



ECET 4530

Industrial Motor Control

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

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Tags

When placing a **new instruction** within a ladder logic program, one (or more*) instruction parameters may need to be defined in order for the instruction to function properly.

For example, the icon for a newly-placed **XIC (Logic Instruction)** will appear as:



where the “?” displayed above the **XIC’s** icon indicates a parameter, in this case the instruction’s **Tag**, that the programmer must define.

* - Although the only parameter required for a Boolean instruction is a Tag, more complex instructions may require additional parameters, such as the Preset and Accum values for an On-Delay Timer.

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Tags

Tags contain information that identifies data stored in memory, allowing that data to be linked to the operation of one (or more) specific instruction(s).

Thus, given the following **XIC**:



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

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Tags

Tags also contain additional information that characterizes the data, such as the amount of memory required to store the data and whether any access restrictions have been placed on that data.

But before we discuss some of the more detailed information that is contained in a tag, let’s first look at the two primary **TYPES** of tags that you will utilize or see in your ladder logic programs:

- **Base Tags**
- **Alias Tags**

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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 especially useful 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.

* - We will discuss some of these automatically-created Base Tags in just a few minutes!

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Creating a New Tag

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

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

An optional “text” **DESCRIPTION** may also be provided if desired.

The screenshot shows the 'New Tag' dialog box with the following fields and options:

- Name: [?]
- Description: []
- Usage: <normal>
- Type: Base
- Alias For: []
- Data Type: BOOL
- Scope: MainProgram
- External Access: None
- Style: Decimal
- Constant
- Open Configuration
- Buttons: Create, Cancel, Help

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New 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.

A strategically-chosen and representative tag NAMES can greatly increase the readability of a ladder logic program, especially for someone other than the original programmer.

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New Tag Information Fields

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

Alias – the allows for the creation of an alias (nickname) for a previously defined tag.

When Alias is selected, the **ALIAS FOR** field becomes active in order to select the existing tag for which the alias applies.

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New Tag Information Fields

Although the remaining fields must be defined when creating a New Tag, if the tag was created by right-clicking a “?” in the tag location of a newly-placed instruction, the RSLogix software will place default values within the remaining fields that will typically suffice for most applications of that instruction.

Be careful not to change the default values that the software provides unless you fully understand the implications of those changes because that can cause a critical error resulting in a non-functioning program.

The screenshot shows the 'New Tag' dialog box with the following fields and values:

- Name: [Empty]
- Description: [Empty]
- Usage: <normal>
- Type: Base
- Alias For: [Empty]
- Data Type: **BOOL** (highlighted with a red circle)
- Scope: MainProgram
- External Access: None
- Style: Decimal
- Constant:
- Open Configuration:

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New Tag Information Fields

DATA TYPE: two of the data types are:

BOOL (Boolean) – Boolean tags are associated with **one bit** of memory, the value of which can be either:
0 or 1

INT (Integer) – Integer tags require **sixteen bits** of memory, in which integer values (defined as binary #s) may be stored, ranging from:
-32768 to +32767

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- Description: [Empty]
- Usage: <normal>
- Type: Base
- Alias For: [Empty]
- Data Type: **BOOL** (highlighted with a red circle)
- Scope: MainProgram
- External Access: None
- Style: Decimal
- Constant:
- Open Configuration:

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New Tag Information Fields

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

The RSLogix 5000 software allows a program to be broken down into multiple smaller programs or subroutines.

A **global** tag is available across all of the subroutines, while a **local** tag is associated with a specific subroutine, such as Main Program.

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New 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 an HMI (Human Machine Interface) panel.

STYLE: this field only defines the format in which data is displayed (it does not affect the DATA TYPE).

Binary – base 2 or **Decimal – base 10**

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

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Initial Software Configuration

When initially creating a “**New Project**” within the RSLogix programming environment, the type and configuration of the system devices (PLC, etc.) must first 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 (**Local 1**) of each PLC is a:
• **1769-IQ16/A, 16-Port, 24V_{DC}, Input Module**

Located in Bus Position #2 (**Local 2**) of each PLC is a:
• **1769-OW16/A, 16-Port, Relay-type, Output Module**

Connected to the PLC via its **Ethernet (Comm) port** is a:
• **PowerFlex 40-E Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)**

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

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Initial Software Configuration

The RSLogix software then uses this system information to pre-configure any of the device-specific features of the various components, making those features readily accessible to the user (programmer) without requiring the user to configure those components manually.

For Example: The **PowerFlex 40-E VFD** utilizes an integer value that is stored within its memory to determine the **frequency** of the output voltages that it is supplying to its motor-load.

When the VFD is entered into the system configuration, the RSLogix software automatically creates a **Base Tag** that identifies the specific memory location within the VFD, thus allowing the user to manipulate the value, in-turn directly controlling the **output frequency** of the drive.

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Control of the System Devices

A solid understanding of operation of each of the system devices and the manner in which the RSLogix software provides for control (or monitoring) of those devices is required in order to be able to integrate all of those devices into a functioning system, the overall operation of which will be dictated by a user-created program that will be downloaded into the PLC.

Thus, let us begin by discussing the operation of the PLC's input module and how the RSLogix software provides the means for linking the state of a logic instruction (within a ladder-logic program) to the status of an input port, in-turn allowing the PLC to react to changes in the state (open or closed) of a device (pushbutton, etc.) that is wired to one of those ports.

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1769-IQ16 Input Module

The 1769-IQ16/A is a 16-port, 24V_{DC}, **discrete input module** that is configured to detect either the presence or absence of a 24V_{DC} signal at each of its input ports (terminals).

To facilitate this task, the input module contains **16 bits** of memory that are reserved to denote the status of the module's 16 input ports.



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1769-IQ16 Input Module Operation

When the 1769-IQ16 detects that $24V_{DC}$ is present at a specific input port, the module sets the bit associated with that port to a 1.

But when the 1769-IQ16 detects that $24V_{DC}$ is not present at a specific input port, the module resets the bit associated with that port to a 0.

It is the values of these bits that can be used within a ladder-logic program to link the status of the input ports to the operational logic of the program.



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1769-IQ16 Input Module Base Tags

When the 1769-IQ16 module is added into a new project, the RSLogix software creates 16 Boolean-type Base Tags, one for each bit that is associated with the status of an Input Port.

The format of the Base Tag names is:

Local:1:I.Data.X

where **X** ranges from 0 → 15 for each of the module's 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 1st slot position.



