



# *ECET 4530*

## *Industrial Motor Control*

*Introduction to  
Ladder Logic Programming  
(in the RSLogix environment)*

*Part II*



## Tags

Tags contain information that identifies and characterizes data stored in memory, allowing that data to be linked to the operation of a specific instruction.

For example, given the following **XIC (Logic Instruction)**:



the “A” displayed above the **XIC** icon is actually the name of a Tag that identifies a specific bit in memory, the value of which determines the state of the **XIC**.



## Base Tags vs. Alias Tags

A **Base Tag** is a tag that, when initially created, results in the allocation of memory and provides a reference to the data stored at that memory location, thus allowing the data to be directly linked to the operation of an instruction.

An **Alias Tag** is a tag that is used to provide a **different name** (i.e. – an alias) to a previously defined Base Tag.

**Note** – Alias tags allow the assignment of an arbitrary name to a previously defined Base Tag. This can be useful, especially when an existing Base Tag has a complex or potentially confusing name, such as those automatically created by the RSLogix software when the type and configuration of the PLC is initially defined.



## Creating a Base Tag

When a **Base Tag** is initially created, a variety of information must be provided, including:

- **NAME**
- **TYPE**
- **DATA TYPE**
- **SCOPE**
- **EXTERNAL ACCESS**
- **STYLE**

A “text” Description of the tag may also be provided if desired.

The screenshot shows the 'New Tag' dialog box with the following configuration:

- Name: [?]
- Description: [?]
- Usage: <normal>
- Type: Base (with Connection... button)
- Alias For: [?]
- Data Type: BOOL
- Scope: MainProgram
- External Access: None
- Style: Decimal
- Constant
- Open Configuration



## Base Tag Information Fields

**NAME**: an alpha/numeric identifier (including underscores) that is assigned to the tag and thus to the data stored in memory.

Names must begin with an alphabetic character, cannot be greater than 40 characters in length, and are not case sensitive.

The 'New Tag' dialog box contains the following fields and options:

- Name: [ ] (circled in red)
- Description: [ ]
- Usage: <normal>
- Type: Base (circled in red)
- Alias For: [ ]
- Data Type: BOOL
- Scope: MainProgram
- External Access: None
- Style: Decimal
- Constant
- Open Configuration



## Base Tag Information Fields

**TYPE**: Base – this results in an allocation of memory, the amount of which is determined by the Data Type field.

Note – the “Type” field may also be set to Alias. This is used when defining an Alias Tag.

When an Alias Tag is selected, the “Alias For” field becomes active. This field is used to select the Base Tag for which the Alias Tag provides a new name.

The 'New Tag' dialog box contains the following fields and options:

- Name: [ ]
- Description: [ ]
- Usage: <normal>
- Type: Base (circled in red)
- Alias For: [ ]
- Data Type: BOOL
- Scope: MainProgram
- External Access: None
- Style: Decimal
- Constant
- Open Configuration



## Base Tag Information Fields

### DATA TYPE:

**BOOL** (Boolean) – Boolean tags require only a single bit of memory, the value of which can be either 0 or 1

**INT** (Integer) – Integer tags require sixteen bits of memory, within which integer numbers may be stored ranging from -32768 to +32767



## Base Tag Information Fields

**SCOPE:** this field defines whether a tag is global or local.

The RSLogix 5000 software allows an application to be broken down into multiple programs (subroutines).

A global tag is available to all of the programs, while a local tag can only be utilized within a specific program, such as “Main Program”.



## Base Tag Information Fields

### EXTERNAL ACCESS:

This field defines whether a tag is allowed Read/Write, Read Only, or no access (None) from programs running on external devices such as HMI (Human Machine Interface) Panels.

STYLE: this field only defines how the tag data is displayed; it does not affect the Data Type.

Binary – Base 2 or Decimal – Base 10

The screenshot shows the 'New Tag' dialog box with the following fields: Name, Description, Usage, Type, Alias For, Data Type, Scope, External Access, Style, Constant, and Open Configuration. The 'External Access' and 'Style' fields are circled in red. An arrow points from a text box to the 'Constant' checkbox.

If checked, CONSTANT prevents Instructions from changing the value of the data that is identified by the tag.



## Initial Software Configuration

When first entering the RSLogix environment with the goal of creating a new ladder diagram (program), the type and configuration of the PLC must be specified.

For Example: The PLCs contained in the Q-215 Machines Lab are:

- Allen-Bradley, 1769-L32E, Compact Logix 5332E PLCs

Located in Bus Position #1 of each PLC is a:

- 1769-IQ16/A, 16-Port, 24V DC Input Module

Located in Bus Position #2 of each PLC is a:

- 1769-OW16/A, 16-Port, Relay Output Module

*(The method for entering the above information is not covered within this presentation)*



## Initial Software Configuration

After the initial configuration information is entered:

- Allen-Bradley, 1769-L32E, Compact Logix 5332E PLC
- Bus #1: 1769-IQ16/A, 16-Port, 24V DC Input Module
- Bus #2: 1769-OW16/A, 16-Port, Relay Output Module

the RSLogix 5000 software automatically creates a set of Base Tags that are required for proper operation of the PLC and its Input and Output Modules.

The automatically created Base Tags include:

- One Boolean-type Base Tag for each Input Port, and
- One Boolean-type Base Tag for each Output Port.



## 1769-IQ16 Input Module

The 1769-IQ16/A, 16-Port, 24V DC Input Module is a 16 port discrete input module that is configured to detect either the presence or the absence of a 24V<sub>DC</sub> signal at the terminals of its inputs.

If 24V<sub>DC</sub> is detected at terminal **IN-X**, the state of Input Port **X** becomes TRUE.

If 24V<sub>DC</sub> is not detected at terminal **IN-X**, the state of Input Port **X** becomes FALSE.





## 1769-IQ16 Input Module

When the 1769-IQ16 module is added into an RSLogix project, the software creates 16 Boolean-Type Base Tags, one for each of the module's Input Ports.

The format of the Base Tag names is:

**Local:1:I.Data.X**

where **X** ranges from 0 → 15 for each of the 16 Input Ports.

Note that the actual base tag name is "I.Data.X" where X ranges from 0 → 15. The "Local:1" in front of the tag name instructs the PLC that the tag refers to a memory location that resides within the module that is (directly) connected "locally" to the PLC in the 1<sup>st</sup> slot position.



