

 i^3

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Tutorial
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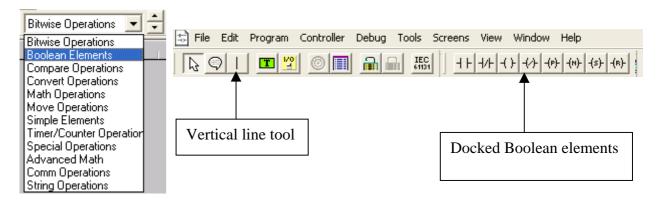
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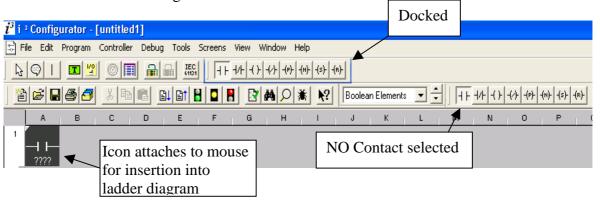


Basic Ladder Elements

All the Functions, contacts and coils for the ladder programming are contained in a drop down menu to select what range of functions you want to insert. It is also possible to scroll through the sub-sections using the up and down arrow keys. These sub sections can also be docked on to the main programming interface.

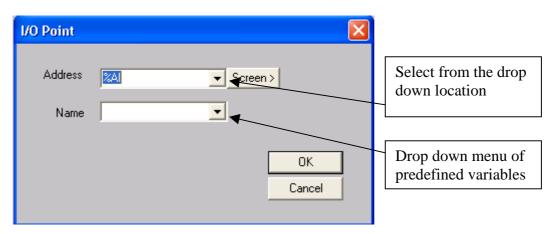


Once you have selected your sub section it is now possible to click on the icon to insert it into the ladder diagram.



Enter the contact / coil / function into the diagram by clicking it into the Ladder diagram.

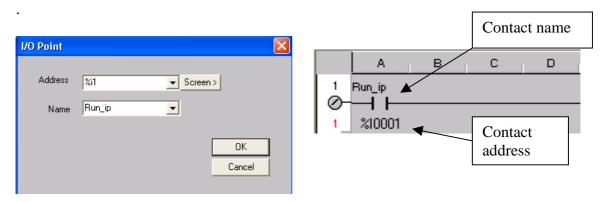
When inserting a Contact or a Coil you will need to assign the variable to a location and giving it a name is a good idea for documentation.

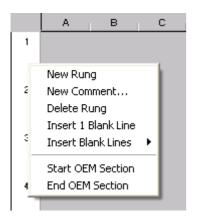


i³ Memory Locations

Type	Description and example of what might use the type	Format
%I	Discrete Inputs from the field; proximity sensors, panel	BOOL
	buttons, etc	
%Q	Discrete Outputs to the field; relays, indicator lamps,	BOOL
	etc.	
%AI	Analogue Inputs from the field; Thermocouples,	WORD
	4-20mA inputs	
%AQ	Analogue Outputs to the field; 0-10VDC or 4-20mA	WORD
	outputs	
%IG	Global Discrete Inputs from the CAN smart I/O;	BOOL
%QG	Global Discrete Outputs to the CAN smart I/O;	BOOL
%AIG	Global Analogue Inputs from the CAN smart I/O;	WORD
%AQG	Global Analogue Outputs to the CAN smart I/O;	WORD
%T	Internal Temporary bits, use for contacts and coils	BOOL
%M	Internal Memory bits, use for contacts and coils	BOOL
%R	Internal Registers, use for timers, counters & other data	WORD
%K	Keypad bits, reflect Function Key status	BOOL
%D	Display bits, control screens or indicate screen on/off	BOOL
%S	Internal System Bits (See System Registers)	BOOL
%SR	Internal System Registers (See System Registers)	WORD

Note: The allocation of I/O starts from 1 the first input is %*01 and **not** %*00





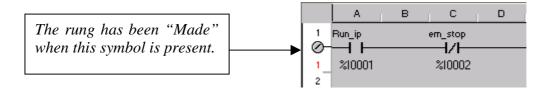
By right clicking the mouse in the left margin we can have some more options.

We have the options to add or remove rungs, insert documentation and start OEM sections.

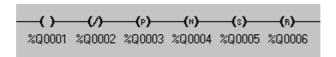


Input / Output Types

The i^3 has 2 types of inputs: Normally Open (N/O) and Normally Closed (N/C).



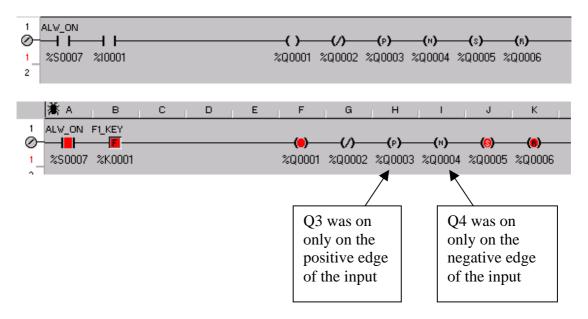
The i^3 has 6 types of outputs: N/O, N/C, Positive Edge, Negative Edge, Set and Reset.



More than one output can be put on a single rung. This performs the same function as OR'ing the outputs. When the input condition is met all of the outputs on the rung will be activated.

Example 1:

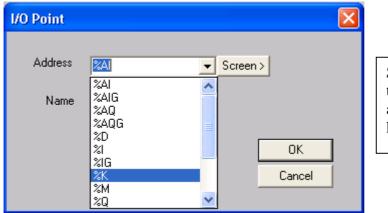
When %I0001 is enabled, %Q0001 switches state, as does %Q0002. Whereas %Q0003 switches on the positive edge of %I0001 and %Q0004 will switch on the negative edge of %I0001. %Q0006 will reset from its current state.



Assigning Function Keys and Screens

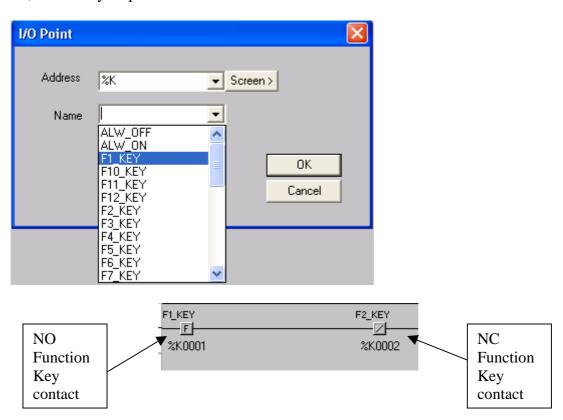
The i^3 has 11 function keys that can be programmed into the ladder diagrams. It also has four buttons that can be programmed through the screen editor which are discussed later in this document.

Assigning Function Keys in the ladder diagram is very simple. Select an input contact and address it to the Keys!



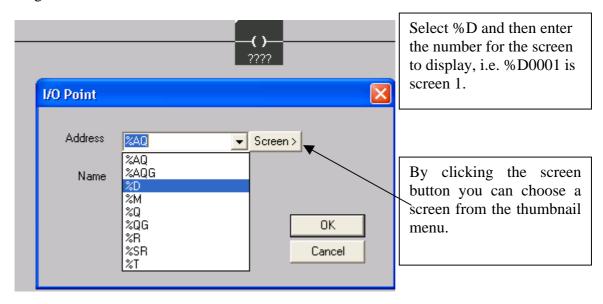
Select %K and then assign the address for the key, 1-12

Or, select it by its predefined name.

