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Engineering Software

Ecosystem & PLCnext Store

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The Open Ecosystem for Limitless Automation

PLCnext Technology 
enhance your automation thinking

PLCnext Control



Open Control Platform

PLCs in various performance classes including PLCnext Runtime System and accessories for PLCnext Technology

PLCnext Engineer



Engineering Software

Engineering tool for commissioning, configuring, and programming PLCnext Controls

PLCnext Store



Software Store for Automation

Apps for functional extension of PLCnext Control and PLCnext Engineer

PLCnext Community



User Collaboration & Resources

Information, support, and helpful resources about PLCnext Technology including FAQs, forums, tutorials and a GitHub presence

The scope of PLCnext technology as an umbrella brand ranges from technology, equipment, tools and software to technical systems and processes. Source: <https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Technologie>



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PLCnext Technology Configuration and Engineering

Fast and flexible configuration

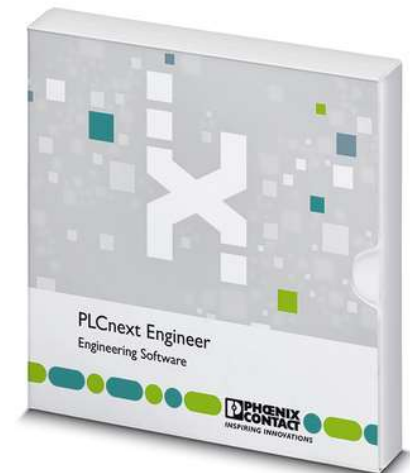
- C-Code, Simulink models, function components, IEC61131-3, Safety, HMI

Extendable

- By licensed add-ins like the Viewer for Simulink

Easy handling

- Intuitive user interface
- Clear structures



The software for configuration and engineering

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Complete Integrated System

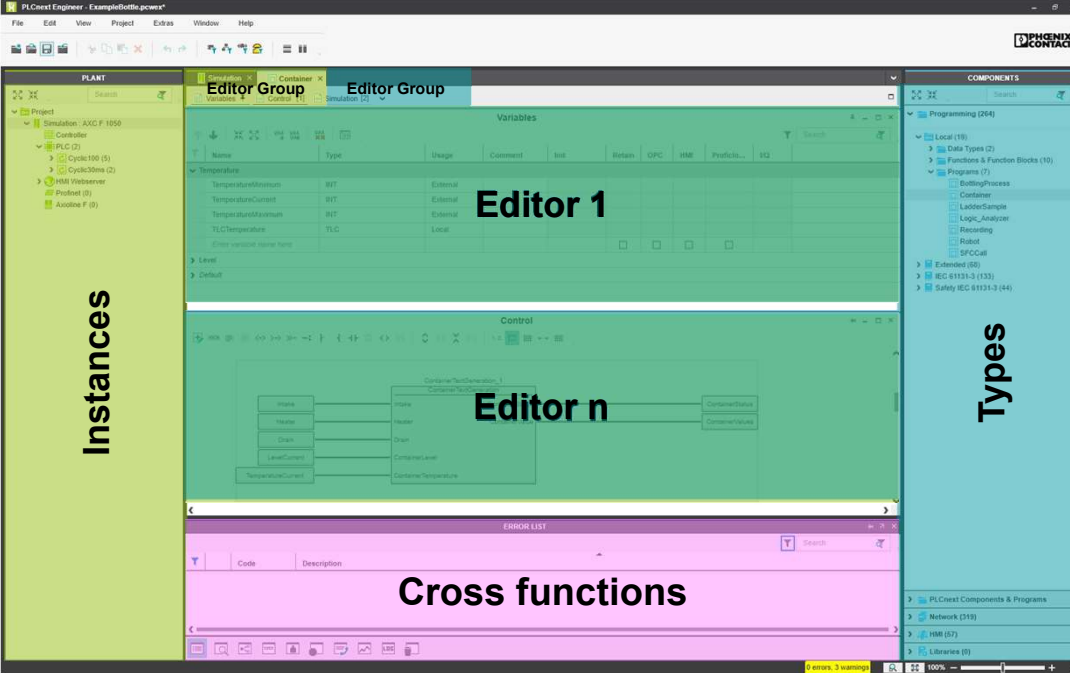
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Information Architecture

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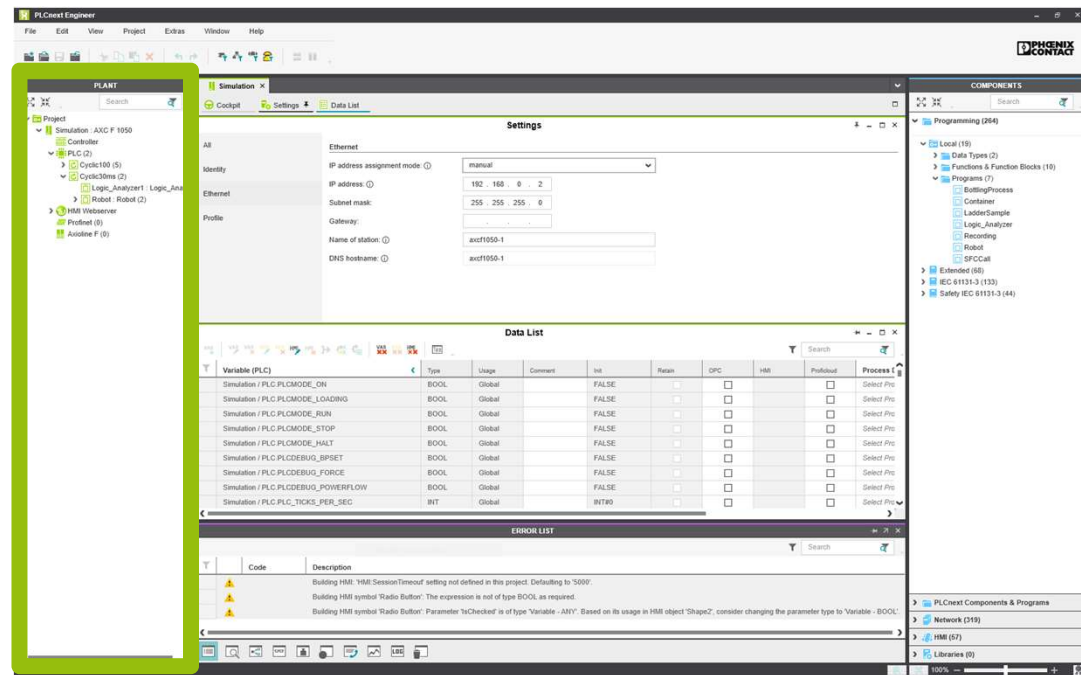
The screenshot displays the PLCnext Engineer software interface. On the left, a tree view labeled "Instances" shows a project structure. The main workspace is divided into several sections: "Editor Group" at the top, "Editor 1" (a table of variables), "Editor n" (a control diagram), and "Cross functions" (an error list). On the right, a "COMPONENTS" panel lists various programming elements. A mouse cursor icon with a '2' is positioned on the right side of the interface.

Name	Type	Usage	Comment	Unit	Bitwise	CPC	HW	Profile...	UD
TemperaturePressure	INT	External							
TemperatureCurrent	INT	External							
TemperatureMaximum	INT	External							
TLCTemperature	TLC	Local							

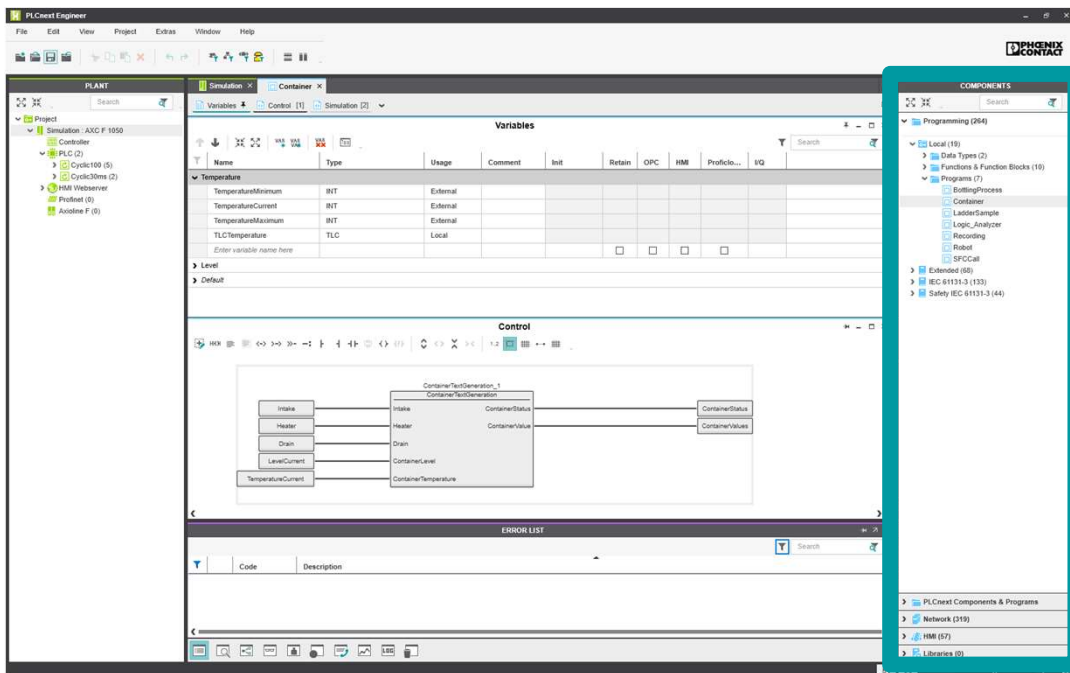


The User Interface – Plant Area

- Instance trees
 - Programs
 - Visualization pages
 - IO configuration
- Task configuration
- Controller configuration
- Central Cockpit
 - Application control
 - Device information



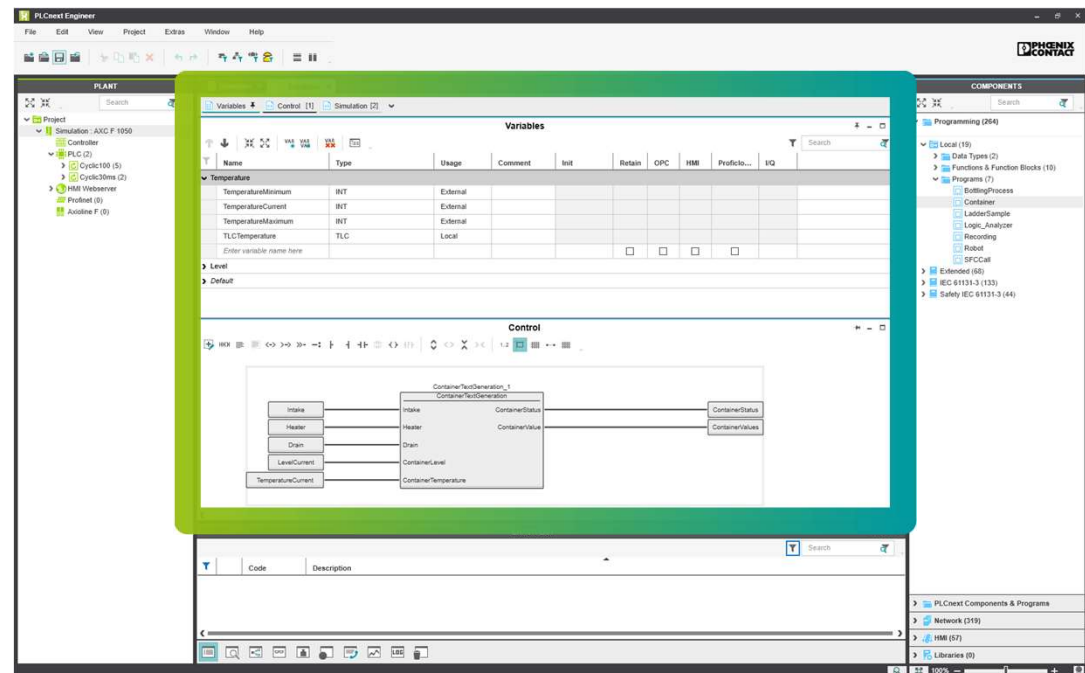
The User Interface – Component Area



- IEC 61131-3
 - Programs, functions and function blocks
 - Data types
- Device catalogue
 - Import of devices
- Visualization symbol library
- References to libraries

The User Interface – Editor Area

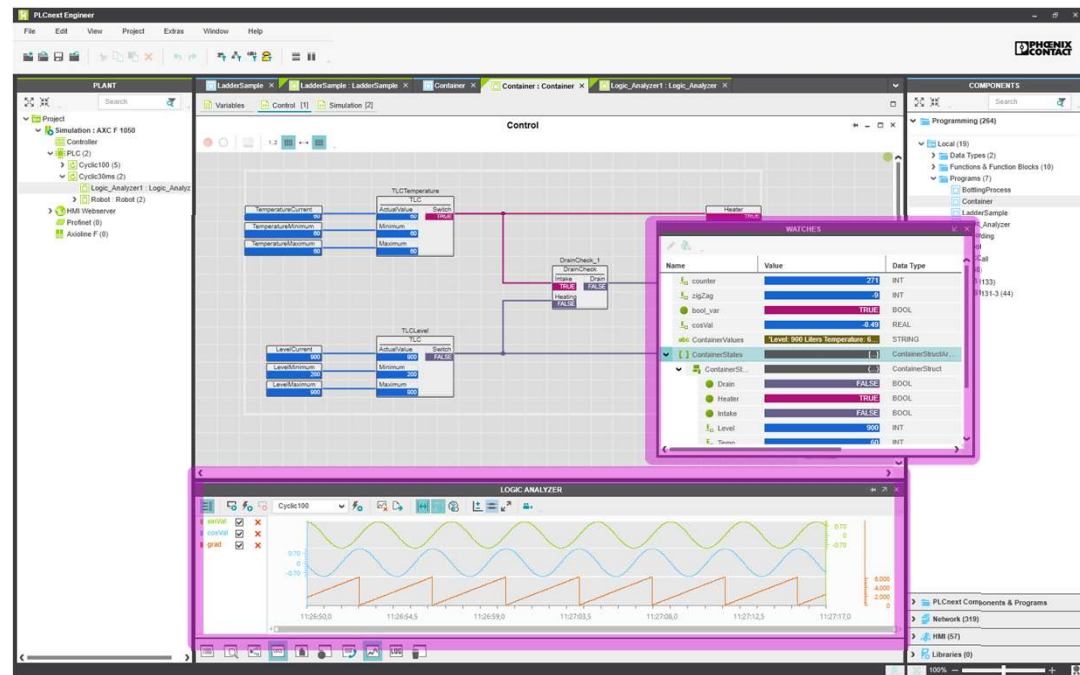
- Central editing
- Split view windows
- Full screen windows
- Arrange multiple editor windows
- Type or instance Editor color highlighted



