Programmable controllers - Part 10: PLC open XML exchange format

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Publication	Year	Title	EN/HD	Year
IEC 61131-1	-	Programmable controllers - Part 1: General information	EN 61131-1	-
IEC 61131-3	-	Programmable controllers - Part 3: Programming languages	EN 61131-3	-

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INTRODUCTION

The International Standard IEC 61131 describes programmable logic controllers (PLCs).

IEC 61131-3 defines programming languages. Users want standardized programming languages and the ability to exchange a complete program or parts of that program between different development environments, i.e. from an exporting environment to an importing environment.

IEC 61131-3 defines program organization units (POUs). But an entire program also consists of user-defined data types, global and external declarations and other elements besides the POUs. In this document, the term "IEC 61131-3 project" is used. It contains all above-mentioned language elements, required for an exchange, in order to get a consistent program in the importing environment.

The exchange of POUs developed in one of the textual languages, i.e. instruction list (IL) and structured text (ST) or the textual representation of sequential function charts (SFC) is possible, because a syntax description of these languages is part of the IEC 61131-3 standard. The objective of this document is to extend the reuse of programmed solutions both for textual languages and graphical languages, i.e. function block diagram (FBD) and ladder diagram (LD) or the graphical representation of SFCs. Furthermore, the completeness of exchange between the different environments depends on the supported features that are listed in the compliance list defined in IEC 61131-3.

This document defines a solution independent eXtensible Markup Language (XML) based exchange format, to be supported by interfaces of different kinds of software tools. Beside textual and program logic information, it also provides the ability to transfer graphical representation information, e.g. the position and size of function blocks and how they are connected. The design of the 'transferred' parts shall represent the same program logic, however it may be altered in look and feel.

This document's XML exchange format enables a transfer of IEC 61131-3 projects, from an exporting environment to an importing environment, including extensions for layout and formatting.

This document's XML exchange format can not only describe correct IEC 61131-3 POUs, but it can represent a working state of the IEC 61131-3 project. For example, even if the IEC 61131-3 source project is incomplete, for example if it contains compile errors, it can be represented.

Syntactically incorrect IEC 61131-3 projects can be represented. For example, such a project could be an in-between version or a project containing several unconnected FBD blocks.

This document's XML exchange format provides for life cycle management of automation systems, e.g. in case of redesign, maintenance or device replacement. If an IEC 61131-3 project is stored in this standard's XML exchange format, it could be reused independent of a special development environment. And thus, it could be modified and maintained by any other development environment supporting this standard's XML exchange format.

This International Standard was developed using material from PLCopen®[1]. This document extends PLCopen® XML, adopts it to the features of IEC 61131-3:2013 and is therefore not compatible with previous versions of PLCopen® XML.

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PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLERS –

Part 10: PLC open XML exchange format

1 Scope

1.1 General

This part of IEC 61131 specifies an XML-based exchange format for the export and import of IEC 61131-3 projects. A complete IEC 61131-3 project implemented in an IEC 61131-3 environment can be transferred between different programming environments. It allows for the exchange of configuration elements, data types, and POUs written in:

- the textual language, instruction list (IL),
- the textual language, structured text (ST),
- the graphical language, ladder diagram (LD),
- the graphical language, function block diagram (FBD), and
- sequential function chart (SFC).

The exchange format is specified as a corresponding XML schema. The XML schema is an independent file with the .xsd extension and as such part of this specification. The specification of this schema is contained in Annex A. Annex B provides recommended schemata for extensions. An example XML document is given in Annex C. It is assumed that the reader of this document is familiar with XML technology.

Figure 1 provides an example overview of the usage of the XML exchange format. Different tools may produce and consume XML based IEC 61131-3 information.