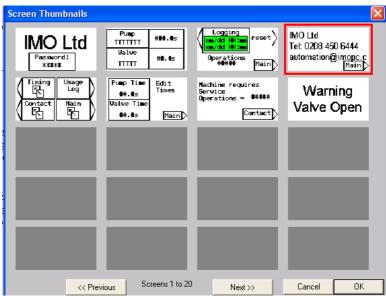


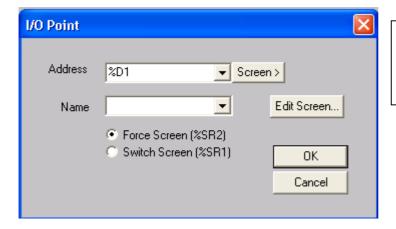


To insert a screen into the ladder logic, select an output coil and click it into the ladder diagram.



The screens shown were set up previously. If no screen has been set up then it will be shown as a blank grey box.





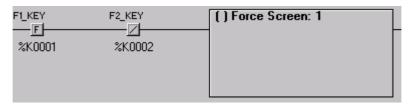
We can open the screen editor from this menu which is covered later in this document.

There are now two options to choose from which control the way an individual screen is presented.

Force Screen:

Displays the screen whilst the conditions to make the contact are met. When the condition is not met anymore the screen will go back to the previously set screen.

Example 2: Warning Message when a valve is open.

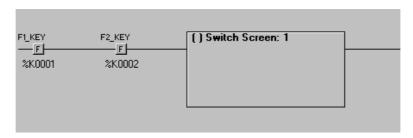


When F1_KEY AND NOT F2_KEY are pressed the i^3 will display screen 1. When F1 has been released the i^3 will display the previously set screen.

Switch Screen:

Changes the display to the desired screen when the condition is met. When the logical condition is no longer true the selected screen remains on display.

Example 3: Changing screens on a menu selection.

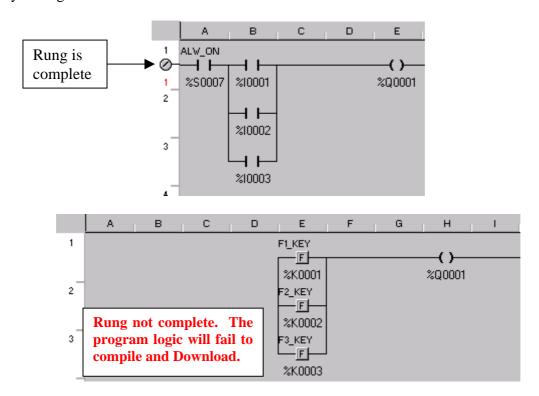


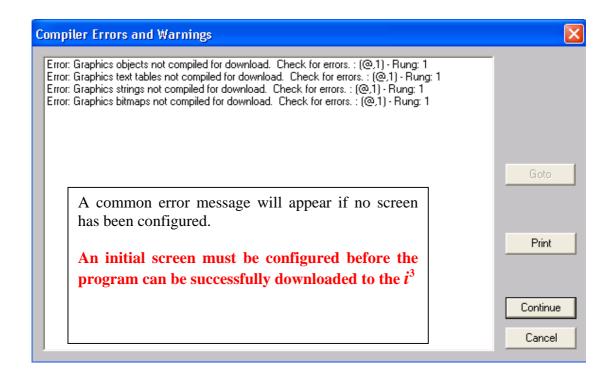
When F1_KEY *AND* F2_KEY are pressed the i^3 will display screen 1. When F1 has been released the i^3 Screen 1 will remain on the display until the next Screen is called.



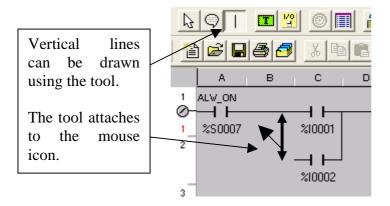
Basic Ladder Logic

Using Ladder logic it is necessary to insert a contact in the first column. A good practice is to insert an ALWAYS ON (ALW_ON) contact at the beginning then add your logic after.

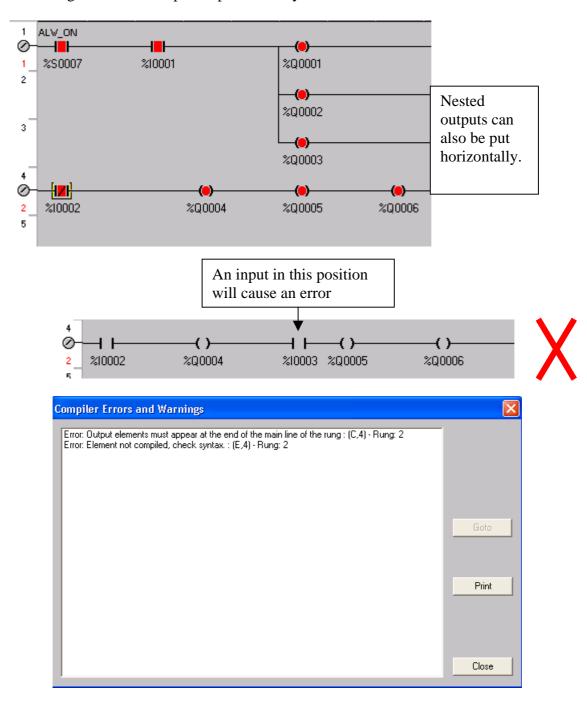




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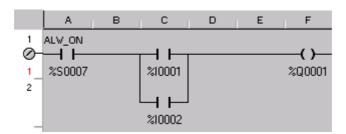
Each rung can have multiple outputs but they must be at the end of the line.





Or Gate

When any one of two or more inputs will switch on the output: In this example either %I0001 or %I0002 will switch ON %Q01.



And Gate

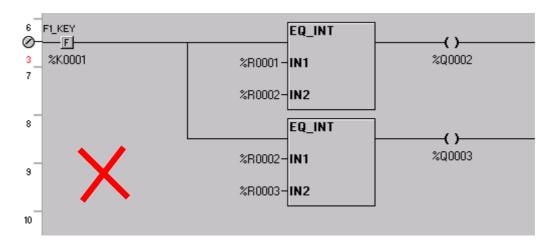
When all input conditions on a single rung are met the output will switch ON. In this example both %I0001 AND %I0002 must be on for the output %Q0001 to be energised.



Function Blocks

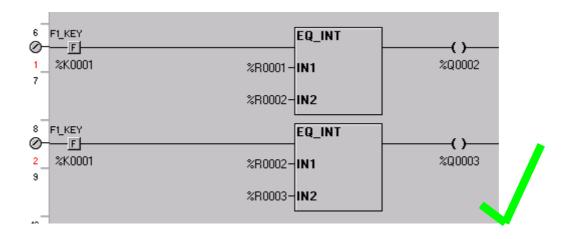
All function blocks have an enable input and a Boolean output. Other I/O parameters are dependent on the individual function block and are required to be set up when inserting the block.

Nesting function blocks will create an error.



Compiler Errors and Warnings

Error: Element not compiled, check syntax. : (E,8) - Rung: 1 Error: Element not compiled, check syntax. : (I,8) - Rung: 1





Timers and Counters

Timers and counters require two consecutive registers to store their data in memory. The first register contains the current value and the second contains the status bits of the counter or timer.