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1769-IQ16 Input Module Operation

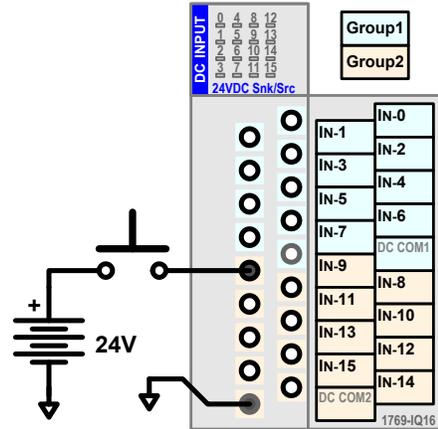
Thus, if a **NO pushbutton** is connected between a $24V_{DC}$ source and terminal **IN-9**:

When the **button is pressed**,

- $24V_{DC}$ is present at **IN-9**
- The module sets the bit **I.Data.9** → 1

When the **button is released**,

- $24V_{DC}$ is removed from **IN-9**
- The module resets the bit **I.Data.9** → 0



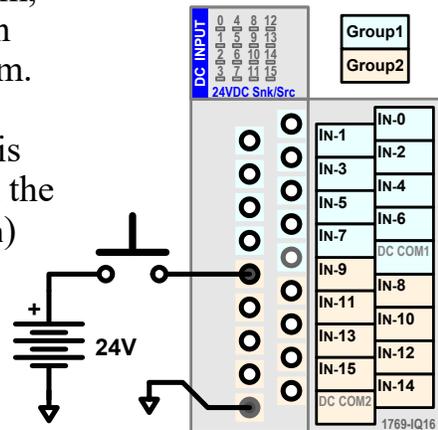
Linking the IQ16 to a Logic Instruction

By assigning one of these base tags to a logic instruction within a ladder-logic program, the state of the associated input port can affect the overall operation of the system.

For example, if the tag **Local:1:I.Data.9** is assigned to the **XIC** (shown below), then the **state** of the **XIC** (and the **Rung Condition**) will be determined by the value of bit **I.Data.9**:



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





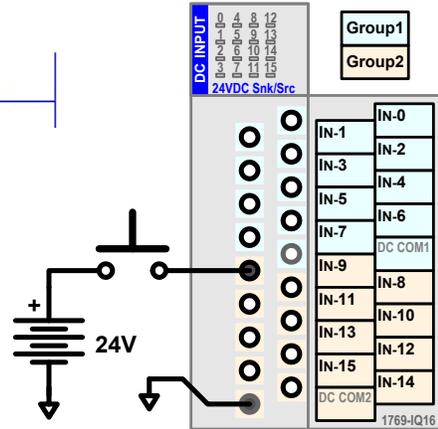
Linking the IQ16 to a Logic Instruction

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



While the button is **NOT** pressed,

- $24V_{DC}$ is **not** present at **IN-9**
- The module resets the bit **I.Data.9** \rightarrow 0
- **XIC-Local:1:I.Data.9** \rightarrow FALSE (making the Rung Condition FALSE)
- **OTE-Y** resets bit **Y** \rightarrow 0



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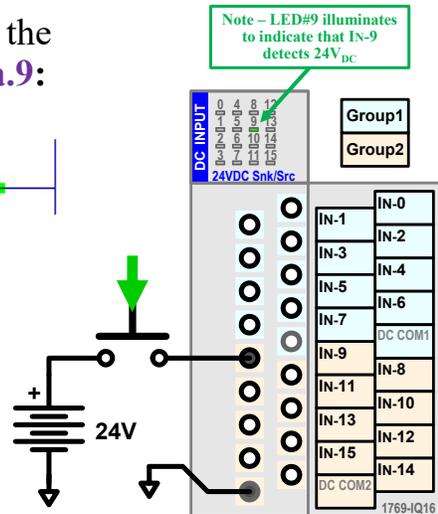
Linking the IQ16 to a Logic Instruction

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**
- The module sets the bit **I.Data.9** \rightarrow 1
- **XIC-Local:1:I.Data.9** \rightarrow TRUE (making the Rung Condition TRUE)
- **OTE-Y** sets bit **Y** \rightarrow 1



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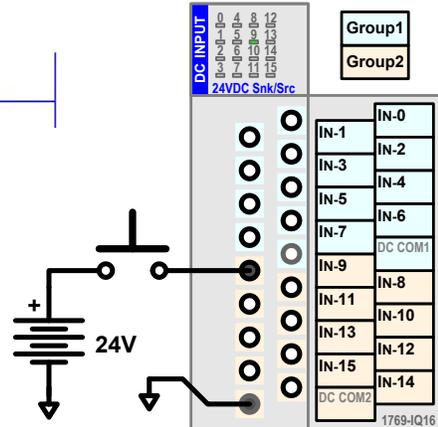


Linking the IQ16 to a Logic Instruction

Although the state of **Input-9** is linked to the state of the following XIC:



the function of the pushbutton wired to Input Port 9 is not clearly indicated, which may be confusing when trying to create, modify, or debug the ladder diagram, especially to anyone other than the original programmer.

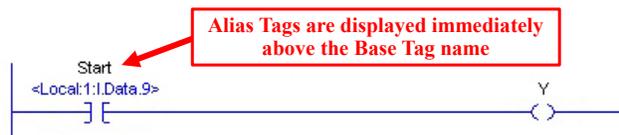


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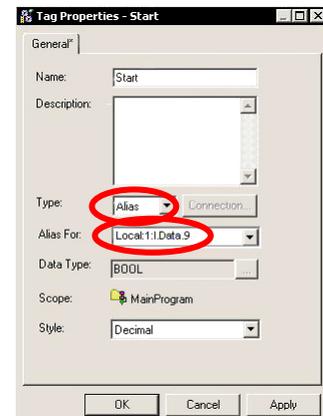


Assigning as Alias to an IQ16 Base Tag

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 base tag **Local:1:I.Data.9**.

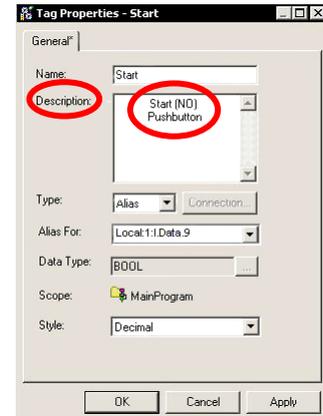
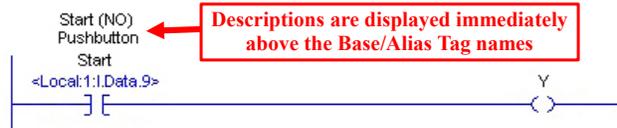


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Assigning as Alias to an IQ16 Base Tag

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

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1769-OW16 Output Module

The 1769-OW16/A, is a 16-port, relay-type, **discrete output module** that has a NO contact wired between each of its output ports (terminals) and a common terminal.

By closing or opening these contacts, the OW16 can either make or break conductive paths between the common terminal and the various output ports.

If a voltage source is connected to the common terminal and loads are connected to the output ports, the OW16 can then be used to energize or de-energize those loads.



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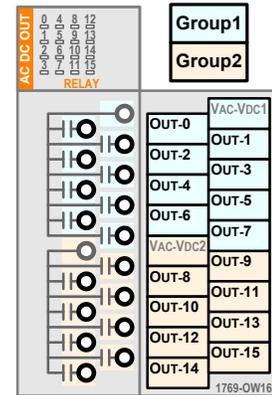
1769-OW16 Output Module

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 its output ports and the common terminal **VAC-VDC1**.

