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Welcome to U90 Ladder

U90 Ladder is the software tool used to create applications for the M90 PLC. After you plan the control task, use U90 Ladder to write, debug, and download the PLC control and HMI applications into the M90.

Program Editors

The program editors are where you create and edit both the PLC and HMI aspects of your project application.

There are 3 editors:

1. Ladder
2. Display
3. Variable

The Ladder Editor is a program editor. The Display and Variable Editors are HMI editors. Each editor is operated through a different window. You switch between editors via the Standard Toolbar buttons or in the Project Navigator.

Project Navigation Tree

The Project Navigation Tree allows you to navigate easily between components of your program, data types and tools of the U90 Ladder.

Browse Sequences

This U90 Help version contains selected browse sequences. These sequences are arranged by topic to help you make the most out of U90’s on-line help. The subject of each sequence appears in the Browse pull-down menu as shown below. The subjects in a browse sequence are arranged from general to most specific.

Below, the browser sequence shown is Getting Started.
Printing Documentation

All of the topics in this help file are contained in the U90 Ladder Software Manual. This manual can be viewed or printed from the software CD.

Interface Language

U90 Ladder can be run in a variety of languages, by selecting Language from the View menu, and then clicking on the desired language.

Help

Use the Help browser to learn how to use U90 Ladder effectively. Topics in a browse sequence are classed according to subject. This enables you to see related topics without conducting a search.

The browse sequence shown below is SMS messaging.
Getting Started

Opening a new project
To open a new project:
- On the Project menu, click New.
- On the keyboard, press Ctrl + N

Opening a project
To open an existing project
- On the Project menu, click Open. The Open dialog box appears. Select the file you want to open.
- On the Standard toolbar, select Open. The Open dialog box appears. Select the file you want to open.
- Ctrl + O. The Open dialog box appears. Select the file you want to open.

Downloading a Project
The Download process transfers your project from the PC to the controller.

To download a project to a controller:
1. Click the Download icon on the Standard toolbar.

2. The Download Window opens with Download Sections. Those sections which have yet to be downloaded to a controller will be selected. If you have made no changes in the project since the last download, you have to select the Download Sections manually. Click OK.
The key at the top tells you if the project is password protected. If so, the password will have to be supplied at upload.

Note Ladder Image and Project Symbols option. If you do not select this option, the Ladder program cannot be uploaded to a PC for editing. You only be able to view the uploaded program in STL. To enable the Ladder program to upload from the M90 into a PC, select this option.

Note the different Power-up value (Battery Backup) options.

3. The Downloading Progress window opens. This window closes when download is complete.

**Uploading a Project**

1. Select Upload from the Controller menu.
2. Two new options are displayed: Upload, and Upload from Network ID.

3. Upload from:
   - a stand-alone M90 by clicking on the Upload button
   - from a specific M90 on a network by selecting the M90’s ID number as shown below.

4. All sections of the project in the M90 will upload.

   Note that if the program is protected by a password, you must supply this password in order to upload.

**Project Properties**

Project properties include:

- General information, including password protection
- History
- Statistics

To access program properties

1. Display project properties by selecting Properties from the Project menu. The project Properties box opens.
2. Select property topics by clicking the tabs.
General

When you select General, the fields are blank. You enter all of the project information manually. An example is shown below.
Password
You can apply password protection to your program. This will prevent anyone who does not have the password from uploading the program from the M90.

History
When you first open History, the field is blank. Enter the desired text as shown below.
Statistics
When you open Statistics, the progress bars show how much of the project's available space is in use. The statistics update automatically.
**Set Logo Pic**

You can also import your company's logo into your project. Then, when you print sections of your project, the logo will be printed at the top of each page.

**Ladder Editor**

Use the Ladder Editor to create the Ladder diagram that will form the backbone of your project application. Ladder diagrams are composed of contacts, coils and function block elements. Power flows from left to right in a Ladder diagram.

Use the Ladder Editor to:

- Place and connect Ladder program elements.
- Apply Compare, Math, Logic, Clock and Loop functions.
- Place Comments on Ladder nets.

Ladder Editor view:

![Ladder Editor](image)

**Using the HMI Display Editor**

Use this editor to create your HMI application for customizing the M90 operating panel functions to the control task.

Use the Display Editor to:

1. Create text displays that will appear on the M90 LCD. You can create up to 80 displays.
2. Link display text to a variable. You can define up to 50 variables.
3. Configure links, or up to four jumps, to a display.
4. Format the M90 LCD variable display.

Display Editor view:
Comments Tool

You can insert comments into the Ladder Editor to label different parts of your program. Comments can be written in Notepad and added later to the project using Cut and Paste functions.

These Comments are 'internal' comments for the programmer(s). The Comments are not downloaded to or displayed on the controller.

To insert comments:

1. On the Ladder toolbar, click Insert Comment icon.

2. Move your cursor to the net in which you wish to insert a comment and click.
3. The Comment will appear above the net.
4. Type in your comments.

The length and content of your comments will have no effect on your project. They are not downloaded to the controller and do not affect the memory or word size of a project.

**Power-up**

You can assign Power Up values to most Data Types. These values are written into the operand by the program when the controller is turned on. Outputs, MBs, SBs can be set or reset; integer values can be written into MIs and SIs.

You can assign Power Up values when you place an element into a net, or by opening a Data Type list as shown below.

1. Click on the desired operand type.
2. Click on the Power Up field of the desired operand.
3. Click on the Power Up icon, then select or enter the desired value.
Hardware Configuration

Hardware configuration enables you to select controllers from both the M90 and M91 series.

Selecting the Controller Model
1. Click **Hardware Configuration** on the Standard toolbar.

2. The **M90 Hardware Configuration** window opens.

3. Select the appropriate M90 model.
Configuring an Analog Input

**M90**

To attach an Analog Input to an MI:

1. Click **Hardware Configuration** on the Standard toolbar.

2. The **M90 Hardware Configuration** window opens.
3. Click the appropriate M90 model.

4. The I/O options for that model are displayed.

5. Check the **Analog Input** check box. The **Select MI for Analog Input** window opens.
6. Enter the desired Address and Symbol of the MI Operand. Select the Analog Input type from the drop-down menu.

7. The M90 Hardware Configuration window now appears with the new Analog Input configuration.
To attach an Analog Input to an MI:

1. Click **Hardware Configuration** on the Standard toolbar.

2. The **M90 Hardware Configuration** window opens.

3. Click on the M91 bar.
3. Select the appropriate M91 model; the model's I/O options are displayed.

4. Click on the Analog Inputs tab.

5. Click the Link field, then select the desired type of input. The **Select MI for Analog Input** window opens.
6. Enter the desired Address and Symbol of the MI Operand.

7. The Analog Input is now part of the configuration.
Configuring I/O Expansion Modules

1. Open the Digital or Analog menu according to the expansion you are connecting.

2. Double-click on the appropriate I/O module. The selected module(s) will appear on the Model Expansion bar.

3. Continue adding I/O expansion modules according to your expansion configuration.
4. Double-click on an I/O expansion icon in the Model Expansion bar. The I/O Details window opens.

5. Click on the appropriate Inputs / Outputs to enter the desired Addresses and Symbols.

7. Click the Download Configuration icon.
If there is a conflict between the current M90 hardware information and the project configuration, you will be prompted to choose how to proceed.

If you decide to continue with the Download, the M90 OPLC will be stopped and reset during the Download procedure.

8. Click OK. The Download process is activated.

Addressing: I/O Expansion Modules

Inputs and outputs located on I/O expansion modules that are connected into an M90 OPLC are assigned addresses that comprise a letter and a number. The letter indicates whether the I/O is an input (I) or an output (O). The number indicates the I/O’s location in the system. This number relates to both the expansion module’s position in the system, and to the position of the I/O on that module.

Expansion modules are numbered from 0-7 as shown in the figure below.

The formula below is used to assign addresses for I/O modules used in conjunction with the M90 OPLC.

X is the number representing a specific module’s location (0-7). Y is the number of the input or output on that specific module (0-15).
The number that represents the I/O's location is equal to: 

\[ 32 + x \cdot 16 + y \]

Example

- Input #3, located on expansion module #2 in the system, will be addressed as I 67, 
  \[ 67 = 32 + 2 \cdot 16 + 3 \]
- Output #4, located on expansion module #3 in the system, will be addressed as O 84, 
  \[ 84 = 32 + 3 \cdot 16 + 4. \]

EX90-DI8-RO8 is a stand-alone I/O module. Even if it is the only module in the configuration, the EX90-DI8-RO8 is always assigned the number 7. Its I/Os are addressed accordingly.

Example

- Input #5, located on an EX90-DI8-RO8 connected to an M90 OPLC will be addressed as I 149, 
  \[ 149 = 32 + 7 \cdot 16 + 5 \]

Hardware Configuration is featured in several sample applications, such as the applications 'HSC x 1000', 'HSC saved', 'High-speed Output', 'Motor Speed', and 'Expansion HSC Reset'. These applications may be found by selecting Sample U90 Projects from the Help Menu.

**Configuring I/O Expansion Modules**

Certain M90 models can be hooked up to I/O Expansion Modules.

You must configure the M90 according to the I/O Expansion Modules you are connecting.

**Adding I/O Expansion Modules to your Hardware Configuration**

1. Click on the Hardware Configuration icon on the Standard toolbar.

![Hardware Configuration Icon](image)

2. The M90 Hardware configuration window opens.
3. Select the M90 model for your project application from the M90 icon menu.

4. The selected model name appears above the M90 controller. Open the Digital or Analog menu according to the module you are connecting.
5. Double-click on the appropriate I/O module. The selected module(s) will appear on the Module Expansion bar.

6. Continue adding I/O Expansion Modules according to your expansion configuration.
Configuring I/Os: Linking Operands

1. Double-click on an I/O expansion icon in the Model Expansion bar. An I/O Details window opens.

2. Click on the appropriate Inputs / Outputs to enter the desired Addresses and Symbols.

Downloading Hardware Configuration properties

1. Click the Download Configuration icon.
2. If there is a conflict between the current M90 hardware information and the project configuration, you will be prompted to choose how to proceed.

3. If you decide to continue with the Download, the M90 OPLC will be stopped and reset during the Download procedure. Click OK. The Download process is activated.

The Hardware configuration is now updated.

Note: If your application does not require that you use all of the I/Os on a particular I/O Expansion Module, do not select the unused I/Os when you configure the module. Selecting unused I/Os may add to the M90’s scan time.

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Example

- Input #3, located on expansion module #2 in the system, will be addressed as I 67, \(67 = 32 + 2 \cdot 16 + 3\)
- Output #4, located on expansion module #3 in the system, will be addressed as O 84, \(84 = 32 + 3 \cdot 16 + 4\).

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Example

- Input #5, located on an EX90-DI8-RO8 connected to an M90 OPLC will be addressed as I 149, \(149 = 32 + 7 \cdot 16 + 5\)

Configuring an Analog Input

**M90**

To attach an Analog Input to an MI:

1. Click Hardware Configuration on the Standard toolbar.

![Hardware Configuration Window](image1)

2. The M90 Hardware Configuration window opens.
3. Click the appropriate M90 model.

4. The I/O options for that model are displayed.

5. Check the **Analog Input** check box. The **Select MI for Analog Input** window opens.

6. Enter the desired Address and Symbol of the MI Operand. Select the Analog Input type from the drop-down menu.
7. The M90 Hardware Configuration window now appears with the new Analog Input configuration.

M91
To attach an Analog Input to an MI:

1. Click **Hardware Configuration** on the Standard toolbar.
2. The **M90 Hardware Configuration** window opens.

3. Click on the M91 bar.

3. Select the appropriate M91 model; the model's I/O options are displayed.

4. Click on the Analog Inputs tab.
4. Click the Link field, then select the desired type of input. The Select MI for Analog Input window opens.

6. Enter the desired Address and Symbol of the MI Operand.
7. The Analog Input is now part of the configuration.

**Analog I/O Ranges**

Note that devices used in conjunction with Unitronics controllers must be calibrated according to the available range. Below, Range refers to the value contained by the register that is linked to the I/O in Hardware Configuration.
Analog output values are contained in the register that you link to the output in Hardware Configuration.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Model number</th>
<th>Resolution</th>
<th>Range</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>V200-18-E1 (Snap-in I/O module)</td>
<td>10 bit (0-10V, 0-20mA)</td>
<td>0-1023, 1024 units (except at 4-20mA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V120-12-R1, V120-12-R2C M90 controllers (analog input) M91-19-R1, M91-19-R2, R2C</td>
<td>14 bit (0-10V, 4-20mA)</td>
<td>0-16383, 16384 units (except at 4-20mA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V120-12-UN2 M90-19-UN2 M91-19-TC2</td>
<td>12 bit (0-10V, 0-20mA)</td>
<td>0-4095, 4096 units (except at 4-20mA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IO-AI4-AO2</td>
<td>12 bit +sign (±10V, 0-20mA)</td>
<td>0-±4095 (except at 4-20mA)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Temperature ranges appear in the following table:

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<tr>
<th>Model number</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Input ranges</th>
<th>Range</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>V120-12-UN2 M90-19-UN2 M91-19-TC2</td>
<td>mV</td>
<td>-5 to 56mV</td>
<td>-50 to 508°C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>E</td>
<td>200 to 1820°C (300 to 3276°F)</td>
<td>2000 to 18200°C (3000 to 32760°F)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>J</td>
<td>3276°F</td>
<td>-3280 to 13820°F</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>K</td>
<td>1382°F</td>
<td>-3280 to 22820°F</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>N</td>
<td>200 to 750°C (-328 to 1400°F)</td>
<td>-2000 to 7500°C (-3280 to 13820°F)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>R</td>
<td>750°C</td>
<td>-2000 to 7600°C (-3280 to 13820°F)</td>
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<td>1250°C (-328 to 3214°F)</td>
<td>-2000 to 12500°C (-3280 to 22820°F)</td>
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<td>2282°F</td>
<td>-2000 to 13000°C (-3280 to 23720°F)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>0</td>
<td>760°C (-328 to 1400°F)</td>
<td>-0 to 17680°C (-32 to 32140°F)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1768°C (-32 to 3214°F)</td>
<td>-200 to 40000°C (-3280 to 7520°F)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Configuring a Thermocouple: M91 OPLC series

1. Click **Hardware Configuration** on the Standard toolbar.
2. The **M90 Hardware Configuration** window opens.
3. Click on the **M91 bar**.
4. Select the appropriate M91 model; the model's I/O options are displayed.

5. Click on the Analog Inputs tab.

6. Click the Link field, then select the desired type of input. The Select Operand and Address box opens.
7. Enter the desired Address and Symbol of the MI Operand.

8. The thermocouple is now part of the configuration.
High-Speed Counters (HSC), Shaft Encoders, Frequency Measurer

The M90 series offers high-speed counter functions of the following types:

- Shaft encoder, at resolutions x2 and x4.
- High-speed counter.
- High-speed counter + reset,
- Frequency measurement, at 100, 500, and 1000 msec.

Some of the sample programs installed together with U90 Ladder include high-speed counters of different types.

HSC Types & Functions

High-speed counter functions are built into the M90 hardware. This is why you do not ‘build’ a high-speed counter within your Ladder program. Instead, you define it as part of the M90 OPLC’s hardware configuration by:

1. Selecting the counter type as shown below
2. Linking it to an MI that contains the counter value.

Note that the counter value is an integer with a range of -32768 to +32767. After the counter reaches the maximum value of +3,2767 it will continue to count in the negative range.

The last on-board input on an M90 is the actual counter, and is capable of counting 5,000 pulses per second. Note that the M90 high-speed input is a pnp-type input, requiring a nominal voltage of 24V, a minimum of 15V.

The next-to-last input also serves a purpose in certain high-speed counter functions:

- Shaft encoder function: the next-to-last input serves to indicate the direction of the encoder.
- High-speed counter + reset function: the next-to-last input serves to reset the counter.
When the next-to-last input is used in a high-speed counter function, it is normally OFF. It remains OFF until it receives a signal; the input then turns ON, stopping and resetting the high-speed counter. The high-speed counter begins counting pulses only after the counter reset turns OFF. Note that SB 10 High Speed Counter Reset Enable must be ON; it is ON by default.

**Configuring a High-speed counter**

1. Select Hardware Configuration from the Controller menu. The *Hardware Configuration window opens*.

2. Click on the icon representing your controller model. The appropriate hardware model window opens.

3. Select a high-speed counter type by clicking the drop-down arrow to display the options, then clicking one.

4. The *Select Operand Address box opens*. Select an MI to contain the counter value, and then click OK.

This MI contains the counter value which is current at the last program scan. Use this MI in your program like any other MI. You can reset the counter by placing a 0 value into this MI via the Store function. Note that in order to reset the counter, SB 10 High Speed Counter Reset Enable must be turned ON; SB 10 is ON by default.

**Shaft Encoder**

Selecting the shaft encoder function enables the counter to count both up (-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, …) and down (3, 2, 1, 0, -1, -2,-3 …). Note that the input requires you to use pnp-type shaft encoders.

**High-speed Counter**
If you select the high-speed counter function that does not include Reset, note that you must reset it within your Ladder program. This type of counter only counts up.

If you select the high-speed counter function with reset, the counter is capable of counting up within the positive range, 0-32767. This function uses the next-to-last input as a counter reset. Since the reset is done via the hardware, the reset is immediate and independent of the program scan.

**Frequency Measurement**

This counts the number of pulses over the selected period of time (sample rate): 100 msec, 500 msec, or 1000 msec (1 second), expressing the result in Hertz. For example, 155 pulses counted over 100 msec is equal to 1550Hz; 155 pulses counted over 500 msec is equal to 310Hz.

**Compare Functions and Counter Values**

It is probable that a counter value will **not** be read at the exact moment that a Compare function in your program is being carried out. This can cause an Equal (=) function to miss the desired counter value; if the counter does not reach the value required by the Equal function at the moment the function is carried out, the Equal function cannot register that the value has been reached. To avoid this problem, use functions Greater Than Or Equal To (≥) and Lesser Than Or Equal To (≤).

**High-Speed Output: PWM**

**M90**

M90 OS versions 2.00 (B01) and later enable you to use the last on-board output of M90 models T1 and T1-CAN in either:

- **High Speed Output (HSO) mode**
- **Normal output mode**.

Using HSO mode gives you the ability to use an output as a PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) output. You can also use an output in HSO mode together with stepper motor controllers.

To use HSO mode:

1. Use System Integer SI 16 HSO Mode to change the operating mode of Output 11 from Normal mode to HSO mode: 0=Normal Mode, 1: HSO Mode. This should be part of your program’s Power-up tasks.

2. Set the output frequency (F) by storing a value into SI 17 HSO Frequency. Note that F=1/T, where T is the duration time of a complete cycle. You can store a value of 0, or a value from 3-1500Hz; other frequency values are not supported.

3. Set the duty cycle—the ratio of the "on" period of a cycle to the total cycle period—by storing a value into SI 18 Duty Cycle. This value may be from 0-1000, and is expressed as a percentage.

   If, for example, the constant 750 is stored into SI 18, the duty cycle is equal to 75.0%. This means that the pulse will hold a positive state during 75.0% of the total cycle.

4. Use SB 16 HSO RUN to control the output; when SB 16 is ON, Output 11 operates.

In the figure below, SI 18 is equal to 250. This results in the duty cycle being 25% of the total cycle time.
Note that:

- If you store out-of-range values into SI 17 and SI 18, their values remain unchanged—they retain the last legal values stored.
- Note 2. All parameters except SI 16 may be changed during run-time.

**M91**

1. Click *Hardware Configuration* on the Standard toolbar.

2. The **M90 Hardware Configuration** window opens.

3. Click on the *M91 bar*.

4. Select the appropriate M91 model; *the model's I/O options* are displayed.
3. Click on the High Speed Outputs tab, then select High Speed Output (PWM).

4. The Select Operand and Address box will open 3 times, enabling you to link MIs for Common Frequency & Duty Cycle, and MB for Enable Output.
7. The PWM output is now part of the configuration.

Analog Input value--Out Of Range

Expansion modules

If an expansion module’s analog input is receiving current or voltage in excess of the absolute maximum rating, the corresponding Out Of Range indicator lights up.

**IO-AI4-AO2**

Analog value: from 0 to 4095 (12 bit). If the analog input is:

- below 0V/0mA, then the analog value will be 0.
- above 10V/20mA (about 2% above the full scale), then the analog value will be 4096.

**IO-ATC8**

Analog value: from 0 to 16383 (14 bit). If the analog input is:

- slightly below 0V/0mA (about 0.5% below 0V/0mA), then the analog value will be -1.
- slightly above 10V/20mA (about 0.5% above the full scale), then the analog value will be 16384.
- If the analog input is greatly below or above of the analog input range , but still within the range of the absolute maximum rating, then the analog value will be 32767.

**M90 models**

**M90-19-B1A, M90-R1, and M90-R2-CAN**

Analog value: from 0 to 1023 (10 bit). If the analog input is:

- Below 0V/0mA, the analog value will be 0.
- Above 10V/20mA, the analog value will be 1023.

**M91 models**

**M91-19-R1, M91-19-R2, and M91-19-R2C**

Analog value: from 0 to 1023 (10 bit). If the analog input is:

- Below 0V/0mA, then the analog value will be 0.
- Above 10V/20mA (about 2% above the full scale), then the analog value will be 1024.
**M91-19-TC2, M91-19-UN2, and M91-19-4UA2**

Analog value: from 0 to 16383 (14 bit). If the analog input is:

- Slightly below 0V/0mA (about 0.5% below 0V/0mA), then the analog value will be -1.
- Slightly above 10V/20mA (about 0.5% above the full scale), then the analog value will be 16384.
- Greatly below or above of the analog input range, but still in the range of the absolute maximum rating, then the analog value will be 32767.

Note that the absolute maximum rating of the analog inputs for all the units is +/- 15V.
HMI

Display

What is an HMI?

HMI stands for Human Machine Interface. This is the interface between the operator and the controller.

The M90 HMI is the controller operating panel. The panel comprises a 15 key numeric keypad and a 16 character LCD Display screen.

The keypad is used to input data into the application, such as Timer values.

The M90's Display screen can show operator messages, variable information from the program and system information.

HMI messages are created in the Display Editor.

Variable information fields are created in the Variable Editor.

HMI applications are featured in several sample applications, such as the applications 'Display Jumps from Ladder', 'Names from List Var', 'Password', 'Special characters on List', 'Display of Events', and '5 Vars on Display'. These applications may be found by selecting Sample U90 Projects from the Help Menu.

What are Displays?

Displays are shown on the controller's LCD screen according to the program conditions you set in your HMI program. Use the Display editor to create the HMI text, define the variable fields & parameters and assign jump conditions.

Creating and Naming a Display

To create a Display:

1. Click the Display icon on the Standard toolbar. The Display Editor will open.
2. Click the Add New Display icon in the HMI toolbar.
3. A new Display is created.
4. Place the cursor in the name field.
5. Type in a name. Press enter.

The Display name also appears with the Display number in the Project Navigation Tree.

**Creating a fixed text Display**

To create a fixed text Display:

1. Select the desired Display from the Navigator Window.

2. The Display opens in the Display Editor.

3. Type in the fixed text to be displayed.
Jump to Display: scrolling between Displays

Display Jumps allow you to move between Displays via the M90 keypad or any bit positive transition. You can create up to 4 Jumps for each Display in the Display Editor. If you want to create more than 4 Jumps for a Display, you must create the logic conditions in the Ladder Editor.

To create a jump:

1. Click on a Jump Condition and the Define Jump to Condition dialog box opens.

2. Select a Jump Operand from the drop-down menu.

3. Enter the desired Address and symbol for the Jump Operand. Click OK.
4. The Define To Display Jump dialog box opens.

5. Enter the Display number to which you want to jump. Click OK.

6. The result will be:

Note that Display Jump conditions based on MBs can only be linked to MB 0-127; jumps may not be linked to MB 128 -255.

Note ♦ When an HMI keypad entry variable is active, and the Enter key is pressed on the controller keypad, SB 30 HMI Keypad Entries Complete turns ON. This can be used as a Jump condition.

In addition, note that a Display may contain a total of 4 variables. Each one has an SB:

- SB 31 HMI Var 1 Keypad entry completed
- SB 32 HMI Var 2 Keypad entry completed
- SB 33 HMI Var 3 Keypad entry completed
SB 34 HMI Var 4 Keypad entry completed

The condition of these SBs may be used as Jump Conditions, or to drive calculations in your program.

Changing a Display number

To change a Display number:

In the Display Editor:

1. On the HMI toolbar, click the Change Display icon.

2. The Change Display Number dialog box opens.

3. Enter the new Display number in the Address field. Click OK.

4. The Display number changes. The Display title is unchanged.
Deleting a Display
To delete a Display:

In the Display Editor:

1. In the Navigation Window, click on the Display number you want to delete. The Display will open in the Display Editor.

2. On the Standard toolbar, click Delete.

3. The Display is deleted. You see that the Display number disappears from the Navigation Window.

Changing a Jump condition
To change a Jump condition:

1. Click on the Jump Condition in the desired Display.

2. The Define Jump to Condition dialog box opens.
3. Make the appropriate changes.

4. The new Jump Condition now appears in the Display Editor.

**Clearing a Display**

To clear the contents of a Display:

In the Display Editor:

1. On the HMI toolbar, click the Clear Display icon.

2. Open the Clear Display menu. You can clear all Display parameters - or - only Jump conditions
3. Select the parameters you wish to clear.

Clearing Jump conditions
To clear an existing Jump condition:

1. Right click on the Jump.
2. The Clear Jump icon appears.
3. Click the icon to clear the Jump.

Creating more than four Jumps for a Display
You can create up to 4 Jumps for each Display in the Display Editor. If you want to create more than 4 Jumps for a Display, you must create the logic conditions in the Ladder Editor.

SI 2 contains the Current HMI Display number. You can jump to a specific Display by writing the Display number into SI 2.

Example:
- Writing #5 into SI 2 will cause Display #5 to be displayed on the controller.
- Writing #8 into SI 2 will cause Display #8 to be displayed on the controller.

Take care to create the Displays as well as the logic conditions.

Display formats for MI and SI values
To set the M90 Display format for a MI or SI value:

1. Open the Format menu in the Variable information box in the Variable Editor.

2. Select a Variable Format.

3. The selected format appears in the Format window.
Linearization

Linearization can be used to convert analog values from I/Os into decimal or other integer values. An analog value from a temperature probe, for example, can be converted to degrees Celsius and displayed on the controller's display screen.
Note that the linearized value created in this way may be displayed—**but** the value **cannot** be used anywhere else within the project for further calculations or operations.

You can enter an Analog value, such as temperature, via the M90 keypad, then convert that value into a Digital value for comparison with a digital value from a temperature probe by selecting **Enable Linearization** in the linked Variable.

This conversion process is Reverse Linearization.

To enable Analog to Digital conversion:

1. Create a Display for entering the analog value.
2. Create an Integer Variable.
3. Select **keypad entry** and **enable linearization**.
4. Enter the linearization values for the x and y axes.

According to the above example:

- A temperature entry of 100°C will be converted to 1023 Digital value.
- A temperature entry of 50°C will be converted to 512 Digital value.

**Linearize values in the Ladder**

You can also linearize values in your Ladder and display them on the M90's LCD.

1. In your Ladder project, use SI 80 - 85 to set the (x,y) variable ranges. Use SB 80 to activate the **Linearization** function.
The linearization values created here can be displayed by linking SI 85 to a Display; the value can be used elsewhere within the project for further calculations or operations.

Example: write the variable ranges into SI 80 - 83, then writing an analog input into SI 84:
Display the Time and Date on the LCD

To display the time and date on the M90:

1. Select **Date & Time** from the Variable Type check box in the Variable Editor.
2. Select the Time & Date Format in the Variable information box.

Make sure to define a Display field **large enough** for the selected Date & Time format.

**Displaying Special Symbols on the LCD**

There are a number of Special Symbols such as arrows and degree signs, that may be displayed on the M90' LCD.

To enter a Special Symbol into a Display:
1. Choose the position in the Display field.

2. Right click to open the Variable modification menu.

3. Select **Special Characters** from the menu. The Special Characters menu opens.

4. Select the Special Character you wish to add.
5. A ~ symbol will appear in the Display screen to show you that a Special Symbol was inserted. The selected symbol will appear on the controller.

**Display Integer values as ASCII or Hexadecimal**

You can:

- Display the values in an MI vector as ASCII characters.
- Display a register value in hexadecimal format.

To do this, attach a numeric Variable to a Display. The variable uses linearization to display the value(s) in the desired format.

Note that non-supported ASCII characters will be shown as <space> characters.

ASCII -Hexadecimal character table

**Vector as ASCII**

When the application shown in the example below is downloaded, the ASCII characters 'Hello' will be displayed on the M90 screen when Key #3 is pressed.

1. Create a Variable Field in a Display, then attach a Variable.
2. Define the Variable as shown below.

3. The Ladder net below sets the Variable pointer and stores ASCII values into the MI vector.
Register Value in Hexadecimal

When the application shown in the example below is downloaded, the hexadecimal value of 63 will be displayed on the M90 screen.

1. Create a Variable Field in a Display, then attach a Variable. Note that if the field is too short, only the right-most characters are displayed. For example, the hex value 63(3F) cannot be shown in a field one character long.

2. Define the Variable as shown below.
3. The Ladder net below stores the value into the MI.

![Ladder Diagram]

This Store function places the value 63 into MI 28.

![Display]

When the application used in this example is downloaded, the hex value is displayed.

Scrolling between Displays via the M90 keypad

Use Jump conditions to scroll between Display screens using the M90 keypad.

Selecting a Timer Display format

1. From the Navigator Window, create or choose an existing Timer Variable.

![Navigator Window]

2. Open the Timer format drop-down menu in the Variable Editor.
3. Select the Timer format from the drop-down menu in the Variable Editor.

4. The selected format is displayed in the Format window.

**Toggling between Displays**
To move quickly between Displays:

1. Click the Display number in the Navigation Window that you want to view.
2. The Display immediately appears in the Display Editor.

How many displays can I create?
Yes, there is a limit of 80 text displays. Do remember that, in addition to the text displays, there are 120 List Variables that can be displayed on a controller.

Variable

Variables
You insert Variables into a Display to:
- Show varying values and text on the controller screen.
- Enter values into the controller.

Use the Variable Editor to link variables to the operands that contain the data you want to use in your program. You can use variables in your HMI program to display text that varies according to current conditions or events. Variable integers also can receive data input from the M90's keypad keys, such as an employee ID number, or a set point for process control.

Displaying Variable Values in a Display
To display data from an HMI variable within an M90 display, you must:
- Create a field within the display that is long enough to hold the variable data.
- Attach a variable to the field.

To Create a Field

1. Click your cursor in the display. This is the starting point of the field.
2. To create the field, either:
3. Drag the cursor across the display. The field you create is automatically highlighted in blue.
   OR
4. Hold the SHIFT key down, and press the right-pointing arrow key. Each time you press the arrow key, a space is automatically highlighted in blue.

In the figure below, the display contains a field two spaces long.
To Attach a Variable

1. Click Attach Variable on the HMI toolbar. The Attach Variable dialog box opens as shown below.

2. Enter the number of the desired variable as shown below and press OK. If you do not enter a variable number, the program assigns a default variable.

3. The variable-linked spaces now appear as red pound signs, and the variable itself appears in the Variable pane of this Display as shown below.
Use the Variable Editor to:

- Set variable types and properties.
- Create up to 120 list variables to display fixed text messages.
- Enable data entry via the M90 keypad.

