

**SCADAPack E ISaGRAF  
Function Block Reference**



**Documentation**

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**CAUTION**

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- Before operational tests are performed, remove all blocks or other temporary holding means used for shipment from all component devices.

- Remove tools, meters, and debris from equipment.

**Failure to follow these instructions can result in injury or equipment damage.**

Follow all start-up tests recommended in the equipment documentation. Store all equipment documentation for future references.

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- Remove ground from incoming power lines.
- Perform all start-up tests recommended by the manufacturer.

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- Only those operational adjustments actually required by the operator should be accessible to the operator. Access to other controls should be restricted to prevent unauthorized changes in operating characteristics.

## **3 Preface**

### **Scope**

This manual describes in details all the custom function blocks provided with the SCADAPack E RTU ISaGRAF installation.

### **Purpose**

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The purpose of this document is to describe the custom function blocks provided with the SCADAPack E ISaGRAF installation.

This manual is intended to be used in conjunction with the *SCADAPack E ISaGRAF Technical Reference* and *SCADAPack E ISaGRAF I/O Connection Reference* manuals.

### **Assumed Knowledge**

Familiarity with the ISaGRAF Workbench is strongly recommended.

### **Target Audience**

- Systems Engineers
- Commissioning Engineers
- Maintenance Technicians

### **References**

- *SCADAPack E Configuration Reference* manual
  - ICS Triplex ISaGRAF Manuals
  - *SCADAPack E ISaGRAF Technical Reference* manual
  - *SCADAPack E I/O Connection Reference* manual
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## 4 Overview

This document describes Function Blocks and Functions supported by the SCADAPack E RTU processors when using the ISaGRAF IEC61131-3 environment.

ISaGRAF refers to these as "C Functions" and "C Function Blocks" within the ISaGRAF Libraries and Archive.

These function blocks or functions provide an ISaGRAF application access to RTU configuration and I/O data in the form of point properties and attributes, access to RTU facilities such as serial ports, point data objects, peer-to-peer DNP3 communication, real time clock and additional control functions.

Functions can be implemented using the IEC 61131-3 Function Block Diagram or Structured Text languages.

The manual is arranged as follows:

- Section [SCADAPack E Function Blocks](#)<sup>[11]</sup> is sub-divided as follows:
    - Section [Point Attribute Function Blocks](#)<sup>[12]</sup> presents the function blocks that can be used to return or set RTU point properties
    - Section [Real Time Clock Function Blocks](#)<sup>[77]</sup> describes function blocks which provide an ISaGRAF application access to the RTU's real time clock.
    - Section [DNP3 Communication Function Blocks](#)<sup>[80]</sup> describes ISaGRAF function blocks that interface with the SCADAPack E RTU's peer-to-peer communication facilities. These function blocks transfer data between an ISaGRAF variable and a remote RTU point database.
    - Section [DNP3 Queued Communication Function Blocks](#)<sup>[100]</sup> describes ISaGRAF function blocks that interface with the SCADAPack E RTU's peer-to-peer communication facilities. Queued peer function blocks transfer data directly between the point databases of two peer RTUs.
    - Section [Serial Port User Communication Functions](#)<sup>[117]</sup> describes ISaGRAF function blocks which can be used to set or retrieve serial port properties on the SCADAPack E RTU.
    - Section [Miscellaneous Function Blocks](#)<sup>[127]</sup> describes several miscellaneous function blocks including the PID\_AL function block that provides PID control with output limiting and anti-integral windup protection.
    - Section [TCP/IP Interface Functions](#)<sup>[164]</sup> describe function blocks that provide interfaces to RTU TCP/IP communication and configuration services.
    - Section [Alarm Group Functions & Function Block](#)<sup>[173]</sup> describes the ISaGRAF 'Summary Alarm' functions and function blocks. These provide a mechanism for grouping individual RTU Digital point states (alarms) in to a named alarm group, and configuring an alarm output if any of the points in the group change to the alarm state.
    - Section [RTU File System Interface Functions & Function Blocks](#)<sup>[181]</sup> describes the ISaGRAF interfaces to the RTU's file system to allow manipulation of RTU files
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## 5 SCADAPack E Function Blocks

The function blocks and functions listed in the following sections are provided by Schneider Electric as facilities in the ISaGRAF workbench library. They may be used in SCADAPack E RTU ISaGRAF applications as detailed in the following sections.

- [Point Attribute Function Blocks](#)<sup>[12]</sup>
- [Real Time Clock Function Blocks](#)<sup>[77]</sup>
- [DNP3 Peer Communication Function Blocks](#)<sup>[80]</sup>
- [DNP3 Peer Queued Communication Function Blocks](#)<sup>[100]</sup>
- **Special Digital Output Controls**
- [PLC Communications Control Function Blocks](#)<sup>[112]</sup>
- [Serial Port User Communication Functions](#)<sup>[117]</sup>
- **Process Function Blocks**
- [Miscellaneous Function Blocks](#)<sup>[127]</sup>
- [TCP/IP Interface Functions](#)<sup>[164]</sup>
- [Alarm Group Functions](#)<sup>[173]</sup>
- [RTU File System Interface Functions](#)<sup>[181]</sup>

## 5.1 Point Attribute Function Blocks

These function blocks set or return the property or attribute of a point stored in the RTU database. Point properties or attributes that can be set or retrieved using the SCADAPack E Configurator can also be accessed using the function blocks presented in this subsection of the manual.

Physical and user points within the SCADAPack E RTU (and some system points) have both **Property** and **Attribute** fields associated with them. The distinction between these field types within a point is particularly needed for point processing.

A “**Property**” field of a point represents a physical or derived quantity, describing a particular aspect of the real time condition of a point.

An “**Attribute**” field of a point dictates how the SCADAPack E RTU should manipulate or present a particular aspect of a point. In terms of data processing, some attributes describe how some point properties are derived. Multiple point attributes may impact a point property. Similarly, multiple point properties may be impacted by a single attribute. For more information on point properties and attributes, consult the *SCADAPack E Configuration Technical Reference* manual.

- [getpnt & setpnt](#)<sup>[13]</sup>
  - [rdfld](#)<sup>[27]</sup>
  - [rdrec](#)<sup>[40]</sup>
  - [rdstring](#)<sup>[54]</sup>
  - [rtupulse & rtupuls2](#)
  - [setatr](#)<sup>[69]</sup>
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### 5.1.1 **getpnt & setpnt**

Get database point value (getpntxx) and Set database point value (setpntxx) functions and function blocks are used to interface ISaGRAF IEC61131-3 logic with the SCADAPack E point database.

**getpntxx** functions and function blocks read database point values in to ISaGRAF variables, in various formats.

**setpntxx** function and function blocks write ISaGRAF variable values in to database point variables, in various formats.

These functions require significantly more processing time than accessing points through ISaGRAF I/O boards. See *SCADAPack E ISaGRAF I/O Connection* reference manual. Impact on an ISaGRAF application's performance should be considered when using these functions instead of I/O boards.

- [getpntb](#)<sup>[14]</sup> (get point binary)
- [getpntc](#)<sup>[15]</sup> (get point counter)
- [getpntf](#)<sup>[17]</sup> (get point floating point)
- [getpntsl](#)<sup>[18]</sup> (get point signed long)
- [getpntss](#)<sup>[19]</sup> (get point signed short)
- [getpntus](#)<sup>[21]</sup> (get point unsigned short)
  
- [setpntb](#)<sup>[22]</sup> (set point binary)
- [setpntf](#)<sup>[23]</sup> (set point floating point)
- [setpntsl](#)<sup>[24]</sup> (set point signed long)
- [setpntss](#)<sup>[25]</sup> (set point signed short)
- [setpntus](#)<sup>[26]</sup> (set point unsigned short)

5.1.1.1 `getpntb`**getpntb***Get value of binary point***Description**

The **getpntb** function returns the boolean state of a specified database binary point. If the point is found and its current value is ON then TRUE is returned, otherwise FALSE is returned.

This function provides a method for accessing binary database points.

**Arguments**

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>address</b>	Integer	Address of a database binary point number to read. In conjunction with the <b>output_point</b> parameter, it refers to a unique database point. Point may be a binary input, binary output, derived binary point or system binary point
<b>output_point</b>	Boolean	Set to TRUE for the <b>address</b> to refer to a binary output point. Set to FALSE for the <b>address</b> to refer to a binary input point, derived binary point or system binary point.

Outputs	Type	Description
<b>value</b>	Boolean	TRUE if value of the binary point is ON FALSE if value of the binary point is OFF or does not exist

prototype:      `value := GETPNTB (point_num, is_output_point);`

**See Also**

[setpntb](#) <sup>[22]</sup>

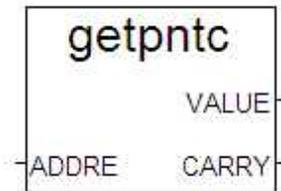
## 5.1.1.2 getpntc

**getpntc*****Get value of counter point*****Description**

The **getpntc** function block returns the integer value of a specified database counter point. If the point is found the current count value is returned, otherwise 0 is returned.

ISaGRAF treats integer values as 32-bit signed. The database treats counter values as 32-bit unsigned, therefore the value returned by this function block is limited to  $(2^{31} - 1)$ . If the internal value is in excess of  $(2^{31} - 1)$  then the carry flag will be set and the value returned will be in the range 0 to  $(2^{31} - 1)$ .

This function provides a method for accessing database counter points.

**Arguments**

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>address</b>	Integer	Address of a database binary point number to read. In conjunction with the <b>output_point</b> parameter, it refers to a unique database point. Point may be a binary input, binary output, derived binary point or system binary point

Outputs	Type	Description
<b>value</b>	Integer	31-bit signed integer value of counter point if found, otherwise 0  Database counter point is in 32-bit unsigned format. ISaGRAF variable is in 32-bit signed format. If the database counter point is greater than $(2^{31} - 1)$ then <b>carry</b> flag is set and the value returned is $(\text{count} - 2^{31} - 1)$
<b>carry</b>	Boolean	TRUE if value of the counter point is greater than $(2^{31} - 1)$ FALSE if value of the counter point is less than or equal to $(2^{31} - 1)$

prototype:

getpntc\_inst (POINT)

