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Preface

S7-PLCSIM is an optional software product for STEP 7. (The S7-PLCSIM software enables you to run and test your program on a simulated programmable logic controller (PLC) that exists on your computer or programming device (such as a PG 740). Because the simulation exists completely within the STEP 7 software, you do not need to be connected to any S7 hardware (CPU or I/O modules). With the simulated S7 CPU, you can test and debug programs for both the S7-300 and S7-400 CPUs.

S7-PLCSIM provides a simple interface for monitoring and modifying different parameters used by the program (such as for turning inputs on and off). You can also use the various applications of the STEP 7 software while you are running your program on the simulated CPU. This allows you to use such tools as the variable table (VAT) to monitor and modify variables.

The Readme file for S7-PLCSIM provides information about the system requirements and the versions of STEP 7 that support S7-PLCSIM version 4.

Audience

This manual is intended for engineers, programmers, and maintenance personnel who have a general knowledge of programmable logic controllers.

Scope of the Manual

This manual describes the features and the operation of S7-PLCSIM, version 4. In order to install S7-PLCSIM, you must have an authorized version of STEP 7 installed on your computer.

Other Manuals

You can find information in the online help for STEP 7 and for S7-PLCSIM. In addition, the following manuals provide information about STEP 7.

Title	Content
System Software for S7-300 and S7-400 Program Design Programming Manual	The <i>System Software for S7-300/S7-400 Program Design Programming Manual</i> provides basic information on the structure of the operating system and of a user program of an S7 CPU.
S7-300 and S7-400 System and Standard Functions Reference Manual	The S7 CPUs have integrated system functions and organization blocks included with their operating system, which you can use when programming. This manual provides you with descriptions of the system functions, organization blocks, and loadable standard functions available in S7.
STEP 7 User Manual	The <i>STEP 7 User Manual</i> explains the main usage and the functions of the STEP 7 automation software. This manual provides you with an overview of the procedures used to configure, program, and start up an S7-300/S7-400 PLC.
Statement List, Ladder Logic, S7GRAPH ¹ , SCL ¹ , and FBD ¹ Manuals	The manuals for the programming language packages Statement List, Ladder Logic, and SCL (Structured Control Language) contain both the user's guide and the reference description of the programming language or representation type.

¹ Optional package for system software for S7-300/S7-400

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Product Overview

Overview

The S7-PLCSIM software enables you to run and test your program on a simulated PLC that exists on your computer or programming device (such as a PG 740). Because the simulation exists completely within the STEP 7 software, you do not need to be connected to any S7 hardware (CPU or I/O modules). With the simulated S7 CPU, you can test and debug programs for both the S7-300 and S7-400 CPUs.

S7-PLCSIM provides a simple interface for monitoring and modifying different parameters used by the program (such as for turning inputs on and off). You can also use the various applications of the STEP 7 software while you are running your program on the simulated CPU. This allows you to use such tools as the variable table (VAT) to monitor and modify variables.

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1.1 Features of S7-PLCSIM

S7-PLCSIM offers the following features for running a program on a simulated PLC:

- A button on the SIMATIC Manager toolbar turns the simulation on or off. Turning on the simulation button opens the S7-PLCSIM software with its simulated PLC. When the S7-PLCSIM software is running, all communication from STEP 7 goes to the simulated PLC.
- It does not matter whether your program is intended for either an S7-300 or an S7-400 CPU module; you can use the simulated PLC to test programs for any S7 CPU module.
- You can create “view objects” that allow you to access the input and output memory areas, accumulators, and registers of the simulated CPU. You can modify any of this data.
- You can choose to have the timers run automatically, or you can set or reset the timers manually. You can reset individual timers, or you can reset all of the timers at once.
- You can change the CPU operating mode (STOP, RUN, and RUN-P) as with a real CPU. In addition, S7-PLCSIM provides a Pause function that allows you to halt the CPU momentarily without affecting the state of the program.
- You can simulate interrupt OBs.
- The “single scan” feature allows you to test your program one scan at a time.

S7-PLCSIM also allows you to use all of the STEP 7 tools to monitor and modify the activities of the simulated PLC.

New Features for S7-PLCSIM Version 4

There have been several enhancements to S7-PLCSIM:

- A slider control has been added to the options for displaying data. Use the slider to enter analog values (or other values for byte, word, or double word memory locations). The slider control provides configurable minimum and maximum values.
- The STEP 7 toolbar button now opens and closes S7-PLCSIM.
- Timers now measure real-time, and not simulated, increments.
- Writing to the Input (I) and output (Q) memory areas now writes also to the peripheral input (PI) and peripheral output (PQ) memory areas.

In addition to these enhancements, the following features have been added to S7-PLCSIM version 4:

- Additional S7 data types (Char, Date, S5Time, and Time Of Day)
- Additional SFBs and SFCs
- Alarm and Scan support for WinCC (Windows Command Center), SFC, CFC, and PCS7
- Clock memory
- Connection to WinAC Computing (version 1.2 or higher)
- Priority classes (OBs)
- User-generated events to trigger interrupt OBs

Other features (such as an “Always on Top” function, an “undo” function, sort by absolute address, and scrollbars) have also been added.

PLC Functions Supported

The simulated PLC functions as a superset of the S7-300 and S7-400 CPUs. It provides the following capabilities:

- Timers: 512 (T 0 to T 511).
- Memory bits: up to 16,384 bits (2048 bytes) of M memory.
- Total addressable I/O memory: up to 16,384 bytes (16 Kbytes) of I/O memory.
- Process image (updated every scan): as determined by the hardware configuration in the system data downloaded from STEP 7, S7-PLCSIM simulates a process image of either 512 bytes or 1024 bytes.
- Logic blocks and data blocks: 65,536 function blocks (FBs) and functions (FCs), and 65,535 data blocks (DBs).
- System function blocks (SFBs): SFB0, SFB1, SFB2, SFB3, SFB4, SFB5, SFB16, SFB32, SFB33, SFB34, SFB35, SFB36, and SFB37.

Note that SFB16 (“PRINT”) is a NOP (does not perform any operation). You do not have to modify a program that calls SFB16.

- System functions (SFCs): SFC0, SFC1, SFC2, SFC3, SFC4, SFC5, SFC6, SFC9, SFC10, SFC13, SFC14, SFC15, SFC17, SFC18, SFC19, SFC20, SFC21, SFC22, SFC23, SFC24, SFC26, SFC27, SFC28, SFC29, SFC30, SFC31, SFC32, SFC33, SFC34, SFC39, SFC40, SFC41, SFC42, SFC43, SFC44, SFC46, SFC47, SFC49, SFC50, SFC51, SFC52, SFC54, SFC55, SFC56, SFC57, SFC58, SFC59, SFC64, SFC79, and SFC80.

For SFC26 and SFC27, the only input parameter supported is 0.

- OBs: OB1 (free cycle), OB10 to OB17 (time-of-day interrupt), OB20 to OB23 (time-delay interrupt), OB30 to OB38 (cyclic interrupt), OB40 to OB47 (hardware interrupt), OB80 (time error), OB82 (diagnostic interrupt), OB83 (insert/remove interrupt), OB85 (priority class error), OB86 (rack failure), OB100 (complete restart), OB101 (restart), OB121 (programming error), and OB122 (access error).

Limitations of the Simulated PLC

S7-PLCSIM has the following limitations:

- You can run only one simulated PLC at a time.
- The simulated PLC does not support all of the error messages written to the diagnostic buffer. For instance, bad batteries in the CPU or EPROM errors cannot be simulated. However, most I/O and program errors can be simulated.

Differences between a Simulated PLC and a Real PLC

The simulated PLC provides the following capabilities which are not available in a real PLC:

- The Pause function halts the simulated CPU and allows you to resume the execution of the program at the instruction where the program was halted.
- Any change that you make with a view object immediately updates the contents of the memory location. The CPU does not wait until the beginning or the end of the scan to update any changed data.
- Execution options allow you to select how the CPU runs the program:
 - Single Scan executes the program for one scan and then waits for you to start the next scan.
 - Continuous Scan executes the program like a real PLC: it starts a new scan immediately after the previous one finishes.
- Changing the CPU view object to STOP mode does not change the state of the outputs.
- You can allow the timers to run automatically, or you can choose to enter values for the timers manually. You can also reset the timers to 0. (For Single Scan mode, the timers function in manual mode only.)
- You can manually trigger the interrupt OBs: OB40 to OB 47 (hardware interrupt), OB80 (time error), OB82 (diagnostic interrupt), OB83 (insert/remove module), OB85 (priority class error), and OB86 (DP slave or rack failure). To simulate I/O interrupt events, the simulator must have a valid I/O configuration.

Using S7-PLCSIM with a Process Simulation Program

S7-PLCSIM provides an ActiveX™ control (S7ProSim) that allows you to attach a process simulation program to the simulated PLC. You can use the S7ProSim Control with any application that supports Microsoft's OLE/COM technology, such as Visual Basic version 5.0.

For more information about the properties, methods and events of the S7ProSim Control, refer to the documentation that was installed with the S7-PLCSIM software. Use the following path to display the documentation:

Siemens\Step7\S7manual\S7wsi\S7wspmsx.pdf

(where x indicates the language: a=German, b=English, c=French, d=Spanish, and e=Italian)

Installing the S7-PLCSIM Software

Overview

The Setup program guides you through the installation of the S7-PLCSIM software by means of dialog boxes and menus. You call the Setup program using the standard Windows 95 or Windows NT software installation procedure.

Refer to the Readme file for information about the system requirements and the versions of STEP 7 that support S7-PLCSIm version 4.

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2.1 Authorization

The S7-PLCSIM programming software requires a product-specific authorization (or license for use). The software is therefore copy-protected and can be used only if the relevant authorization for the program or software package has been found on the hard disk of the respective programming device or personal computer.