## 1769-IQ16 Input Module

Furthermore, the 1769-IQ16 links each of its ports to the associated memory bits referred to by the **I.Data.X** Base Tags.

When Input Port **X** is becomes TRUE, the module sets the bit referenced by tag **I.Data.X** to a 1.

When Input Port **X** is becomes FALSE, the module resets the bit referenced by tag **I.Data.X** to a 0.





# 1769-IQ16 Input Module

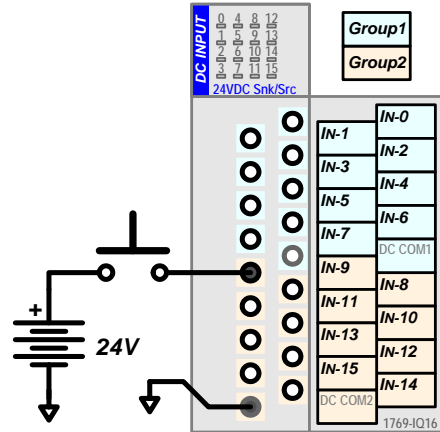
For example, if a NO pushbutton is connected between a 24V<sub>DC</sub> source and terminal IN-9:

When the button is pressed,

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is present at **IN-9**
- Input Port **9** → TRUE,
- Bit **I.Data.9** → 1

When the button is released,

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is removed from **IN-9**
- Input Port **9** → FALSE,
- Bit **I.Data.9** → 0



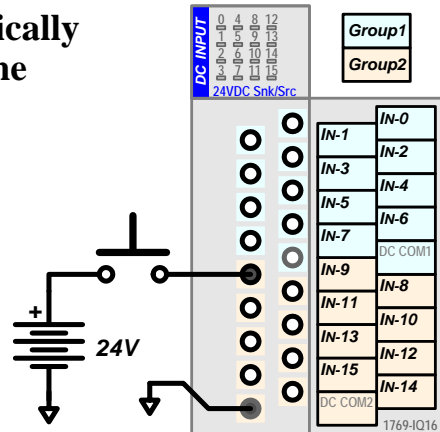
# Linking the 1769-IQ16 to Ladder Logic

The 1769-IQ16's inputs can be linked to the Logic Instructions within a ladder by assigning the tags that were automatically created for module's input ports to the Logic Instructions.

For example, tag **Local:1:I.Data.9** is assigned to the XIC shown below:



Note that Base Tags created automatically by the RS Logix software are displayed between angle-brackets. <Base Tag>







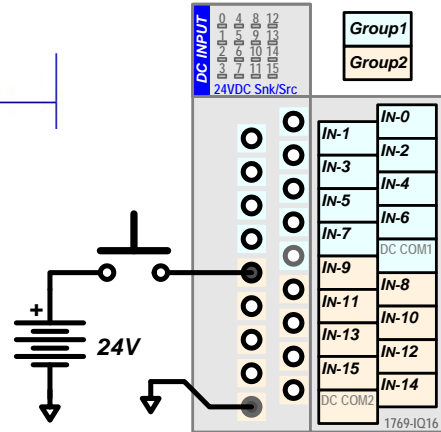
# Linking the 1769-IQ16 to Ladder Logic

Given the following ladder rung in which the XIC is assigned the tag **Local:1:I.Data.9**:



When the button is NOT pressed,

- $24V_{DC}$  is not present at **IN-9**
- Input Port **9**  $\rightarrow$  FALSE,
- Bit **I.Data.9**  $\rightarrow$  0
- XIC-**Local:1:I.Data.9**  $\rightarrow$  FALSE
- OTE-**Y**  $\rightarrow$  FALSE



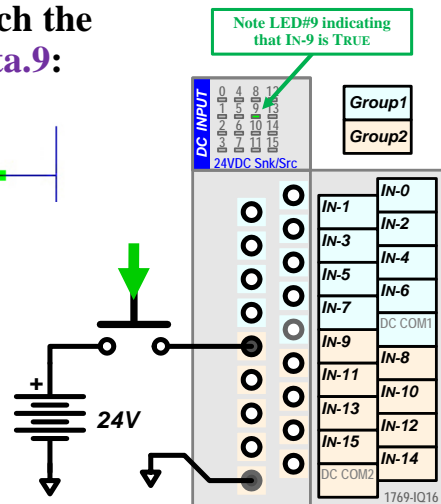
# Linking the 1769-IQ16 to Ladder Logic

Given the following ladder rung in which the XIC is assigned the tag **Local:1:I.Data.9**:



When the button IS pressed,

- $24V_{DC}$  is present at **IN-9**
- Input Port **9**  $\rightarrow$  TRUE,
- Bit **I.Data.9**  $\rightarrow$  1
- XIC-**Local:1:I.Data.9**  $\rightarrow$  TRUE
- OTE-**Y**  $\rightarrow$  TRUE



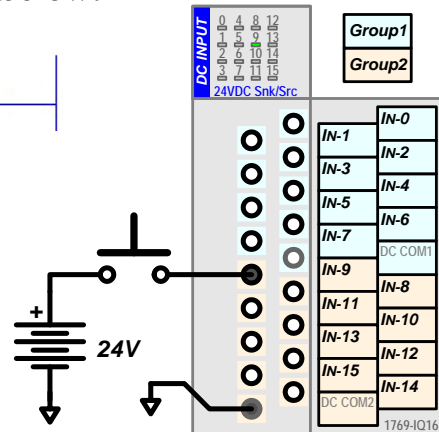


## Linking the 1769-IQ16 to Ladder Logic

Although the tag **Local:1:I.Data.9** is clearly linked to the XIC in the rung shown below:

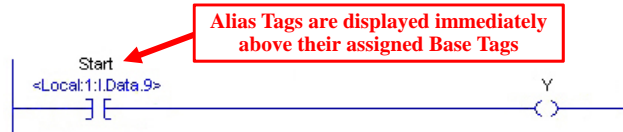


the function of the pushbutton wired to Input Port 9 is not clearly specified, which may be confusing when trying to create, modify, or debug the ladder diagram.