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counts := getpntc_inst.VALUE  
inc_next_ctr := getpntc_inst.CARRY
```

5.1.1.3 `getpntf`**getpntf***Get value of analog point as floating point (real)***Description**

The **getpntf** function returns the engineering value of a specified database analog point. If the point is found then the current value is returned, otherwise 0.0 is returned.

This function provides a method for accessing analog database points.

**Arguments**

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>address</b>	Integer	Address of database analog point number to read. In conjunction with the <b>output_point</b> parameter, it refers to a unique database point. Point may be a analog input, analog output, derived analog point or system analog point
<b>output_point</b>	Boolean	Set to TRUE for the <b>address</b> to refer to an analog output point. Set to FALSE for the <b>address</b> to refer to an analog input point, derived analog point or system analog point.

Outputs	Type	Description
<b>value</b>	Real	Current Engineering Value if found, otherwise 0.0

prototype:      `value := GETPNTF (point_num, is_output_point);`

**See Also**

[setpntf](#)<sup>[23]</sup>

5.1.1.4 `getpntsl`**getpntsl***Get value of analog point as signed long integer***Description**

The **getpntsl** function returns the integer value of a specified database analog point. If the point is found then the current value is returned, otherwise 0 is returned.

This function provides a method for accessing analog database points.

**Arguments**

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>address</b>	Integer	Address of database analog point number to read. In conjunction with the <b>output_point</b> parameter, it refers to a unique database point. Point may be a analog input, analog output, derived analog point or system analog point
<b>output_point</b>	Boolean	Set to TRUE for the <b>address</b> to refer to an analog output point. Set to FALSE for the <b>address</b> to refer to an analog input point, derived analog point or system analog point.

Outputs	Type	Description
<b>value</b>	Integer	Current Integer Value if found, otherwise 0

prototype:      `value := GETPNTSL (point_num, is_output_point);`

**See Also**

[setpntsl](#) <sup>[24]</sup>

## 5.1.1.5 getpntss

**getpntss***Get value of analog point as signed short integer***Description**

The **getpntss** function returns the integer value of a specified database analog point. If the point is found then the current value is returned, otherwise 0 is returned.

If the current integer value of the analog point is > 32767, then the output value is clamped to 32767

If the current integer value of the analog point is < -32768, then the output value is clamped to -32768

This function provides a method for accessing analog database points.

**Arguments**

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>address</b>	Integer	Address of database analog point number to read. In conjunction with the <b>output_point</b> parameter, it refers to a unique database point. Point may be a analog input, analog output, derived analog point or system analog point
<b>output_point</b>	Boolean	Set to TRUE for the <b>address</b> to refer to an analog output point. Set to FALSE for the <b>address</b> to refer to an analog input point, derived analog point or system analog point.

Outputs	Type	Description
<b>value</b>	Integer	Current Integer Value if found, otherwise 0 The value from the analog point is clamped in the range -32768 to 32767

prototype:      value := GETPNTSS (point\_num, is\_output\_point);

**See Also**[setpntss](#)<sup>25</sup>

## 5.1.1.6 getpntus

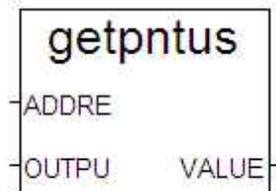
**getpntus*****Get value of analog point as unsigned short integer*****Description**

The **getpntus** function returns the integer value of a specified database analog point. If the point is found then the current value is returned, otherwise 0 is returned.

If the current integer value of the analog point is > 65535 , then the output value is clamped to 65535

If the current integer value of the analog point is < 0, then the output value is clamped to 0

This function provides a method for accessing analog database points.

**Arguments**

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>address</b>	Integer	Address of database analog point number to read. In conjunction with the <b>output_point</b> parameter, it refers to a unique database point. Point may be a analog input, analog output, derived analog point or system analog point
<b>output_point</b>	Boolean	Set to TRUE for the <b>address</b> to refer to an analog output point. Set to FALSE for the <b>address</b> to refer to an analog input point, derived analog point or system analog point.

Outputs	Type	Description
<b>value</b>	Integer	Current Integer Value if found, otherwise 0 The value from the analog point is clamped in the range 0 to 65535

prototype:      value := GETPNTUS (point\_num, is\_output\_point);

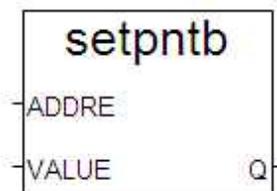
**See Also**

[setpntus](#)<sup>26</sup>

## 5.1.1.7 setpntb

**setpntb*****Set value of binary point*****Description**

The **setpntb** function writes the boolean state of **value** to the specified database binary point's current value. If the point is found and the value is successfully written, the output variable is set TRUE; otherwise it is set FALSE. If the point is not found, nothing is done and the output is set FALSE.

**Arguments**

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>address</b>	Integer	Address of a binary point number. Point may be a binary output, derived binary point or system binary point.
<b>value</b>	Boolean	Value to write to the binary point.

Outputs	Type	Description
<b>Q</b>	Boolean	TRUE if the value was successfully set. FALSE for other cases.

prototype:      setok := SETPNTB (point\_num, req\_state);

**See Also**

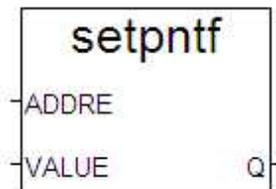
[getpntb](#)<sup>[14]</sup>

## 5.1.1.8 setpntf

**setpntf*****Set value of analog point as floating point (real)*****Description**

The **setpntf** function writes the **value** to the specified database analog point's Current Engineering Value. If the point is found and the value is successfully written, the output variable is set TRUE; otherwise it is set FALSE. If the point is not found, nothing is done and the output is set FALSE.

This function can set the value of physical analog outputs, derived analogs and system analog points.

**Arguments**

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>address</b>	Integer	Address of a binary point number. Point may be a binary output, derived binary point or system binary point.
<b>value</b>	Real	Value to write to the binary point.

Outputs	Type	Description
<b>Q</b>	Boolean	TRUE if the value was successfully set. FALSE for other cases.

prototype:      setok := SETPNTF (point\_num, req\_state);

**See Also**

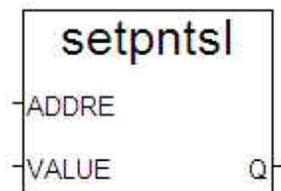
[getpntf](#)<sup>[17]</sup>

## 5.1.1.9 setpntsl

**setpntsl*****Set value of analog point as signed long integer*****Description**

The **setpntsl** function writes the **value** to the specified database analog point's Current Integer Value. If the point is found and the value is successfully written, the output variable is set TRUE; otherwise it is set FALSE. If the point is not found, nothing is done and the output is set FALSE.

This function can set the value of physical analog outputs, derived analogs and system analog points.

**Arguments**

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>address</b>	Integer	Address of an analog point number. Point may be an analog output, derived analog point or system analog point.
<b>value</b>	Integer	Value to write to the analog point.

Outputs	Type	Description
<b>Q</b>	Boolean	TRUE if the value was successfully set. FALSE for other cases.

prototype:        setok := SETPNTSL (point\_num, req\_state);

**See Also**

[getpntsl](#) <sup>18</sup>

## 5.1.1.10 setpntss

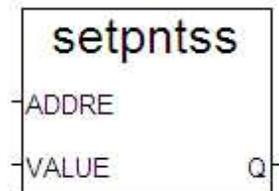
**setpntss*****Set value of analog point as signed short integer*****Description**

The **setpntss** function writes the **value** to the specified database analog point's Current Integer Value. If the point is found and the value is successfully written, the output variable is set TRUE; otherwise it is set FALSE. If the point is not found, nothing is done and the output is set FALSE.

If the input value is > 32767, then the point value will be clamped to 32767

If the input value is < -32768, then the point value will be clamped to -32768

This function can set the value of physical analog outputs, derived analogs and system analog points.

**Arguments**

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>address</b>	Integer	Address of an analog point number. Point may be an analog output, derived analog point or system analog point.
<b>value</b>	Integer	Value to write to the analog point. The value written to the point is clamped in the range -32768 to 32767

Outputs	Type	Description
<b>Q</b>	Boolean	TRUE if the value was successfully set. FALSE for other cases.

prototype:        setok := SETPNTSS (point\_num, req\_state);

**See Also**

[getpntss](#)<sup>197</sup>

## 5.1.1.11 setpntus

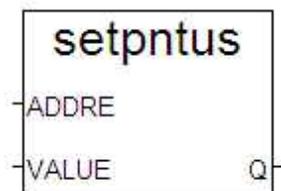
**setpntus*****Set value of analog point as unsigned short integer*****Description**

The **setpntus** function writes the **value** to the specified database analog point's Current Integer Value. If the point is found and the value is successfully written, the output variable is set TRUE; otherwise it is set FALSE. If the point is not found, nothing is done and the output is set FALSE.

If the input value is > 65535, then the point value will be clamped to 65535

If the input value is < 0, then the point value will be clamped to 0

This function can set the value of physical analog outputs, derived analogs and system analog points.

**Arguments**

<b><i>Inputs</i></b>	<b><i>Type</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>
<b>address</b>	Integer	Address of an analog point number. Point may be an analog output, derived analog point or system analog point.
<b>value</b>	Integer	Value to write to the analog point. The value from the point is clamped in the range 0 to 65535

<b><i>Outputs</i></b>	<b><i>Type</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>
<b>Q</b>	Boolean	TRUE if the value was successfully set. FALSE for other cases.

prototype:      setok := SETPNTUS (point\_num, req\_state);

**See Also**

[getpntus](#)<sup>[21]</sup>

### 5.1.2 rdfd

Read point field function blocks

- [rdfd\\_i](#)<sup>28</sup>
- [rdfd\\_r](#)<sup>35</sup>

## 5.1.2.1 rdflid\_i

**Read point attribute of type integer****Description**

The rdflid\_i function reads an RTU point attribute or property and returns the value in a 32 bit integer variable.

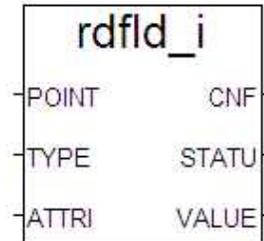


Figure 6.1: rdflid\_i Function Block

Inputs	Type	Description																		
Point	Integer	RTU Point Address can be a numeric Point Address, a variable containing the Point Address or a define referencing a point address. See ISaGRAF 3 Pre-Processor for automatic generation of point address defines																		
Type	Integer	RTU Point Data Type argument can be one of the ISaGRAF reserved keywords below or an integer value corresponding to the data type. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ISaGRAF Keyword</th> <th>Equivalent Numeric Value</th> <th>Comment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DIN</td> <td>1</td> <td>Digital input point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dout</td> <td>2</td> <td>Digital output point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AIN</td> <td>3</td> <td>Analog input point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AOUT</td> <td>4</td> <td>Analog output point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CIN</td> <td>5</td> <td>Counter input point</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ISaGRAF Keyword	Equivalent Numeric Value	Comment	DIN	1	Digital input point	Dout	2	Digital output point	AIN	3	Analog input point	AOUT	4	Analog output point	CIN	5	Counter input point
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AOUT	4	Analog output point																		
CIN	5	Counter input point																		
Attrib	Integer	Desired point attribute (property) argument can be an ISaGRAF reserved keyword or an integer value corresponding to the attribute. See <a href="#">Table 6.1</a> <sup>[29]</sup> to <a href="#">Table 6.4</a> <sup>[33]</sup> for keywords and their corresponding numeric values.																		

Outputs	TYPE	DESCRIPTION						
CNF	Boolean	Confirm valid or invalid status <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Possible Values</th> <th>Meaning</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>TRUE</td> <td>Confirm Valid Status</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FALSE</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Possible Values	Meaning	TRUE	Confirm Valid Status	FALSE	
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TRUE	Confirm Valid Status							
FALSE								

Status	Integer	Status of Read Request	
		<b>Possible Values</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
		-1	Unknown Return Error
		0	Success
		1	Point does not exist
		2	Bad point type
		3	Unknown attribute for this point
		4	Bad value for this attribute
		5	Invalid attribute for this function block
		8	Point is locked
		12	Database is locked
		18	Data Processor Unavailable
Value	Integer	Depends on 'Attrib' input parameter.	

Table 6.1: rdfld\_i Function Attributes (attrib) for Point Properties

Attribute (ISaGRAF Keyword)	Equivalent Numeric Value	Description
Qty	100	Point Quality
Fail	101	Point Failed
IOF	102	IO Not Responding
ISA	103	ISaGRAF Controlled
Ilock	104	Remote Control Interlock Enabled
State	105	Current State
Alarm	106	Binary Point is in Alarm (this attribute is used with Binary points only).
A4H	114	Alarm Limit Transgress 4H
A3H	113	Alarm Limit Transgress 3H
A2H	112	Alarm Limit Transgress 2H
A1H	111	Alarm Limit Transgress 1H
A1L	110	Alarm Limit Transgress 1l
A2L	109	Alarm Limit Transgress 2l
A3L	108	Alarm Limit Transgress 3l
A4L	107	Alarm Limit Transgress 4l
Raw	115	Current Integer Value
RoRise	117	Rate Of Rise Exceeded
RoFall	118	Rate of Fall Exceeded
NC	119	No Change Detected
ORange	120	Over Range

URange	121	Under Range
ADF	122	Ad Reference Check
HI	123	High Limit Exceeded
CntRZ	53	Counter Reset to Zero on Power Up
PObj	3	DNP Static Object Type
DigDbActive	128	Digital Dead-band Timer Active
AnaDbActive	129	Analog Dead-band Timer Active

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Table 6.2: rdflid\_i Function Attributes (attrib) for Integer (Analog) Points.

Attribute (ISaGRAF Keyword)	Equivalent Numeric Value	Description
RoRPN	17	Rate Of Rise Point Number
RoFPN	18	Rate Of Fall Point Number
NCPN	19	No Change Point Number
CexPN	20	Counter Exceeded Point Number
Rmin	29	Raw Min
Rmax	30	Raw Max
RoCTm	38	Rate Of Change Time
NCTm	39	No Change Time
Ev4H	49	Limit Event Enable 4h
Ev3H	48	Limit Event Enable 3h
Ev2H	47	Limit Event Enable 2h
Ev1H	46	Limit Event Enable 1h
Ev1L	45	Limit Event Enable 1l
Ev2L	44	Limit Event Enable 2l
Ev3L	43	Limit Event Enable 3l
Ev4L	42	Limit Event Enable 4l
LimHi	51	Counter High Limit
CntDev	52	Counter Change Deviation
EvDev	50	Event Deviation
EvDevUnsol	65	Event Deviation Unsolicited Enable
EvDevTp	97	Event Deviation Type

Table 6.3: rdflid\_i Function Attributes (attrib) for Digital (Boolean) Points

Attribute (ISaGRAF Keyword)	Equivalent Numeric Value	Description
Inv	11	Invert Point State

AState	12	Alarm Active State
AClrTm	14	Alarm Clear Time Deadband
PTm	15	Output Pulse Time
DebTm	16	Debounce Time
DbIStPt	54	Double Status Point Number

Table 6.4: rdfl\_d\_i Function Attributes (attrib)

Attribute (ISaGRAF Keyword)	Equivalent Numeric Value	Description
AIInh	7	Alarm Inhibit
ATm	10	Alarm Time Deadband
Bad	6	Point Is Bad
IlockPN	4	Remote Control Interlock Point
IlockTm	5	Interlock Alarm Timeout
PrId	9	Profile Id
TInh	8	Trend Inhibit
PClassMA	66	Point Data Class (All Masters)
PClassM1	67	Point Data Class Master 1
PClassM2	68	Point Data Class Master 2
PClassM3	69	Point Data Class Master 3

The keywords in [Table 6.1](#)<sup>[29]</sup> to [Table 6.4](#)<sup>[33]</sup> are reserved and should be used exclusively to retrieve point properties using this function block. User defined variables which duplicate these keywords but are not being used in the same context will generate errors during the compilation.

The PClass attribute (value 2) is deprecated. It is replaced by the PClassM1 attribute. The attribute was changed in firmware 7.39 with the addition of multi-master functionality, but was not changed in ISaGRAF until version 7.71.

An IEC61131-3 Function Block Diagram example of RDFLD\_I is illustrated in [Figure 6.2](#)<sup>[33]</sup> below. The current integer value (Attrib = Raw) of analog input point labeled z\_speedcontrol (analog input point 1) has been obtained.

The preprocessor has been configured to create a dictionary variable z\_speedcontrol of type 'defined word'. The variable z\_speedcontrol contains the point address of analog input point labeled 'speedcontrol'. Alternatively, the numeric point address of the analog input can also be used.

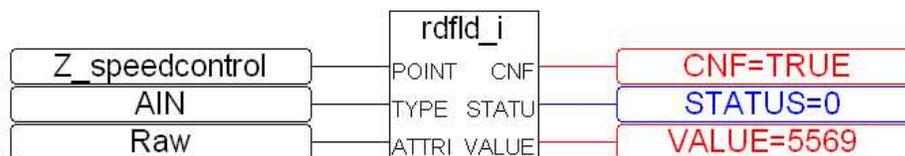


Figure 6.2: rdfl\_d\_i Function Block Diagram Example

IEC61131-3 Structured Text prototypes take on the following form:

```
prototype:  rdfd_i_inst (POINT, TYPE, ATTRIB)
            complete_confirm := rdfd_i_inst.CNF
            return_status := rdfd_i_inst.STATUS
            return_value := rdfd_i_inst.VALUE
```

where rdfd\_i\_inst is an FB instance of the function block rdfd\_ defined in the program dictionary.

An equivalent Structured Text implementation of the function block diagram in [Figure 6.2<sup>33</sup>](#) is listed below. This code will store the outputs of the function block rdfd\_i in the variables CNF, STATUS and VALUE.

```
(*          Code Begins Here          *)
(* Ensure dictionary has the following *)
(* variables defined:                  *)
(* Boolean          CNF                *)
(* integer          STATUS              *)
(* Real            Value                *)
(* FB instances    rdfd_i_inst         *)
rdfd_i_inst(z_speedcontrol, AIN, Raw);
if (rdfd_i_inst.CNF) then
    CNF := rdfd_i_inst.CNF;

    STATUS := rdfd_i_inst.status;
    VALUE := rdfd_i_inst.value;

end_if;
(* Code Ends Here *)
```

5.1.2.2 rdfl\_d\_r

**Read point attribute of type real**

**Description**

Point database attributes and property fields that return real (float) values may be read by ISaGRAF application using the function block “RDFLD\_R”.

Attributes and properties may be read from the point database. The format of this function block is the same as “RDFLD\_I” except that the “Value” field in the case of “RDFLD\_R” is a Real (float) value, and in the case of “RDFLD\_I” is an Integer value. The description below illustrates the purpose, inputs and outputs of the RDFLD\_R function block. Each time the function block is called, the RTU updates the ISaGRAF value variable from the specified point database field for the specified RTU point and point type.

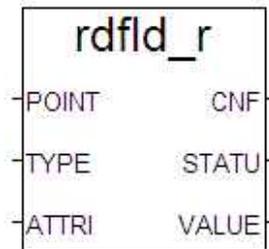


Figure 6.3: rdfl\_d\_r Function Block

Inputs	Type	Description																		
Point	Integer	RTU Point Address can be a numeric Point Address, a variable containing the Point Address or a define referencing a point address. See ISaGRAF 3 Pre-Processor for automatic generation of DNP point address defines																		
Type	Integer	<p>RTU Point Data Type argument can be one of the ISaGRAF reserved keywords below or an integer value corresponding to the data type.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ISaGRAF Keyword</th> <th>Equivalent Numeric Value</th> <th>Comment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DIN</td> <td>1</td> <td>Digital input p</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DOUT</td> <td>2</td> <td>Digital output</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AIN</td> <td>3</td> <td>Analog input</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AOUT</td> <td>4</td> <td>Analog output</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CIN</td> <td>5</td> <td>Counter input</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ISaGRAF Keyword	Equivalent Numeric Value	Comment	DIN	1	Digital input p	DOUT	2	Digital output	AIN	3	Analog input	AOUT	4	Analog output	CIN	5	Counter input
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Attrib	Integer	Desired point attribute (property) argument can be an ISaGRAF reserved keyword or an integer value corresponding to the attribute. See <a href="#">Table 6.5</a> <sup>[36]</sup> for keywords and their corresponding numeric values.																		

Outputs	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
CNF	Boolean	Confirm valid or invalid status <b>Possible Values</b> TRUE FALSE <b>Meaning</b> Confirm Valid Status
Status	Integer	Status of Read Request <b>Possible Values</b> -1 0 1 2 3 4 5 8 12 18 <b>Meaning</b> Unknown Return Error Success Point does not exist Bad point type Unknown attribute for this point Bad value for this attribute Invalid attribute for this function Point is locked Database is locked Data Processor Unavailable
Value	Integer	Depends on 'Attrib' input parameter.

Table 6.5: rdflid\_r Function Attributes (attrib)

Attribute (ISaGRAF Keyword)	Equivalent Numeric Value	Description
Emin	31	Engineering Min
Emax	32	Engineering Max
Eng	116	Current Engineering Value
Lim4H	28	Engineering Limit 4H
Lim3H	27	Engineering Limit 3H
Lim2H	26	Engineering Limit 2H
Lim1H	25	Engineering Limit 1H
Lim1L	24	Engineering Limit 1L
Lim2L	23	Engineering Limit 2L
Lim3L	22	Engineering Limit 3L
Lim4L	21	Engineering Limit 4L
LimRise	35	Rate Of Rise
LimFall	36	Rate Of Fall
LimNC	37	No Change
AclrVal	40	Alarm Clear Value Deadband

Attribute (ISaGRAF Keyword)	Equivalent Numeric Value	Description
LimZero	41	Zero Threshold Limit
EvDev	50	Even _Deviation
LimOR	33	Over Range Limit
LimUR	34	Under Range Limit

The keywords in [Table 6.5](#)<sup>[36]</sup> are reserved and should be used exclusively to retrieve point properties using this function block. User defined variables which duplicate these keywords but are not being used in the same context will generate errors during the compilation.

An IEC61131-3 Function Block Diagram example of RDFLD\_R is illustrated in [Figure 6.4](#)<sup>[37]</sup> below. The current floating point or real value of analog input point labeled z\_speedcontrol (analog input pont 1) has been obtained.

The preprocessor has been configured to create a dictionary variable z\_speedcontrol of type 'defined word'. The variable z\_speedcontrol defines the point address of analog input point labeled 'speedcontrol'. Alternatively, the numeric point address of the analog input can also be used.

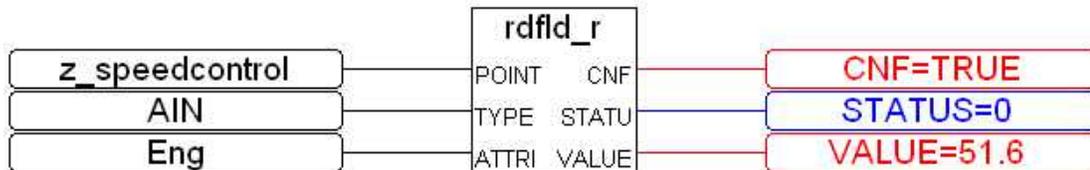


Figure 6.4: rdfl\_d\_r Function Block Diagram Example

IEC61131-3 Structured Text prototypes take on the following form:

```

prototype: rdfl_d_r_inst (POINT, TYPE, ATTRIB)
           complete_confirm := rdfl_d_r_inst.CNF
           return_status := rdfl_d_r_inst.STATUS
           return_value := rdfl_d_r_inst.VALUE
  
```

where rdfl\_d\_r\_inst is an instance of the function block rdfl\_d\_r defined in the program dictionary.

An equivalent Structured Text implementation of the function block diagram in [Figure 6.4](#)<sup>[37]</sup> is listed below. This code will store the outputs of the function block rdfl\_d\_r in the variables CNF, STATUS and VALUE.

```

(*           Code Begins Here           *)
(* Ensure dictionary has the following   *)
(* variables defined:                    *)
(* Boolean           CNF                 *)
(* integer           STATUS               *)
(* Real             Value                 *)
  
```

```
(* FB instances      rdfd_r_inst      *)
rdfd_r_inst(z_speedcontrol, AIN, Eng);
if (rdfd_r_inst.CNF) then
  CNF := rdfd_r_inst.CNF;

  STATUS := rdfd_r_inst.STATUS;
  VALUE := rdfd_r_inst.VALUE;

end_if;
(* Code Ends Here *)
```

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### 5.1.3 rdrec

Function blocks to Read common fields from a point record

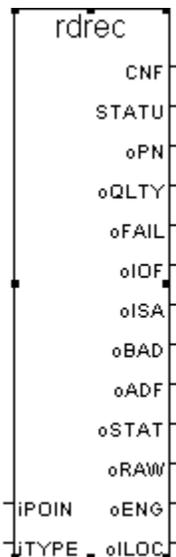
- [rdrec](#)<sup>[40]</sup>
- [rdrec\\_dg](#)<sup>[44]</sup>
- [rdrec\\_cn](#)<sup>[47]</sup>
- [rdrec\\_an](#)<sup>[49]</sup>

## 5.1.3.1 rdrec

***Read point attribute of type real*****Description**

The RDREC function block reads the most common attributes for point types. If an attribute is not defined for the point in question, a value of zero is returned.

The description below illustrates the purpose, inputs and outputs of the RDREC function block.



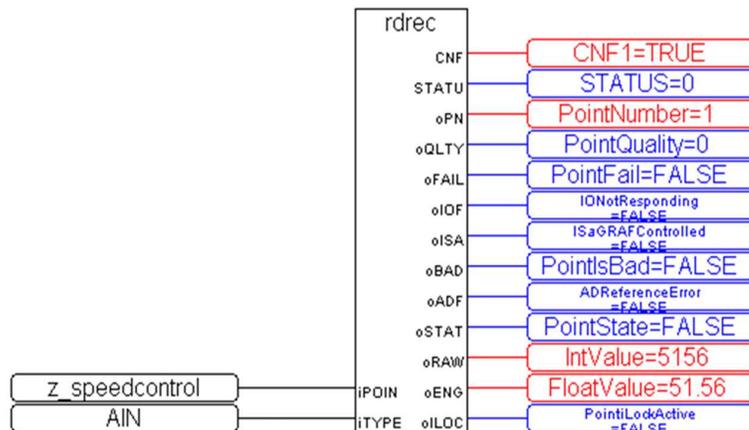
**Figure 6.5: rdrec Function Block**

Inputs	Type	Description																		
iPOINT	Integer	RTU Point Address can be a numeric Point Address, a variable containing the DNP Point Address or a define referencing a point address. See ISaGRAF 3 Pre-Processor for automatic generation of point address defines																		
iType	Integer	RTU Point Data Type argument can be one of the ISaGRAF reserved keywords below or an integer value corresponding to the data type. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ISaGRAF Keyword</th> <th>Equivalent Numeric Value</th> <th>Comment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DIN</td> <td>1</td> <td>Digital input p</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DOU</td> <td>2</td> <td>Digital output</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AIN</td> <td>3</td> <td>Analog input</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AOU</td> <td>4</td> <td>Analog output</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CIN</td> <td>5</td> <td>Counter input</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ISaGRAF Keyword	Equivalent Numeric Value	Comment	DIN	1	Digital input p	DOU	2	Digital output	AIN	3	Analog input	AOU	4	Analog output	CIN	5	Counter input
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3	Unknown attribute for this point																							
4	Bad Value for this attribute																							
5	Invalid Attribute for this function block																							
8	Point is locked																							
12	Database is locked																							
18	Data Processor Unavailable																							
oPN	Integer	Point Number																						
oQlty	Integer	Point Quality																						
oFail	Boolean	Point Failed																						
oIOF	Boolean	ISaGRAF Controlled																						
oBAD	Boolean	Point is Bad																						
oADF	Boolean	A/D Reference Error																						
oSTATE	Boolean	Point State																						
oRAW	Integer	Raw Point Value																						
oENG	Real	Engineering (Real) Value																						
oILOC	Boolean	Control Interlock Active																						

An IEC61131-3 Function Block Diagram example of RDFLD\_R is illustrated in below.

The preprocessor has been configured to create a dictionary variable z\_speedcontrol of type 'defined word'. The variable z\_speedcontrol contains the point address of analog input point labeled 'speedcontrol'. Alternatively, the numeric point address of the analog input can also be used.



**Figure 6.6: rdrec Function Block Example**

IEC61131-3 Structured Text prototypes take on the following form:

```

prototype: rdrec_inst (POINT, TYPE)
           complete_confirm := rdrec_inst.CNF
           return_status := rdrec_inst.STATUS
           Point_number := rdrec_inst.oPN .....

```

where rdrec\_inst is an instance of the function block rdrec defined in the program dictionary.

An equivalent Structured Text implementation of the function block diagram in [Figure 6.6](#)<sup>[42]</sup> listed below. This code will store the outputs of the function block rdrec in the variables CNF, STATUS, PointNumber, PointQuality, etc...

```

(*          Code Snippet Begins Here          *)
(* Ensure dictionary has the following variables defined: *)
(* Boolean          CNF          *)
(* Boolean          PointFailed  *)
(* integer          STATUS       *)
(* Integer          PointNumber  *)
(* Integer          PointQuality *)
(* Integer          IntValue     *)
(* Real            FloatValue    *)
(* FB instances          rdfld_inst *)
rdrec_inst(z_speedcontrol, AIN);
if (rdrec_inst.CNF) then
    CNF := rdrec_inst.CNF;
    STATUS := rdrec_inst.status;

    PointNumber := rdrec_inst.oPN;

```

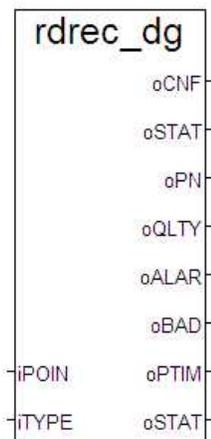
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```
PointQuality := rdrec_inst.oQlty;
PointFailed := rdrec_inst.oFail;
IntValue := rdrec_inst.oRaw;
FloatValue := rdrec_inst.oEng;
    end_if;
(* Code Ends Here *)
```

## 5.1.3.2 rdrec\_dg

**Read attributes for digital points****Description**

The rdrec\_dg function block reads attributes for digital (binary) points. Return Values not existing for a point type will return 0.



**Figure 6.7: rdrec\_dg Function Block**

Inputs	Type	Description									
iPOINT	Integer	RTU Point Address can be a numeric Point Address, a variable containing the DNP Point Address or a define referencing a point address. See ISaGRAF 3 Pre-Processor for automatic generation of point address defines									
iType	Integer	RTU Point Data Type argument can be one of the ISaGRAF reserved keywords below or an integer value corresponding to the data type. <table border="1" data-bbox="771 1396 1464 1533"> <thead> <tr> <th>ISaGRAF Keyword</th> <th>Equivalent Numeric Value</th> <th>Comment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DIN</td> <td>1</td> <td>Digital input p</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DOUT</td> <td>2</td> <td>Digital output</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ISaGRAF Keyword	Equivalent Numeric Value	Comment	DIN	1	Digital input p	DOUT	2	Digital output
ISaGRAF Keyword	Equivalent Numeric Value	Comment									
DIN	1	Digital input p									
DOUT	2	Digital output									

Outputs	TYPE	DESCRIPTION						
oCnf	Boolean	Confirm valid or invalid status <table border="1" data-bbox="771 1690 1185 1866"> <thead> <tr> <th>Possible Values</th> <th>Meaning</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>TRUE</td> <td>Confirm Valid Status</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FALSE</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Possible Values	Meaning	TRUE	Confirm Valid Status	FALSE	
Possible Values	Meaning							
TRUE	Confirm Valid Status							
FALSE								

		Status of Read Request
		<b>Possible Values</b>
		<b>Meaning</b>
oStatus	Integer	-1 Unsuccessful 0 Success 1 Point does not exist 2 Bad Point Type 3 Unknown attribute for this point 4 Bad Value for this attribute 5 Invalid Attribute for this function block 8 Point is locked 12 Database is locked 18 Data Processor Unavailable
oPN	Integer	Point Number
oQlty	Integer	Point Quality
oAlarm	Boolean	Point Failed
oBad	Boolean	ISaGRAF Controlled
oPtime	Timer	Point is Bad
oState	Boolean	A/D Reference Error

IEC61131-3 Structured Text prototypes take on the following form:

```

Prototype:   rdrec_dg_inst (point, type)
                complete_confirm := rdrec_dg_inst.cnf
                return_status := rdrec_dg_inst.status
                Point_number := rdrec_dg_inst.PN .....
  
```

where rdrec\_dg\_inst is an instance of the function block rdrec\_dg defined in the program dictionary.

A sample Structured Text implementation is listed below.

```
(*          Code Snippet Begins Here          *)
(* Ensure dictionary has the following variables defined: *)
(* Boolean          cnf          *)
(* integer          status      *)
(* Integer          point_number *)
(* Integer          point_quality *)
(* Boolean          alarm_state  *)
(* Boolean          bad_point    *)
(* Integer          pulse_tme    *)
(* Boolean          point_state  *)
(* FB instances          rdrec_dg_inst          *)
rdrec_dg_inst(z_DIN1, DIN)
if (rdrec_dg_inst.ocnf) then
  cnf := rdrec_dg_inst.ocnf;

  status := rdrec_dg_inst.ostatus;
  point_number := rdrec_dg_inst.opn;

  point_quality := rdrec_dg_inst.oqlty;
  alarm_state := rdrec_dg_inst.oalarm;
  bad_point := rdrec_dg_inst.obad;

  pulse_time := rdrec_dg_inst.optime;
  point_state := redrec_dg_inst.ostate;

end_if;
(* Code Ends Here *)
```

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5.1.3.3 rdrec\_cn

*Read attributes for counter points*

**Description**

The rdrec\_cn function block reads attributes for counter points. The return value for a point type that does not exist is 0.

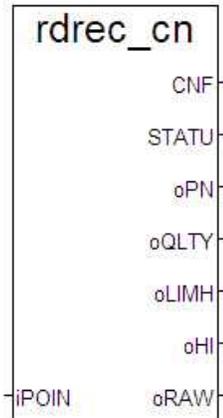


Figure 6.9: rdrec\_cn Function Block

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
iPoint	Integer	RTU Point Address can be a numeric Point Address, a variable containing the Point Address or a define referencing a point address. See ISaGRAF 3 Pre-Processor for automatic generation of point address defines

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	Boolean	Confirm valid or invalid status <b>Possible Values</b> TRUE FALSE <b>Meaning</b> Confirm Valid Status
Status	Integer	Status of Read Request <b>Possible Values</b> -1 0 1 2 3 4 5 8 12 18 <b>Meaning</b> Unsuccessful Success Point does not exist Bad Point Type Unknown attribute for this point Bad Value for this attribute Invalid Attribute for this function block Point is locked Database is locked Data Processor Unavailable
oPN	Integer	Point Number
oQlty	Integer	Point Quality
oLim1h	Real	Counter high limit
oHi	Boolean	Counter limit exceeded
oRaw	Integer	Raw counter value

IEC61131-3 Structured Text prototypes take on the following form:

```

Prototype: rdrec_cn_inst (point, type)
              complete_confirm := rdrec_cn_inst.cnf
              return_status := rdrec_cn_inst.status
              Point_number := rdrec_cn_inst.opn
              Point_quality := rdrec_cn_inst.oQlty

```

where rdrec\_cn\_inst is an instance of the function block rdrec\_cn defined in the program dictionary.

5.1.3.4 rdrec\_an

*Read attributes for analog (integer) input points*

**Description**

The RDREC\_AN function block reads attributes for analogue points. The return value for a point type that does not exist is 0.

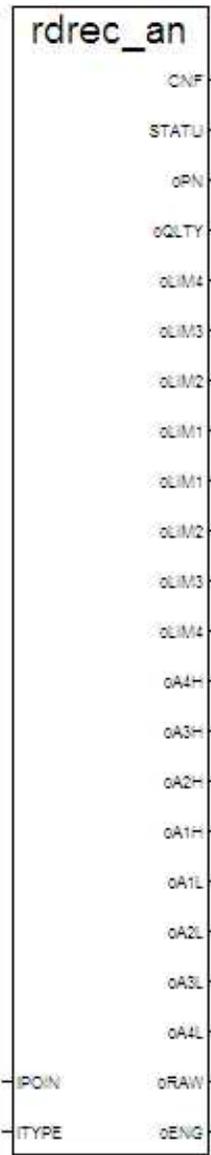


Figure 6.10: rdrec\_an Function Block

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
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iPOINT	Integer	RTU Point Address can be a numeric Point Address, a variable containing the Point Address or a define referencing a point address. See ISaGRAF 3 Pre-Processor for automatic generation of point address defines									
iTYPE	Integer	<p>RTU Point data type argument can be one of the ISaGRAF reserved keywords below or an integer value corresponding to the data type.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ISaGRAF Keyword</th> <th>Equivalent Numeric Value</th> <th>Comment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>AIN</td> <td>3</td> <td>Analog input point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AOUT</td> <td>4</td> <td>Analog output point</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ISaGRAF Keyword	Equivalent Numeric Value	Comment	AIN	3	Analog input point	AOUT	4	Analog output point
ISaGRAF Keyword	Equivalent Numeric Value	Comment									
AIN	3	Analog input point									
AOUT	4	Analog output point									

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION																						
Cnf	Boolean	<p>Confirm valid or invalid status</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Possible Values</th> <th>Meaning</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>TRUE</td> <td>Confirm Valid Status</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FALSE</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Possible Values	Meaning	TRUE	Confirm Valid Status	FALSE																	
Possible Values	Meaning																							
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FALSE																								
Status	Integer	<p>Status of Read Request</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Possible Values</th> <th>Meaning</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>-1</td> <td>Unknown Return Error</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>Success</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Point does not exist</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Bad Point Type</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Unknown attribute for this point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Bad Value for this attribute</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Invalid Attribute for this function block</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>Point is locked</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>Database is locked</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>Data Processor Unavailable</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Possible Values	Meaning	-1	Unknown Return Error	0	Success	1	Point does not exist	2	Bad Point Type	3	Unknown attribute for this point	4	Bad Value for this attribute	5	Invalid Attribute for this function block	8	Point is locked	12	Database is locked	18	Data Processor Unavailable
Possible Values	Meaning																							
-1	Unknown Return Error																							
0	Success																							
1	Point does not exist																							
2	Bad Point Type																							
3	Unknown attribute for this point																							
4	Bad Value for this attribute																							
5	Invalid Attribute for this function block																							
8	Point is locked																							
12	Database is locked																							
18	Data Processor Unavailable																							
oPn	Integer	Point Number																						
oQlty	Integer	Point Quality																						
oLim4h	Real	Engineering Limit 4H																						
oLim3h	Real	Engineering Limit 3H																						
oLim2h	Real	Engineering Limit 2H																						
oLim1h	Real	Engineering Limit 1H																						
oLim1l	Real	Engineering Limit 1L																						
oLim2l	Real	Engineering Limit 2L																						
oLim3l	Real	Engineering Limit 3L																						

oLim4l	Real	Engineering Limit 4L
oA4h	Boolean	Alarm Limit Transgress 4H
oA3h	Boolean	Alarm Limit Transgress 3H
oA2h	Boolean	Alarm Limit Transgress 2H
oA1h	Boolean	Alarm Limit Transgress 1H
oA1l	Boolean	Alarm Limit Transgress 1L
oA2l	Boolean	Alarm Limit Transgress 2L
oA3l	Boolean	Alarm Limit Transgress 3L
oA4l	Boolean	Alarm Limit Transgress 4L
oRaw	Integer	Raw value
oEng	Real	Floating point value

An IEC61131-3 Function Block Diagram example of rdrec\_an is illustrated in below.