Up to fifty variables may be included in your application. The different types of variables are listed below.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variable Type</th>
<th>Linked to</th>
<th>Display Options:</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bit</td>
<td>MB</td>
<td>Create a text display for ON and OFF.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Integer</td>
<td>MI</td>
<td>Choose integer display format; enable linearization and keypad entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Timer</td>
<td>T</td>
<td>Display either elapsed time or remaining time and allow timer modification via the M90 keypad.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Time Functions</td>
<td>MI</td>
<td>Display and modify Time function from hour up to year.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>List</td>
<td>MI</td>
<td>Create up to 120 additional fixed text messages for different values of an MI / SI.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date &amp; Time</td>
<td>RTC</td>
<td>Set the display format (from Hours/Minutes to Month/Day/Year) and enable keypad entry.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Variable Editor view:

Naming a Variable
To assign a title to a Variable:

1. Open a Variable in the Variable Editor.
2. Type the Variable name in the title field.
The Variable name appears with the Variable number in the Navigator window.

**Creating Variables**

To create a new Variable:

1. Click the Add New Variable icon on the HMI toolbar.

   ![Add New Variable Icon]

2. A new Variable opens in the Variable Editor.

   ![Variable Editor]

3. Select the desired Variable Type.
4. Select the Operand type.

5. Enter the Operand Address and Symbol.

6. The new Variable appears with the appropriate link in the Variable Editor.
Showing an MI value on the controller's LCD

To display an MI value on the controller display:

1. **Create a Variable**

   To create a new Variable:

   1. Click the Add New Variable icon on the HMI toolbar.

   2. A new Variable opens in the Variable Editor.
3. Select the desired Variable Type.

4. Select the Operand type.
5. Enter theOperand Address and Symbol.

6. The new Variable appears with the appropriate link in the Variable Editor.

7. *Create a Variable Field in a Display* and attach it to the Variable.
List Variable: Display text according to a changing MI value

To display different texts for different values of the same MI:

1. Create a new Variable.

2. Select List Variable type.
3. Enter the desired text for each possible value of the linked MI.

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VARIABLE 2: Malfunction List

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>#</th>
<th>Data</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>Over load</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Over Temp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Engine Failure</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Oil Level Low</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

4. Attach the Variable to a Display field.

The text on the Display will be determined by the value written into MI 0 in the Ladder.

Example:

If MI 0 = 2, then the message will be **Engine Failure**.

**Keypad Entry values**

To enter a decimal number into a MI from the M90 keypad:

1. Select the desired decimal format from the Variable information box for the Integer Variable.
2. Select **Keypad Entry** from the Variable information box.

3. Attach the Variable to a field in the desired Display.
When an HMI keypad entry variable is active, and the Enter key is pressed on the controller keypad, SB 30 HMI Keypad Entries Complete turns ON. This can be used as a Jump condition.

In addition, note that a Display may contain a total of 4 variables. Each one has an SB:

- SB 31 HMI Var 1 Keypad entry completed
- SB 32 HMI Var 2 Keypad entry completed
- SB 33 HMI Var 3 Keypad entry completed
- SB 34 HMI Var 4 Keypad entry completed

The condition of these SBs may be used as Jump Conditions, or to drive calculations in your program.

### Force: HMI Keypad Entry Complete, SB 39

A flashing cursor on the M90 LCD screen indicates that the M90 is waiting for a keypad entry. You can turn off the flashing cursor by turning SB 39 ON.

This can enable you to use the same HMI screen to first enable keypad entry, and then to simply display the entered value.

### Converting Display values: Linearization

If you want to enter an Analog value, such as temperature, via the M90 keypad and convert that value into a Digital value for comparison with a digital value from a temperature probe, you use the Enable Linearization feature in the linked Variable.

This conversion process is Reverse Linearization.

To enable Analog to Digital conversion:

1. Create a Display for entering the analog value.
2. Create an Integer Variable.
3. Select keypad entry and enable linearization.
4. Enter the linearization values for the x and y axes.
According to the above example:

- A temperature entry of 100\(^\circ\)C will be converted to 1023 Digital value.
- A temperature entry of 50\(^\circ\)C will be converted to 512 Digital value.

**Defining a Variable field and attaching a Variable**

To display data from an HMI variable within an M90 display, you must:

- Create a field within the display that is long enough to hold the variable data.
- Attach a variable to the field.

**Displaying an MI value with a leading zero**

To display an MI with a Leading Zero:

1. Select the desired Variable from the Navigator Window.
2. Select Leading Zeros from the Variable Information check box.
Displaying text according to the value of a MB or SB

To display a text according to the value of a MB or SB:

1. Create a Display and variable field.

2. Create a **Bit** type variable attached to the field.
3. Enter a text Display for the "0" value of the MB / SB.

4. Enter a text Display for the "1" value of the MB / SB.

The text will be displayed according to the value of the MB / SB. Note that the Display field must be large enough for the defined text.

For the above example, the Display field must be 6 characters.

**Opening a Variable from a Display**

To move quickly from a Display to the Variable linked to the Display:

1. Select the desired Display from the Navigator window.

2. The Display opens in the Display Editor.
3. Select the Variable.

4. The Variable opens in the Variable Editor.

**Selecting a Timer Display format**
1. From the Navigator Window, create or choose an existing Timer Variable.

2. Open the Timer format drop-down menu in the Variable Editor.
3. Select the Timer format from the drop-down menu in the Variable Editor.

4. The selected format is displayed in the Format window.
Communications

About Communications

You can use the RS232 port of your M90 for several purposes:

- **Direct Communications**: Your PC is connected to an M90 by the proprietary programming cable that is supplied together with your M90 OPLC.
- **Modem Communications**: Your PC connects to a remote M90 OPLC via modem.
- **To communicate with devices that use the RS232 standard, such as GSM modems for SMS messaging.**
- **Network communications**: You use your PC to access the RS232 port of an M90 that is integrated into an M90 CANbus network. This M90 can act as an RS232-to-CANbus bridge; via this bridge, you can access any M90 in the network.

Note that an M90 cannot use both SMS messaging and modem communications.

In addition, you cannot use Direct Communications and Modem Communications simultaneously. If your PC is connected directly with an M90 and you dial a remote M90 via modem, all communications are automatically diverted to the remote unit. You will not be able to access the directly connected M90 until you 'hang up', terminating the call.

If you encounter problems, refer to the Troubleshooting Communications sections in this Help.

M90 Communication Settings

Display the M90's current communication settings by selecting M90 OPLC from the Controller menu. The M90's default communication settings are shown below.
M90 OPLC

Settings
Port, Retries and Time-Out are the communication settings between U90 Ladder and the M90. Click the Advanced button to view the advanced RS232 parameters. The other settings in this box belong to your project, and relate to the M90.

Unit ID
Note that by default, projects are defined as 'Stand-alone'. If you want to integrate your M90 into a network, you must define the M90 as a member of a network and assign it an ID number. Click Get to retrieve the ID number of a directly connected M90. Click Set to change the ID number.

Commands
To display information about the M90 unit connected to your PC, whether directly connected or within a network, click Get Version. You can also view the current time and date settings within the M90 by clicking Get Time & Date, or import your PC's settings by clicking Set Time & Date. You can also click on Reset to initialize the M90, and click on Clear MB & MI to initialize values.

Advanced Settings
Click on Advanced. The M90 OPLC Communication Parameters box opens as shown below.
Communications

**U90 RS232 Parameters**

These settings are part of your U90 project. If you need to modify the default settings, click on the arrows to reveal the options. If this project is defined to 'Use Modem', we recommend that you change these settings to match the settings of the modem. If this project is defined as 'Use SMS', we recommend that you enter the settings of the GSM modem.

**Force M90 OPLC Settings To:**

This is checked by default, making the settings that you have selected become part of your U90 Ladder project. These settings will be installed in the M90 whenever communications are activated, overwriting the previous settings.

**Restore Defaults**

Click this to restore defaults

**Get GSM Defaults**

Click this to enter the settings used to communicate with standard GSM modems.

**Set M90 OPLC Settings**

Click here to write your selected settings into the M90.

**Advanced**

RS232 Time-Out settings may be edited. Make sure that the CANbus baud rate is the same for all networked M90 units.

**Current M90 OPLC Settings**

Click Get M90 OPLC Settings to retrieve the settings of the M90 unit to which you are directly connected. Note that this option does not work if you have defined the project as a network project.

**Direct Communications- PC to M90**

Direct Communications: when your PC is connected to an M90 by the proprietary programming cable that is supplied together with your M90 OPLC as shown below.
COM Port Mode: RS232/RS485 (M91 only)

Certain OPLCs can be ordered with an RS485 port. Within the controller, the jumper settings determine the COM port function according to RS232 or RS485; RS485 termination settings are also determined via jumper.

To check if your controller was supplied with an installed RS485 port, check the device’s model number.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Model Number</th>
<th>M91 - 19 - UN2</th>
<th>M91 - 19 - 4UN2</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Supplied without</td>
<td>an RS485 port</td>
<td>Supplied with</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>an RS485 port</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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</table>

For more information regarding hardware COM settings, check the documentation M91 RS485 Port Settings.

Setting the COM Port Mode

The value of SI 64, Set COM Port Mode, determines if the port will function according to RS232 or RS485. When SI 64 contains 0, the port is set to RS232, when SI 64 contains 1, the port is set to RS485.

The value in SI can only be changed via Power-up, whether via the Ladder application or by setting a Power-up value for SI 64.

Changing Mode via Ladder

Changing Mode via Power-up Value

Note ♦ In order to change the mode, **Power-up must take place**; as for example if the power cable is temporarily disconnected.

♦ By factory default, SI 64 contains 0.

♦ When a port is set to RS485, both RS232 and RS485 can be used simultaneously if flow control signals DTR and DSR are not used.
Modems

About Modems

You can use the M90 with either a PSTN modem or a cellular modem. When you use a cellular GSM modem, you can also program the M90 to both send and receive SMS messages from a GSM cellular phone.

Modems may be used to communicate data; they may also be used to download and upload applications from remote M90 devices to a PC.

**Note** ♦ The PC-modem cable is not the same type of cable used to connect between the controller and the modem. Ensure that the cable used to connect the PC to the modem provides connection points for all of the modem's pins.
♦ If call are routed via a switchboard, note that the switchboard settings may interfere with communications. Consult with your switchboard provider.
♦ **PC/PLC modem communications**: Both PC and controller must use the same type of modem: either PSTN or GSM. Internal modems must be used in conjunction with the driver provided by the modem's manufacturer.

For advanced users, check: How the M90 works with a modem.

Configuring my PC's modem

You can configure your PC's modem to dial an M90's modem. Via a PC-modem-to-M90-modem connection, you can:

- Download and upload applications
- Test and troubleshoot problems in remote M90 units and applications.

**Note** ♦ PC-to-M90 communications are via Direct Com. This means that PC modem installation procedures are not necessary.

Configuring your PC's modem

1. Display the PC Modem Configuration box by selecting M90 OPLC Settings from the Controller menu, then clicking on the Modem Setup button.

   Note that the default port setting for internal PC modems is commonly COM 3 or COM 4. Most modems automatically match the parameters of incoming data: baud rate, data bits, parity & stop bits. The U90 Ladder fixed modem settings are: 9600, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit. You may need to manually change your modem's communication settings to match these.

   You can also select a GSM modem by clicking the GSM button and selecting a modem type.
The default modem initialization commands that appear here are standard for most modems. If your modem requires different commands, you can edit them.

2. To edit initialization commands, click on the Edit Initialization Commands button shown below. The window containing the commands turns white; you can now add, delete or edit commands.

Note that you can restore the default commands by clicking the Default Initialization button.

3. Select whether to use pulse or tone dialing, as is required by the system, by clicking on the appropriate box. You can also leave both blank (default).

4. Click the Advanced button to edit Time-Out settings.
Phone Book

The Phone Book is where you define the list of numbers that the PC can dial. You can enter up to six numbers. Each phone number is automatically linked to an index number. Each phone number can be up to 18 characters long. You can also add a description to identify the location or other details of the number to be dialed.

**Entering numbers in the Phone Book**

1. Click on an empty line in the Phone Book, then type in the number, *exactly* as you would dial from a standard phone, including area codes. To dial an outside line, enter the prefix number required and follow it with a comma as shown below. This comma causes the short pause, or delay, that is required by many systems.

To edit the phone book, click in a number or description, then make your changes.

**Dialing a remote M90**

1. To dial, highlight the number you want to dial, then click on the Dial button as shown below.
Note that this Phone Book is used only by the PC's modem, although it is similar in appearance to the M90's Phone Book.

Communication Log

When you dial a remote modem using U90 Ladder, a window opens up in the bottom of your screen. The log of events is quickly displayed in this window. This log is stored as a .txt file. You can view this log by navigating to the U90 folder and opening a file named U90ldxxx.txt.

This log is stored as a .txt file. You can view this log by navigating to Unitronics\U90_Ladder\U90Ldxxx and opening a file named ComLog.txt.

In this file, the most recent log of events appears last.

**Note** ♦ The PC-modem cable is not the same type of cable used to connect between the controller and the modem. Ensure that the cable used to connect the PC to the modem provides connection points for all of the modem's pins.
♦ If calls are routed via a switchboard, note that the switchboard settings may interfere with communications. Consult with your switchboard provider.
♦ **PC/PLC modem communications:** Both PC and controller must use the same type of modem: either landline or GSM.
♦ Internal PC modems must be used in conjunction with the driver provided by the modem's manufacturer.

**Using a PC to access an M90 via GSM modem**

To use a PC running U90 Ladder to access a remote M90 OPLC for programming and maintenance via GSM networks:

1. Connect your M90 to the GSM modem according to the instructions supplied with the GSM Modem Kit.
2. Connect your PC to the GSM modem.
3. U90 Ladder’s modem communication rate is set at 9600 bps. To enable the modem to communicate with U90 Ladder, change the modem’s default communication rate from 19200 bits per second (bps) to 9600 bps via Hyperterminal.

1. Open Hyperterminal. The program can generally be located by clicking the Start button in the lower left corner of your screen, then selecting Programs>Accessories>Communications>Hyperterminal. The New Connection window opens as shown below.

   Note ♦ Hyperterminal generally starts by pointing to the internal modem, if one is installed on the PC.
2. Enter a name for the new connection and select an icon, and then click OK. The Connect To box opens.

3. Select a COM port for the modem, and then click OK.

4. The Port Settings box opens as shown below. To enable your PC to communicate with the modem, set the COM port parameters to a BPS of either 9600 or 19200, Data bits=8, Parity=N, Stop bits=1, Flow control=None, and then click OK.
5. Open the modem’s Properties box by clicking on the Properties button, then open ASCII Setup.

6. Select the options shown below, and then click OK.
Hyperterminal is now connected to your PC via Com 1; the ASCII settings now enable you to enter commands via the PC keyboard and see the replies from the modem within the Hyperterminal window.

To test the connection, type AT; if the connection is valid the modem will respond 'OK'.

To change the modem's baud rate, type AT+IPR=9600&W; the command '&W' burns the new baud rate into the modem's non-volatile memory.

You can reset the modem's communication rate by returning to this window and typing AT+IPR=19200&W.

4. Configure U90 Ladder's modem initialization commands.

1. Start U90 Ladder. Open the PC Modem Configuration box by selecting PC Modem Configuration from the Controller menu. To enable U90 Ladder to communicate with the GSM modem, you must edit the initialization commands.

2. Access the initialization commands by clicking on the Edit Initialization Commands button shown below. The window containing the commands turns white; you can now edit commands.

3. If you are using a SIM card that has a PIN number, enter a new initialization command AT+CPIN="XXXX", where XXXX is the 4-digit PIN #.
4. End the list of commands by entering the AT command eight times as shown below.

5. After you have made these changes, close the PC Modem Configuration box.

6. Open the M90 OPLC box by selecting M90 OPLC from the Controller menu.

7. Set the M90 OPLC’s Time-Out to 2 seconds as shown below. This should allow sufficient time for PC-to-M90 communications via the GSM modem.

5. Dial the remote M90 modem from your PC.
Both GSM modems must contain SIM cards capable of data transfer. Check with your SIM card supplier to see if your SIM card is capable of data transfer.

Note ♦
Note that only 3V SIM cards can be used with the GSM modem supplied with the Unitronics' GSM Modem Kits.

Configuring the M90 to use a modem
The M90 can use a modem to send and receive calls. A programmer can also use a PC's modem to communicate with a remote M90 that is connected up to a modem.

Most modems automatically match the parameters of incoming data: baud rate, data bits, parity & stop bits. The M90's embedded modem settings are: 9600, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit. You may need to manually change your modem's communication settings to match these.

Note ♦ If calls are routed via a switchboard, note that the switchboard settings may interfere with communications. Consult with your switchboard provider.

♦ PC/PLC modem communications: Both PC and controller must use the same type of modem: either landline or GSM. Internal PC modems must be used in conjunction with the driver provided by the modem's manufacturer.

M90 modem configuration
1. Open the M90 Modem Configuration box by selecting Modem Configuration from the Controller menu.
2. To enable the M90 to use a modem, check the 'Use Modem' box shown below. This causes the M90 to automatically turn on SB 72, Initialize Modem, at power-up.
The default modem initialization commands that appear above are standard for most modems. If your modem requires different commands, you can edit them.

3. To edit initialization commands, click on the Edit Initialization Commands button shown below.

4. The window containing the commands turns white; you can now add, delete or edit commands.

Note that you can restore the default commands by clicking the Default Initialization button.

You can also enter a wait command.
5. Select whether to use pulse or tone dialing, as is required by your system, by clicking on the appropriate box. You can also leave both blank (default).
You can also edit the modem's time-out settings:

6. Display the Modem Time-out settings by clicking the Advanced button. Set the appropriate times as shown below.

**Phone Book**

The Phone Book is where you define the list of numbers that the M90 can dial. You can enter up to six numbers. Each phone number is automatically linked to an index number. Each phone number can be up to 18 characters long. You can also add a description to identify the location or other details of the number to be dialed.

**Entering numbers in the Phone Book**

1. Click on an empty line in the Phone Book, then type in the number, *exactly* as you would dial from a standard phone, including area codes. To dial an outside line, enter the prefix number required and follow it with a comma as shown below.

   This comma causes the short pause, or delay, that is required by many systems.

To edit the phone book, click in a number or description, then make your changes.

**Downloading, uploading, and comparing settings**

You download modem settings **to** the M90 by clicking the Download button on the tool bar. You can also upload settings **from** the M90 by clicking the Upload button. Note that downloading overwrites any settings that may already be in the M90; uploading settings overwrites any settings that you have made in your application.
You can compare your application's modem settings to the settings that are already within the M90—before downloading or uploading:

1. Display the settings for both your application and the M90 by clicking on the Upload Verify button.
2. Two windows open. The left window shows the settings you have set in your application; you can edit these settings. The right window shows the current settings within the M90; these are read-only.

Note that an M90 cannot be configured for both SMS messaging and modem communications. If this is done, SMS messaging will override modem communications—the M90 will not be able to use the modem.

For Advanced users check: How the M90 works with a modem.

**Modem Communications— System Bits and Integers**

Relevant System Bits, System Integers, and Modem Error Messages are listed below.

**Modems: General**

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<th>System Bits</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Description</th>
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| SB 72       | Initialize Modem | Causes modem initialization. Remains ON until initialization is complete, then turns off. Note that:  
• This SB turns ON at power-up. You can disable this SB at power-up to avoid initializing the modem.  
• You may use this SB to initialize the modem at any point during your application. |
| SB 73       | Modem Initialization: Succeeded | Signals that modem has been initialized. When SB 73 is ON, M90 is ready to both make and receive calls. |
| SB 74       | Modem Initialization: Failed | Signals that modem initialization failed. SI 70 contains the error code. |
| SB 75       | Modems Connected | Turns ON when connection is established |
| SB 76       | Disconnect Modem | Ends call (hang-up) |
Dial Remote Modem

**System Integers**

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<th>SI</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>70</td>
<td>Modem: Error Code</td>
<td>Contains an error code resulting from a modem error. The list is shown below.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>71</td>
<td>Modem: Phone Number</td>
<td>Contains the phone number to be dialed. You create a phone book when you configure the modem. Each phone number in the phone book is linked to an index number. Use the Store Direct function to place the index number of desired phone number in SI 71, then activate SB 77 to dial it.</td>
</tr>
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**Error Messages (SI 70)**

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<th>Number</th>
<th>Error Message</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>No Error</td>
<td>No error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>No Carrier</td>
<td>No carrier signal found--reason unknown. Check your communication cables.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Modem Did Not Reply</td>
<td>The modem referred to is the one on the M90 side.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>No Dial Tone</td>
<td>No dial tone.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Line is Busy</td>
<td>The number dialed is engaged.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>No Carrier While Dialing</td>
<td>Carrier signal was lost during dialing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Modem Report Error</td>
<td>May be due to an incorrect number or unknown initialization commands.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Modem Report Unknown Message</td>
<td>An unrecognized message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>No Phone Number</td>
<td>SI 71 contains a number that is not linked to any phone number stored in the phone book.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>RS232 Port Busy</td>
<td>The RS232 port is already in use.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**SMS System Bits and Integers**

Listed below are the System Bits, System Integers, and Error Messages that are used by the M90 in SMS messaging.

**System Bits**

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<th>SB</th>
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<th>Description</th>
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<td>180</td>
<td>Initialize GSM Modem for SMS</td>
<td>This is necessary to enable use of the SMS feature. Note that the modem must first be initialized using SB 70.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>181</td>
<td>SMS: Initialization Succeeded</td>
<td>Signals that GSM modem has been initialized. The modem is now ready to send and receive SMS messages.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>182</td>
<td>SMS: Initialization Failed</td>
<td>Signals that GSM modem has failed. SI 180 contains the error code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>183</td>
<td>Send SMS</td>
<td>Send the string that is represented by the index number stored in SI 182, to the phone number represented by the index number stored in SI 181.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>184</td>
<td>SMS: Transmission succeeded</td>
<td>Signals that SMS has been successfully transmitted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>185</td>
<td>SMS: Transmission Failed</td>
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183 equals 0. SI 184 contains the index number of the SMS string that has been received. Only messages that have been defined in the SMS messages list can be received by the M90.

This bit signals one of the errors listed below. SI 180 contains the error code.

Allows the user to block reception of SMS messages

This prints a message with CR (Carriage Return) & LF (Line Feed)

This prints a message with LF (Line Feed)

This prints a message without CR (Carriage Return) or LF (Line Feed)

Get GSM antennae signal quality. The signal quality is contained in SI 185 GSM Signal Quality.

Deletes all of the SMS messages from SIM

This prints a message including STX and ETX.

Contains an error code resulting from a SMS error. The list is shown below

Contains the index number of a phone number within the GSM phone book. Use the Store Direct function to place the index number of the desired phone number in SI 181. Storing the value '0' into SI 181 causes a message to be sent to the last number to which an SMS message was sent. When auto-acknowledge is selected, the number 7 will be automatically placed into SI 181 when the SMS is acknowledged.

Contains the index number that represents the SMS string to be sent. Use the Store Direct function to place the index number of the desired SMS string in SI 182.

Contains the index number that represents the phone number from which the SMS was sent. If this number is not defined in the GSM phone book, SI 183 will contain 0.

Contains the index number that represents the SMS that has been received. If this number is not defined in the SMS message list, SI 184 will contain 0.

GSM antenna signal quality. If this is less than 11, reposition the antenna. You can use SB 192, Get GSM antennae signal quality, together with this SI.

No error

The GSM modem was not initialized. Before using the SMS feature the modem must be initialized. Refer to relevant help sections.

The GSM modem referred to is the one on the M90 side.

Modem returns an unrecognized reply

The Personal Identification Number that was given does not match that of the SIM card installed in the M90’s GSM modem.
Failed Registration
GSM modem did not register successfully, for example if no network was found, or if the modem antenna is not functioning.

No Phone Number
SI 181 contains a number that is not linked to any phone number stored in the GSM phone book.

Transmit: Undefined String number
SI 182 contains a string number that is not linked to any string number stored in the SMS Messages List.

Unauthorized Origin
This SMS string has been transmitted from an unauthorized phone number.

Illegal String Received
The string received is not linked to any string stored in the SMS Messages List. SI 184 will contain 0.

RS232 Port Busy
The RS232 port is already in use; for example, the modem is currently connected.

SMS not successfully sent to all numbers
The SMS message was not successfully sent to all the phone numbers for which it was configured.

PUK number needed
The SIM card is locked due to too many attempts to enter an incorrect PIN number.

Networks
About M90 networks
You can create a decentralized control network of up to 63 controllers using CANbus-enabled M90 models. This is sometimes called a multi-master network. In an M90 network, CANbus enables inter-PLC data exchange. Technical specifications and wiring diagrams are given in the M90 User Guide.

Using your PC, you can access a networked M90 unit via its RS232 port. You can then view, read, and write data into any unit. This feature can also allow you to view your network via a SCADA program.

Assigning a Unit ID number
When you create an M90 network, you must assign a Unit ID number to each controller. A Unit ID number is unique. It must be used only once within a network.

You use this number for two purposes:
- To enable the M90 controllers to exchange data.
- To access a networked M90 via your PC.

To set a Unit ID number:

1. Click Controller on the Standard menu bar.

2. Select M90 OPLC Settings from the Controller menu.
3. The **M90 OPLC Settings** window opens.

4. Enter the new ID number in the Unit ID window.
5. Click << Set to enter the new IN number.

Displaying the Unit ID Tool Bar

1. Display the Unit ID by selecting M90 ID from the controller.
2. The Unit ID tool bar opens as shown below.
To download via an M90 bridge to a networked M90, you must select the unique ID of the networked M90. When you enter ‘0’ as the Unit ID number, you communicate directly with the M90 that you are using as a bridge to the network.

**Enabling M90 to M90 data exchange within a CANbus network**

When you create a CANbus network, you assign each controller a unique Unit ID number, 1 through 63.

You use these unique ID numbers when you write your network control program. You address operands using the unique ID number. This allows the M90 units to access data from other controllers, using special SIs and SBs in combination with the Unit ID number.

Each controller can read the information contained in SI 200 & SI 201 and SB 200- SB 207 and 16 first Inputs I 0 - I 15 in other units.

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To read the information from a controller, the addressing to an SI or SB must be combined with the Unit ID number of the controller being read from.

**Example:**

We want to add the value in SI 200 in unit #2 with another MI.
Note: You can connect up to 63 units in a CANbus network. Each controller can read information from up to 8 other controllers in the network.

CANbus networking is featured in several sample applications, check the application '8 PLCs + Alarm'. These applications may be found by selecting Sample U90 Projects from the Help Menu.

**Using your PC to access a network**

You can use your PC to access any M90 unit within a network. To do this, you connect your PC to any M90 in the network using the programming cable supplied with the M90 controller as shown below. This M90 is your 'bridge' to the rest of the network.

Via the bridge, you can download, upload, and edit programs—you can perform any action that can be performed via direct communications. You can also view runtime data. This does not affect the running of the control program.
Communications

Note that different PCs can access a network at the same time, using different M90 units as bridges. However, 2 different PCs cannot simultaneously access the same M90 unit.

To communicate with different M90 units via the bridge, you:

1. Select Network as shown below.
2. Select the M90 you wish to communicate with by entering its unique ID number.

According to the figure above, the PC would communicate with M90 number 2.

However, note that once your project is defined as a Network project, U90 Ladder cannot automatically detect the bridges' communication settings. In order to communicate via the bridge, your current communication settings must be identical with those of the bridge. Note too, that the bridge's RS232 baud rate cannot be set below 9600.

SMS

About SMS messaging

SMS messaging is a feature of GSM-based cellular telephone services. SMS-enabled M90 controllers can use SMS messaging to send and receive data to and from a cell phone. Both fixed text and variable data can be communicated. This feature can be used to transmit data and for remote diagnostics.

SMS messaging is featured in several sample applications; these may be found by selecting Sample U90 Projects from the Help Menu.
In order to use this feature, you must connect an SMS-enabled M90 model to a GSM modem, which is sometimes called a cellular IP modem. Other modems do not support connection to a cellular network.

SMS messaging is subject to all of the limitations of normal cellular network use, as for example network availability.

**Note that SMS messages are limited to the English character set.**

**Overview of M90 SMS messaging**

To enable the M90 to use SMS messaging, you must:

1. Create the SMS phone book, which determines where the M90 can send SMS messages.
2. Create SMS messages.
3. Configure the SMS Message Properties for each SMS message.
4. Configure your SMS messaging features.
5. Download the project to the M90.
6. Connect the M90 to a GSM modem

After you have performed the above procedures, you can use SMS messages in your application.

Once SMS messages have been created, configured, and downloaded to the M90, the M90 can receive these messages from a GSM cell phone.

Note that you must use the English character set to write SMS messages.

**Configuring SMS messaging features**

In order to use the SMS feature, your M90 must be connected to a GSM modem. To enable the M90 to use the GSM modem, select the 'Use SMS Messaging' option shown below. This causes the M90 to turn on SB 180, Initialize GSM Modem, at power-up.

The M90's embedded GSM modem settings are: 19200, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit. You may need to manually change your modem's communication settings to match these parameters.

If your GSM modem requires a PIN code to connect to a GSM network, enter it as shown below.

![Image of SMS configuration interface]

**Limit to Authorized Phone Numbers**

Select this option to prevent the M90 from receiving SMS messages from any number not listed in the SMS phone book.

**Creating SMS messages**

You can create up to 99 SMS messages, or up to a total of 1k, whichever comes first. Each SMS message can contain up to 140 characters. SMS messages can include both fixed text and variable data.
Creating SMS text messages

Note that you must use the English character set to write SMS messages.

1. Open the SMS editor by selecting SMS Configuration from the Controller menu.
2. Enter fixed text by placing your cursor within a line and typing normally. You may use any keyboard symbols except for number symbols (#). These have a specific purpose which is described below.

1. Cut and copy messages by clicking on the Cut button. This removes all of the text and variables from a message, but does not delete the line.
2. Copy messages by clicking on the Copy button. This copies all of the text and variables.
3. Paste by clicking on the Paste button. You can paste over an existing message. This action erases any information in the line.
4. Use the Insert button to add a line below the line containing the cursor.
5. Use the Delete button to remove a line below the line containing the cursor.

Attaching variables

You can attach up to 9 Integer or List Variables to an SMS message. Each variable can include up to 16 characters. Attaching variables to an SMS message is similar to attaching variables to an HMI display. However, the variable must already be in the variable list—you cannot link a variable before it has been created.

Integer variables can be sent and received with SMS messages. List variables can only be sent to a cell phone.

As with HMI variables, you must create a Display Field for the display of the variable's value.

1. Click your cursor where you want to locate the variable text.
2. Hold down the Shift key on your PC keyboard, while you press the right-pointing arrow key. A square is highlighted each time you press the arrow key. The first square displays the number of highlighted squares.
3. Release the Shift key. The Select Operand and Address box opens.
4. Enter the variable number and description, then click OK as shown below.

5. The SMS message now appears together with the variable field.
Deleting variables

1. Place your cursor in the highlighted Variable field.
2. Press the Backspace or Delete key until the entire field is erased.

Testing messages

1. To test your messages, click on the Compile button. If, for example, you have attached 'illegal' variables--not integer or list variables--the first illegal variable will be displayed.

Sending SMS messages from a GSM cell phone

To send SMS messages from your cell phone you must:

- Write and download SMS messages to the M90 as described in Creating SMS messages.
- Write an SMS message in your cell phone.
- Send the message to the M90's GSM modem

Note that you can only send messages that have already been set in the M90. In addition, if an M90 is configured with the Limited to Authorized Phone Numbers option, you will not be able to send it SMS messages if your number is not in the list.

Writing SMS messages in your cell phone

You write an SMS message using your cell phone keypad. Make sure that:

- The fixed text in your cell phone is identical to the M90's SMS message in every detail: spaces, characters--and note that characters are case-sensitive.
- You bracket variable values with number signs (#) as shown below. These signs '#' do not count as spaces.
- The variable field in the M90 is big enough to hold the value.

