

Basics of SCADA and PLC Systems

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Introduction – Presenter

Dr. Abdu Shaalan

- Abdu is a PhD holder in the fields of Industrial Automation and Advanced Maintenance practices from the University of Sunderland.
- He is a research enthusiast and has held multiple research projects over the years, including a research fellowship with the nursing school, several KTP projects with local manufacturers, and was recently awarded a Teaching Fellowship in AI in Education.
- Abdu's research focus is on Industrial Automation and Advanced Maintenance practices in the advances of Industry 4.0 technologies.
- Teaching-wise, Abdu held multiple programme lead positions ranging from Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels.
- Currently a programme leader for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Industrial Automation programmes at ECT.

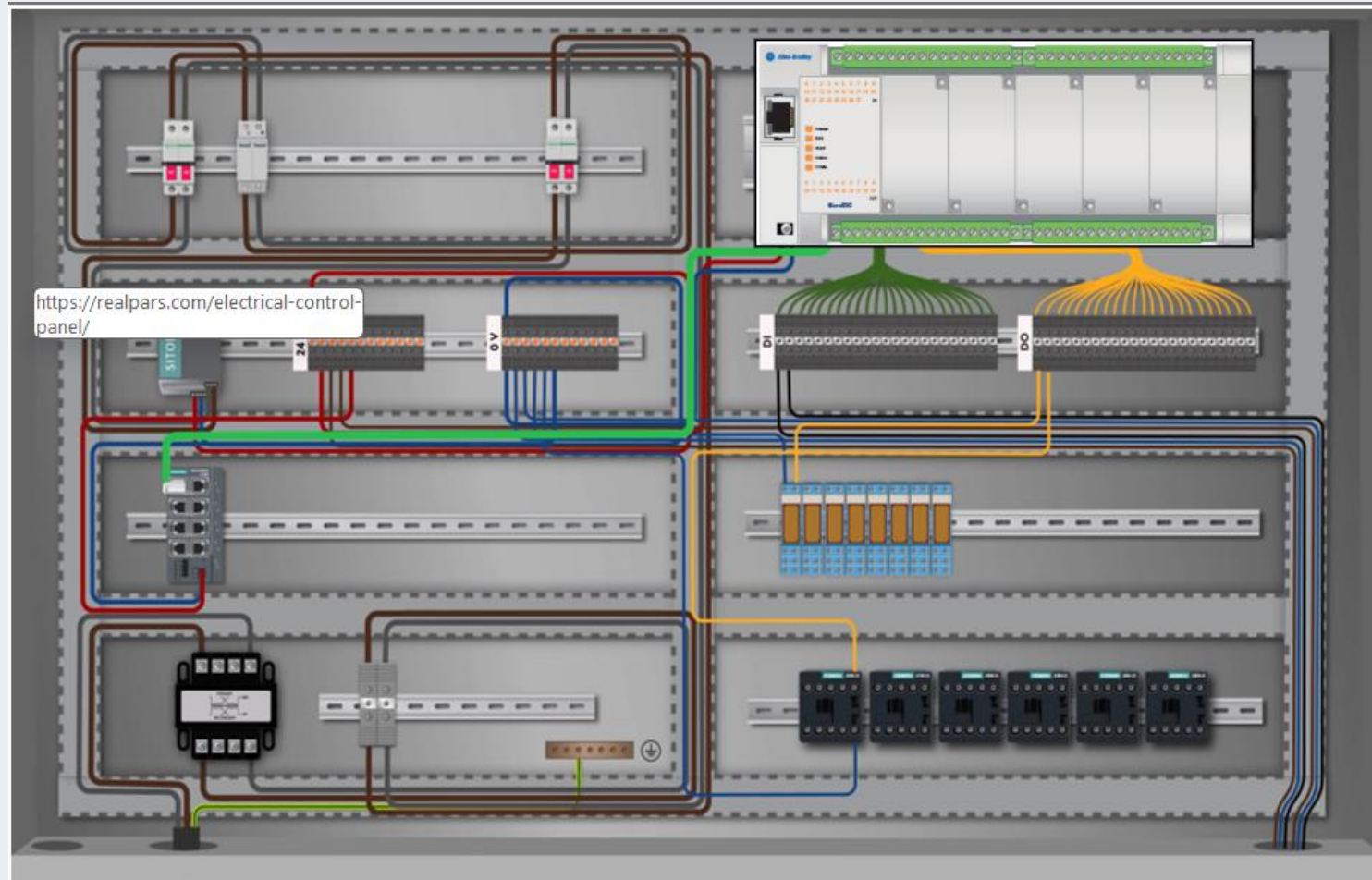


Agenda

1	History of Industrial Automation.
2	Impact of Industrial Automation
3	How an Automated system works.
4	Codesys programming