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



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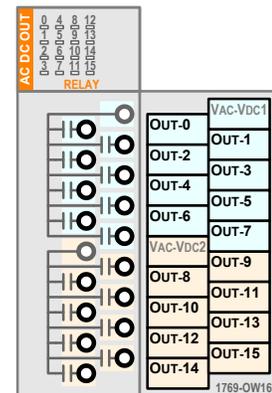


1769-OW16 Output Module Operation

The 1769-OW16 output module also contains **16 bits** of memory, the values stored in which used to set the status of each of the module's 16 output ports.

When the module detects that a specific bit is **0**, the module **opens** the NO contact between the port associated with that bit and the port's common terminal.

But when the module detects that a specific bit is **1**, the module **closes** the NO contact between the port associated with that bit and the port's common terminal.



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1769-OW16 Output Module Base Tags

When the 1769-OW16 module is added into an RSLogix project, the software creates **16 Boolean-type Base Tags**, one for each bit that is used to determine the status of an Output Port.

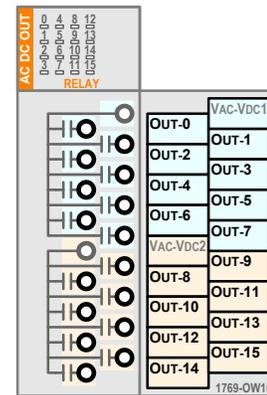
The format of the Base Tag names is:

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 2nd slot position.



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1769-OW16 Output Module Operation

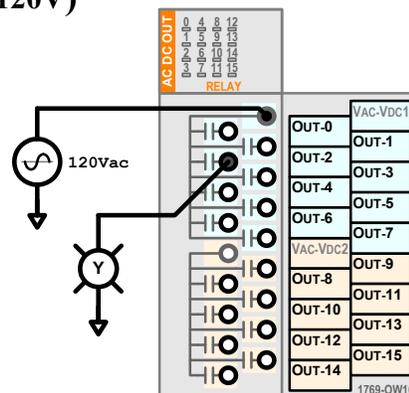
Thus, if a $120V_{ac}$ source is connected to terminal **VAC-VDC1** and a **yellow lamp** (rated at 120V) is connected to port **OUTPUT-2**:

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

- The module will **OPEN** the the NO contact for **OUT-2**
- The **Yellow Lamp** will turn **OFF**

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

- The module will **CLOSE** the the NO contact for **OUT-2**
- The **Yellow Lamp** will turn **ON**



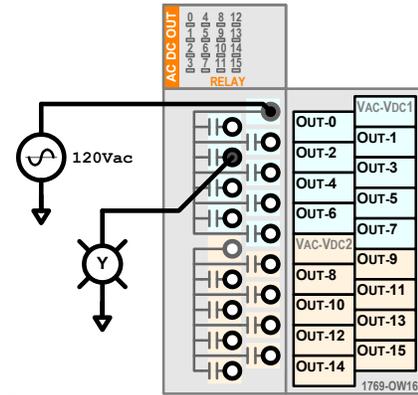
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Linking the OW16 to an Output Instruction

By assigning one of these base tags to an output instruction within a ladder-logic program, the state of an output port can be affected by that output instruction.

For example, if the tag **Local:2:O.Data.2** is assigned to the **OTE** shown below, the output instruction can set or reset the bit **O.Data.2**, causing **output 2** to turn ON or OFF.



Note that, as shown, an **Alias Tag** called "Yellow_Light" also been created for the Base Tag **<Local:2:O.Data.2>**

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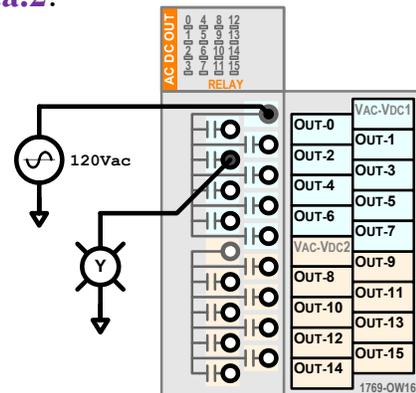
Linking the OW16 to an Output Instruction

Given the following ladder rung in which the **OTE** is assigned the tag **Local:2:O.Data.2**:



When the **Rung Condition** is **FALSE**,

- The **OTE** resets the bit **O.Data.2** → **0**
- The module **OPENS** the **NO contact** for **OUT-2**
- The **Yellow light** turns **OFF**



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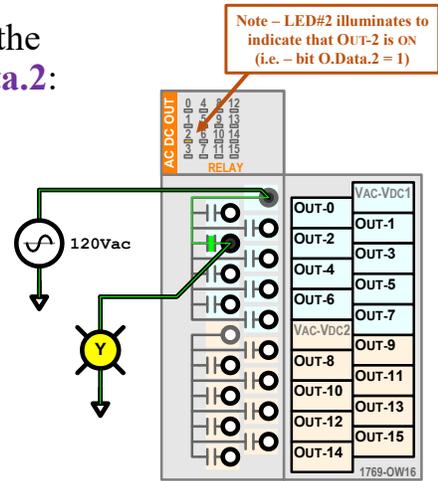
Linking the OW16 to an Output Instruction

Given the following ladder rung in which the OTE is assigned the tag **Local:2:O.Data.2**:



When the Rung Condition is TRUE,

- The OTE sets the bit **O.Data.2** → 1
- The module CLOSSES the NO contact for **OUT-2**
- The Yellow light turns ON



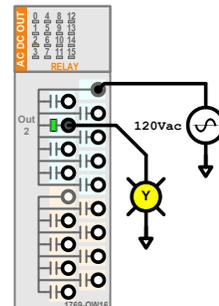
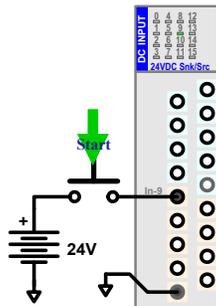
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From Input to Output

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

- 24V_{DC} is applied to terminal **IN-9**
- The IQ-16 sets bit **I.Data.9** → 1
- XIC-Start → TRUE
- Rung Condition → TRUE