Register 1 = Accumulated value

Register 2.15 = Function Enabled

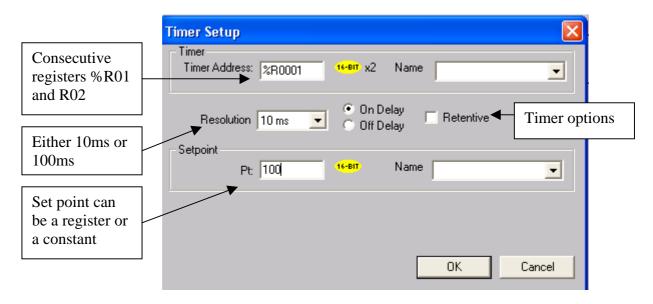
Register 2.16 = Function Completed i.e. timing elapsed, preset value met.

Timer Set up

There are two types of timer, on delay and off delay. The On delay timers can be retentive.

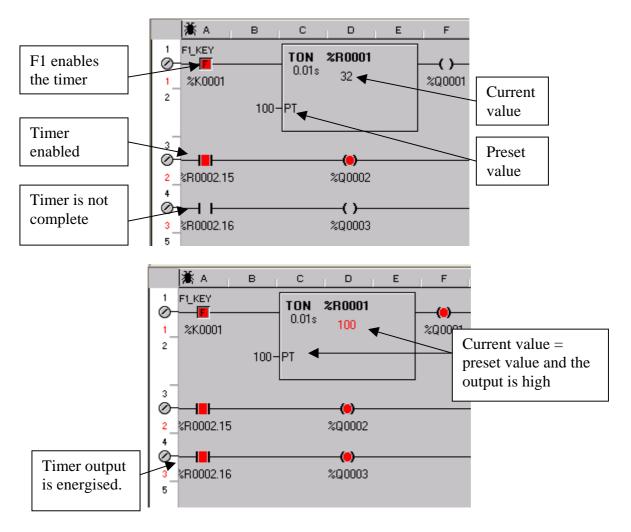
On Delay

Delays before the output goes high. On being enabled the timer starts. When elapsed time reaches the Preset the output will energise. The output will remain energised until the input to the timer has been removed.



Example 4:

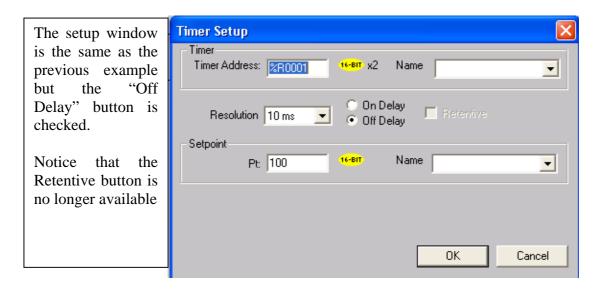
This is an example of a 1s On delay timer.





Off Delay

The Off delay timer provides a delay before switching the output off when the input is enabled. When the input is removed the timing will begin, when the elapsed time equals the preset the output will reset.

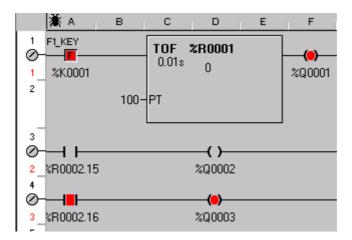


Example 5:

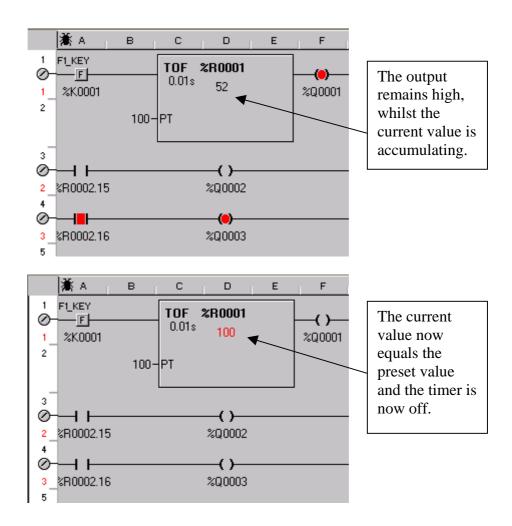
This is a 1 second Off-delay Timer. The output (%R0002.16) is energised when the input (%K0001) is made and will remain energised for 1 second after the input is removed.

The input to the timer has been enabled and the output is high.

When the input is remove the timing begins.



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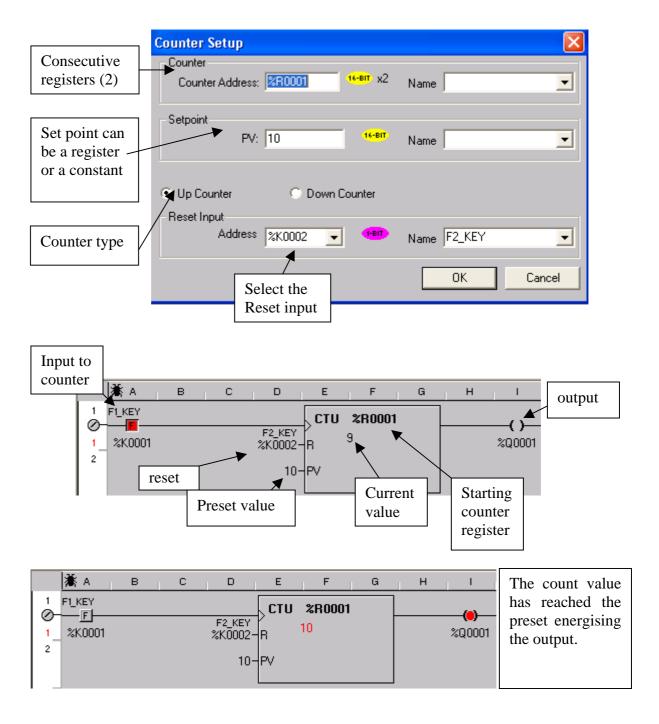




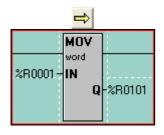
Counter Set up

There can be two types of counters, Up Count and Down Count. All the counters increment / decrement the current value on the positive edge of a defined input and require a Reset input.

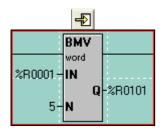
An up counter will increment its current value from 0 to the preset value at which point the output is energised. A down counter will decrement its current value (starting at a value equal to the Preset) until the current value reaches 0 at which point the output is energised. Both counters will overtake the preset if input pulses continue to be applied to the counter after the output is energised.



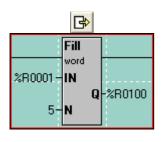
Move Functions



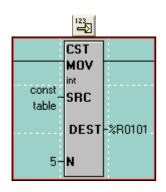
The first type of Move is the 'Move Word', or 'MOV'. It is used to copy a single byte, word or double-word from one location to another. The count is locked at 1. In the case of the example to the left, the value in %R1 is copied into %R101. This only happens when the ladder rung receives power. The value in %R101 is NOT taken back out when power is lost to the rung. The IN can be either a register or a constant value.



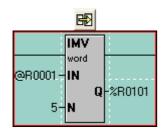
The next type of Move is the 'Move Data Block', or 'BMV'. It is used to copy a group of bytes, words or double-words to another location. The count (N) determines how many registers are to be copied. In the example to the left, %R1-%R5 are copied into %R101-%R105. Again, this only happens when the ladder rung receives power. The IN must be a register reference and constant values are not allowed.