History of PLC's



History of PLC's

A programmable Logic Controller (PLC) is an Electronic device that controls machines and processes. It uses an electronic memory to store logic and instructions and execute specific functions to operate a machine's sequence of operations.



History of PLC's

- The first PLC was created by Dick Morley in 1969 (Modicon 084).
- Although it had all of the required features it wasn't commercially successful.
- In 1973 the company developed the Modicon 184 model which is described as the first PLC.
- An example of 1980 cars production line
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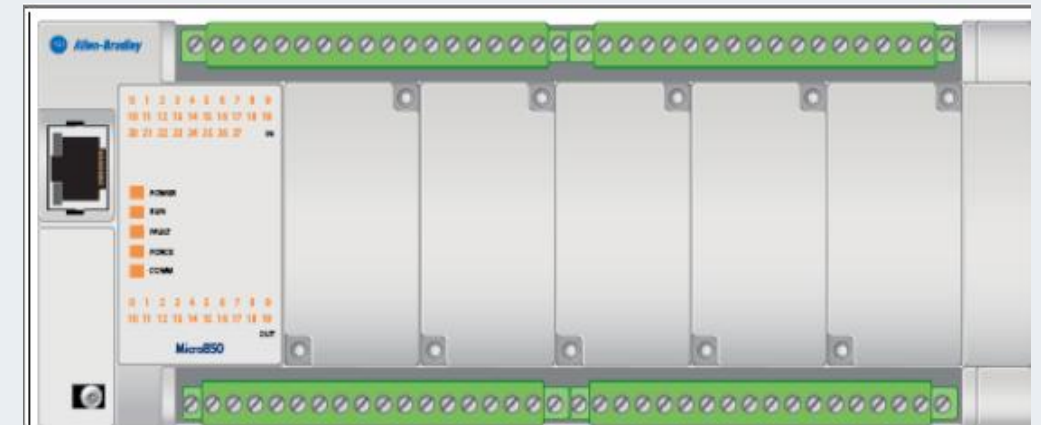
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Today's applications require a high level of control capability and advanced features

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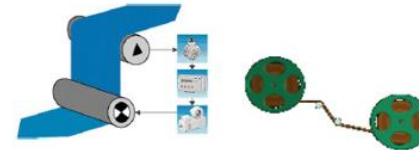
- Arithmetic (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, etc.)
- Data Comparison (Equal, Greater Than or Equal, Less Than or Equal)
- Word Manipulation (Copy, Move, etc.)
- Communications or Messaging data between PLC's



- Sequencing
- Data Manipulation



- Motion and Process Control (Used for Temperature, Pressure, Speed, Flow regulation)



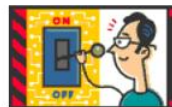
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Two Types Of I/O (Inputs & Outputs)

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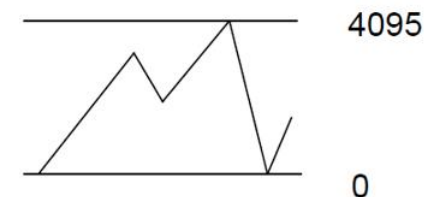
■ Digital

- Also called Discrete
- Has two possible states
- Represented by "1" or "0"
- Electrically:
 - "0" is usually 0 Volts (AC or DC)
 - "1" is a fixed voltage value such as 5VDC, 24VDC, 120VAC, etc.
- Technology: Relays, Triac, Transistor, MOSFET, TTL