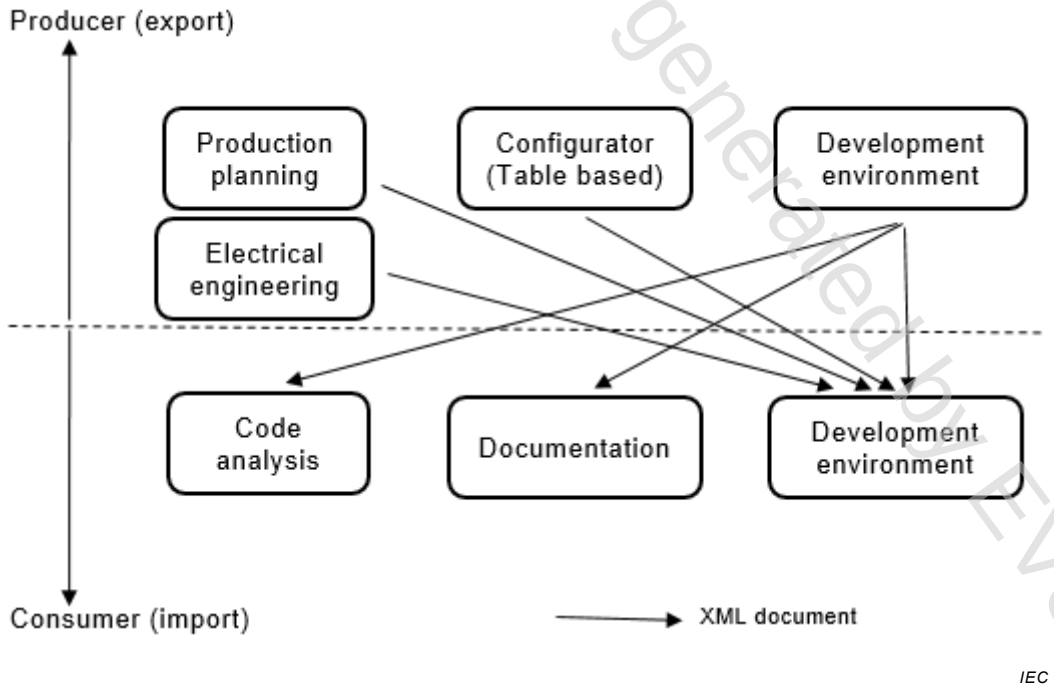

Figure 1 – Main overview of XML exchange format usage (example)

The usage of the XML exchange format should provide more than a simple export/import from one development environment to another. All relevant information should be exported. This may include coordinate information for graphical tools. The importing tool should be able to filter which parts of this information need to be imported into its destination environment. Vendor-specific information and attributes may be included in the export file and selectively imported, if applicable. The vendor-specific information shall not influence the logic part of the program. Filtering should be done on the import – thus vendors shall ensure that their extensions of the XML schema are done in such a way that neglecting the information during import does not affect the functionality of the IEC 61131-3 project. Vendor specific attributes and information may be added by vendor specific XML schema – besides the XML exchange format defined in this document.

The described formats are designed for the import and export of IEC 61131-3 projects. Such an IEC 61131-3 project can be under development and as a consequence be incomplete.

Concerning the exchange of graphical language constructs between different programming systems, the focus is on logical information with optional explicit graphics.

1.2 Implementation specific parameters

This document does not provide means or requirements for compliant functionality (e.g. functional subset which has to be supported by all Programming and Debugging Tools (PADTs)). This document enables the exchange of all possible features defined in IEC 61131-3. Moreover, many implementation-specific features can be expressed using the AddData mechanism.

In some use cases, programs are either transferred from one PADT to another or generated for the use in a different PADT. In both cases, the function set of these PADTs may be different as well as their settings of implementation-dependent parameters. If several PADTs have to be supported/considered, the functionality of the program has to be restricted to the subset supported by all PADTs in question. Some of these functions can be determined from the IEC 61131-3 feature tables of the concerned PADT, for example:

- supported data types and standard functions,
- pre-emptive or non-pre-emptive scheduling,
- SFC with or without a final scan, etc.

Other functions and settings of implementation dependent parameters may require more effort to determine, for example:

- maximum amounts of code or variables per POU,
- maximum length of identifiers (variable name length),
- size of STRING and WSTRING variables with default length or maximum length,
- SFC to evaluate all transition conditions or only those with active steps as predecessors,
- range and precision of data types TIME, DATE, TOD, DT,
- runtime performance of (the POU in) the PLC,
- execution order within a graphical network, etc.

These differences have to be considered for use cases with more than one PADT. In some cases it may be appropriate to use only functionality supported by all concerned PADTs; in other cases, it may be necessary to manually change and test the program after importing into the PADT.

This document does not state requirements regarding compliant functions of the PADT. It defines an exchange format to exchange programs that are compliant with IEC 61131-3.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61131-1, *Programmable controllers – Part 1: General information*

IEC 61131-3, *Programmable controllers – Part 3: Programming languages*

3 Terms, definitions, abbreviated terms and acronyms

3.1 General terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61131-3 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.1.1
IEC 61131-3 project
set of information in accordance with IEC 61131-3 comprising POU types and instances, data types, global variables instances, configurations and resources

3.1.2
abstract complex type
refers to a "complexType" element from the XML schema definition, which has additionally the "abstract" attribute set to true

3.1.3
concrete complex type
refers to a "complexType" element from the XML Schema Definition which usually extends an abstract complex type without being abstract itself

3.1.4
simple type
refers to a "simpleType" element from the XML Schema Definition

3.2 Abbreviated terms

FBD	function block diagram
IL	instruction list
LD	ladder diagram
PLC	programmable logic controller
POU	program organization unit
PADT	programming and debugging tool
SFC	sequential function chart
ST	structured text
URI	uniform resource identifier
URL	uniform resource locator
XML	eXtensible Markup Language