Authorization Disk

A read-only authorization disk is included with the software. It contains the authorization and the program (AUTHORSW) required to display, install, and remove the authorization.

For more information and rules on how to handle authorizations, see the *STEP 7 User Manual*.



Caution

Note the information in the README.WRI file on the authorization disk. If you do not adhere to these guidelines, the authorization may be irretrievably lost.

Installing the Authorization for the First Time

When installing your software for the first time, a message prompts you to install the authorization. Follow the steps outlined below:

1. When prompted, insert the authorization disk in drive A.
2. Acknowledge the prompt.

The authorization is transferred to a physical drive and your computer registers the fact that the authorization has been installed.

Adding an Authorization at a Later Date

If you attempt to start the S7-PLCSIM software and there is no authorization available for the software, a message informs you of this. If you want to install the authorization, use the AUTHORSW program on the authorization disk. This program allows you to display, install, and remove authorizations. The program is menu-driven.

Note

Always enter drive C as the destination drive for the authorization for S7-PLCSIM.

Removing an Authorization

If you should need to repeat the authorization, for example, if you want to reformat the drive on which the authorization is located, you must remove the existing authorization first. You need the original authorization disk to do this.

To transfer the authorization back to the authorization disk, follow the steps outlined below:

1. Insert the original authorization disk in your floppy disk drive.
2. Start the program AUTHORSW.EXE from the authorization disk.
3. From the list of all authorizations on drive C, select the authorization to be removed.
4. Select the menu command **Authorization ►Transfer...**
5. In the dialog box, enter the target floppy drive to which the authorization will be transferred and confirm the dialog box.
6. The window with the list of authorizations remaining on the drive is then displayed. Close the AUTHORSW program if you do not want to remove any more authorizations.

You can then use the disk again to install an authorization.

If Your Hard Drive Is Defective...

If a fault occurs on your hard disk before you can back up the authorization, contact your local Siemens representative.

2.2 Installing and Uninstalling the S7-PLCSIM Software

S7-PLCSIM includes a Setup program which executes the installation automatically. Prompts on the screen guide you step by step through the installation procedure.

Preparing for Installation

Before you can start installing the software, the STEP 7 basic package must be loaded.

Starting the Installation Program

The Setup program guides you step by step through the installation process. You can switch to the next step or to the previous step from any position. To start the installation program, proceed as follows:

1. Start the dialog box for installing software under Windows 95 or Windows NT by double-clicking on the Add/Remove Programs icon in the Control Panel.
2. Click on "Install..."
3. Insert disk 1 and click on "Next." Windows searches automatically for the installation program SETUP.EXE.
4. Follow the instructions displayed by the installation program step by step.

If a Version of S7-PLCSIM Is Already Installed

If the installation program finds another version of S7-PLCSIM on the programming device, the program reports this and prompts you to decide how to proceed by offering the following choices:

- Abort the installation so that you can uninstall the old S7-PLCSIM version under Windows 95 or Windows NT and then start the installation again.
- Continue the installation and overwrite the old version with the new version.

Your software is better organized if you uninstall any older versions before installing the new version. Overwriting an old version with a new version has the disadvantage that if you then uninstall, any remaining components of the old version are not removed.

During installation, queries are shown in dialog boxes for you to answer, and options are displayed for you to select. Read the following notes so you can reply to the queries faster and more easily.

Uninstalling

Use the usual Windows 95 or Windows NT procedure to uninstall:

1. Start the dialog box for installing software under Windows 95 or Windows NT by double-clicking on the Add/Remove Programs icon in the Control Panel.
2. Select the SIMATIC S7-PLCSIM entry in the displayed list of installed software. Click on the "Add/Remove..." button to uninstall the software.
3. If the "Remove Enable File" dialog boxes appear, click the "No" button if you are unsure how to respond.

Memory Requirement for Languages and Examples

All languages of the user interface and all examples require approximately 8 Mbytes of memory capacity.

Authorization Requirement

During installation, the program checks to see whether an authorization is installed on the hard disk. If no authorization is found, a message appears that the software can be used only with an authorization. You can run the authorization program immediately, or continue the installation and execute the authorization at a later date.

See Section 2.1 for a description of how to run the authorization program.

Result of the Installation

Once the installation has been completed successfully, a message to that effect is displayed on the screen.

If Errors Occur during the Installation

The following errors may cause the installation to fail:

- Initialization error immediately after starting Setup: The SETUP.EXE program was probably not started under Windows 95 or Windows NT.
- Not enough memory: You need at least 8 Mbytes of free space on your hard disk.
- Bad disk: Verify that the installation disk is bad, then call your local Siemens representative.
- Operator error: Start the installation again and read the instructions carefully.

Getting Started with S7-PLCSIM

Overview

STEP 7 provides a sample program called "S7_ZEBRA". You can use this program to become familiar with the features of the S7-PLCSIM software.

This chapter provides the basic steps for downloading and running the program on a simulated CPU. It also provides information about using the different view objects and a variable table (VAT) with the simulation.

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3.1 Opening a Simulated PLC and Downloading the Sample Program

Opening the S7-PLCSIM PLC

Use the following procedure to open the simulator:

1. Start the SIMATIC Manager.
2. Open the S7-PLCSIM PLC by clicking on the Simulation On/Off button located on the SIMATIC Manager toolbar, as shown in Figure 3-1, or by selecting the menu command **Options ► Simulate Modules**.

The S7-PLCSIM application window opens with a default CPU view object.

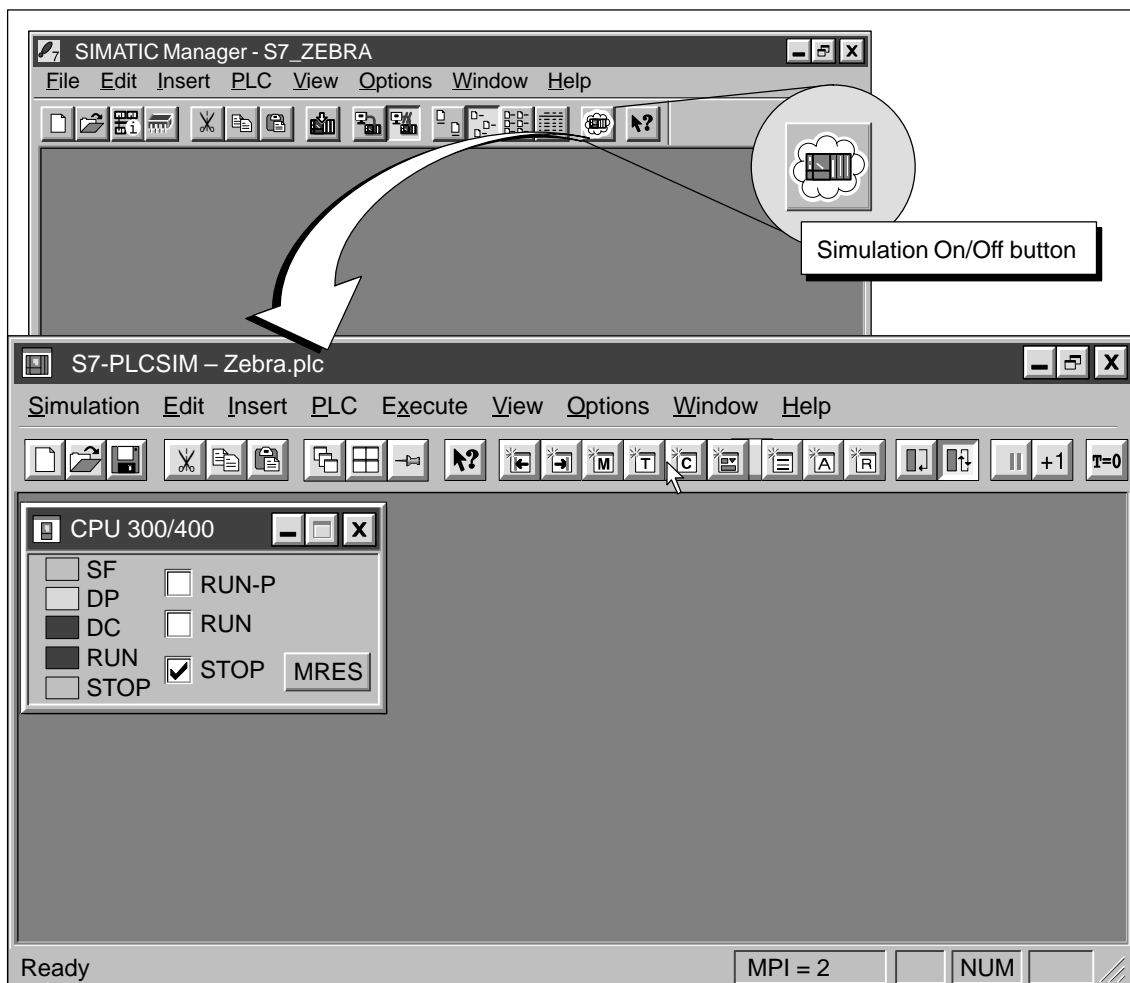


Figure 3-1 Using the Simulation On/Off Button to Open the Simulated PLC

Downloading the Program

Use the following procedure to download the sample program:

1. Use the SIMATIC Manager menu command **File ► Open ► Project** or click on the Open Project/Library button to open the S7_ZEBRA project. This project is supplied with the STEP 7 software.
2. Navigate through the object hierarchy until you get to the blocks object. Figure 3-2 shows the S7_ZEBRA project structure.
3. Select the menu command **PLC ► Download** or click on the Download button to download the blocks object to the simulated CPU.