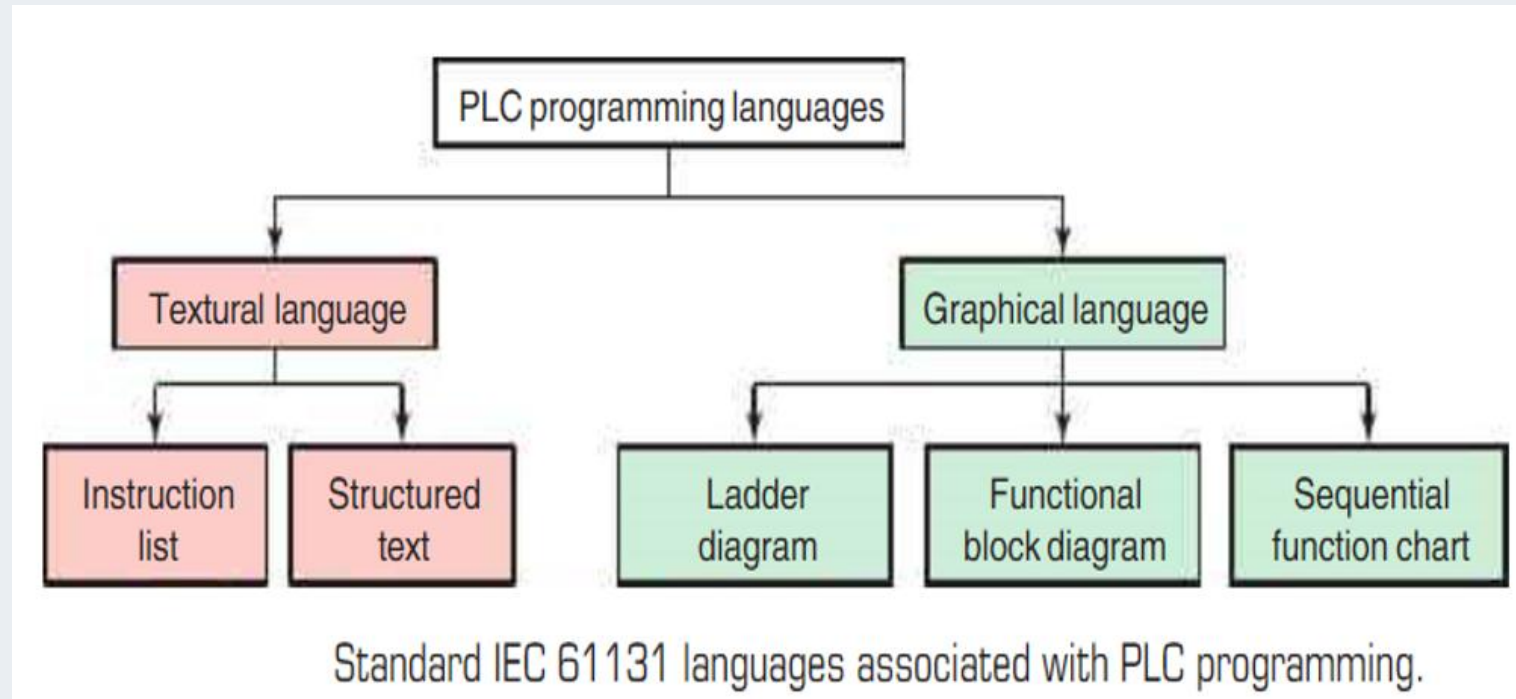


■ Analog

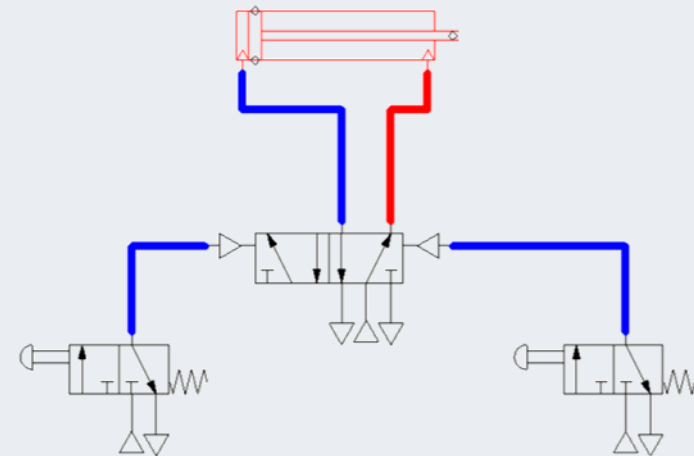
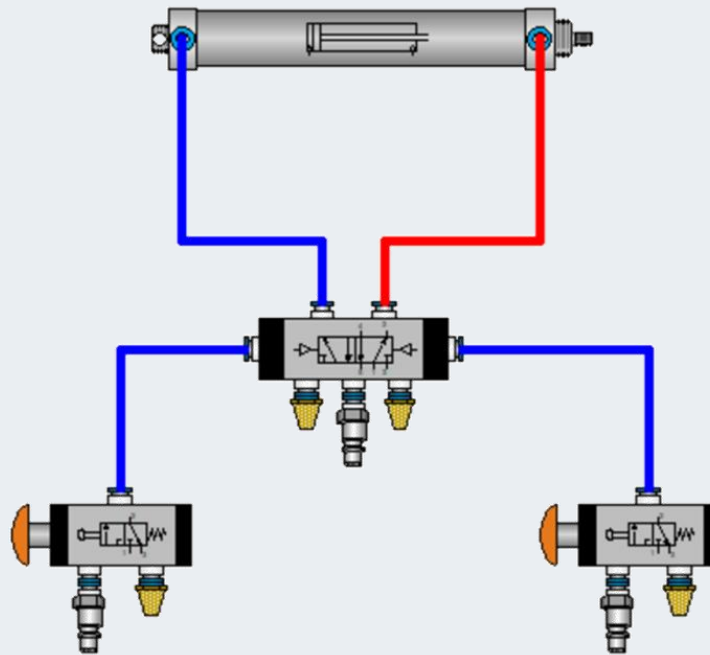
- Has many possible states between two values
- Example: Temperature sensor
- Range of values between two limits. For example:
 - 0°F represented by "0"
 - 100°F represented by "4095" (example)
- Electrically: 4-20mA, 0-5VDC, -10 to 10VDC



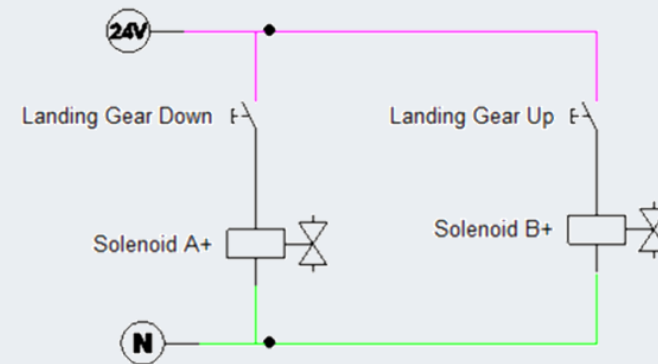
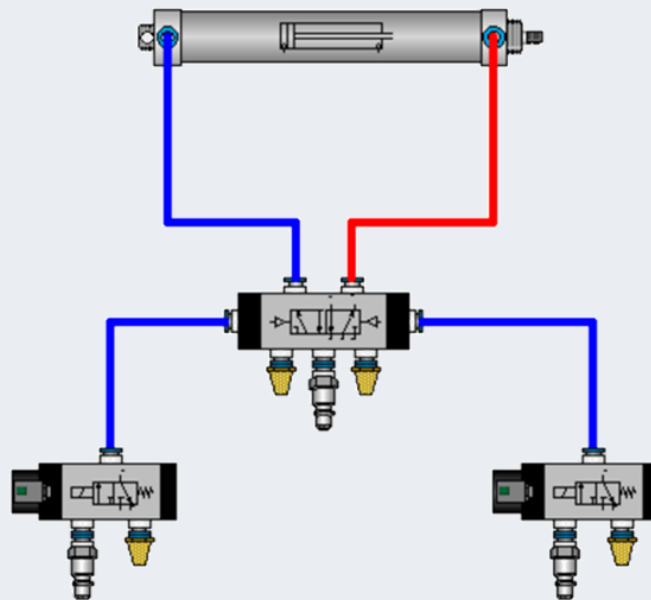
Programming languages