The figure below shows the same SMS message: as it appears on a cell phone display, and as it appears in the M90's SMS Messages List.

When you send this message from your cell phone, the value 110 will be written into Variable 1 in the M90.
Sending the message to the M90

1. Enter the number of the M90's GSM modem exactly as you would enter any GSM cell phone number, then send the message.

Checking that the M90 has received the SMS message

You can check if the M90 received your message by using the Acknowledge feature:

1. Select the ACK box as shown below.

2. Use your cell phone to send the message "Holding Temperature:#110#" to the M90.

3. The M90 receives this SMS message.
4. The M90 immediately returns the message to your cell phone, together with the current variable value.
5. You can now view this SMS message on your cell phone display, together with changes in the variable value.

Variable Types

Although SMS messaging supports Integer and List variables, note that you cannot send List variables via cell phone.
SMS Message Properties

Before you can use an SMS message in your application, you must configure its properties.

1. Open the SMS Messages Properties box by clicking in the fields at the beginning of a message as shown below.

2. Link a Send MB to this message by clicking on the Send button. The Select Operand and Address box opens.

3. Select an MB, then press OK. The MB's number and description appear in the Send fields.

4. Repeat Steps 2 & 3 to link a Receive MB.

   Note that a message does not need to be linked to both a Send and Receive MB.

5. Link the GSM cell phone numbers to this message by checking the boxes of the desired numbers. You can also select Last Received Phone Number. This will cause this SMS message to be sent to the origin of the last SMS message received by the M90.

   Note that you cannot edit the SMS phone book while you are configuring SMS Message

6. When you have finished, click Exit.

In the message below, the Send MB is 11, the Receive MB is 12, and the checked box under P means that phone numbers have been linked to this message. ACK has also been selected.

ACK-Acknowledge message

This feature allows a cell phone user to check if the M90 has received a particular message.
SMS phone book
The SMS phone book is where you define the list of GSM cell phone numbers that the M90 can use for SMS messaging. The phone book holds 6 numbers; however, you can dial more numbers by using an MI pointer. Each phone number can be up to 18 characters long. You can also add a description to identify who is being called.

Entering numbers in the Phone Book

1. Open the Phone Book by clicking the button on the toolbar.
2. Click on an empty line in the Phone Book shown below, then type in the number.

Note that there are two formats for entering phone numbers shown below. If **Limit to Authorized Phone Numbers** is not selected, the M90 can send and receive SMS messages to/from any number in the Phone Book.

If **Limit to Authorized Phone Numbers** is selected:
- Format 1: The M90 **can** receive messages from this number. This is because the number is in full GSM format, including the ‘+’ in front of the country code.
- Format 2: The M90 **cannot** receive messages from this number.

To edit the phone book, click in a number or description, then make your changes.
**SMS Phone Number: via MI Pointer**

Use this utility to use an MI vector as one of the phone numbers in the SMS phone book. This allows you to:

- Enable a number to be dialed via the M90's keypad.
- Exceed the 6 number limit of the SMS phone book.

Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by:

- Storing the start address of the MI vector needed to contain the phone number into SI 141,
- Entering the characters MI, in capital letters, in the **SMS phone book**,
- Using the index number of that line to call the number, which enables the number in the MI vector to be called,
- Storing 400 into SI 140 to select the function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters. Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.
### SMS System Bits and Integers

Listed below are the System Bits, System Integers, and Error Messages that are used by the M90 in SMS messaging.

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<td>Signals that GSM modem has been initialized. The modem is now ready to send and receive SMS messages.</td>
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<td>Send the string that is represented by the index number stored in SI 182, to the phone number represented by the index number stored in SI 181.</td>
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<td>Signals that SMS has been successfully transmitted</td>
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Error in Received SMS: This bit signals one of the errors listed below. SI 180 contains the error code.

Ignore Received SMS: Allows the user to block reception of SMS messages.

Print SMS message: This prints a message with CR (Carriage Return) & LF (Line Feed).

Print SMS message: This prints a message with LF (Line Feed).

Print SMS message: This prints a message without CR (Carriage Return) or LF (Line Feed).

Get GSM antenna signal quality: Get GSM antennae signal quality. The signal quality is contained in SI 185 GSM Signal Quality.

Delete SMS messages from SIM: Deletes all of the SMS messages from the SIM card.

Print SMS message: This prints a message including STX and ETX.

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<td>modem must be initialized. Refer to relevant help sections.</td>
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<td>GSM Modem Did Not Reply</td>
<td>The GSM modem referred to is the one on the M90 side.</td>
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<td>Modem Reports Unknown Message</td>
<td>Modem returns an unrecognized reply</td>
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<td>Failed Registration</td>
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Using SMS messages in your application

To cause the M90 to send an SMS message, you use the Send MB which is linked to that message. In the figures below, the Send MB is 11. When MB 11 is turned ON in your application, this message will be sent. The Send MB is turned OFF automatically after the message has been sent.

The Receive MB is 12. When this message is received by the M90, MB 12 will turn ON. You must turn the Receive MB OFF in your application in order to register the next time this message is received.
**How the M90 works with SMS messaging**

To allow the M90 to use SMS messaging, you select 'Use SMS messaging' in the M90 OPLC SMS Configuration box.

The charts below show the actual process—exactly how the M90 initializes and works with a GSM modem. This information is provided for advanced users who may require it for a specific application, or for troubleshooting.

**Initialization**

When the M90 is turned on, SB72-Initialize Modem turns ON as part of power-up. Modern initialization takes 5-10 seconds.

After initialization, the M90 can send and receive SMS messages.
Sending Messages

Note that a cell phone will not be able to receive a message if its SIM card is full.

Receiving SMS messages

The chart below shows how the M90 receives SMS messages. It also shows what happens if the M90 receives an SMS message marked 'Acknowledge'.
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<td>184</td>
<td>SMS: Transmission succeeded</td>
<td>Signals that SMS has been successfully transmitted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>185</td>
<td>SMS: Transmission Failed</td>
<td>Signals that SMS has failed. SI 180 contains the error code</td>
</tr>
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</table>
186 SMS Received

Signals that a defined SMS has been received. SI 183 contains the index number identifying the origin of the SMS, if this number has been stored in the SMS phone book. If the number is not found, SI 183 equals 0.

SI 184 contains the index number of the SMS string that has been received. Only messages that have been defined in the SMS messages list can be received by the M90.

187 Error in Received SMS

This bit signals one of the errors listed below. SI 180 contains the error code.

188 Ignore Received SMS

Allows the user to block reception of SMS messages

**System Integers**

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<tr>
<th>SI</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>180</td>
<td>SMS Error Code</td>
<td>Contains an error code resulting from a SMS error. The list is shown below</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>181</td>
<td>SMS: Send to Phone Number</td>
<td>Contains the index number of a phone number within the GSM phone book. Use the Store Direct function to place the index number of the desired phone number in SI 181. Storing the value '0' into SI 181 causes a message to be sent to the last number to which an SMS message was sent. When auto-acknowledge is selected, the number 7 will be automatically placed into SI 181 when the SMS is acknowledged.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>182</td>
<td>SMS: String Number to Send</td>
<td>Contains the index number that represents the SMS string to be sent. Use the Store Direct function to place the index number of the desired SMS string in SI 182.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>183</td>
<td>Origin of Received SMS</td>
<td>Contains the index number that represents the phone number from which the SMS was sent. If this number is not defined in the GSM phone book, SI 183 will contain 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>184</td>
<td>Received SMS String</td>
<td>Contains the index number that represents the SMS that has been received. If this number is not defined in the SMS message list, SI 184 will contain 0.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Error Messages (SI 180)**

<table>
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<th>Number</th>
<th>Error Message</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>No error</td>
<td>No error found</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>GSM Modem Not Initialized</td>
<td>The GSM modem was not initialized. Before using the SMS feature the modem must be initialized. Refer to relevant help sections.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>GSM Modem Did Not Reply</td>
<td>The GSM modem referred to is the one on the M90 side.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Modem Reports Unknown Message</td>
<td>Modem returns an unrecognized reply</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Wrong PIN number</td>
<td>The Personal Identification Number that was given does not match that of the SIM card installed in the M90’s GSM modem.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Failed Registration</td>
<td>GSM modem did not register successfully, for example if no network was found, or if the modem antenna is not functioning.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>No Phone Number</td>
<td>SI 181 contains a number that is not linked to any phone number stored in the GSM phone book.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Transmit: Undefined String number</td>
<td>SI 182 contains a string number that is not linked to any string number stored in the SMS Messages List.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Unauthorized Origin</td>
<td>This SMS string has been transmitted from an unauthorized phone number.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Illegal String Received</td>
<td>The string received is not linked to any string stored in the SMS Messages List. SI 184 will contain 0.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
RS232 Port Busy
The RS232 port is already in use; for example, the modem is currently connected.

SMS not successfully sent to all numbers
The SMS message was not successfully sent to all the phone numbers for which it was configured.

PUK number needed
The SIM card is locked due to too many attempts to enter an incorrect PIN number.

**SMS messaging problems**

You can begin troubleshooting by entering Information Mode. You can then check the status of relevant System Bits and Integers to help diagnose the problem.

To begin diagnosing the problem, check the error codes contained in SI 70 and SI 180. Refer to the error code tables Modem Communications-- System Bits and Integers and in SMS System Bits and Integers.

The tables below show the more common causes of SMS communication problems.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Problem</th>
<th>SI 70 value</th>
<th>Possible Cause &amp; Recommended Action</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Modem fails to initialize</td>
<td>2: Modem Did Not Reply</td>
<td>M90-to-GSM modem cable: Make sure that the cable is securely connected. Check the pin-out of the M90-to-modem adapter cables. Note that if you use cables comprising this pin-out, you must set the RS232 parameter Flow Control to N (none). Incompatible communication settings. Most modems automatically match the parameters of incoming data: baud rate, data bits, parity &amp; stop bits. The M90’s embedded GSM modem settings are: 19200, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit. You may need to manually change your modem’s communication settings to match these.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Modem fails to initialize</td>
<td>0: No Error</td>
<td>SB 72 / SB180: OFF In order to work with a GSM modem, you must select ‘Use GSM modem’ in the SMS configuration box. This causes SB 72 Initialize Modem and SB 180 Initialize GSM modem to turn ON when the M90 powers up. Check that these SBs are not disabled in your program.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Modem fails to initialize</td>
<td>6: Modem Report Error</td>
<td>Check the modem initialization commands. Refer to Configuring the M90 to use a modem.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Other Common Problems:**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Problem</th>
<th>SI 180 value</th>
<th>Possible Cause &amp; Recommended Action</th>
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<tr>
<td>GSM modem not initialized</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Refer to table above</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wrong PIN number</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Check the PIN number contained in the SMS Configuration box, leave it empty if your SIM card has no PIN number.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Failed Registration</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>GSM modem did not register successfully, for example if no network was found, or if the modem antenna is not functioning.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PUK number needed</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>The SIM card is locked due to too many attempts to enter an incorrect PIN number.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cell phone does not receive</td>
<td>No value</td>
<td>Check the cell phone's SIM card; it may be full. You can clear the SIM card using SB 193 Delete all SMS</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
message  messages from SIM card.
**Ladder**

**Ladder Net**

A U90 Ladder net is the smallest division of a ladder diagram in Unitronics’ U90 Ladder software.

Your first ladder element on the left must be connected to the left side of the ladder in each net. You do **not** need to connect the last element on the right to the right side of the ladder in each net.

You should place only one ladder rung on a Ladder net.

Power flows through the ladder elements in a net from left to right. If you build a net that would result in reverse power flow (right to left) the following error message occurs:

Placing more than one rung in a net may cause compiler problems in your project.

Examples:

This net is constructed properly.

This net is constructed properly.
This net is improperly constructed and contains two rungs.

The rungs in the net below should be placed in two nets as shown below:

Placing Contacts & Coils

To place a Contact / Coil on a net:

1. Click once to select the desired contact / coil.
2. Move the element to the desired net position.

3. Click to place the element. The Operand and Address dialog box opens.

4. Select the Operand type from the drop-down menu.

5. Enter the Operand Address and symbol. Click OK.
6. The element appears on the net with the selected Operand Address and symbol

### Placing a Function Block

To place a Compare / Math / Logic function block on a net:

1. Click on the menu containing the desired type of function block, OR
   Right-click on a net to display the toolbar, then click on the desired menu; the menu opens.

2. Select the desired operation.

3. Move the function block to the desired net position.

4. Click to place the element. The Operand Address and symbol dialog box opens.
5. Select the desired Operand type.

6. Enter the Operand Address and symbol or constant value for each block variable. Click OK

7. The function block appears on the net with the selected block variable values and symbols.
Ladder Logic

You use Ladder Logic to write your project application. U90 Ladder is based on Boolean principals and follows IEC 1131-3 conventions.

Ladder Diagrams are composed of different types of contact, coil and function block elements. In U90 Ladder, these elements are placed on nets.

In any Ladder Diagram, the contacts represent input conditions. They lead power from the left rail to the right rail. Coils represent output instructions. In order for output coils to be activated, the logical state of the contacts must allow the power to flow through the net to the coil.

Comments

To insert comments:

1. On the Ladder toolbar, click Insert Comment icon.

2. Move your cursor to the net in which you wish to insert a comment and click.

3. The Comment will appear above the net.
4. Type in your comments.

This is where you write comments.

The length and content of your comments will have no effect on your project. They are not downloaded to the controller and do not affect the memory or word size of a project.

**Connecting elements: Line Draw**

Use the Line Draw tool to connect elements.

If you have a long series of elements in one net, you can use the Line Draw tool to extend the rung within the net.

To use the Line Draw tool:

1. Place your cursor in the empty space in a net and double-click or click the Line Draw icon.
2. Your cursor changes into a drawing hand.
   Click and drag to draw the desired line to connect two elements in the net. Do not leave spaces between lines and elements. This may cause a compile error.

3. 

**Copy and Paste Elements**

You can copy one or more elements from a net to paste into another net.

To Copy and Paste U90 Ladder elements in a net:

1. Select the element(s) you want to copy.

2. Select Copy.
3. Select Paste.

4. Move the pointer to the net that you want to paste into

5. Click.

Note that the element(s) will appear in the same area in the new net as where they were in the copied net.

Copying multiple nets
To copy more than one net:

1. Select the first net by clicking on the left net bar.
2. Hold the **Shift** button and click on the last net in the range that you want to copy.
3. Click Copy on the Standard toolbar.

Moving Elements

To move an element within a net:

1. Select the element by single clicking on the element function (not the Operand and address area).

2. Hold the mouse button down. The cursor changes to a hand.

3. Move the mouse to re-position the element on the net. Release the mouse button.
Replacing Ladder elements

To exchange one element for another within the same element family:

1. Select the element that you want to exchange.

2. Right click to open the pop-up menu.
3. Select **Replace Ladder Element** option.

4. Select the desired replacement element type.
5. The element appears with the new element type.

Restoring System Symbols

To restore System Symbol values:

Keep in mind that there are SBs and SIs reserved for use by the system, such as SB 4 Divide by Zero or SI 4 Divide Remainder. Those SBs and SIs cannot be written into. If you accidentally write into them, you can recover their symbols.

Note that SBs and SIs are for system use. Even those currently ‘blank’ may be assigned a function in a later controller model. Writing into System Bits and System Integers is solely at
the discretion of the programmer and the programmer is solely responsible for any problems that may arise as a result.

**Scrolling between nets**

To move quickly between nets:

1. Click on the scroll box.
2. Holding the mouse button down, drag the scroll box up or down to the desired net number.

**Viewing Logic Power Flow in a net**

The **Show Power Flow** feature enables you to check the logic of a net you create.

You can see the Power Flow directions and, from these, how the net will work in the project.

1. Right-click on the left Ladder bar. The Compiler Results menu appears.
2. Select Show Power Flow.

3. The net lines change color according to the power flow direction.
Each color represents a different direction of power flow.

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<th>Line Color</th>
<th>Power Direction</th>
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<td>Dark Green</td>
<td>Down</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Light Green</td>
<td>Up</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dark Blue</td>
<td>Left to Right</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Light Blue</td>
<td>Right to Left</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Up or Down</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Displaying an Operand Symbol in the Ladder Diagram**

In the Ladder Editor, you can view an element description as:

- An Operand and Address
- A Symbol
- Operand, Address and Symbol

To change the element description view format:

1. Click **Format** on the Standard menu bar.

2. The **View Format** menu opens.
3. Select the desired view format.

4. All of the Ladder elements appear with the selected view format.
Intersecting lines: Junction

To check for junctions:

1. When you draw intersecting lines with the Line Draw tool, the line intersections are simply 90 degree angles.

2. After compiling the project, there will be a small circle at each junction. This circle shows you that the compiler recognized these line intersections as junctions.

Ladder Nets with Feedbacks

According to IEC 1131-3, it is possible to create Ladder Diagram nets that contain feedback loops, i.e. where an element is used as both contact(s) and coil(s) in the same net.

In Ladder Diagram, all external input values such as those associated with contacts are gathered before each net is evaluated.
In the above example:

Where the net uses the state of its own output, the value of FAN (MB 7) coil associated with an inverted contact of MB 7 is always the value resulting from the previous evaluation.

However, if the value of FAN (MB 7) is used in any following nets, the latest evaluated state is used.

**Elements**

**U90 Ladder Elements**

**Contacts**

- Direct Contact (NO)  
- Inverted Contact (NC)  
- Positive Transition (Rise)  
- Negative Transition (Fall)

**Coils**

- Direct Coil  
- Inverted (negated) Coil  
- Set Coil  
- Reset Coil

**Compare Functions**

- Greater Than
Greater/Equal  
Equal  
Not Equal  
Less/Equal  
Less Than  

Math Functions  
Add  
Subtract  
Multiply  
Divide  

Logic Functions  
AND  
OR  
XOR  

Clock Functions  
Time  
Day Of Week  
Day Of Month  
Month  
Year  

Contacts  
A contact represents an action or condition. A contact can be:

- Input
- Output
- Memory Bit
- System Bit
- Timer

Each contact condition in a net is loaded into the bit accumulator and evaluated to determine the coil (output or expression) condition. There are 4 types of contacts:

- Direct Contact
- Inverted Contact
- Positive Transition Contact (Rise or One Shot)
- Negative Transition Contact (Fall)
Contacts can be connected in both series and parallel on a U90 Ladder net.

To insert a Contact from the Ladder toolbar onto a Ladder net:

1. Click once to select the desired contact.
2. Move your mouse to the desired net position.
3. Click again.

There is no need to click and hold after selecting a contact.

**Direct Contacts**

A Direct Contact is a normally open contact condition. A Direct Contact condition can be:

- Input
- Output
- Memory Bit
- System Bit
- Timer

A Direct Contact condition can be an external input device (for example: a push button) or an internal input system element (for example: SB 50 Key +/- is pressed).

A door buzzer contains an example of a Direct Contact. When you push the buzzer, the buzzer sounds. When you release the buzzer, the sound stops.

During the system scan, the processor evaluates the program elements net by net.

If the Direct Contact address (the door buzzer) is OFF (logic 0): power will not flow through the Direct Contact. The door buzzer is silent.

If the Direct Contact address (the door buzzer) is ON (logic 1): power will flow through the Direct Contact. The door buzzer sounds.

**Inverted Contacts**

An Inverted Contact represents a normally closed contact condition. An Inverted Contact can be:

- Input
- Output
- Memory Bit
- System Bit
- Timer

An Inverted Contact condition can be from an external input device (for example: a push button) or from an internal input system element (for example: SB 50 Key +/- is pressed).

An emergency light contains an example of an Inverted Contact.

- Normally there is power flow through the emergency light's Inverted Coil and the light stays off.
- During an electric power outage, the power flow through the Inverted Coil stops and the emergency light comes on.

During the system scan, the processor evaluates the program elements net by net.

If the Inverted Contact address (power supply) is ON (logic 1): power will flow through the Inverted Contact. The emergency light will stay off.

If the Inverted Contact address (power supply) is OFF (logic 0): power will not flow through the Inverted Contact. The emergency light comes on.
If the power outage ends and power flow is returned to the Inverted Contact, it will close again and the emergency light will go off again.

**Negative Transition Contact**

A Negative Transition Contact gives a single one-shot pulse when its reference address falls from ON (logic 1) to OFF (logic 0). A Negative Transition Contact is registering the fall in status from ON to OFF.

A Negative Transition Contact condition can be:

- Input
- Output
- Memory Bit
- System Bit
- Timer

A computer ON/OFF button is an example of a Negative Transition Contact. The computer is ON.

If you push the ON/OFF button in without releasing it - the computer will not shut off. Only when you release the button will the system register a change in status from ON to OFF and the computer will shut OFF.

During the system scan, a Negative Transition Contact address is evaluated for a transition from ON to OFF. A transition allows power to flow through the Negative Transition Contact for one scan.

At the end of the one scan, the Negative Transition Contact is reset to OFF (logic 0). Only after the triggering signal turns from OFF to ON again is there the possibility for the Negative Transition Contact to be re-activated by the next falling transition from ON to OFF.

**Positive Transition Contact**

A Positive Transition Contact gives a single one shot pulse when its address reference rises from OFF (logic 0) to ON (logic 1). A Positive Transition Contact is registering the change in status from OFF to ON. The length of the ON status is not relevant.

A Positive Transition Contact condition can be:

- Input
- Output
- Memory Bit
- System Bit
- Timer

A cellular phone keypad key is an example of a Positive Transition Contact. When you push a key a number is displayed on the screen. It does not matter if you push the key quickly or hold it down for several seconds. The number will only appear once on the screen.

The cellular phone registers the transition from no key pressed to a key pressed. The length of time the key is pressed is not relevant. You must release the key and press it again to repeat the number on the cellular phone screen.

During the system scan, a Positive Transition Contact address is evaluated for a transition from OFF to ON. A transition allows power to flow through the Positive Transition Contact for one scan.

At the end of the one scan the Positive Transition Contact is reset to OFF (logic 0) even if the triggering signal stays on. Only after the triggering signal turns from ON back to OFF is there the possibility for the Positive Transition Contact to be activated again with a rise from OFF to ON.
Coils

A coil represents a result or expression of an action. A coil can be:

- Memory Bit
- System Bit
- Output
- Timer

Each contact condition is evaluated in a net to determine the coil (result or expression) condition. There are 4 types of coils:

- Direct Coil
- Inverted Coil
- Set Coil
- Reset Coil

Recommended: Do not energize a coil more than once in a program.

To insert a Coil from the Ladder toolbar onto a Ladder net:

1. Click once to select the desired coil.
2. Move your mouse to the desired net position.
3. Click again.

There is no need to click and hold after selecting a coil. Note that, while the Direct, Set and Reset Coils are available on every menu, the Inverted Coil is not.

Direct Coil

A Direct Coil represents a direct result instruction of the conditions (contacts and/or function blocks) on the Ladder net before the Direct Coil. A Direct Coil instruction can be:

- Output
- Memory Bit
- System Bit
- Timer

The coil result can go to an external output device (for example: a light) or an internal system element (for example: SB 2 Power Up Bit).

A door buzzer contains an example of a Direct Coil. When the door buzzer button (Direct Contact) is pushed the door buzzer (Direct Coil) sounds. When you release the buzzer the sound stops.

During the system scan, the processor evaluates all of the program elements on the Ladder net before the Direct Coil for power flow continuity.

If no power flow continuity exists in the net (the door buzzer button is not pushed): the Direct Coil address instruction is OFF (logic 0). The door buzzer does not sound.

If power flow continuity exists in the net (the door buzzer button is pressed): the Direct Coil address instruction is ON (logic 1). The door buzzer sounds.

Inverted Coil

An Inverted Coil represents the opposite result instruction of the conditions (contacts and/or function blocks) on the Ladder net before the Inverted Coil. An Inverted Coil instruction can be:

- Output
- Memory Bit
System Bit
The result instruction can be to an external output device (for example: alarm bell) or to an internal system element (for example: SB 80 activate linearization).

During the system scan, the processor evaluates all of the program elements on the Ladder net before the Inverted Coil for power flow continuity.

If no power flow continuity exists in the net: the Inverted Coil address instruction is ON (logic 1).

If power flow continuity exists in the net: the Inverted Coil address is OFF (logic 0).

Set Coil
A set coil separates the coil from the action or condition that energized the coil. Once energized, a set coil's result is no longer dependant on the action that energized it. A set coil stays energized (latched) until its condition is reset (unlatched) by a reset coil.

A set coil can be:
- Memory Bit
- System Bit
- Output

An example of a set coil is an overhead light. When we turn on a light it stays lit until we turn it off (reset or unlatch it) or the light bulb burns out. Luckily, you do not have to hold the light switch to keep the light on.

An example of a coil that you do not want to be set (latched) is a car horn. You expect it to toot only when you press on the horn button and you expect it to stop when you stop pressing on the horn button.

Use set and reset coils to preserve a condition in a program.

Reset Coil
A reset coil turns off (unlatches) a set coil, provided that there is logic continuity to the reset coil. Once a set coil is energized it stays energized, independent of the original set condition, until a reset coil with the same address resets (unlatches) the coil condition.

A reset coil can be:
- Memory Bit
- System Bit
- Output

Do not use a set coil without a reset coil in a program.

Timers (T)
U90 Ladder offers 64 On Delay Timers. Timers have a preset value, a current value, and a bit value. Timers always count down from the Preset Value.

Click on the Timers folder in the Program Navigation pane to display the complete list of Timers. Scroll down to view the complete list.
To place a Timer in your program, place a direct coil in a net, and select T.

Note that a Timer value can be displayed in a Display as a current or elapsed value.

**Setting Timers**

To set a Timer’s time:

After selecting the Timer’s Address, the Timer value field is activated.

1. Enter the time.

2. You can also write the time into a Timer via the Timer list window

A Timer’s maximum preset value is:

Note that the time format is: **HH:MM:SS.hh**.

A timer can also be set via the M90 keypad.
**Presetting Timers via Keypad**

You can choose to set a timer via the M90 keypad.

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**Operands**

**Operands**

An element’s Operand is the form in which information is stored and operated on in the U90 Ladder program.

Operands lists are organized in categories, according to operand type:

- Input: $I$ (according to model and expansion)
- Output: $O$ (according to model and expansion)
- Memory Bit: $MB$ (0 - 255)
- Memory Integer: $MI$ (0 - 255)
- System Bit: $SB$ (0 - 255)
- System Integer: $SI$ (0 - 255)
- Timer: $T$ (0 - 63)

Every Operand has an Address and a Symbol.

Symbols appear together with the operand every time the operand and address are used in the program. There are two types of symbols: preset and user-created.

- Preset symbols are descriptions that are connected to System Bits and System Integers.
- User-created symbols are descriptions that are written by the user for a specific project application. The user assigns a particular description to a particular operand.

**Power-up**

You can assign Power Up values to most Data Types. These values are written into the operand by the program when the controller is turned on. Outputs, MBs, SBs can be set or reset; integer values can be written into MIs and SIs.
You can assign Power Up values when you place an element into a net, or by opening a Data Type list as shown below.

1. Click on the desired operand type.
2. Click on the Power Up field of the desired operand.
3. Click on the Power Up icon, then select or enter the desired value.

**Operand Addressing**

An Operand Address is the physical location in the M90 memory where the element information is stored.

For example:

- MB 10 - "10" is the address of the MB Operand
- MI 35 - "35" is the address of the MI Operand
- T 12 - "12" is the address of the Timer Operand

U90 Ladder allows you to create your own symbols before you write your program. This feature can help you to organize your project properly from the very beginning. You can also create symbols as you write your program. Symbols can be edited after you create them. Note that there is a default address setting for each operand type. The Default message box will appear if you do not specify an address:
**Inputs (I)**

Inputs are one Operand type available for writing a project application.

The number of Inputs varies according to the M90 model and I/O expansion rack.

An Input is an actual hardwired input connection into the controller.

Click on the Inputs folder in the Program Navigation pane to display the complete list of Inputs. Scroll down to view the complete list.

![Inputs](image1)

**Outputs (O)**

Outputs are one Operand type available for writing a project application.

The number of Outputs varies according to the M90 model and I/O expansion module.

An Output is an actual hardwired output connection from the controller.

Click on the Outputs folder in the Program Navigation pane to display the complete list of Outputs. Scroll down to view the complete list.

![Outputs](image2)
Timers (T)

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<th>Preset</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>T</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>☑</td>
<td>00:00:30.00</td>
<td></td>
<td>Duration of Ring 30 seconds</td>
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<td>T</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>00:00:00.00</td>
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To place a Timer in your program, place a direct coil in a net, and select T.

Note that a Timer value can be displayed in a Display as a current or elapsed value.
**Memory Bits (MB)**

Memory Bits are one Operand type available for writing a project application.

There are 256 MBs (Address MB 0 - MB 255).

Memory Bits hold a bit value (0 or 1).

Click on the Memory Bits folder in the Program Navigation pane to display the complete list of Memory Bits. Scroll down to view the complete list.

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**System Bits**

System Bits are the Operating System interface to the user writing the application. System Bits are reserved by the Operating System for particular functions. Some System Bits, for example, are connected to the M90's keypad keys.

There are 256 SBs (Address SB 0 - SB 255).

Only certain SBs may be written into by the programmer:

- SB 80: Activate Linearization
- SB 200 -SB 215: M90 Network Operand

Click on the System Bits folder in the Program Navigation pane to display the complete list of System Bits. Scroll down to view the complete list.
Memory Integers (MI)

Memory Integers are one Operand type available for writing a project application.

There are 256 MIs (Address MI 0 - MI 255).

Memory Integers hold an integer value ( -32768 to +32767).

Click on the Memory Integers folder in the Program Navigation pane to display the complete list of Memory Integers. Scroll down to view the complete list.
System Integers (SI)

System Integers are the Operating System interface to the user writing the application. System Integers are reserved by the Operating System for particular functions. Specific System Integers, for example, are connected to the M90's high speed counter/Shaft-encoder.

There are 256 SIs (Address SI 0 - SI 255).

Only certain SIs may be written into by the programmer:

- SI 2: Current HMI Display
- SI 80 - SI 84: Linearization Parameters
- SI 200, SI 201: M90 Network Operand

Click on the System Integers folder in the Program Navigation pane to display the complete list of System Integers. Scroll down to view the complete list.
Assigning an Operand Address by Symbol

1. After placing the element on the net, the Select Operand and Address dialog box opens.

2. Click on the Symbol drop-down menu.
3. Select the desired Address.

4. The element appears with the selected Address and Symbol.

Changing an Operand type
To change an Operand type:

1. Double click on the element's Operand.

2. The Operand and Address dialog box opens.

3. Select the new Operand type.
4. Enter the new Operand Address and symbol.

5. Click OK. The element appears on the net with the new Operand, Address and symbol.

Finding an Operand by symbol
To find an Operand by its symbol when placing an element on a net:

1. Click in the Symbol Search box in the Select Operand and Address dialog box.

2. The Symbol Search dialog box opens.
3. Begin entering the Symbol name for which you are searching. The list will become more specific the more letters you enter.

4. Select the desired Operand from the Symbol Search list.
5. Click OK. The selected element appears on the net with the desired Operand and Address.

Operand Locations List
To get a list of Operand locations:

If you already have one location where you know the Operand exists, you can select the Operand and then open the Find dialog box. A list of all locations of the selected Operand will appear.

1. Click on the Find icon in the Standard toolbar.

2. The Find function opens.
3. Select the name and address of the operand you wish to find.
4. Click the Find button shown below; a list appears showing every time that operand is used in the project.
5. Select the name and address of the operand you wish to replace as shown below.
6. Select the location of the operand or description you wish to replace by clicking it within the list.