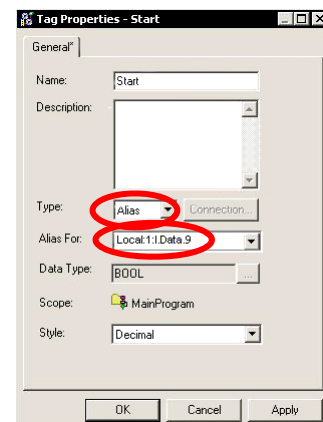


## Creating Aliases for the 1769-IQ16's Tags

Alias Tags may be created for the 1769-IQ16's Base Tags to help clarify the ladder diagram:



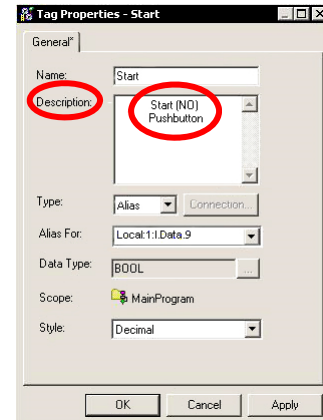
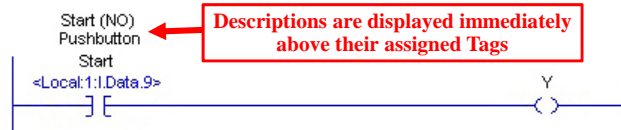
For example, if the intended function of the button wired to Input Port 9 is to “Start” a process, then an Alias Tag named **Start** may be created for the **Local:1:I.Data.9** Base Tag.





## Creating Aliases for the 1769-IQ16's Tags

Alias Tags may be created for the 1769-IQ16's Base Tags to help clarify the ladder diagram:



Additionally, if a description is added for the Alias Tag named **Start**, the description will also appear in the ladder diagram immediately above the Alias Tag name.

## 1769-OW16 Output Module

The 1769-OW16/A, 16-Port, Relay Output Module is a discrete 16 port output module that has a NO contact wired between each output terminal and a common terminal.

Whenever Output Port **X** is FALSE, the module opens the contact wired between terminal **OUT-X** and its common terminal.

Whenever Output Port **X** is TRUE, the module closes the contact wired between terminal **OUT-X** and its common terminal.





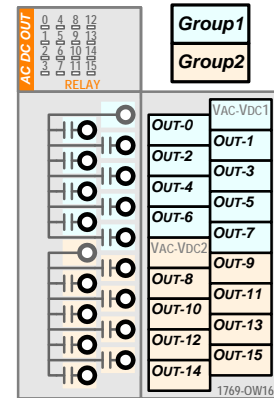
## 1769-OW16 Output Module

Note that the 1769-IQ16's output ports are separated into two groups:

- Group 1: **OUT-0** → **OUT-7**
- Group 2: **OUT-8** → **OUT-15**

The NO contacts for Group 1 are connected between the output terminals and common terminal VAC-VDC1.

The NO contacts for Group 2 are connected between the output terminals and common terminal VAC-VDC2.



## 1769-OW16 Output Module

When the 1769-OW16 module is added into an RSLogix project, the software creates 16 Boolean-Type Base Tags, one for each of the module's Output Ports.

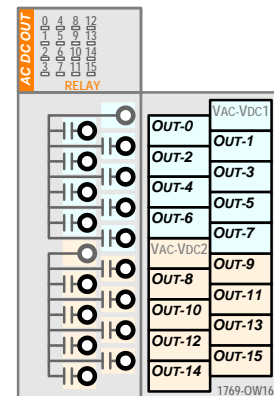
The format of the Base Tag names is:

**Local:2:O.Data.X**

where **X** ranges from 0 → 15 for each of the 16 Output Ports.

Note that the actual base tag name is "O.Data.X" where X ranges from 0 → 15.

The "Local:2" in front of the tag name instructs the PLC that the tag refers to a memory location that resides within the module that is (directly) connected "locally" to the PLC in the 2<sup>nd</sup> slot position.



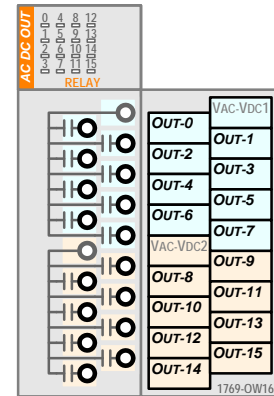


## 1769-OW16 Output Module

Furthermore, the 1769-OW16 links each of its ports to the associated memory bits referred to by the **O.Data.X** Base Tags.

When the bit referenced by **O.Data.X** is 1, Output Port **X** → TRUE and the contact between **OUT-X** and VAC-VDC1 closes.

When the bit referenced by **O.Data.X** is 0, Output Port **X** → FALSE and the contact between **OUT-X** and VAC-VDC1 opens.



## 1769-OW16 Output Module

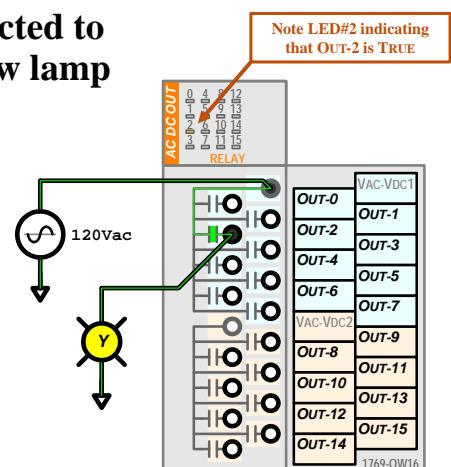
For example, if a 120V<sub>ac</sub> source is connected to terminal VAC-VDC1 and a 120V, yellow lamp is connected to terminal **OUT-2**:

When bit **O.Data.2** = 0,

- Output Port **2** is FALSE,
- Contact **OUT-2** is OPEN
- The Yellow Lamp is OFF

When bit **O.Data.2** = 1,

- Output Port **2** is TRUE,
- Contact **OUT-2** is CLOSED
- The Yellow Lamp is ON



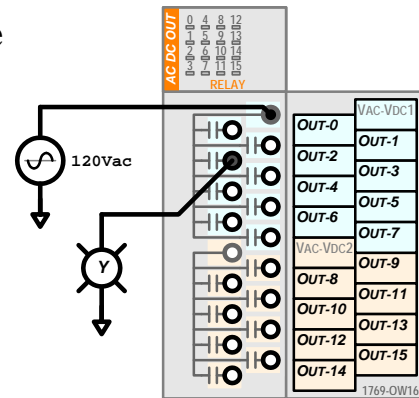
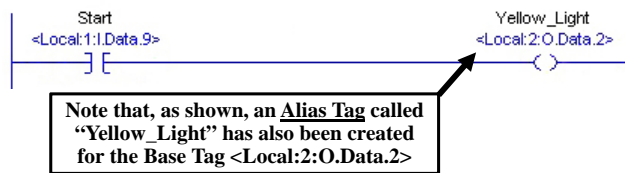
Note that the above figure shows the case when bit **O.Data.2** = 1



## Linking the 1769-OW16 to Ladder Logic

The 1769-OW16's outputs can be linked to the Output Instructions within a ladder by assigning the tags that were automatically created for module's ports to the Output Instructions.

