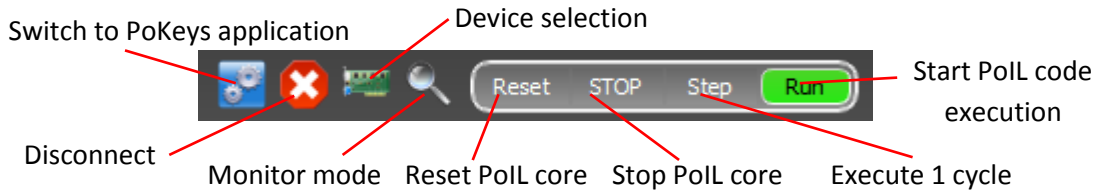
PoBlocks user interface is displayed below. Top area contains menu bar, toolbar with device controls and block library. Bottom left area is diagram design area, while the right part is reserved for properties panel that contains dynamic properties of project or currently selected block.



### 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:

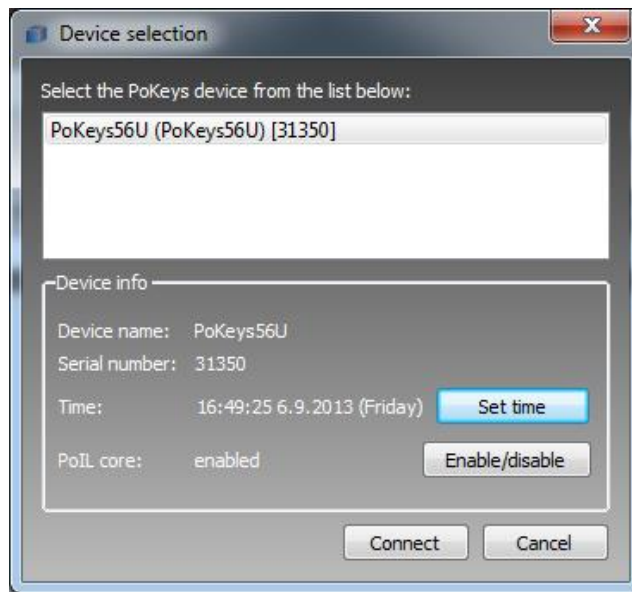
- **Switch to PoKeys application:** disconnect and open PoKeys application for advanced peripheral setup and testing. This option is only available if PoKeys application is installed to the default installation path.
- **Disconnect:** click this to disconnect from current device

- **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.
- **Execute 1 cycle (step):** this command executes the PoIL code of the diagram once and switches the PoIL core state back into STOPPED mode.

## 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).

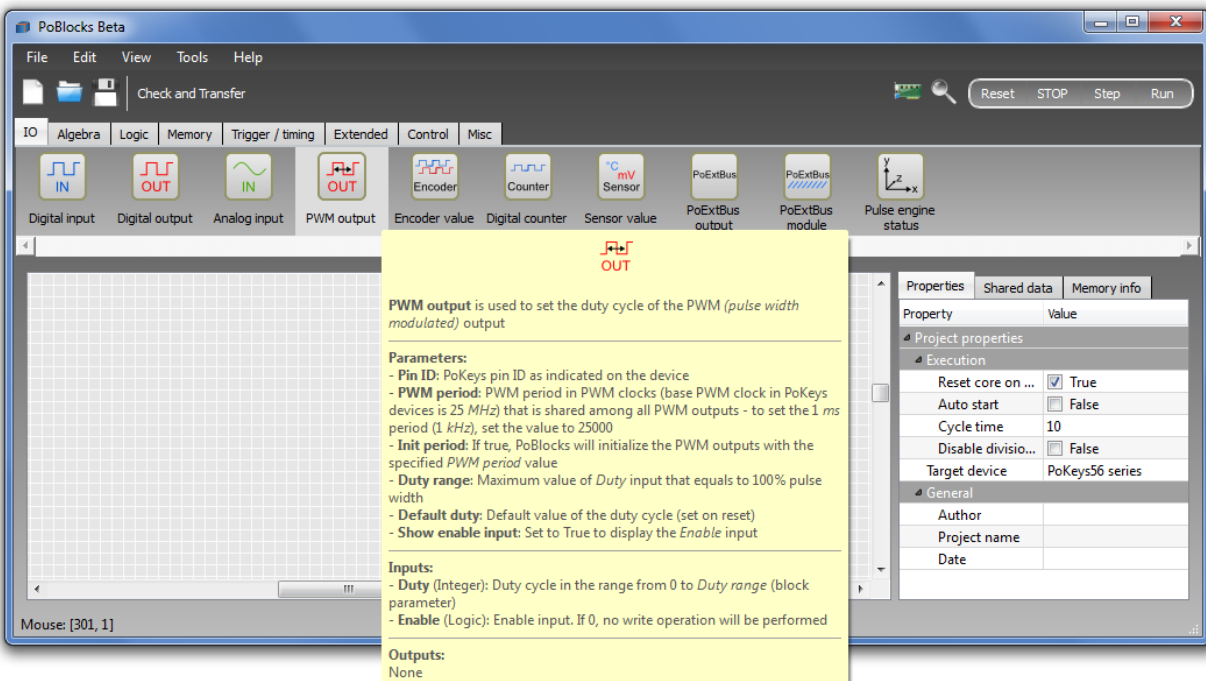
PoKeys devices with a holder for a RTC battery support RTC (real time clock) that can be used for scheduling the events. RTC in the device is set to current computer time by clicking the button 'Set time'.