The next type of Move is the "Fill WORD", or "Fill". It is used to copy the contents of a single register or value into multiple other registers, thus filling that one value into a group of registers. The count (N) determines how many registers to fill that single value into. In the example to the left, the value in %R1 is copied into %R101-%R105 so that %R101-%R105 all will have the same value in them. This can be used to zero-out a group of registers. The IN can be either a register or a constant value.



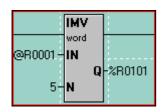
The 'Constant Move', or 'CST MOV', it is used to move a group of constant values into a group of consecutive registers. If, for example, you want to move the values 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 into %R101, %R102, %R103, %R104 and %R105, respectively, then you can use the Constant Move function. The count (N) is automatically determined by how many constant values you enter into the configuration for this function. The source data can ONLY be constant data and cannot be register references.



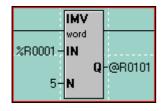
The 'Indirect Move', or 'IMV', it is used to move data from variable positions or to variable positions or both. It functions, for the most part, like the Block Move function. If specified as Indirect, the IN and/or the Q are used as pointers to where in the %R registers to get data from or put data to. When looking at the ladder logic, the @ symbol will appear next to the IN or Q address if it is specified as Indirect. This function is used in data logging applications.



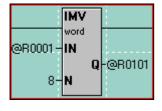
Indirect Move Examples



In this example, the IN is specified as Indirect. This means the controller will look at %R1 and see a value within it. If %R1 has a value of 501 in it, the controller will go to %R501 to get the source data. 5 registers will then be moved from %R501-%R505 to %R101-%R105.



In this example, the Q is specified as Indirect. This means the controller will look at %R101 and see a value within it. If %R101 has a value of 851, the controller will take the data in %R1-%R5 and move it into %R851-%R855.

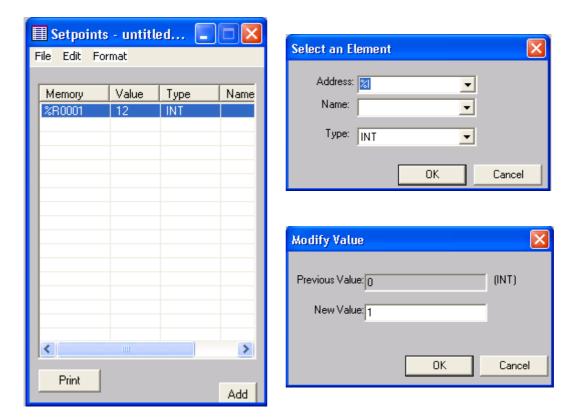


In this example, both the IN and the Q are specified as Indirect. This means the controller will look at %R1 and see a value. Let's say it is 241. The controller also looks at the value in %R101. Let's say it is 341. The controller will then take the values in %R241-%R248 and move them into %R341-%R348.

Set Points

It is possible to set registers with initial values by using the set point editor. To open it, select the Setpoint option from the program menu.

From within the editor we can "Add" a new register. Double click on the Value column to enter a Setpoint.



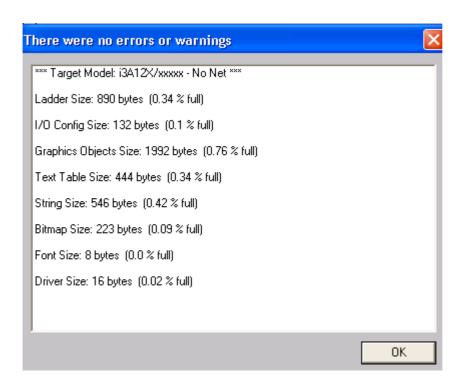
NOTE:

The Setpoint button must be selected in the Download Options when you are ready to download the application program into the i^3 .



Download Options

Once you have created the Ladder logic and user screens the program can be verified by clicking the icon \Box . This will check the program for any errors. If there no errors are detected in the program or configuration of the i^3 the download can proceed.



Connecting to your i3

It is important to understand a little of how the i^3 Configurator software has been designed in order to do this correctly. The Configurator is also a complete Project Management System capable of connecting to multiple i^3 Controllers simultaneously to debug an entire iCAN network. This means that you may have as many as 252 i^3 Controllers linked together via the CAN port. Then by linking your PC via an Ethernet, Serial, or Modem link to just one of them; you can debug and monitor them all. So therefore, each project has the Network ID for that device stored as one of the settings.

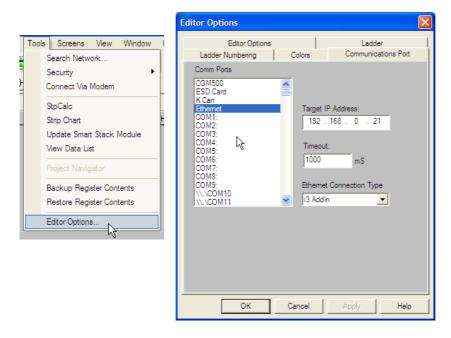
An i^3 that does not have a CAN port, such as the basic 10A01 model, has a default network ID of 253 (above the usable range of 1-252) as it will never be part of a network. When creating a new project for a device without CAN the i^3 Configurator defaults the network ID to 253. When creating a new project for a device with CAN the software defaults the network ID to 1- as is the default setting of a CAN enabled i^3 . Problems can occur if a project is started with the device configured for one option,

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then switched to the other at a later time. The result will be a mismatch in the network ID settings between the Configurator project and the i^3 (it is trying to communicate with ID 253 when the device is set at 1, or communicate with ID 1 when the device is set to 253).

Also, the comms engine of the i^3 Configurator constantly runs in the background as soon as the software is started. The first indicator that Comms are established is that the 'Traffic Lights' will show the status of the connected i^3 , as one of the buttons will appear depressed.

If this does not occur then the comms settings can be verified as shown below. This shows an Ethernet connection. Care must be taken if using a USB to Serial Adapter that the Com port assigned to the adapters matches the one selected through these options.



At the bottom of the Configurator screen we can see the status bar. This is showing that we are Locally connected to the i^3 of Network ID 11. This is the device that we are physically connected to. But, it is showing the Target ID of 1. So, despite being connected to ID 11; we are actually configuring/debugging/monitoring the i^3 with an ID of 1. It is showing us that this is an i3B model with CAN Net, but no I/O configuration as yet (/xxxxx).



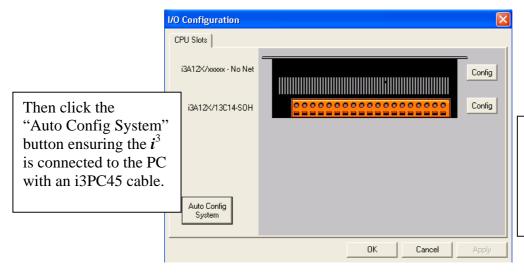


Configuring the correct model.

Before downloading the program it must be configured to match the model of i^3 to be used.

Select the I/O configure from the controller menu.



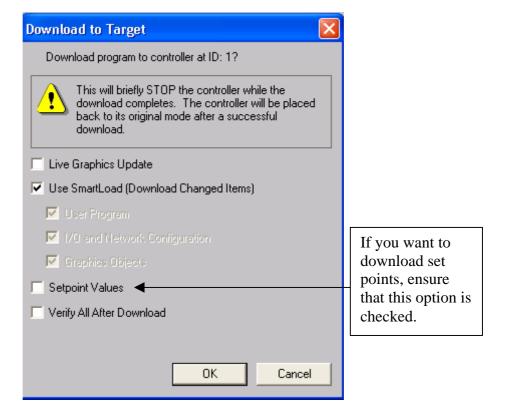


When configured the *i*³ part number will match the unit.