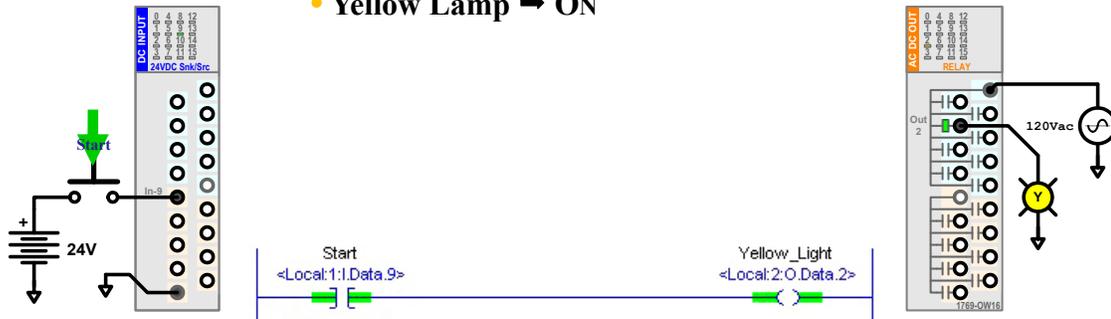
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From Input to Output

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

- While the **Rung Condition** → TRUE
- **OPE-Yellow_Light** sets bit **O.Data.2** → 1
- The **OW-16 CLOSSES** contact for **OUT-2**
- **Yellow Lamp** → ON



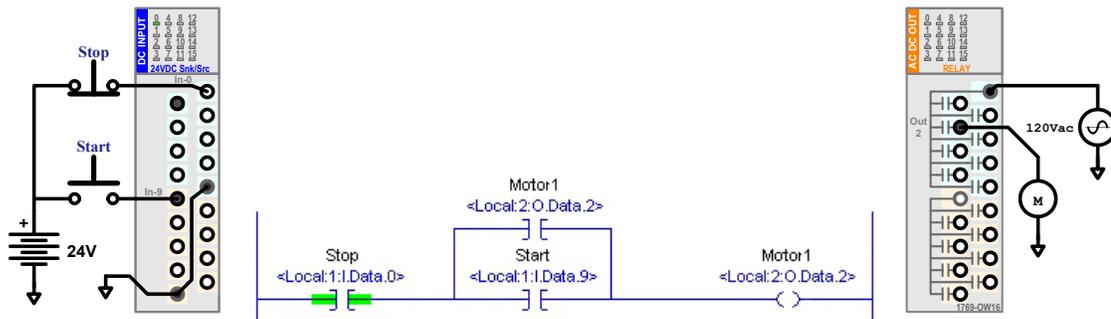
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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

Let's look at the following control system that will be utilized as part of a **PLC-based, Stop/Start motor controller**.

Note that the figure does not depict the power portion of the system that contains the controlled motor and the contactor's main contacts.



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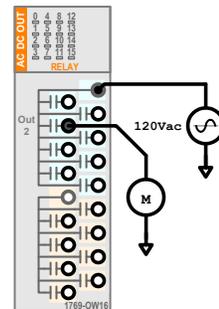
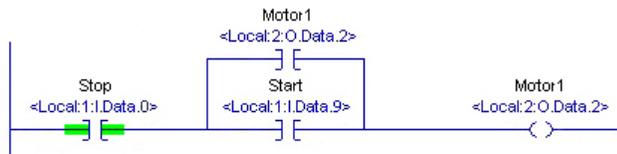
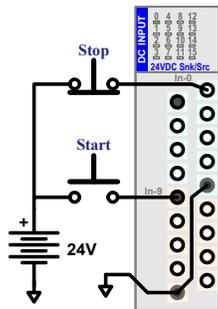


Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

Given a system with the following **input configuration**:



- 24V_{DC} is connected to the NC and NO pushbuttons
- NC button (STOP) connected to **IN-0**
- NO button (START) 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**

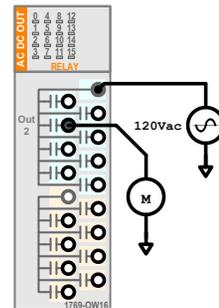
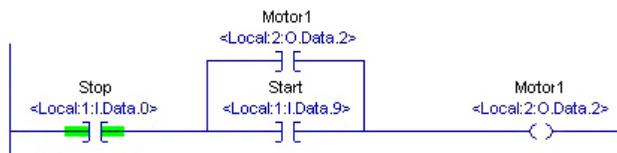
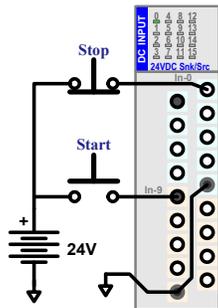


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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

Given a system with the following **output configuration**:

- Tag **Motor1** aliased to **Local:2:O.Data.2**
- 120V_{ac} connected to VAC-VDC1
- Field coil of contactor M connected to **OUT-2**



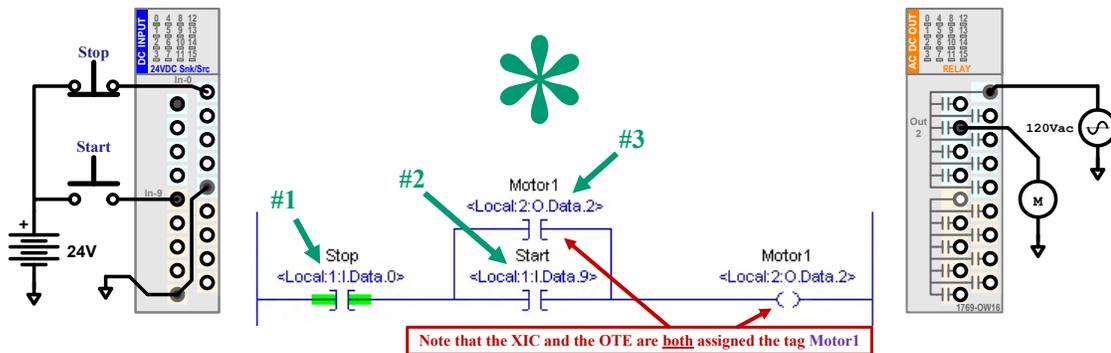
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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

Given a system with the following ladder-logic rung:

- **Stop** alias tag assigned to XIC #1
- **Start** alias tag assigned to XIC #2
- **Motor1** alias tag assigned to OTE and XIC #3



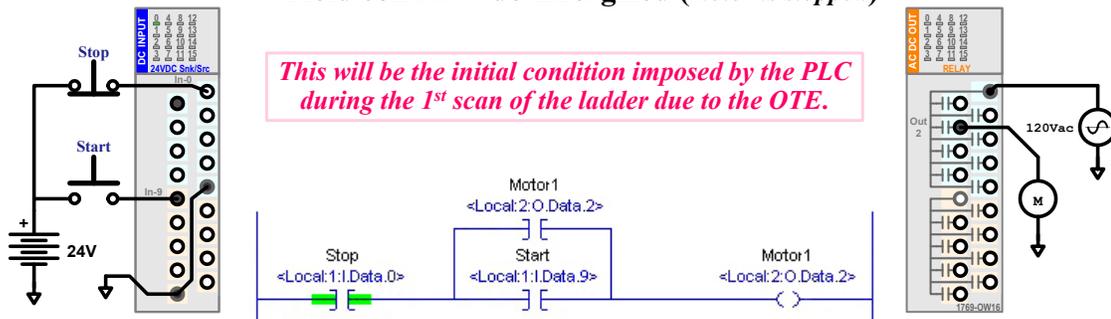
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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