7. Replace operands or their descriptions by clicking the buttons shown below.

Operands in use
To check what Operands are being used in a project:

1. Open the Window Menu on the Main menu bar.
2. Select the Operand type you wish to check.

3. The Operand List window opens. The Operands in use are marked with a check mark in the In Use box.
Operand Values:

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<td>C</td>
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The integer value range is $2^{16} - 1$: that is +32767 to -32768.

Keep this integer range in mind when creating function blocks.

For example: MI 75 + #50 = MI 76

If MI 75 goes beyond 32626, the integer value returned in MI 76 will be a **negative** number!

**Functions**

The following types of Function Blocks can be used in your program:

- Compare Functions
- Logic Functions
- Math Functions
- Store functions
- Clock Functions
Functions without Ladder elements

VisiLogic contains functions that are not represented by Ladder Elements. You can perform these functions by storing values into the System Integers listed here.

To select the function type, first store the number of the function in SI 140, then use SI 141 to 146 to contain the data to be used in the function.

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.

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Communication Utilities
- Interrupt
- Access indirectly addressed registers: Using the Database
- Load Indirect
- Load Timer Preset/Current Value
- Store Timer’s Preset/Current Value
- SMS phone number: via MI Pointer
- Shift Register
- Copy Vector
- Copy MI to Output vector, Input vector to MI
- Fill Vector
- Convert MB to MI, MI to MB
- Linearization
- Find Mean, Maximum, and Minimum Values
- A*B/C
- Square Root

Compare Functions
A compare function represents a data manipulation instruction. U90 Ladder uses function blocks to operate compare functions. Each function block takes 2 inputs (MI, SI or a constant integer) and manipulates them according to the function block instruction.

If the function block instructions are true (logic 1): power flows through the block.

If the function block instructions are false (logic 0): power does not flow through the block.

There are 6 types of Compare Functions:
- Greater Than
- Greater Than or Equal To
- Equal To
- Not Equal To
- Less Than or Equal To
- Less Than
Equal

The Equal function block evaluates input A to see if its constant integer value is equal to input B.

If input A is equal to input B: power will flow through the function block.

If input A is not equal to input B: power will not flow through the function block.

Input Operands A & B must be integer values: MI, SI or # constant integer value.

According to the above example:
- If MI 1 is equal to MI 3; then MB 55 will go to logic "1" (ON).
- If MI 1 is not equal to MI 3; then MB 55 will go to logic "0" (OFF).

Greater or Equal

The Greater Than or Equal function block evaluates input A to see if its integer value is greater than or equal to input B.

If input A is greater than or equal to input B: power will flow through the function block.

If input A is not greater than or not equal to input B: power will not flow through the function block.

According to the above example:
- If MI 1 value is greater or equal to constant integer 35; then MB 50 will go to logic "1" (ON).
If MI 1 value is not greater or equal to constant integer 35; then MB 50 will go to logic "0" (OFF).

**Greater Than (>)**

The Greater Than function block evaluates input A to see if its current value is greater than input B.

If input A is greater than input B: power will flow through the function block.

If input A is not greater than input B: power will not flow through the function block.

According to the above example:

- If MI 1 value is greater than 35; then MB 50 will go to logic "1" (ON).
- If MI 1 not greater than 35; MB 50 will go to logic "0".

Care must be taken when using greater and less than function blocks. Do not create a program with instructions for Greater Than and Less Than but without an instruction block for how to proceed in a situation where input A equals input B.

**Less or Equal (<=)**

The Less Than or Equal To function block evaluates input A to see if its current value is less than or equal to input B.

If input A is less than or equal to input B: power will flow through the function block.

If input A is not less than or equal to input B: power will not flow through the function block.
According to the above example:

- If MI 1 value is greater than the MI 3 value; then MB 51 will go to logic "1" (ON).
- If MI 1 not greater than the MI 3 value; MB 51 will go to logic "0".

**Less Than (A < B)**

The Less Than function block evaluates input A to see if its integer value is less than input B.

If input A is less than input B: power will flow through the function block.

If input A is not less than input B: power will not flow through the function block.

According to the above example:

- If MI 1 value is less than constant integer 35; then MB 60 will go to logic "1" (ON).
- If MI 1 value is not less than constant integer 35; MB 60 will go to logic "0" (OFF).

**Not Equal (A <> B)**

The Not Equal function block evaluates input A to see if its integer value is not equal to input B.

If input A is not equal to input B: power will flow through the function block.

If input A is equal to input B: power will not flow through the function block.

Input Operands A & B must be integer values: MI, SI or # constant integer value.
According to the above example:

- If MI 1 is not equal to MI 3; then MB 65 will go to logic "1" (ON).
- If MI 1 is equal to MI 3; then MB 65 will go to logic "0" (OFF).

Using the Compare function

To use the Compare function:

1. Click **Compare** on the Standard toolbar. The Compare function list opens.

2. Select the desired Compare function.

3. Move the function block that appears to the desired net location.
4. Click to place the function block. The Select Operand and Address dialog box opens.

5. Enter the Operands and Addresses in the dialog boxes and click OK.

6. The Compare function block appears with the selected Operands and Addresses.

Logic Function

You perform logical functions in U90 Ladder by using logic function blocks. Function blocks are provided for:

- AND
- OR
- XOR

The internal operation of a function block is transparent to the user. You input the two operands. The result is automatically output by the function block.

Input Operands A & B must be integer values: MI, SI or # constant integer value.

Output Operand C may be a Memory Integer or a System Integer.
AND

Example

The AND logic function block can evaluate the state of two integers. If a bit is true (logic 1) in both input A and B then the output C will be true (logic 1). If input A and B is false (logic 0) - the output C will be false (logic 0). If either input A or B is false (logic 0) - the output C will be false (logic 0).

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Input Operands A & B must be integer values: MI, SI or # constant integer value.

Output Operand C may be an MI or a SI.

AND can be used to mask out certain bits of an input integer not relevant to a given function.

Example:

If a clock function block uses the first bit of a 16-bit word to decide if a given time is A.M. or P.M., you can mask out the other 15 bits. This will tell you if the current time is A.M. or P.M.

All of the non-relevant bits will be turned off (logic 0) expect the A.M. / P.M. bit.
AND Example

You want to determine if an MI / SI value is an odd or an even number in your application.

An AND function between an integer A and #1:

- If integer A is an even number then the result of the AND operation = #1.
- If integer A is an odd number then the result of the AND operation = #0
OR

The OR logic function block can evaluate the state of two integers to see if either input A or B is true. If input A OR B is true - the output C will be true (logic 1). If both input A and B are true (logic 1) - the output C will also be true (logic 1).

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Input Operands A & B must be integer values: MI, SI or # constant integer value.

Output Operand C may be a Memory Integer or a System Integer.

XOR

The XOR logic function block can evaluate the state of two integers to see if input A and B are equal. If either input A OR B is true - the output C will be true (logic 1). If both input A and B are true (logic 1) - the output C will be false (logic 0). If both input A and B are false (logic 0) - the output C will be false (logic 0).
Input Operands A & B must be integer values: MI, SI or # constant integer value.

Output Operand C may be a Memory Integer or a System Integer.

Use XOR to recognize changes in an integer to check for integer bit corruption. If 2 integers are equal: the result will return logic 0. If there has been bit corruption: the corrupted bit will return logic 1.

**XOR Truth Table**

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Loops: Jump to Label

Loops in a Ladder project cause the program to jump over certain net(s), according to specific logic conditions.

A Loop contains a Jump element and a Label. When the Jump condition(s) is true, the project jumps to the associated Label.

To create a Loop in your project:

1. Click **Loop** on the Ladder toolbar.
2. Select **Set Label** from the **Loop** menu. Place the cursor in the desired net and click.

3. The **Edit Label** box opens.

4. Enter a Label name of up to **eight** characters.

5. The Label appears above the net.

6. Select **Jump** from the Loop menu.
7. Place the Jump in the desired place on the desired net.

8. **Select Jump to...** window appears.

9. Select the desired Label name to which you want to jump. Click OK.

9. The Jump element appears with the selected Label name on the net.
According to the above example, if Ladder logic is true for net 4, the program will jump over nets 5 and 6 and continue from net 7.

Important note: You must take care when creating Loops not to create an endless Loop. While you can place Labels before a Jump condition and you can refer to a Label more than once, repeated referrals to a Label above a Jump element can create an endless loop which will cause the controller to stop with an error message “PROGRAM LOOP.”

Loop functions are featured in the sample application, such as the applications ’Shortening scan time-jump’. This application may be found by selecting Sample U90 Projects from the Help Menu.

Math Functions
You perform mathematical functions in U90 Ladder by using math function blocks. Function blocks are provided for:

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division

The internal operation of a function block is transparent to the user. You simply input the two operands. The result is automatically output by the function block.

The example below shows the Add function block.

Input Operands A & B must be integer values: MI, SI or # constant integer value.
Output Operand C may be a Memory Integer or a System Integer.
You can use an Add function block to assign a real number value to an MI or SI.
Add [+]

Example
The math function add is executed by the Add function block shown below.

Input Operands A & B must be integer values: MI, SI or #constant integer value.
OutputOperand C may be a Memory Integer or a System Integer.

Add Examples

You can use the Add function to add an MI value to an integer value.

You can use the Add function to add two MI values.

You can use the Add function to add two integer values.
You can use Add function blocks in series.

**Divide**

**Examples**

The math function divide is executed by the Divide function block shown below.

Input Operands A & B must be integer values: MI, SI or #constant integer value.

Output Operand C may be a Memory Integer or a System Integer.

The Divide function can only return whole numbers. The M90 does not support floating point integers. Examples: 7.2 and 9.5.

Use System Integer 4 (SI 4 - Divide Remainder) to find the exact integer value of a division function that may involve a remainder.

Note that you must use the remainder value in SI 4 immediately after the division function. SI 4 will be written over with the next division function and the specific remainder value will be lost.
System Bit 4 (SB 4 - Divide by Zero) will activate if the division operation will inadvertently result in a division by zero and return zero in Operand C.

**Division Examples**

Remember that any remainder of a Division function will be written into SI 4. You must use any remainder value immediately after the Division function because SI 4 will be written over with the next Division function and the specific remainder value will be lost.

SB 4 (Divide by Zero) will activate if the division operation will inadvertently result in a division by zero and it will return zero in Operand C.

You can use the Division function to divide an MI value and integer value.

You can use the Division function to divide two MI values.

You can use the Division function to divide two integer values.
You can use Math function blocks in series.

Division Function: Remainder values

To get the remainder value of a Division function:

1. Enter the desired Operands into the Division function block.

2. Select **System Integers** from the Window Menu on the Standard Menu bar.
3. SI 4 holds the Remainder value for the most recent Division operation.

According to the above example:
If MI 10 = 7 and MI 11 = 2, then MI 12 = 3 and SI 4 = 1

Multiply

Examples
The math function Multiply is executed by the Multiply function block shown below.
Input Operands A & B must be integer values: MI, SI or #.
Output Operand C may be a Memory Integer or a System Integer.

**Multiplication Examples**

You can use the Multiplication function to multiply an MI with an integer value.

You can use the Multiplication function to multiply two MI values.

You can use the Multiplication function to multiply two integer values.

You can use Multiplication function blocks in series.
Subtract

Examples

The math function subtract is executed by the Sub function block shown below.

Input Operands A & B must be integer values: MI, SI or # constant integer value.

Output Operand C may be a Memory Integer or a System Integer.

Subtraction Examples

You can use the Subtraction function to subtract between an MI value and an integer value.

You can use the Subtraction function to subtract between two MI values.
You can use the Subtraction function to subtract between two integer values.

Math functions: Constant integers, MI, or SI

You can use Subtraction function blocks in series.

To execute a math function between an integer and MI/SI:

Each Math function has 3 elements: 2 input values and 1 output value. Each of these 3 elements has the possibility of being an integer (as well as a MI or SI).
From the Select Operand and Address dialog box select # for the Operand type and Address. Enter the integer (number) value in the Symbol box.

Store Functions

An MI Operand contains an integer value (-32768 to +32767).

There are two ways to store an integer value in an MI:

- Store Direct
- Store Indirect

The last integer value written into a specific MI will overwrite any previous integer value stored there before.

Example:

MI 6 = 35. You then write the value 37 into MI 6, the value 35 will be replaced by the value 37.

Store functions are featured in several sample applications, such as the application 'History of Events'. These applications may be found by selecting Sample U90 Projects from the Help Menu.

Store Direct function

Store Direct allows you to write a constant, MI or SI value into another MI or SI.

To use the Store Direct function:

1. Click Store on the Ladder Toolbar.
2. Select **Store Direct** from the Store Menu.

3. Move the Store Direct element to the desired net.

4. Enter the desired Operands and Addresses.

5. The Store Direct element appears on the net with the set Operands and Addresses.

According to the above example, the value in MI 3 will be stored in MI 100. The previous value in MI 100 is **lost**. The current value in MI 3 remains **unchanged**.
Store Indirect function

Store Indirect allows you to write an integer value (constant, MI or SI) into another MI or SI using indirect addressing.

For example:

When using the Store Indirect MI, if the value stored in the B parameter is 5; then MI 5 is the address where the value will be stored.

When using the Store Indirect SI, if the value stored in the B parameter is 2; then SI 2 is the address where the value will be stored.

For example:

According to the above example:
- If MI 30 contains the constant 5; then #27 will be stored in MI 5.
- If MI 30 contains the constant 35; then #27 will be stored in MI 35.

There are two types of Store Indirect function:
- The Store Indirect MI function relates to the MI address.
- The Store Indirect SI function relates to the SI address.

To use the Store Indirect function:

1. Click Store on the Ladder Toolbar.

2. Select Store Indirect MI on the Store menu.

3. Enter the desired Operands, Addresses and Symbols. Click OK.
4. The **Store Indirect MI** element appears on the net.

**Time Functions**

**Clock Functions**

You perform clock and calendar functions in the U90 Ladder with Clock function blocks. Function blocks are provided for:

- Time
- Day of the Week
- Day of the Month
- Month
- Year

You activate these functions through the **Clock** drop-down menu of the Ladder toolbar.

The U90 Ladder provides 2 methods for executing Clock functions:

- Direct
- Indirect

**You** set the value of **Direct Clock** functions when you write your project.

The **user** sets the value of an **Indirect Clock** function from the M90 via the keypad.

Clock functions are featured in several sample applications, such as the applications 'School Bell Direct', 'Database Log', and 'Print & Time'. These applications may be found by selecting Sample U90 Projects from the Help Menu.
Direct Clock function

The Direct Clock function allows the programmer to write a Ladder program using calendar conditions for:

- Time of Day
- Day of the Week
- Day of the Month
- Month
- Year

These functions are located on the Clock drop-down menu of the Ladder toolbar.

You set the value of Direct Clock functions when you write your project.

You must use the Indirect Clock functions if you want the user to set the value of a Clock function from the M90.

Direct Clock function example

You want to create a project where a machine is working

- in January and March
- beginning on the 12th day of a month, until and including the 20th
- in the years 2000 and 2001
- between the hours 10:30 and 12:15.

1. Click Clock on the Ladder toolbar.
2. Select Direct Clock Functions. The Direct Clock Functions menu opens.
3. Select Day of the Month and place it in the desired place on the net.
4. The Day of the Month menu opens.

5. Click the desired days of the month.

6. The Days of the Month function appears on the net with the selected days of the week highlighted.

7. Select the Year function. The Year menu opens.

8. Enter the desired Year range.
9. The Year function appears with the desired values.

10. Select Month on the Direct Clock Functions menu.

11. The Month menu opens.

12. Select the desired Months. Click OK.
13. The **Month of the Year** function appears with the desired Months highlighted.

14. Select **Time** from the Direct Clock Functions menu.

15. Enter the desired Time range in the **Hour** menu. Click OK.

16. Expand the net rung as needed in the net using the **Line Draw** tool.
17. Select and place a Direct Coil on the net. Enter the desired Operand, Address and Symbol.

18. The net appears as shown below.
Indirect Clock function

Indirect Clock functions allows the programmer to write a Ladder program where the user will enter the time value via the M90 keypad. Functions are provided for:

- Indirect Time of Day
- Indirect Day of Week
- Indirect Day of Month
- Indirect Month
- Indirect Year

These functions are located on the Clock drop-down menu of the Ladder toolbar.

Indirect Clock function example

You want to create a project where a machine is working according to a time and date entered by the user via the M90 keypad.

1. Select Indirect Clock Functions from the Clock menu of the Ladder toolbar.

2. Select Time from the Indirect Clock Functions menu.

3. Enter the desired Operand, Address and Symbol.
4. The Hour function appears with the selected Operand and Address. Note that the hour function is checking a range between two MIs / SIs. Therefore, two Operands are needed: the beginning and the end of the range.

The program automatically takes the next Operand from the one you enter. According to the following example, you enter MI 1 and the program assigns the end of the range to MI 2, the next MI.

5. Select Day Of The Week from the Indirect Clock Function menu.

6. Place the Day Of The Week function on the desired net. Enter the desired Operand, Address and Symbol.
7. The **Day Of The Week** function appears with the selected Operand, Address and Symbol on the net.

8. Select **Day of the Month** from the **Indirect Clock Function** menu.

9. Enter the desired Operand, Address and Symbol. The Day of the Month function is a 32-bit Bit map. Therefore it requires two MIs / SIs.

   The program automatically takes the **next** Operand from the one you enter. According to the following example, you enter MI 4 and the program assigns the end of the range to MI 5, the **next** MI.
10. Select **Month** from the Indirect Clock Functions menu.

11. Enter the desired **Operand**, **Address** and **Symbol**.

12. Place a **Direct Coil** at the end of the rung. Enter the desired **Operand**, **Address** and **Symbol**.
13. The net appears as such:

![Diagram of ladder circuit]

14. To enable the user to view and modify the Indirect Clock function values, you must now create HMI Displays and Variables. Click **Variables** on the Standard toolbar.

![Variables toolbar](image)

15. The Variable Editor opens. Select **Time Functions** for each Variable. Link the Variable to the appropriate MI. Select the appropriate Variable Information Format for the time. Below is the Start Time Variable for the time in hours.
16. The End Time Variable for the time in hours.

17. The Day of the Week Variable.
18. The Day of Month Variable.

19. The Month Variable.
20. Create the Displays for the Variables. Below is an example for viewing the time range in hours.
Functions without Elements

Linearization

Linearization can be used to convert analog values from I/Os into decimal or other integer values. An analog value from a temperature probe, for example can be converted to degrees Celsius and displayed on the controller's display screen.

![Linearization Diagram]

Note that the linearized value created in this way may be displayed—**but** the value **cannot** be used anywhere else within the project for further calculations or operations.

You can enter an Analog value, such as temperature, via the M90 keypad, then convert that value into a Digital value for comparison with a digital value from a temperature probe by selecting **Enable Linearization** in the linked Variable.

This conversion process is Reverse Linearization.

To enable Analog to Digital conversion:

1. Create a Display for entering the analog value.
2. Create an Integer Variable.
3. Select **keypad entry** and **enable linearization**.
4. Enter the linearization values for the x and y axes.
According to the above example:

- A temperature entry of 100°C will be converted to 1023 Digital value.
- A temperature entry of 50°C will be converted to 512 Digital value.

You can also linearize values in your Ladder and display them on the M90’s LCD.

1. In your Ladder project, use SI 80 - 85 to set the (x,y) variable ranges. Use SB 80 to activate the Linearization function.

The linearization values created here can be displayed by linking SI 85 to a Display; the value can be used elsewhere within the project for further calculations or operations.
Example: write the variable ranges into SI 80 - 83, then writing an analog input into SI 84:
Load Indirect

Load Indirect allows you to take a value contained in a source operand and load that value into a target operand using indirect addressing. Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:

- SI 141 to determine the data source,
- SI 142 to determine the load target,
- SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

To use Load Indirect:

- Function Number (SI 140)
- Offset in Vector, Source (SI 141)
- Offset in Vector, Target (SI 142)

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<th>Offset in Vector, Source (SI 141)</th>
<th>Offset in Vector, Target (SI 142)</th>
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<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>MI</td>
<td>MI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>SI</td>
<td>MI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>MI</td>
<td>S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>SI</td>
<td>S</td>
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Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.
Vector Copy enables you to set a range of operands, copy the values of each operand within that range (source), then write those values into a corresponding range of operands of the same length (target). You can copy from/to a vector of MI registers or Database registers by selecting the appropriate function.

Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:

- SI 141 to determine the source vector,
- SI 142 to determine the length of the vector,
- SI 143 to determine the target vector,
- SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

To use Copy Vector:
Fill Vector

Fill Direct enables you to set a range of registers. The function copies a value from a desired operand or constant value (source), then writes that value into every operand within the range (target vector).

You can fill a vector of MI registers or Database registers by selecting the appropriate function.
Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:

- SI 141 to determine the start of the target vector,
- SI 142 to determine the length of the target vector,
- SI 143 to select the Fill Value; the register whose value will be written into each register within the target vector,
- SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

To use Fill Vector:

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<tr>
<td>30</td>
<td>Fill MI Vector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31</td>
<td>Fill DB Vector</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.
Find Mean, Maximum, and Minimum Values

This function enables you to take a vector of registers and find the:
- Mean of all the values in the vector,
- Minimum value in the vector,
- Maximum value in the vector.

You can base the function on a vector of MI registers or Database registers by selecting the appropriate function.

Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:
- SI 141 to determine the start of the vector,
- SI 142 to determine the length of the vector,
- SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

The results will be placed in:
- SI 143: Mean
- SI 144: Minimum
- SI 145: Maximum

Note that if a remainder value results from the division operation used to calculate the Mean, that remainder value will be place in SI 4, Divide Remainder.

To use this function:

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<tr>
<td>40</td>
<td>Find Mean, Minimum, Maximum in MI vector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>41</td>
<td>Find Mean, Minimum, Maximum in DB vector</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.
A*B/C

This function enables you to:

- Multiply 2 operand values,
- Divide the product by a third operand.

The product of the multiplication operation is temporarily stored in a long integer to avoid overflow problems.

Since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:

- SI 141 to provide Operand A (multiplicand),
- SI 142 to provide Operand B (multiplicand),
- SI 143 to provide Operand C (divisor),

Store 100 into SI 140 to call the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

The results will be placed in:

- SI 144,
- SI 4: Divide Remainder.

If the result is out of the integer range:

- SB 141 will turn ON.

If the value contained in Operand C (divisor) is 0:

- SB 4: Divide by 0, will turn ON.

To use this function:
Ladder

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<th>Function Number (SI 140)</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>Multiply A \times B, Divide by C</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.

### Square Root

This function enables you to find the square root of a number.

Since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing the number whose square root is to be calculated into SI 141.

Store 110 into SI 140 to call the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

The results will be placed in:

- SI 142. This contains the whole number result.
- SI 143. If the result is not a whole number, this contains up to 2 digits to the left of the decimal point.

To use this function:
Store Timer’s Preset/Current Value

This function allows you to take a value and store it into a timer to change the preset or current timer value. Since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:

- SI 141 to select the timer; 0-63,
- SI 142 to determine the timer value,
- SI 143 to select the timer’s resolution (timer units, or ‘ticks’),
- SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

Take into account that:

- Since you cannot change the resolution of a timer when the application is running, SI 143 is not used in a Store Timer’s Current Value function.
- A timer’s current value can be changed at any time, including when the timer is active. The new value can be either greater or smaller than the previous value; storing 0 into a timer’s current value stops it immediately.
- A change of Timer Preset value without changing the resolution will take effect when the timer restarts.
- Changing the resolution of the timer’s preset value does not affect the current resolution; it is therefore recommended that the resolution not be changed while the timer is active.
To use this function:

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<td>200</td>
<td>Store Timer Preset</td>
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<td>201</td>
<td>Store Timer Current</td>
</tr>
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Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will **not** be displayed.

**Timer Resolution (stored into SI 143)**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Resolution</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>Maintain Timer Resolution</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>10mS (0.01S)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>100mS (0.01S)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>1000mS (1S)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1000</td>
<td>10000mS (10S)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Store Timer: Function Number 202, Store Timer Preset**

- **Function Operands:**
  - SI 140: 200
  - SI 141: 3
  - SI 142: 15
  - SI 143: 100

- If SI 141 contains 3...
  - ...and SI 142 contains 15
  - ...and SI 143 contains 100...

- Timer 3 will be preset to 15 seconds.

Note that the timer value is 14 bits.
Load Timer Preset/Current Value

This function allows you to take a preset or current timer value and load it into another operand. Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:

- SI 141 to select the timer; 0-63,
- SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

To use this function:

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<td>Load Timer Preset</td>
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<td>203</td>
<td>Load Timer Current</td>
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Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.

Timer Resolution (stored into SI 143)

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<td>10mS (0.01S)</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>100mS (0.01S)</td>
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<td>100</td>
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Communication Utilities

Use this utility to enable your controller to receive data from external devices, such as barcode readers, via an RS232 port. Since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into SIs.

Note that the communication settings stored into these SIs only take effect at power-up.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>SI</th>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value to Store</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>141</td>
<td>STX (Start of Text)</td>
<td>0-255(ASCII) -1: No Start of Text (not recommended)</td>
<td>The STX parameter indicates where the data block begins.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Note that the ASCII character '/' (backslash) cannot be used</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>to indicate the start of the</td>
</tr>
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<td>Parameter</td>
<td>Description</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>----------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>142 ETX (End of Text)</td>
<td>The ETX parameter indicates where the data block ends. When the ETX is registered by the function, SB 60 turns ON.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- 0-255(ASCII)</td>
<td>-1: ETX marked by Length</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- 2: ETX marked by 'Silence'</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- If you use an ASCII character (0-255), note that if this character occurs after the Length parameter defined in SI 143, SB 60 turns ON.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Selecting -1 causes the function to use the length of a data block alone to determine its end.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Selecting -2 causes the function to use the duration of silent time following the STX to determine the end of a data block.</td>
<td></td>
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<th>Parameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>143 ETX Length or Silent</td>
<td>Length: up to 128 Silent: up to 24000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- This defines both the length of text, or silence, that signal the end of text.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Note that the duration of a silent 'counter' unit is approximately 2.509 mS. The 'silent' value should be lower than the M90 TimeOut value.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- When defined as length, SI 143 cannot exceed SI 144.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>144 Maximum Length</td>
<td>Up to 128</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- This is the maximum legal length for received text.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- When the maximum length is exceeded, the Receive Buffer is automatically cleared, and SB 60 is turned OFF, enabling new data to be received.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- This can be used to detect buffer overflow.</td>
<td></td>
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<th>Parameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>145 Start Address:</td>
<td>MI Address This MI contains the start address for the vector of registers that serves as the Receive Buffer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Receive Buffer</td>
<td>Read only SI 60 indicates how many bytes of data are currently in the Receive Buffer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>60 Number of Bytes</td>
<td>Read only SI 61 indicates how many bytes of data are in the Receive Buffer when SB 60 turns ON.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>currently in Receive Buffer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>61 Number of Bytes in Receive Buffer when SB 60=1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>146 Copy Data: Format</td>
<td>0: copy each received byte 1: copy in groups of 4 received bytes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- 0 causes each separate byte to be copied to a separate register including STX and ETX.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- 1 causes every 4 bytes to be copied to a single register, without the STX and ETX. This is used when the received data is in numeric format. For example 12345 would be copied to 2 consecutive MIs. The first MI would contain 1234, the second would contain 5.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

140 Start receiving |
| 300 | In your application, use this to call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters. Note that when you run Test (Debug)
Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.

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<th>SB</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>60</td>
<td>Data Successfully Received</td>
<td>Read only. Turns ON when the ETX condition is registered by the system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>61</td>
<td>Copy Data in Receive Buffer to MI Vector</td>
<td>Write only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Turning this SB ON causes the buffer contents to be copied to the MI vector defined in SI 145. The data will be copied according to the format defined in SI 146.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• If SI 146 is set to 0, this SB can be set at any time. If SI 146 is set to 1, this SB can be set after SB 60 turns ON.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>62</td>
<td>Clear Receive Buffer, Clear SI 60, Clear SI 61, Reset SB 60</td>
<td>• This SB must be turned ON to enable a new message, or data block, to be received.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Turn this SB ON to enable data to be received before the maximum length, defined in SI 144, is exceeded.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that if no data is received for a period exceeding the M90 TimeOut, you will lose the data in the buffer.

To see how to use the Communications Utility, check the sample application Read Card - Display Number Value.U90. This may be found by accessing Sample U90 Projects from the Help menu.

This application demonstrates how to read a magnetic card number using an "IDTECH" card reader, then display that number on the M90's screen. The card reader transmits the number in ASCII characters in this format:

\(< \%?[CR];xxxxx?[CR]> \) where \(xxxxx\) is the card number.

The ASCII character used to mark the Start Of Text (STX) is \(< ;\) (semicolon). End Of Text (ETX) is marked with the character \(< >\).

Since the card number is 5 digits long, the card number is copied to 2 separate MIs. The MIs are linked to 2 variables that are shown on the M90's screen in 2 separate Displays.

The parameters must be written into their respective operands using one scan condition. For this purpose, it is recommended to use SB 2 Power-up bit, as shown in the sample application.

Interrupt

This function is time-based. You call an interrupt routine by storing 500 into SI 140. The interrupt function causes:

- The program scan to pause every 2.509 mSec. The interrupt causes the program to stop immediately without regard to the program scan, even if it occurs in the middle of a net.
- A jump to the net which follows the interrupt. The nets following the interrupt comprise the interrupt routine. Note that the interrupt routine should be as short as possible, and must not exceed approximately 0.5 mSec.
- When the interrupt routine is finished, the program continues from where it left off.

Note that the nets containing the Interrupt routine must be the last ones in the program. The format must be as shown in the example below:

- Store 500 into SI140 to call the function
- Jump to End
- The nets containing the actual interrupt routine.

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.
Example

In this simple application, an incrementing counter value is used to perform a program loop that simulates long scan time. The interrupt causes the program scan to stop every 2.5 seconds and enter the interrupt routine.

During the interrupt routine, the value of S11 *10 ms counter* is compared to 100. When the counter value reaches 100, the value is stored in M1 and ET1 is reset.

When the interrupt routine is complete, the program returns to where it left off for another 2.5 mSec.

Important: You MUST reset the PLC after the program is downloaded to enable the interrupt function.

The Store #500 to S11 *40 and the *Jump to End* MUST be in different nets, as shown here (nets 4 and 5).

Scan loop, simulating long scan time. If M1-2, the counter preset value, is defined as 500, the scan time is about 90-100 mSec.

This resets S11 *10 ms counter* at Power-up.

Storing 500 into S11 *140 calls the interrupt function.

End of normal program.

This is the interrupt routine. Each 2.5 mSec, the interrupt program will cause the scan to stop and perform the operation below.

At the end of the routine in the net above, the program will continue from the exact point at which it was interrupted.
Convert MB to MI, MI to MB

An M90 register is built of 16 bits.

Using the MB to MI function, you can convert 16 bits or more into an integer value. Conversely, you can convert an integer value into 16 bits or more using the MI to MB function.

Note that if the converted values exceed 16 bits, the function will write the value to consecutive registers. Any values in those registers will be overwritten.

To apply the functions, use the following System Integers (SI) and System Bits (SB)

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<th>SB</th>
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<tr>
<td>SI170</td>
<td>Address of MI containing integer value</td>
<td>SB170</td>
<td>MB to MI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI171</td>
<td>Start address of MB array (vector)</td>
<td>SB171</td>
<td>MI to MB</td>
</tr>
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</table>

You can use this function, for example to send an SMS when there is a change in the status of the M90’s inputs:

1. Represent the status of the M90’s inputs using MBs.
2. Convert these MBs into an MI
3. Perform a XOR operation on the result.