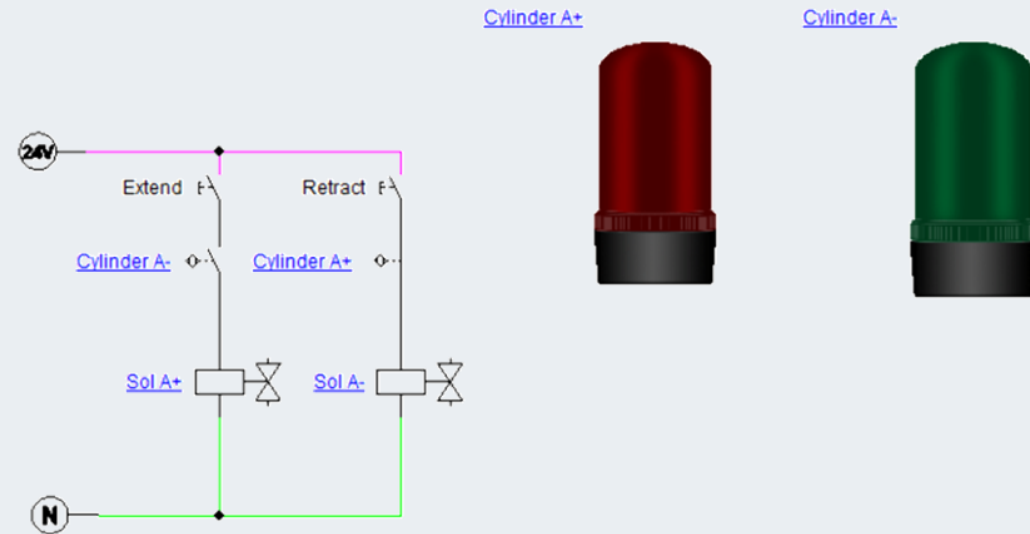
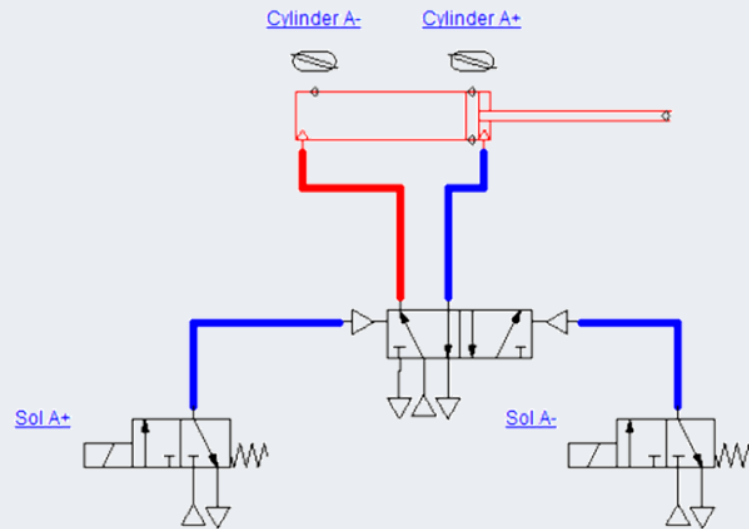
Basic Automation