Pre-Scan of the ladder when the PLC is initially set to RUN mode:

- During the Pre-Scan, all Rung Conditions → FALSE
- OTE-Motor1 resets bit O.Data.2 → 0
- Contact for OUT-2 → OPEN
- Field coil M → de-Energized (motor is stopped)



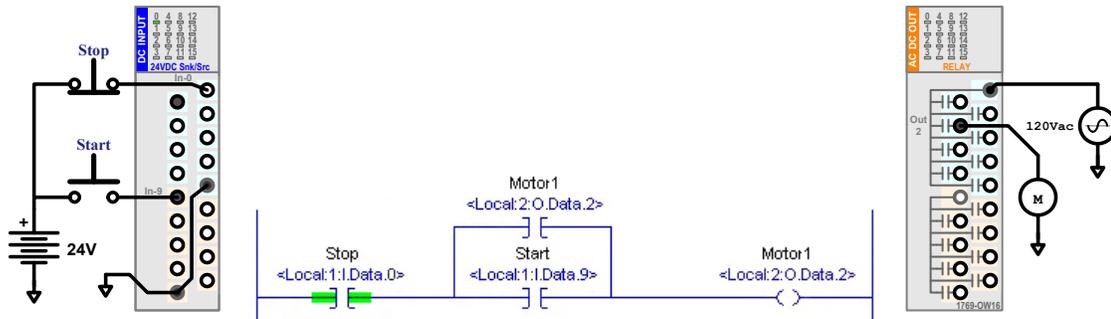
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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

While no buttons are pressed (assuming bit **O.Data.2** is initially 0):

- 24V_{DC} is applied to **IN-0** 24V_{DC} not applied to **IN-9**
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 1 Bit **I.Data.9** → 0
- XIC-Stop → TRUE XIC-Start → FALSE
- Rung Condition → FALSE

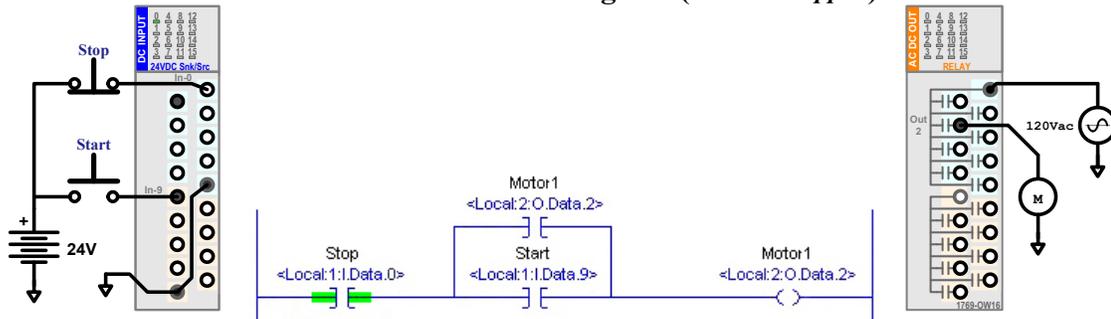


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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

While no buttons are pressed (assuming bit **O.Data.2** is initially 0):

- While the Rung Condition → FALSE
- OTE-Motor1 resets bit **O.Data.2** → 0
- Contact for **OUT-2** → OPEN
- Field coil M → de-Energized (*motor is stopped*)



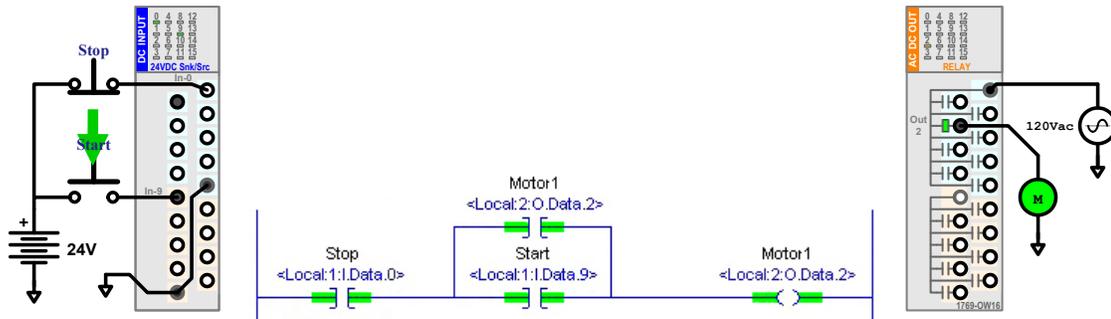
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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

When the “Start” button is pressed:

- 24V_{DC} is applied to **IN-0**
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 1
- XIC-Stop → TRUE
- Rung Condition → TRUE
- 24V_{DC} is applied to **IN-9**
- Bit **I.Data.9** → 1
- XIC-Start → TRUE

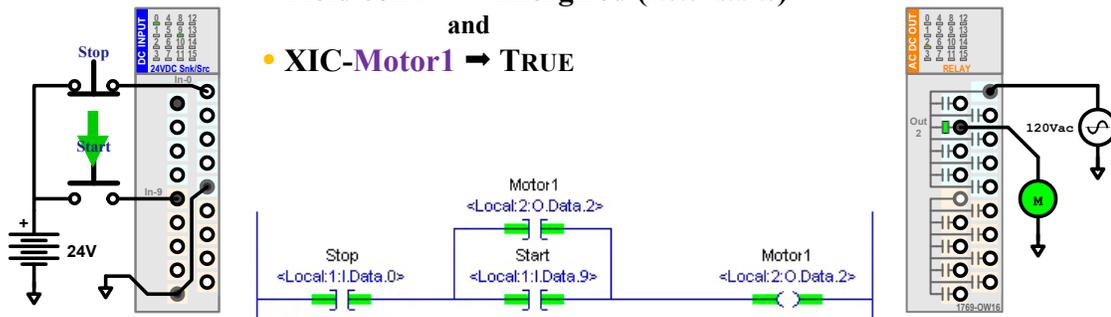


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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

When the “Start” button is pressed:

- When the Rung Condition → TRUE
- OTE-Motor1 sets bit **O.Data.2** → 1
- Contact **OUT-2** → CLOSED
- Field coil **M** → Energized (*motor starts*)
- XIC-Motor1 → TRUE