When there is a change in input status, the XOR operation will return a value different than 0, which may then be used to trigger the sending of an SMS.

Examples

Example 1:

1. Store the value 7 into SI 170, 10 into SI 171 and 9 into SI 172.
2. Set SB 170 to ON.

The program will calculate the binary value of a 9 bit array which starts with MB 10. The resulting value will be placed into MI 7.

Example 2:

1. Store the value 7 into SI 170, 10 into SI 171 and 9 into SI 172.
2. Set SB 171 to ON

The program will calculate the binary value of the value contained in MI 7. The result will be scattered on a 9 bit array which starts with MB 10.

Copy MI to Output vector, Input vector to MI

Using this function, you can:

- Copy a vector of Inputs (I) to a register.
- Copy a register value to a vector of Outputs (O).

Note that an M90 register contains 16 bits. If the converted values exceed 16 bits, the function will write the value to consecutive registers. Any values in those registers will be overwritten. When a register value is copied to outputs, the function will store the register value in consecutive outputs.
Input to Register

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<tr>
<td>SI170</td>
<td>Address of MI containing integer value</td>
<td>SB172</td>
<td>I to MI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI171</td>
<td>Start address of bit array (vector)</td>
<td>SB173</td>
<td>MI to O</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI172</td>
<td>Amount of bits</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example: Input to MI, SB 172

1. Store the value 7 into SI 170, 2 into SI 171 and 4 into SI 172.
2. Set SB 172 to ON.

The program takes the status of I2 to I5, and changes the status of the respective bits in MI 7.

Bits in the target register that are outside of the defined range are not affected.

Example: MI to Output, SB 173

1. Store the value 7 into SI 170, 3 into SI 171 and 7 into SI 172.
2. Set SB 173 to ON.

The program will take the binary value of the MI 7, and change the status of the respective outputs in the defined vector, O3 to O7.
SMS Phone Number: via MI Pointer

Use this utility to use an MI vector as one of the phone numbers in the SMS phone book. This allows you to:

- Enable a number to be dialed via the M90's keypad.
- Exceed the 6 number limit of the SMS phone book.

Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by:

- Storing the start address of the MI vector needed to contain the phone number into SI 141,
- Entering the characters MI, in capital letters, in the SMS phone book,
- Using the index number of that line to call the number, which enables the number in the MI vector to be called,
- Storing 400 into SI 140 to select the function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters. Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.
Shift Register

You can use the following SIs and SBs to perform Shift Left and Shift Right Functions.

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<tr>
<th>SI</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
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<tr>
<td>87</td>
<td>Shift Value</td>
<td>This register contains the number to be shifted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>88</td>
<td>Shift By</td>
<td>This register contains the number of bits to be shifted (Default is 1 bit).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example : Shift Left

To shift the number 64 left by 1 bit:

1. Use a Store function to write the number 64 into SI 87.
2. Use a Store function to write the number 1 into SI 88.
3. Turn SB 87 ON.

Once the function is performed SI 87 will contain 128.

In binary:
Start value: 00000000001000000 = 64
After Shift Left: 0000000010000000 = 128

Example : Shift Right

To shift the number 64 right by 1 bit:

1. Use a Store function to write the number 64 into SI 87.
2. Use a Store function to write the number 1 into SI 88.
3. Turn SB 88 ON.
   Once the function is performed SI 87 will contain 32.

   In binary:
   Start value:   0000000001000000 = 64
   After Shift Right: 0000000000100000 = 32

**Access indirectly addressed registers: Using the Database**

You can access and use integers 0 through 1023 within the M90 OPLC's memory as a database, via SI 40 and SI 41.

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will **not** be displayed.

**Writing Values**

1. Use SI 40 Database Index to access a particular MI.
   For example, to access MI 2 you store the number 2 into SI 40.

2. Use SI 41 Database Value to write a value into MI 2.
   For example, you can store a number value into SI 41.

**Reading Values**

When you use SI 41 Database Value in your program, the program actually reads the MI that is referenced by SI 40 Database Index.
Examples

Example 1: Write

In the net below, 0 is stored in SI 40 when the M90 OPLC is powered up. This means that integer 0 is now the current ‘database’ integer.

In the net below, the analog value contained in SI 20 is stored in SI 41 every second. According to the net above, the current ‘database’ integer is 0. The analog value is therefore stored in integer 0.

In the next net, the value in SI 40 is incremented by 1 every second, changing the current database integer. This means that the first analog value will be stored in integer 0, the second analog value in integer 1, and so on.

Example 2: Read

In the first part of the net below, 10 is stored into SI 40. Integer 10 is the ‘database’ integer. In the second part of the net, the value in SI 41 is compared to the value in integer 4. The value in SI 41 is the value actually in integer 10—the current database integer.
Counter

Building a Counter

If you want to use a counter in your application, you build it using:

- Math function
- Compare function
- Store function

Use a Positive / Negative Transition contact on the event operand to activate the counter.

Example:

You want to count the gross number of a product traveling across a conveyor belt. There is a sensor (e.g. photocell, limit switch or proximity switch) at a specific point across the conveyor belt which senses the product as it passes.

The sensor is connected to an M90 Input. The Positive Transition from this Input will advance the counter by one.

When the counter value reaches the maximum defined value, the counter will reset to 0.

Counter Ladder example:

- Input 1 is the sensor
- MI 2 is the Counter
- The maximum defined value is 25000.

Keep in mind when building your counter that adding a number to 32767 will return a negative number.
Counters are featured in several sample applications, such as the applications 'Time Interval- SI 1', 'Outputs-activate in sequence', and 'Logging analog values'. These applications may be found by selecting Sample U90 Projects from the Help Menu.

**Timers**

**Timers (T)**

U90 Ladder offers 64 On Delay Timers. Timers have a preset value, a current value, and a bit value. Timers always count **down** from the Preset Value.

Click on the Timers folder in the Program Navigation pane to display the complete list of Timers. Scroll down to view the complete list.

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<tr>
<th>Timers</th>
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<th>Preset</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
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<tr>
<td>T 0</td>
<td>✔</td>
<td></td>
<td>0: 00: 30: 00</td>
<td></td>
<td>Duration of Ring: 30 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T 1</td>
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To place a Timer in your program, place a direct coil in a net, and select T.

Note that a Timer value can be displayed in a Display as a current or elapsed value.

**Store Timer's Preset/Current Value**

This function allows you to take a value and store it into a timer to change the preset or current timer value. Since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:

- SI 141 to select the timer; 0-63,
- SI 142 to determine the timer value,
- SI 143 to select the timer's resolution (timer units, or 'ticks'),
- SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

Take into account that:

- Since you cannot change the resolution of a timer when the application is running, SI 143 is not used in a Store Timer's Current Value function.
- A timer's current value can be changed at any time, including when the timer is active. The new value can be either greater or smaller than the previous value; storing 0 into a timer's current value stops it immediately.
- A change of Timer Preset value without changing the resolution will take effect when the timer restarts.
- Changing the resolution of the timer's preset value does not affect the current resolution; it is therefore recommended that the resolution not be changed while the timer is active.

To use this function:
Function Number (SI 140) | Description
---|---
200 | Store Timer Preset
201 | Store Timer Current

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will **not** be displayed.

**Timer Resolution (stored into SI 143)**

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<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>Maintain Timer Resolution</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>10mS (0.01S)</td>
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<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>100mS (0.01S)</td>
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<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>1000mS (1S)</td>
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<tr>
<td>1000</td>
<td>10000mS (10S)</td>
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Note that the timer value is 14 bits.

**Load Timer Preset/Current Value**

This function allows you to take a preset or current timer value and load it into another operand. Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:

- SI 141 to select the timer; 0-63,
SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

To use this function:

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<td>Load Timer Preset</td>
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<td>Load Timer Current</td>
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Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will **not** be displayed.

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**Load Timer: Function Number 202, Load Timer Preset**

**Function Operands**

- SI 140: 202
- SI 141: 3

**If SI 141 contains 3...**

Timer 3’s preset value will be loaded into SI 142; Timer 3’s preset resolution will be loaded into SI 143.
PID

The PID function uses system feedback to continuously control a dynamic process. The purpose of PID control is to keep a process running as close as possible to a desired Set Point.

The M90 can run 4 closed PID loops.

About PID and Process Control

A common type of control is On-Off control. Many heating systems work on this principle. The heater is off when the temperature is above the Set Point, and turns on when the temperature is below the Set Point. The lag in the system response time causes the temperature to overshoot and oscillate around the Set Point.

PID control enables you to minimize overshoot and damp the resulting oscillations.

PID enables your controller to automatically regulate your process by:

1. Taking the output signal from the process, called the Process Variable (PV),
2. Comparing this output value with the process Set Point. The difference between the output Process Variable and the Set Point is called the Error signal.
3. Using the Error signal to regulate the controller output signal, called the Control Variable (CV), to keep the process running at the Set Point. Note that this output signal may be an analog or time-proportional variable value.

In the figure below, a system is regulated according to temperature.
Inside the PID Function

The PID function is based on 3 actions, Proportional, Integral, and Derivative. The PID output is the combined output of all 3 actions.

All of the PID functions are activated by changes in the process Error, the difference between the Process Value and the process Set Point value \( E = SP - PV \).

Proportional Band

The proportional band is a range defined around the Set Point. It is expressed as a percentage of the total Process Value (PV). When the PV is within this range, the PID function is active.

Note that the proportional band may exceed 100%. In this case, PID control is applied over the entire system range.

Proportional Action

Proportional action begins after the PV enters the proportional band; at this point, the Error is 100%. The action outputs a value that is in direct linear proportion to the size of the Error value.

A broad proportional band causes a more gradual initial response from the controller. Typically, Set Point overshoot is low; but when the system stabilizes, oscillations around the Set Point tend to be greater.
A narrow band causes a rapid response that typically overshoots the Set Point by a greater margin. However, the system does tend to stabilize closer to the set point. Note that a proportional band set at 0.0% actually forces the controller into On-Off mode.

The drawback of proportional control is that it can cause the system to stabilize below set point. This occurs because when the system is at set point, Error is zero and the control value output is therefore pegged at zero as well. The majority of systems require continuous power to run at set point. This is achieved by integrating integral and derivative control into the system.

**Direct and Reverse Action**

Direct action causes the output to change in the same direction as the change in Error, meaning that a positive change in Error causes a positive change in the proportional band’s output. Reverse action creates an inverse change in the output, meaning that a positive change in Error causes a negative change in output.

**Integral Action**

Integral action responds to the rate of change in the controller’s CV output relative to the change in Error. The integral time you set is the amount of time, as calculated by the controller, required to bring the process to Set Point. Note that if you set a short integral time, the function will respond very quickly and may overshoot the Set Point. Setting a larger integral time value will cause a slower response. Integral time is sometimes called Reset.

The controller’s CV output may reach and remain at 100%, a condition called saturation. This may occur, for example, if the process is unable to reach Set Point. This causes the Error signal to remain stuck in either the positive or negative range. In this situation, the integral action will grow larger and larger as the Error accumulates over time. This is called integral "wind up", which can cause the controller to overshoot the set point by a wide margin.

This situation can be prevented by setting an MB to clear the accumulated Integral error when saturation occurs.
Derivative Action

Derivative action responds to the rate and direction of change in the Error. This means that a fast change in error causes a strong response from the controller.

The derivative action ‘anticipates’ the PV’s value in relation to the Set Point and adjusts the controller’s CV output accordingly, thus shortening the PID function’s response time.

Defining a PID function

1. Select PID from the Controller menu.

   The PID parameter box opens as shown below. The parameters are arranged in three groups. Each group is linked to a vector of operands.

2. Link operands to the PID parameters by:
   - Clicking the MI Address or MB Address buttons,
   OR
   - Clicking a parameter; the Select Operand & Address box opens.

3. Enter a vector’s Start Address, then click OK; the parameters are linked to operands in that vector.

4. Repeat the procedure for each of the four PID loops.

5. Before you can use a PID loop, you must activate it by clicking the appropriate check box under Active Loops.
### PID Function Parameters

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<th>Operand Type</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tr>
<td>MI</td>
<td>PV: Process Value</td>
<td>PV is the feedback from the process. PV is output from the process and input to the PID function. In a heating system, the temperature measured by a temperature sensor provides the PV.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SP:</td>
<td>Set Point</td>
<td>SP is the target value for the process. In a heating system, this is the temperature value set for the system. Note that the Set Point and Process value must be given in the same type of units (degrees Celsius, bars, meters per second, etc.).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CV:</td>
<td>Control Value</td>
<td>CV is the output from the PID function. CV is output from the PID function and input to the process. Note that this output signal may be an analog or time-proportional variable value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ST:</td>
<td>Sample Time</td>
<td>Use this parameter to define the intervals between PID function updates, in units of 10mSecs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kp:</td>
<td>Proportional Band</td>
<td>Use this parameter to define the proportional band, in units of 0.1%. The proportional band is a percentage of the total Process Value (PV). It is a range defined around the Set Point. When the PV is within this range, the PID function is active.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ti:</td>
<td>Integral Time</td>
<td>Use this parameter to define the integral time, in units of 1 second. Integral action responds to the rate of change in the controller’s CV output relative to the change in Error. The integral time you set is the amount of time, as calculated by the controller, required to bring the process to Set Point.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Td:</td>
<td>Derivative Time</td>
<td>Use this parameter to define the derivative time, in units of 1 second. Derivative action responds to the rate and direction of change in the Error. This means that a fast change in error causes a strong response from the controller. The derivative action ‘anticipates’ the PV’s value in relation to the Set Point and adjusts the CV accordingly, thus shortening the PID function’s response time.</td>
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<td>DB:</td>
<td>Dead Band</td>
<td>Use this parameter to define the dead band, in units of 0.1%. Note that the dead band is a percentage of the proportional band. When values are within the dead band range, the PID function suspends action; the</td>
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controller’s CV output is not changed.

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<td>SPPV: Set Point for Process Value</td>
<td>High: Use this parameter to define the upper limit for the Process Value. Low: Use this parameter to define the lower limit for the Process Value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CV: Set Point for Control Value</td>
<td>High: Use this parameter to define the upper limit for the Control Value. Low: Use this parameter to define the lower limit for the Control Value.</td>
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**Enable PID**

Use this parameter in your program to turn the PID loop on and off. ON activates PID action; OFF deactivates PID action.

**Reverse**

Use this parameter in your program to control PID output direction. Off activates Reverse Action, ON activates Direct Action. Direct action causes the output value to change in the same direction as the change in PV. Reverse action causes the output value to change in the opposite direction as the change in PV.

**Note** ♦ In the case of a temperature control application, Reverse Action is heating, Direct Action is cooling.

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<td>RST INTGL: Reset Integral Error</td>
<td>Use this parameter to clear integral error. If the system does not reach setpoint within the time defined in the parameter Intgl. Time, Integral error occurs and may increase. Use this parameter to prevent the error from growing large enough to interfere with the Integral operation.</td>
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**PID Loop Tuning Tips**

Here is a common method that may be used to manually tune PID loops.

1. Set the parameter Kp to 1000 (100%), and the parameters Ti and Td to 0.
2. Check where the PV stabilizes. At this stage, it is to be expected that this may take a long time; note that the PV will probably not reach setpoint. The goal of this operation is, via adjusting the Kp value, to stabilize the PV in the shortest possible time—without overshoot. Note that in general, adjusting the Kp value alone will not enable the application to reach setpoint.
3. If the PV rises too slowly, lower the Kp value; if the PV rises too sharply and overshoots, raise the Kp value.
   In most cases, the Kp value will be between 50-500.
Once the Kp value has been optimized, adjust the Ti value. In most applications, once the Kp has been optimized, the system can reach setpoint via adjusting the Ti parameter.

The goal is to use this parameter to reach the setpoint as quickly as possible without overshoot.

In many applications, a starting value of 300 (Sec) is appropriate. If the time interval before the system reaches reach setpoint is too long, decrease the Ti. If the time interval is too short, overshoot will occur. In this event, increase the Ki value.

In most cases, the Ti value will be between 50-250.

If your system requires a rapid PID response, such as to sharp changes in temperature, use the Td parameter.

The higher the value, the more quickly the system will react. A high value may cause overshoot. In most applications, a Td value of 0-30 (sec) is appropriate.

In most cases, the Td value will be between 0-20.

The recommended value for the ST (Sample Time) parameter is 100 (ST=100).
Utilities

Information Mode

The M90's Information Mode allows you to display and edit data, and to perform certain preset actions. The system data is displayed on the M90 LCD screen and edited via the M90 keypad.

You can enter Information Mode at any time, without regard to what is currently displayed on the HMI screen. Viewing data does not affect the M90 program. Note that when you are in Information Mode, the keypad is dedicated to that purpose. The keypad cannot be used for normal application functions until you exit Information Mode.

To enter Information Mode, press the <i> key for several seconds. You navigate through the main menu to reach the category of data you want. Selecting a category opens a submenu.

The list below shows the categories of information that are available for viewing.

Using Information Mode, you can access:

- I/O status
- Analog Inputs: Operating range and current value
- Counter values
- MB and SB Status
- MI and SI current values
- Timers: Current timer value, preset value, and timer status
- M90 ID number
- RS232 Parameters
- Time and Date
- System Information

You can also restart your program, as well as initialize MBs and MIs.

A full description of Information mode is included is the M90 User Guide.

Update Real-Time-Clock (RTC)

You can update the RTC by storing values into the following SIs.

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Values to Store</th>
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<tr>
<td>32</td>
<td>Current Date - according to RTC</td>
<td>Store the day and month as 4 digits. For example, 0402 is February 4th; 3012 is December 30th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>33</td>
<td>Current Year - according to RTC</td>
<td>Store the year. For example, 1961, or 2002.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>34</td>
<td>Current Day of Week - according to RTC</td>
<td>1 to 7, where 1= Sunday, 7 = Saturday</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Testing your project (Debug mode)

To test a project:

1. Connect the M90 to your PC using the communication cable provided with the software package.
2. Download your program into the M90 from your PC.
3. Click the Test icon on the Standard toolbar.
4. The left Ladder bar and any net with Logic flow will appear red. The current values of all MIs and SIs appear above the Operand Symbol.

5. During Test mode the Title Bar notifies you that you are On-Line.

If you are working in a M90 network, the unit ID number appears as well.
You can also view a fully functional, working representation of the M90 OPLC, by selecting Debug HMI from the View menu as shown below. You can choose to see only the current HMI display, or the complete M90, complete with keypad keys. You can test the keypad keys by clicking them, or by using the corresponding numeric keys on your PC's keyboard.

Verify Project

The Verify utility shows the differences between the project open in your PC and the program currently installed in the controller.

To use Verify:

1. Connect your PC to the controller using a program download cable
2. Select Verify from the Connection menu.

Verify marks different sections with an X, as shown below.
M90 Downloader

The M90 Downloader utility is included in Unitronics Remote Access software, which is located on the M90 Software Package CD. The M90 Downloader makes it possible to install .d90 files in local or remote M90/91 controllers without using U90 Ladder.

.d90 files are complete M90 applications in a compressed format. They are created when you download U90 programs to an M90.

Creating Download files

**Notes** ♦ Both the M90 used to make the download file (source), and the M90 that is installed with the .d90 file (target) should be installed with the same OS version.

♦ To avoid errors in the .d90 file, the Download process must run smoothly, without being aborted or affected by PC faults.

1. Click Download, then click the Select All button.
2. Click the Advanced button and **Check Create Download file.**

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3. A dialog box opens, enabling you to select a Save location. Select a location, then click OK, a .d90 file is created.

Checking the integrity of the Download file

Although you do not need to have the M90 Downloader installed on your PC in order to create .d90 files, you need to install it in order to check .d90 files.

1. After you have created the .d90 file, save the U90 Ladder project from which it was downloaded.
2. Open a new, empty project and download it—using the Select All option—to the M90.
3. Start Remote Access, and start the M90 Downloader which is located on the Remote Access Tools menu.
4. Using the M90 Downloader, navigate to the .d90 file and download it into the M90.
5. Reopen the original U90 Ladder project used to create the .d90 file.
6. Select Verify from the Controller menu; the Verify process will compare the U90 project in your PC with the .d90 application installed in the M90.
7. If the Verify process is successful, the .d90 file is valid.

For more information regarding the M90 Downloader, check the Remote Access Help.

Battery Back-up values
M90/91 controllers have an internal battery back-up for certain values during a power failure.

In M90 models, the battery backs up values from:
- MI 0 - MI 15
- MB 0 - MB 15
- RTC values

Therefore, any Operand that must retain its value during a power failure must be written into one of the above Operands.

In M91 models, all system data and RTC values are backed up.

**Find and Replace Elements**

To use Find and Replace:

1. Open the **Find** function by clicking on the Find button on the U90 Ladder toolbar.
2. The Find function opens.
3. Select the name and address of the operand you wish to find.
4. Click the Find button shown below; a list appears showing every time that operand is used in the project.
5. Select the name and address of the operand you wish to replace as shown below.
6. Select the location of the operand or description you wish to replace by clicking it within the list.
7. Replace operands or their descriptions by clicking the buttons shown below.
Program Password Protection

When you download a password-protected project into the M90:

- The project cannot be uploaded without the password.
- Project sections cannot be downloaded without the password.

**Applying a password**

1. Display project properties by selecting Properties from the Project menu. The project Properties box opens.
2. Enable the password field by clicking on the Upload Password check box. When the box is checked, the keys turns and the field turns red. Note that if the box is not checked, you cannot access the password.
3. Enter the password. It must contain 4 digits as shown below--no symbols.
4. Click the **Download** icon on the Standard toolbar. The Download Window opens showing Download Sections. Note the "password protected" key symbol.

5. Click on Set All. All of the sections are automatically checked as shown below.
6. Click OK. The project downloads.

Note that:

- This process resets the M90, and initializes all bit and integer values.
- If the M90 already contains a password-protected project, you need to supply the password to download sections.
- If the M90 already contains a password-protected program, you cannot upload the program without a password.

**Display Integer values as ASCII or Hexadecimal**

You can:

- Display the values in an MI vector as ASCII characters.
- Display a register value in hexadecimal format.

To do this, attach a numeric Variable to a Display. The variable uses linearization to display the value(s) in the desired format.

Note that non-supported ASCII characters will be shown as <space> characters.

**ASCII -Hexadecimal character table**

- Vector as ASCII

When the application shown in the example below is downloaded, the ASCII characters 'Hello' will be displayed on the M90 screen when Key #3 is pressed.
1. Create a Variable Field in a Display, then attach a Variable.

   Note that the number of characters in the field is equal to the length of the MI vector containing the characters.

2. Define the Variable as shown below.

   Select an Integer Variable

   Link to the operand whose current value "points" to the first MI in the vector holding the ASCII values.

   Enable linearization.

   Enter 0 for these parameters.

   Enter 1 for this parameter.

3. The Ladder net below sets the Variable pointer and stores ASCII values into the MI vector.
Register Value in Hexadecimal

When the application shown in the example below is downloaded, the hexadecimal value of 63 will be displayed on the M90 screen.

1. Create a Variable Field in a Display, then attach a Variable. Note that if the field is too short, only the right-most characters are displayed. For example, the hex value 63(3F) cannot be shown in a field one character long.

2. Define the Variable as shown below.
3. The Ladder net below stores the value into the MI.

Immediate: Read Inputs & HSC, Set/Reset Outputs

You can perform the following immediate actions, without regard to the program scan.

- Set SB 116 to immediately read the status of specific inputs and high-speed counter values. When SB 116 turns ON, the current input value written into linked SBs, current high-speed counter values are written into linked SIs.
- Set the appropriate SBs to immediately clear high-speed counter values.
- Set the appropriate SBs to immediately Set/Reset Outputs.

Note that:

- Values are stored in linked SBs and SIs according to your controller model.
- In the Ladder, inputs and high-speed counters retain the values updated at the beginning of the scan. Only the linked operands listed below are immediately updated. However, immediate changes in output status are immediately updated in the Ladder.

Use the table below to determine which actions, SBs, and SIs are relevant to your model controller.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>M90 Model</th>
<th>Input #</th>
<th>Value stored in:</th>
<th>HSC #</th>
<th>Value stored in:</th>
<th>HSC #</th>
<th>Immediate Clear</th>
<th>Output #</th>
<th>Set/Reset via:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
1 Second Pulse Oscillator

There is a built-in 1 second pulse oscillator that generates a 1 Hz pulse.

This pulse oscillator is embedded in SB 3. You can use this pulse oscillator as:

- **Direct Contact**
- **Inverted Contact**
- **Positive Transition Contact**
- **Negative Transition Contact**.

The following example creates a counter that progresses by one every one second.

```
14  SB 3 1 second pulse
```

10mS Counter

The value in SI 1 increments every 10mS. You can store a value into SI 1 at any time during your program, such as 0 to reset the counter.

Communication Utilities

Use this utility to enable your controller to receive data from external devices, such as barcode readers, via an RS232 port. Since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into SIs.

Note that the communication settings stored into these SIs only take effect at power-up.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SI</th>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value to Store</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>141</td>
<td>STX (Start of Text)</td>
<td>0-255(ASCII) -1: No Start of Text (not recommended)</td>
<td>The STX parameter indicates where the data block begins. Note that the ASCII character ’/’ (backslash) cannot be used to indicate the start of the data block.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Data Block Parameters

**142 ETX (End of Text)**
- **0-255 (ASCII)**
  - Length: 0 to 255
  - If you use an ASCII character (0-255), note that if this character occurs after the Length parameter defined in SI 143, SB 60 turns ON.
  - Selecting -1 causes the function to use the length of a data block alone to determine its end.
  - Selecting -2 causes the function to use the duration of silent time following the STX to determine the end of a data block.

**143 ETX Length or Silent Length**
- Length: up to 128
- Silent: up to 24000
  - This defines both the length of text or silence that signal the end of text.
  - Note that the duration of a silent 'counter' unit is approximately 2.509 mS. The 'silent' value should be lower than the M90 TimeOut value.
  - When defined as length, SI 143 cannot exceed SI 144.

**144 Maximum Length**
- Up to 128
  - This is the maximum legal length for received text.
  - When the maximum length is exceeded, the Receive Buffer is automatically cleared, and SB 60 is turned OFF, enabling new data to be received.
  - This can be used to detect buffer overflow.

**145 Address: Receive Buffer**
- This MI contains the start address for the vector of registers that serves as the Receive Buffer.

**60 Number of Bytes currently in Receive Buffer**
- Read only
  - SI 60 indicates how many bytes of data are currently in the Receive Buffer.

**61 Number of Bytes in Receive Buffer when SB 60 = 1**
- Read only
  - SI 61 indicates how many bytes of data are in the Receive Buffer when SB 60 turns ON.

**146 Copy Data: Format**
- 0: copy each received byte
- 1: copy in groups of 4 received bytes
  - 0 causes each separate byte to be copied to a separate register including STX and ETX.
  - 1 causes every 4 bytes to be copied to a single register, without the STX and ETX. This is used when the received data is in numeric format. For example 12345 would be copied to 2 consecutive MIs. The first MI would contain 1234, the second would contain 5.

**140 Start receiving 300**
- In your application, use this to call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.
- Note that when you run Test (Debug)
Utilities

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<th>SB</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>60</td>
<td>Data Successfully Received</td>
<td>Read only. Turns ON when the ETX condition is registered by the system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>61</td>
<td>Copy Data in Receive Buffer to MI Vector</td>
<td>Write only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Turning this SB ON causes the buffer contents to be copied to the MI vector defined in SI 145. The data will be copied according to the format defined in SI 146.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• If SI 146 is set to 0, this SB can be set at any time. If SI 146 is set to 1, this SB can be set after SB 60 turns ON.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>62</td>
<td>Clear Receive Buffer, Clear SI 60,</td>
<td>Write only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Clear SI 61, Reset SB 60</td>
<td>• This SB must be turned ON to enable a new message, or data block, to be received.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Turn this SB ON to enable data to be received before the maximum length, defined in SI 144, is exceeded.</td>
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</table>

Note that if no data is received for a period exceeding the M90 TimeOut, you will lose the data in the buffer.

To see how to use the Communications Utility, check the sample application Read Card - Display Number Value.U90. This may be found by accessing Sample U90 Projects from the Help menu.

This application demonstrates how to read a magnetic card number using an "IDTECH" card reader, then display that number on the M90's screen. The card reader transmits the number in ASCII characters in this format:

`
< %?[CR];xxxxx?[CR] >
`

where `xxxxx` is the card number.

The ASCII character used to mark the Start Of Text (STX) is `< ; >` (semicolon). End Of Text (ETX) is marked with the character `< ? >` .

Since the card number is 5 digits long, the card number is copied to 2 separate MIs. The MIs are linked to 2 variables that are shown on the M90's screen in 2 separate Displays.

The parameters must be written into their respective operands using one scan condition. For this purpose, it is recommended to use SB 2 Power-up bit, as shown in the sample application.

Access indirectly addressed registers: Using the Database

You can access and use integers 0 through 1023 within the M90 OPLC's memory as a database, via SI 40 and SI 41.

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.

Writing Values
1. Use SI 40 Database Index to access a particular MI.
   For example, to access MI 2 you store the number 2 into SI 40.

   ![The value '2' is stored in SI 40 Database Index](image)

   MI 2 is now the current Database integer
2. Use SI 41 Database Value to write a value into MI 2. For example, you can store a number value into SI 41.

### Reading Values
When you use SI 41 Database Value in your program, the program actually reads the MI that is referenced by SI 40 Database Index.

### Examples

#### Example 1: Write
In the net below, 0 is stored in SI 40 when the M90 OPLC is powered up. This means that integer 0 is now the current ‘database’ integer.

In the net below, the analog value contained in SI 20 is stored in SI 41 every second. According to the net above, the current ‘database’ integer is 0. The analog value is therefore stored in integer 0.

In the next net, the value in SI 40 is incremented by 1 every second, changing the current database integer. This means that the first analog value will be stored in integer 0, the second analog value in integer 1, and so on.
Example 2: Read

In the first part of the net below, 10 is stored into SI 40. Integer 10 is the 'database' integer. In the second part of the net, the value in SI 41 is compared to the value in integer 4.

The value in SI 41 is the value actually in integer 10—the current database integer.

Linearization

Linearization can be used to convert analog values from I/Os into decimal or other integer values. An analog value from a temperature probe, for example can be converted to degrees Celsius and displayed on the controller's display screen.
Linearize values for Display

Note that the linearized value created in this way may be displayed—**but** the value **cannot** be used anywhere else within the project for further calculations or operations.

You can enter an Analog value, such as temperature, via the M90 keypad, then convert that value into a Digital value for comparison with a digital value from a temperature probe by selecting **Enable Linearization** in the linked Variable.

This conversion process is Reverse Linearization.

To enable Analog to Digital conversion:

1. Create a Display for entering the analog value.
2. Create an Integer Variable.
3. Select **keypad entry** and **enable linearization**.
4. Enter the linearization values for the x and y axes.

According to the above example:
- A temperature entry of 100° C will be converted to 1023 Digital value.
- A temperature entry of 50° C will be converted to 512 Digital value.

**Linearize values in the Ladder**

You can also linearize values in your Ladder and display them on the M90’s LCD.

1. In your Ladder project, use SI 80 - 85 to set the (x,y) variable ranges. Use SB 80 to activate the **Linearization** function.
The linearization values created here can be displayed by linking SI 85 to a Display; the value can be used elsewhere within the project for further calculations or operations.

Example: write the variable ranges into SI 80 - 83, then writing an analog input into SI 84:
FAQs

General

Can I work with more than one application open at a time?

No, you cannot work with more than one application open at a time. If you try to open a new or existing project, the project currently open project will close. If you have unsaved changes, you will be prompted to save them before the project closes.

How does the program know when a keypad entry is complete?