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The User Interface – Cross Function Area

- Undockable windows
- Message window
- Global find & replace
- Cross references
- Watch window
- Debug information
- Logic analyzer
- Logging
- Recycle bin



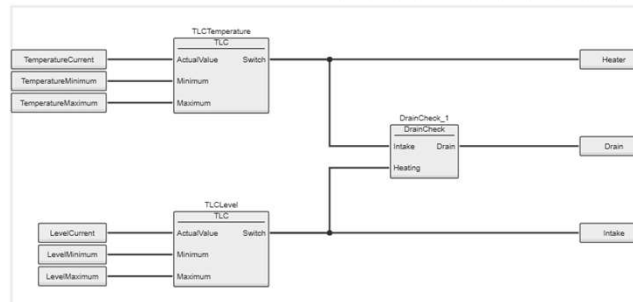
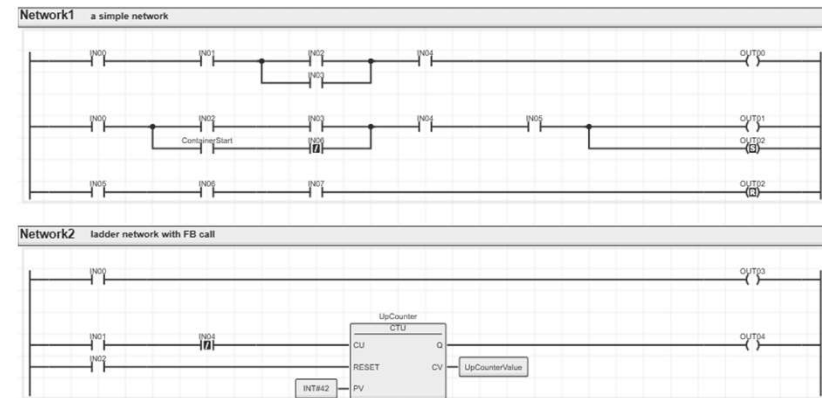
The User Interface – Menu Bar



- **Standard functions**
Windows conform
 - Project handling
 - Cut / copy / paste objects
 - Delete objects
 - Undo / redo
- **System filter**
Show or hide information
 - Programming objects
 - Network related objects
 - HMI related objects
 - Safety related objects
- **Split Screen function**
Arrange two editor groups
 - Horizontal split mode
 - Vertical split mode

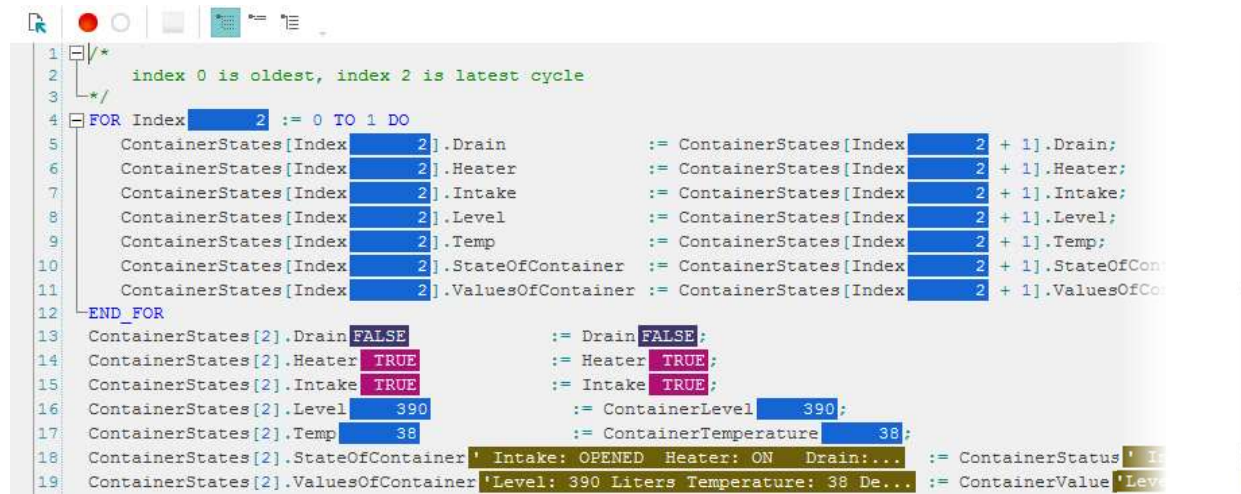
IEC 61131-3 Editors

- Graphical programming
 - Function Block Diagram (FBD)
 - Ladder (LD)
 - Network based or free graphical editor
 - Methods on function blocks in graphical languages



IEC 61131-3 Editors

- **Structured Text (ST)**
 - Syntax highlighting
 - Autofill assistant
 - IntelliSense function
 - Folding of code segments
 - RolePicker assistant
 - Templates for statements
 - Methods on function blocks



```

1  /*
2  |   index 0 is oldest, index 2 is latest cycle
3  | */
4  FOR Index := 0 TO 1 DO
5      ContainerStates[Index].Drain := ContainerStates[Index + 1].Drain;
6      ContainerStates[Index].Heater := ContainerStates[Index + 1].Heater;
7      ContainerStates[Index].Intake := ContainerStates[Index + 1].Intake;
8      ContainerStates[Index].Level := ContainerStates[Index + 1].Level;
9      ContainerStates[Index].Temp := ContainerStates[Index + 1].Temp;
10     ContainerStates[Index].StateOfContainer := ContainerStates[Index + 1].StateOfContainer;
11     ContainerStates[Index].ValuesOfContainer := ContainerStates[Index + 1].ValuesOfContainer;
12 END_FOR
13 ContainerStates[2].Drain := Drain;
14 ContainerStates[2].Heater := Heater;
15 ContainerStates[2].Intake := Intake;
16 ContainerStates[2].Level := ContainerLevel;
17 ContainerStates[2].Temp := ContainerTemperature;
18 ContainerStates[2].StateOfContainer := ContainerStatus;
19 ContainerStates[2].ValuesOfContainer := ContainerValue;
    
```

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Integrated Visualization Editor

- **Deeply integrated**
 - Based on central handling
- **Scalable**
 - From small scale controllers to IPCs
- **No client installation**
 - Modern web browser
- **Technology-neutral**
 - Screens are stored in neutral format
- **Lightweight**
 - Low resource demands on PLC

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Integrated Visualization Editor

- Definition of single line expressions
 - IntelliSense completions
 - Semantic analysis
- Integrated online mode
 - Everything in one environment

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Integrated Visualization Editor

- Navigation Editor
 - Graphical definition of basic navigation structures (swipe up, right, left, or down)
 - Easy assembly of navigation structures through drag & drop
 - Content of a page is displayed within thumbnails
- Consistent library handling
 - Easy to use symbol editor



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Integrated Visualization Editor

- User Management
 - Access right configuration of objects
 - Management via IEC 61131-3 function blocks possible
 - Authentication object template

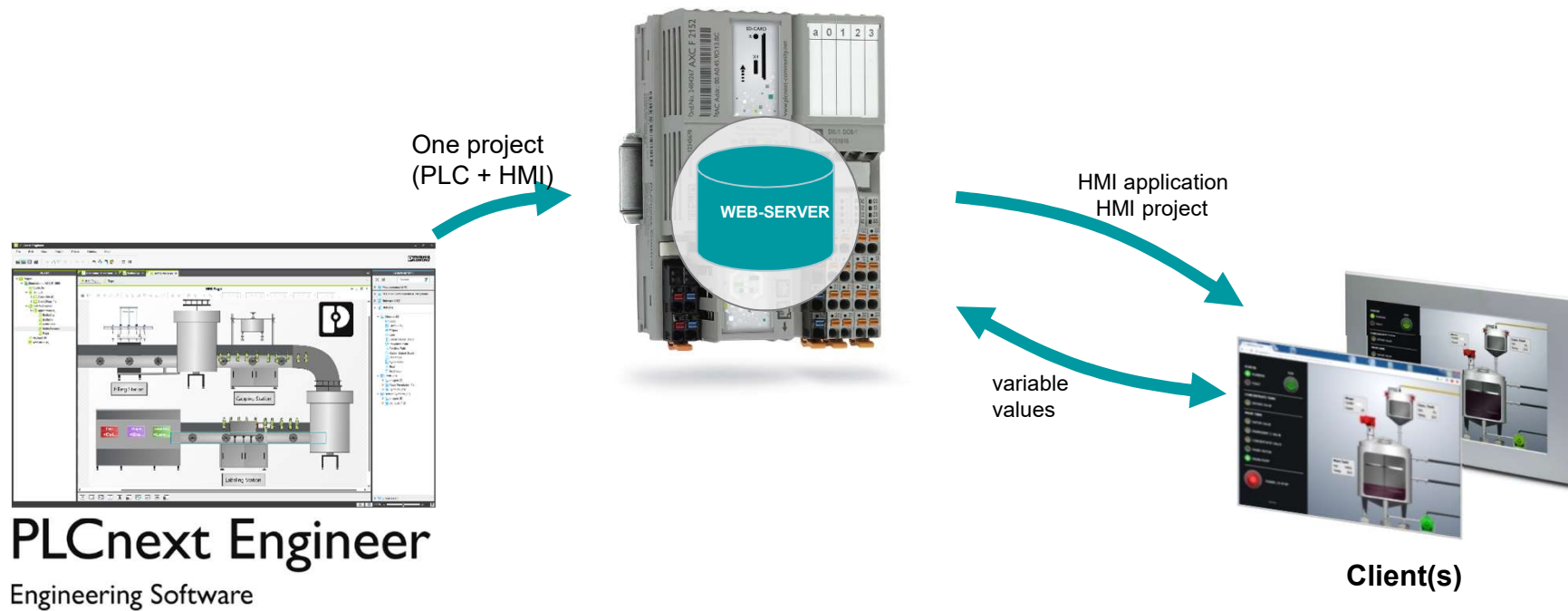
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Visualization Runtime Concept

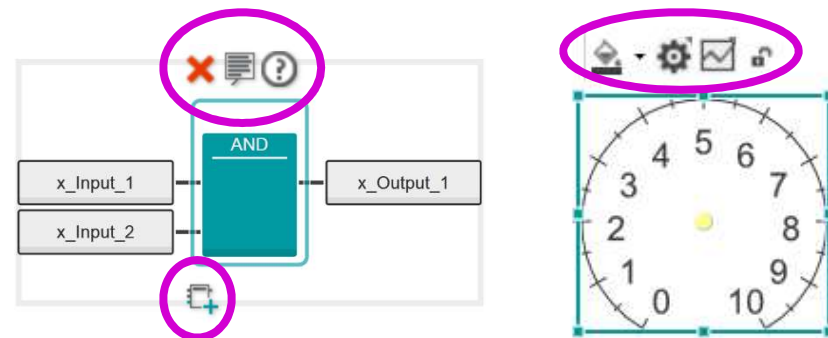
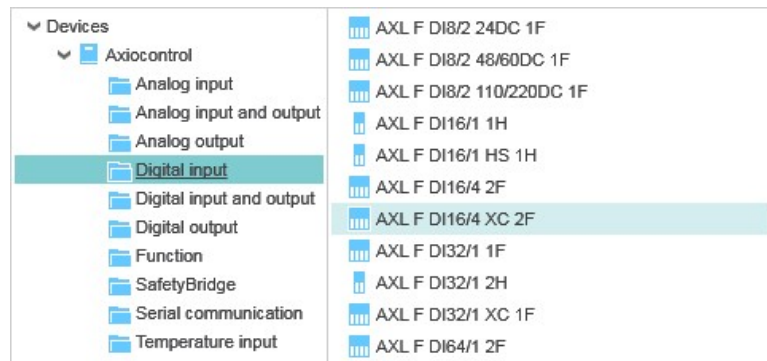
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Usability Features Examples

InPlace Actions

- Placed directly beside graphical objects
- Offer the most important functions

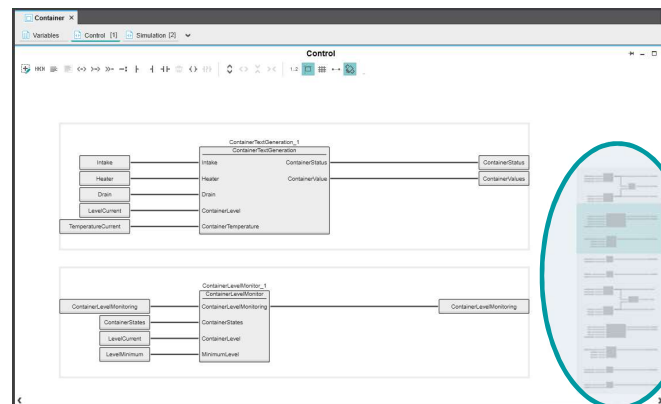


RolePicker

- Offers only usable objects
- Smart filter mechanism
- Pre-selection in categorized folders
- Shown in hardware selection
- Shown in process data assignment, ...