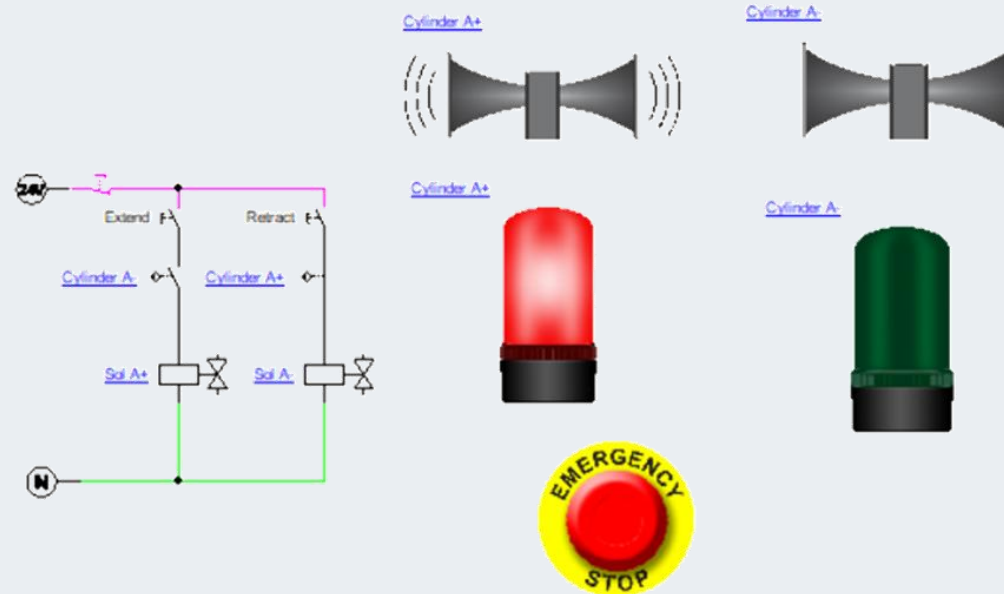
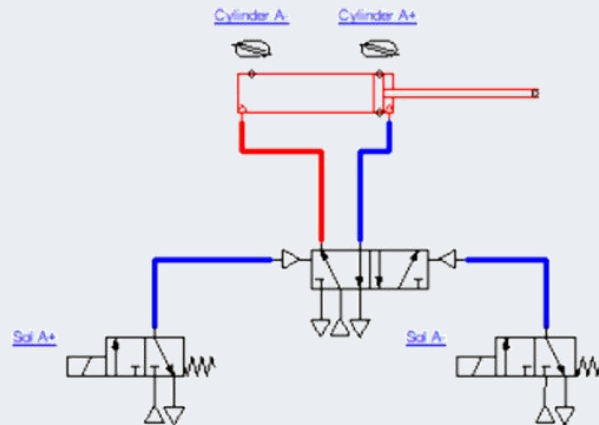
A touch of Automation