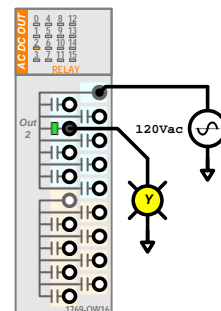
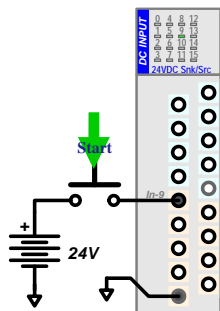
For example, tag **Local:2:O.Data.2** is assigned to the OTE shown below:



## From Input to Output

Given the system shown below, when the button is pressed:

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is applied to terminal **IN-9**
- Input Port **9** → TRUE
- Bit **I.Data.9** → 1
- XIC-**Start** → TRUE
- Rung Condition → TRUE
- OTE-**Yellow\_Light** Sets Bit **O.Data.2** → 1
- Contact **OUT-2** → CLOSED
- **Yellow Lamp** → ON

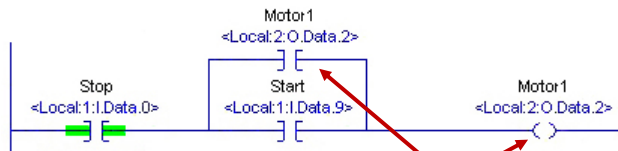
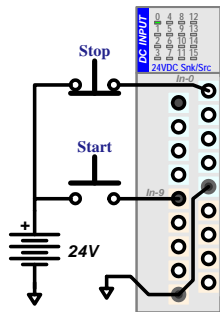




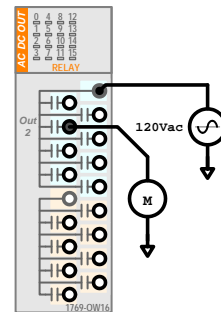
# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTE

Given the a system with the following configuration:

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is connected to the NC and NO pushbuttons
- NC pushbutton connected to **IN-0**
- NO pushbutton connected to **IN-9**
- DC-COM1 and DC-COM2 connected to DC ground
- Tag **Stop** aliased to **Local:1:I.Data.0**
- Tag **Start** aliased to **Local:1:I.Data.9**



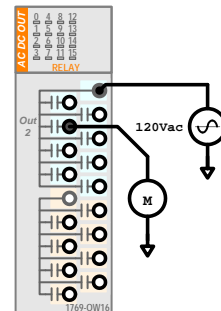
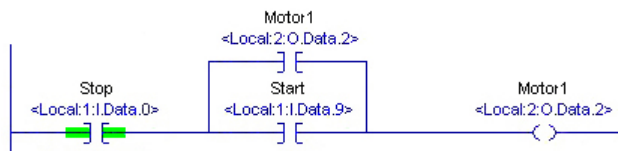
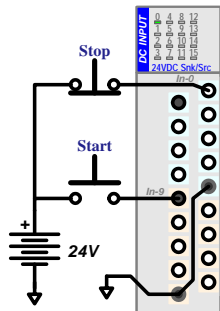
Note that the XIC and the OTE are both assigned the tag Motor1



# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTE

Under “normal” conditions when no buttons are pressed:

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is applied to **IN-0** (by the NC pushbutton)
- Input Port 0 → TRUE      Input Port 9 → FALSE
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 1      Bit **I.Data.9** → 0
- XIC-**Stop** → TRUE      XIC-**Start** → FALSE
- Rung Condition → FALSE



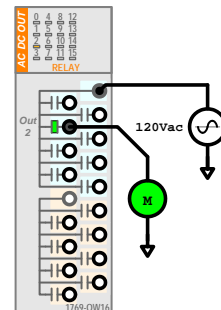
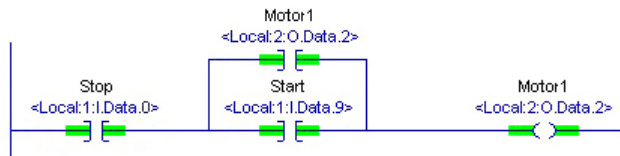
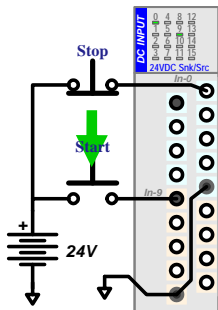
- OTE-**Motor1** Resets Bit **O.Data.2** → 0
- Output Port 2 → FALSE
- Contact **OUT-2** → OPEN
- Field coil M → De-Energized (*motor is stopped*)



# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTE

When the “Start” button is pressed:

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is applied to **IN-9** (by the NO pushbutton)
- Input Port **9** → TRUE
- Bit **I.Data.9** → 1
- **XIC-Start** → TRUE
- Rung Condition → TRUE
- **OTE-Motor1** Sets Bit **O.Data.2** → 1
- Output Port **2** → TRUE    **XIC-Motor1** → TRUE
- Contact **OUT-2** → CLOSED
- Field coil **M** → Energized (*motor starts*)