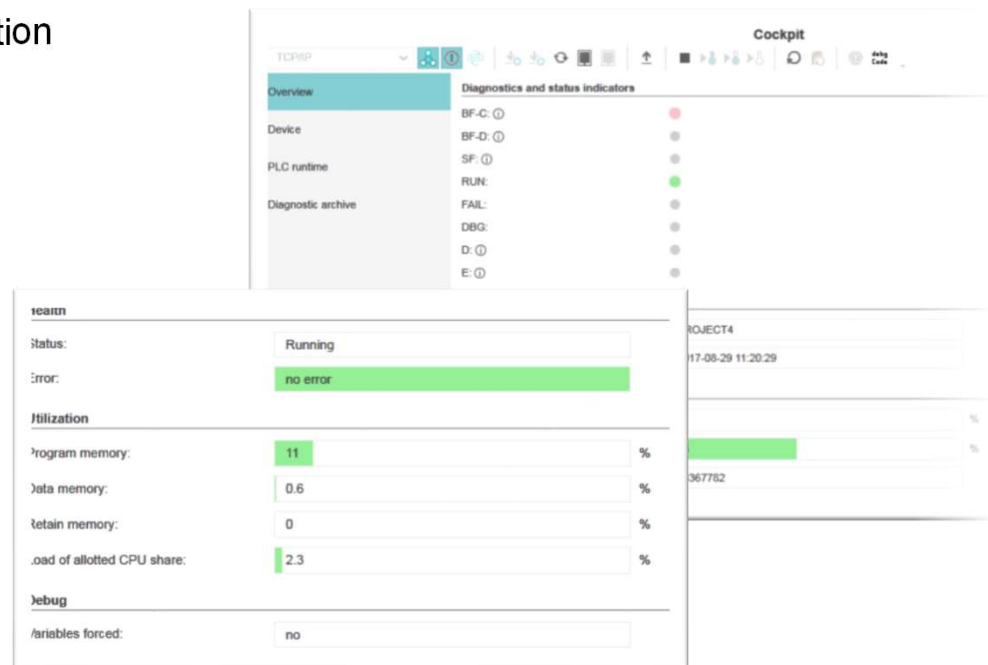
Fast Navigation through Graphical Code

- Overview windows for graphical code editors
 - Switch off and on by button
 - Zoom in and out in overview window



Commissioning and Troubleshooting










- Central Cockpit with application information
 - Send and control the application
 - Get controller status
 - Get application status
 - Diagnostic archive
- Logic analyzer
- Watch windows
- Breakpoints / single step
- Online debugging in libraries
- Instance / Function debugging
- Execution value









Network Configuration

- Local bus configuration of controller
 - Configuration with RolePicker
 - Read in connected devices
- Profinet IO configuration
 - Complete device catalogue
 - Import devices via GSDML standard
 - Discover and connect online devices
 - Read in online devices

Online Devices

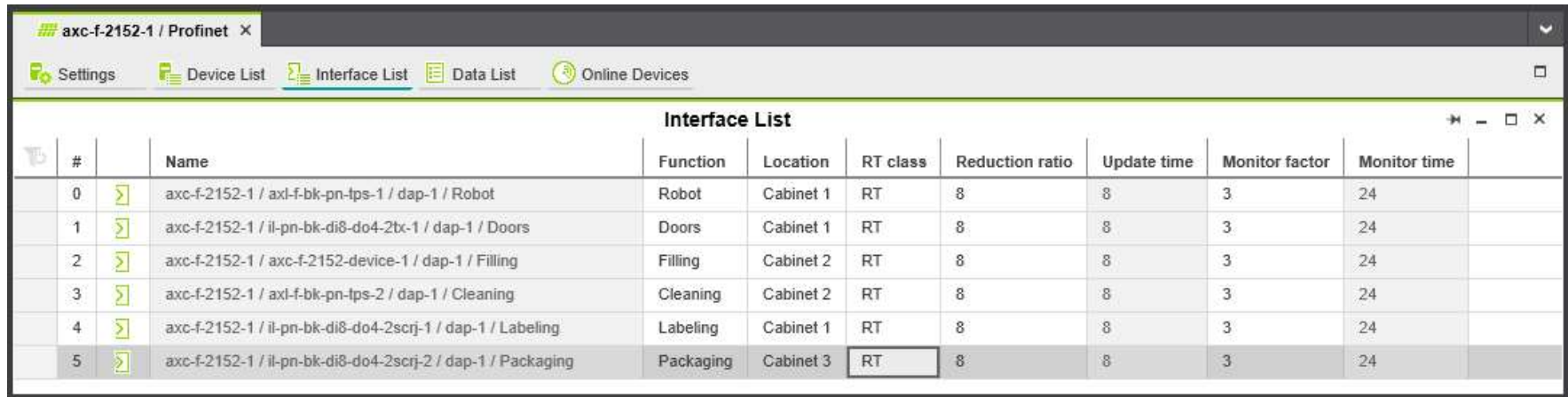
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6 entries

Name of station (Project) >	Status	Name of station (Online) <	Function	Location
il-pn-bk-di8-do4-2bx-1		Select online device here		
il-pn-bk-di8-do4-2scrj-1		Select online device here		
axl-f-bk-pn-xc-1		Select online device here		
axl-f-bk-pn-tps-1		Select online device here		
axl-f-bk-pn-scrj-1		Select online device here		
axl-f-bk-pn-1		axl-f-bk-pn-1		

Profinet Configuration

Most important settings are now available in one table and will be improved for further settings

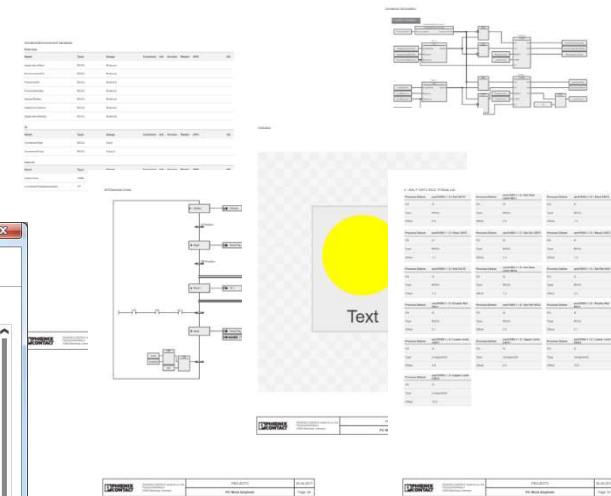
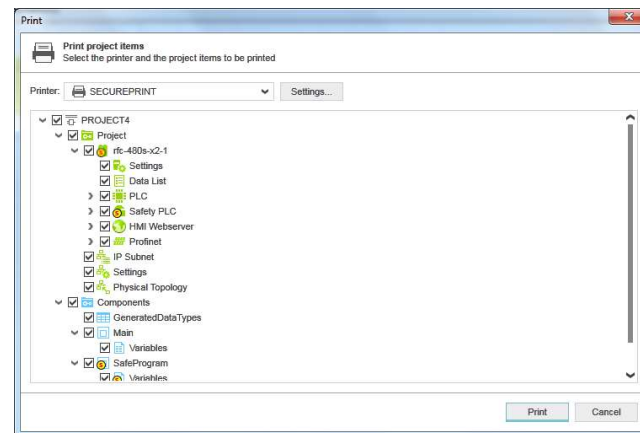


The screenshot shows the 'Interface List' window in the PLCnext Engineer software. The window title is 'axc-f-2152-1 / Profinet'. The navigation bar includes 'Settings', 'Device List', 'Interface List' (selected), 'Data List', and 'Online Devices'. The table below lists the configured interfaces.

#	Name	Function	Location	RT class	Reduction ratio	Update time	Monitor factor	Monitor time
0	axc-f-2152-1 / axl-f-bk-pn-lps-1 / dap-1 / Robot	Robot	Cabinet 1	RT	8	8	3	24
1	axc-f-2152-1 / il-pn-bk-di8-do4-2tx-1 / dap-1 / Doors	Doors	Cabinet 1	RT	8	8	3	24
2	axc-f-2152-1 / axc-f-2152-device-1 / dap-1 / Filling	Filling	Cabinet 2	RT	8	8	3	24
3	axc-f-2152-1 / axl-f-bk-pn-lps-2 / dap-1 / Cleaning	Cleaning	Cabinet 2	RT	8	8	3	24
4	axc-f-2152-1 / il-pn-bk-di8-do4-2scrj-1 / dap-1 / Labeling	Labeling	Cabinet 1	RT	8	8	3	24
5	axc-f-2152-1 / il-pn-bk-di8-do4-2scrj-2 / dap-1 / Packaging	Packaging	Cabinet 3	RT	8	8	3	24

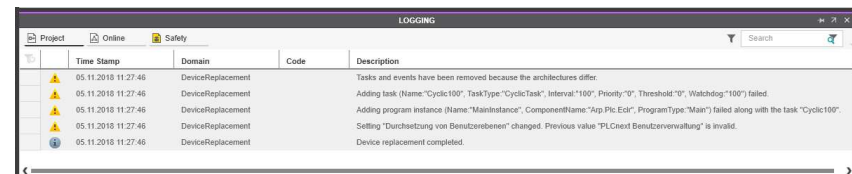
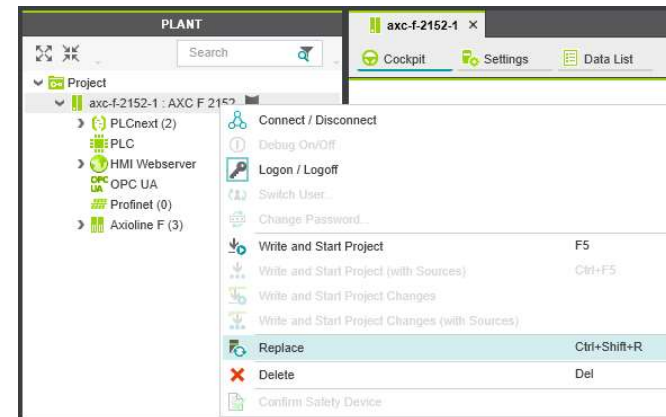
Project Documentation

- Function / location / reference instead of BMK
- Printout project:
 - Code
 - Data Lists
 - HMI screens and objects
 - Safety application



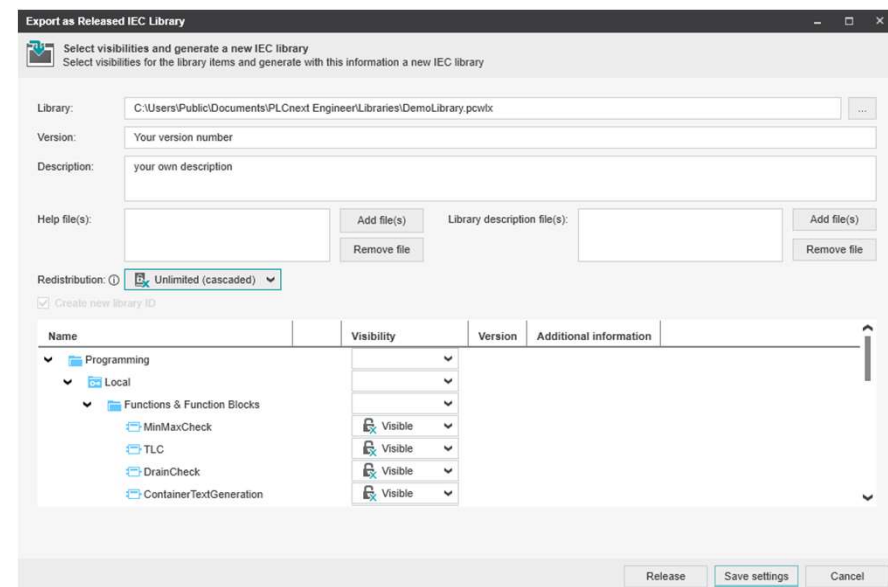
Device Replacement

- Replace device type at any level
 - Controller
 - Profinet device, module, submodule
 - Axioline F device,
 - IB Inline device
- Keep data of existing object
 - Subsystem
 - Process data connections,
 - Function & Location,
 - Parameters, Settings, Programs, ESM, HMI, ...