Downloading the Program

Then to download to the i^3 click the icon or select Download from the Program Menu.

The "Download to Target" menu will appear.





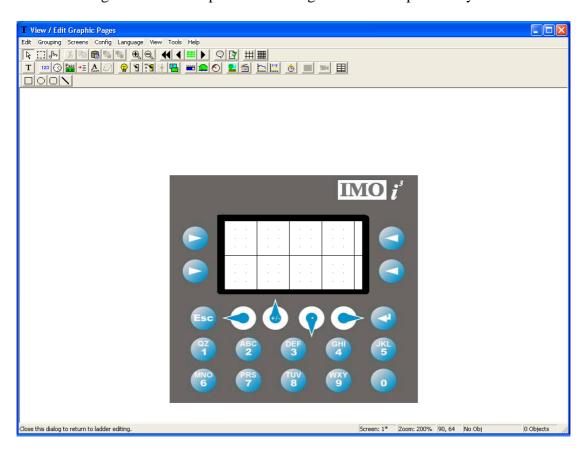
Screen Editor

To open the screen editor click on the icon or select the option from the screens menu.



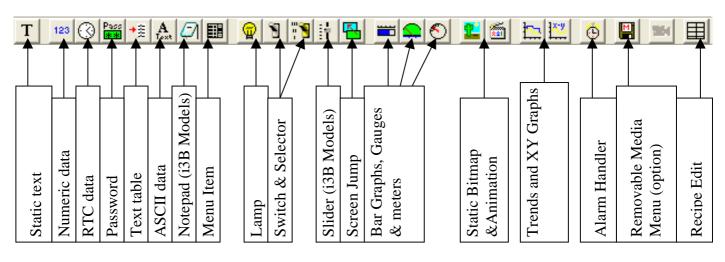
Please note that a default screen needs to be configured before a program can be downloaded to an i^3 .

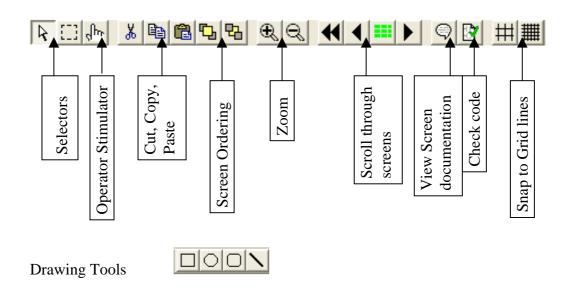
Before editing screens it is important to configure the I/O as previously described.



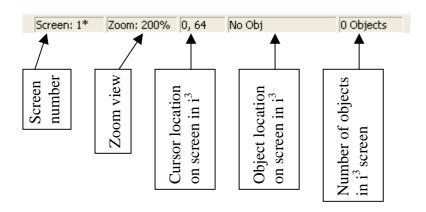
The screen editor program shows the i^3 in the middle with the programming functions at the top and screen information in the bottom right corner. To exit click the top right corner where the X is.

Screen Editor Tool Bar.





Bottom right corner of Editor

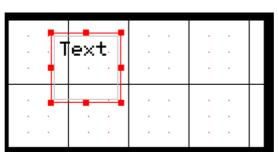


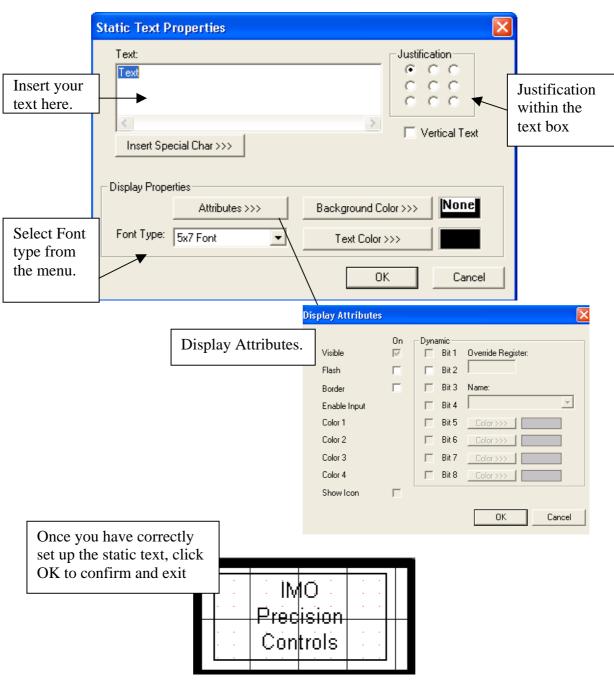


Static Text

To insert a Static Text message click on the icon **T** and click it to the screen.

The box can be resized as required. To enter the text to be displayed double click on the box.

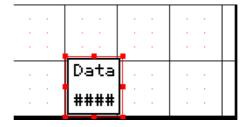


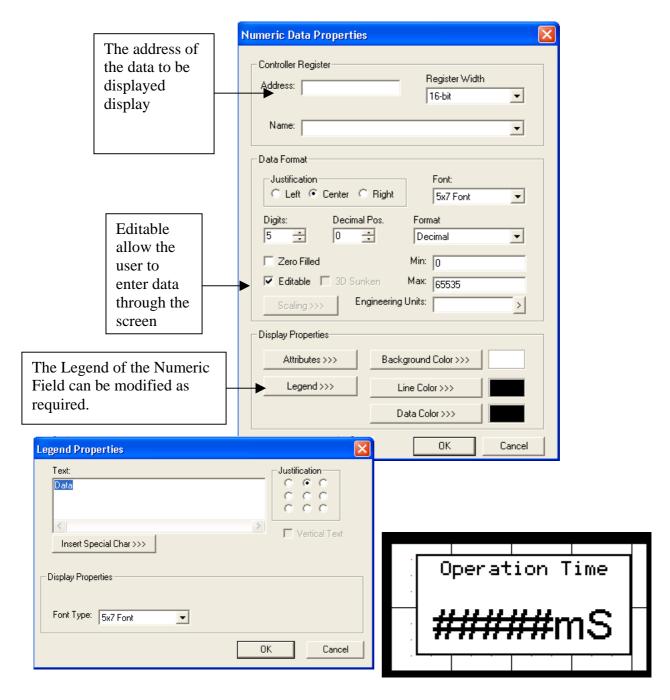


Numeric Data

To insert a numeric data display click on the icon and click it into the screen.

The box can be resized as required. To Enter the details of the numeric data double click on the box.