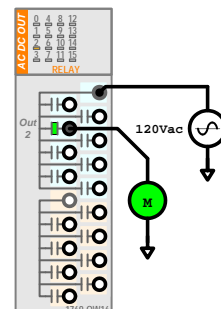
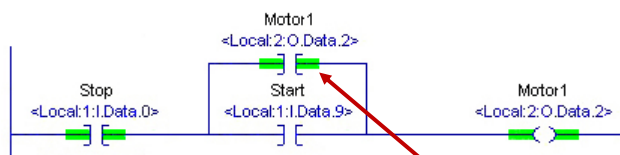
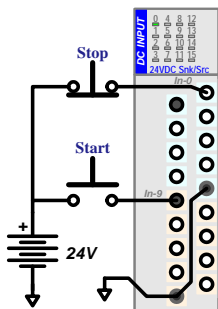


# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTE

When the “Start” button is released:

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is removed from **IN-9** (by the NO pushbutton)
- Input Port **9** → FALSE
- Bit **I.Data.9** → 0
- **XIC-Start** → FALSE
- Rung Condition remains TRUE due to **XIC-Motor1**

- **OTE-Motor1** Sets Bit **O.Data.2** (**O.Data.2** remains 1)
- Output Port **2** and **XIC-Motor1** remain TRUE
- Contact **OUT-2** remains CLOSED
- Field coil **M** remains Energized (*motor keeps running*)



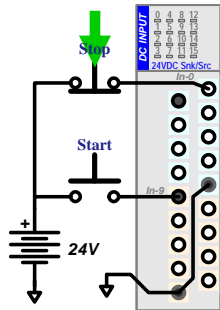




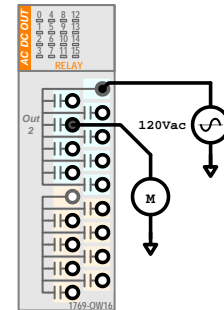
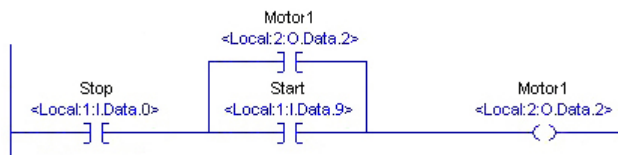
# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTE

When the “Stop” button is pressed:

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is removed from **IN-0** (by the NC pushbutton)
- Input Port 0 → FALSE
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 0
- **XIC-Stop** → FALSE
- Rung Condition → FALSE



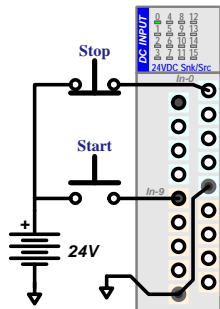
- **OTE-Motor1** Resets Bit **O.Data.2** → 0
- Output Port 2 → FALSE    **XIC-Motor1** → FALSE
- Contact **OUT-2** → OPENS
- Field coil **M** → De-Energized (*motor stops*)



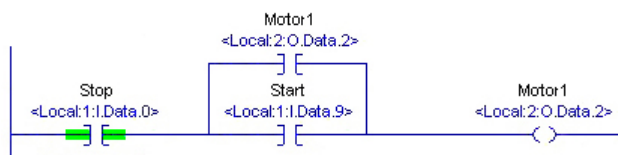
# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTE

When the “Stop” button is released:

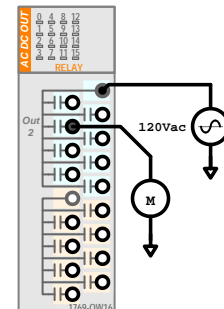
- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is re-applied to **IN-0** (by the NC pushbutton)
- Input Port 0 → TRUE
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 1
- **XIC-Stop** → TRUE
- Rung Condition remains FALSE



- **OTE-Motor1** Resets Bit **O.Data.2** (**O.Data.2** remains 0)
- Output Port 2 and **XIC-Motor1** remain FALSE
- Contact **OUT-2** remains OPENED
- Field coil **M** remains De-Energized (*motor is stopped*)



The system has returned to the initial “stopped” condition.

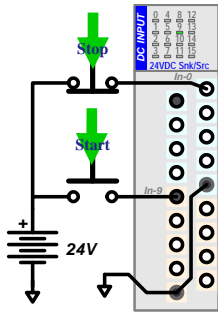




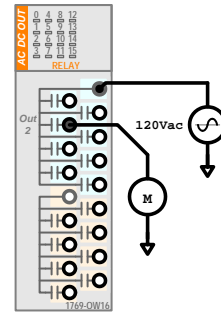
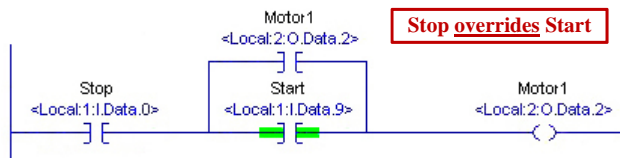
# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTE

What if “Stop” and “Start” are pressed at the same time:

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is removed from **IN-0**      24V<sub>DC</sub> is applied to **IN-9**
- Input Port 0 → FALSE                  Input Port 9 → TRUE
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 0                          Bit **I.Data.9** → 1
- **XIC-Stop** → FALSE                      **XIC-Start** → TRUE
- Rung Condition → FALSE



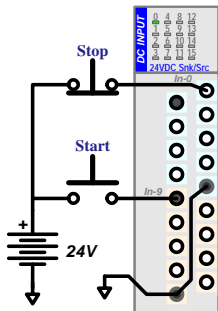
- **OTE-Motor1** Resets Bit **O.Data.2** → 0
- Output Port 2 and **XIC-Motor1** → FALSE
- Contact **OUT-2** → OPENS
- Field coil **M** → De-Energized (*motor stops*)



# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTL/OTU

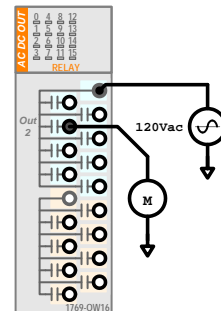
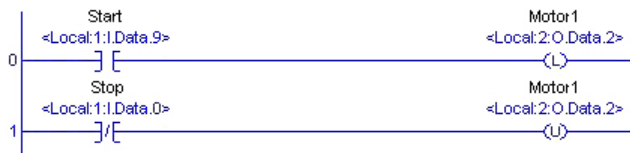
Under “normal” conditions when no buttons are pressed:

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is applied to **IN-0** (by the NC pushbutton)
- Input Port 0 → TRUE                      Input Port 9 → FALSE
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 1                          Bit **I.Data.9** → 0
- **XIC-Stop** → FALSE                      **XIC-Start** → FALSE
- Rung Condition 1 → FALSE      Rung Condition 0 → FALSE