### 7.3. 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.



### 7.4. 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.

### 7.5. 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.)

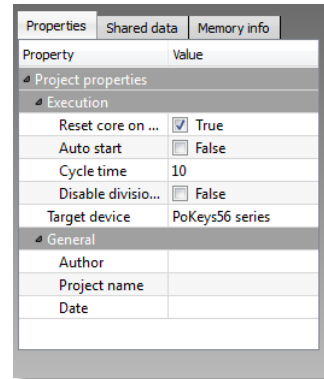
**Auto start:** if checked, PoIL core starts PoIL code execution immediately after the PoKeys device is powered up

**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

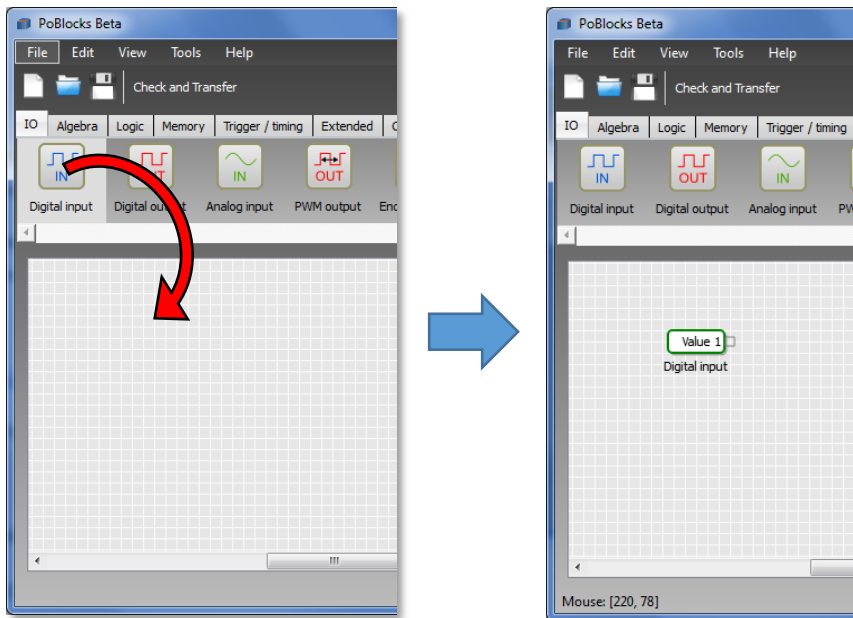
**General section:** contains fields used for project documentation purposes



## 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. Removing blocks

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

## 8.3. Moving blocks

Use left mouse button to move the selected block.

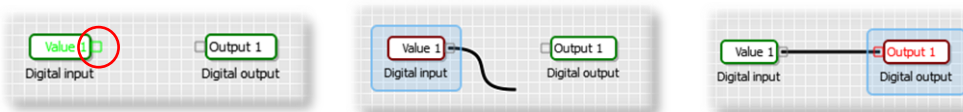
## 8.4. Copying blocks

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.