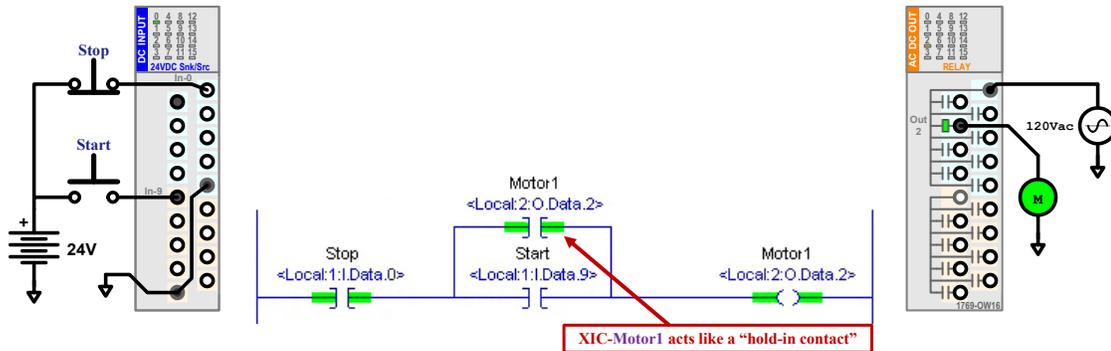
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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

When the “Start” button is released:

- 24V_{DC} is applied to **IN-0** 24V_{DC} is removed from **IN-9**
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 1 Bit **I.Data.9** → 0
- **XIC-Stop** → TRUE **XIC-Start** → FALSE
- **Rung Condition** remains TRUE (due to **XIC-Motor1**)

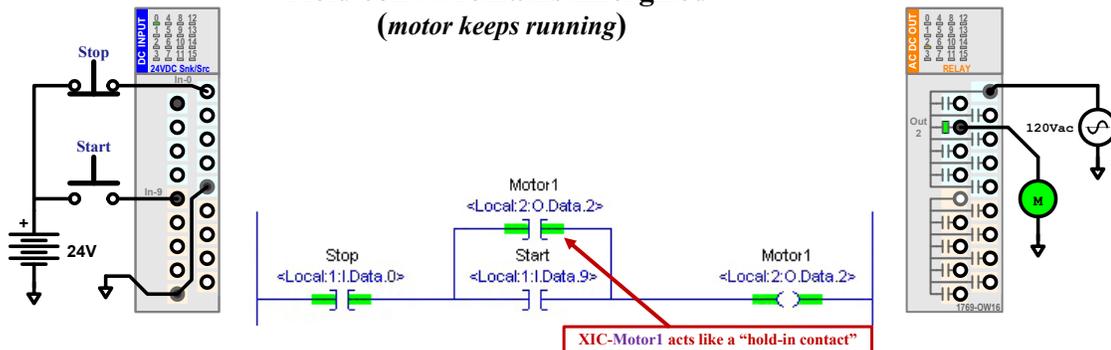


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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

When the “Start” button is released:

- While the **Rung Condition** remains TRUE (due to **XIC-Motor1**)
- **OTE-Motor1** holds bit **O.Data.2** → 1
- **Contact OUT-2** remains CLOSED
- **Field coil M** remains Energized
(*motor keeps running*)



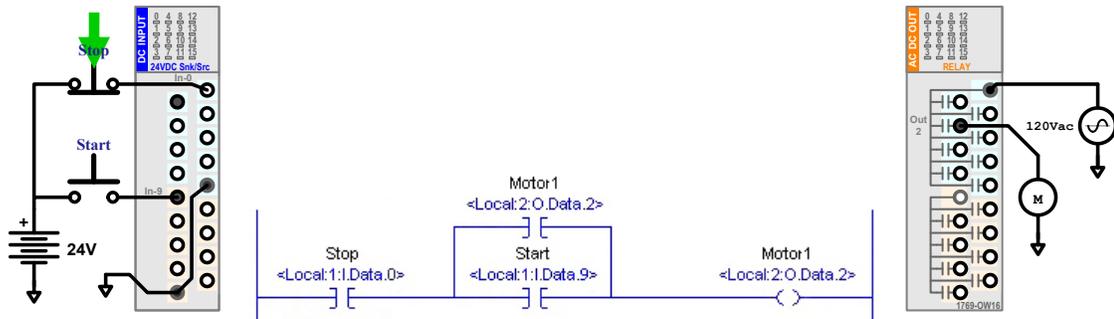
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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

When the “Stop” button is pressed:

- 24V_{DC} is removed from **IN-0**
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 0
- XIC-**Stop** → FALSE
- Rung Condition → FALSE



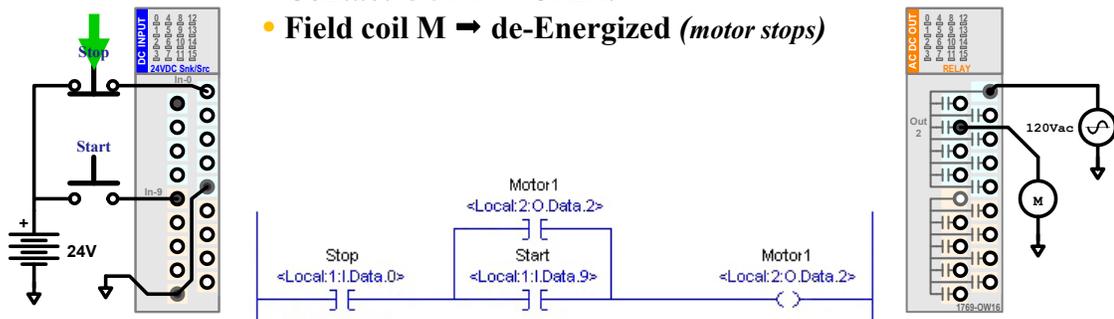
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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

When the “Stop” button is pressed:

- When the Rung Condition → FALSE
- OTE-**Motor1** resets bit **O.Data.2** → 0
- XIC-**Motor1** → FALSE
- Contact **OUT-2** → OPENS
- Field coil **M** → de-Energized (*motor stops*)



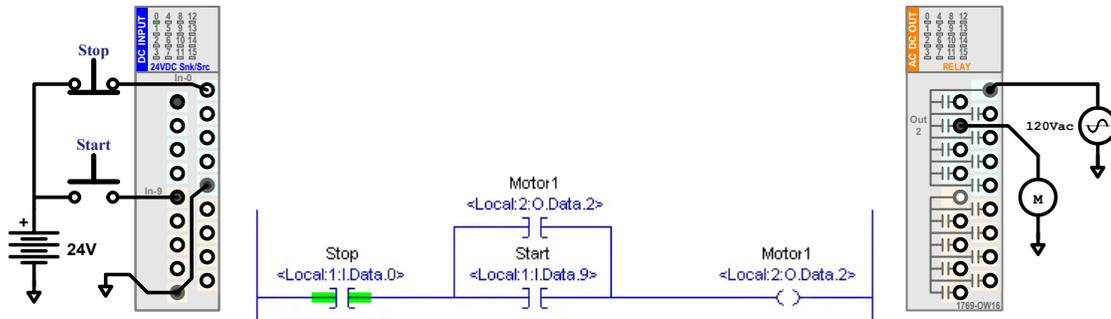
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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

When the “Stop” button is released:

- 24V_{DC} is re-applied to **IN-0**
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 1
- **XIC-Stop** → TRUE
- Rung Condition remains FALSE