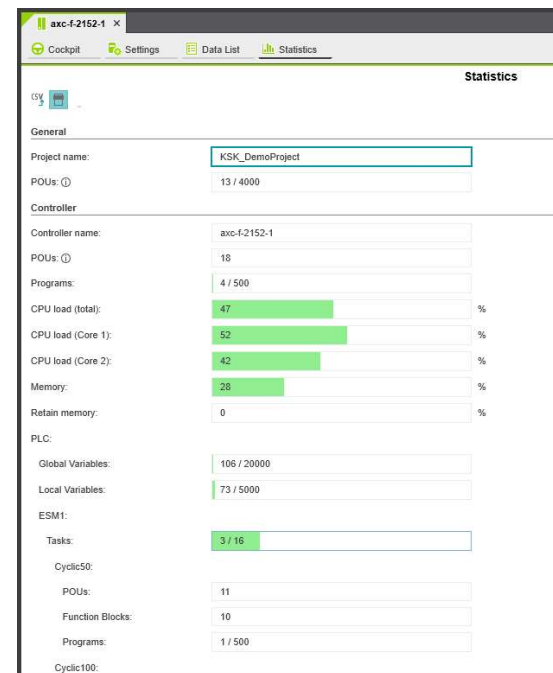
User Library Management

- One standard library release function for:
 - Standard IEC 61131-3 Code
 - Safety code
 - HMI symbols
 - Devices
- Additional features
 - *.chm Help integration for user POU's
 - Localized help
 - Library description via tooltip
 - PLCnext component libraries for MultiTargets



Project Statistics Page

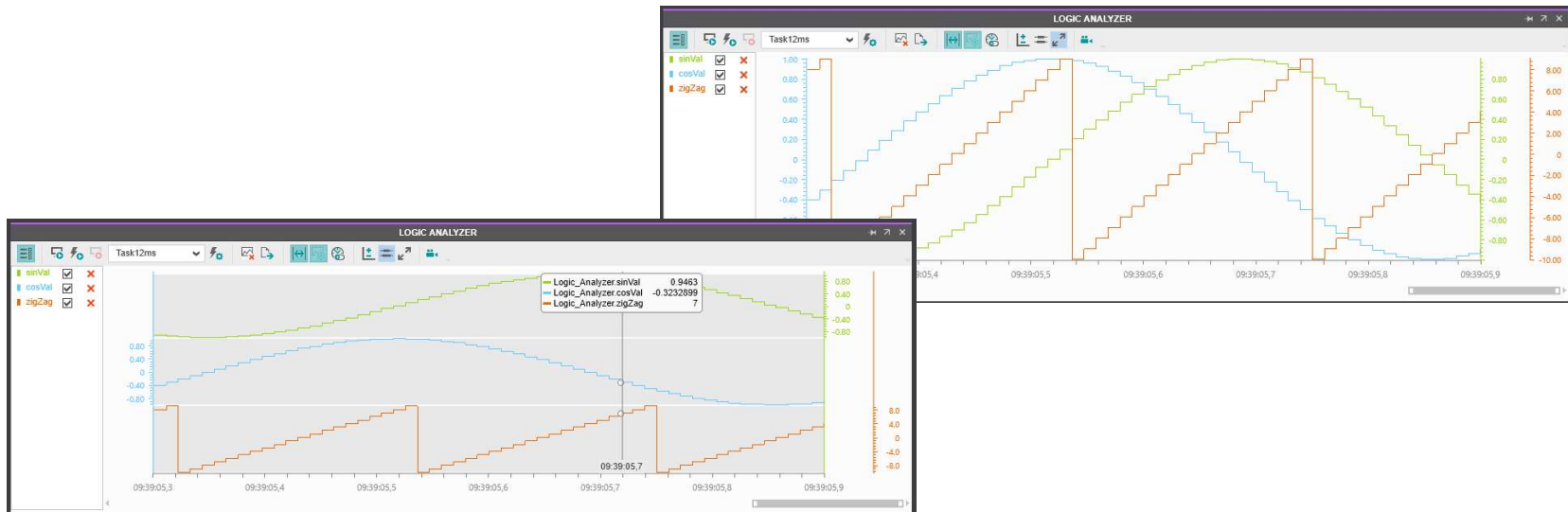
- First stage of a project statistic:
 - Project limits overview
 - POU usage in detail
 - Check of limits beforehand



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Logic Analyzer

The **Logic Analyzer** function of PLCnext Engineer can now also be used with PLCnext Controls.

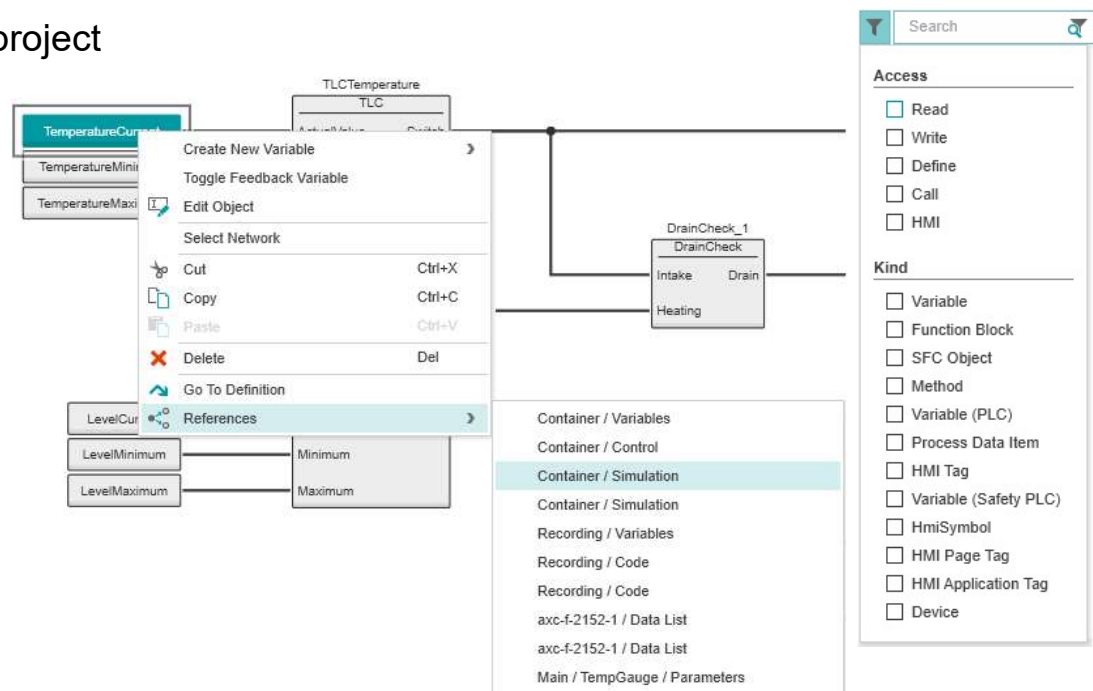


Extended Qualifiers in IEC 61131-3 Variable Names

- Option to switch on
 - Open the 'Compiler > IEC Compiler Settings' section in the Options dialog, activate the 'Allows extended identifiers' checkbox confirm.
- Rules for using
 - at least contain one alphabetical character.
 - not start with multiple underscores.
 - not start like a constant with `<literal_prefix>#` or keywords.
 - `/ * - + < >` are **regular operators** in textual programming languages, separated them by whitespaces.

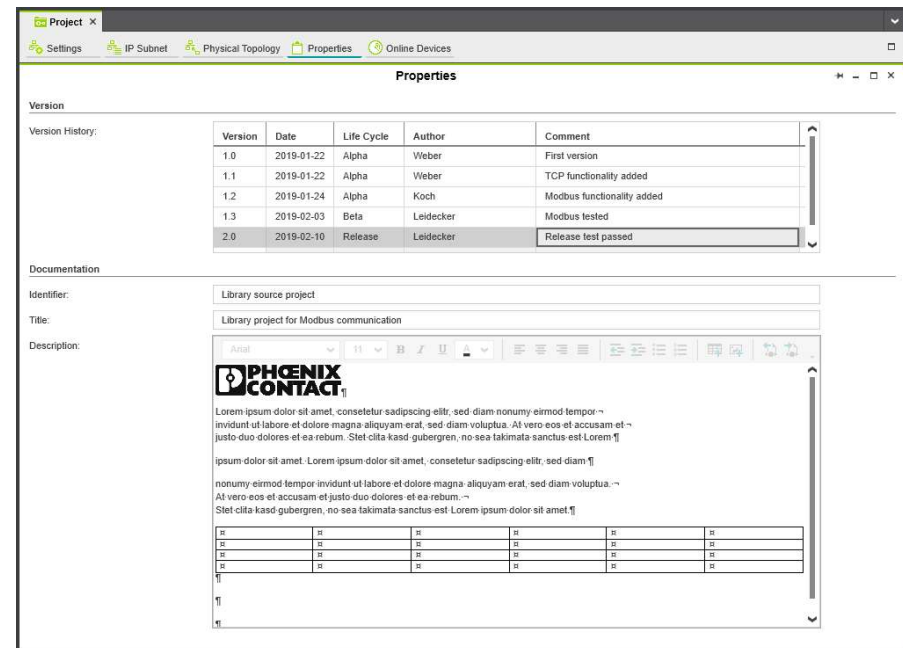
Find Variable Access faster

- X-Reference windows for the whole project
 - Additional „kind“ attribute
 - More HMI data
 - Symbol instances
 - Tags
 - Extended filter
- Local X-References at each variable in context menu

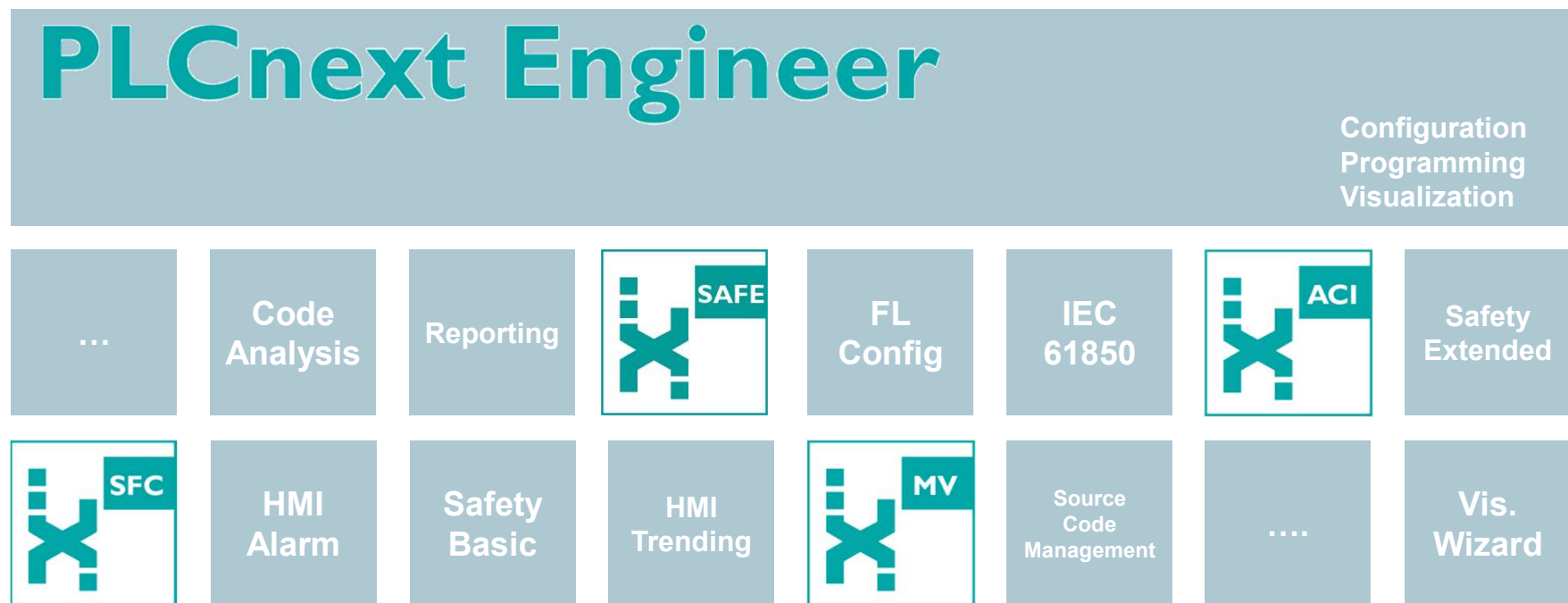


Documentation

- Property editor for project and HMI symbols
 - Import/Export as HTML
 - Version table
 - Enhanced text properties
 - Insert tables
 - Insert pictures



License Structure





License Structure


Free of charge


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Configuration
Programming
Visualization

Licensed AddIns

...	Code Analysis	Reporting	 SAFE	FL Config	IEC 61850	 ACI	Safety Extended
 SFC	HMI Alarm	Safety Basic	HMI Trending	 MV	Source Code Management	Vis. Wizard

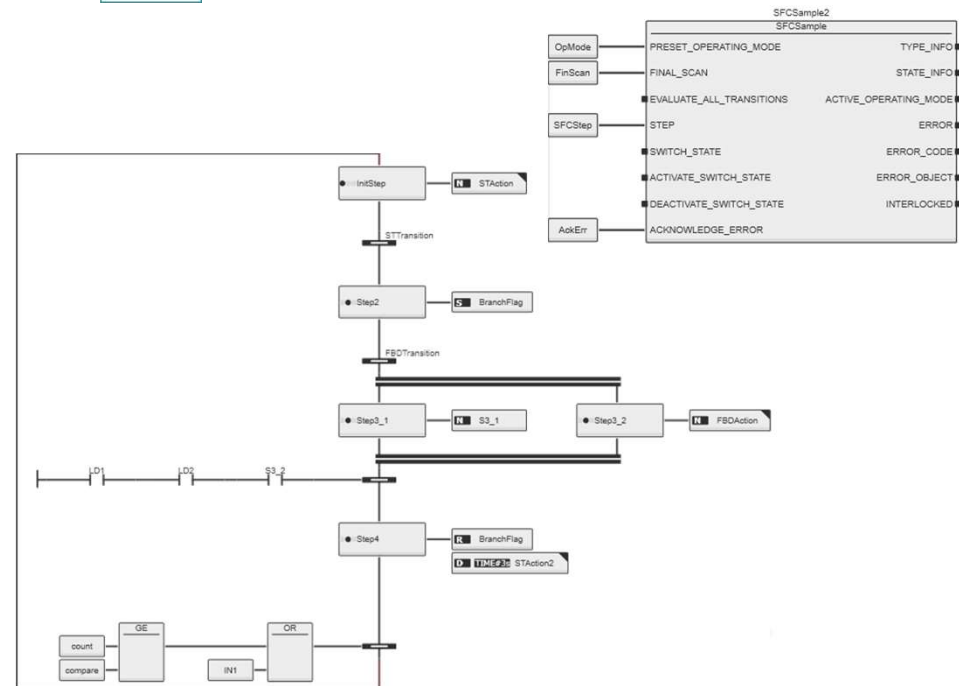
32  Icon = available Add-In

 No icon = Idea about future Add-Ins

Sequential Function Chart – SFC



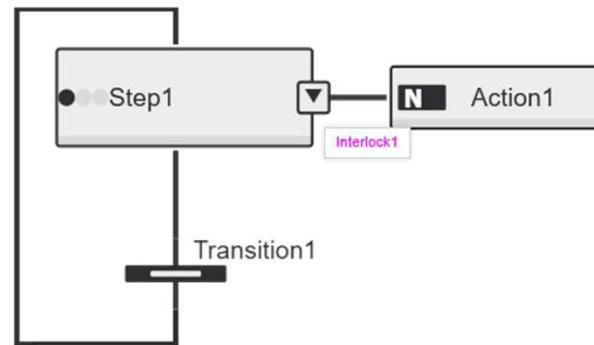
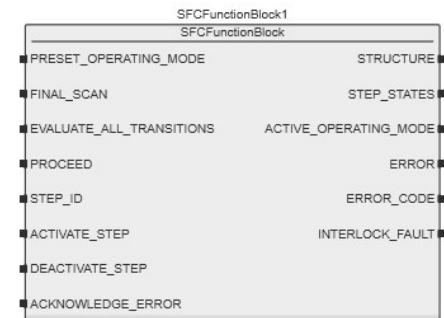
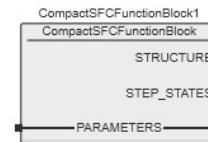
- Represented as a function block
- Automatic generated TypeInfo and StateInfo structure
- Error handling
- Directly connected transitions
- Transitions in separate worksheets (FBD, ST, LD)
- Operation modes:
Automatic, Manual Step, Halted