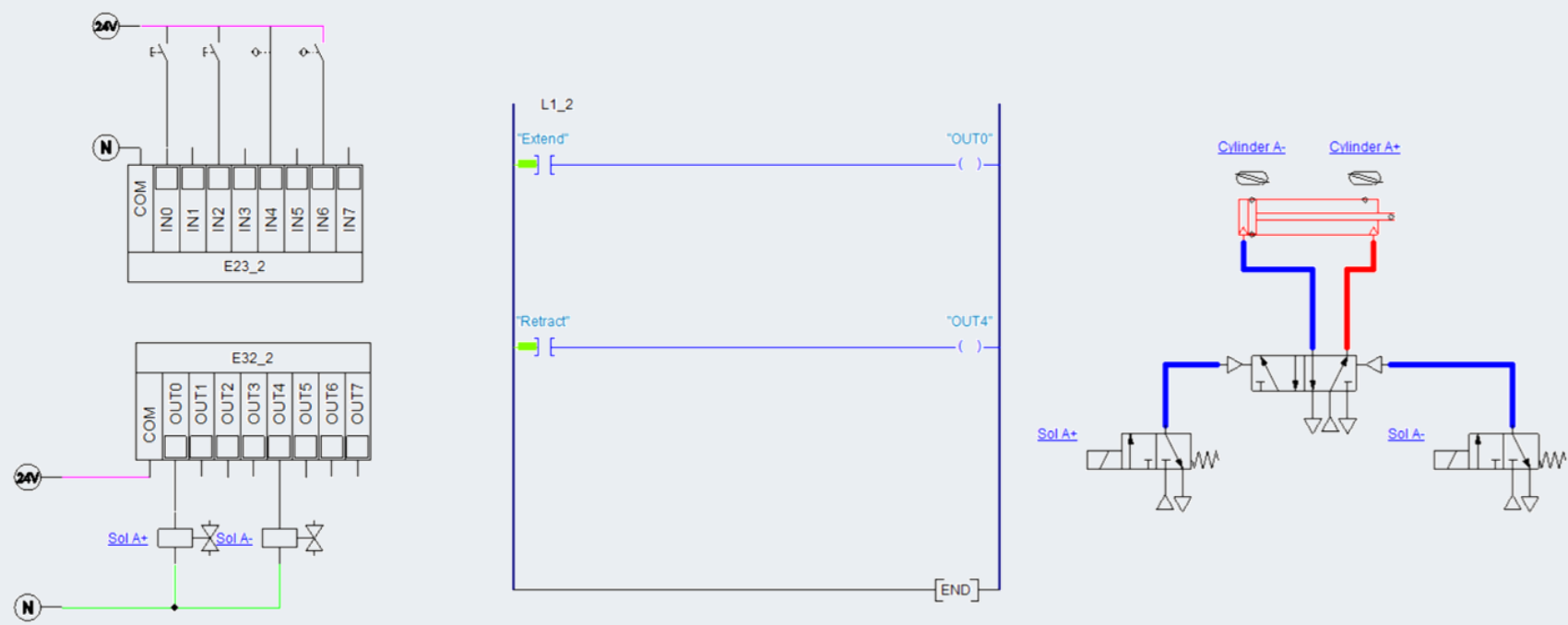
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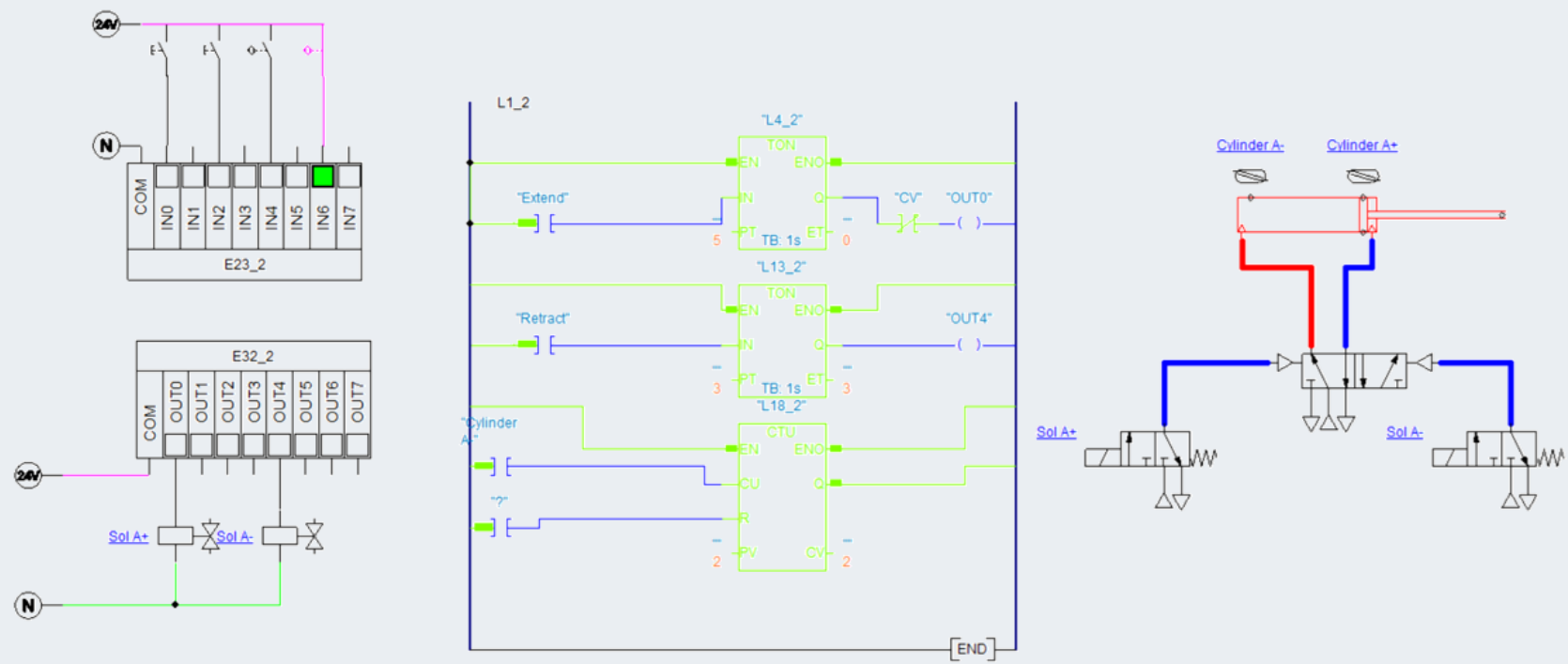
More Automation