When a keypad entry is complete, there are special SBs that go to logic 1 for one system scan.

If there is more than one Variable on display, there is an HMI Var Keypad Entry Complete SB for each Variable.

The SBs are:
- SB 30 - HMI Keypad entries complete
- SB 31 - HMI Var 1 Keypad entry completed
- SB 32 - HMI Var 2 Keypad entry completed
- SB 33 - HMI Var 3 Keypad entry completed
- SB 34 - HMI Var 4 Keypad entry completed

You can use these special SBs in your Ladder project or Jump conditions to move from Display to Display when keypad entry is complete.

Update Real-Time-Clock (RTC)

You can update the RTC by storing values into the following SIs.

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<th>Values to Store</th>
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<tr>
<td>SI 32</td>
<td>Current Date - according to RTC</td>
<td>Store the day and month as 4 digits. For example, 0402 is February 4th; 3012 is December 30th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI 33</td>
<td>Current Year - according to RTC</td>
<td>Store the year. For example, 1961, or 2002.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI 34</td>
<td>Current Day of Week - according to RTC</td>
<td>1 to 7, where 1 = Sunday, 7 = Saturday</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

How many times can I use an Operand in a project?

There is no limit to the number of times you can use the same Operand and Address in your project.

Note that a specific Direct Coil or Inverted Coil Operand and Address should only be used once in a project.

Assigning a Unit ID number

When you create an M90 network, you must assign a Unit ID number to each controller. A Unit ID number is unique. It must be used only once within a network.

You use this number for two purposes:
- To enable the M90 controllers to exchange data.
- To access a networked M90 via your PC.

To set a Unit ID number:
1. Click Controller on the Standard menu bar.

![Controller menu](image)

2. Select **M90 OPLC Settings** from the Controller menu.

![Controller pane](image)

3. The **M90 OPLC Settings** window opens.

![M90 OPLC Settings](image)

4. Enter the new ID number in the Unit ID window.

![Unit ID settings](image)
5. Click **<< Set** to enter the new IN number.

**Displaying the Unit ID Tool Bar**

1. Display the Unit ID by selecting M90 ID from the controller.
2. The Unit ID tool bar opens as shown below.
To download via an M90 bridge to a networked M90, you must select the unique ID of the networked M90. When you enter ‘0’ as the Unit ID number, you communicate directly with the M90 that you are using as a bridge to the network.

1 Second Pulse Oscillator

There is a built-in 1 second pulse oscillator that generates a 1 Hz pulse.

This pulse oscillator is embedded in **SB 3**. You can use this pulse oscillator as:

- Direct Contact
- Inverted Contact
- Positive Transition Contact
- Negative Transition Contact.