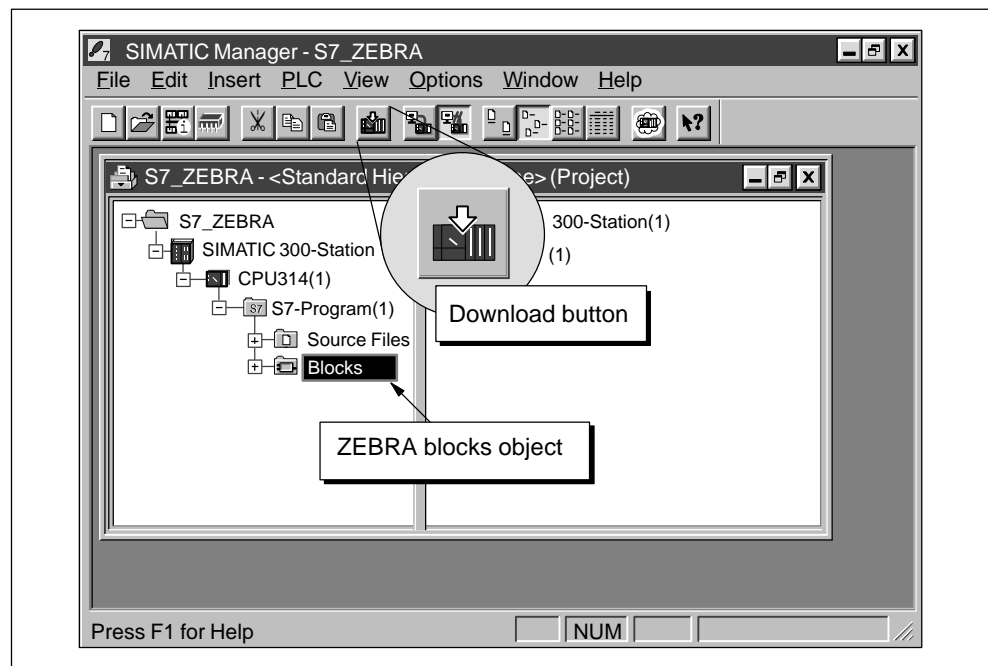


Figure 3-2 Downloading the S7_ZEBRA Program to the Simulated PLC

3.2 Setting Up the Simulated PLC

Creating View Objects for the Sample Program

The S7_ZEBRA sample program uses several inputs, outputs, and timers. You can use view objects to turn the inputs on and off, and you can watch the timer values and outputs change as the program runs. Figure 3-3 shows the view objects used with the sample program. Use the following procedure to create the different view objects:

1. Create a view object that accesses the inputs used by the program:
 - Select the menu command **Insert ► Input Variable**.
 - The default value is IB0 (for input byte 0). Press ENTER to accept.
2. Create a view object that accesses the outputs used by the program:
 - Select the menu command **Insert ► Output Variable**.
 - The default value is QB0 (for output byte 0). Press ENTER to accept.
3. Create three view objects to access the timers used by the program:
 - Select the menu command **Insert ► Timer**.
 - The default value is T 0, with the 0 highlighted. Type 2 in the view object (for Timer T 2) and press ENTER.
 - Repeat for timers T 3 and T 4.

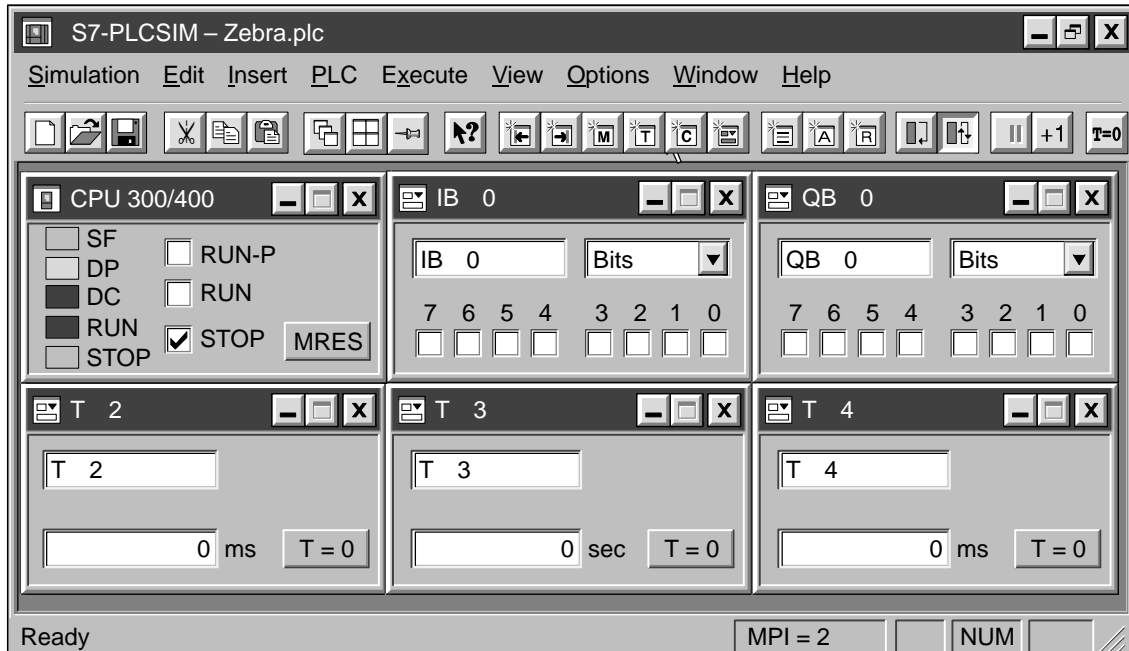


Figure 3-3 View Objects for the S7_ZEBRA Sample Program

3.3 Running the Sample Program

Selecting the Execution Option

With the sample program downloaded to the CPU, you can now run the program. Before starting the program, ensure that the program execution is set for continuous scan. Use the menu command **Execute ► Scan Mode ► Continuous Scan** or click on the toolbar button (shown in Figure 3-4) to select the execution control option for running the program continuously.

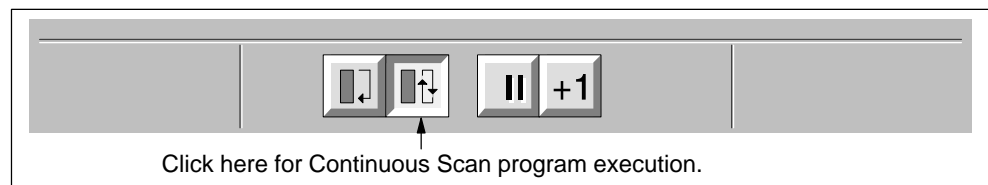


Figure 3-4 Selecting Continuous Scan Program Execution

Starting the Program

Use the following procedure to switch the CPU into RUN mode and start the program.

1. Click the RUN check box in the CPU view object. See Figure 3-5.

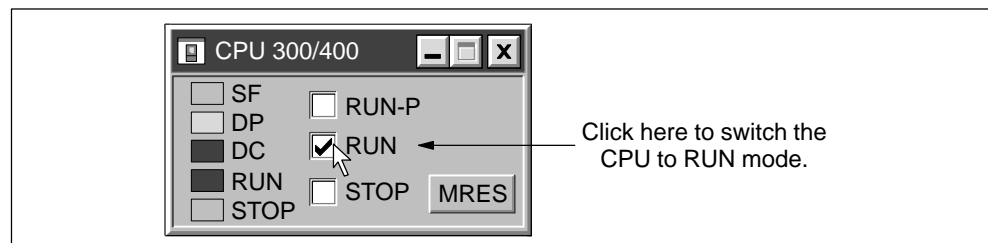


Figure 3-5 Selecting RUN Mode

2. Click either bit 0 or bit 1 in the Input Variable view object to turn on I 0.0 or I 0.1, as shown in Figure 3-6.

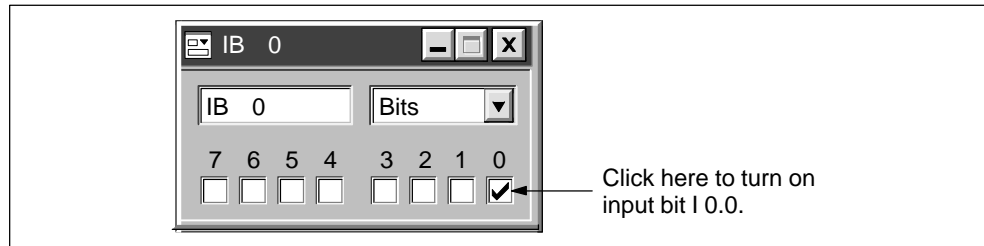


Figure 3-6 Turning On Input I 0.0

In the view objects, you can watch the timer values as they change and the outputs as they turn on or off, as shown in Figure 3-7. As each timer reaches its preset value, the corresponding outputs turn on or off.

To speed up the operation of the sample program, you can reset the timers by clicking on the “T = 0” button in each Timer view object.

Saving the Layout of View Objects

You can save your layout of view objects within the simulated PLC window by selecting the menu command **Simulation ► Save Layout**. You can then retrieve the saved layout at any time by selecting the menu command **Simulation ► Open Layout**.

