

A STUDY OF PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLERS (PLC) AND GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE: A SURVEY

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Abstract - PLC controllers in today's day are a staple mechanism to control operation of large number of machines and devices in the industry. This project presents the idea of using programmable logic controller (PLC) in industrial automation. a control system which takes care of operation in automotive way with minimum human interface. This paper presents experiments for students to learn and explore the various industrial applications of PLC's. The control problems in this paper are defined with respect to their applications in different industries such as automotive, steel, oil and electronics. A control system is a combination of various devices that are integrated as system, used to sense, measure, indicate and controls the process variables which in inters to the process desired automation. All the problems are solved using Ladder Logic programming on Automation. The software helps to design and explore things. The computer program used for simulation. This project consists of design, simulating the model and stability and other analysis of proposed model.

Key Words: Communication, characteristics, automation, plc's, ladder logics, software's.

1. INTRODUCTION

Plc or programmable logic control is one of the most widely used in industrial control system. The PLC system is a computer system that consists of various hardware components such as the CPU, programming devices, external hardware components Input/Outputs (I/O) and power supply. plc is an industrial computer which is used to monitor inputs and controls the process or make design based on its control (on/off) .The input of any machine in plant. It is microcontroller device which sense input from input devices and execute in cup which update output module to provided data to output devices. Automation is basically the delegation of human control function to technical equipment for-

- 1- Increasing productivity,
- 2- Increasing quality,

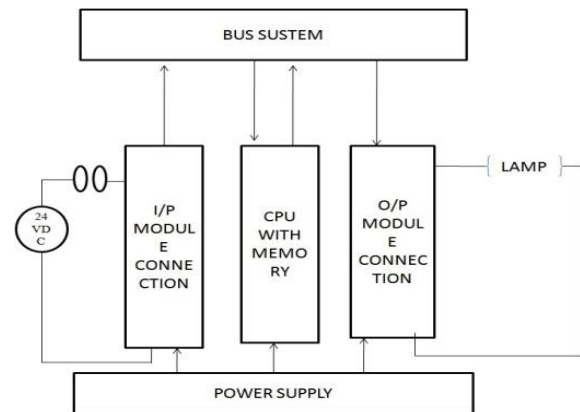


FIG- block diagram of plc system.

- 3- Less coast and
- 4- Increasing safety in working condition.

A control system which takes care of operation in automated way with minimum human interface, a control system is a combination of various devices that are interigated as system used to scene, measure, indicator and control the process variable which is interface to the process designed automation.

Input/output modules: There are two types of input modules:-

Digital inputs/output and analog input/output:-

1-digital input/output consists of 230vac, 115vac and 24vdc.

Example-digital input-proximity sensor, limit switch, push button, toggle button, IR sensor etc.

-digital output-lamps, motors, relay on/off, solenoid valves etc.

2-Analog input/output consists of 0-10v, 4-20ma.

Example-Analog input-thermocouples, pressure thermometer, level thermister, etc.

-Analog output-variations, temperature control, pressure indicator, level indicators, etc.

CPU- Cpu is microcontroller device it consists of

- 1- ALU.

2- MEMORY- RAM, ROM, EPROM, EEPROM, FLASH MEMORY, COMPACT MEMORY.

3- REGISTER.

4- TIMER.

5- COUNTER, and

6- PROCESS IMAGE AREA: - I/P image [area/table], O/P [image area/table].

BUS SYSTEM- bus system transmit data or signal between input, output modules, cup and 3process.

TYPE OF PLC-

- 1- COMPACT and
- 2- MODULAR.

In compact plc memory are fixed I/P module, in modular i/p module depend on project or customer requirement. Compact plc are less memory and modular plc depending on project there used more memory. In compact any fault is observed in any slot {i/p} so required change hardware {plc's}, in modular case of fault to any slot {i/p} can be easily handle fault by replacing the slots.

LADDER LOGIC PROGRAMING USING SOFTWARE (RS LINX, RS LOGIX 500, SIMATIC MANAGER)

One of the widely used methods of controlling PLCs is using Ladder logic programming. The ladder logic diagram is a representation of the steps of programming. INPUT address can be used in series and parallel. OUTPUT address can be used in parallel. INPUT address not be used as OUTPUT address. INPUT address can be repeated as INPUT address. OUTPUT latch and unlatch OUTPUT coil. The ladder program is all PLCs follow a template that consists of 2 bus bars that are connected to one another using rung lines.

NOTE- RS LINX LITE is for configuration with RSLOGIX 500.in RSLOGIX 500 we chosen input/output configuration, microcontroller etc. in this we design programs and run it through RSLOGIX 500. Same in SIMATIC MANAGER SIMATIC MANAGER are using for SIMENS PLC. In WONDERWARE INTOUCH design and complete plant engineering and is using for monitoring the plant at one place.