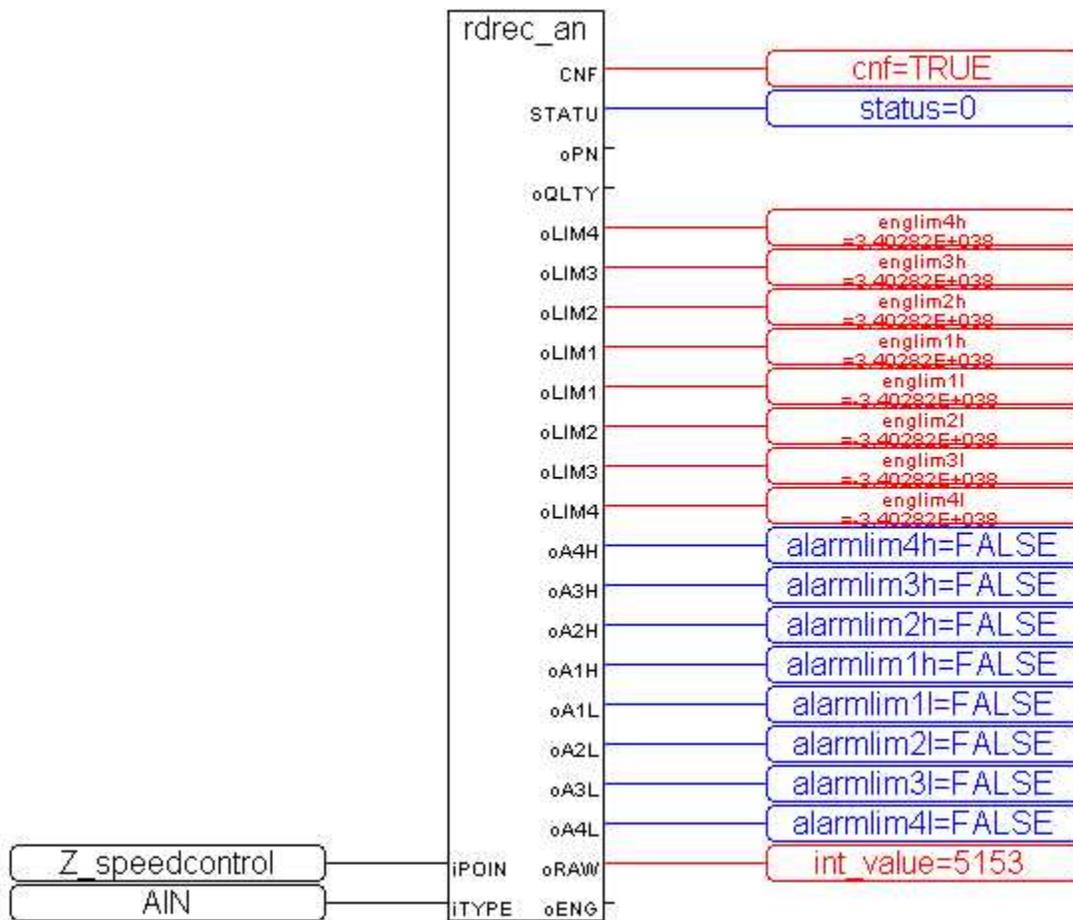


Figure 6.11: rdrec\_an Function Block Example

IEC61131-3 Structured Text prototypes take on the following form:

```
prototype: rdrec_an_inst (point, type)
            complete_confirm := rdrec_an_inst.cnf
            return_status := rdrec_an_inst.status
            Point_number := rdrec_an_inst.pn .....
```

where rdrec\_an\_inst is an instance of the function block rdrec\_an defined in the program dictionary.

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A Structured equivalent Text sample implementation of the rdrec\_an function block in [Figure 6.10](#)<sup>[49]</sup> is listed below.

```
(*          Code Snippet Begins Here          *)
(* Ensure dictionary has the following variables *)
(* defined:                                     *)
(* Boolean          cnf                         *)
(* integer          status                     *)
(* Integer          point_number               *)
(* Integer          point_quality              *)
(* Real            eng_limit_4H                *)
(* Real            eng_limit_1L                *)
(* Boolean          alarm_limit_tran_4H        *)
(* Boolean          alarm_limit_tran_1L        *)
(* Integer          current_int_value          *)
(* Real            current_real_value          *)
rdrec_an_inst(z_speedcontrol, AIN);
if (rdrec_an_inst.cnf) then
  cnf := rdrec_an_inst.cnf;

  status := rdrec_an_inst.status;
  point_number := rdrec_an_inst.opn;

  point_quality := rdrec_an_inst.oqlty;
  eng_limit_4H := rdrec_an_inst.olim4h;
  eng_limit_1L := rdrec_an_inst.olim1l;
  alarm_limit_tran_4H := rdrec_an_inst.oa4H;
  alarm_limit_tran_1L := rdrec_an_inst.oa1L;
  current_int_value := rdrec_an_inst.oraw;
  current_real_value := rdrec_an_inst.oeng;

end_if;
(* Code Ends Here *)
```

## 5.1.4 rdstring

*Read a string point***Description**

Reads a string point or message from the RTU system string map. The return value for a point that does not exist is 0.

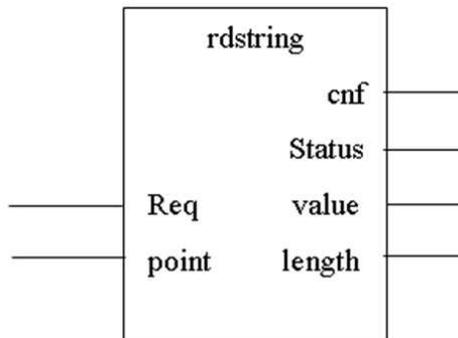


Figure 6.12: rdstring Function Block

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION						
point	Integer	RTU Point Address can be a numeric Point Address, a variable containing the DNP Point Address or a define referencing a point address. See ISaGRAF 3 Pre-Processor for automatic generation of point address defines						
Req	Boolean	Request to read a point <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Possible Values</b></td> <td><b>Meaning</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TRUE</td> <td>Read point enabled</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FALSE</td> <td>Read point function disabled</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Possible Values</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	TRUE	Read point enabled	FALSE	Read point function disabled
<b>Possible Values</b>	<b>Meaning</b>							
TRUE	Read point enabled							
FALSE	Read point function disabled							

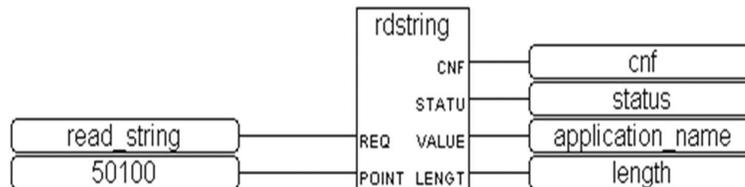
OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION						
Cnf	Boolean	Confirm valid or invalid status <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Possible Values</b></td> <td><b>Meaning</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TRUE</td> <td>Confirm Valid Status</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FALSE</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Possible Values</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	TRUE	Confirm Valid Status	FALSE	
<b>Possible Values</b>	<b>Meaning</b>							
TRUE	Confirm Valid Status							
FALSE								
Status	Integer	Status of Read Request <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Possible Values</b></td> <td><b>Meaning</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>-1</td> <td>Unsuccessful</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Possible Values</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	-1	Unsuccessful		
<b>Possible Values</b>	<b>Meaning</b>							
-1	Unsuccessful							

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
		0 Success 1 Point does not exist
Value	Msg	Return string message
Length	Integer	The number of characters read into the message variable from the string point's current value

A sample function block implementation of rdstring is illustrated below;

The 'rdstring' function block reads the string system point 50100 where the name of the first running ISaGRAF application is stored.

The resulting application name is stored in the variable 'application\_name' upon a successful read operation. The read operation is triggered by setting the boolean variable 'read\_string' to true.



**Figure 6.13: rdstring Function Block Example**

A structured text implementation of rdstring is listed below. In this example, variable ISaGRAF\_APP\_1 contains the point address of the ISaGRAF application name running on kernel 1. This is the system point number for the first ISaGRAF application name.

```

Read_String := TRUE;
ISaGRAF_APP_1 := 50100;
r_string(Read_String, ISaGRAF_APP_1);
IF(r_string.CNF) THEN
    Read_String := FALSE;
    IF(r_string.STATUS = SUCCESS) THEN
        ReadStringValue := r_string.VALUE;
        valid_string := TRUE;
    
```

```
    ELSE
        valid_string := FALSE;
    END_IF;
END_IF;
```

---

### 5.1.5 Digital Output Controls

#### ***Generate a control on a digital output***

##### **Description**

Digital output points on the SCADAPack E RTU can be activated for a predetermined length of time. There are two mechanisms for creating pulses on the digital output ports under control of the ISaGRAF application.

- An ISaGRAF application may choose to switch a *Boolean Output* variable on and off with timing through logic

In this case the ISaGRAF application controls the output point directly. Exact output timing will be dependent on the consistency of the ISaGRAF application scan rate

- The RTU's ISaGRAF [rtupulse](#)<sup>[58]</sup>, [rtupuls2](#)<sup>[62]</sup> or [rtucrob](#)<sup>[65]</sup> function block may be used to activate an output

In this case the ISaGRAF application instructs the RTU's point processing task to activate the output point, using the processing tasks' timing, rather than the ISaGRAF application timing. In general this will produce more accurate pulse timing.

If the digital output point is on a remote DNP3 device through the SCADAPack E Data Concentrator, then the pulse command is initiated on the remote device using a DNP3 CROB control. It is recommended that the [rtucrob](#)<sup>[65]</sup> function block be used in this case as it provides the most flexibility in setting CROB parameters for interoperability with the remote DNP3 device.

- [rtupulse](#)<sup>[58]</sup>
- [rtupuls2](#)<sup>[62]</sup>
- [rtucrob](#)<sup>[65]</sup>

### 5.1.5.1 rtupulse

The function block '**rtupulse**' sends a control message to output points. These may be:

- Control to an output point to the local RTU, turning it on for the configured length of time, then turning it off
- Control using a DNP3 CROB (control request object block - object group 12 variation 1) to an output point mapped to a remote DNP3 device by the SCADAPack E RTU's Data Concentrator facility.

There cannot be an ISaGRAF Boolean Output Board definition for the physical digital output being controlled (i.e. No ISaGRAF RTU output board whose address range corresponds to the address of the output point)

This function block causes the RTU to control local digital outputs in a similar fashion to the DNP3 CROB object. If the point is a remote point controlled by the data concentrator facility of the SCADAPack E RTU, a DNP3 CROB is sent using a Pulse On / NULL command. If other DNP3 CROB controls are required by the remote device, use the [rtucrob](#)<sup>[65]</sup> command.

- The function block will execute when the '**req**' input value goes from FALSE to TRUE. '**req**' needs to be set to FALSE before each subsequent pulse execution from this instance of the function block.
- When this function block is executed, the RTU turns ON the output point for the duration of the "**ptime**" parameter of the function block.

If "**Ptime**" is zero, the output point is turned ON for the time duration configured in the point's *Output Pulse Time* attribute. This field may initially have been configured through an ISaGRAF application using the `setatr_i` function block with the attribute set to *Ptm*, or provided as part of the point's configuration (e.g. through SCADAPack E Configurator).

SCADAPack ES physical digital outputs return **CONF** and **STATUS** parameters at the completion of the pulse or pulse train. Other SCADAPack E RTUs return status at the initiation of the pulse or pulse train.