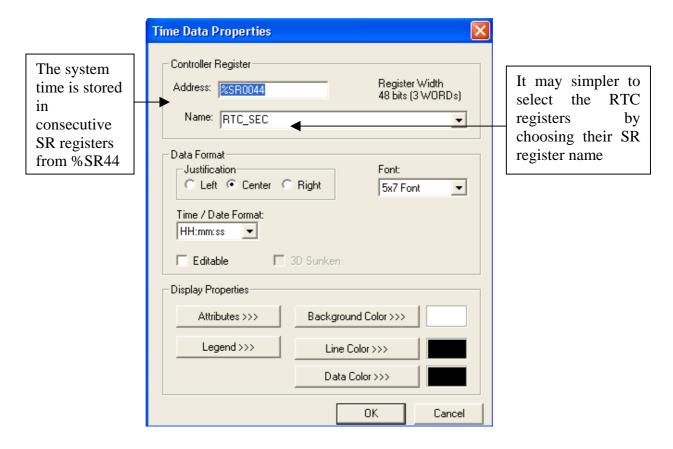


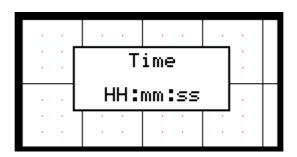




Time Data

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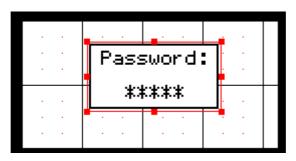


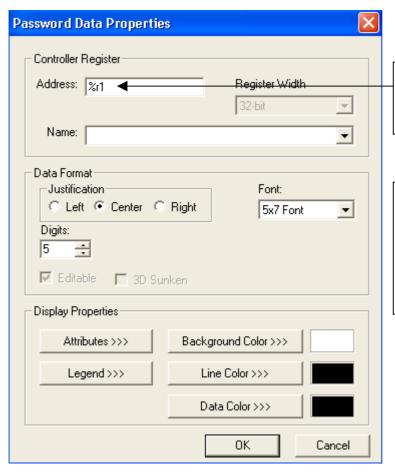


Password

To insert a Password display, click on the icon and click it into the screen.

The password box is similar to the numeric data display but the numbers are hidden.





Address where the password will be entered.

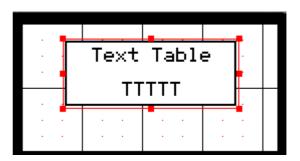
Simple password logic uses a Compare Function block. When the Password Number entered is equal to the stored value an additional control condition can be unlocked.

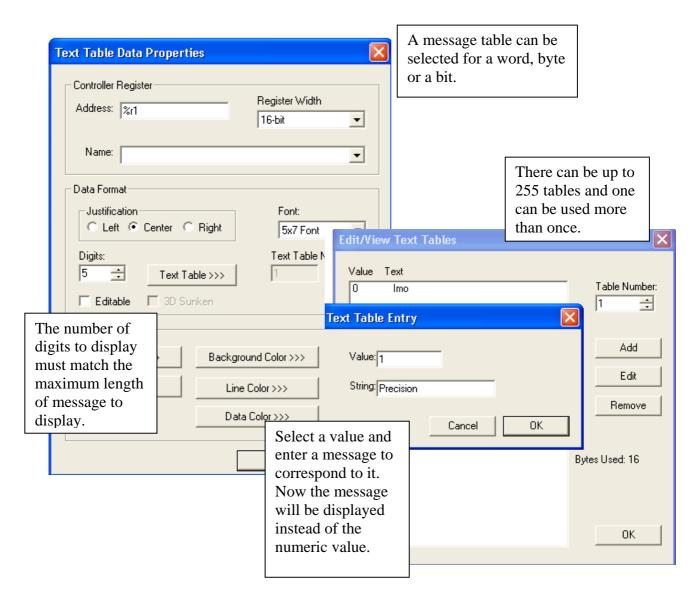


Text Table data

To insert a Text Table display, click on the icon and click it into the screen.

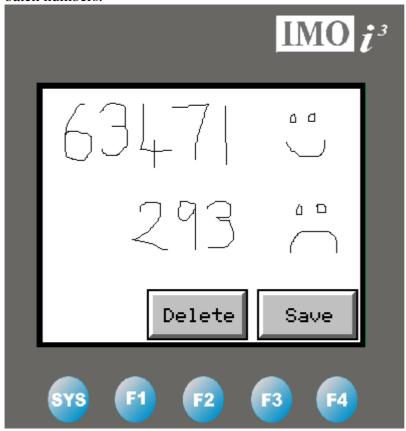
The text table can be used to display text messages instead of numeric data for a given register.

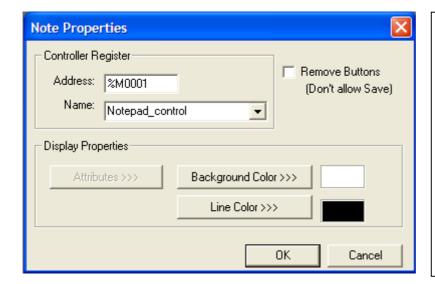




Notepad

This is function is only for touch-screen models such as the i3B12Y range. It provides the operator with a screen upon which they can write or draw a simple diagram. This data can then be stored into the HMI memory for recall at a later date. A useful feature should an operator find themselves without a pen and in need of writing down batch numbers.



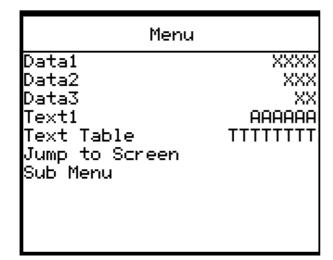


The Controller
Register enables or
disables the Note
Object. The Remove
Buttons checkbox
removes the 'Delete'
and 'Save' buttons
from the Note object
making sure it is
erased every time the
Note screen is exited.



Menu Item

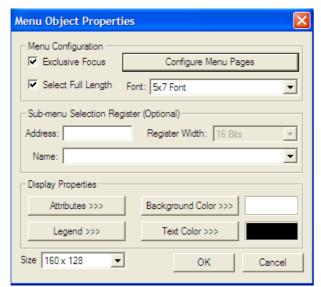
A Menu Item allows many settings and screens to be configured through one single object.



Inside the Menu Item it is possible to easily configure groups of Numeric Data Items, Text Tables, ASCII text Items, Passwords, Screen Jumps and also Sub-menu items.

The Sub-Menus allow more pages of configurable data to be displayed, allowing an operator to make many changes from within a single screen.

The menu object is navigated via

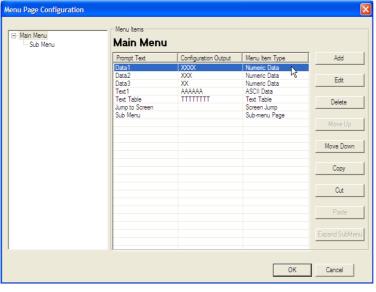


If the Exclusive Focus is selected then no other objects on the screen can be activated.

the soft keys or touch screen.

Clicking on the Configure Menu Pages button opens the window below.

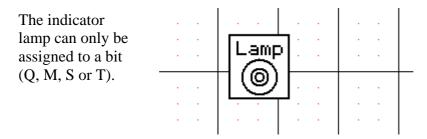
The 'Size' of the Menu must be selected when using on a Touch-Screen i^3 .



Menu Items can be added, then, configured in a similar way to how they are outside of a Menu Object by specifying the Control Register, Data Format, and Display Properties. The only difference is that 'Prompt Text' is used instead of a Legend.

Sub-Menus can also be added, to partition the data into different areas as required.

Indicator Lamp





There are several different options for display of lamp.

Round
Square
Bulb
Radio Button

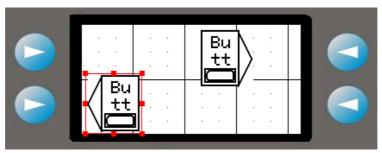
Check Box



Button

There are four buttons that can be programmed through the screen editor, the remaining keys are programmed in the ladder editor. To insert a button, click on the icon and click it into the screen.

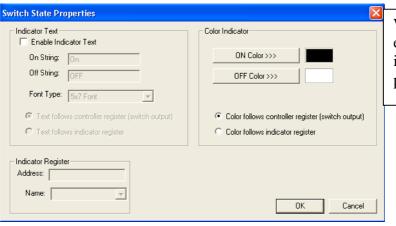
The button will then allocate itself to the nearest key next on the side of the screen. Only one button can be assigned to a single key per screen.