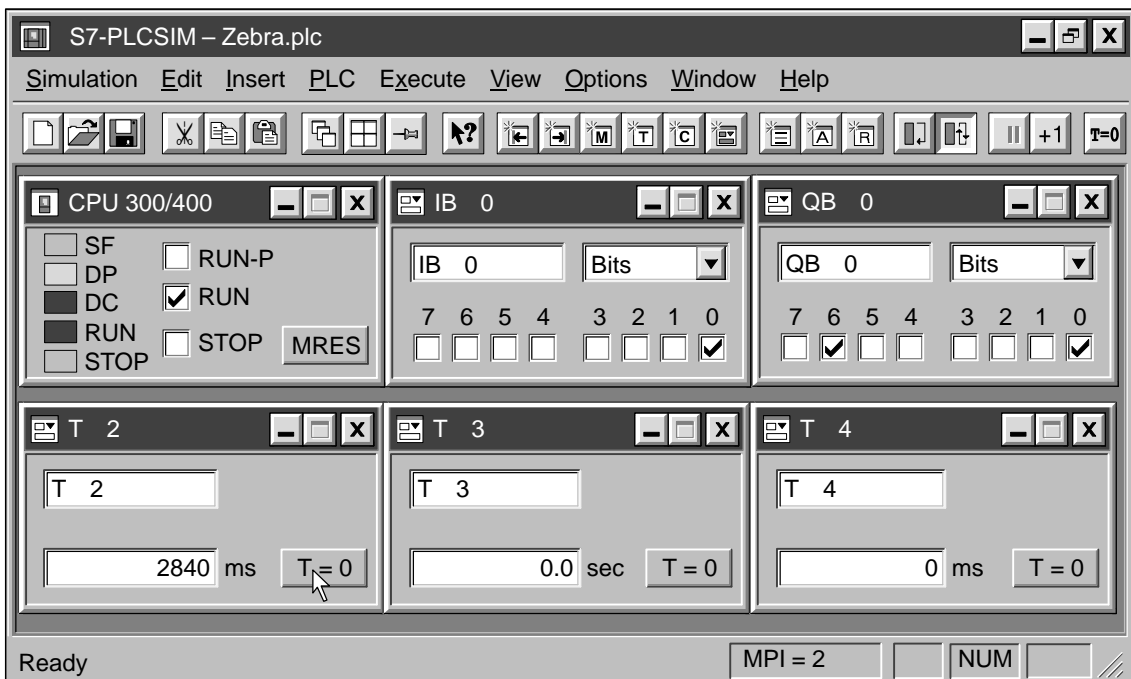


Figure 3-7 Sample View Objects Showing Status in RUN Mode

3.4 Using STEP 7 Tools to Monitor the Program

Using a Variable Table to Monitor or Modify Data

STEP 7 allows you to use a variable table (VAT) to monitor the status of any variable in your program. Figure 3-8 shows a VAT for the sample program. You can also modify the variables which are defined for the VAT. To monitor program status using the variable table, follow these steps:

1. Access the SIMATIC Manager window.
2. Select VAT1 and double-click with the mouse or use the menu command **Edit ► Open Object** to open the variable table for the "S7_ZEBRA" project.
3. Select the menu command **PLC ► Connect To ► Configured CPU** to establish an online connection with the program in the simulated PLC.
4. Select the menu command **Variable ► Monitor** to start monitoring the program data.

You can now observe the values of the input, output, and timer elements in the Monitor Value column of the VAT, as shown in Figure 3-8.

Address	Symbol	Monitor Format	Monitor Value	Modify Value
//Switch right/left				
I 0.0	"Switch_right"	BOOL		2#1
I 0.1	"Switch_left"	BOOL		2#1
//Outputs cars/pedestrians				
Q 0.0	"Ped_red"	BOOL		—
Q 0.1	"Ped_green"	BOOL		—
Q 0.5	"Car_red"	BOOL		—
Q 0.6	"Car_orange"	BOOL		—
Q 0.7	"Car_green"	BOOL		—
//Timer				
T 2	"Car_orange_phase"	SIMATIC_TIME		S5T#0ms
T 3	"Ped_green_phase"	SIMATIC_TIME		S5T#0ms
T 4	"Car_delay_red"	SIMATIC_TIME		S5T#0ms
T 5	"Car_red_orange_phase"	SIMATIC_TIME		S5T#0ms
T 6	"Ped_delay_green"	SIMATIC_TIME		S5T#0ms

Figure 3-8 Example of a STEP 7 Variable Table (VAT)

Using the Program Editor to Monitor Status

To view the execution of program logic in the ladder view of the program, follow these steps:

1. Access the SIMATIC Manager window.
2. Select FC1 in the online view and double-click with the mouse or use the menu command **Edit ► Open Object** to open the program for the "S7_ZEBRA" project.

If necessary, select **View ► LAD** in the LAD/STL/FBD application to switch from the statement list view to the ladder view.

3. Select the menu command **Debug ► Monitor** to enable the animation of program execution in the ladder networks.

You can now observe the power flow to the inputs, outputs, memory bits, and timer elements in the ladder networks, as shown in Figure 3-9.

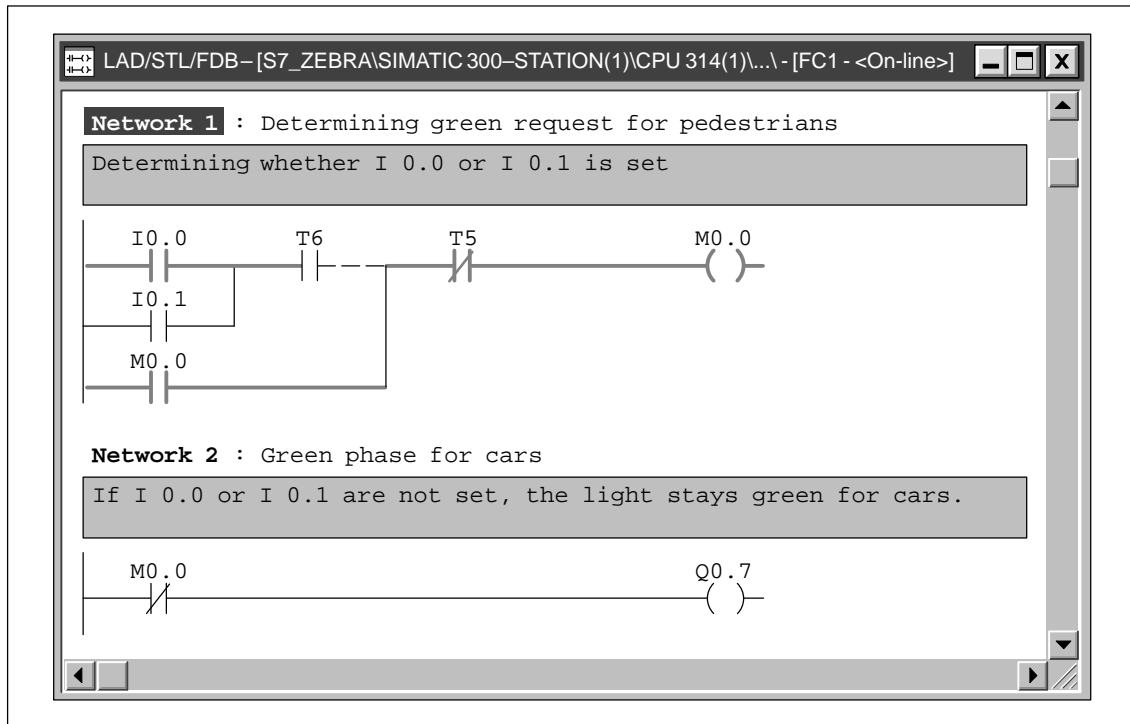


Figure 3-9 Monitoring Program Status in the Ladder View

Running a Program on the Simulated PLC

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Overview

S7-PLCSIM works with the STEP 7 software to test and debug your program on a simulated PLC. This chapter describes how to start the S7-PLCSIM, download a program, select execution options, and access data in the program.

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4.1 Starting the S7-PLCSIM

You use the SIMATIC Manager to open a simulated PLC.

Selecting Simulation

STEP 7 provides a button on the SIMATIC Manager toolbar that opens the simulated PLC of S7-PLCSIM. Because of the risk of unintentionally editing a real online program, you cannot start a simulation session until you close all windows or applications that are connected to real PLCs.

STEP 7 disables the Simulator On/Off button whenever a project is open (whether on-line or off-line). To enable the Simulator On/Off button, close all STEP 7 project windows. Clicking on the Simulator On/Off button opens the S7-PLCSIM software with a simulated PLC. (You can also use this button to close the S7-PLCSIM software.)

Figure 4-1 shows the SIMATIC Manager window with the Simulation On/Off button.

Note

You can have only one simulated PLC active at a time. When the Simulation On/Off button is turned on, clicking on the Accessible Nodes button shows the node address for the simulated PLC that you have created. When the Simulation On/Off button is turned off, the Accessible Nodes window shows the network of real PLCs.