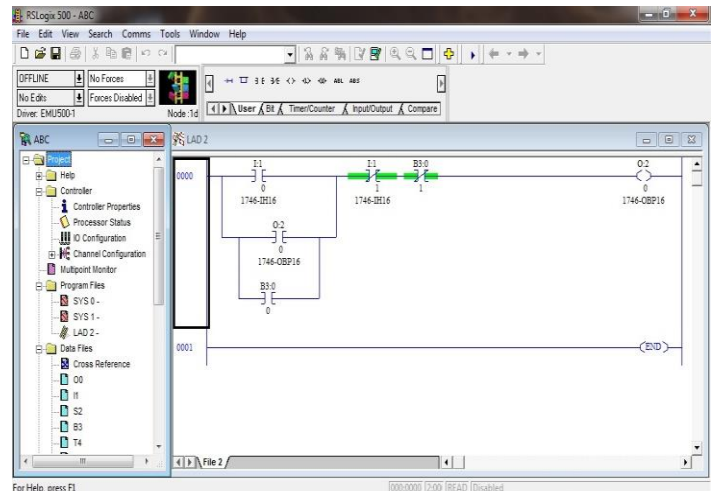


FIG- RS LOGIX 500

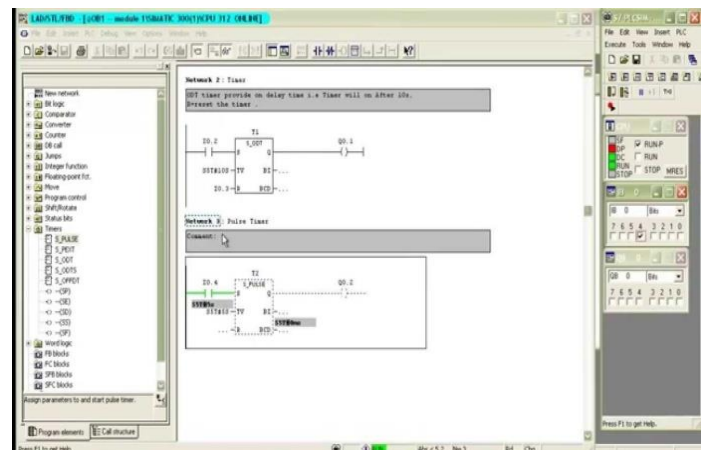


FIG- SIMATIC MANAGER

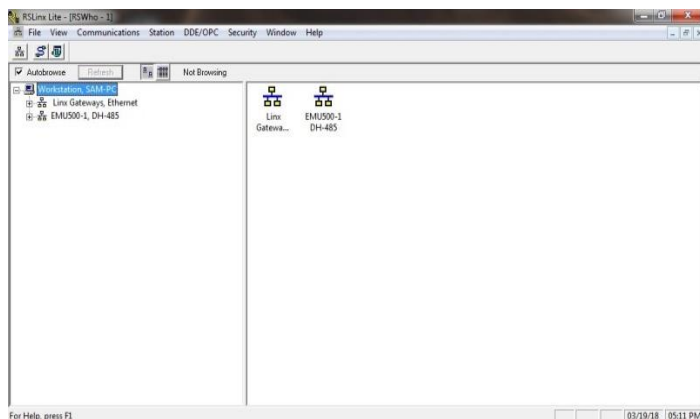


FIG -RS LINX LITE

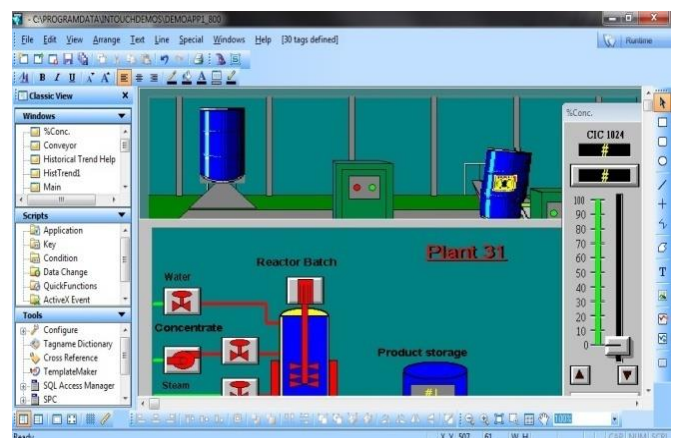


FIG- WONDERWARE INTOUCH.

CONCLUSIONS

Compared to commercially available products as a teaching point of view. It is considered that this platform has an impact in the automation where PLC is the part of system and so student can understand heart of the system. The source codes of EasyLadder are open to student so that everyone makes their own small PLC using editing the codes. Also, the authors consider that this system is a platform on which a more powerful PLC can be developed in future. The results of the application of our approach to education have been excellent both in terms of student's motivation and knowledge.

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