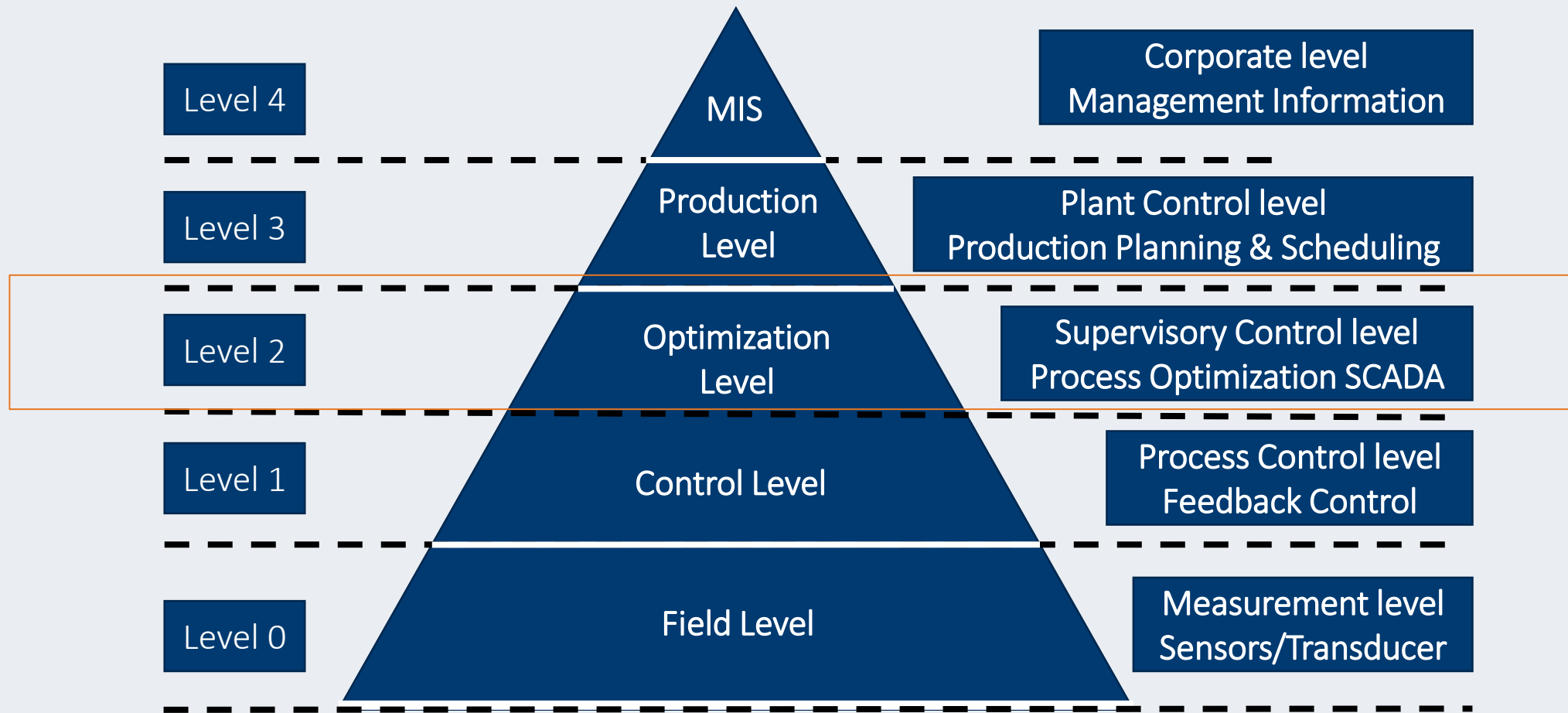
Automation circuit



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5-Layer Model of Automation Hierarchy



Demo time

Now we will use Codesys software to show how to build a simple Automation system

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