Assuming Bit **O.Data.2** = 0 ⇐ (*Initial Condition*)

- **OTL-Motor1** and **OTU-Motor1** do nothing
- Output Port 2 → FALSE
- Contact **OUT-2** → OPEN
- Field coil **M** → De-Energized (*motor is stopped*)





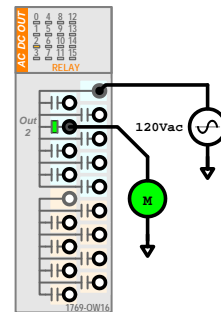
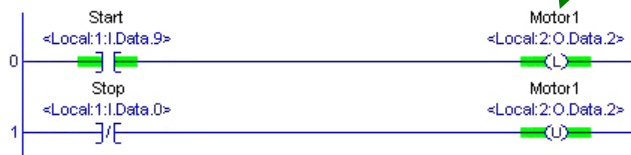
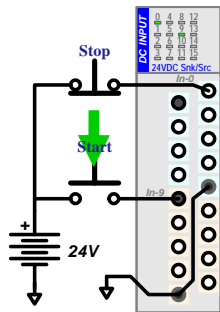
# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTL/OTU

When the “Start” button is pressed:

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is applied to **IN-9** (by the NO pushbutton)
- Input Port 9 → TRUE
- Bit **I.Data.9** → 1
- XIC-Start → TRUE
- Rung Condition 0 → TRUE

- OTL-Motor1 Sets Bit **O.Data.2** → 1
- Output Port 2 → TRUE
- Contact **OUT-2** → CLOSED
- Field coil **M** → Energized (*motor starts*)

Green bar behind OTL/OTU denotes that the bit referenced by their tag is a 1  
Local:2:O.Data.2 = 1



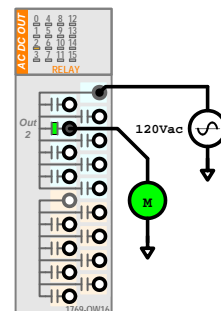
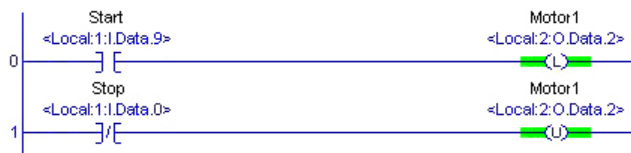
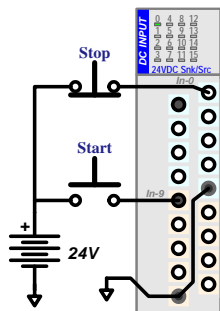
# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTL/OTU

When the “Start” button is released:

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is removed from **IN-9** (by the NO pushbutton)
- Input Port 9 → FALSE
- Bit **I.Data.9** → 0
- XIC-Start → FALSE
- Rung Condition 0 → FALSE

OTL-Motor1 cannot reset the bit **O.Data.2**, therefore when OTL-Motor1 → FALSE, the bit **O.Data.2** remains 1

- OTL-Motor1 Does Nothing (**O.Data.2** remains 1)
- Output Port 2 remains TRUE
- Contact **OUT-2** remains CLOSED
- Field coil **M** remains Energized (*motor keeps running*)

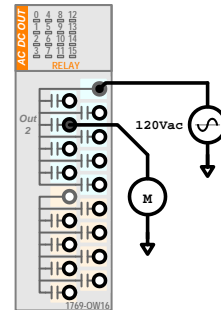
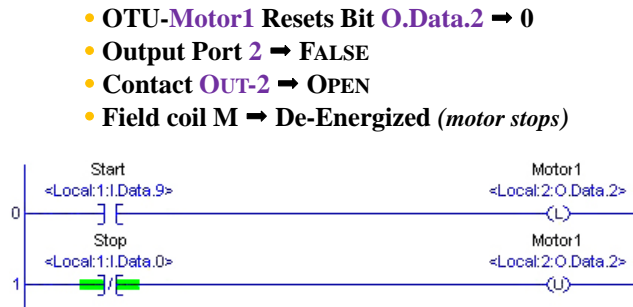
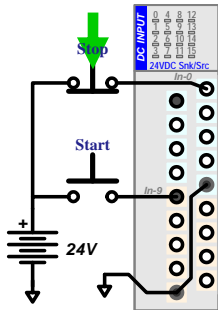




# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTL/OTU

When the “Stop” button is pressed:

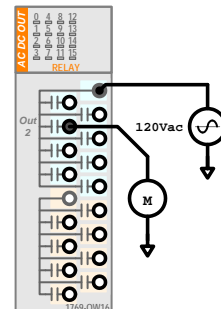
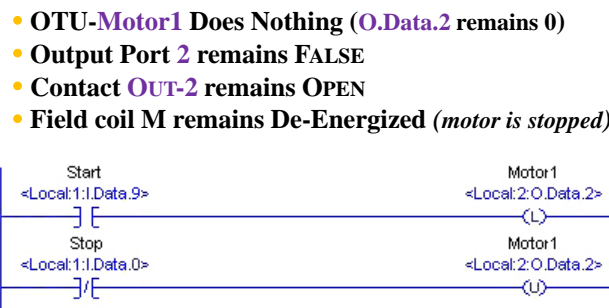
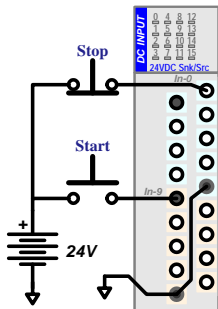
- $24V_{DC}$  is removed from **IN-0** (by the NC pushbutton)
- Input Port **0**  $\rightarrow$  FALSE
- Bit **I.Data.0**  $\rightarrow$  0
- **XIO-Stop**  $\rightarrow$  TRUE
- Rung Condition 1  $\rightarrow$  TRUE



# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTL/OTU

When the “Stop” button is released:

- $24V_{DC}$  is re-applied to **IN-0** (by the NC pushbutton)
- Input Port **0**  $\rightarrow$  TRUE
- Bit **I.Data.0**  $\rightarrow$  1
- **XIO-Stop**  $\rightarrow$  FALSE
- Rung Condition 1  $\rightarrow$  FALSE



The system has returned to the initial “stopped” condition.