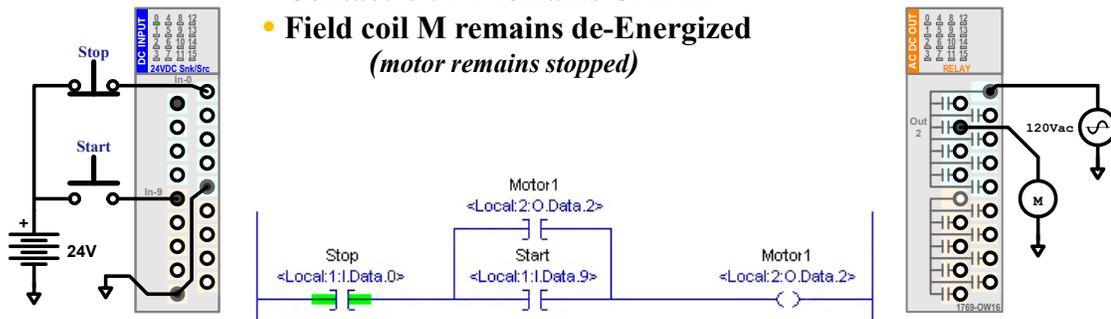


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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

When the “Stop” button is released:

- While the Rung Condition remains FALSE
- OTE-**Motor1** holds bit **O.Data.2** → 0
- **XIC-Motor1** remains FALSE
- Contact **OUT-2** remains OPENED
- Field coil M remains de-Energized
(motor remains stopped)



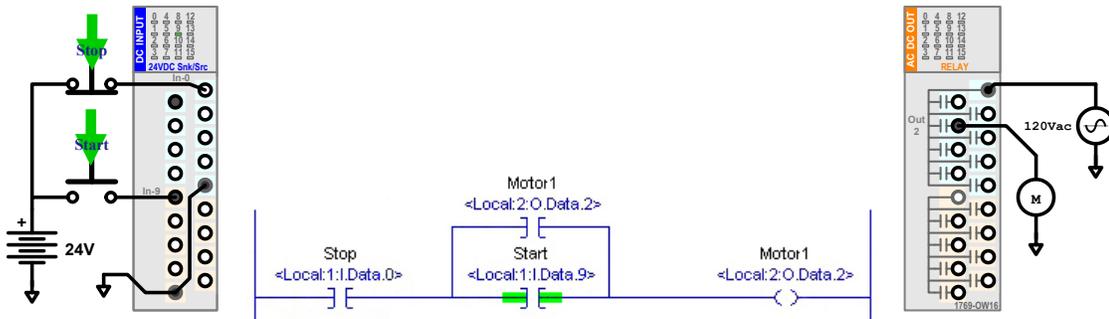
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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

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

- 24V_{DC} removed from **IN-0** 24V_{DC} is applied to **IN-9**
- Bit **I.Data.0** → 0 Bit **I.Data.9** → 1
- XIC-**Stop** → FALSE XIC-**Start** → TRUE
- Rung Condition → FALSE

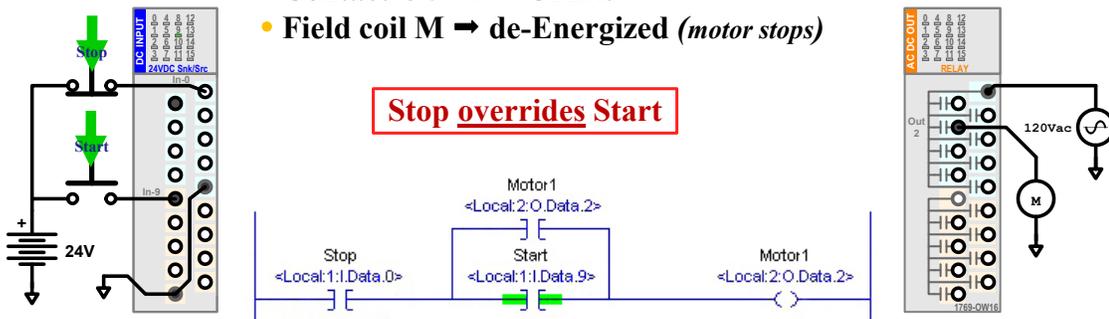


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Stop/Start Controller using an OTE

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

- When the Rung Condition → FALSE
- OTE-**Motor1** resets bit **O.Data.2** → 0
- XIC-**Motor1** → FALSE
- Contact **OUT-2** → OPENS
- Field coil M → de-Energized (*motor stops*)



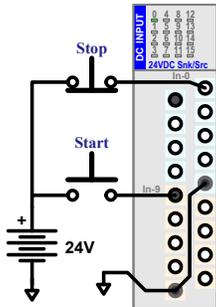
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Stop/Start Controller using an OTL & OTU

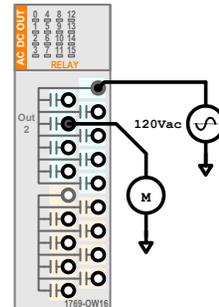
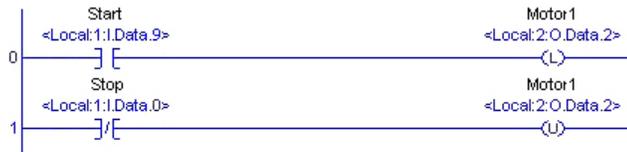
Under “normal” conditions when no buttons are pressed:

- 24V_{DC} 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)



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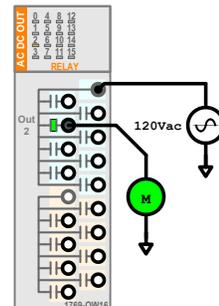
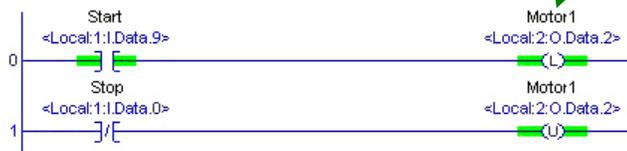
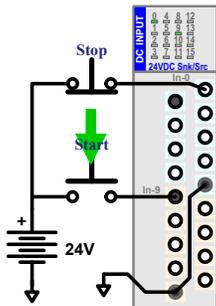
Stop/Start Controller using an OTL & OTU

When the “Start” button is pressed:

- 24V_{DC} 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

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

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



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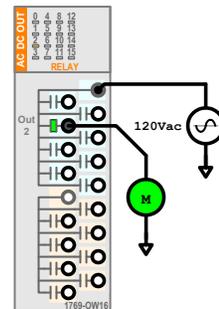
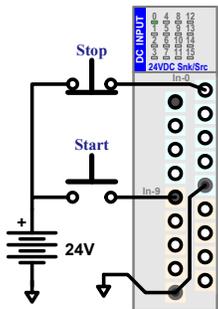
Stop/Start Controller using an OTL & OTU