The RTU will not pulse the digital point as instructed by this ISaGRAF function block if the digital point was not found, was read-only (eg. physical input point), if a remote control interlock point was active for this point, or if a pulse is currently being executed on this point.

This function block causes the RTU to control digital outputs in a similar fashion to the DNP3 CROB object. The main differences are:

- The pulse duration time is specified by the ISaGRAF application, or uses the point's *Output Pulse Time* attribute if ISaGRAF specifies a time of zero.
- Only a single pulse is generated. Once initiated by ISaGRAF, the digital output pulse is controlled by the RTU's Data Processor Task and is independent of the ISaGRAF application cycle time.

**TIP:** The ISaGRAF User Application may read the output point's "Output Pulse Time" attribute using the `rdfld_i` function block and use this to derive or range check the "rtupulse" function block's "ptime" parameter. For example, on a valve, the minimum useful pulse width is likely to be that specified in the "Output Pulse Time" point attributes.

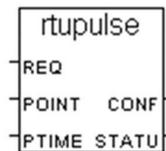


Figure 6.16: rtupulse Function Block

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
req	Boolean	Request to pulse a point <b>Possible Values</b> TRUE FALSE <b>Meaning</b> pulse initiated on transition to TRUE pulse point function disabled
Point	Integer	RTU Point Address can be a numeric Point Address, a variable containing the Point Address or a define referencing a point address. See ISaGRAF 3 Pre-Processor for automatic generation of point address defines
Ptime	Timer	Pulse duration (ms timer format)

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION												
conf	Boolean	<p>Confirms that Status is ready</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Possible Values</b></td> <td><b>Meaning</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TRUE</td> <td>Pulse has completed or pulse request is unsuccessful. TRUE indicates the status output is ready to read.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FALSE</td> <td>Pulse has not been completed or REQ = false.</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Possible Values</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	TRUE	Pulse has completed or pulse request is unsuccessful. TRUE indicates the status output is ready to read.	FALSE	Pulse has not been completed or REQ = false.						
<b>Possible Values</b>	<b>Meaning</b>													
TRUE	Pulse has completed or pulse request is unsuccessful. TRUE indicates the status output is ready to read.													
FALSE	Pulse has not been completed or REQ = false.													
Status	Integer	<p>Status of Request</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Possible Values</b></td> <td><b>Meaning</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>-1</td> <td>Unsuccessful</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>Output pulse has completed executing.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Pulse not yet completed, or Digital Point Not Found (This value changes to 1 as the pulse command is initiated and returns to 0 after the pulse has been generated. If this value stays at 1, the point was not found).</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Unsuccessful: remote interlock active</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Unsuccessful: pulse already executing</td> </tr> </table> <p>Status values of -1, 0 or 1 may be returned when controlling points on a remote device. Other status codes may be returned if controlling an output point on the local RTU.</p>	<b>Possible Values</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	-1	Unsuccessful	0	Output pulse has completed executing.	1	Pulse not yet completed, or Digital Point Not Found (This value changes to 1 as the pulse command is initiated and returns to 0 after the pulse has been generated. If this value stays at 1, the point was not found).	2	Unsuccessful: remote interlock active	3	Unsuccessful: pulse already executing
<b>Possible Values</b>	<b>Meaning</b>													
-1	Unsuccessful													
0	Output pulse has completed executing.													
1	Pulse not yet completed, or Digital Point Not Found (This value changes to 1 as the pulse command is initiated and returns to 0 after the pulse has been generated. If this value stays at 1, the point was not found).													
2	Unsuccessful: remote interlock active													
3	Unsuccessful: pulse already executing													

In the sample function block diagram below, digital output point 5 has been programmed to pulse ON for 5 seconds when DIN1 transitions to TRUE.

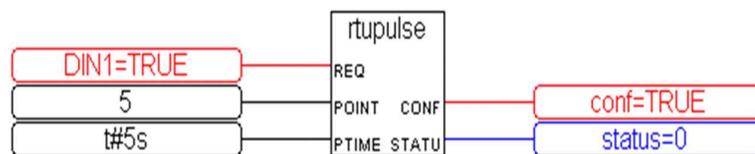


Figure 6.17: rtupulse Function Block Example

In the Structured text sample below, digital output point 6 has been programmed to pulse ON for 10 seconds when SW2 transitions to TRUE. The variables SW2, conf and status have to be defined in the program dictionary.