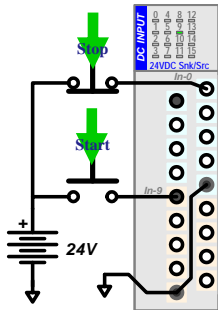


# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTL/OTU

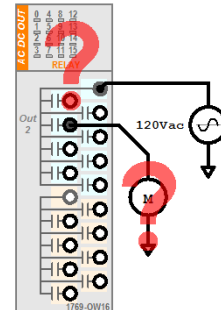
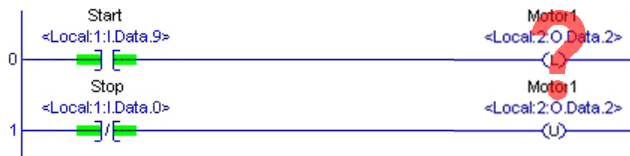
What if “Stop” and “Start” are both pressed at the same time:

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is removed from **IN-0**    24V<sub>DC</sub> is applied to **IN-9**
- Input Port **0** → FALSE    Input Port **9** → TRUE
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 0    Bit **I.Data.9** → 1
- **XIO-Stop** → TRUE    **XIC-Start** → TRUE
- Rung Condition 1 → TRUE    Rung Condition 1 → FALSE

Actual operation will depend on the placement of the OTL & OTU within the overall ladder diagram



- **OTU/OTL Set/Reset Bit O.Data.2 conflicting operations**
- Output Port **2** state unknown
- Contact **OUT-2** state unknown
- Field coil **M** state unknown (*motor state unknown*)



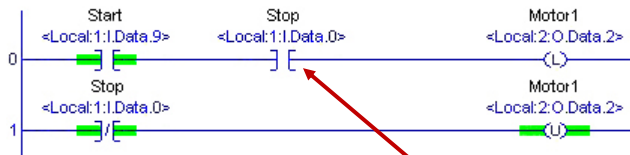
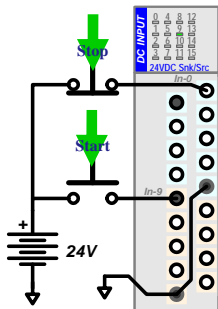
# Stop/Start Motor Controller using OTL/OTU

What if “Stop” and “Start” are both pressed at the same time:

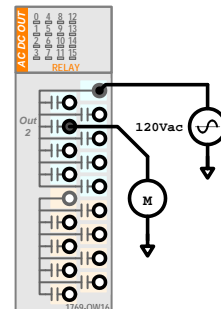
- 24V<sub>DC</sub> is removed from **IN-0**    24V<sub>DC</sub> is applied to **IN-9**
- Input Port **0** → FALSE    Input Port **9** → TRUE
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 0    Bit **I.Data.9** → 1
- **XIO-Stop** → TRUE    **XIC-Start** → TRUE    **XIC-Stop** → FALSE
- Rung Condition 1 → TRUE    Rung Condition 1 → FALSE

- **OTU-Motor1 Resets Bit O.Data.2 → 0**
- Output Port **2** → FALSE
- Contact **OUT-2** → OPEN
- Field coil **M** → De-Energized (*motor stops*)

Stop overrides Start



XIC-Stop is FALSE while “Stop” is pressed, preventing OTL from latching bit



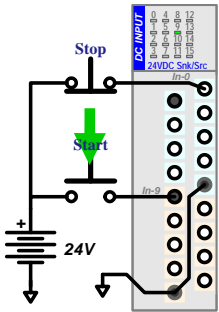


# Destructive Bit Reference Error using OTEs

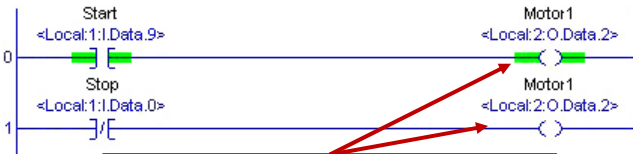
When the “Start” button is pressed:

- 24V<sub>DC</sub> was already at **IN-0**      24V<sub>DC</sub> is applied to **IN-9**
- Input Port **0** → TRUE              Input Port **9** → TRUE
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 1                      Bit **I.Data.9** → 1
- **XIO-Stop** → FALSE                **XIC-Start** → TRUE
- Rung Condition 1 → FALSE      Rung Condition 1 → TRUE

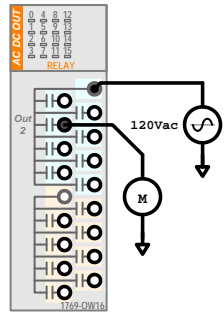
There should never be two or more OTEs with the same tag in a ladder diagram!!



- **OTE/OTE Set/Reset O.Data.2 conflicting operations**
- **Output Port 2 state unknown**
- **Contact OUT-2 state unknown**
- **Field coil M state unknown (motor state unknown)**



OTE-Motor1 on Rung 0 conflicts with OTE-Motor1 on Rung 1



# PowerFlex 40 Variable Frequency Drive

When properly configured\* and connected to the PLC via a communications network, the operation of a PowerFlex 40 Variable Frequency Drive (PF40 VFD) can also be controlled and monitored by the PLC.

This is accomplished by either manipulating or monitoring the values stored in specific locations within the PF40's memory.

\* - detailed information regarding the configuration of the PF40 VFD is not provided in this presentation.  
 Refer to parts B and C of the CompactLogix-based Motor Control System tutorial lab exercise for wiring and configuration information of the PF40.