The buttons are Switch Properties binary and can only be assigned Controller Register Keypress Source Attach to nearest soft key to a bit Address: Auxiliary Register Name: | Address: ▼ Switch type Name: \forall Switch Type: Standard Standard • C Touch Screen Standard Action: Momentary Round Square ✓ Legend Plate Return to last screen after press Rocker ☐ 3D Bezel ✓ Show Inside Line Detail Indicator Properties >> Action Momentary Display Properties Momentary Attributes >>> Background Color >>> ON OFF Legend>>> Line Color>>> Toggle OΚ Cancel

The Keypress source defaults at the nearest softkey (4 keys either side of the screen.

However they can be set to another address in the i^3 .



We can also edit the indicator properties

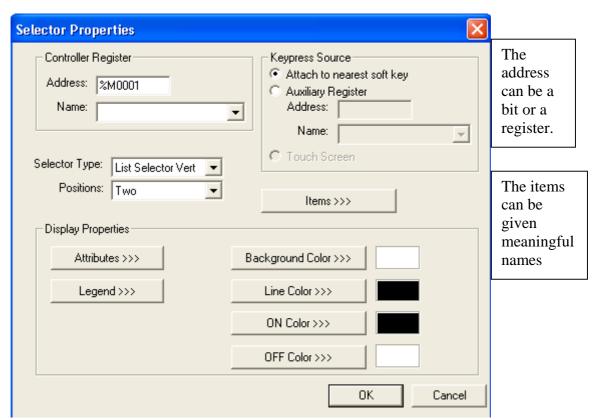
Selector Switch

To insert a selector switch, click on the icon and click it into the screen.

It will then select the nearest buttons to it on either side of the screen. With the selector switch the maximum the i^3 can have is two positions.



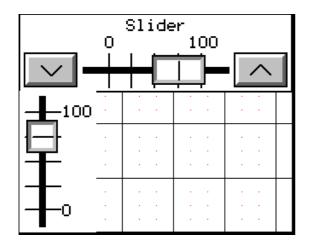
A selector switch will be either one of two states.

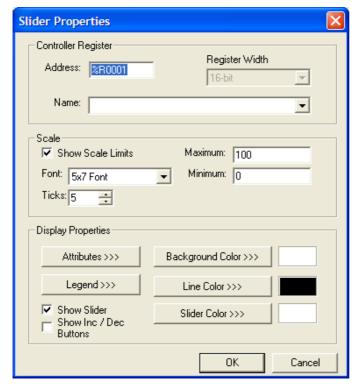




Slider

This is an option only for touch-screen models such as the i3B12Y range. It is a quick way to change a value inside a 16-bit register. The object can be configured with or without extra buttons for fine control, and automatically changes it orientation from horizontal to vertical depending how it is sized – similar to the Bar Chart Item.



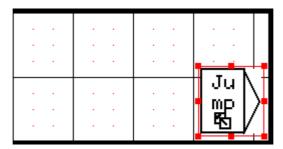


The Slider has configurable scale limits. It also has two checkboxes that allow the graphic of the slider to be turned off along with the Inc/Dec buttons.

Screen Jump

Screen jumps are allocated like buttons but are for jumping between screens in a menu fashion. To insert a screen jump, click on the icon and click it into the screen.

The jump button will allocate itself to the nearest key at either side.



Select what screen number to jump to and the display properties of the button.



The Keypress source defaults at the nearest softkey (4 keys either side of the screen.

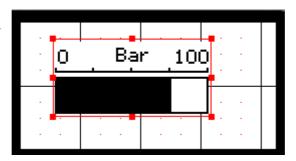
However they can be set to another address in the i^3 or can even be selected using the cursor and arrow keys

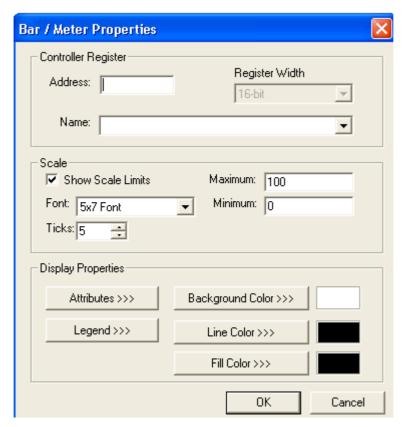


Bar Graph

To insert a bar graph, click on the icon and click it into the screen.

To graphically display a register value on the screen. Click on the edge of the box and drag to make the bar graph bigger.





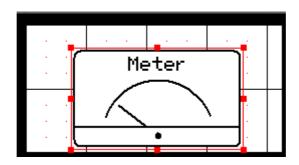
The bar graphs must be a word.

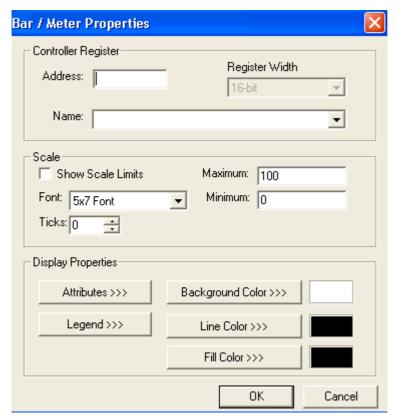
The bar graph has to be scaled and this can be shown on the screen.

Meter

To insert a meter graph, click on the icon and click it into the screen.

Another option to the bar graph is o display the data as a meter.





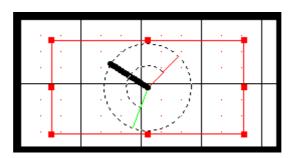
The details are the same as with the bar graph.

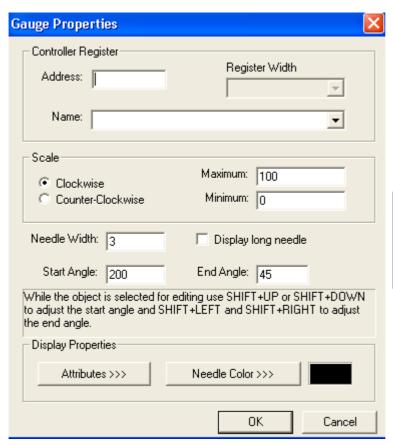


Gauge

To insert a gauge graph, click on the icon 2 and click it into the screen.

The Gauge is more complex than a bar / meter. This gauge is an automotive style gauge and can be placed over bitmaps.



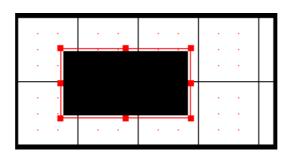


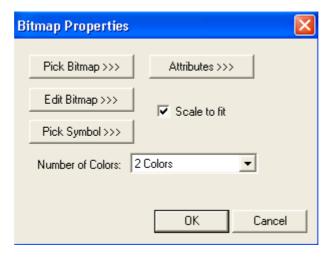
Select starting and ending angle and the needle will rotate within the set scale.

Static Bitmap

A bitmap can be used as a screen back drop, where a company logo can be inserted. To insert a static bitmap, click on the icon and click it into the screen.

The i^3 has a mono screen, therefore the bitmap must comply to these restrictions.





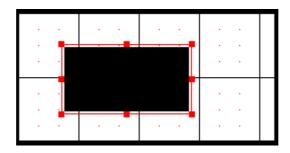
Bitmaps can be created in simple packages like MS Paint.