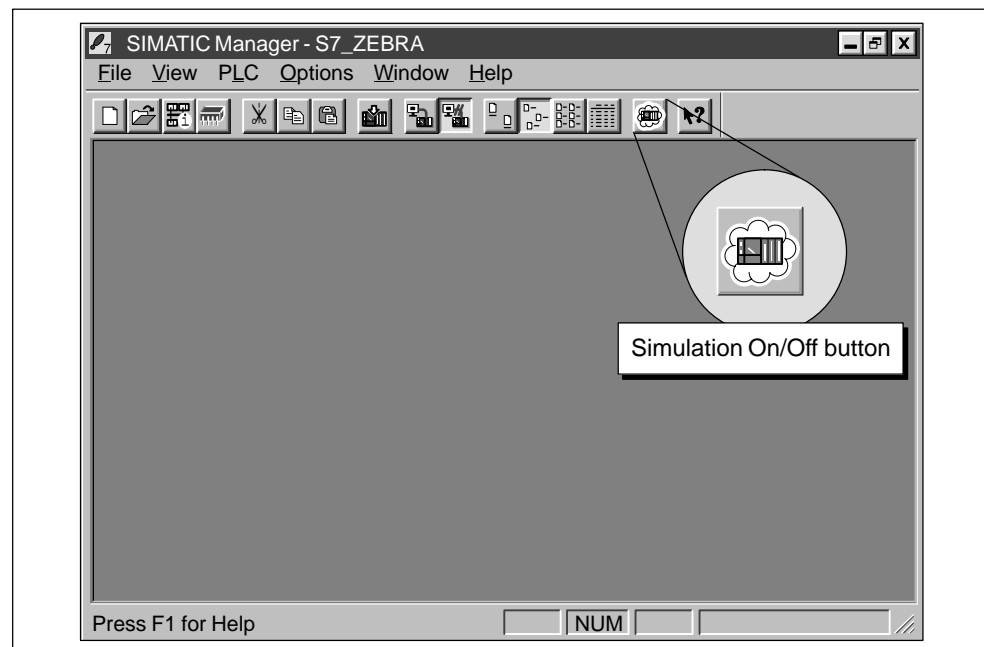


Figure 4-1 Selecting S7-PLCSIM with the SIMATIC Manager

4.2 Selecting the Simulation Options

Selecting the Execution Options

You select the program execution options with the **Execute** menu commands. You can also access these options with the toolbar buttons, as shown in Figure 4-2. These options control the execution of the program:

- Continuous Scan: The CPU executes one complete scan and then starts another scan. Each scan consists of the CPU reading the inputs, executing the program, and then writing the results to the outputs.
- Single Scan: The CPU executes one scan and then waits for you to initiate another scan. Each scan consists of the CPU reading the inputs, executing the program, and then writing the results to the outputs.

Using the Pause Function

The Pause function allows you to halt the execution of a program temporarily. Unlike placing the CPU into STOP mode (which restarts the execution of the program at the first instruction in your program when you return to RUN mode), halting the execution of a program lets you resume the execution at the instruction where you halted the program.

You can turn the Pause function on and off with the **Execute ► Pause** menu command, or you can use the toolbar button, as shown in Figure 4-2.

Cycling Power On and Off

You can simulate turning power on and off for the CPU. This allows you to check the different startup OBs. Use the **PLC ► Power Off/Power On** menu commands to cycle power.

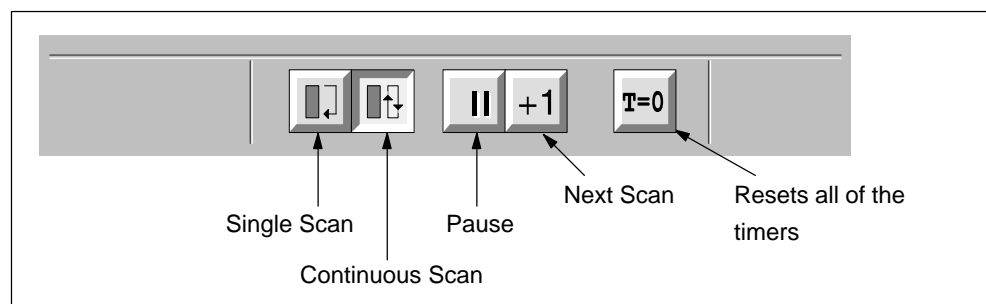


Figure 4-2 Toolbar Buttons for Program Execution Options

4.3 Accessing Data in the Simulated PLC

You can access data in the simulated PLC with the view objects provided by the main S7-PLCSIM window, or with the standard STEP 7 tools for monitoring program status, or a combination of both.

Using the S7-PLCSIM View Objects

View objects allow you to monitor the program by displaying the values or the states of the variables used by the program. Some view objects are read-only; others allow you to change the values of specific memory locations. S7-PLCSIM provides view objects for the following types of data:

- Variable data. This view object allows you to display or modify the values of timers, counters, I/O bits, or other memory locations.

The following view objects can provide useful information for debugging a program when used with the breakpoint function in STEP 7:

- Accumulators and the status word. The read-only “ACCUs & Status Word” view object accesses the contents of the accumulators and the values stored in the pointer address registers (AR1 and AR2). It also displays the states of the status word bits.
- Block registers. The read-only “Block Regs” view object accesses the contents of the data block address registers (DB1 and DB2). It also displays the identity of the logic block being executed and the step address counter (SAC).
- Stacks (nesting stack and MCR stack). The read-only “Stacks” view object accesses the contents of the nesting stack, which consists of the RLO bit and the OR bit of the status word. (The nesting stack shows the state of the status word for each instruction in the logic string.) This view object also shows the state of the MCR (master control relay) stack.

There is no restriction on the number of view objects that you can create and display. For more information on using view objects, see Chapter 5.

Using the STEP 7 Tools

You can use the STEP 7 tools to monitor and modify the program that is being executed by the simulated CPU. This allows you to create and test a variable table (VAT) or to use the debugging tools provided by STEP 7. For more information about the STEP 7 tools, see the *STEP 7 User Manual* or the manual for your programming language.

S7-PLCSIM requires you to disconnect any STEP 7 tool before closing the simulated CPU or exiting the S7-PLCSIM application.

Note

Using the Pause function can cause the STEP 7 tools to disconnect from the simulated PLC because of a time-out while STEP 7 waits for a request to be acknowledged. After you turn Pause off, you can reconnect the STEP 7 tool.

Using a Variable Table to Monitor or Modify Data

You can use a variable table (VAT) to monitor the status of any variable in your program. You can also modify the variables which are defined for the VAT. You can use the simulated CPU to test a VAT that is being prepared as an interface. Figure 4-3 shows a sample VAT for the S7_ZEBRA program.

Address	Symbol	Monitor Format	Monitor Value	Modify Value
//Switch right/left				
I 0.0	"Switch_right"	BOOL		2#1
I 0.1	"Switch_left"	BOOL		2#1
//Outputs cars/pedestrians				
Q 0.0	"Ped_red"	BOOL		—
Q 0.1	"Ped_green"	BOOL		—
Q 0.5	"Car_red"	BOOL		—
Q 0.6	"Car_orange"	BOOL		—
Q 0.7	"Car_green"	BOOL		—
//Timer				
T 2	"Car_orange_phase"	SIMATIC_TIME		S5T#0ms
T 3	"Ped_green_phase"	SIMATIC_TIME		S5T#0ms
T 4	"Car_delay_red"	SIMATIC_TIME		S5T#0ms
T 5	"Car_red_orange_phase"	SIMATIC_TIME		S5T#0ms
T 6	"Ped_delay_green"	SIMATIC_TIME		S5T#0ms

Figure 4-3 Example of a STEP 7 Variable Table (VAT)

4.4 Opening, Saving, and Closing the Simulated PLC

You can save and re-open a simulated PLC. You can also save and re-open the layout of the view objects that you inserted.

Opening a Simulated PLC

You can open a simulated PLC in one of the following ways:

- From STEP 7 with no project open, click on the Simulation On/Off button to start the S7-PLCSIM software.
- Use the Start menu (**Start ► SIMATIC ► STEP 7 ► S7-PLCSIM Simulating Modules**) to start the S7-PLCSIM software.

Note

S7-PLCSIM supports only one simulated PLC at a time.

You have two options for loading a program into the simulated PLC:

- You can download a program from the SIMATIC Manager or the program editor.
- If you have already saved one or more simulated PLCs to a file, you can open a specific PLC by using the **Simulation ► Open PLC** menu command.

Saving the Simulated PLC

Use the **Simulation ► Save PLC** or the **Simulation ► Save PLC As...** menu command to archive a simulated PLC. The following elements are saved with the PLC:

- Program
- CPU operating mode (RUN-P, RUN, or STOP)
- Power state (on or off)
- Execution control option (continuous scan or single scan)
- The status of the I/O
- Timer values

Saving the Layout of View Objects

To save the layout of the view objects you have inserted for the simulated PLC, select the menu command **Simulation ► Save Layout**. Any time you reopen a saved simulated PLC, you can also open a saved layout using the **Simulation ► Open Layout** menu command.

Closing the Simulated PLC

You can close a PLC either by selecting the **Simulation ► Close PLC** menu command or by clicking on the exit button in the top-right corner of the CPU view object. Closing the simulated PLC ends the simulation of the program, but does not exit the S7-PLCSIM application.

Note

When you close the simulated PLC, S7-PLCSIM provides a dialog box that allows you to save the PLC. This dialog box allows you to save only the PLC; it does not save the layout before closing both the PLC and the layout. To save the layout, select the menu command **Simulation ► Save Layout** before closing the simulated PLC.

4.5 Using Interrupt OBs in Your Program

Note

For the simulated PLC to run a program for an interrupt OB, you must have created and downloaded the interrupt OB. Furthermore, to simulate the I/O-related interrupts, you must have successfully downloaded your I/O configuration.

You can use S7-PLCSIM to test how your program handles different interrupt OBs. S7-PLCSIM supports simulation of the following interrupt OBs:

- OB40 to OB47 (hardware interrupt)
- OB80 (time error)
- OB82 (diagnostic interrupt)
- OB83 (insert/remove module)
- OB85 (priority class error)
- OB86 (DP slave or rack failure)

For more information about the interrupt OBs, refer to the *S7-300 and S7-400 System and Standard Functions Reference Manual* or to the online help for STEP 7.

Use the menu command **Execute ► Trigger Error OB** to select a specific OB, and enter the header information in the dialog box. When you click on the “OK” button, the simulated PLC generates the appropriate event and runs the program in the associated OB.

Note

S7-PLCSIM grays out the interrupt OB menu selection if an I/O configuration has not been successfully downloaded. For S7-300 users, this means that you must use a CPU 315-2 DP project to download the hardware configuration (even if your CPU is actually a different model). For S7-400 users, if you use DP I/O, but your CPU does not directly support DP, you must copy your hardware configuration into an S7-400 CPU with a DP extension and download it to S7-PLCSIM from the DP station. See Appendix C for information about creating a project to hold your hardware configuration for the purpose of downloading I/O information to S7-PLCSIM.