(\* Code starts here \*)

```
rtupulse_inst(SW2, 6, t#10s);
```

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```
if (rtupulse_inst.conf) then
  conf := rtupulse_inst.conf;
  status := rtupulse_inst.status;
end_if;
```

### 5.1.5.2 rtupuls2

The function block '**rtupulse**' sends a control message to output points. These may be:

- Control to an output point to the local RTU, pulsing it on and off for the configured times, for the configured number of cycles
- Control using a DNP3 CROB (control request object block - object group 12 variation 1) to an output point mapped to a remote DNP3 device by the SCADAPack E RTU's Data Concentrator facility.

There cannot be an ISaGRAF Boolean Output Board definition for the physical digital output being controlled (i.e. No ISaGRAF RTU output board whose address range corresponds to the address of the output point)

This function block causes the RTU to control local digital outputs in a similar fashion to the DNP3 CROB object. If the point is a remote point controlled by the data concentrator facility of the SCADAPack E RTU, a DNP3 CROB is sent using a Pulse On / NULL command. If other DNP3 CROB controls are required by the remote device, use the [rtucrob](#)<sup>[65]</sup> command.

The pulse characteristics are as follows:

- The **pulse on** duration is specified by the **Ptime** parameter on the function block, or is preset in the output point's *Output Pulse Time* attribute if **Ptime** has a value of zero. The *Output Pulse Time* attribute may have been initially configured through an ISaGRAF application using the `setatr_i` function block with the attribute set to Ptm, or provided as part of the point's configuration (e.g. through SCADAPack E Configurator).
- The **pulse off** duration is specified by the **offtime** parameter. If an offtime value of 0 is set 10 ms is used as the default pulse off duration.
- The number of pulses generated is determined by the **count** variable which is limited to a maximum value of 255. Once initiated by ISaGRAF, the digital output pulse is controlled by the RTU's Data Processor Task or forwarded to the remote device for processing, and is independent of the ISaGRAF application cycle time.

The function block will execute when the **req** input value transitions from FALSE to TRUE. **req** needs to be set to FALSE before each subsequent pulse execution from this instance of the function block.

The function blocks returns **CONF** and **STATUS** parameters as follows:

- at the completion of executing the pulse train for SCADAPack ES local points
- at initiating the pulse train for local points on other controllers
- when a DNP3 CROB request is sent to a remote device (for control of a remote point)

The RTU will not pulse the digital point or send a control as instructed by this ISaGRAF function block if the digital point was not found, was read-only (eg. physical input point), if a remote control interlock point was active for this point, or if a pulse is currently being executed on this point.

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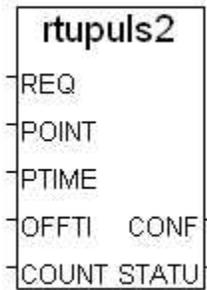


Figure 6.18: rtupuls2 Function Block

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
req	Boolean	Request to pulse an output point <b>Possible Values</b> TRUE pulse initiated on transition to TRUE FALSE pulse point function disabled <b>Meaning</b>
Point	Integer	RTU Point Address can be a numeric Point Address, a variable containing the Point Address or a define referencing a point address. See ISaGRAF 3 Pre-Processor for automatic generation of point address defines
Ptime	Timer	Pulse On duration (ms timer format)
offtime	Timer	Pulse Off duration (ms timer format)
Count	Integer	Number of pulse cycles in the pulse train

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION												
conf	Boolean	<p>Confirm that Status is ready</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Possible Values</th> <th>Meaning</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>TRUE</td> <td>Pulse has completed or pulse request is unsuccessful. TRUE indicates the Status output is ready to read.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FALSE</td> <td>Pulse has not been completed or REQ = false.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Possible Values	Meaning	TRUE	Pulse has completed or pulse request is unsuccessful. TRUE indicates the Status output is ready to read.	FALSE	Pulse has not been completed or REQ = false.						
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3	Unsuccessful: pulse already executing													

prototype: RTUPULS2(REQ, POINT, PTIME, OFFTIME, COUNT);

### 5.1.5.3 rtucrob

The function block '**rtucrob**' sends a control message to output points. These may be:

- Control to an output point to the local RTU
- Control using a DNP3 CROB (control request object block - object group 12 variation 1) to an output point mapped to a remote DNP3 device by the SCADAPack E RTU's Data Concentrator facility.

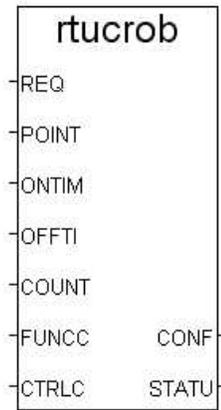
There cannot be an ISaGRAF Boolean Output Board definition for the physical digital output being controlled (i.e. No ISaGRAF RTU output board whose address range corresponds to the address of the output point)

The function block will execute when the **req** input value transitions from FALSE to TRUE. **req** needs to be set to FALSE before each subsequent control is issued from this instance of the function block.

The RTU will not send a control as instructed by this ISaGRAF function block if the digital point was not found, was read-only (eg. physical input point), if a remote control interlock point was active for this point, or if a pulse is currently being executed on this point.

- The **onTime** duration is specified by the ISaGRAF application, or uses the point's *Output Pulse Time* attribute if ISaGRAF specifies a time of zero.
- The **offTime** duration is specified by the ISaGRAF application. If an offtime value of 0 is set 10 ms is used as the default pulse off duration.
- The number of pulses generated is determined by the **count** variable which is limited to a maximum value of 255. Once initiated by ISaGRAF, the digital output pulse is controlled by the RTU's Data Processor Task and is independent of the ISaGRAF application cycle time.
- The **funcCode** parameter specifies which DNP3 function code is used to send the CROB control code (see table below)
- The **ctrlCode** parameter specifies which CROB control code is used (see table below)

The function blocks returns the **CONF** and **STATUS** parameters if the control was not successfully sent or when the DNP3 CROB request is sent to the remote device.



**Figure 6.67: rtucrob Function Block**

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INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
req	Boolean	Request to pulse an output point <b>Possible Values</b> TRUE pulse initiated on transition to TRUE FALSE pulse point function disabled <b>Meaning</b>
point	Integer	RTU Point Address can be a numeric Point Address, a variable containing the Point Address or a define referencing a point address. See ISaGRAF 3 Pre-Processor for automatic generation of point address defines
onTime	Timer	Pulse On duration (ms timer format)
offTime	Timer	Pulse Off duration (ms timer format)
count	Integer	Number of pulse cycles in the pulse train
funcCode	Integer	The function code to send if the point is on a remote DNP3 device. Use one of the following defines: CROB_DirOp Direct Operate CROB_SelOp Select Before Operate CROB_DONA Direct Operate, No Acknowledgement
ctrlCode	Integer	The control code to send if the point is on a remote DNP3 device. Use one of the following defines: CROB_PulseOn CROB_PulseOff CROB_LatchOn CROB_LatchOff CROB_Trip CROB_Close CROB_Clear

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2	Unsuccessful: remote interlock active															
3	Unsuccessful: pulse already executing															
4	Invalid <i>funcCode</i> input.															

prototype: RTUCROB(REQ, POINT, ONTIME, OFFTIME, COUNT, FUNC CODE, CTRLCODE);

### 5.1.6 setatr

Set database point attributes

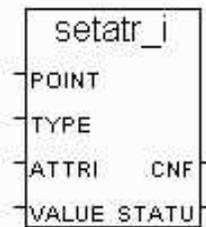
- [setatr\\_i](#)<sup>[70]</sup>
- [setatr\\_r](#)<sup>[74]</sup>

## 5.1.6.1 setatr\_i

**Set integer point attributes****Description**

RTU point database attributes represented by integer values may be set by an ISaGRAF application using ISaGRAF function block "setatr\_i".

The tables below describe the inputs and outputs of the setatr\_i function block. Each time the function block is called, the RTU updates the specified point database field for the specified RTU point number and point type from the value of an ISaGRAF variable.



**Figure 6.19: setatr\_i Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION																		
Point	Integer	RTU Point Address can be a numeric Point Address, a variable containing the Point Address or a define referencing a point address. See ISaGRAF 3 Pre-Processor for automatic generation of point address defines																		
Type	Integer	<p>RTU point data type argument can be one of the ISaGRAF reserved keywords below or an integer value corresponding to the data type.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ISaGRAF Keyword</th> <th>Equivalent Numeric Value</th> <th>Comment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DIN</td> <td>1</td> <td>Digital input point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DOUT</td> <td>2</td> <td>Digital output point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AIN</td> <td>3</td> <td>Analog input point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AOUT</td> <td>4</td> <td>Analog output point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CIN</td> <td>5</td> <td>Counter input point</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ISaGRAF Keyword	Equivalent Numeric Value	Comment	DIN	1	Digital input point	DOUT	2	Digital output point	AIN	3	Analog input point	AOUT	4	Analog output point	CIN	5	Counter input point
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Attrib	Integer	Desired point attribute (property) argument can be an ISaGRAF reserved keyword or an integer value corresponding to the attribute – see <a href="#">Table 6.6</a> <sup>[71]</sup> .																		
Value	Integer	Desired field value																		

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	Boolean	Confirm status ready to write <b>Possible Values</b> TRUE      Confirm Valid Status FALSE
Status	Integer	Status of Read Request <b>Possible Values</b> -1      Unknown Return Error 0      Success 1      Information not found 2      Bad Point Type 3      Unknown attribute for this point 4      Bad value for this attribute 5      Invalid attribute for this point

Structured text prototypes take on the following format:

SETATR\_I\_INST(POINT, TYPE, ATTRIB,VALUE)

complete\_confirm := SETATR\_I\_NST.CNF

return\_status := SETATR\_I\_INST.STATUS

**Table 6.6: Valid Attributes (attrib) for setatr\_i Function Block**

Attribute (ISaGRAF Keyword)	Equivalent Numeric Value	Description	Point Type where this field applies
PClassMA	66	Point Data Class (All Masters)	All
PClassM1	67	Point Data Class Master 1	All
PClassM2	68	Point Data Class Master 2	All
PClassM3	69	Point Data Class Master 3	All
PObj	3	DNP3 Static Object Type	All
IlockPN	4	Remote Interlock Point	Output points only
IlockTm	5	Interlock Alarm timeout	Output points only
Bad	6	Point is bad	All
AIInh	7	Alarm Inhibit 0 = alarm enable 1 = alarm disable	All
TInh	8	Trend Inhibit 0 = trend enable 1 = trend disable	All

Attribute (ISaGRAF Keyword)	Equivalent Numeric Value	Description	Point Type where this field applies
PrId	9	Profile Id	All
ATm	10	Alarm Time Deadband	All
Inv	11	Invert Point State	Digital points only
AState	12	Alarm Active State	Digital points only
AClrTm	14	Alarm Clear Time Deadband	all
PTm	15	Output Pulse Time	Digital output only
DebTm	16	Debounce Time	Digital input only
RoRPN	17	Rate Of Rise Point Number	Analog
RoFPN	18	Rate Of Fall Point Number	Analog
NCPN	19	No Change Point Number	Analog
CexPN	20	Counter Exceeded Point Number	Counter
CntRZ	53	Counter Reset to Zero on power up 0 = retain previous value 1 = Reset to zero	Counter
Rmin	29	Raw Min	Analog
Rmax	30	Raw Max	Analog
RoCTm	38	Rate Of Change Time	Analog
NCTm	39	No Change Time	Analog
Ev4H	49	Limit Event Enable 4h 0 = event disabled 1 = event enabled	Analog
Ev3H	48	Limit Event Enable 3h 0 = event disabled 1 = event enabled	Analog
Ev2H	47	Limit Event Enable 2h 0 = event disabled 1 = event enabled	Analog
Ev1H	46	Limit Event Enable 1h 0 = event disabled 1 = event enabled	Analog
Ev1L	45	Limit Event Enable 1l 0 = event disabled 1 = event enabled	Analog
Ev2L	44	Limit Event Enable 2l 0 = event disabled 1 = event enabled	Analog
Ev3L	43	Limit Event Enable 3l	Analog

Attribute (ISaGRAF Keyword)	Equivalent Numeric Value	Description	Point Type where this field applies
		0 = event disabled 1 = event enabled	
Ev4L	42	Limit Event Enable 4l 0 = event disabled 1 = event enabled	Analog
LimHi	51	Counter High Limit	Counter
CntDev	52	Counter Change Deviation	Counter
AclrVal	40	Alarm Clear Value Deadband	Analog
LimZero	41	Zero Threshold Limit	Analog
LimOR	33	Over Range Limit	Analog
LimUR	34	Under Range Limit	Analog
EvDev	50	Event Deviation	Analog
EvDevUnsol	65	Event Deviation Unsolicited enable	Analog
EvDevTp	97	Event Deviation Type	Analog

The PClass attribute (value 2) is deprecated. It is replaced by the PClassM1 attribute. The attribute was changed in firmware 7.39 with the addition of multi-master functionality, but was not changed in ISaGRAF until version 7.71.

### 5.1.6.2 setatr\_r

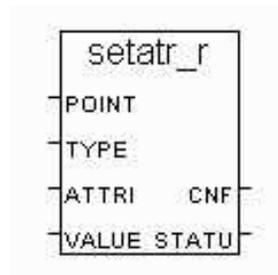
#### *Set real point attributes*

#### **Description**

RTU point database attributes represented by real (floating point) values may be set by an ISaGRAF application using ISaGRAF function block "setatr\_r".

The table below describes the inputs and outputs of the setatr\_r function block. Each time the function block is called, the RTU updates the specified point database field for the specified RTU

point number and point type from the value of an ISaGRAF variable.



**Figure 6.20 setatr\_r Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION																		
Point	Integer	RTU Point Address can be a numeric Point Address, a variable containing the Point Address or a define referencing a point address. See ISaGRAF 3 Pre-Processor for automatic generation of point address defines																		