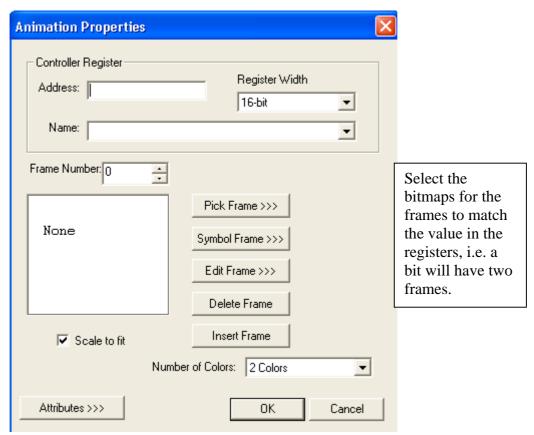


Animation

The animation displays a series of bitmaps depending on the value of a register, double word, word, byte or bit.

To insert an animation, click on the icon and click it into the screen.

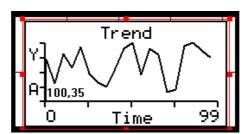




Trend

The data trend tracks data over a period of time. To insert a trend, click on the icon and click it into the screen.

A data trend can track up to four registers over a set period of time.

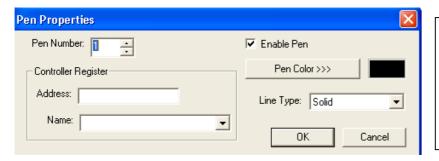




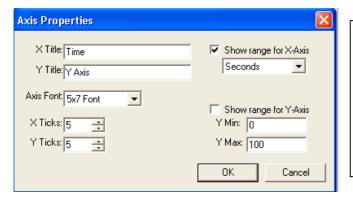
The sample can be in seconds, minutes or hours

The trigger address is required to activate the trend.

The trend can be 1 of 4 different types, see the help file for detailed information



Up to 4 pens per trend can be edited. i.e. 4 data registers.

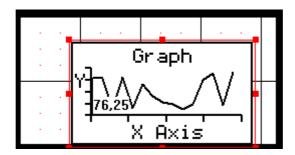


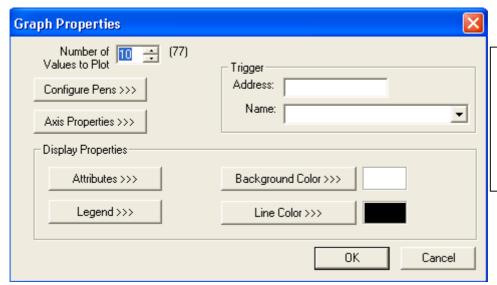
The axis titles can be edited to something more meaningful, and the scale can be adjusted



X - Y Data Graph

To insert an X - Y Graph, click on the icon \mathbb{Z} and click it into the screen. The X-Y graph represents variation of a variable in comparison to variations in one or more variables.





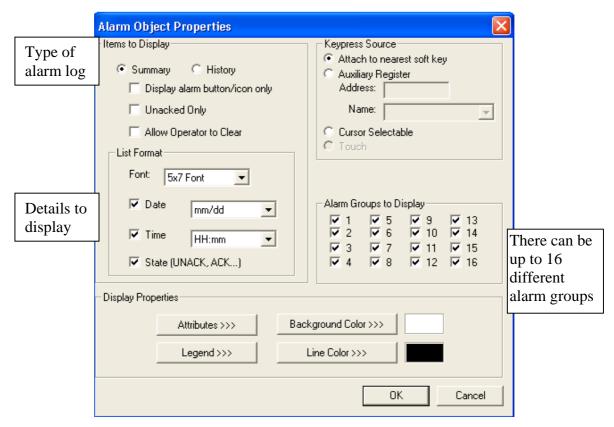
The trigger address is required to reset and refresh the plotting process.

Alarms

To insert an Alarm Log, click on the icon and place it into the screen. There are two types of alarm: Summary and History. Summary only displays the alarm when it is currently active and History logs the alarm. There are two steps to setting up the alarm, first the button needs to be set up then the log itself.

The alarm will display a message and time stamp it for when it occurred.



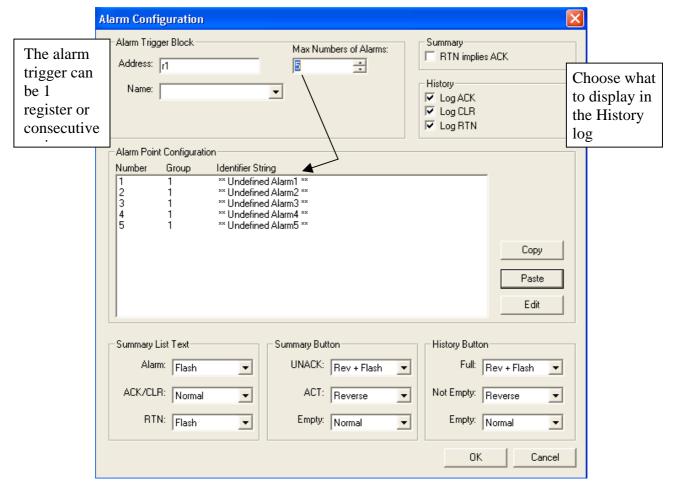


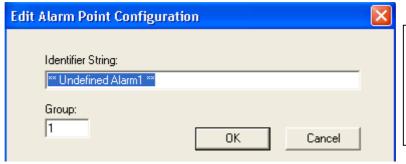


Configure the Alarm Log

Select Alarm from the Config Menu drop down, to open the Alarm Log editor.





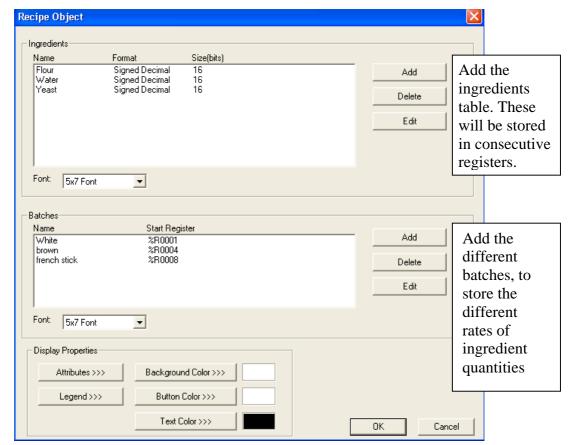


Alarm message to display and group related to.

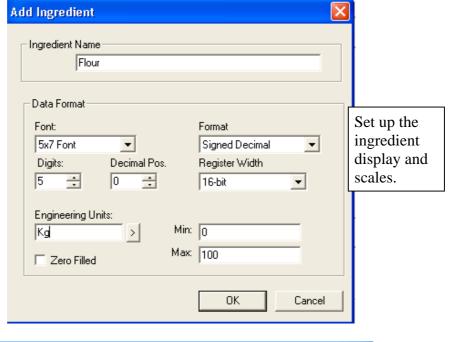
Recipe Editor

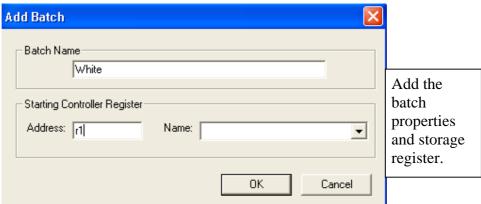
To insert a Recipe Editor Object, click the icon 🗏 on to the screen.











This recipe function can be used in conjunction with move function blocks, to move recipe data from one location to another.



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