## 8.5. 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.

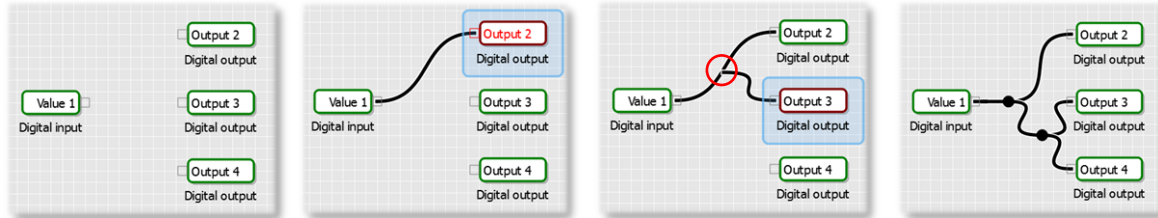


1. Start at source port
2. Drag the connection
3. End at destination block

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), 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.



## 8.6. 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.

## 8.7. Removing connections

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

## 8.8. 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.

## 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, Step, 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



**Step:** After pressing Step, one cycle of PoIL diagram will be executed and the PoIL core will be put back to STOPPED mode



**Run:** PoIL core is running normally

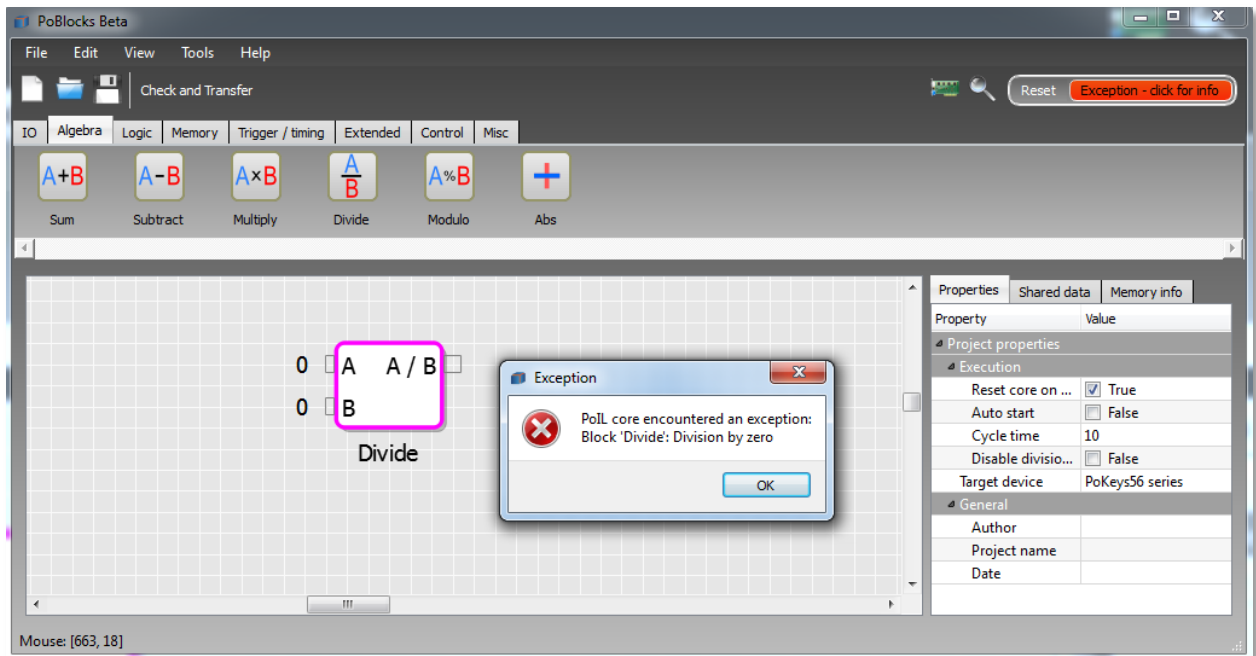


**Exception:** PoIL core encountered an exception and had to be stopped. For more info on the cause of the exception, click the red Exception button.