# PowerFlex 40 – Tags

When a PF40 is initially added into an RSLogix project, a set of Tags are automatically created by the RS5000 software, similar to those created for the IQ16 and OW16 input and output modules:

## Input Tags

Tag Name	Data Type
...VFD:1 DriveStatus	INT
...VFD:1 Ready	BOOL
...VFD:1 Active	BOOL
...VFD:1 CommandDir	BOOL
...VFD:1 ActualDir	BOOL
...VFD:1 Accelerating	BOOL
...VFD:1 Decelerating	BOOL
...VFD:1 Alarm	BOOL
...VFD:1 Faulted	BOOL
...VFD:1 ARReference	BOOL
...VFD:1 CommFreqCnt	BOOL
...VFD:1 CommLogicCnt	BOOL
...VFD:1 ParamsLocked	BOOL
...VFD:1 Digin1Active	BOOL
...VFD:1 Digin2Active	BOOL
...VFD:1 Digin3Active	BOOL
...VFD:1 Digin4Active	BOOL
...VFD:1 OutputFreq	INT

## Output Tags

Tag Name	Data Type
...VFD:0 LogicCommand	INT
...VFD:0 Stop	BOOL
...VFD:0 Start	BOOL
...VFD:0 Jog	BOOL
...VFD:0 ClearFaults	BOOL
...VFD:0 Forward	BOOL
...VFD:0 Reverse	BOOL
...VFD:0 OptoOutput1	BOOL
...VFD:0 OptoOutput2	BOOL
...VFD:0 AccelRate1	BOOL
...VFD:0 AccelRate2	BOOL
...VFD:0 DeceleRate1	BOOL
...VFD:0 DeceleRate2	BOOL
...VFD:0 FreqSet01	BOOL
...VFD:0 FreqSet02	BOOL
...VFD:0 FreqSet03	BOOL
...VFD:0 RelayOutput	BOOL
...VFD:0 FreqCommand	INT



# VFD – Input Tags

The Input Tags refer to memory locations within the PF40's memory that contain information relating to the VFD's operational state:

## Input Tags

**FOR EXAMPLE**  
 When the VFD becomes faulted, the bit referred to by the tag:  
***I.Faulted***  
 is set to a 1.  
 Thus, the value of this bit can be monitored by the PLC, and if a fault occurs, the PLC can be programmed to take the appropriate action.

Tag Name	Data Type
...VFD:1 DriveStatus	INT
...VFD:1 Ready	BOOL
...VFD:1 Active	BOOL
...VFD:1 CommandDir	BOOL
...VFD:1 ActualDir	BOOL
...VFD:1 Accelerating	BOOL
...VFD:1 Decelerating	BOOL
...VFD:1 Alarm	BOOL
...VFD:1 Faulted	BOOL
...VFD:1 ARReference	BOOL
...VFD:1 CommFreqCnt	BOOL
...VFD:1 CommLogicCnt	BOOL
...VFD:1 ParamsLocked	BOOL
...VFD:1 Digin1Active	BOOL
...VFD:1 Digin2Active	BOOL
...VFD:1 Digin3Active	BOOL
...VFD:1 Digin4Active	BOOL
...VFD:1 OutputFreq	INT

Not that the "VFD" that appears in front of the tag names is the name assigned to the PF40 when added into the RSLogix project.

Note that the values stored in the Input Tag locations are set by the VFD based upon its operational state and cannot be changed by the PLC (user).



## VFD – Output Tags

The Output Tags refer to memory locations within the PF40's memory that contain information that determines the operational state of the VFD:

### Output Tags

#### FOR EXAMPLE

The integer value stored in the location defined by the tag: *O.FreqCommand* determines the output frequency of the drive. Thus, a MOV command can be utilized to write a new value to this location in order to change the drive's output frequency.

Tag Name	Data Type
...VFD:O	
...VFD:O.LogicCommand	INT
...VFD:O.Stop	BOOL
...VFD:O.Start	BOOL
...VFD:O Jog	BOOL
...VFD:O.ClearFaults	BOOL
...VFD:O.Forward	BOOL
...VFD:O.Reverse	BOOL
...VFD:O.OptoOutput1	BOOL
...VFD:O.OptoOutput2	BOOL
...VFD:O.AcceRate1	BOOL
...VFD:O.AcceRate2	BOOL
...VFD:O.DeceRate1	BOOL
...VFD:O.DeceRate2	BOOL
...VFD:O.FreqSel01	BOOL
...VFD:O.FreqSel02	BOOL
...VFD:O.FreqSel03	BOOL
...VFD:O.RelayOutput	BOOL
...VFD:O.FreqCommand	INT

Not that the "VFD" that appears in front of the tag names is the name assigned to the PF40 when added into the RSLogix project.

Note that the values stored in the Output Tag locations can be changed by the PLC (user) in order to change the operational state of the drive.

## Starting & Stopping the VFD

Two tags define whether the PF40 is enabled or disabled:

O.Start

O.Stop

The O.Start and O.Stop bits should always contain opposing values.

To enable (start) the drive, the O.START bit should be set → 1 and the O.STOP bit should be reset → 0.



To disable (stop) the drive, the O.STOP bit should be set → 1 and the O.START bit should be reset → 0.







## Setting the Direction of the VFD

Two tags also define direction of rotation for the PF40's motor:

**O.Forward**

**O.Reverse**

The O.Forward and O.Reverse bits should also always contain opposing values.

To set the drive for forward operation, the **O.FORWARD** bit should be set → 1 and the **O.REVERSE** bit should be reset → 0.



To set the drive for reverse operation, the **O.REVERSE** bit should be set → 1 and the **O.FORWARD** bit should be reset → 0.

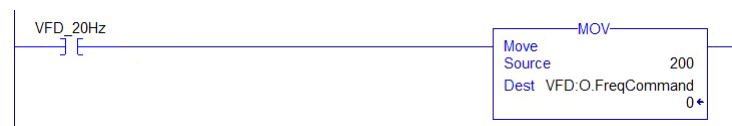


## Setting the Output Frequency of the VFD

A single tag defines the output frequency of the PF40:

**O.FreqCommand**

To change the frequency of the waveforms being output by the drive, a new (integer) value should be written into the location defined by the **O.FREQCOMMAND** tag.



Although the PF40 sets its output frequency based on the value stored in the **O.FreqCommand** memory location, the PF40 interprets the last digit of value as tenths of a Hertz.

Thus, in the example shown above, if a value of "200" is moved (stored) in the **O.FreqCommand** memory location, the PF40 will set its output frequency to 20.0 Hertz.



# ClearFaults – VFD

The tag:

## O.ClearFaults

can be used to clear the drive when it becomes faulted, similar to physically pushing the “Stop” button on the front panel of the PF40.



**Warning** – The rung shown above will automatically clear any fault that occurs regardless of the fault type. Although this will be useful in the lab environment while programming the PLC, this could lead to hazardous situations in a live (industrial) setting.

**FAULT INDICATOR**