Sequential Function Chart – SFC



- Compact SFC
- STEP Interlock
can be used to control the execution of actions associated to a step
- Pre-Execute worksheet
- Post-Execute worksheet



-  Add Action
-  Add Transition
-  Add Interlock
-  Add PreExecute
-  Add PostExecute

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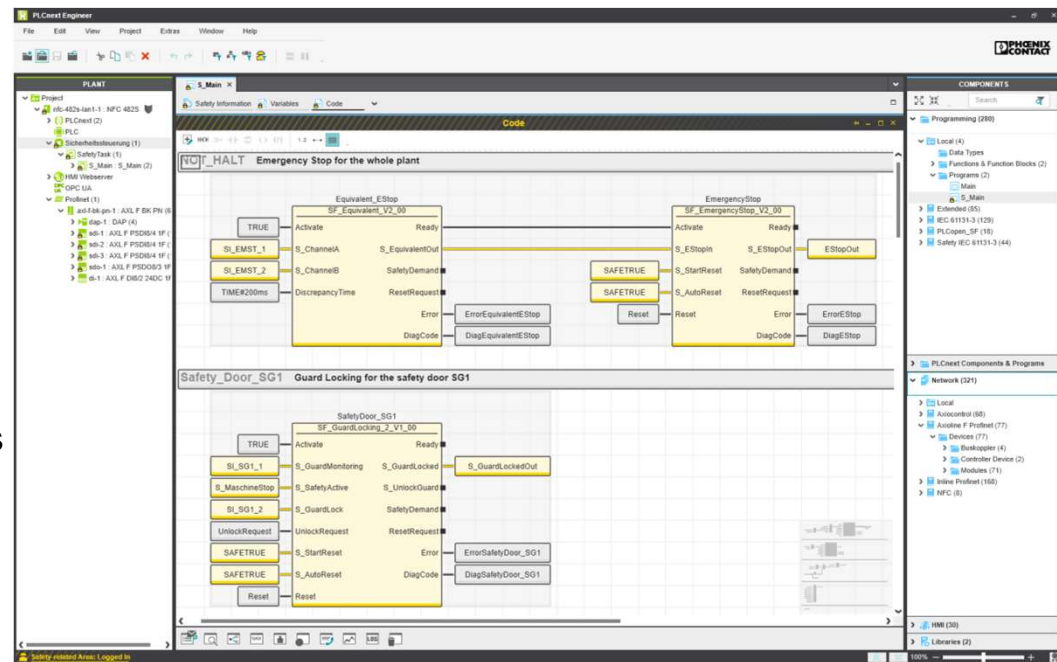
Functional Safety Programming



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Fully integrated Safety Programming

- TÜV Rheinland certified according to IEC 61508
- Editor with common behavior as known from standard FBD or LD editor
- Low Variability Language support
- Network granular CRC checksums
- PROFIsafe Support

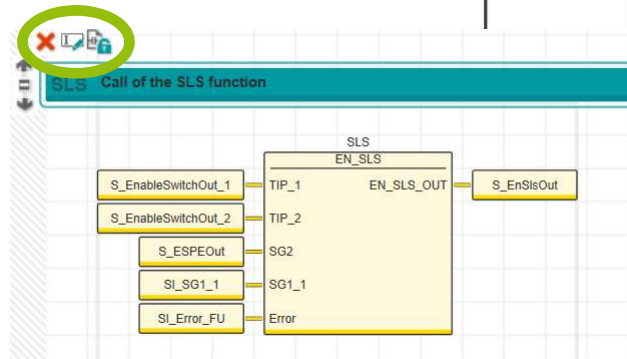
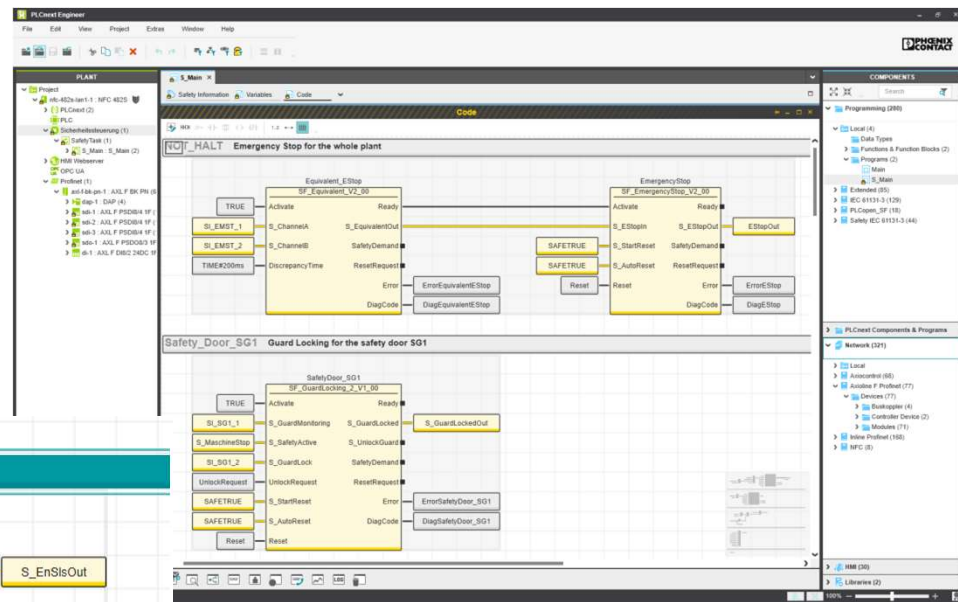


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Fully integrated Safety Programming

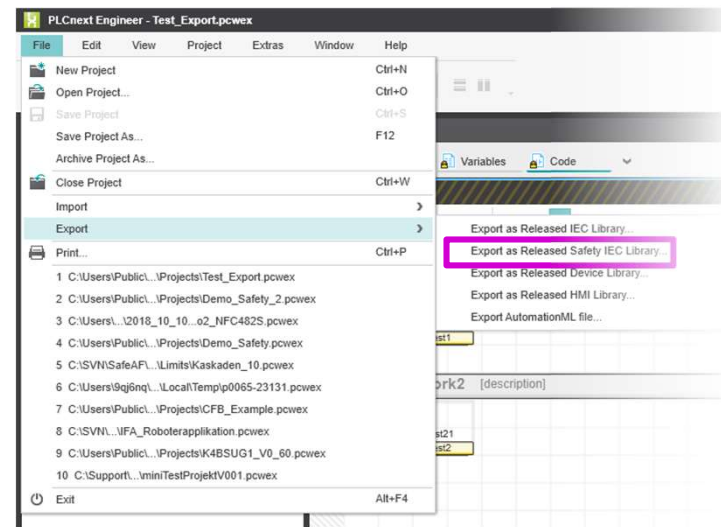
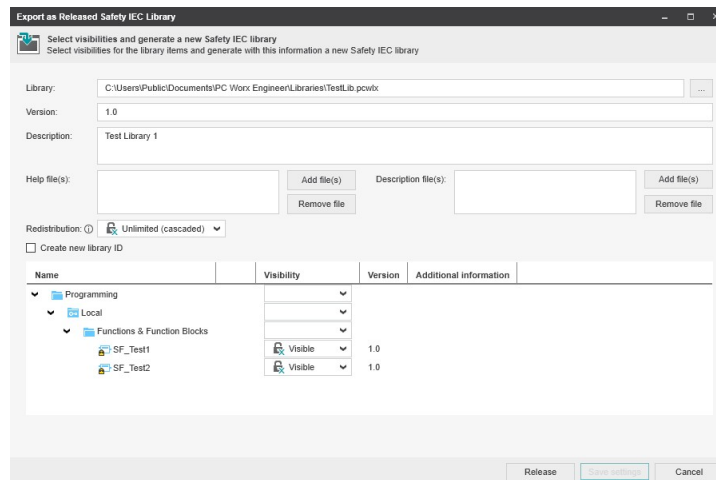
- Individual safety functions can be protected by a verification function
- Background signal path analysis
- Background safe semantic analysis
- Diversely-redundant code generator



Functional Safety User Libraries



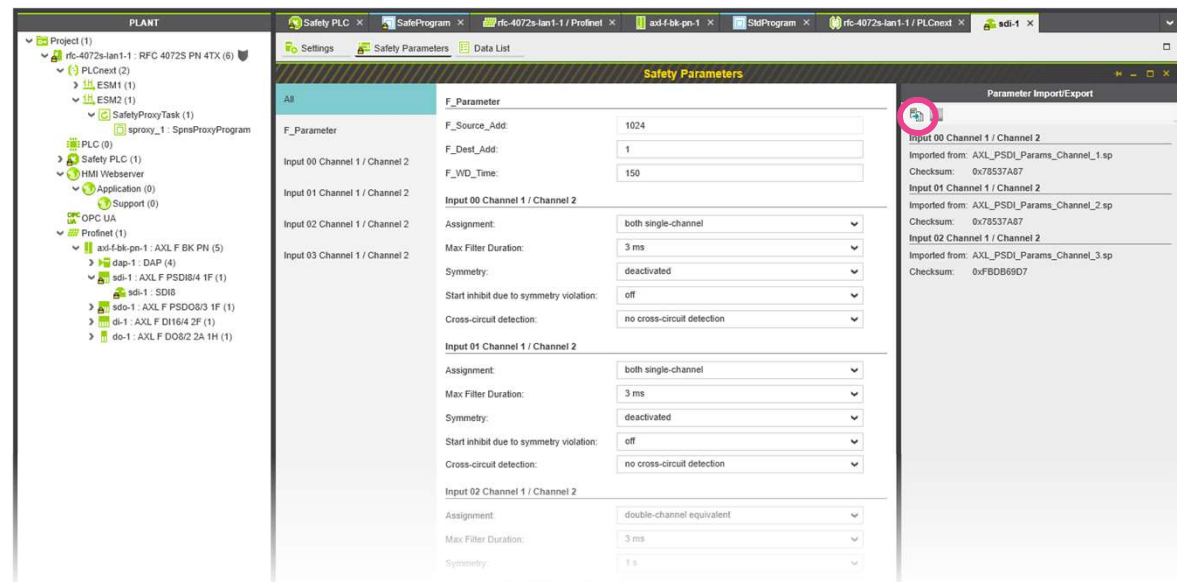
- Export of safety-related function blocks as new user library



Safety Parameterization



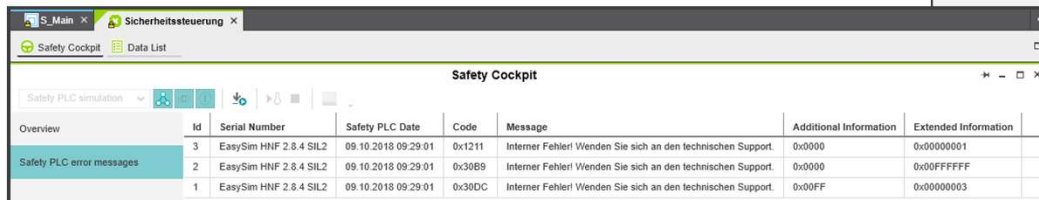
- Parameterization for PROFIsafe devices
- Export / Import
 - Parameter sets of the whole device
 - Parameter sets of a single group



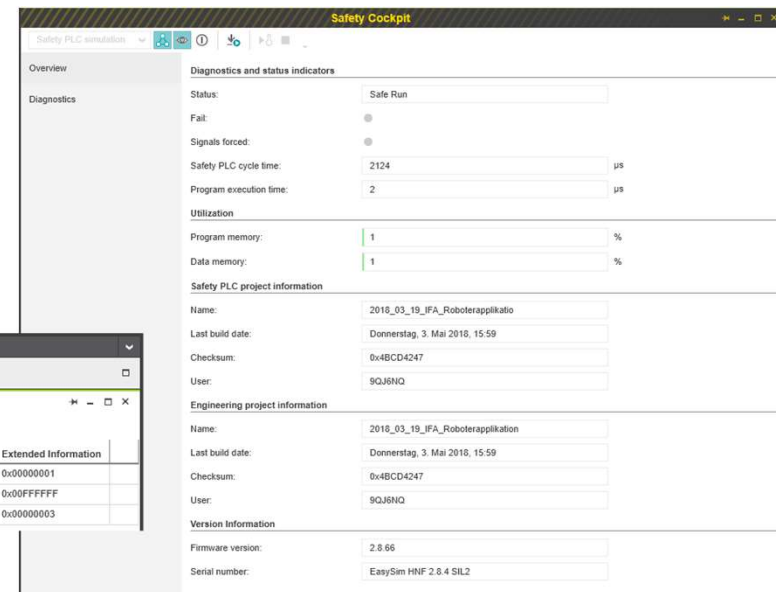
Safety Cockpit



- Display the status information from the safety-related PLC
- Display the error messages from the safety-related PLC