Monitoring and Modifying Data with the View Objects

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Overview

S7-PLCSIM provides view objects that allow you to display the following information:

- Variable data, such as timers, counters, inputs, and outputs
- Accumulators and status word
- Address registers
- Block registers
- Nesting stack and MCR stack

Any change made by a view object affects the program immediately. When you use a STEP 7 variable table to change a value, the CPU reads that change at the beginning of the next scan.

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5.1 Controlling the CPU

Figure 5-1 shows a sample CPU view object. From this view object, you can perform the following functions:

- Change the CPU operating mode (STOP, RUN, and RUN-P)
- Reset the CPU memory (MRES)

Displaying the Status of the CPU

The CPU view object provides the following indicators, like LEDs, that display the CPU status:

- SF (system fault) indicates an error condition.
- DP (distributed peripherals, or remote I/O) indicates the status of communication with distributed (remote) I/O.
- DC (power supply) indicates that power to the CPU is on.
- RUN indicates that the CPU is in RUN mode.
- STOP indicates that the CPU is in STOP mode.

For more information about the S7-300 and S7-400 CPUs, refer to the *System Software for S7-300 and S7-400 Program Design Programming Manual* or to the online help for STEP 7.

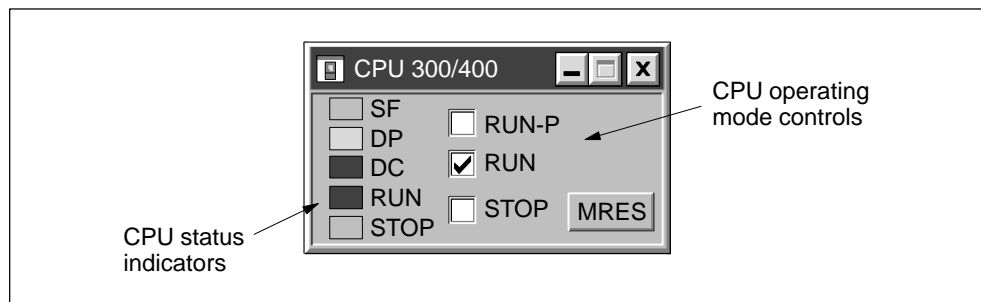


Figure 5-1 CPU View Object

Changing the CPU Operating Mode

The check boxes on the CPU view object allow you to change the CPU operating modes:

- In STOP mode, the CPU is not executing the program. To download a program that includes SDBs, or to change the node address, you must place the CPU in STOP mode. Unlike the case with a real CPU, placing the CPU view object in STOP mode does not change the state of the outputs.
- In RUN mode, the CPU executes the program. As with a real CPU, you cannot download any new programs or logic blocks when the CPU view object is in RUN mode. You can use the STEP 7 tools to monitor (but not to modify) the variables.
- In RUN-P mode, the CPU executes the program. When the CPU view object is in RUN-P mode, you can download new programs or logic blocks, and you can modify the variables with the STEP 7 tools.

To change the CPU mode, click on the box for STOP, RUN, or RUN-P. The CPU status indicators show whether the CPU is in RUN (or RUN-P) mode or in STOP mode.

Resetting the CPU Memory (MRES)

The CPU view object provides an MRES button for resetting the memory of the CPU. When you reset the CPU memory, the simulated CPU performs the following tasks:

- The memory areas are reset.
- The program blocks are deleted.

To reset the CPU memory, click on the MRES button or select the menu command **PLC ► Clear/Reset**.

5.2 Monitoring and Modifying the Data Used by the Program

You can create view objects that access the data stored in the different memory areas of the simulated CPU. S7-PLCSIM provides view objects that contain default addresses for a timer, a counter, a bit memory location, an input, and an output. You can also create a generic view object to access the data stored in other memory areas.

Accessing the Data Stored in the CPU Memory

The view objects that you create with the **Insert** menu commands allow you to monitor and modify those values and immediately see the effect on your program. When you change a value in a data field, press ENTER for it to be accepted.

You can use these view objects to access the inputs and outputs, the timers, counters, and the data used by the program. Table 5-1 lists the memory areas that can be accessed.

For more information about the memory areas, refer to the *System Software for S7-300 and S7-400 Program Design Programming Manual* or to the online help for STEP 7.

Note

The peripheral input (PI) memory area overwrites the input (I) memory area at the beginning of every CPU scan. If you use a view object to modify a value in the I memory area, the simulator immediately copies that value to the peripheral memory. This ensures that the desired input value is not overwritten at the beginning of the next scan. Likewise, the output (Q) memory area writes to the peripheral output (PQ) memory area at the end of every CPU scan; if you use a view object to modify a value in the peripheral (PQ) memory area, the simulator immediately writes the desired value to the output (Q) memory area so that the value is not lost at the end of the scan.

Table 5-1 Memory Areas for the S7-300 and S7-400 CPUs

Memory Area	Description
PI peripheral (external) input	The CPU writes the PI memory to the I memory at the beginning of each scan.
PQ peripheral (external) output	The CPU writes the Q memory to the PQ memory at the end of every scan.
I process-image input	The I memory area is overwritten by the PI memory area at the beginning of every scan.
Q process-image output	The Q memory area overwrites the PQ memory area at the end of each scan.
M bit memory	The M memory area provides storage for interim results calculated in the program.

Table 5-1 Memory Areas for the S7-300 and S7-400 CPUs, continued

Memory Area	Description
T timer	The T memory area provides the timers used by the program.
C counter	The C memory area stores the counter values used by the program.
DB data block	The DB memory address references the data stored in the data blocks for the program.

Creating View Objects for Accessing the Program Data

To create view objects for monitoring and modifying the data used by the program, use the **Insert** menu commands. Figure 5-2 shows several examples of the view objects. Use the following procedure to access a memory address with a view object:

1. Enter the memory address to be accessed and press ENTER. For example: "IB0" accesses byte 0 of the I (Input) memory area and "T 2" accesses timer 2.
2. Use the drop-down list box to select the appropriate representation for the data that will be displayed or entered (such as binary, decimal, or hexadecimal).

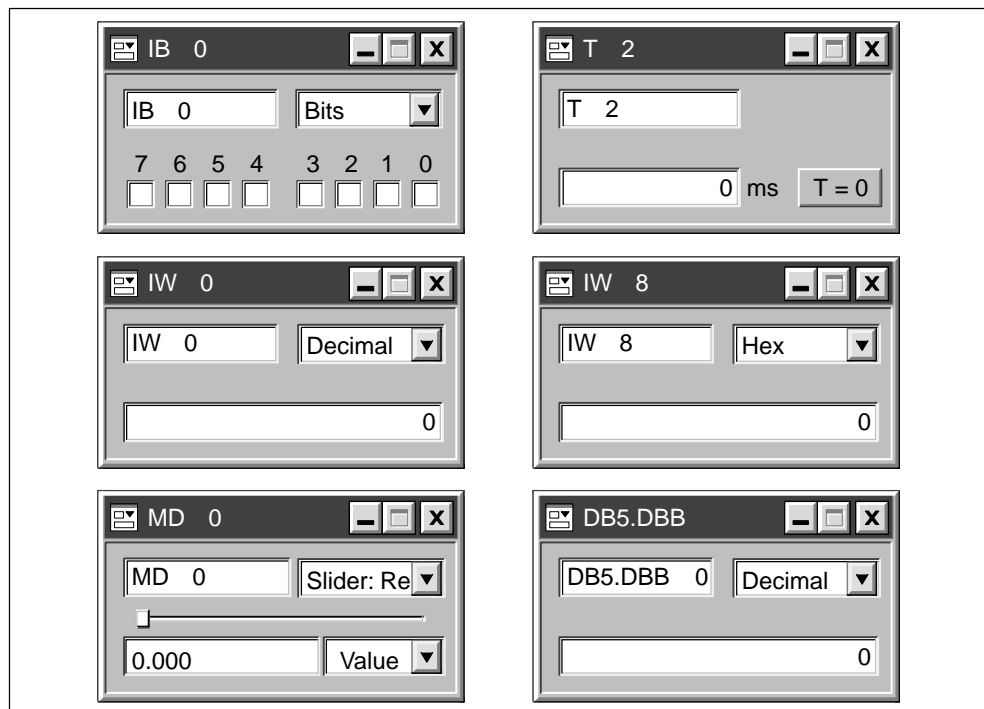


Figure 5-2 Variable View Objects

Using the Slider Control

The slider control allows you to simulate values that change gradually or have a specific range, such as analog values. Figure 5-3 shows a slider control.

You can use either the mouse or the arrow keys to change the position of the slider control. Changing the position of the slider control changes the value of the variable stored in the memory location. You can also enter a specific value in the “Value” field.

When you select the slider control, you also select whether to represent the values as either decimal (positive integers), integer (positive and negative integers), or real numbers. The selection options are determined by the size of the memory location being accessed:

- Byte (B): decimal
- Word (W): decimal and integer
- Double word (D): decimal, integer, and real

You can also configure a minimum and maximum value for the slider control. Selecting a range of values does not affect the values that can be stored in the variable: the minimum and maximum values affect only the values that can be entered or displayed by the slider control. Selecting a range of values provides the following benefits:

- You can simulate a specific range of values. For example, this allows you to simulate the range of values that would be generated by a specific analog module.
- By limiting the range of values between the minimum and maximum, you can provide better resolution for entering data with the slider. You can always enter an exact value in the “Value” field of the view object.