The following example creates a counter that progresses by one every one second.

```
14
>> SB 3 1 second
pulse

EN END
A AUD B = C

Mf 5 Counter
A

Mf 5 Counter
B

#1

$```

**Downloading a Project**

The Download process transfers your project from the PC to the controller.

To download a project to a controller:

1. Click the **Download** icon on the Standard toolbar.

2. The Download Window opens with Download Sections. Those sections which have yet to be downloaded to a controller will be selected. If you have made no changes in the project since the last download, you have to select the Download Sections manually. Click OK.
The key at the top tells you if the project is password protected. If so, the password will have to be supplied at upload.

Note Ladder Image and Project Symbols option. If you do not select this option, the Ladder program cannot be uploaded to a PC for editing. You only be able to view the uploaded program in STL. To enable the Ladder program to upload from the M90 into a PC, select this option.

Note the different Power-up value (Battery Backup) options.

3. The Downloading Progress window opens. This window closes when download is complete.

**Uploading a Project**

1. Select Upload from the Controller menu.
2. Two new options are displayed: Upload, and Upload from Network ID.
3. Upload from:
   - a stand-alone M90 by clicking on the Upload button
   - from a specific M90 on a network by selecting the M90's ID number as shown below.

4. All sections of the project in the M90 will upload.

   Note that if the program is protected by a password, you must supply this password in order to upload.

**Testing your project (Debug mode)**

To test a project:

1. Connect the M90 to your PC using the communication cable provided with the software package.
2. Download your program into the M90 from your PC.
3. Click the Test icon on the Standard toolbar.

4. The left Ladder bar and any net with Logic flow will appear red. The current values of all MIs and SIs appear above the Operand Symbol.
5. During **Test** mode the Title Bar notifies you that you are **On-Line**.

If you are working in a M90 network, the unit ID number appears as well.

You can also view a fully functional, working representation of the M90 OPLC, by selecting Debug HMI from the View menu as shown below. You can choose to see only the current HMI display, or the complete M90, complete with keypad keys. You can test the keypad keys by clicking them, or by using the corresponding numeric keys on your PC's keyboard.
Entering values via the M90 keypad

When you enter values from the M90 keypad, you move between entry value options using the up and down scroll arrow keys on the M90 keypad.

You select a value option with the +/- key on the M90 keypad. Each selected value appears with a flashing + sign. Pressing +/- on an already selected value will unselect that value.

You press enter when you have finished entering all desired values.

Upgrading the controller’s Operating System (OS)

The Operating System runs the controller.

You will be asked to upgrade your OS when there have been manufacturing changes to the hardware and / or software.

To upgrade the Operating System:

1. Click Controller on the Standard menu bar.

2. Select Operating System from the drop-down Controller menu.
3. The **M90_OS Download** dialog box opens. Check your communications settings and verify that your controller is connected to your PC. Click **Start**.

4. A message box prompts you to continue with the upgrade. Continuing will **stop all** controller operations.

5. Click **Download**.
6. The Status frame in the M90_OS Download dialog box shows the progress of the process.

7. An **Installation successful** message box appears at the end of the download.

Convert MB to Mi, Mi to MB
An M90 register is built of 16 bits.

Using the MB to MI function, you can convert 16 bits or more into an integer value. Conversely, you can convert an integer value into 16 bits or more using the MI to MB function.

Note that if the converted values exceed 16 bits, the function will write the value to consecutive registers. Any values in those registers will be overwritten.

To apply the functions, use the following System Integers (SI) and System Bits (SB)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SI</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>SB</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SI170</td>
<td>Address of MI containing integer value</td>
<td>SB170</td>
<td>MB to MI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI171</td>
<td>Start address of MB array (vector)</td>
<td>SB171</td>
<td>MI to MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI172</td>
<td>Amount of MBs</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You can use this function, for example to send an SMS when there is a change in the status of the M90’s inputs:

1. Represent the status of the M90’s inputs using MBs.
2. Convert these MBs into an MI
3. Perform a XOR operation on the result.
When there is a change in input status, the XOR operation will return a value different than 0, which may then be used to trigger the sending of an SMS.

**Examples**

Example 1:

1. Store the value 7 into SI 170, 10 into SI 171 and 9 into SI 172.
2. Set SB 170 to ON.

The program will calculate the binary value of a 9 bit array which starts with MB 10. The resulting value will be placed into MI 7.

Example 2:

1. Store the value 7 into SI 170, 10 into SI 171 and 9 into SI 172.
2. Set SB 171 to ON

The program will calculate the binary value of the value contained in MI 7. The result will be scattered on a 9 bit array which starts with MB 10.

**Detecting short-circuited end devices**

The M90 can detect short circuits in end devices (loads) that are connected to transistor outputs located on the M90 or on I/O expansion modules. Short circuits can also be detected in end-devices connected to analog outputs. Note that these features do not apply to the transistor outputs located on the M90-T1 and M90-T1-CAN, or the analog output located on the M90-TA2-CAN.

If a short-circuit is detected, SB 5 turns ON.

SI 5 contains a bitmap indicating on which device the affected output is located. When you include I/O expansion modules in your M90 hardware configuration, each module is assigned a place number, 0-7, according to its place in that configuration. In the bitmap, bits 0-7 correspond to these place numbers. Bit 8 is reserved for M90. A value of '1' indicates a short-circuited output.
In the bitmap below, short circuits have been detected in devices that are connected to expansion modules 1 and 3, and to the M90 itself.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit#</th>
<th>15</th>
<th>14</th>
<th>13</th>
<th>12</th>
<th>11</th>
<th>10</th>
<th>9</th>
<th>8</th>
<th>7</th>
<th>6</th>
<th>5</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>2</th>
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**Keypad Keys: Linked to SBs 40-53**

SB 40 - SB 53 are System Bits reserved for keypad buttons.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SB Number</th>
<th>Key Button</th>
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<tr>
<td>SB 40</td>
<td>Key 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SB 41</td>
<td>Key 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SB 42</td>
<td>Key 2</td>
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<td>SB 43</td>
<td>Key 3</td>
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<td>SB 44</td>
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<td>SB 50</td>
<td>Key (+/-)</td>
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<td>SB 51</td>
<td>Left Arrow Key</td>
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<tr>
<td>SB 52</td>
<td>Right Arrow Key</td>
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<tr>
<td>SB 53</td>
<td>Enter Key</td>
</tr>
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</table>

When you push a keypad button, that key button SB goes to logic 1. When you release the button, that key button SB goes to logic 0.

You can use SB 40 - SB 53

- In Jump to Display conditions.
- In Ladder diagram as a Contact.
- As a Bit value Operand.

**Measuring time between events**

To measure time between two events, you need to create a section in your project that will begin counting time at the start of the first event and continue counting until the second event stops the counter.
According to the above example, when a box is sensed by a sensor connected to Input 0 (I0), the value 0 (zero) is written into MI 10 (counter) and MB 1 is latched at logic 1 and enables the counter.

Using a one second pulse (SB 3), the counter increments by one every pulse.

When a box is sensed by the second sensor connected to Input 1 (I1), MB 1 is reset (unlatched) and the counting stops.

The integer value of MI 10 is the time value that passed between the two events. That is, the amount of time that the box was on the conveyor belt.

**Including a logo**

You can include a logo in your project. Then, when you print sections of your project, the logo will be printed at the top of the page. Logos can be in .bmp, .gif, .jpg, or .jpeg format.

1. Display project Properties by selecting Properties from the Project menu.
2. Click Set Logo Pic. The Logo Editor box opens.

3. Locate your logo by clicking on Browse, navigating to the logo, and selecting it. The new logo now appears in the Logo Editor.
4. Click OK.

When you print a section from your project, the logo will appear as shown below.

Binary Numbers

Memory Integers and System Integers are actually 16-bit binary numbers. You enter decimal numbers into Memory Integers and System Integers. The program converts these decimal numbers into binary numbers and performs the specified functions.

You may want to use a logic function to mask out bits or check for bit corruption. You will need to know what decimal number will convert to the appropriate binary number. The following charts will help you understand why the decimal numbers \{0,1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128, etc\} where chosen for use with logical OR to evaluate keypad input numbers in the following example.
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What is a Unique Number?

Each M90 unit is assigned a unique number when it is manufactured. The unique number is contained in SI 38 and SI 39.

Hardware Configuration

Detecting short-circuited end devices

The M90 can detect short circuits in end devices (loads) that are connected to transistor outputs located on the M90 or on I/O expansion modules. Short circuits can also be detected in end-devices connected to analog outputs. Note that these features do not apply to the transistor outputs located on the M90-T1 and M90-T1-CAN, or the analog output located on the M90-TA2-CAN.

If a short-circuit is detected, SB 5 turns ON.

SI 5 contains a bitmap indicating on which device the affected output is located. When you include I/O expansion modules in your M90 hardware configuration, each module is assigned a place number, 0-7, according to its place in that configuration. In the bitmap, bits 0-7 correspond to these place numbers. Bit 8 is reserved for M90. A value of ‘1’ indicates a short-circuited output.

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**Configuring I/O Expansion Modules**

Certain M90 models can be hooked up to I/O Expansion Modules.

You must configure the M90 according to the I/O Expansion Modules you are connecting.

**Adding I/O Expansion Modules to your Hardware Configuration**

1. Click on the **Hardware Configuration** icon on the Standard toolbar.

2. The **M90 Hardware configuration** window opens.

3. Select the M90 model for your project application from the M90 icon menu.
4. The selected model name appears above the M90 controller. Open the Digital or Analog menu according to the module you are connecting.

5. Double-click on the appropriate I/O module. The selected module(s) will appear on the Module Expansion bar.
6. Continue adding I/O Expansion Modules according to your expansion configuration.

Configuring I/Os: Linking Operands

1. Double-click on an I/O expansion icon in the Model Expansion bar. An I/O Details window opens.
2. Click on the appropriate Inputs / Outputs to enter the desired Addresses and Symbols.

Download Hardware Configuration properties

1. Click the Download Configuration icon.

2. If there is a conflict between the current M90 hardware information and the project configuration, you will be prompted to choose how to proceed.

3. If you decide to continue with the Download, the M90 OPLC will be stopped and reset during the Download procedure. Click OK. The Download process is activated.
The Hardware configuration is now updated.

Note: If your application does not require that you use all of the I/Os on a particular I/O Expansion Module, do not select the unused I/Os when you configure the module. Selecting unused I/Os may add to the M90's scan time.

Addressing: I/O Expansion Modules

Inputs and outputs located on I/O expansion modules that are connected into an M90 OPLC are assigned addresses that comprise a letter and a number. The letter indicates whether the I/O is an input (I) or an output (O). The number indicates the I/O’s location in the system. This number relates to both the expansion module’s position in the system, and to the position of the I/O on that module.

Expansion modules are numbered from 0-7 as shown in the figure below.

The formula below is used to assign addresses for I/O modules used in conjunction with the M90 OPLC.

\[ X \times 16 + Y \]

\[ X \] is the number representing a specific module’s location (0-7). \( Y \) is the number of the input or output on that specific module (0-15).

The number that represents the I/O's location is equal to: 32 + \( x \times 16 + y \)

Example

- Input #3, located on expansion module #2 in the system, will be addressed as I67, 
  \[ 67 = 32 + 2 \times 16 + 3 \]
- Output #4, located on expansion module #3 in the system, will be addressed as O84, 
  \[ 84 = 32 + 3 \times 16 + 4 \]

EX90-DI8-RO8 is a stand-alone I/O module. Even if it is the only module in the configuration, the EX90-DI8-RO8 is always assigned the number 7. Its I/Os are addressed accordingly.

Example

- Input #5, located on an EX90-DI8-RO8 connected to an M90 OPLC will be addressed as I149, 
  \[ 149 = 32 + 7 \times 16 + 5 \]

High-Speed Counters (HSC), Shaft Encoders, Frequency Measurer

The M90 series offers high-speed counter functions of the following types:

- Shaft encoder, at resolutions x2 and x4.
- High-speed counter.
- High-speed counter + reset,
- Frequency measurement, at 100, 500, and 1000 msec.
Some of the sample programs installed together with U90 Ladder include high-speed counters of different types.

**HSC Types & Functions**

High-speed counter functions are built into the M90 hardware. This is why you do not ‘build’ a high-speed counter within your Ladder program. Instead, you define it as part of the M90 OPLC’s hardware configuration by:

1. Selecting the counter type as shown below
2. Linking it to an MI that contains the counter value.

Note that the counter value is an integer with a range of -32768 to +32767. After the counter reaches the maximum value of +3,2767 it will continue to count in the negative range.

The last on-board input on an M90 is the actual counter, and is capable of counting 5,000 pulses per second. Note that the M90 high-speed input is a pnp-type input, requiring a nominal voltage of 24V, a minimum of 15V.

The next-to-last input also serves a purpose in certain high-speed counter functions:

- shaft encoder function: the next-to-last input serves to indicate the direction of the encoder.
- high-speed counter + reset function: the next-to-last input serves to reset the counter.

When the next-to-last input is used in a high-speed counter function, it is normally OFF. It remains OFF until it receives a signal; the input then turns ON, stopping and resetting the high-speed counter. The high-speed counter begins counting pulses only after the counter reset turns OFF. Note that SB 10 High Speed Counter Reset Enable must be ON; it is ON by default.

**Configuring a High-speed counter**

1. Select Hardware Configuration from the Controller menu. The Hardware Configuration window opens.
2. Click on the icon representing your controller model. The appropriate hardware model window opens.

3. Select a high-speed counter type by clicking the drop-down arrow to display the options, then clicking one.

4. The Select Operand Address box opens. Select an MI to contain the counter value, and then click OK.

   ![Select MI for 110, 111: (A,B) Shaft Encoder](image)

   This MI contains the counter value which is current at the last program scan. Use this MI in your program like any other MI. You can reset the counter by placing a 0 value into this MI via the Store function. Note that in order to reset the counter, SB 10 High Speed Counter Reset Enable must be turned ON; SB 10 is ON by default.

Shaft Encoder

Selecting the shaft encoder function enables the counter to count both up (-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...) and down (3, 2, 1, 0, -1, -2, -3 ...). Note that the input requires you to use pnp-type shaft encoders.

High-speed Counter

If you select the high-speed counter function that does not include Reset, note that you must reset it within your Ladder program. This type of counter only counts up.

If you select the high-speed counter function with reset, the counter is capable of counting up within the positive range, 0-32767. This function uses the next-to-last input as a counter reset. Since the reset is done via the hardware, the reset is immediate and independent of the program scan.

Frequency Measurement

This counts the number of pulses over the selected period of time (sample rate): 100 msec, 500 msec, or 1000 msec (1 second), expressing the result in Hertz. For example, 155 pulses counted over 100 msec is equal to 1550Hz; 155 pulses counted over 500 msec is equal to 310Hz.

Compare Functions and Counter Values

It is probable that a counter value will not be read at the exact moment that a Compare function in your program is being carried out. This can cause an Equal (=) function to miss the desired counter value; if the counter does not reach the value required by the Equal function at the moment the function is carried out, the Equal function cannot register that the value has been reached. To avoid this problem, use functions Greater Than Or Equal To (≥) and Lesser Than Or Equal To (≤).

High-Speed Output: PWM

M90

M90 OS versions 2.00 (B01) and later enable you to use the last on-board output of M90 models T1 and T1-CAN in either:
High Speed Output (HSO) mode

Normal output mode.

Using HSO mode gives you the ability to use an output as a PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) output. You can also use an output in HSO mode together with stepper motor controllers.

To use HSO mode:

1. Use System Integer SI 16 HSO Mode to change the operating mode of Output 11 from Normal mode to HSO mode: 0=Normal Mode, 1: HSO Mode. This should be part of your program's Power-up tasks.

2. Set the output frequency (F) by storing a value into SI 17 HSO Frequency. Note that F=1/T, where T is the duration time of a complete cycle. You can store a value of 0, or a value from 3-1500Hz; other frequency values are not supported.

3. Set the duty cycle—the ratio of the "on" period of a cycle to the total cycle period—by storing a value into SI 18 Duty Cycle. This value may be from 0-1000, and is expressed as a percentage.

   If, for example, the constant 750 is stored into SI 18, the duty cycle is equal to 75.0%. This means that the pulse will hold a positive state during 75.0% of the total cycle.

4. Use SB 16 HSO RUN to control the output; when SB 16 is ON, Output 11 operates.

In the figure below, SI 18 is equal to 250. This results in the duty cycle being 25% of the total cycle time.

Note that:

- If you store out-of-range values into SI 17 and SI 18, their values remain unchanged—they retain the last legal values stored.
- Note 2. All parameters except SI 16 may be changed during run-time.

M91

1. Click Hardware Configuration on the Standard toolbar.

2. The M90 Hardware Configuration window opens.

3. Click on the M91 bar.
4. Select the appropriate M91 model; the model's I/O options are displayed.

3. Click on the High Speed Outputs tab, then select High Speed Output (PWM).
4. The Select Operand and Address box will open 3 times, enabling you to link MIs for Common Frequency & Duty Cycle, and MB for Enable Output.

7. The PWM output is now part of the configuration.

Configuring an Analog Input

M90
To attach an Analog Input to an MI:

1. Click Hardware Configuration on the Standard toolbar.

2. The M90 Hardware Configuration window opens.

3. Click the appropriate M90 model.
4. The I/O options for that model are displayed.

5. Check the Analog Input check box. The Select MI for Analog Input window opens.

6. Enter the desired Address and Symbol of the MI Operand. Select the Analog Input type from the drop-down menu.
7. The M90 Hardware Configuration window now appears with the new Analog Input configuration.

M91

To attach an Analog Input to an MI:

1. Click Hardware Configuration on the Standard toolbar.
2. The M90 Hardware Configuration window opens.

3. Click on the M91 bar.

3. Select the appropriate M91 model; the model's I/O options are displayed.

4. Click on the Analog Inputs tab.
4. Click the Link field, then select the desired type of input. The Select MI for Analog Input window opens.

6. Enter the desired Address and Symbol of the MI Operand.
7. The Analog Input is now part of the configuration.

Configuring a Thermocouple: M91 OPLC series

1. Click *Hardware Configuration* on the Standard toolbar.
2. The **M90 Hardware Configuration** window opens.

3. Click on the **M91 bar**.

4. Select the appropriate M91 model; the *model's I/O options* are displayed.
5. Click on the Analog Inputs tab.

6. Click the Link field, then select the desired type of input. The Select Operand and Address box opens.

6. Enter the desired Address and Symbol of the MI Operand.

7. The thermocouple is now part of the configuration.
HMI

Variables

You insert Variables into a Display to:

- Show varying values and text on the controller screen.
- Enter values into the controller.

Use the Variable Editor to link variables to the operands that contain the data you want to use in your program. You can use variables in your HMI program to display text that varies according to current conditions or events. Variable integers also can receive data input from the M90's keypad keys, such as an employee ID number, or a set point for process control.

**Displaying Variable Values in a Display**

To display data from an HMI variable within an M90 display, you must:

- Create a field within the display that is long enough to hold the variable data.
- Attach a variable to the field.

**To Create a Field**

1. Click your cursor in the display. This is the starting point of the field.
2. To create the field, either:
3. Drag the cursor across the display. The field you create is automatically highlighted in blue.
   OR
4. Hold the SHIFT key down, and press the right-pointing arrow key. Each time you press the arrow key, a space is automatically highlighted in blue.

In the figure below, the display contains a field two spaces long.
To Attach a Variable

1. Click Attach Variable on the HMI toolbar. The Attach Variable dialog box opens as shown below.

2. Enter the number of the desired variable as shown below and press OK. If you do not enter a variable number, the program assigns a default variable.

3. The variable-linked spaces now appear as red pound signs, and the variable itself appears in the Variable pane of this Display as shown below.
Use the Variable Editor to:

- Set variable types and properties.
- Create up to 120 list variables to display fixed text messages.
- Enable data entry via the M90 keypad.

Up to fifty variables may be included in your application. The different types of variables are listed below.

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Variable Editor view:
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What is an HMI?
HMI stands for Human Machine Interface. This is the interface between the operator and the controller.

The M90 HMI is the controller operating panel. The panel comprises a 15 key numeric keypad and a 16 character LCD Display screen.

The keypad is used to input data into the application, such as Timer values.

The M90's Display screen can show operator messages, variable information from the program and system information.

HMI messages are created in the Display Editor.

Variable information fields are created in the Variable Editor.

HMI applications are featured in several sample applications, such as the applications 'Display Jumps from Ladder', 'Names from List Var', 'Password', 'Special characters on List', 'Display of Events', and '5 Vars on Display'. These applications may be found by selecting Sample U90 Projects from the Help Menu.

Jump to Display: scrolling between Displays
Display Jumps allow you to move between Displays via the M90 keypad or any bit positive transition. You can create up to 4 Jumps for each Display in the Display Editor. If you want to create more than 4 Jumps for a Display, you must create the logic conditions in the Ladder Editor.

To create a jump:

1. Click on a Jump Condition and the Define Jump to Condition dialog box opens.

2. Select a Jump Operand from the drop-down menu.

3. Enter the desired Address and symbol for the Jump Operand. Click OK.

4. The Define To Display Jump dialog box opens.
5. Enter the Display number to which you want to jump. Click OK.

6. The result will be:

Note that Display Jump conditions based on MBs can only be linked to MB 0-127; jumps may not be linked to MB 128-255.

**Note** ♦ When an HMI keypad entry variable is active, and the Enter key is pressed on the controller keypad, SB 30 HMI Keypad Entries Complete turns ON. This can be used as a Jump condition.

In addition, note that a Display may contain a total of 4 variables. Each one has an SB:

- SB 31 HMI Var 1 Keypad entry completed
- SB 32 HMI Var 2 Keypad entry completed
- SB 33 HMI Var 3 Keypad entry completed
- SB 34 HMI Var 4 Keypad entry completed
The condition of these SBs may be used as Jump Conditions, or to drive calculations in your program.

**Displaying text according to the value of a MB or SB**

To display a text according to the value of a MB or SB:

1. Create a Display and variable field.
2. Create a **Bit** type variable attached to the field.
3. Enter a text Display for the "0" value of the MB / SB.
4. Enter a text Display for the "1" value of the MB / SB.

The text will be displayed according to the value of the MB / SB. Note that the Display field must be large enough for the defined text.

For the above example, the Display field must be 6 characters.

**List Variable: Display text according to a changing MI value**
To display different texts for different values of the same MI:

1. Create a new Variable.
2. Select **List** Variable type.

3. Enter the desired text for each possible value of the linked MI.
4. Attach the Variable to a Display field.

The text on the Display will be determined by the value written into MI 0 in the Ladder.

Example:

If MI 0 = 2, then the message will be **Engine Failure**.

**Display Integer values as ASCII or Hexadecimal**

You can:

- Display the values in an MI vector as ASCII characters.
- Display a register value in hexadecimal format.

To do this, attach a numeric Variable to a Display. The variable uses linearization to display the value(s) in the desired format.

Note that non-supported ASCII characters will be shown as `<space>` characters.

**ASCII - Hexadecimal character table**
Vector as ASCII

When the application shown in the example below is downloaded, the ASCII characters 'Hello' will be displayed on the M90 screen when Key #3 is pressed.

1. Create a Variable Field in a Display, then attach a Variable.

2. Define the Variable as shown below.

3. The Ladder net below sets the Variable pointer and stores ASCII values into the MI vector.
Register Value in Hexadecimal

When the application shown in the example below is downloaded, the hexadecimal value of 63 will be displayed on the M90 screen.

1. Create a Variable Field in a Display, then attach a Variable. Note that if the field is too short, only the right-most characters are displayed. For example, the hex value 63(3F) cannot be shown in a field one character long.

The field may not contain more than 4 characters.
2. Define the Variable as shown below.

3. The Ladder net below stores the value into the MI.

**Showing an MI value on the controller's LCD**

To display an MI value on the controller display:

1. **Create a Variable**
   
   To create a new Variable:
   
   1. Click the Add New Variable icon on the HMI toolbar.
2. A new Variable opens in the Variable Editor.

3. Select the desired Variable Type.

4. Select the Operand type.
5. Enter the Operand Address and Symbol.

6. The new Variable appears with the appropriate link in the Variable Editor.

2. **Create a Variable Field in a Display** and attach it to the Variable.

To Create a Field
1. Click your cursor in the display. This is the starting point of the field.
2. To create the field, either:
3. Drag the cursor across the display. The field you create is automatically highlighted in blue.
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4. Hold the SHIFT key down, and press the right-pointing arrow key. Each time you press the arrow key, a space is automatically highlighted in blue.

In the figure below, the display contains a field two spaces long.

To Attach a Variable

5. Click Attach Variable on the HMI toolbar. The Attach Variable dialog box opens as shown below.

6. Enter the number of the desired variable as shown below and press OK. If you do not enter a variable number, the program assigns a default variable.

7. The variable-linked spaces now appear as red pound signs, and the variable itself appears in the Variable pane of this Display as shown below.
Converting Display values: Linearization

If you want to enter an Analog value, such as temperature, via the M90 keypad and convert that value into a Digital value for comparison with a digital value from a temperature probe, you use the Enable Linearization feature in the linked Variable.

This conversion process is Reverse Linearization.

To enable Analog to Digital conversion:

1. Create a Display for entering the analog value.
2. Create an Integer Variable.
3. Select keypad entry and enable linearization.
4. Enter the linearization values for the x and y axes.

According to the above example:

- A temperature entry of $100^\circ$ C will be converted to 1023 Digital value.
- A temperature entry of $50^\circ$ C will be converted to 512 Digital value.
**Limiting an MI keypad entry value**

To limit an MI keypad entry value:

1. While creating an Integer Value, select **Keypad Entry** and **Enable Limits** in the Variable information window.

2. Enter the **Minimum** and **Maximum** variable limits.
Selecting a Timer Display format

1. From the Navigator Window, create or choose an existing Timer Variable.

2. Open the Timer format drop-down menu in the Variable Editor.
3. Select the Timer format from the drop-down menu in the Variable Editor.

4. The selected format is displayed in the Format window.

**Displaying an MI value with a leading zero**
To display an MI with a Leading Zero:

1. Select the desired Variable from the Navigator Window.

2. Select Leading Zeros from the Variable Information check box.

Displaying Special Symbols on the LCD

There are a number of Special Symbols such as arrows and degree signs, that may be displayed on the M90' LCD.

To enter a Special Symbol into a Display:

1. Choose the position in the Display field.

2. Right click to open the Variable modification menu.
3. Select **Special Characters** from the menu. The Special Characters menu opens.

4. Select the Special Character you wish to add.

5. A ~ symbol will appear in the Display screen to show you that a Special Symbol was inserted. The selected symbol will appear on the controller.
Ladder

Ladder Net

A U90 Ladder net is the smallest division of a ladder diagram in Unitronics’ U90 Ladder software.

Your first ladder element on the left must be connected to the left side of the ladder in each net. You do not need to connect the last element on the right to the right side of the ladder in each net.

You should place only one ladder rung on a Ladder net.

Power flows through the ladder elements in a net from left to right. If you build a net that would result in reverse power flow (right to left) the following error message occurs:

Placing more than one rung in a net may cause compiler problems in your project.

Examples:

This net is constructed properly.
This net is constructed properly.

This net is improperly constructed and contains two rungs.

The rungs in the net below should be placed in two nets as shown below.
Operands
An element’s Operand is the form in which information is stored and operated on in the U90 Ladder program.

Operand lists are organized in categories, according to operand type:
- Input: I (according to model and expansion)
- Output: O (according to model and expansion)
- Memory Bit: MB (0 - 255)
- Memory Integer: MI (0 - 255)
- System Bit: SB (0 - 255)
- System Integer: SI (0 - 255)
- Timer: T (0 - 63)

Every Operand has an Address and a Symbol.
Symbols appear together with the operand every time the operand and address are used in the program. There are two types of symbols: preset and user-created.
- Preset symbols are descriptions that are connected to System Bits and System Integers.
- User-created symbols are descriptions that are written by the user for a specific project application. The user assigns a particular description to a particular operand.

U90 Ladder Elements
Contacts | Icon
- Direct Contact (NO)  
- Inverted Contact (NC)  
- Positive Transition (Rise)  
- Negative Transition (Fall)  
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Functions

The following types of Function Blocks can be used in your program:

- Compare Functions
- Logic Functions
- Math Functions
- Store functions
- Clock Functions
- Loops: Jump to Label

Functions without Ladder elements

VisiLogic contains functions that are not represented by Ladder Elements. You can perform these functions by storing values into the System Integers listed here.

To select the function type, first store the number of the function in SI 140, then use SI 141 to 146 to contain the data to be used in the function.

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.

- Communication Utilities
- Interrupt
- Access indirectly addressed registers: Using the Database
- Load Indirect
- Load Timer Preset/Current Value
- Store Timer's Preset/Current Value
- SMS phone number: via MI Pointer
- Shift Register
- Copy Vector
- Copy MI to Output vector, Input vector to MI
- Fill Vector
- Convert MB to MI, MI to MB
- Linearization
- Find Mean, Maximum, and Minimum Values
- A*B/C
- Square Root

What is STL?

STL is a statement list that is created after you compile your project.

You can view the STL compiling result of net through the STL window.

1. Right-click on the left net bar. The Compiling Result menu appears.
2. Select **STL Quick View**.

3. The **Net STL** window opens. The Net number appears in parentheses.
Timers (T)

U90 Ladder offers 64 On Delay Timers. Timers have a preset value, a current value, and a bit value. Timers always count **down** from the Preset Value.

Click on the Timers folder in the Program Navigation pane to display the complete list of Timers. Scroll down to view the complete list.

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To place a Timer in your program, place a direct coil in a net, and select T.

Note that a Timer value can be displayed in a Display as a current or elapsed value.

Placing Contacts & Coils

To place a Contact / Coil on a net:

1. Click once to select the desired contact / coil.
2. Move the element to the desired net position.

3. Click to place the element. The Operand and Address dialog box opens.

4. Select the Operand type from the drop-down menu.

5. Enter the Operand Address and symbol. Click OK.

6. The element appears on the net with the selected Operand Address and symbol.
**Comments Tool**

You can insert comments into the Ladder Editor to label different parts of your program. Comments can be written in Notepad and added later to the project using **Cut** and **Paste** functions.

These Comments are 'internal' comments for the programmer(s). The Comments are not downloaded to or displayed on the controller.

To insert comments:

1. On the Ladder toolbar, click **Insert Comment** icon .
2. Move your cursor to the net in which you wish to insert a comment and click.
3. The Comment will appear above the net.
4. Type in your comments.

The length and content of your comments will have no effect on your project. They are not downloaded to the controller and do not affect the memory or word size of a project.

**Placing a Function Block**

To place a Compare / Math / Logic function block on a net:

1. Click on the menu containing the desired type of function block, **OR**
   Right-click on a net to display the toolbar, then click on the desired menu; the menu opens.
2. Select the desired operation.

3. Move the function block to the desired net position.

4. Click to place the element. The Operand Address and symbol dialog box opens.

5. Select the desired Operand type.
6. Enter the Operand Address and symbol or constant value for each block variable. Click OK.

7. The function block appears on the net with the selected block variable values and symbols.

**Inserting a new net between two existing nets**

To insert a new net between 2 existing nets:

1. On the Ladder Toolbar, click **Insert New Net**.
2. Place your cursor in the spot where you want to insert the new net. Note that the net will be added above the net in which the cursor is located.

3. Click once. The new net is inserted.

**Power-up**

You can assign Power Up values to most Data Types. These values are written into the operand by the program when the controller is turned on. Outputs, MBs, SBs can be set or reset; integer values can be written into MIs and SIs.

You can assign Power Up values when you place an element into a net, or by opening a Data Type list as shown below.
Communication Utilities

Use this utility to enable your controller to receive data from external devices, such as barcode readers, via an RS232 port. Since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into SIs.

Note that the communication settings stored into these SIs only take effect at power-up.

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<th>SI</th>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value to Store</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<tr>
<td>141</td>
<td>STX (Start of Text)</td>
<td>0-255(ASCII)</td>
<td>The STX parameter indicates where the data block begins.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>-1: No Start of Text (not recommended)</td>
<td>• Note that the ASCII character '/' (backslash) cannot be used to indicate the start of the data block.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>142</td>
<td>ETX (End of Text)</td>
<td>0-255(ASCII)</td>
<td>The ETX parameter indicates where the data block ends.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>-1: ETX marked by Length</td>
<td>• If you use an ASCII character (0-255), note that if this character occurs after the Length parameter defined in SI 143, SB 60 turns ON.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>-2: ETX marked by 'Silence'</td>
<td>• Selecting -1 causes the function to use the length of a data block alone to determine its end.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Selecting -2 causes the function to use the duration of silent time following the STX to determine the end of a data block.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>143</td>
<td>ETX Length or Silent</td>
<td>Length: up to 128 Silent: up to 24000</td>
<td>• This defines both the length of text, or silence, that signal the end of text.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Note that the duration of a silent 'counter' unit is approximately 2.509 mS. The 'silent' value should be lower than the M90 TimeOut value.</td>
</tr>
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### FAQs

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<th>SB</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>60</td>
<td>Data Successfully Received</td>
<td>Read only. Turns ON when the ETX condition is registered by the system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>61</td>
<td>Copy Data in Receive Buffer to MI Vector</td>
<td>Write only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Turning this SB ON causes the buffer contents to be copied to the MI vector defined in SI 145. The data will be copied according to the format defined in SI 146.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• If SI 146 is set to 0, this SB can be set at any time. If SI 146 is set to 1, this SB can be set after SB 60 turns ON.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>62</td>
<td>Clear Receive Buffer, Clear SI 60, Clear SI 61,</td>
<td>• This SB must be turned ON to enable a new message, or data block, to be received.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Reset SB 60</td>
<td>• Turn this SB ON to enable data to be received \textbf{before} the maximum length, defined in SI 144, is exceeded.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that if no data is received for a period exceeding the M90 TimeOut, you will lose the data in the buffer.

To see how to use the Communications Utility, check the sample application \textbf{Read Card - Display Number Value.U90}. This may be found by accessing Sample U90 Projects from the Help menu.
This application demonstrates how to read a magnetic card number using an "IDTECH" card reader, then display that number on the M90's screen. The card reader transmits the number in ASCII characters in this format:

\[ < \%[\text{CR}];xxxxx?\text{[CR]} > \]

where \( xxxx \) is the card number.

The ASCII character used to mark the Start Of Text (STX) is < ; > (semicolon). End Of Text (ETX) is marked with the character < ? >.

Since the card number is 5 digits long, the card number is copied to 2 separate MIs. The MIs are linked to 2 variables that are shown on the M90's screen in 2 separate Displays.

The parameters must be written into their respective operands using one scan condition. For this purpose, it is recommended to use SB 2 Power-up bit, as shown in the sample application.

**Clock Functions**

You perform clock and calendar functions in the U90 Ladder with Clock function blocks. Function blocks are provided for:

- Time
- Day of the Week
- Day of the Month
- Month
- Year

You activate these functions through the **Clock** drop-down menu of the Ladder toolbar.

The U90 Ladder provides 2 methods for executing Clock functions:

- Direct
- Indirect

**You** set the value of **Direct Clock** functions when you write your project.

The **user** sets the value of an **Indirect Clock** function from the M90 via the keypad.

Clock functions are featured in several sample applications, such as the applications 'School Bell Direct', 'Database Log', and 'Print & Time'. These applications may be found by selecting Sample U90 Projects from the Help Menu.

**Interrupt**

This function is time-based. You call an interrupt routine by storing 500 into SI 140. The interrupt function causes:

- The program scan to pause every 2.509 mSec. The interrupt causes the program to stop immediately without regard to the program scan, even if it occurs in the middle of a net.
- A jump to the net which follows the interrupt. The nets following the interrupt comprise the interrupt routine. Note that the interrupt routine should be as short as possible, and must not exceed approximately 0.5 mSec.
- When the interrupt routine is finished, the program continues from where it left off.

Note that the nets containing the Interrupt routine must be the last ones in the program. The format must be as shown in the example below:

- Store 500 into SI140 to call the function
- Jump to End
- The nets containing the actual interrupt routine.

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will **not** be displayed.

**Example**
**Immediate: Read Inputs & HSC, Set/Reset Outputs**

You can perform the following immediate actions, without regard to the program scan.

- Set SB 116 to immediately read the status of specific inputs and high-speed counter values. When SB 116 turns ON, the current input value written into linked SBs, current high-speed counter values are written into linked SIs.
- Set the appropriate SBs to immediately clear high-speed counter values.
- Set the appropriate SBs to immediately Set/Reset Outputs.

Note that:

- Values are stored in linked SBs and SIs according to your controller model.
- In the Ladder, inputs and high-speed counters retain the values updated at the beginning of the scan. Only the linked operands listed below are immediately updated. However, immediate changes in output status are immediately updated in the Ladder.

Use the table below to determine which actions, SBs, and SIs are relevant to your model controller.
### Presetting Timers via Keypad

You can choose to set a timer via the M90 keypad.

![Diagram showing presetting timers via keypad]

- **Presetting Timers via Keypad**

#### Counting accumulated time
The M90 built-in Timers return to their preset time when the Timers' Start and Run condition goes to logic 0 (OFF). This feature prevents you from accumulating Timer times.

If you want to measure accumulated time, you must build the Ladder logic to do this.

According to the above example:
- MI 5 - Accumulated Timer value.
- MI 6 - Accumulated Timer preset value.
- MB 4 - Reset bit.
- MB 1 - Start and Run Condition bit

Use SB 3 - 1 second pulse to advance the time count.

**Find Mean, Maximum, and Minimum Values**

This function enables you to take a vector of registers and find the:
- Mean of all the values in the vector,
- Minimum value in the vector,
- Maximum value in the vector.

You can base the function on a vector of MI registers or Database registers by selecting the appropriate function.

Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:
- SI 141 to determine the start of the vector,
- SI 142 to determine the length of the vector,
- SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

The results will be placed in:
- SI 143: Mean
- SI 144: Minimum
**SI 145: Maximum**

Note that if a remainder value results from the division operation used to calculate the Mean, that remainder value will be place in SI 4, Divide Remainder.

To use this function:

- Set the address of the MI that starts the source by storing a value into SI 141.
- Set the length of the vector by storing a value into SI 142.
- Select the function type by storing the function into SI 140.

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<th>Function Number (SI 140)</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>40</td>
<td>Find Mean, Minimum, Maximum in MI vector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>41</td>
<td>Find Mean, Minimum, Maximum in DB vector</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will **not** be displayed.

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**Load Indirect**

Load Indirect allows you to take a value contained in a source operand and load that value into a target operand using indirect addressing. Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:

- SI 141 to determine the data source,
- SI 142 to determine the load target,
- SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function **after** you have entered all of the other parameters.

To use Load Indirect:
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- **Function Number (SI 140)**
  - Offset in Vector, Source (SI 141)
  - Offset in Vector, Target (SI 142)
  - 10 MI MI
  - 11 SI MI
  - 12 MI S
  - 13 SI S

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.

- **Load Timer Preset/Current Value**
  This function allows you to take a preset or current timer value and load it into another operand. Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:
  - SI 141 to select the timer; 0-63,
  - SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.
To use this function:

### Function Number

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<td>202</td>
<td>Load Timer Preset</td>
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<td>203</td>
<td>Load Timer Current</td>
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Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will **not** be displayed.

### Timer Resolution (stored into SI 143)

<table>
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<th>Value</th>
<th>Resolution</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>10mS (0.01S)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>100mS (0.01S)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>1000mS (1S)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1000</td>
<td>10000mS (10S)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Store Timer's Preset/Current Value

This function allows you to take a value and store it into a timer to change the preset or current timer value. Since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:

- SI 141 to select the timer; 0-63,
- SI 142 to determine the timer value,
- SI 143 to select the timer's resolution (timer units, or 'ticks'),
- SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function **after** you have entered all of the other parameters.

Take into account that:

- Since you cannot change the resolution of a timer when the application is running, SI 143 is not used in a Store Timer's Current Value function.
- A timer's current value can be changed at any time, including when the timer is active. The new value can be either greater or smaller than the previous value; storing 0 into a timer's current value stops it immediately.
- A change of Timer Preset value without changing the resolution will take effect when the timer restarts.
- Changing the resolution of the timer's preset value does not affect the current resolution; it is therefore recommended that the resolution not be changed while the timer is active.
To use this function:

- Store the number of the timer into SI 141.
- Store the value to be loaded into SI 142.
- Store the value that determines the resolution of the timer into SI 143.
- Select the function type by storing the function number into SI 140.

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<td>Store Timer Preset</td>
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<td>201</td>
<td>Store Timer Current</td>
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Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.

Timer Resolution (stored into SI 143)

<table>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>Maintain Timer Resolution</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>10mS (0.01S)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>100mS (0.01S)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>1000mS (1S)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1000</td>
<td>10000mS (10S)</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Note that the timer value is 14 bits.

**Store Timer: Function Number 202, Store Timer Preset**

If SI 141 contains 3...

...and SI 142 contains 15

...and SI 143 contains 100...

Timer 3 will be preset to 15 seconds.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Timer</th>
<th>0</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>4</th>
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</table>

Note that the timer value is 14 bits.

**Shift Register**

You can use the following SIs and SBs to perform Shift Left and Shift Right Functions.
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<th>SI</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
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<tr>
<td>87</td>
<td>Shift Value</td>
<td>This register contains the number to be shifted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>88</td>
<td>Shift By</td>
<td>This register contains the number of bits to be shifted (Default is 1 bit).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example : Shift Left**

To shift the number 64 left by 1 bit:

1. Use a Store function to write the number 64 into SI 87.
2. Use a Store function to write the number 1 into SI 88.
3. Turn SB 87 ON.

Once the function is performed SI 87 will contain 128.

In binary:
- Start value: 0000000001000000 = 64
- After Shift Left: 0000000010000000 =128

**Example : Shift Right**

To shift the number 64 right by 1 bit:

1. Use a Store function to write the number 64 into SI 87.
2. Use a Store function to write the number 1 into SI 88.
3. Turn SB 88 ON.

Once the function is performed SI 87 will contain 32.

In binary:
- Start value: 0000000001000000 = 64
- After Shift Right: 0000000000100000 =32

**Square Root**

This function enables you to find the square root of a number.

Since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing the number whose square root is to be calculated into SI 141.

Store 110 into SI 140 to call the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

The results will be placed in:

- SI 142. This contains the whole number result.
- SI 143. If the result is not a whole number, this contains up to 2 digits to the left of the decimal point.

To use this function:
Copy MI to Output vector, Input vector to MI

Using this function, you can:

- Copy a vector of Inputs (I) to a register.
- Copy a register value to a vector of Outputs (O).

Note that an M90 register contains 16 bits. If the converted values exceed 16 bits, the function will write the value to consecutive registers. Any values in those registers will be overwritten. When a register value is copied to outputs, the function will store the register value in consecutive outputs.

Input to Register

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<th>SI</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>SB</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tr>
<td>SI170</td>
<td>Address of MI containing integer value</td>
<td>SB172</td>
<td>I to MI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI171</td>
<td>Start address of bit array (vector)</td>
<td>SB173</td>
<td>MI to O</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI172</td>
<td>Amount of bits</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example: Input to MI, SB 172

1. Store the value 7 into SI 170, 2 into SI 171 and 4 into SI 172.
2. Set SB 172 to ON.

The program takes the status of I2 to I5, and changes the status of the respective bits in MI 7.

Bits in the target register that are outside of the defined range are not affected.
Example: MI to Output, SB 173

1. Store the value 7 into SI 170, 3 into SI 171 and 7 into SI 172.
2. Set SB 173 to ON.

The program will take the binary value of the MI 7, and change the status of the respective outputs in the defined vector, O3 to O7.

Addressing: I/O Expansion Modules

Inputs and outputs located on I/O expansion modules that are connected into an M90 OPLC are assigned addresses that comprise a letter and a number. The letter indicates whether the I/O is an input (I) or an output (O). The number indicates the I/O’s location in the system. This number relates to both the expansion module’s position in the system, and to the position of the I/O on that module.

Expansion modules are numbered from 0-7 as shown in the figure below.

The formula below is used to assign addresses for I/O modules used in conjunction with the M90 OPLC.

\[ X \] is the number representing a specific module’s location (0-7). \[ Y \] is the number of the input or output on that specific module (0-15).

The number that represents the I/O’s location is equal to: \[ 32 + x \times 16 + y \]

Example

- Input #3, located on expansion module #2 in the system, will be addressed as I 67, 67 = 32 + 2 \times 16 + 3
- Output #4, located on expansion module #3 in the system, will be addressed as O 84, 84 = 32 + 3 \times 16 + 4.

EX90-DI8-RO8 is a stand-alone I/O module. Even if it is the only module in the configuration, the EX90-DI8-RO8 is always assigned the number 7. Its I/Os are addressed accordingly.

Example

- Input #5, located on an EX90-DI8-RO8 connected to an M90 OPLC will be addressed as I 149, 149 = 32 + 7 \times 16 + 5

Convert MB to MI, MI to MB
An M90 register is built of 16 bits.

Using the MB to MI function, you can convert 16 bits or more into an integer value. Conversely, you can convert an integer value into 16 bits or more using the MI to MB function.

Note that if the converted values exceed 16 bits, the function will write the value to consecutive registers. Any values in those registers will be overwritten.

To apply the functions, use the following System Integers (SI) and System Bits (SB):

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<td>SI171</td>
<td>Start address of MB array (vector)</td>
<td>SB171</td>
<td>MI to MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI172</td>
<td>Amount of MBs</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You can use this function, for example to send an SMS when there is a change in the status of the M90’s inputs:

1. Represent the status of the M90’s inputs using MBs.
2. Convert these MBs into an MI.
3. Perform a XOR operation on the result.

When there is a change in input status, the XOR operation will return a value different than 0, which may then be used to trigger the sending of an SMS.

**Examples**

Example 1:

1. Store the value 7 into SI 170, 10 into SI 171 and 9 into SI 172.
2. Set SB 170 to ON.

The program will calculate the binary value of a 9 bit array which starts with MB 10. The resulting value will be placed into MI 7.

Example 2:

1. Store the value 7 into SI 170, 10 into SI 171 and 9 into SI 172.
2. Set SB 171 to ON.

The program will calculate the binary value of the value contained in MI 7. The result will be scattered on a 9 bit array which starts with MB 10.

**Copy Vector**

Vector Copy enables you to set a range of operands, copy the values of each operand within that range (source), then write those values into a corresponding range of operands of the same length (target). You can copy from/to a vector of MI registers or Database registers by selecting the appropriate function.

Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:

- SI 141 to determine the source vector,
- SI 142 to determine the length of the vector,
- SI 143 to determine the target vector,
- SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

To use Copy Vector:
Fill Vector

Fill Direct enables you to set a range of registers. The function copies a value from a desired operand or constant value (source), then writes that value into every operand within the range (target vector).

You can fill a vector of MI registers or Database registers by selecting the appropriate function.

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will **not** be displayed.
Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by storing values into:

- SI 141 to determine the start of the target vector,
- SI 142 to determine the length of the target vector,
- SI 143 to select the Fill Value; the register whose value will be written into each register within the target vector,
- SI 140 to select the type of function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters.

To use Fill Vector:

### Function Number (SI 140) | Description
--- | ---
30 | Fill MI Vector
31 | Fill DB Vector

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will **not** be displayed.
Access indirectly addressed registers: Using the Database

You can access and use integers 0 through 1023 within the M90 OPLC’s memory as a database, via SI 40 and SI 41.

Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.

Writing Values

1. Use SI 40 Database Index to access a particular MI.
   For example, to access MI 2 you store the number 2 into SI 40.

2. Use SI 41 Database Value to write a value into MI 2.
   For example, you can store a number value into SI 41.

Reading Values

When you use SI 41 Database Value in your program, the program actually reads the MI that is referenced by SI 40 Database Index.

Examples

Example 1: Write

In the net below, 0 is stored in SI 40 when the M90 OPLC is powered up. This means that integer 0 is now the current ‘database’ integer.
In the net below, the analog value contained in SI 20 is stored in SI 41 every second. According to the net above, the current ‘database’ integer is 0. The analog value is therefore stored in integer 0.

In the next net, the value in SI 40 is incremented by 1 every second, changing the current database integer. This means that the first analog value will be stored in integer 0, the second analog value in integer 1, and so on.

Example 2: Read

In the first part of the net below, 10 is stored into SI 40. Integer 10 is the ‘database’ integer. In the second part of the net, the value in SI 41 is compared to the value in integer 4. The value in SI 41 is the value actually in integer 10—the current database integer.
Linearization can be used to convert analog values from I/Os into decimal or other integer values. An analog value from a temperature probe, for example can be converted to degrees Celsius and displayed on the controller’s display screen.

**Linearize values for Display**

Note that the linearized value created in this way may be displayed-- but the value cannot be used anywhere else within the project for further calculations or operations.

You can enter an Analog value, such as temperature, via the M90 keypad, then convert that value into a Digital value for comparison with a digital value from a temperature probe by selecting Enable Linearization in the linked Variable.

This conversion process is Reverse Linearization.

To enable Analog to Digital conversion:

1. Create a Display for entering the analog value.
2. Create an Integer Variable.
3. Select keypad entry and enable linearization.
4. Enter the linearization values for the x and y axes.
According to the above example:

- A temperature entry of 1000°C will be converted to 1023 Digital value.
- A temperature entry of 500°C will be converted to 512 Digital value.

**Linearize values in the Ladder**

You can also linearize values in your Ladder and display them on the M90’s LCD.

1. In your Ladder project, use SI 80 - 85 to set the (x,y) variable ranges. Use SB 80 to activate the Linearization function.

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<th>System Integers</th>
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<td>SI 80</td>
<td>Linear conversion: x1 value</td>
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<tr>
<td>SI 81</td>
<td>Linear conversion: x2 value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI 82</td>
<td>Linear conversion: y1 value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI 83</td>
<td>Linear conversion: y2 value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI 84</td>
<td>Linear conversion: X (input) value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI 85</td>
<td>Linear conversion: Y (result) value</td>
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</table>

The linearization values created here can be displayed by linking SI 85 to a Display; the value can be used elsewhere within the project for further calculations or operations.
Example: write the variable ranges into SI 80 - 83, then writing an analog input into SI 84:

Find and Replace Elements
To use Find and Replace:

1. Open the **Find** function by clicking on the Find button on the U90 Ladder toolbar.
2. The Find function opens.
3. Select the name and address of the operand you wish to find.
4. Click the Find button shown below; a list appears showing every time that operand is used in the project.
5. Select the name and address of the operand you wish to replace as shown below.

6. Select the location of the operand or description you wish to replace by clicking it within the list.
7. Replace operands or their descriptions by clicking the buttons shown below.

**Building a Counter**
If you want to use a counter in your application, you build it using:

- Math function
- Compare function
- Store function

Use a Positive / Negative Transition contact on the event operand to activate the counter.

Example:
You want to count the gross number of a product traveling across a conveyor belt. There is a sensor (e.g. photocell, limit switch or proximity switch) at a specific point across the conveyor belt which senses the product as it passes.

The sensor is connected to an M90 Input. The Positive Transition from this Input will advance the counter by one.

When the counter value reaches the maximum defined value, the counter will reset to 0.

Counter Ladder example:

- Input 1 is the sensor
- MI 2 is the Counter
- The maximum defined value is 25000.

Keep in mind when building your counter that adding a number to 32767 will return a negative number.

Counters are featured in several sample applications, such as the applications 'Time Interval- SI 1', 'Outputs-activate in sequence', and 'Logging analog values'. These applications may be found by selecting Sample U90 Projects from the Help Menu.

**Comments Tool**

You can insert comments into the Ladder Editor to label different parts of your program. Comments can be written in Notepad and added later to the project using Cut and Paste functions.

These Comments are 'internal' comments for the programmer(s). The Comments are not downloaded to or displayed on the controller.

To insert comments:

1. On the Ladder toolbar, click Insert Comment icon.
2. Move your cursor to the net in which you wish to insert a comment and click.
3. The Comment will appear above the net.
4. Type in your comments.

The length and content of your comments will have no effect on your project. They are not downloaded to the controller and do not affect the memory or word size of a project.

**Loops: Jump to Label**

Loops in a Ladder project cause the program to jump over certain net(s), according to specific logic conditions.

A Loop contains a Jump element and a Label. When the Jump condition(s) is true, the project jumps to the associated Label.

To create a Loop in your project:

1. Click **Loop** on the Ladder toolbar.

2. Select **Set Label** from the **Loop** menu. Place the cursor in the desired net and click.

3. The **Edit Label** box opens.
4. Enter a Label name of up to **eight** characters.

5. The Label appears above the net.

6. Select **Jump** from the Loop menu.

7. Place the Jump in the desired place on the desired net.

8. **Select Jump to...** window appears.
9. Select the desired Label name to which you want to jump. Click OK.

10. The Jump element appears with the selected Label name on the net.

According to the above example, if Ladder logic is true for net 4, the program will jump over nets 5 and 6 and continue from net 7.

Important note: You must take care when creating Loops not to create an endless Loop. While you can place Labels before a Jump condition and you can refer to a Label more than once, repeated referrals to a Label above a Jump element can create an endless loop which will cause the controller to stop with an error message "PROGRAM LOOP."

Loop functions are featured in the sample application, such as the applications 'Shortening scan time-jump'. This application may be found by selecting Sample U90 Projects from the Help Menu.

**Operands in use**

To check what Operands are being used in a project:

1. Open the Window Menu on the Main menu bar.
2. Select the Operand type you wish to check.

3. The Operand List window opens. The Operands in use are marked with a check mark in the **In Use** box.
SMS messages from a GSM cell phone

To send SMS messages from your cell phone you must:

- Write and download SMS messages to the M90 as described in Creating SMS messages.
- Write an SMS message in your cell phone.
- Send the message to the M90's GSM modem.

Note that you can only send messages that have already been set in the M90. In addition, if an M90 is configured with the Limited to Authorized Phone Numbers option, you will not be able to send it SMS messages if your number is not in the list.

Writing SMS messages in your cell phone

You write an SMS message using your cell phone keypad. Make sure that:

- The fixed text in your cell phone is identical to the M90's SMS message in every detail: spaces, characters--and note that characters are case-sensitive.
- You bracket variable values with number signs (#) as shown below. These signs '#' do not count as spaces.
- The variable field in the M90 is big enough to hold the value.

The figure below shows the same SMS message: as it appears on a cell phone display, and as it appears in the M90's SMS Messages List.

When you send this message from your cell phone, the value 110 will be written into Variable 1 in the M90.
Sending the message to the M90

1. Enter the number of the M90's GSM modem exactly as you would enter any GSM cell phone number, then send the message.

Checking that the M90 has received the SMS message

You can check if the M90 received your message by using the Acknowledge feature:

1. Select the ACK box as shown below.

2. Use your cell phone to send the message "Holding Temperature:#110#" to the M90.

3. The M90 receives this SMS message.

4. The M90 immediately returns the message to your cell phone, together with the current variable value.

5. You can now view this SMS message on your cell phone display, together with changes in the variable value.

Variable Types

Although SMS messaging supports Integer and List variables, note that you cannot send List variables via cell phone.

Using SMS messages in your application

To cause the M90 to send an SMS message, you use the Send MB which is linked to that message. In the figures below, the Send MB is 11. When MB 11 is turned ON in your application, this message will be sent. The Send MB is turned OFF automatically after the message has been sent.
The Receive MB is 12. When this message is received by the M90, MB 12 will turn ON. You must turn the Receive MB OFF in your application in order to register the next time this message is received.

**SMS Phone Number: via MI Pointer**

Use this utility to use an MI vector as one of the phone numbers in the SMS phone book. This allows you to:

- Enable a number to be dialed via the M90’s keypad.
- Exceed the 6 number limit of the SMS phone book.

Note that since there is no Ladder element for this function; you perform it by:

- Storing the start address of the MI vector needed to contain the phone number into SI 141,
- Entering the characters MI, in capital letters, in the *SMS phone book*,
Using the index number of that line to call the number, which enables the number in the MI vector to be called,

- Storing 400 into SI 140 to select the function. Storing the function number calls the function. In your application, call the function after you have entered all of the other parameters. Note that when you run Test (Debug) Mode, the current value in SI 140 will not be displayed.

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Communications

Configuring my PC’s modem

You can configure your PC’s modem to dial an M90’s modem. Via a PC-modem-to-M90-modem connection, you can:

- Download and upload applications
- Test and troubleshoot problems in remote M90 units and applications.

Note ♦ PC-to-M90 communications are via Direct Com. This means that PC modem installation procedures are not necessary.

Configuring your PC’s modem

1. Display the PC Modem Configuration box by selecting M90 OPLC Settings from the Controller menu, then clicking on the Modem Setup button.

   Note that the default port setting for internal PC modems is commonly COM 3 or COM 4. Most modems automatically match the parameters of incoming data: baud rate, data bits, parity & stop bits. The U90 Ladder fixed modem settings are: 9600, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit. You may need to manually change your modem’s communication settings to match these.

   You can also select a GSM modem by clicking the GSM button and selecting a modem type.

2. To edit initialization commands, click on the Edit Initialization Commands button shown below. The window containing the commands turns white; you can now add, delete or edit commands.

   Note that you can restore the default commands by clicking the Default Initialization button.
1. Select whether to use pulse or tone dialing, as is required by the system, by clicking on the appropriate box. You can also leave both blank (default).

2. Click the Advanced button to edit Time-Out settings.

Phone Book

The Phone Book is where you define the list of numbers that the PC can dial. You can enter up to six numbers. Each phone number is automatically linked to an index number. Each phone number can be up to 18 characters long. You can also add a description to identify the location or other details of the number to be dialed.

Entering numbers in the Phone Book

1. Click on an empty line in the Phone Book, then type in the number, exactly as you would dial from a standard phone, including area codes. To dial an outside line, enter the prefix number required and follow it with a comma as shown below.

   This comma causes the short pause, or delay, that is required by many systems.

To edit the phone book, click in a number or description, then make your changes.
Dialing a remote M90

1. To dial, highlight the number you want to dial, then click on the Dial button as shown below.

Note that this Phone Book is used only by the PC’s modem, although it is similar in appearance to the M90’s Phone Book.

Communication Log

When you dial a remote modem using U90 Ladder, a window opens up in the bottom of your screen. The log of events is quickly displayed in this window. This log is stored as a .txt file. You can view this log by navigating to the U90 folder and opening a file named U90ldxxx.txt.

This log is stored as a .txt file. You can view this log by navigating to Unitronics\U90_Ladder\U90Ldxxx and opening a file named ComLog.txt.

In this file, the most recent log of events appears last.

Note  □ The PC-modem cable is not the same type of cable used to connect between the controller and the modem. Ensure that the cable used to connect the PC to the modem provides connection points for all of the modem's pins.
□ If call are routed via a switchboard, note that the switchboard settings may interfere with communications. Consult with your switchboard provider.
□ PC/PLC modem communications: Both PC and controller must use the same type of modem: either landline or GSM.
□ Internal PC modems must be used in conjunction with the driver provided by the modem's manufacturer.

Using a PC to access an M90 via GSM modem

To use a PC running U90 Ladder to access a remote M90 OPLC for programming and maintenance via GSM networks:

1. Connect your M90 to the GSM modem according to the instructions supplied with the GSM Modern Kit.
2. Connect your PC to the GSM modem.

1.

1. RS232 connector
2. RS232 cable MJ10-22-CS28 (available by separate order)
3. RS232 connector
4. GSM Modem serial port
5. GSM antenna
6. Power supply PS-GSM modem (available by separate order)
7. RJ11 connector
8. GSM modem power supply
9. SIM card drawer

3. U90 Ladder’s modem communication rate is set at 9600 bps. To enable the modem to communicate with U90 Ladder, change the modem’s default communication rate from 19200 bits per second (bps) to 9600 bps via Hyperterminal.

1. Open Hyperterminal. The program can generally be located by clicking the Start button in the lower left corner of your screen, then selecting Programs>Accessories>Communications>Hyperterminal. The New Connection window opens as shown below.

   Note: Hyperterminal generally starts by pointing to the internal modem, if one is installed on the PC.
2. Enter a name for the new connection and select an icon, and then click OK. The Connect To box opens.
3. Select a COM port for the modem, and then click OK.

4. The Port Settings box opens as shown below. To enable your PC to communicate with the modem, set the COM port parameters to a BPS of either 9600 or 19200, Data bits=8, Parity=N, Stop bits=1, Flow control=None, and then click OK.
5. Open the modem’s Properties box by clicking on the Properties button, then open ASCII Setup.

6. Select the options shown below, and then click OK.
Hyperterminal is now connected to your PC via Com 1; the ASCII settings now enable you to enter commands via the PC keyboard and see the replies from the modem within the Hyperterminal window.

To test the connection, type AT; if the connection is valid the modem will respond 'OK'.

To change the modem's baud rate, type AT+IPR=9600&W; the command '&W' burns the new baud rate into the modem's non-volatile memory.

You can reset the modem's communication rate by returning to this window and typing AT+IPR=19200&W.

4. Configure **U90 Ladder's modem initialization commands**.

1. Start U90 Ladder. Open the PC Modem Configuration box by selecting PC Modem Configuration from the Controller menu. To enable U90 Ladder to communicate with the GSM modem, you must edit the initialization commands.

2. Access the initialization commands by clicking on the Edit Initialization Commands button shown below. The window containing the commands turns white; you can now edit commands.

3. If you are using a SIM card that has a PIN number, enter a new initialization command AT+CPIN="XXXX", where XXXX is the 4-digit PIN #.
4. End the list of commands by entering the AT command eight times as shown below.

5. After you have made these changes, close the PC Modem Configuration box.

6. Open the M90 OPLC box by selecting M90 OPLC from the Controller menu.

7. Set the M90 OPLC’s Time-Out to 2 seconds as shown below. This should allow sufficient time for PC-to-M90 communications via the GSM modem.

5. Dial the *remote M90 modem from your PC.*
Both GSM modems must contain SIM cards capable of data transfer. Check with your SIM card supplier to see if your SIM card is capable of data transfer.

Note

♦ Note that only 3V SIM cards can be used with the GSM modem supplied with the Unitronics’ GSM Modem Kits.

Modem Troubleshooting

General Information

Note

♦ The PC-modem cable is not the same type of cable used to connect between the controller and the modem. Ensure that the cable used to connect the PC to the modem provides connection points for all of the modem's pins.

If calls are routed via a switchboard, note that the switchboard settings may interfere with communications. Consult with your switchboard provider.

If, within the modem initialization strings, the parameter S7 is too short to permit the PLC's modem to answer, an error will result.

For example, if this parameter is set as S7=30, the PC modem will wait for 3 seconds to receive an answer from the PLC's modem. If the PLC modem does not answer before the 3 seconds have elapsed, the S7=30 parameter is exceeded, and the PC modem will return the No Carrier error.

PC/PLC modem communications: Both PC and controller must use the same type of modem: either landline or GSM. Internal PC modems must be used in conjunction with the driver provided by the modem's manufacturer.

Modem commands
**Note** ♦ The modem must reply with either OK or READY to each command entered. If the modem fails to answer, the command has not been processed.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>+++</td>
<td>Escape Sequence. This causes the modem to close connections and go back to command mode</td>
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<tr>
<td>AT</td>
<td>This command means Attention; and is used to begin a session</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AT&amp;F</td>
<td>Restores factory default settings</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ATZ</td>
<td>Resets the modem. This command may take time to implement, so the response from the modem may be delayed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ATE0</td>
<td>No Echo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V1</td>
<td>Enable Verbose (long) response</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q0</td>
<td>Respond</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>X4</td>
<td>Detailed answers</td>
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<tr>
<td>&amp;D0</td>
<td>Ignore DTR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&amp;D1</td>
<td>Once DTR falls, disconnect and go to command mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&amp;D2</td>
<td>Once DTR falls, disconnect</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&amp;S0</td>
<td>DSR always ON. Since the DSR can be permanently set to ON, connecting it to the RTS causes the terminal always be ready to transmit/receive data</td>
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<tr>
<td>&amp;S1</td>
<td>DSR OFF in command and test modes</td>
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<tr>
<td>&amp;C0</td>
<td>Don’t give the user a signal for the DCD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&amp;C1</td>
<td>Give the user a signal for the DCD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ATS0=1</td>
<td>Auto-Answer after 1 ring</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S0=0</td>
<td>Modem doesn’t answer. Forces PLC to answer with ATA (pickup)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S10=15</td>
<td>Sets the time (in units of 0.1 sec) from the time when CD is not detected, until the string NO CARRIER is shown. If the value is 255, then the CD signal will not fall—even if the modems are no longer connected</td>
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<tr>
<td>S7=30</td>
<td>Time-out: If this time is exceeded, the modem notifies that dial has failed</td>
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<tr>
<td>S12</td>
<td>The modem register that defines the time interval during which the line must remain clear, before and after the +++ command.</td>
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<tr>
<td>&amp;W</td>
<td>Burn the configuration into the modem’s non-volatile memory. <strong>Note</strong> ♦ This is part of the COM Init FB’s modem default initialization strings.</td>
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**Modem Connections**

This is the interface between the Data Communications Equipment (DCE; the modem) and the Data Terminal Equipment (DTE; the controller or PC). The arrows below show the direction of data flow.

**Note** ♦ Unitronics’ controllers do not support the control lines. This is why the DTE side of the table comprises only 3 pins.

♦ Since the DSR can be permanently set to ON, connecting it to the RTS causes the terminal always be ready to transmit/receive data.

Data Flow Direction

Generally, when you transmit data, you send it out. Note, however, that transmitted data (TXD) is input to the DCE. A Receive Data signal (RXD) is input to the DTE, but output from the DCE.

Therefore, the RXD and TXD signals are crossed within the majority of modems. This means that a straight through “one to one” cable is generally all that is necessary between a modem and a controller or PC serial port.

RS-232 signal information
RXD
Receive Data
Input for DTE devices (Receive), output for DCE devices. This is the data channel from the DCE device to the DTE device.

TXD
Transmit Data
Output for DTE devices (Send), input for DCE devices. This is the data channel from the DTE device to the DCE device.

GND
Signal Ground
Signal return for all signal lines.

RTS
Request To Send
Terminal is ready to receive data. When the DTE is ready to receive data, the DTE serial port RTS signal is ON.

CTS
Clear To Send
Terminal is ready --not related to data transfer.

DTR
Data Terminal Read
It is an output for DTE devices and an input for DCE devices. This signal is typically used in UNIX to show that the port has been activated or "opened".

DSR
Data Set Ready
Detects if the RS232 is actually connected.

DCD
Data Carrier Detect
Turns ON when the modems connect.

RING
Turns ON when someone is calling the DTE.

Cable Pin-out

The Unitronics' cable provided with modem kits does not provide a standard connection. This connection is adapted to support the fact that Unitronics controllers do not support the control lines. The cable shorts the DSR and the DTR together, which ensures that the terminal is always ready to receive data.

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<td>Pin #</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>RXD</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>TXD</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>SG (Signal Ground)</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>DSR</td>
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<td>RTS</td>
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PC-side modem, error messages

This deals with errors that may result from the PC's modem

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<th>Cause</th>
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| Com Port not open, or modem does not exist | The PC was unable to access the PC port. The port may: -Already be in use -Be damaged.
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**Modem not connected**
The PC receives no reply from the modem following the 'AT' command.
Check that:
- The modem is connected to the same PC port you have defined in PC-modem Configuration.
- The PC-modem cable is in proper order.

**Modem not initialized**
The modem was not successfully initialized.
Check the topic: Using Hyperterminal for Modem Troubleshooting

The messages below describe the modem's status if the PC dial attempt (ATD+ number) fails. Any one of these errors aborts the Dial process.

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<td>Modem is engaged, or is being initialized</td>
<td>Check that the line is free. Use the SBs: Modem Initialization Status listed above to check the COM port status; communications cannot flow through the port during initialization. For more information check the topic How the M90 works with a modem.</td>
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<tr>
<td>No Dial Tone</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No Carrier</td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dial time-out exceeded</td>
<td></td>
<td>No reply was received from the modem within the defined time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The messages below only relate to unsuccessful GSM modem initialization.</td>
<td></td>
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<td>GSM SIM card blocked</td>
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<td>GSM SIM card does not exist</td>
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<td>Illegal GSM PIN code</td>
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<td>GSM Network not found</td>
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<td>Time-out exceeded</td>
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**M90-side modems**
These errors may result from problems in the PLC-side modem

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<td>Handshake between modems complete ('CONNECT'), PLC does not reply</td>
<td>Modem adapter cable</td>
<td>Check the PLC-to-modem connection and pin-out, particularly that the DSR is connected to the RTS on the modem side.</td>
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**Problem**

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<th>SB74</th>
<th>Possible Cause &amp; Recommended Action</th>
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<td>Modem fails to initialize</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>1. PLC-to-modem cable: Make sure that the cable is securely connected. Check the modem connection and pin-out of the PLC-to-modem adapter cables.</td>
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**M90 modem communication problems**

If your M90 is transferring data via modem, you can begin troubleshooting by entering Information Mode. You can then check the status of relevant System Bits and Integers to help diagnose the problem.

To begin diagnosing the problem, check the error code contained in SI 70. Refer to the error code table in How the M90 works with a modem.

The tables below show the more common causes of modem communication problems.

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<th>SI 70 value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Modem fails to initialize</td>
<td>2: Modem Did Not Reply</td>
<td>M90-to-modem cable: Make sure that the cable is securely connected. Check the M90 modem connection and pin-out of the M90-to-modem adapter cables. Note that if you use cables comprising this pin-out, you must set the RS232 parameter Flow Control to N (none). Incompatible communication settings. Most modems automatically match the parameters of incoming data: baud rate, data bits, parity &amp; stop bits. The M90’s embedded modem settings are: 9600, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit. You may need to manually change your modem’s communication settings to match these via Hyperterminal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>0: No Error</td>
<td>SB 72 OFF: In order to work with a modem, you must select ‘Use modem’ in the M90 Modem Configuration box. This causes SB 72 Initialize Modem to turn ON when the M90 powers up. Note that if the M90 has also been configured to use SMS messaging, that the M90 will not be able to connect to a modem because the SMS feature overrides the modem. Check too, that SB 72 is not disabled in your program.</td>
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<td>6: Modem Report Error</td>
<td>Check the modem initialization commands. Refer to Configuring the M90 to use a modem.</td>
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**Other problems:**

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<td>Check the PLC-to-modem connection and pin-out.</td>
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<th>adapter cable</th>
<th>particularly that the DSR is connected to the RTS on the modem side, as shown in Modem Connections above.</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>Incorrect phone number</td>
<td>Complete</td>
<td>Check the M90’s phone book. Refer to Configuring the M90 to use a modem.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

## GSM modems

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<th>Problem</th>
<th>Possible Cause &amp; Recommended Action</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cell phone does not receive message</td>
<td>Check the cell phone’s SIM card; it may be full.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check SI 180 for the error messages listed below.

### Error Messages (SI 180)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Error Message</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>No error</td>
<td>No error found</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>GSM Modem Not Initialized</td>
<td>The GSM modem was not initialized. Before using the SMS feature the modem must be initialized. Refer to relevant help sections.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>GSM Modem Did Not Reply</td>
<td>The GSM modem referred to is the one on the M90 side.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Modem Reports Unknown Message</td>
<td>Modem returns an unrecognized reply</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Wrong PIN number</td>
<td>The Personal Identification Number that was given does not match that of the SIM card installed in the M90’s GSM modem.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Failed Registration</td>
<td>GSM modem did not register successfully, for example if no network was found, or if the modem antenna is not functioning.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>No Phone Number</td>
<td>SI 181 contains a number that is not linked to any phone number stored in the GSM phone book.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Transmit: Undefined String number</td>
<td>SI 182 contains a string number that is not linked to any string number stored in the SMS Messages List.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Unauthorized Origin</td>
<td>This SMS string has been transmitted from an unauthorized phone number.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Illegal String Received</td>
<td>The string received is not linked to any string stored in the SMS Messages List. SI 184 will contain 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>RS232 Port Busy</td>
<td>The RS232 port is already in use; for example, the modem is currently connected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>SMS not successfully sent to all numbers</td>
<td>The SMS message was not successfully sent to all the phone numbers for which it was configured.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>PUK number needed</td>
<td>The SIM card is locked due to too many attempts to enter an incorrect PIN number.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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### System Bits

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<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>180</td>
<td>Initialize GSM Modem for SMS</td>
<td>This is necessary to enable use of the SMS feature. Note that the modem must first be initialized using SB 70.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI</td>
<td>Symbol</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
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<td>--------</td>
<td>-------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>181</td>
<td>SMS: Initialization Succeeded</td>
<td>Signals that GSM modem has been initialized. The modem is now ready to send and receive SMS messages.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>182</td>
<td>SMS: Initialization Failed</td>
<td>Signals that GSM modem has failed. SI 180 contains the error code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>183</td>
<td>Send SMS</td>
<td>Send the string that is represented by the index number stored in SI 182, to the phone number represented by the index number stored in SI 181.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>184</td>
<td>SMS: Transmission succeeded</td>
<td>Signals that SMS has been successfully transmitted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>185</td>
<td>SMS: Transmission Failed</td>
<td>Signals that SMS has failed. SI 180 contains the error code</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>186</td>
<td>SMS Received</td>
<td>Signals that a defined SMS has been received. SI 183 contains the index number identifying the origin of the SMS, if this number has been stored in the SMS phone book. If the number is not found, SI 183 equals 0. SI 184 contains the index number of the SMS string that has been received. Only messages that have been defined in the SMS messages list can be received by the M90.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>187</td>
<td>Error in Received SMS</td>
<td>This bit signals one of the errors listed below. SI 180 contains the error code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>188</td>
<td>Ignore Received SMS</td>
<td>Allows the user to block reception of SMS messages</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>189</td>
<td>Print SMS message</td>
<td>This prints a message with CR (Carriage Return) &amp; LF (Line Feed)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>190</td>
<td>Print SMS message</td>
<td>This prints a message with LF (Line Feed)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>191</td>
<td>Print SMS message</td>
<td>This prints a message without CR (Carriage Return) or LF (Line Feed)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>192</td>
<td>Get GSM antenna signal quality</td>
<td>Get GSM antennae signal quality. The signal quality is contained in SI 185 GSM Signal Quality.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>193</td>
<td>Delete SMS messages from SIM</td>
<td>Deletes all of the SMS messages from the SIM card.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>194</td>
<td>Print SMS message</td>
<td>This prints a message including STX and ETX.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**System Integers**

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<tr>
<th>SI</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>180</td>
<td>SMS Error Code</td>
<td>Contains an error code resulting from a SMS error. The list is shown above.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>181</td>
<td>SMS: Send to Phone Number</td>
<td>Contains the index number of a phone number within the GSM phone book. Use the Store Direct function to place the index number of the desired phone number in SI 181. Storing the value '0' into SI 181 causes a message to be sent to the last number to which an SMS message was sent. When auto-acknowledge is selected, the number 7 will be automatically placed into SI 181 when the SMS is acknowledged.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>182</td>
<td>SMS: String Number to Send</td>
<td>Contains the index number that represents the SMS string to be sent. Use the Store Direct function to place the index number of the desired SMS string in SI 182.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>183</td>
<td>Origin of Received SMS</td>
<td>Contains the index number that represents the phone number from which the SMS was sent. If this number is not defined in the GSM phone book, SI 183 will contain 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>184</td>
<td>Received SMS String</td>
<td>Contains the index number that represents the SMS that has been received. If this number is not defined in the SMS message list, SI 184 will contain 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>185</td>
<td>GSM Signal</td>
<td>GSM antenna signal quality. If this is less than 11, reposition the...</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Using Hyperterminal to check PC-PLC direct communications

If the PC port is defective or in use by another application, you may be unable to access a directly connected controller with your PC.

Via Hyperterminal, you can check the PLC-PC communication connection by sending a simple text command, Get ID. If the connection is in order, the controller replies with its ID; if the connection is faulty, the controller will not reply.

1. Open Hyperterminal.

2. Enter a name for the new connection and select an icon, and then click OK. The Connect To box opens.

3. Select the PC COM port that connects the PC to the controller, and then click OK.
4. The Port Settings box opens as shown below. To enable your PC to communicate with the controller, set the COM port parameters to the M90 default settings: BPS 9600, Data bits=7, Parity=N, Stop bits=1, Flow control=None, and then click OK.

![Port Settings Diagram]

5. Open the Properties box by clicking on the Properties button, then open ASCII Setup.

![ASCII Setup Diagram]

6. Select the options shown below, and then click OK.
7. To synchronize the controller's communication settings, enter Info mode. Navigate to System>RS232>Restore Defaults, and then press the Enter key.

8. Open Notepad, enter the text `/00IDED`, press Enter, and save the file. This is the Get ID command, where 00 is the 'placeholder' for the controller's Unit ID number. 00 enables any directly controller to answer, no matter what it's actual ID number is. ED is the command's checksum.

   **Note**  
   Pressing Enter places a Carriage Return command at the end of the text. Although the Carriage Return is not visible, the command will not be processed without it.

9. Select Send Text file from the Transfer menu, and open the text file
10. If you have configured everything according to the instructions above, and the port is functioning properly, the controller with its ID number. If the port is out of order, the controller will not reply.

In the figure above, the characters in the string that is returned by the controller, /A00IDR1 B30000E5 may be interpreted as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>A</th>
<th>00</th>
<th>ID (PLC model)</th>
<th>B (Hardware Version)</th>
<th>E5</th>
<th>CR (ETX)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Answer</td>
<td>Requested number</td>
<td>M90-R1</td>
<td>OS V3.00 (00)</td>
<td>Checksum</td>
<td>Not visible</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Using Hyperterminal for Modem Troubleshooting**

You can use a standard Windows application called Hyperterminal to perform certain tasks, such as changing a modem’s communication rate.

*Note ♦* The modem driver does not need to be installed in order to access the modem via Hyperterminal.

Using Hyperterminal

2. Open Hyperterminal. The program can generally be located by clicking the Start button in the lower left corner of your screen, then selecting Programs>Accessories>Communications>Hyperterminal. The New Connection window opens as shown below.

*Note ♦* Hyperterminal generally starts by pointing to the internal modem, if one is installed on the PC.
1. Enter a name for the new connection and select an icon, and then click OK. The Connect To box opens.

1. Select a COM port for the modem, and then click OK.

1. The Port Settings box opens as shown below. To enable your PC to communicate with the modem, set the COM port parameters to a BPS of either 9600 or 19200, Data bits=8, Parity=N, Stop bits=1, Flow control=None, and then click OK.
1. Open the modem’s Properties box by clicking on the Properties button, then open ASCII Setup.

1. Select the options shown below, and then click OK.
Hyperterminal is now connected to your PC via Com 1; the ASCII settings now enable you to enter commands via the PC keyboard and see the replies from the modem within the Hyperterminal window.

To test the connection, type AT; if the connection is valid the modem will respond 'OK'.

To change the modem’s baud rate, type AT+IPR=19200&W; the command '&W' burns the new baud rate into the modem's non-volatile memory.

Typical initialization strings used with an Siemens M20-type modem are shown below.

### Modem Commands

- **+++** - Escape Sequence. This causes the modem to close connections and go back to command mode
- **AT** - This command means Attention; and is used to begin a session
- **AT&F** - Restores factory default settings
- **ATZ** - Resets the modem. This command may take time to implement, so the response from the modem may be delayed
- **ATE0** - No Echo
- **V1** - Enable Verbose (long) response
- **Q0** - Respond
- **X4** - Detailed answers
- **&D0** - Ignore DTR
- **&D2** - Once DTR falls, disconnect and go to command mode
- **&D1** - Once DTR falls, disconnect
DSR always ON.
Since the DSR can be permanently set to ON, connecting it to the RTS causes the terminal always be ready to transmit\receive data

DSR OFF in command and test modes
Give the user a signal for the DCD
Don’t give the user a signal for the DCD (refers to LED indications where relevant)

ATS0=1 Auto-Answer after 1 ring
S0=0 Modem doesn’t answer. Forces PLC to answer with ATA (pickup)
S10=15 Sets the time ( in units of 0.1 sec) from the time when CD is not detected, until the string NO CARRIER is shown. If the value is 255, then the CD signal will not fall—even if the modems are no longer connected
S7=30 TimeOut: If this time is exceeded, the modem notifies that dial has failed
S12 The modem register that defines the time interval during which the line must remain clear, before and after the +++ command. Note : In the M90, this value is fixed on the M90 side and is not entered into the modem. If the controller cannot hang up, register S12 should be checked to ensure that the pause =1.2 sec

Burn the configuration into the modem’s non-volatile memory

Initializing the modem to SMS mode via Hyperterminal

Once the modem is successfully initialized, you can use Hyperterminal to initialize the modem to SMS mode.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>at+cpin=?</td>
<td>Is a pin number required?</td>
<td>XXXX is the PIN number coming from the U90 application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>at+pin=&quot;xxxx&quot;</td>
<td>Is the pin number set in the application?</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| at+creg?        | Has the SIM card been registered with the local cellular provider? | Should return one of two answers:  
                          • +CREG: 0,1  
                            The SIM is registered with its local provider.  
                          • +CREG: 0,5  
                            The SIM is in roaming mode. |
| at+cmgf=1       | Go to text mode                                 |                                                                      |

![Hyperterminal Interface](image)

**Notes**
- Commands including question marks are run for verification twice. If the command is not verified during the second attempt, the attempts stop.
- If the SIM requests the PUK number, the SIM must be taken out of the
modem and installed into a phone to enable the number to be entered.
- If the SIM is full, the SIM must be taken out of the modem and installed into a phone to enable the SIM to be cleared.
- The modem must be able to support Text mode. P.D.U. mode is not supported.

When a controller sends an SMS text message:

- The controller uses the Send command, containing the number to be called: AT+CMGS= "phone number".
- The controller then waits for the reply '>'.
- When the '>' is received, the controller sends the message, ending the line with CTRL_Z.
- If the message is successfully sent, the controller will receive a message of confirmation, +CMGS:xx. When this message is received by the controller, SB 184 turns ON. The confirmation message is acknowledged by OK.
- If:
  - the message of confirmation is not received within 15 seconds, or
  - the '>' is not received within 3 seconds, SB 185 turns ON.

When the controller receives an SMS text message:

- It receives the command: +CMTI: "SM",xx. Xx is a number in the controller's memory, 1 to 20.
- When the message is received, the controller asks the modem for the text via the command AT+CMGR=xx.
- The modem replies with +CMGR, including the phone number, status, text, and concluding with OK.

**Note**

When a Com port has been successfully initialized, the relevant bit turns ON: SB 80, 82, 83, or 84.
- If initialization fails, SB 81, 83, 85, or 87 will turn ON.

'The Sniffer' -- Viewing communication strings

The instructions below show you how to construct a communications 'Sniffer'. This device enables you to use Hyperterminal to view communication strings flowing between a PLC and an external, connected device such as a bar code reader.

'Sniffer' is connected to the external device.

'COM' is connected to the PLC.
The completed Sniffer is connected to a PLC communication port, PC and external device.

Note that communication cables are the programming cable provided by Unitronics.

To make a Sniffer, you need:

- An adapter.
- Two 1N4148 or 1N914 diodes.

1. Open the adapter carefully via the 4 snaps in its sides.

1. Cut the red and green wires as shown below.
1. Solder one diode to the red wire, and one diode to the green wire. The soldered point provides the anode.

- Put isolating material on the soldered points.

4. Solder both diodes’ cathodes to the red wire.

3. Put isolating material on the solder.

5. Close the Sniffer.

3. Label the connector s as
shown.

**Note** In order to run view the strings in Hyperterminal, you must set the program to display ASCII strings as described above in Using Hyperterminal.
Troubleshooting

Direct Communication problems

If your PC is not able to establish direct communications with a locally connected M90, refer to the following table:

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<tr>
<th>Problem</th>
<th>Possible Cause</th>
<th>Recommended Action</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>No Communications</td>
<td>M90 is not turned on</td>
<td>Turn M90 on. If the M90 does not turn on, click here.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Communication cable</td>
<td>Check that:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• You are using the correct communication cable.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• The RS232 port of the M90 is connected to your PC's communication port according to the instructions in the M90 User Guide.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Communication settings</td>
<td>Refer to M90 Communications Settings.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COM port is not enabled</td>
<td>Check that your PC communication port is enabled. This means checking your PC's BIOS/CMOS setup.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COM port is defective</td>
<td>Refer to How do I use a PC to access an M90 via GSM modem?</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COM port is occupied</td>
<td>Close the application that is accessing the port. For more information, refer to How do I use a PC to access an M90 via GSM modem?</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If you are still unable to establish communications:

Contact your local Unitronics distributor.

Why does the Controller display the 'Restart' message?

The most common reason for this event is a peak in electromagnetic (EMF) 'noise'. This may result from contactors, power relays, solenoid valves, etc. switching on and off, as well as from power transformers and motor speed drivers.

Recommendations

- Use different power supplies - highly recommended - one for the controller (CPU and inputs), and a different one for other electromagnetic devices;
- Use suppressors - reverse connected diodes for DC loads and RC filters for AC loads;
- Where possible, place the signal cables, including the 24V power supply, far away from power lines, especially from cables, coming in and out of motor drivers;
If needed, use shielded cables for signals, including for 24 VDC and for power cables between the motor driver and the motor itself.

Taking these precautions should help prevent 'Controller Restart'. If the problem persists, contact support@unitronics or your local Unitronics representative.

**M90 modem communication problems**

If your M90 is transferring data via modem, you can begin troubleshooting by entering Information Mode. You can then check the status of relevant System Bits and Integers to help diagnose the problem.

To begin diagnosing the problem, check the error code contained in SI 70. Refer to the error code table in How the M90 works with a modem.

The tables below show the more common causes of modem communication problems.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Problem</th>
<th>SI 70 value</th>
<th>Possible Cause &amp; Recommended Action</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Modem fails to initialize | 2: Modem Did Not Reply | M90-to-modem cable: Make sure that the cable is securely connected. Check the M90 modem connection and pin-out of the M90-to-modem adapter cables. Note that if you use cables comprising this pin-out, you must set the RS232 parameter Flow Control to N (none).
| | | Incompatible communication settings. Most modems automatically match the parameters of incoming data: baud rate, data bits, parity & stop bits. The M90's embedded modem settings are: 9600, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit. You may need to manually change your modem's communication settings to match these.
| | 0: No Error | SB 72 OFF: In order to work with a modem, you must select 'Use modem' in the M90 Modem Configuration box. This causes SB 72 Initialize Modem to turn ON when the M90 powers up. Note that if the M90 has also been configured to use SMS messaging, that the M90 will not be able to connect to a modem because the SMS feature overrides the modem. Check too, that SB 72 is not disabled in your program.
| | 6: Modem Report Error | Check the modem initialization commands. Refer to Configuring the M90 to use a modem.

Other problems:

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<tr>
<th>Problem</th>
<th>Possible cause</th>
<th>Recommended action</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Modem is busy</td>
<td>Modem is engaged</td>
<td>Check that the modem is free.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connection established, but the M90 does not reply</td>
<td>Modem adapter cable</td>
<td>Check the M90 modem adapter cable pin-out, particularly that the DSR is connected to the RTS on the modem side.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M90 does not dial</td>
<td>Incorrect phone number</td>
<td>Check the M90's phone book. Refer to Configuring the M90 to use a modem.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PC modem communication problems**
If your PC is unable to communicate with a remote M90 via modem, refer to the table below.

**Note**: The PC-modem cable is not the same type of cable used to connect between the controller and the modem. Ensure that the cable used to connect the PC to the modem provides connection points for all of the modem's pins.

- Internal modems must be used in conjunction with the driver provided by the modem’s manufacturer.

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<tr>
<th>Problem</th>
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<th>Recommended Action</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Modem fails to initialize</td>
<td>PC-to-modem cable</td>
<td>Make sure that the cable is securely connected, and that it is the original cable that was supplied with your modem.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Incorrect initialization commands</td>
<td></td>
<td>To learn how to edit initialization commands, refer to Configuring my PC’s modem.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Incompatible communication settings</td>
<td></td>
<td>Most modems automatically match the parameters of incoming data: baud rate, data bits, parity &amp; stop bits. The U90’s modem communication settings are: 9600, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit. You may need to manually change your modem’s communication settings to match these.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Incorrect Com port</td>
<td></td>
<td>Assign the correct modem Com port. Refer to Configuring my PC’s modem.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Com port not enabled</td>
<td></td>
<td>Check that your PC communication port is enabled. This means checking your PC’s BIOS/CMOS setup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Com port occupied</td>
<td></td>
<td>Close the application that is accessing the port.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remote M90’s modem failed to initialize</td>
<td></td>
<td>Refer to M90-to-Modem connections</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remote M90 is not connected to modem</td>
<td></td>
<td>Check that the remote M90 is connected to the modem.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M90-to-modem cable</td>
<td></td>
<td>Make sure that the cable is securely connected, and that it is the original cable that was supplied with your modem.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Modem is not connected to telephone line</td>
<td></td>
<td>Check that the modem of both the local PC and the remote M90 is correctly connected to a functioning telephone line.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Incorrect phone number</td>
<td></td>
<td>Check the PC modem Phone Book. Refer to Configuring my PC’s modem.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No power supply to modem</td>
<td></td>
<td>Check the power supply to both the PC’s and the M90’s modem.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M90’s modem did not initialize</td>
<td></td>
<td>Refer to M90 modem communication problems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M90-to-modem cable</td>
<td></td>
<td>Check the pin-out of the M90-to-modem adapter cables. Note that if you use cables comprising this pin-out, you</td>
</tr>
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</table>
must set the M90's RS232 parameter Flow Control to N (none).

CANbus network problems

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<tr>
<th>Problem</th>
<th>Possible cause</th>
<th>Recommended Action</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Failed communication</td>
<td>Baud rate settings</td>
<td>All M90's in the network must be set to the same CANbus baud rate. These may be edited in the M90 OPLC Advanced settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Termination resistors</td>
<td>Check the M90 user guide for details.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>CANbus power supply</td>
<td>Check that the CANbus power supply is properly connected, and that the voltage is in the permissible range as described in the M90 User Guide.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PC cannot communicate with bridge</td>
<td>Incorrect ID number</td>
<td>You may not have assigned the correct unit ID number in your operand addresses (between 1-63). Check in the M90 OPLC settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PC cannot communicate with network</td>
<td>Incorrect ID number</td>
<td>When you communicate with the M90 unit that you are using as a bridge to the network, select Unit ID number 0, or select Stand-alone project in the M90 OPLC settings.</td>
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<td>Communication settings</td>
<td>If you are trying to communicate with an M90 network via a bridge, you must define your project as a Network project--however, U90 Ladder cannot automatically detect communication settings in a Network project. Make sure the current RS232 parameters in your project are the same as the parameters that are actually in the bridge.</td>
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<td>The bridge's RS232 port's baud rate cannot be set below 9600.</td>
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M90 does not turn on

When the M90 is turned on, the display screen is lit.

Note that the screen can display messages only after you download HMI displays to the M90. If you have not downloaded displays, check the screen by pressing the 'i' button for a few seconds to enter Information Mode. If no text appears on the screen, the M90 may not be receiving turned on.

If your M90 does not turn on

- Check that the power supply's voltage is in the permissible range in accordance to the technical specifications for your model.
- Check the M90's connections. The +24VDC must be connected to the + V terminal, and the ground connected to the 0V terminal.
- Make sure that the 24VDC output power supply is connected to a functioning AC power source.
- Check your fuses or circuit breakers. These must allow power flow.
- Make certain that the power is ON.

If you have checked all of the above, and the M90 does not turn on, contact your local distributor.
Power-up Modes

You can force the controller to enter Bootstrap or Stop mode by turning on the power supply while pressing specific keypad keys.

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<td>Exit Stop Mode by entering Information Mode, and then selecting System&gt; Reset.</td>
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Communication Log

When you dial a remote modem using U90 Ladder, a window opens up in the bottom of your screen. The log of events is quickly displayed in this window.

The log also appears during download and upload if there are communication problems.

This log is stored as a .txt file. You can view this log by navigating to Unitronics\U90_Ladder\U90Ldxxx and opening a file named ComLog.txt.

In this file, the most recent log of events appears last.
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