Overview	Id	Serial Number	Safety PLC Date	Code	Message	Additional Information	Extended Information
Safety PLC error messages	3	EasySim HNF 2.8.4 SIL2	09.10.2018 09:29:01	0x1211	Interner Fehler! Wenden Sie sich an den technischen Support.	0x0000	0x00000001
	2	EasySim HNF 2.8.4 SIL2	09.10.2018 09:29:01	0x30B9	Interner Fehler! Wenden Sie sich an den technischen Support.	0x0000	0x00FFFFFF
	1	EasySim HNF 2.8.4 SIL2	09.10.2018 09:29:01	0x30DC	Interner Fehler! Wenden Sie sich an den technischen Support.	0x00FF	0x00000003



Safety Cockpit

Safety PLC simulation

Overview

Diagnostics and status indicators

Status: Safe Run

Fail:

Signals forced:

Safety PLC cycle time: 2124 μ s

Program execution time: 2 μ s

Utilization

Program memory: 1 %

Data memory: 1 %

Safety PLC project information

Name: 2018_03_19_IFA_Roboterapplikatio

Last build date: Donnerstag, 3. Mai 2018, 15:59

Checksum: 0x4BCD4247

User: 9QJ8NQ

Engineering project information

Name: 2018_03_19_IFA_Roboterapplikatio

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Checksum: 0x4BCD4247

User: 9QJ8NQ

Version Information

Firmware version: 2.8.66

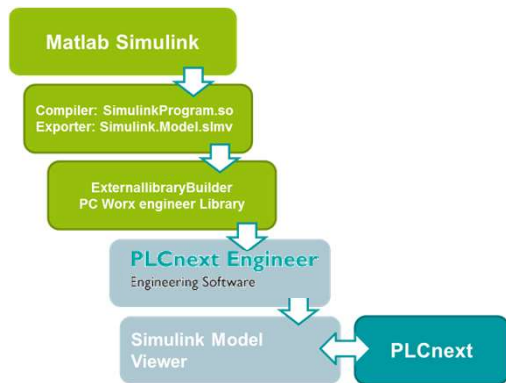
Serial number: EasySim HNF 2.8.4 SIL2

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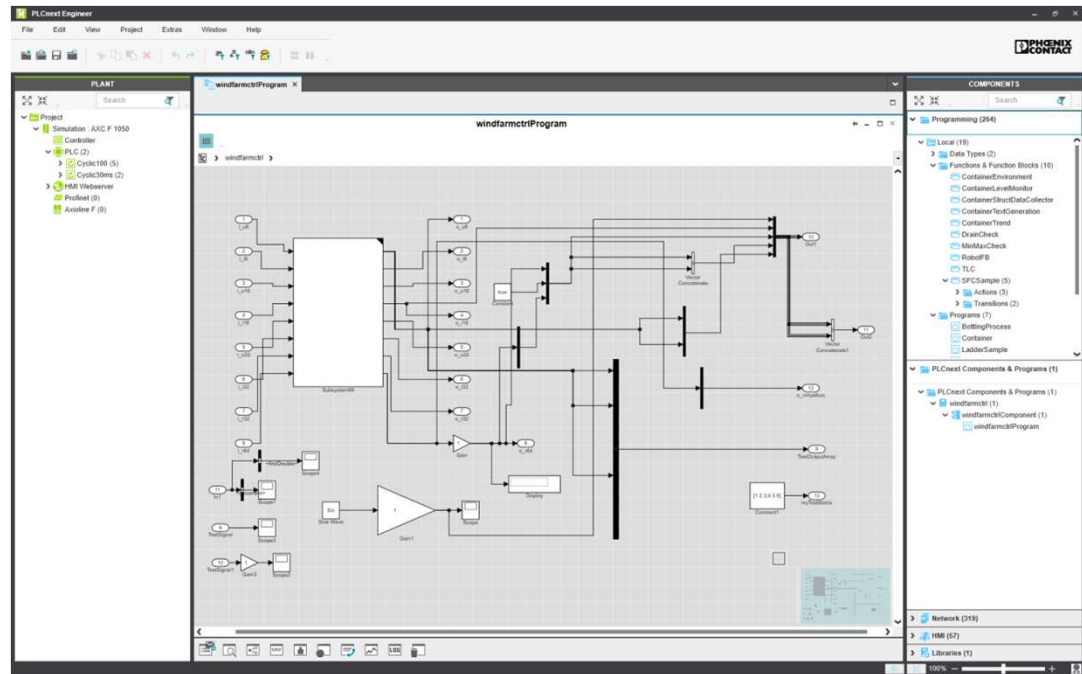
Viewer for Simulink



- Model export as part of a PLCnext library
- Drill-down into sub-models
- Online-values for In- and Out-Ports



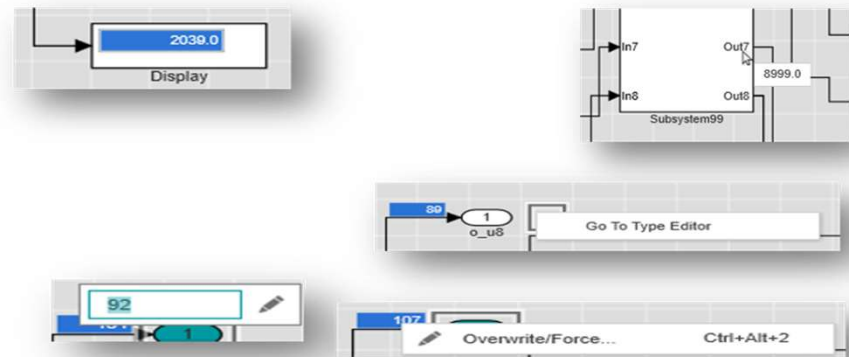
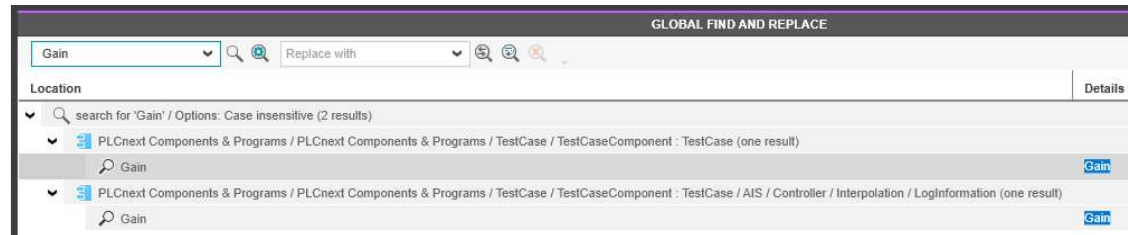
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Viewer for Simulink



- Global / Local Search
 - Jumpable objects selected
- Display block with online values
- Overwrite of GDS ports
- Jump to Type Model from Instance
- Online Indication on lines for boolean in /out ports

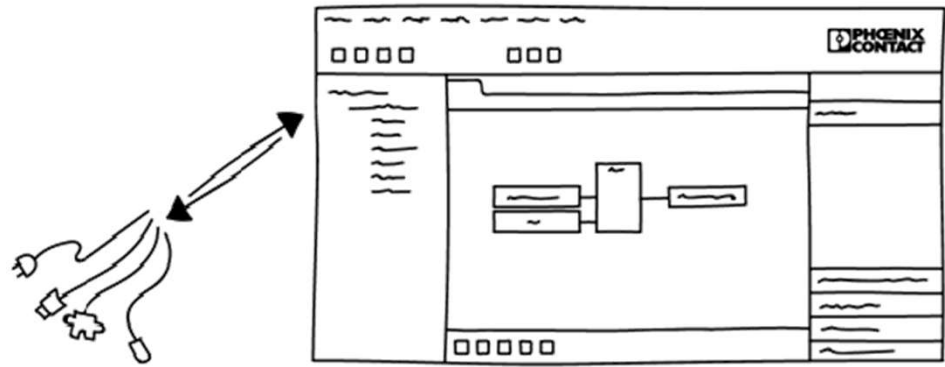


Application Control Interface (ACI)

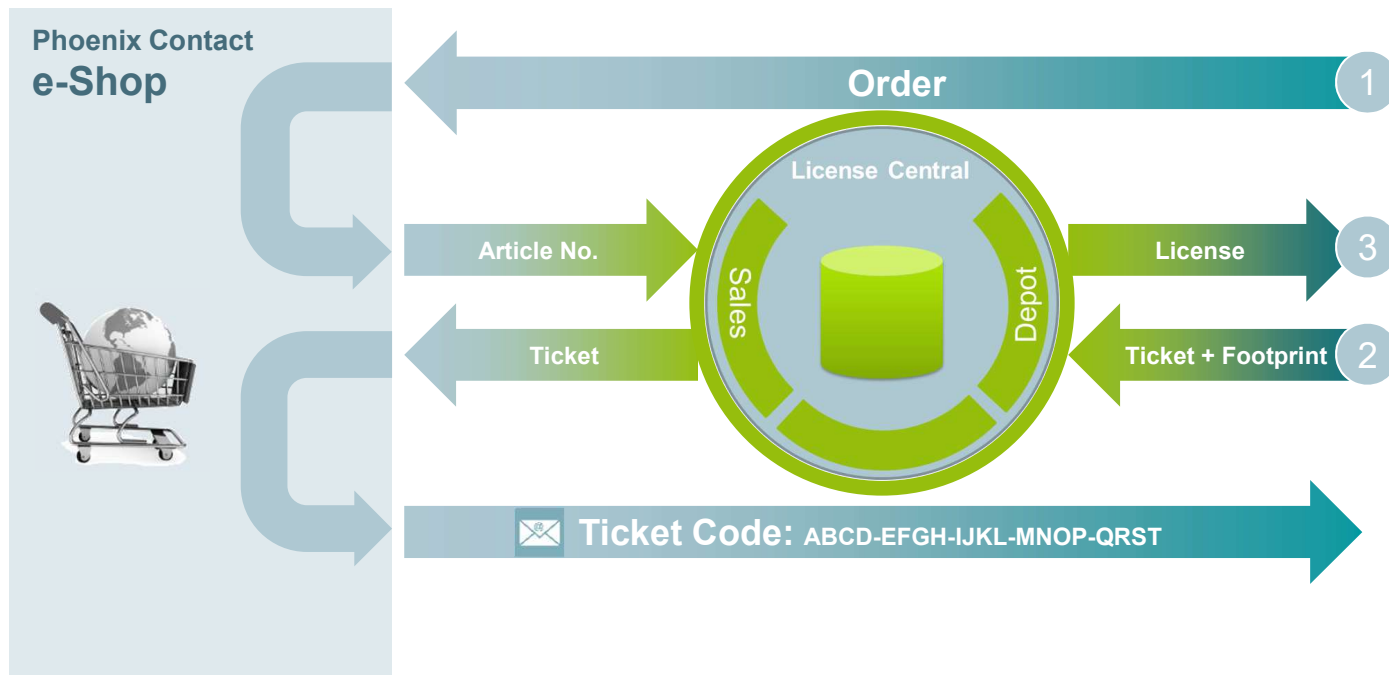


Remote Control of the software:

- ✓ Application.BuildPath (property)
- ✓ Application.OpenProject (method)
- ✓ Application.ProjectOpened (event)
- ✓ Project.Close (method)
- ✓ Project.Save (method)
- ✓ Project.SaveAs (method)
- ✓ Project.Closed (event)
- ✓



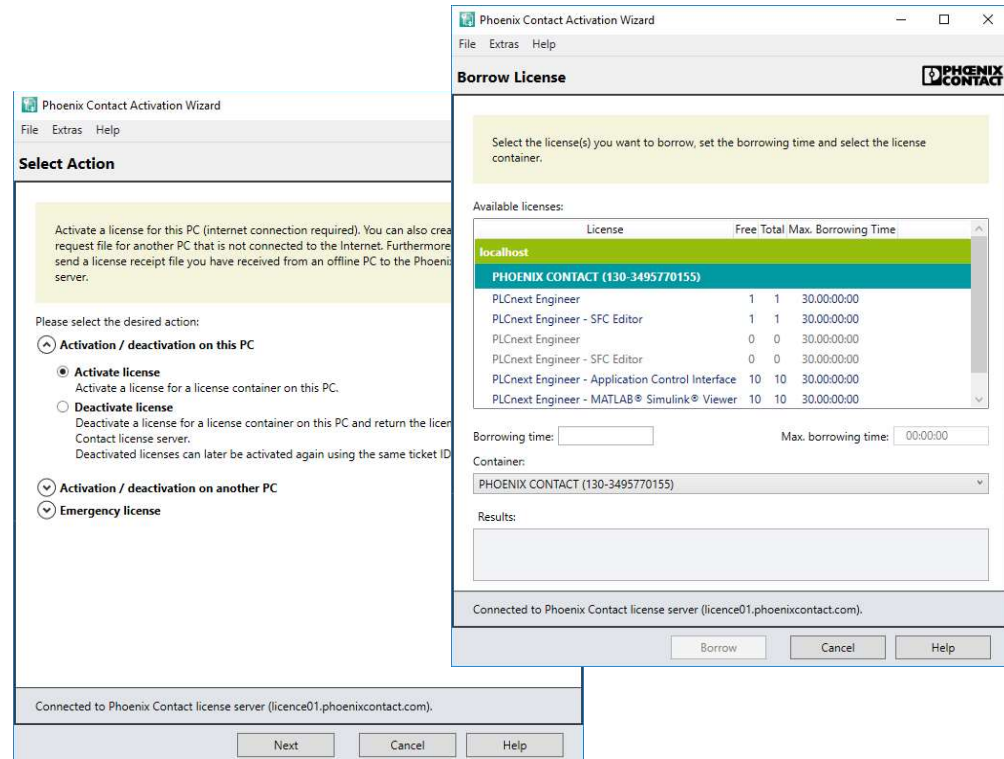
Software License Distribution



Activation Wizard

- Version 1.1 HMI 2018
 - Deactivating / Moving licenses

- Version 1.2 SPS 2018
 - Network server for licenses
 - Server list; authentication
 - Borrowing of licenses (can be returned to pool)




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Electronic Software License on USB A


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Software dongle - ESL STICK USB A - 1080084



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Product Description

Up to 2000 licenses with different license models for various software tools can be stored on the license dongle. Licenses can be used flexibly by moving the dongle from one computer to another.