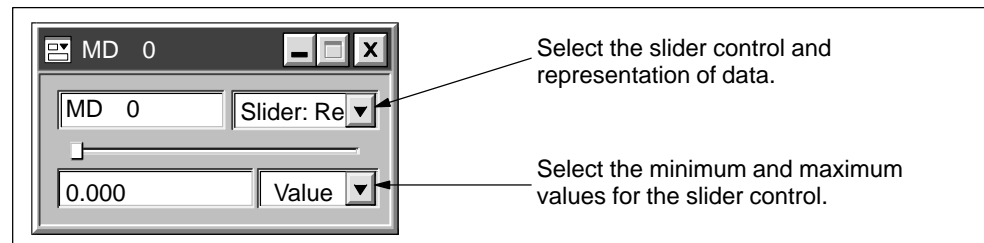


Figure 5-3 Configuring the Slider Control

Using the View Objects to Modify Data

Use the following guidelines to modify data in the view objects:

- When you select bit format for a variable such as an input byte, the eight check boxes correspond to bits 0 through 7. To activate any of the bits in the view object, click on the corresponding check box to change the state from off to on (0 to 1). A check mark appears, indicating a state of 1 (on). Clear the check box to turn the bit off.
- For variables that you specify as bytes, words, or double words, use the drop-down list box to select the appropriate representation for the data that you want to enter (such as binary, decimal, or hexadecimal). Enter the value in the text field in the corresponding format and press ENTER.

5.3 Displaying the Symbolic Addresses

You can display the symbol names assigned to the absolute addresses in any of the view objects of your simulated PLC. To establish a link to the symbol table associated with the downloaded program, follow these steps:

1. Select the menu command **Options ► Attach Symbols...**
2. Use the browser dialog box to select the symbol table associated with the downloaded program.
3. Click on the “OK” button to confirm the selection.

The menu command **Options ► Show Symbols** toggles the symbolic representation on and off for all of the view objects.

5.4 Accessing the Accumulators, Status Word, and Address Registers

You can display the contents of the accumulators, the status word, and the address registers in the CPU by opening the “ACCUs & Status Word” view object. Select the menu command **View ► Accumulators** to open this view object.

Figure 5-4 shows the “ACCUs & Status Word” view object.

For more information about the status word and the accumulators for the S7-300 and S7-400 CPUs, refer to the *System Software for S7-300 and S7-400 Program Design Programming Manual* or to the online help for STEP 7.

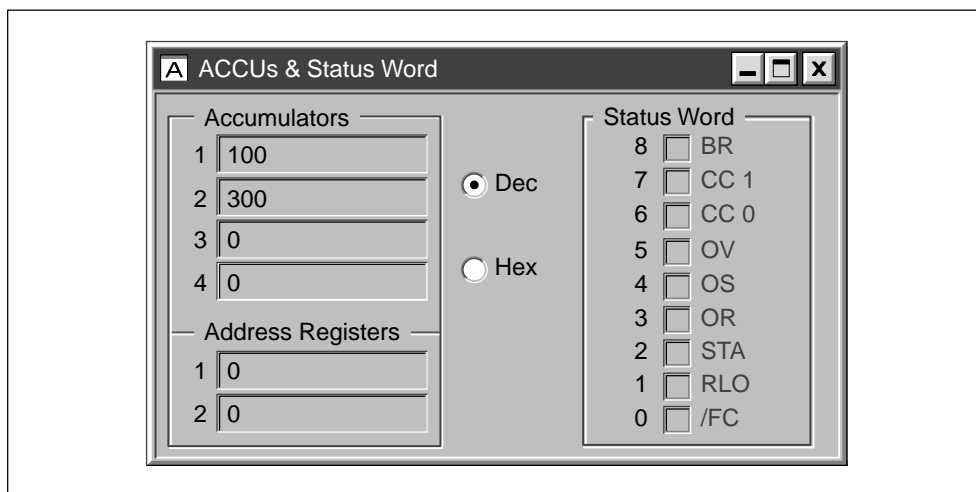


Figure 5-4 Accumulators and Status Word View Object

5.5 Monitoring the Block Registers

Displaying the Contents of the Block Registers

You can view the contents of the data and logic block registers by opening the “Block Regs” view object. Select the menu command **View ► Block Registers** to open this view object.

Figure 5-5 shows the “Block Regs” view object.

For more information about the block registers for the S7-300 and S7-400 CPUs, refer to the *System Software for S7-300 and S7-400 Program Design Programming Manual* or to the online help for STEP 7.

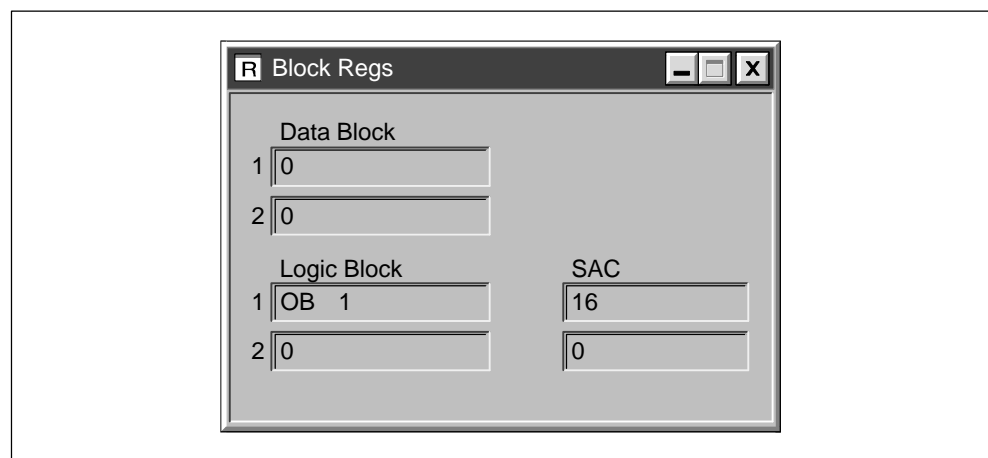


Figure 5-5 Block Registers View Object

5.6 Monitoring the Data in the CPU Stacks

Monitoring the Nesting Stack and the MCR Stack

The “Stacks” view object displays the status of both the nesting stack and the master control relay (MCR) stack. These stacks help you to monitor the state changes of individual instructions in your program:

- The nesting stack stores up to seven entries. For each entry, the nesting stack stores the states of the RLO and OR bits of the status word for the And (A), And Not (AN), Or (O), Or Not (ON), Exclusive Or (X), and Exclusive Or Not (XN) instructions.
- The MCR stack stores up to eight levels of nesting for an MCR.

To create the view object for viewing the nesting stack and the MCR stack, use the **View ► Stacks** menu command.

Figure 5-6 shows the “Stacks” view object. Refer to the *Statement List (STL) for S7-300 and S7-400 Programming Manual* for more information about the nesting stack and the MCR stack.

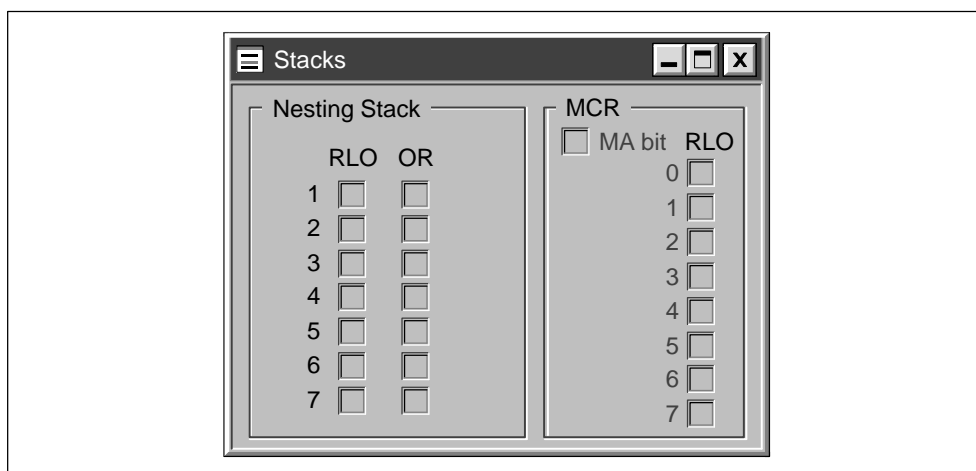


Figure 5-6 Stacks View Object

Troubleshooting

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Table A-1 Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause
Your program does not download to the simulated PLC.	Verify that the CPU is in either STOP mode or RUN-P mode. As with a real CPU, you cannot download your program if the simulated CPU is in RUN mode. Also, you cannot download your program when the simulated CPU is in Pause mode.
	If your program contains the hardware configuration for the PLC, verify that the CPU is in STOP mode. As with a real CPU, you can download the hardware configuration only when the simulated CPU is in STOP mode. Note: If the CPU view object is in RUN-P mode, S7-PLCSIM prompts you to change to STOP mode before downloading the hardware configuration.
	Verify that the CPU and the program use the same node address. As with a real MPI network, the node address defined for the program must match the node address of the CPU.
When you attempt to close the simulated PLC, a message alerts you that there is a connection open.	If you attempt to close the simulated PLC while one of the STEP 7 tools (such as a variable table) is monitoring the program, STEP 7 alerts you to disconnect the STEP 7 tool from the simulated PLC. Always disconnect any STEP 7 tool by turning off the monitoring of the program status or by closing the tool before closing the simulated PLC.
The S7-PLCSIM application does not respond and appears to have "locked up."	First, check to see if Single Scan execution control or the Pause function is on. Either one can appear as a lock-up. Turn off Pause, or select Continuous Scan mode. If the software does not respond to one of the actions above, press the "Ctrl"+"Alt"+"Del" keys simultaneously, and end the S7-PLCSIM application.