## 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

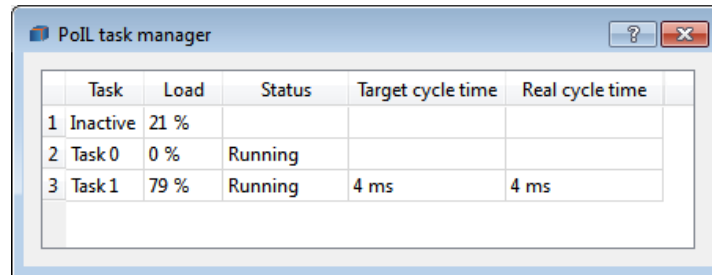


PoBlocks features a 'Monitor mode' that is used to observe the PoBlocks diagram execution on the device in nearly real-time. Monitor mode can be enabled after the diagram is compiled and transferred to the device using the 'Monitor mode' toggle switch in device controls section. Once activated, no changes 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	21 %			
2 Task 0	0 %	Running		
3 Task 1	79 %	Running	4 ms	4 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.

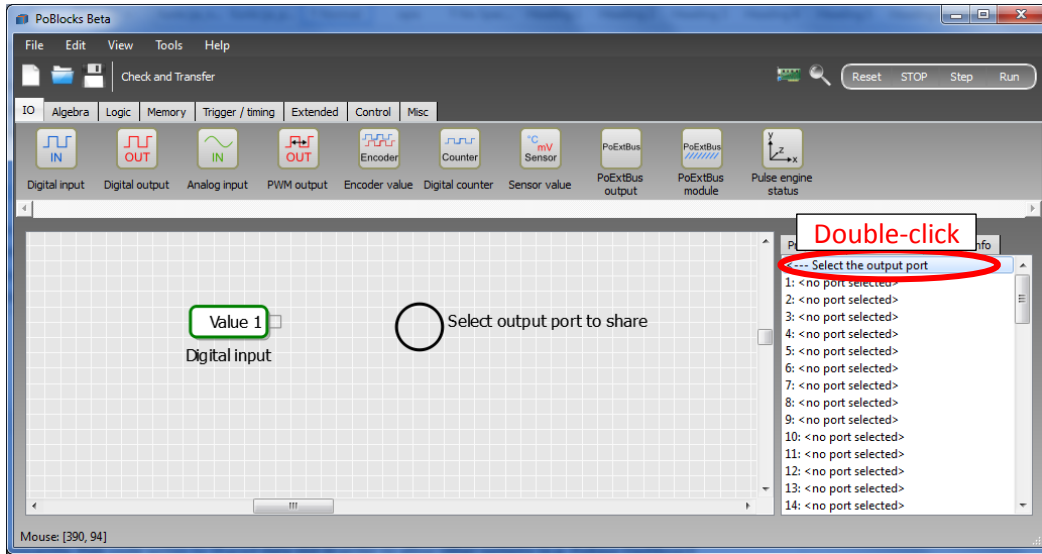
Last two columns show the 'Target cycle time' (set in the project settings) and 'Real cycle time' (true/real cycle time managed by the device).

## 14.Shared data

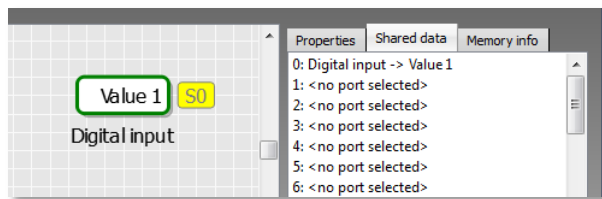
In order to share data between PoIL code and other PoKeys systems (Web dashboard and Modbus interface on Ethernet PoKeys devices, third-party applications on other devices or computers, connected to PoKeys, etc.) a shared data slots were introduced in PoKeys devices with PoIL core support. Each Shared 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).

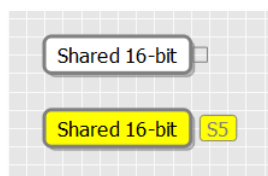


Shared slot ID (displayed as a shared slot index in the list and on every port with shared slot assigned to) is used to refer to this slot from other systems.

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.