Use of a license dongle is recommended when using virtual machines. This means that licenses can still be used after virtual machines are copied or even if settings are changed on the virtual machine.

Using the "Activation Wizard" software tool, activate and deactivate licenses on the license dongle. Or use the "Activation Wizard" to migrate licenses from a PC hard drive to a license dongle (or vice versa), for example.

No additional drivers are required to operate the dongle. After it is connected to a computer, it can immediately be used without administrator rights.



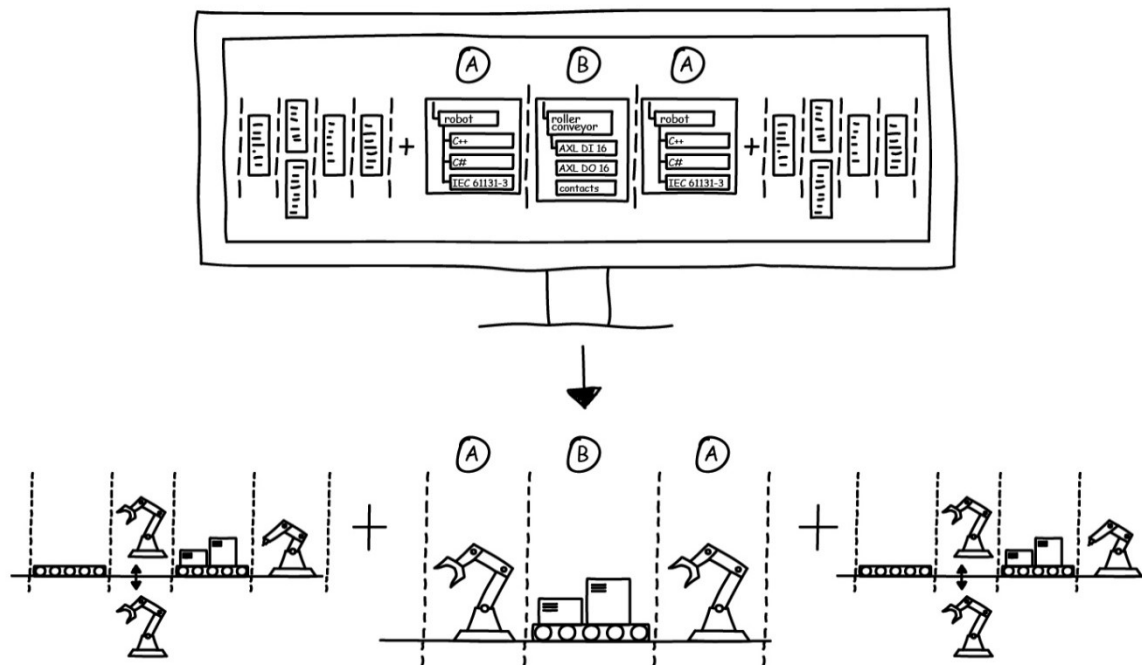
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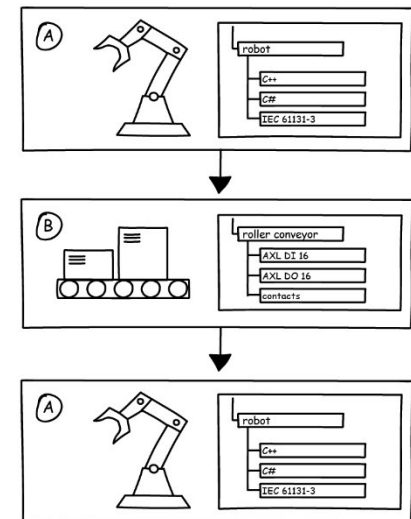
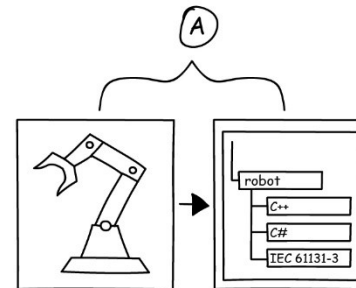
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Automation Modules

- **Reusability across all trades**
 - Can contain all items from the application
 - IEC 61131-3 Code
 - Visualization pages
 - Data connections
 - Hardware configuration
 - High language programs
 - Safety function

Orchestrate instead of programming!

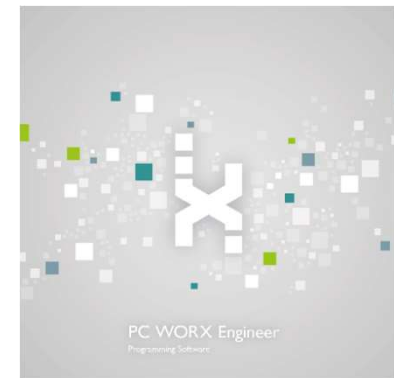
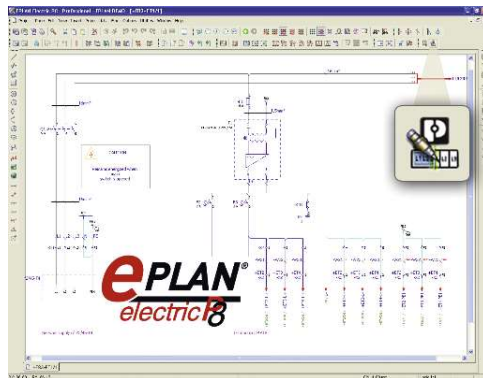
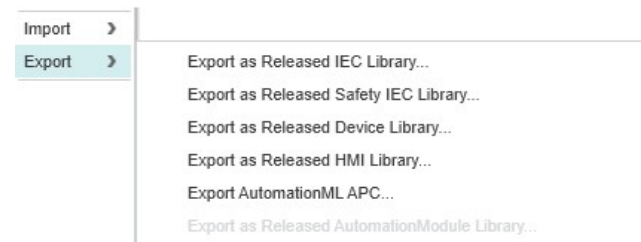


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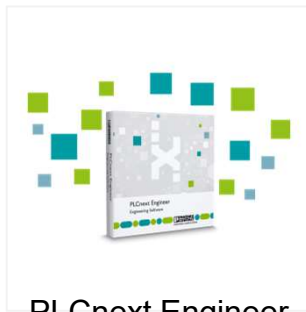
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Automation Project Configuration

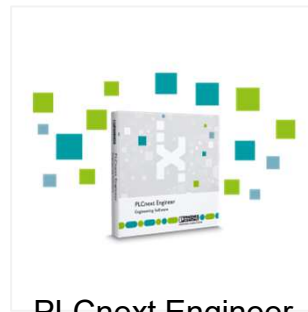
- Reuse identifier (devices, terminal points)
- Create prewired variables
- Import / Export / Synchronization



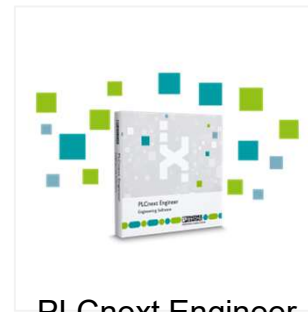
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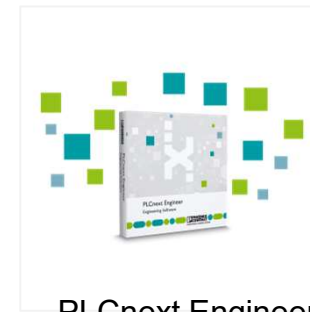
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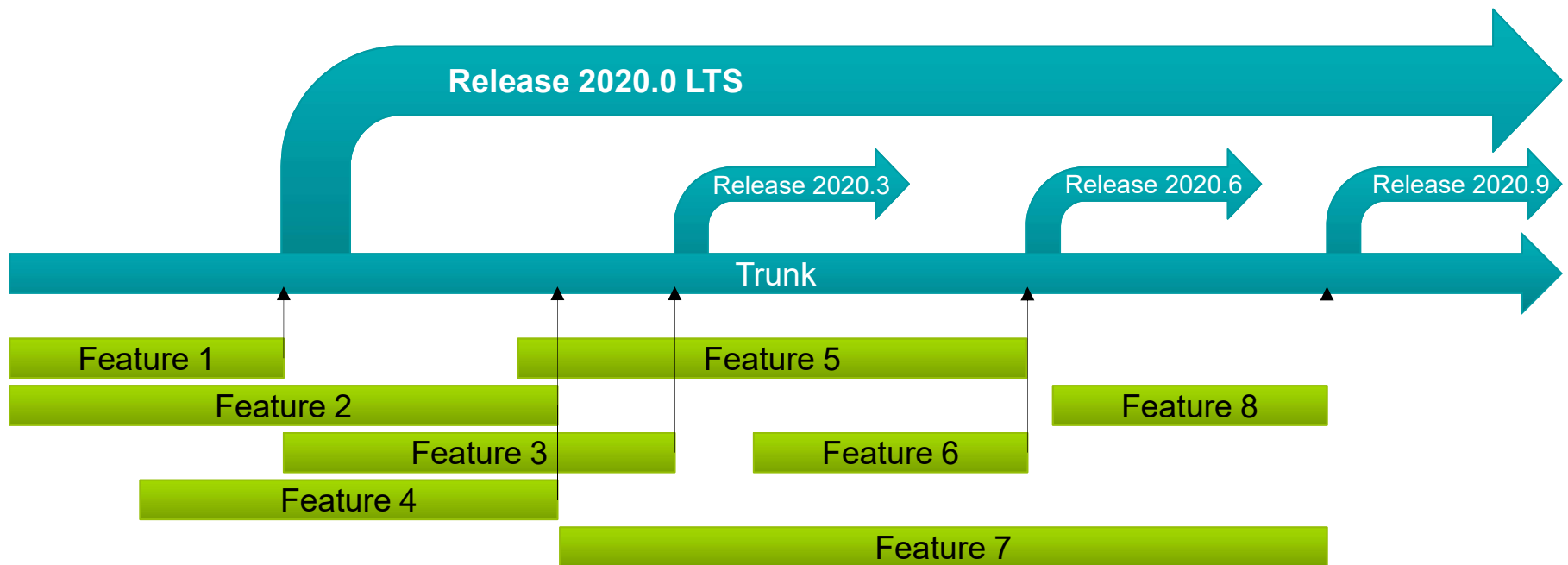
Long-term support (LTS) ...

... is a product lifecycle management policy in which a stable release of computer software is maintained for a longer period of time than the standard edition. The term is typically reserved for open-source software, where it describes a software edition that is supported for months or years longer than the software's standard edition.

Source 2019/01: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long-term_support



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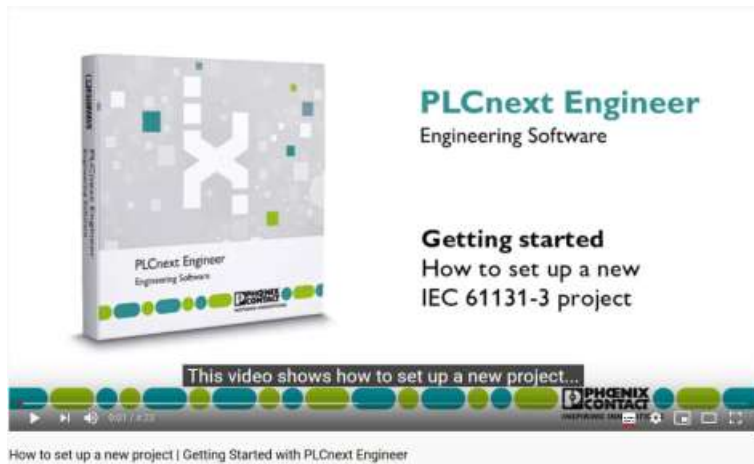