S7 Reference Information

Overview

S7-PLCSIM provides view objects for accessing the information stored in the simulated CPU. You can access any of the memory areas, using the standard S7/STEP 7 notation for entering the memory addresses.

This appendix provides descriptions of the memory areas, accumulators, and address registers. It also provides a quick reference for the different formats for displaying or modifying the data.

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B.1 Memory Areas for the S7-300 and S7-400 CPUs

Figure B-1 shows the memory areas, accumulators, address registers, and the status word for the S7-300 and S7-400 CPUs. S7-PLCSIM uses the view objects to access the values stored in the simulated CPU.

Table B-1 describes the different memory areas.

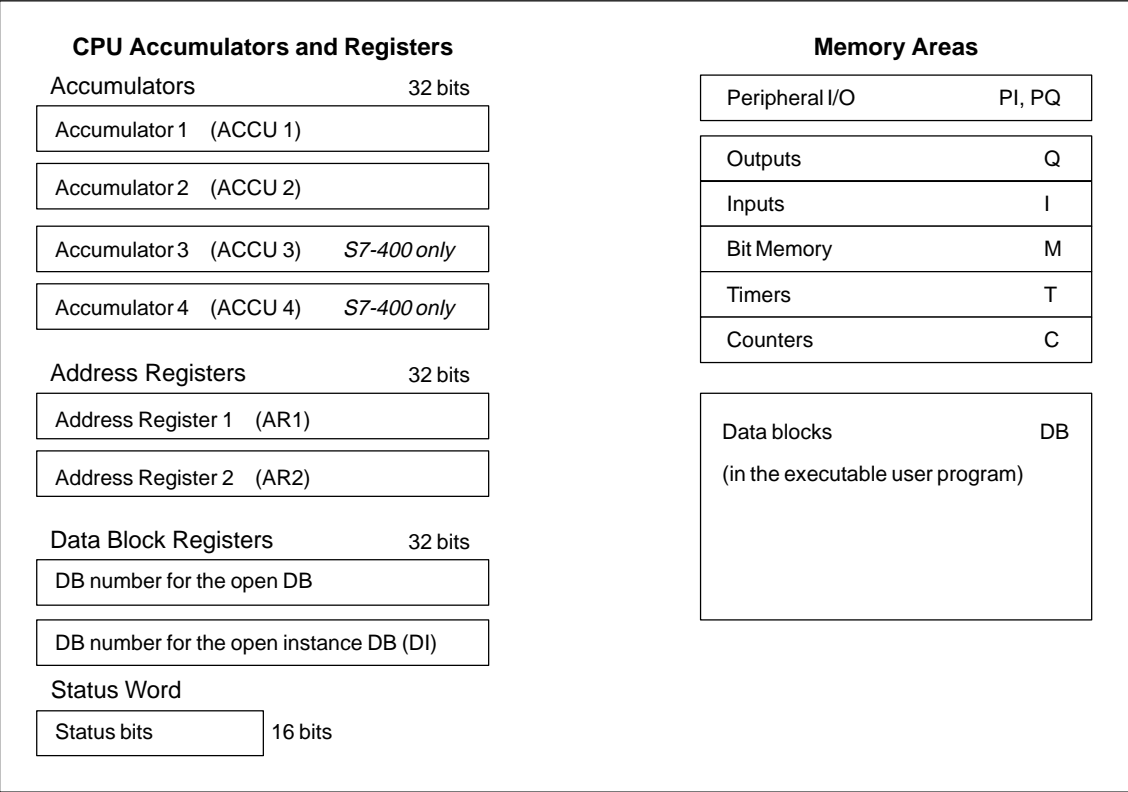


Figure B-1 Memory Areas for the S7-300 and S7-400 CPUs




Table B-1 Memory Areas for the S7-300 and S7-400 CPUs

Name	Memory Area	Function of Memory Area
Input (I)	Process-image input table	At the beginning of the scan cycle, the operating system reads the inputs from the process and records the values in this table. The program uses these values in its normal processing. For every CPU cycle, input memory stores the state of the inputs in the process-image input table. The process-image input table maps the first 512 bytes of the peripheral input memory.
Output (Q)	Process-image output table	During the scan cycle, the program calculates output values and places them in this table. At the end of the scan cycle, the operating system reads the calculated output values from this table and sends them to the process outputs. The process-image output table maps the first 512 bytes of the peripheral output memory.
Bit memory (M)	Memory bits	This area provides storage for interim results calculated in the program. You designate whether the data are to be accessed as bits, bytes, words, etc.
Peripheral input (PI) Peripheral output (PQ)	I/O: external inputs I/O: external outputs	Peripheral memory allows direct access to the field devices (physical, or external, inputs and outputs). Peripheral memory can be accessed in byte, word, and double-word format, but not as bits.
Timer (T)	Timer	This area provides storage for timer values.
Counter (C)	Counter	This area provides storage for counter values.
Data block (DB)	Part of the program	DBs store the information for the program.

B.2 S7-PLCSIM Notation for Entering Data

The “Variables” view object provides a variety of formats for displaying or entering the data in your program. The formats allowed are determined by the size entered with the address: byte (B), word (W), or double word (D). Table B-2 lists the formats that are available.

Table B-2 Data Formats for the “Variables” View Object

Data Format	Size	Example
Bits	B	<input type="checkbox"/> = off <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = on
BCD (binary-coded decimal)	W and D	400
Binary	B and W	10010011
Char (character)	B, W, and D	'a', 's7'
Date	W	1998-06-18
Decimal	B, W, and D	232
Hex (hexadecimal)	B, W, and D	9A
Integer	W and D	623, -2370
Real	D	-2134.232323
S5Time	W	3m25s30ms
S7 Format	B, W, and D	DW#16#09A2FF23
Slider: Dec (decimal)	B, W, and D	
Slider: Int (integer)	W and D	
Slider: Real	D	
Time	D	2d8h15m6s240ms
TOD (Time of Day)	D	2:34:45.330

Downloading System Data to S7-PLCSIM

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Overview

If you want to simulate interrupt OBs in S7-PLCSIM, you must first correctly download your I/O configuration. If your project matches either of the following descriptions, certain modifications are required to download your hardware configuration to S7-PLCSIM:

- An S7-300 project with any CPU other than the CPU 315-2 DP
- An S7-400 project that uses DP I/O with a CP instead of using a CPU model that explicitly supports DP I/O

Note

Projects configured for a CPU 315-2 DP, or for an S7-400 CPU that explicitly supports DP, do not require the modifications that are described in this appendix.

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C.1 Modifying and Downloading Your I/O Configuration

Interrupt OBs Require a Valid I/O Configuration

In order to simulate interrupt OBs, you must download a hardware configuration that contains your I/O. There are some cases where your I/O is not automatically included in the system data that STEP 7 downloads to S7-PLCSIM:

- S7-300 CPUs:

Only the CPU 315-2 DP downloads an I/O configuration; all of the other S7-300 CPUs autoconfigure the I/O to match the physical I/O installed in the rack.

To successfully download I/O to S7-PLCSIM, you must copy your hardware configuration and put the data into a CPU 315-2 DP project. When you download the I/O information from the CPU 315-2 DP project, you can simulate interrupt OBs in S7-PLCSIM (and S7-PLCSIM is also able to detect any I/O referencing errors that your program may contain).

- S7-400 CPUs:

If you use a CP with PROFIBUS-DP I/O, rather than using a CPU model that explicitly supports DP, you cannot download this I/O configuration and use it to simulate an interrupt OB in S7-PLCSIM. However, you can copy your I/O configuration into a second project and replace the S7-400 CP and CPU with an S7-400 CPU model that explicitly supports DP. Once you download the hardware configuration from this second project to S7-PLCSIM, you can simulate interrupt OBs and detect I/O referencing errors.

Modifying Your Hardware Configuration for S7-PLCSIM

To successfully download an I/O configuration to S7-PLCSIM, you must use either a CPU 315-2 DP or an S7-400 CPU that directly supports DP I/O. Use the following procedure to create and modify a copy of your hardware configuration.

1. Insert a new SIMATIC station to hold the modified configuration that you are going to create. Name it something descriptive, such as SIM_IO.
2. Navigate to your project.
3. Open the Hardware Configuration of your project.

4. Copy the central rack from your Hardware Configuration.



Caution

Be certain only to copy, not cut, from the configuration of your original project to the configuration of the SIM_IO project. If you cut items from your original configuration, your Hardware Configuration will not work in real field applications any more.

5. Leaving the Hardware Configuration of your project open, navigate back to the SIM_IO project and open its Hardware Configuration.
6. Paste the central rack from your original configuration into the SIM_IO configuration.
7. In the SIM_IO configuration, edit the rack to replace the existing CPU.
 - If the existing CPU is an S7-300, replace it with a CPU 315-2 DP.
 - If the existing CPU is an S7-400, replace it with a CPU that directly supports DP. (The extension “DP” should appear in the name of the model that you select.)

Note

When you insert a new CPU in the central rack, the STEP 7 hardware configuration software issues a series of messages prompting you to assign a network. If your original project was not networked, answer “No” to these prompts. The STEP 7 hardware configuration software displays the message “Cannot assign a PROFIBUS network to the DP master.” Since you do not need a PROFIBUS network, this message is not a problem.

8. If your configuration previously used a CP for DP communications, delete the CP from the SIM_IO configuration. The CP is not necessary after you put a DP CPU into the configuration.
9. If you have expansion racks in your original configuration, copy them into the SIM_IO configuration.
10. If you have PROFIBUS slaves in your original configuration, copy them into the SIM_IO configuration.
11. Carefully check the addresses assigned by STEP 7 to the modules in the SIM_IO configuration and make any necessary changes.
12. Save the SIM_IO configuration and download the configuration to the S7-PLCSIM.
13. Close the original configuration.

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