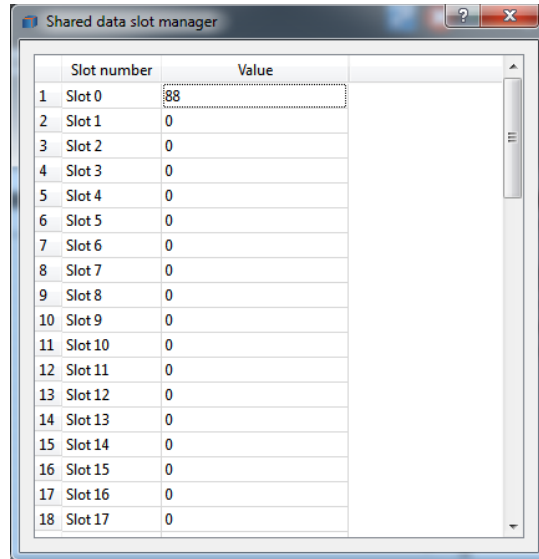
## 14.2. Reading data from shared data slots

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).



## 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	<b>Duty</b> (32-bit integer): Duty cycle in the range from 0 to <i>Duty range</i> (block parameter) <b>Enable</b> (Logic): Enable input. If 0, no write operation will be performed
Outputs	None
Properties	<b>Pin ID</b> (Integer, 17 to 22): PoKeys pin ID as indicated on the device <b>PWM period</b> (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 <b>Init period</b> (Logic): If true, PoBlocks will initialize the PWM outputs with the specified <i>PWM period</i> value <b>Duty range</b> (Integer): Maximum value of <i>Duty</i> input that equals to 100% pulse width <b>Default duty</b> (Integer): Default value of the duty cycle (set on reset) <b>Show enable input</b> (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. <b>Warning: pulse width anomalies can occur when changing PWM period.</b>
Inputs	<b>Period</b> (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 <b>Update period</b> (Logic): Update input. On rising edge, PWM period will be updated <b>Duty 1-6</b> (32-bit integer): Duty cycle for PWM output 1-6 in percent <b>Enable</b> (Logic): Enable input. If 0, no write operation will be performed
Outputs	None
Properties	<b>Default period</b> (Integer): Default PWM period (set on reset) <b>Show enable input</b> (Logic): Set to True to display the <i>Enable</i> input <b>Default duty 1-6</b> (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	<b>Encoder</b> (32-bit integer): Encoder counter value
Properties	<b>Encoder ID</b> (Integer, 1 to 26): PoKeys encoder ID (0 to 25) <b>Channel A pin</b> (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	<b>Data in</b> (32-bit integer): Integer data input <b>CLK</b> (Logic): Clock input signal
Outputs	<b>Value</b> (32-bit integer): Stored integer data <b>Value F</b> (32-bit integer): Stored integer data (on falling edge) in bi-directional mode
Properties	<b>Default value</b> (Integer): Default reset value <b>Bi-directional</b> (Logic): If True, the latch samples on both the rising edge and falling edge. <b>Retain on reset</b> (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting. <b>Initial value</b> (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	<b>In</b> (32-bit integer): Integer data input
Outputs	<b>Q</b> (32-bit integer): Integer data output
Properties	<b>Default value</b> (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	<b>Data in</b> (32-bit integer): Integer data input <b>CLK</b> (Logic): Clock input signal
Outputs	<b>Value</b> (32-bit integer): Stored minimum value
Properties	<b>Default value</b> (Integer): Default reset value <b>Retain on reset</b> (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disabled default value setting. <b>Initial value</b> (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

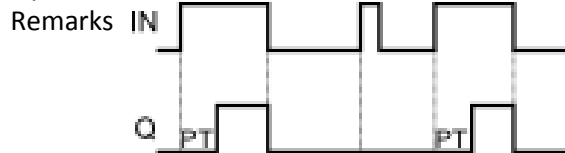


### 16.51. Trigger / timing - On timer

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

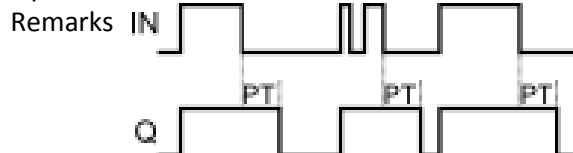


### 16.52. Trigger / timing - Off timer

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

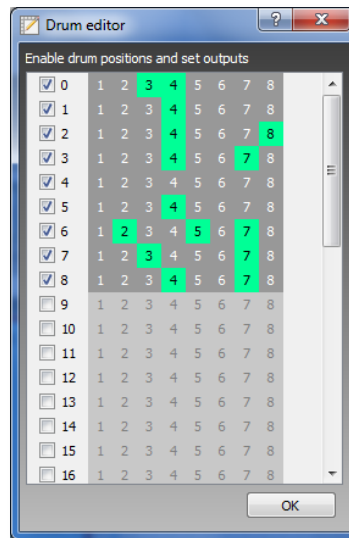


### 16.53. Trigger / timing - Time

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)