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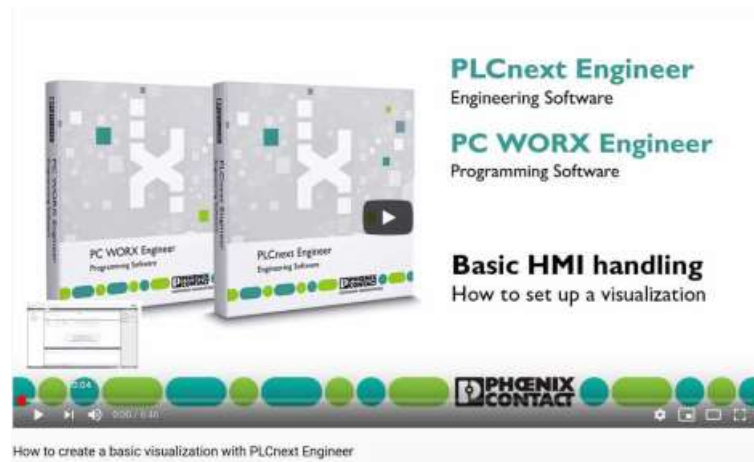
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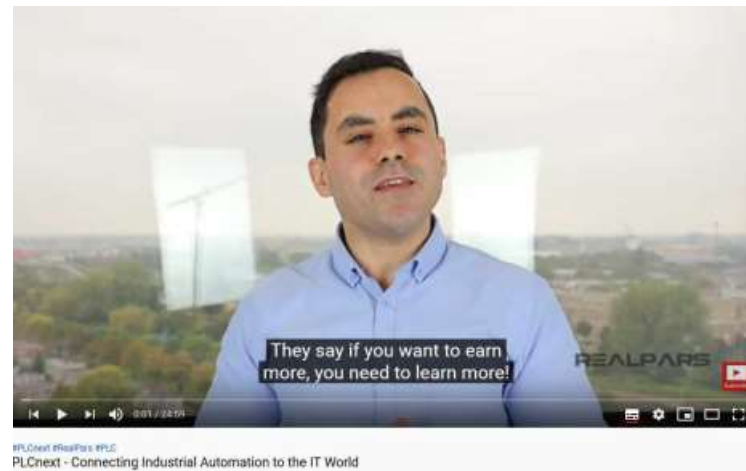
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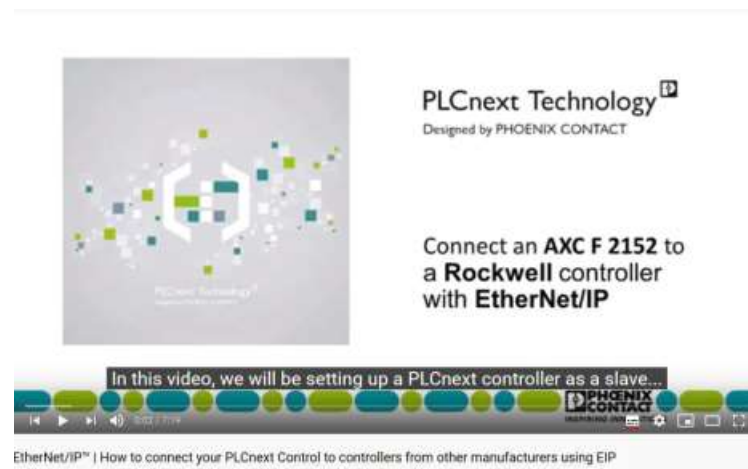
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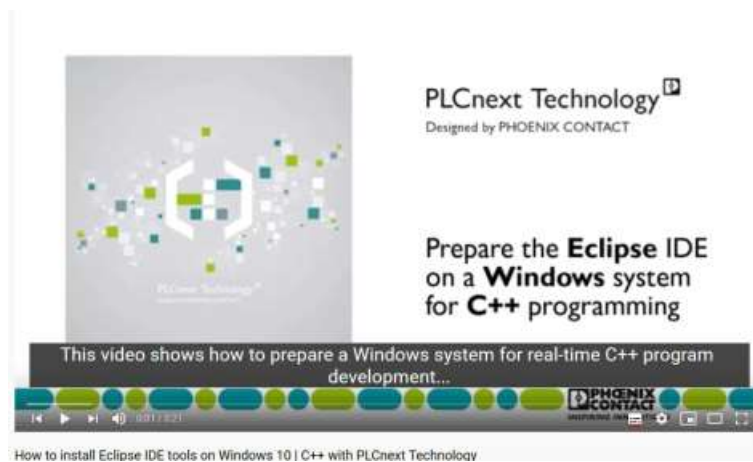
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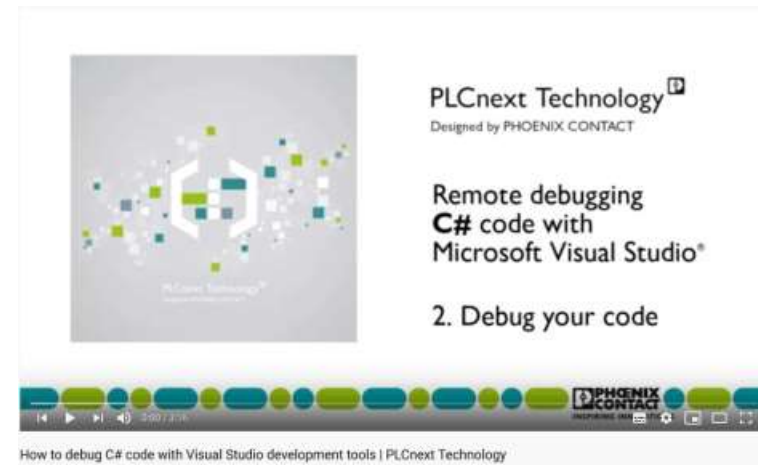
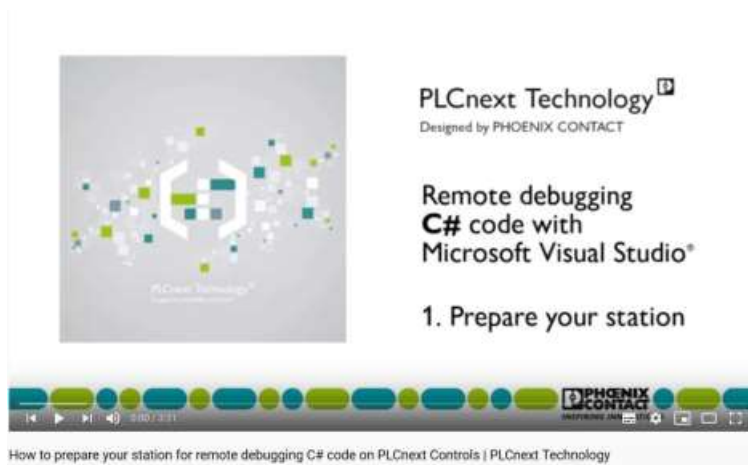
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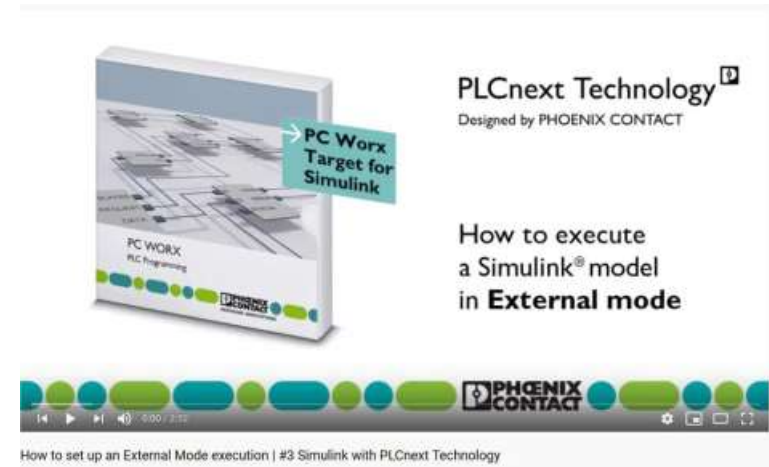
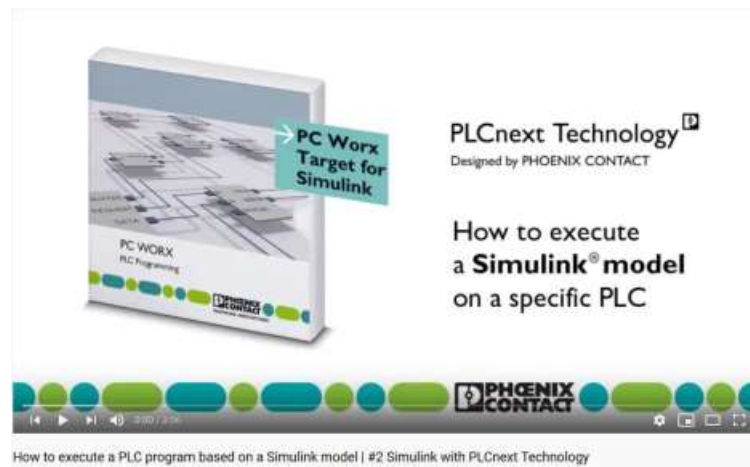


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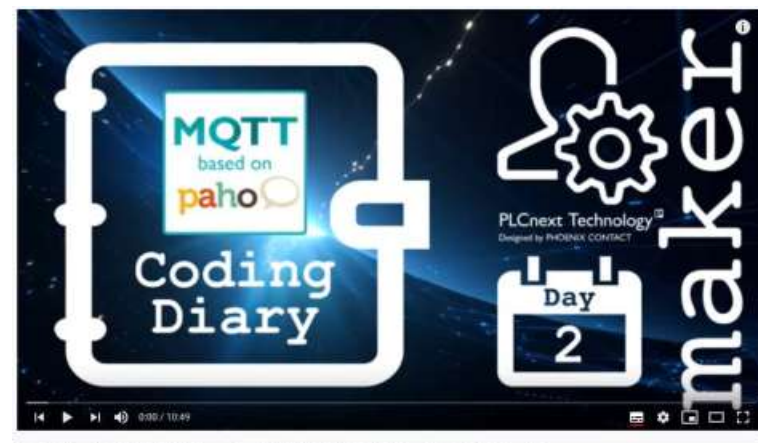
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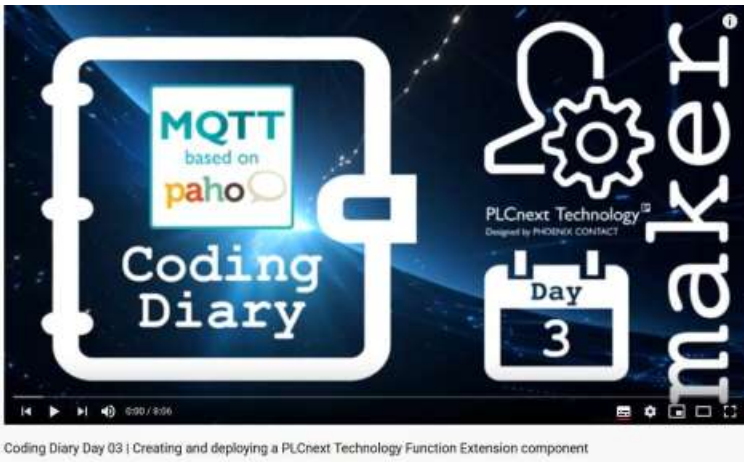
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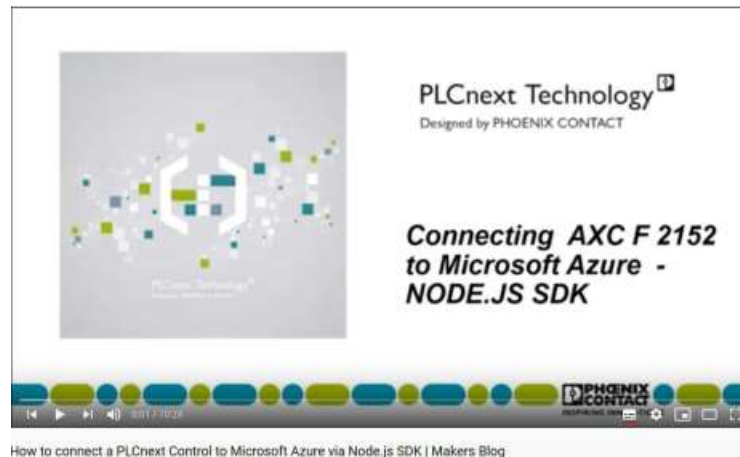
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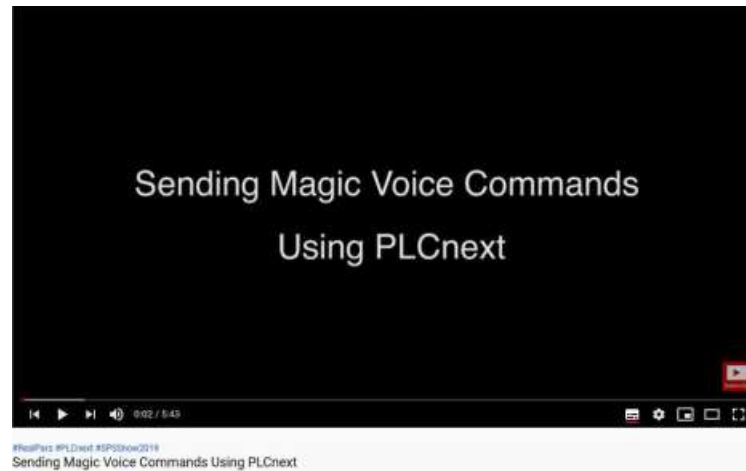
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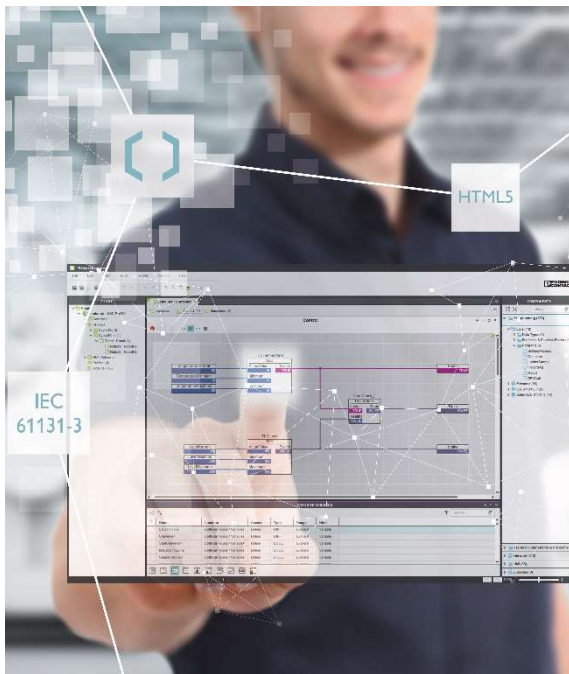
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