When the “Start” button is released:

- 24V_{DC} 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*)



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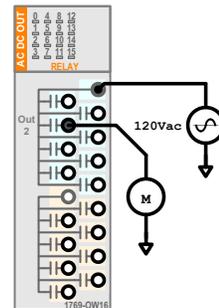
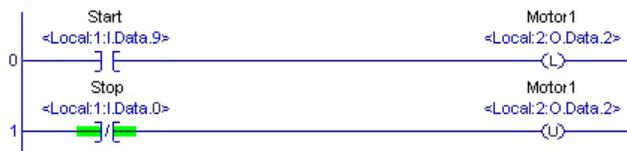
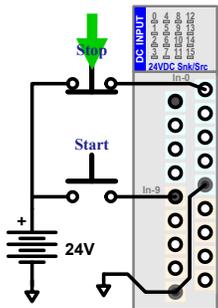


Stop/Start Controller using an OTL & OTU

When the “Stop” button is pressed:

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

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



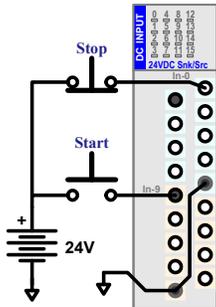
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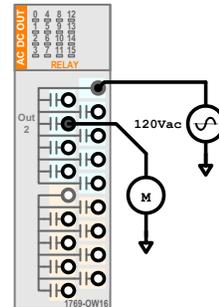
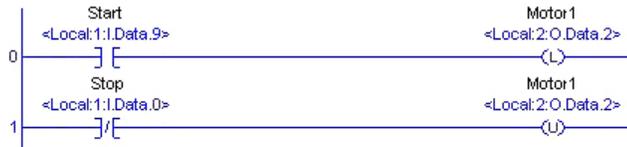
Stop/Start Controller using an OTL & OTU

When the “Stop” button is released:

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



- OTU-Motor1 Does Nothing (**O.Data.2** remains 0)
- Output Port **2** remains FALSE
- Contact **OUT-2** remains OPEN
- Field coil **M** remains De-Energized (*motor is stopped*)



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

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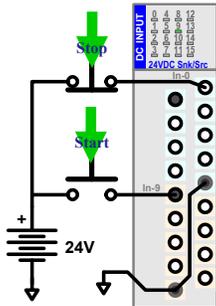


Stop/Start Controller using an OTL & OTU

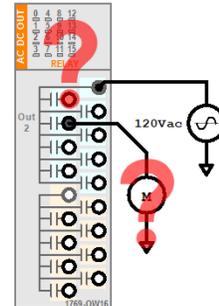
What if “Stop” and “Start” are both pressed at the same time:

- 24V_{DC} is removed from **IN-0** 24V_{DC} 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)**



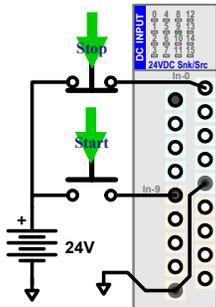
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Stop/Start Controller using an OTL & OTU

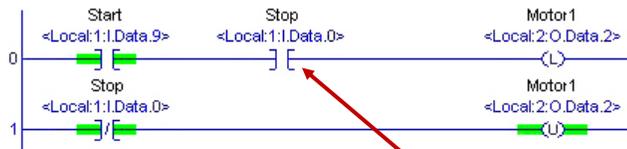
What if “Stop” and “Start” are both pressed at the same time:

- 24V_{DC} is removed from **IN-0** 24V_{DC} 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

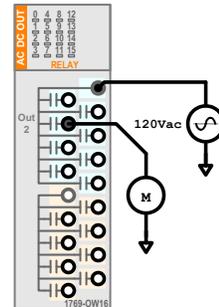


- OTU-Motor1 Resets Bit **O.Data.2** → 0
- Output Port **2** → FALSE
- Contact **OUT-2** → OPEN
- Field coil **M** → De-Energized (*motor stops*)

Stop overrides Start



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



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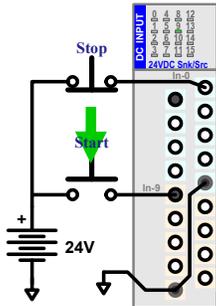


Destructive Bit Reference Error using OTEs

When the “Start” button is pressed:

- 24V_{DC} was already at **IN-0** 24V_{DC} 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

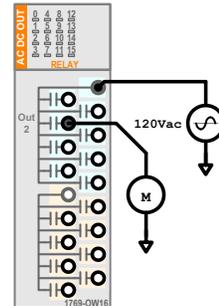
There should never be two or more OTEs with the same tag in a ladder diagram!!



- 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



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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	Address	Data Type
- VFD1	AB:PowerFlex40_Drive_0Bytes:0	
-VFD1 DriveStatus		BIT
-VFD1 Ready		BOOL
-VFD1 Active		BOOL
-VFD1 CommandDir		BOOL
-VFD1 ActualDir		BOOL
-VFD1 Accelerating		BOOL
-VFD1 Decelerating		BOOL
-VFD1 Alarm		BOOL
-VFD1 Faulted		BOOL
-VFD1 IAReference		BOOL
-VFD1 CommFreqCnt		BOOL
-VFD1 CommLogicCnt		BOOL
-VFD1 ParamsLocked		BOOL
-VFD1 Digh1Active		BOOL
-VFD1 Digh2Active		BOOL
-VFD1 Digh3Active		BOOL
-VFD1 Digh4Active		BOOL
-VFD1 OutputFreq		INT

Output Tags

Tag Name	Address	Data Type
- VFD:0	AB:PowerFlex40_Drive_4Bytes:0:1	
-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 DecelRate1		BOOL
-VFD:0 DecelRate2		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.

VFD:1		AB:PowerFlex40_Drive_8Bytes:1:0
...	..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.AirReference	BOOL
...	..VFD:1.CommFreqCnt	BOOL
...	..VFD:1.CommLogicCnt	BOOL
...	..VFD:1.ParmsLocked	BOOL
...	..VFD:1.Dign1Active	BOOL
...	..VFD:1.Dign2Active	BOOL
...	..VFD:1.Dign3Active	BOOL
...	..VFD:1.Dign4Active	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.

VFD:0		AB:PowerFlex40_Drive_4Bytes:0:1
...	..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.AcceRate1	BOOL
...	..VFD:0.AcceRate2	BOOL
...	..VFD:0.DeceRate1	BOOL
...	..VFD:0.DeceRate2	BOOL
...	..VFD:0.FreqSel01	BOOL
...	..VFD:0.FreqSel02	BOOL
...	..VFD:0.FreqSel03	BOOL
...	..VFD:0.RelayOutput	BOOL
...	..VFD:0.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 \rightarrow 1 and the O.STOP bit should be reset \rightarrow 0.



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



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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 \rightarrow 1 and the O.REVERSE bit should be reset \rightarrow 0.



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



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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.

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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

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