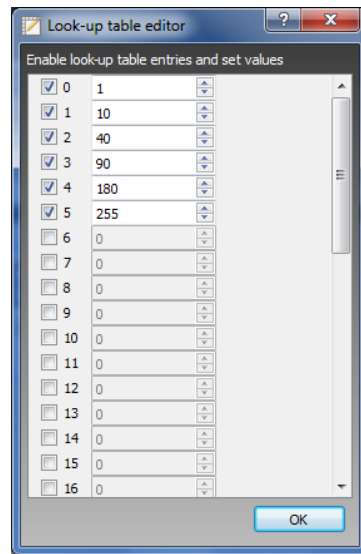
**Description** Look-up table (byte) is used to select data from the table. Double-click on block to edit configuration.

**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

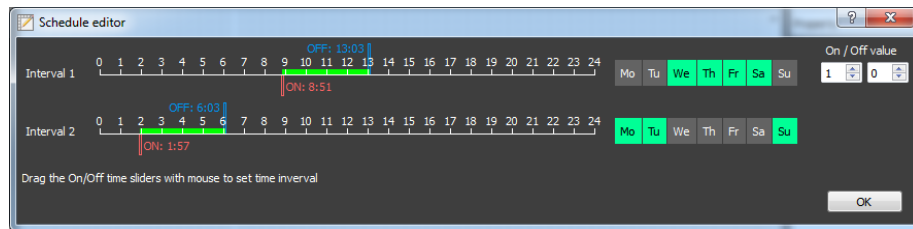
**Retain on reset** (Logic): If True, the value is saved to battery-backed RAM. Also disables default value setting.

**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

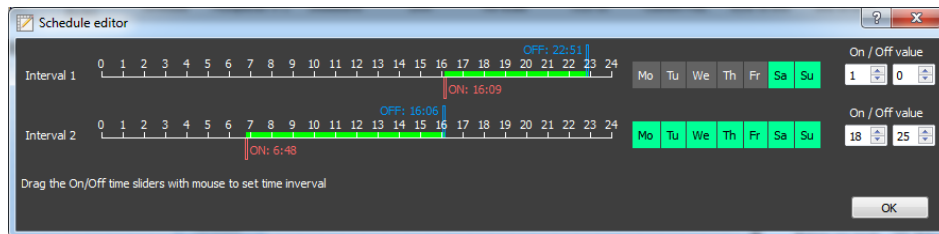
the Schedule block to access the editor. Each rule defines one time interval during which the output is activated. Use left mouse button to drag the ON and OFF sliders to appropriate positions and select weekdays that the rule is valid on. If OFF slider is positioned to the left of the ON slider, ON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

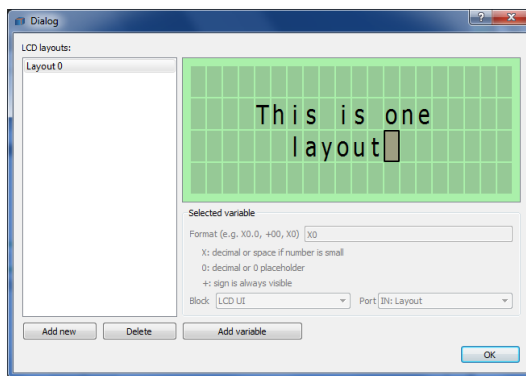
Properties **Use secondary pins** (Logic): If True, LCD will be initialized on secondary pins as described in PoKeys manual

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

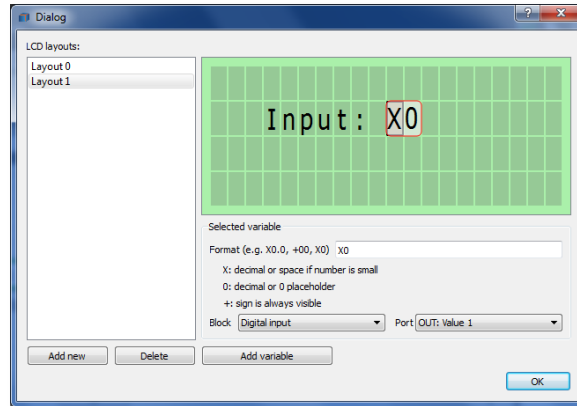
**LCD columns** (Integer, 1 to 20): Number of columns in the LCD display

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

### 16.63. 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

### 16.64. 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

### 16.65. Control - On/off

Description	On/off
Inputs	<b>PV</b> (32-bit integer): Process Variable input (current value of the controlled variable) <b>SP</b> (32-bit integer): Set Point
Outputs	<b>Out</b> (32-bit integer): On/Off controller output
Properties	<b>Gain</b> (Integer): Controller gain <b>Hysteresis</b> (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

### 16.66. 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	<b>PV</b> (32-bit integer): Process Variable input (current value of the controlled variable) <b>SP</b> (32-bit integer): Set Point
Outputs	<b>Out</b> (32-bit integer): PID controller output (in the range from <i>Out min</i> to <i>Out max</i> )
Properties	<b>K</b> (Floating point): Proportional gain <b>Ti</b> (Floating point): Integral time constant in seconds <b>Td</b> (Floating point): Derivative time constant in seconds <b>Tf</b> (Floating point): Derivative filter time constant - set to a fraction of <i>Td</i> <b>Out min</b> (Integer): Output lower limitation (minimum output value) <b>Out max</b> (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.

### 16.67. Communication - 1-wire R/W

Description	1-wire write and read operation block
Inputs	<b>!CLK</b> (Logic/clock): Inverted clock input signal <b>Write 1 - 10</b> (8-bit integer): Bytes 1 - 10 to write to 1-wire device
Outputs	<b>Busy</b> (Logic): Busy signal <b>Read 1 - 10</b> (8-bit integer): Bytes 1 - 10 that are read from 1-wire device
Properties	<b>Write count</b> (Integer, 0 to 10): Number of bytes to write to 1-wire bus <b>Read count</b> (Integer, 0 to 10): Number of bytes to read from 1-wire bus
Remarks	Communication is started on <b>falling</b> 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.

### 16.68. Communication - I2C read

Description	I <sup>2</sup> C read operation block
Inputs	<b>!CLK</b> (Logic/clock): Inverted clock input signal <b>Address</b> (8-bit integer): I <sup>2</sup> C device address
Outputs	<b>Busy</b> (Logic): Busy signal <b>Error</b> (Logic): Error signal <b>Read 1 - 10</b> (8-bit integer): Bytes 1 - 10 to be read from I2C device
Properties	<b>Read count</b> (Integer, 0 to 10): Number of bytes to read from I <sup>2</sup> C device
Remarks	Communication is started on <b>falling</b> 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.

### 16.69. Communication - I2C write

Description	I <sup>2</sup> C write operation block
Inputs	<b>!CLK</b> (Logic/clock): Inverted clock input signal <b>Address</b> (8-bit integer): I <sup>2</sup> C device address <b>Write 1 - 10</b> (8-bit integer): Bytes 1 - 10 to write to I2C device
Outputs	<b>Busy</b> (Logic): Busy signal <b>Error</b> (Logic): Error signal
Properties	<b>Write count</b> (Integer, 0 to 10): Number of bytes to write to I <sup>2</sup> C device
Remarks	Communication is started on <b>falling</b> 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.

### 16.70. Misc - Comment

Description	Comment is used to enter comments
Inputs	None
Outputs	None
Properties	<b>Comment</b> : Comment text
Remarks	None

### 16.71. Misc - To

Description	To is used to route signals across the schematic. To connect <i>To</i> and <i>From</i> blocks, identical <i>Link ID</i> must be specified.
Inputs	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b> : Input port of the link
Outputs	None
Properties	<b>Link ID</b> (Integer): Link ID - see block description
Remarks	Only one 'To' block can be specified for one <i>Link ID</i> , while multiple 'From' blocks can

be specified for the same *Link ID*

### 16.72. 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*

### 16.73. 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

### 16.74. 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

### 16.75. 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

## 16.76. 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

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