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		attribute – see <a href="#">Table 6.7</a> <sup>76</sup> .
Value	Real	Desired field value

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OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	Boolean	Confirm status ready to write <b>Possible Values</b> TRUE      Confirm Valid Status FALSE
Status	Integer	Status of Read Request <b>Possible Values</b> -1      Unknown Return Error 0      Success 1      Information not found 2      Bad Point Type 3      Unknown attribute for this point 4      Bad value for this attribute 5      Invalid attribute for this point

Table 6.7: Valid Attribute (attrib) Values for setatr\_r

Attribute (ISaGRAF Keyword)	Equivalent Numeric Value	Description	Point Type where this field applies
Emin	31	Engineering Min	Analog
Emax	32	Engineering Max	Analog
Lim4H	28	Engineering Limit 4H	Analog
Lim3H	27	Engineering Limit 3H	Analog
Lim2H	26	Engineering Limit 2H	Analog
Lim1H	25	Engineering Limit 1H	Analog
Lim1L	24	Engineering Limit 1L	Analog
Lim2L	23	Engineering Limit 2L	Analog
Lim3L	22	Engineering Limit 3L	Analog
Lim4L	21	Engineering Limit 4L	Analog
LimRise	35	Rate Of Rise	Analog
LimFall	36	Rate Of Fall	Analog
LimNC	37	No Change	Analog
EvDev	50	Event Deviation	Analog

## 5.2 Real Time Clock Function Blocks

The following function blocks provide an ISaGRAF application access to the SCADAPack E RTU real time clock.

In addition to these functions, the SCADAPack E RTU supports ISaGRAF's standard "day\_time" function returning the RTU clock in several string formats.

For more information on this standard function, see the *ISaGRAF Workbench Language Reference* manual. The "day\_time" function returns the local RTU time, adjusted for Summer Time (see TIMEDATE description of the time-zone modifier for more information).

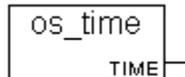
- [os\\_time & loc\\_time](#)<sup>[78]</sup>
- [timedate](#)<sup>[79]</sup>

5.2.1 **os\_time & loc\_time****os\_time**

*Return RTU time in seconds since 00:00:00, 1st Jan 1970*

**Description**

This function block returns the current time (UTC) as used by the RTU operating system. The return parameter is an integer analog variable, in 'Seconds since 00:00:00, 1st Jan 1970. This function block does not adjust for UTC offsets or daylight saving time. I.e. it returns standard RTU time from the RTU's real time clock.



**Figure 6.21: os\_time Function Block**

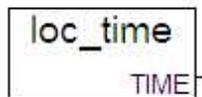
OUTPUT	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Time	Intege	RTU operating system time (UTC) in seconds since 00:00:00, 1970

**loc\_time**

*Return RTU local time since midnight, in milliseconds*

**Description**

This function block returns the RTU local time. If the RTU's real time clock is operating in UTC mode, the RTU's *LOCAL TIME OFFSET FROM UTC* system point is applied prior to returning the data. In addition, the RTU examines a system point called *TIME ZONE MODIFIER* – binary system point 50302, and adjusts for summer time by adding 1 hour (if the point is set) prior to presenting the time to the user. The return parameter is a timer variable in "ms since midnight" ISaGRAF timer format (e.g.. t#23h59m59s999ms).



**Figure 6.22: loc\_time Function Block**

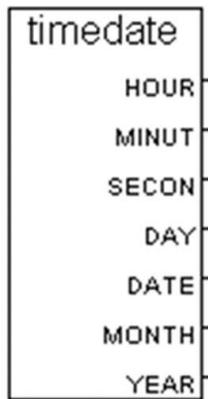
OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Time	Timer	RTU local time in milliseconds since midnight

### 5.2.2 **timedate**

#### ***Return RTU local time and date***

#### **Description**

This function block returns the RTU local time and date. Return parameters are of type integer. If the RTU's real time clock is operating in UTC mode, the RTU's *LOCAL TIME OFFSET FROM UTC* system point is applied prior to returning the data. In addition, the RTU examines a system point called *TIME ZONE MODIFIER* – binary system point 50302, and adjusts for summer time by adding 1 hour (if the point is set) prior to presenting the time to the user.



**Figure 6.23: timedate Function Block**

<b>OUTPUTS</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Hour	Integer	Current hour in 24 hour format (0-23)
Minute	Integer	Current minute (0-59)
Second	Integer	Current second (0-59)
Day	Integer	Current day (1-7 where 1 = Sunday)
Date	Integer	Current date (1-31)
Month	Integer	Current month (1-12)
Year	Integer	Current year (2000-2099)

### 5.3 DNP3 Peer Communication Function Blocks

The following section details ISaGRAF function blocks that interface with the SCADAPack E RTU Peer-to-Peer communication facilities. Communication between RTU devices uses DNP3 protocol. This section details function blocks for transfer of simple data types for ISaGRAF variables and DNP3 points.

Section [DNP3 Queued Communication Function Blocks](#)<sup>[100]</sup> details queued communication function blocks for RTU database point data between RTU devices.

Each DNP3 Communication Function Block described in this section is implemented for one of two broad communication types:

**RD** data read  
**WR (SET)** data write

These operate on three types of DNP objects and corresponding ISaGRAF variable types:

**BIN** binary objects (corresponding to ISaGRAF Boolean variables)  
**ANA** analog objects (signed integers) (corresponding to ISaGRAF Integer variables)  
**FLT** floating point objects (corresponding to ISaGRAF Real variables)

A number of function blocks are defined, each with a fixed number of point parameters for reading or writing that number of points. In this documentation, generic references "xx" are made referring to a number of points on a particular function block. For example RD16ANA reads 16 analog objects. Where the number of points read or written is desired to be flexible, or a different number than that available with these fixed function blocks, use [DNP3 Queued Communication Function Blocks](#)<sup>[100]</sup>.

The function blocks perform data transfer in one of two ways, depending on the value of the ObjectType parameter (see below).

- Local RTU data access (current point state or value in this RTU)
- DNP data communications with Peer RTU node

The RTU processing of user requests from a DNP3 ISaGRAF communication function block is limited to around 20 simultaneous requests. It is recommended that no more than this number of requests from an ISaGRAF application is generated within a single ISaGRAF scan. This allows the DNP3 driver to process the queued ISaGRAF requests.

Decreasing the rate of the DNP3 ISaGRAF communication block requests to fit these constraints should have little affect on the performance of the requested communications, particularly communication with peer DNP3 devices. The SCADAPack E RTU will process only a single outstanding communication request per DNP3 RTU port. Other DNP3 requests made at around the same time are processed in order, when each previous request is completed on that channel.

The DNP communication function blocks take the following general parameters:

Calling (Input) Parameters

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- REQ (boo) Data transfer communication request is initiated on the rising edge of this input. This user should keep this input asserted until the CNF output parameter is asserted (see below)
- DNPnode (ana) DNP peer node with which communication occurs (only applicable for DNP peer communications. Set value to 0 when doing Local RTU data access)
- ObjectType (ana) DNP3 data object requested from peer RTU node, or *Local\_RTU\_Data* for access to RTU data
- Index (ana) Data index of first DNP data object accessed by this block
- DT (timer) Transaction time-out time in ISaGRAF timer format when communicating with peer DNP node (not applicable when doing Local RTU data access. Should be set to 0)
- SDx Send data parameters (only present on Write function blocks) transferred by this function block when the REQ line is asserted (rising edge). The number of parameters (and hence the number of data objects transferred) depends on the number fixed for the function block (e.g. WR8ANA has parameters SD0..SD7 and writes 8 analog objects)

Return (Output) Parameters

- CNF (boo) Data transfer completion confirm: asserted by the function block to indicate completion of the request
- RDY (boo) Data ready asserted by the function block in conjunction with CNF to indicate successful completion of the transfer operation. RDx parameters (if any) will be valid at the time of the rising edge of RDY. If CNF is activated and RDY is not activated, the data transfer was unsuccessful
- STATUS (ana) Data transfer status: when CNF is active and RDY inactive this output parameter indicates a status code for the unsuccessful data transfer. Status = 255 while there is an outstanding DNP request. See [Status Codes](#)<sup>[99]</sup> for more information.
- RDx Read data parameters (only present of Read function blocks), are valid when the RDY parameter is active. The quantity of RDx parameters depends on the function block type (e.g. RD16BIN has Boolean parameters RD0...RD15 when 16 data objects are read)

The following tables describe the allowed Object Types for each of the communication function blocks. Schneider Electric ‘**common.eqv**’ file contains definitions for these parameters.

**Table 6.8: Read Function Block Object Types**

Function Block	RDxxBIN	RDxxANA	RDxxFLT
<b>Object Types Supported</b>	Local_RTU_Data	Local_RTU_Data	Local_RTU_Data
	BinaryInput BinInput_Status BinOutput_Stat	AnalogIn_32 AnalogIn_16 Analn_32_NoFlag Analn_16_NoFlag	AnalogIn_Float AnaOutFloat_Stat

		AnaOut_32_Stat AnaOut_16_Stat	
		BinCounter_32 BinCounter_16 BinCtr_32_NoFlag BinCtr_16_NoFlag	
		FrozCounter_32 FrozCounter_16 FrzCtr_32_NoFlag FrzCtr_16_NoFlag	
<b>ISaGRAF Variable Type Received</b>	BOOLEAN	INTEGER	REAL

When Local\_RTU\_Data is used as the object type, no communication with a peer device occurs, rather the local RTU database is read. Other object types generate peer communication.

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Table 6.9: Write Function Block Object Types

Function Block	WRxxBIN	WRxxANA	WRxxFLT
<b>Object Types Supported</b>	Local_RTU_Data	Local_RTU_Data	Local_RTU_Data
	CROB_DirOp CROB_SelOp CROB_DONA	WriteTimeAndDate WriteLANTime	AnOutFloat_DirOp AnOutFloat_SelOp AnOutFloat_DONA
		AnaOut_32_DirOp AnaOut_32_SelOp AnaOut_32_DONA AnaOut_16_DirOp AnaOut_16_SelOp AnaOut_16_DONA	
<b>ISaGRAF Variable Type Transmitted</b>	BOOLEAN	INTEGER	REAL

When Local\_RTU\_Data is used as the object type, no communication with a peer device occurs, rather the local RTU database is written. Other object types generate peer communication.

### 5.3.1 rdxxbin

*Read DNP3 binary points from the local or peer RTU address map*

#### Description

This series of function blocks reads current value data from local RTU DNP binary points, or generates a DNP3 read request to a peer node for DNP3 binary objects. *xx* in the function block name refers to the number of objects to read and can be either 1, 4, 8 or 16. The valid DNP object indexes that can be read from a peer DNP device are dependent on the peer device. The SCADAPack E RTU generates DNP3 start/stop range qualifiers (00 & 01) in requests to peer devices. Consult the DNP3 device manufacturer's device profile for more information on support for these qualifiers and point ranges.

Peer Read function blocks perform Application Layer retries as configured in the SCADAPack E Configurator 'Appl. Layer Attempts' field (default = 2). This means that for a single trigger of this function block, subsequent attempts could be made if the requests are unsuccessful. The output parameters (CNF, RDY, and Status) will only be updated with the timeout status after all Application Layer Attempts have been performed (i.e. attempts x DT (timeout) ).

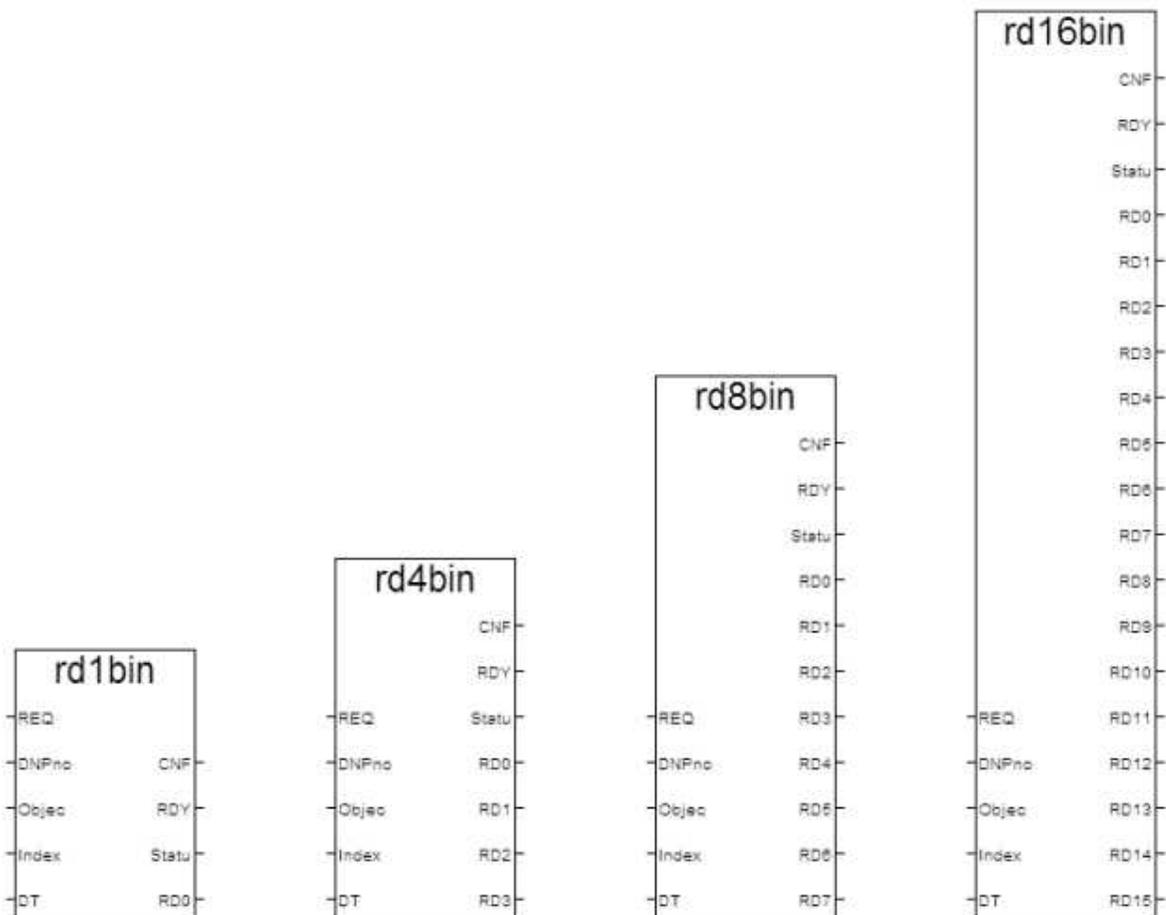


Figure 6.24: rdxxbin Function Blocks

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Req	Boolean	Data Transfer Request. Initiate data transfer request on rising edge.
DNPnode	Integer	DNP Node address (peer RTU request only). Set value to 0 when doing Local RTU data access.
ObjectType	Integer	Local_RTU_Data or DNP data object to read from peer RTU. For peer RTU read, the following values are valid for this function block: BinaryInput BinInput_Status BinOutput_Sta
Index	Integer	Starting index of DNP data object to read (consecutive data objects will be read starting with this one).
dt	Integer	Transaction time-out (peer RTU request only).

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	Boolean	Data transfer confirm: indicates completion of request TRUE => Request Completed FALSE => Request not completed
Rdy	Integer	Data ready TRUE => Data Ready FALSE => Data not ready
Status	Integer	When CNF is TRUE and RDY is FALSE, this indicates a table data access problem (status code) Status = 0 indicates a successful read Status = 255 indicates an outstanding DNP request See <a href="#">Status Codes</a> <sup>[99]</sup> for other status codes
RDx	Boolean	Binary data outputs are valid when DNF and RDY are TRUE. Quantity of RDi parameters depends on the function block.

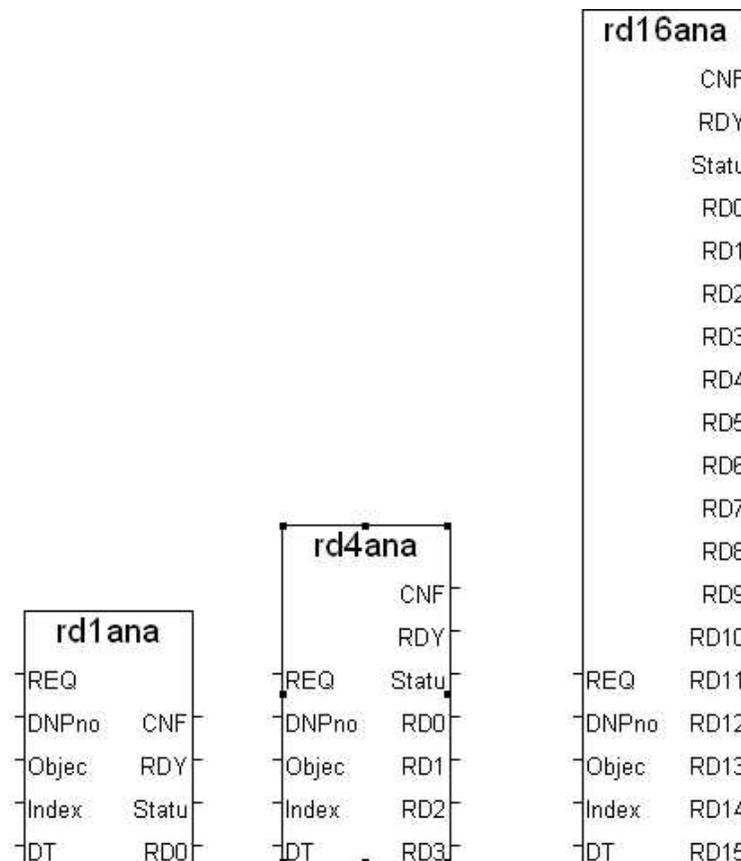
### 5.3.2 rdxxana

#### *Read DNP3 analog points from the local or peer RTU address map*

##### **Description**

This series of function blocks reads current integer value data from local RTU DNP analog points, or generates a DNP3 read request to a peer node for DNP3 integer analog objects. xx in the function block name refers to the number of objects to read. The valid DNP object indexes that can be read from a peer DNP device are dependent on the peer device. The RTU generates DNP3 start/stop range qualifiers (00 & 01) in requests to peer devices. Consult the DNP3 device manufacturer's device profile for more information.

Peer Read function blocks perform Application Layer retries as configured in the SCADAPack E Configurator 'Appl. Layer Attempts' field (default = 2). This means that for a single trigger of this function block, subsequent attempts could be made if the requests are unsuccessful. The output parameters (CNF, RDY, and Status) will only be updated with failure status after all Application Layer Attempts have been performed (i.e. attempts x DT (timeout) ).



**Figure 6.25: rdxxana Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION														
Req	Boolean	Data Transfer Request. Initiate data transfer request on rising edge.														
DNPnode	Integer	DNP Node address (peer RTU request only). Set value to 0 when doing Local RTU data access.														
ObjectType	Integer	Local_RTU_Data or DNP data object to read from peer RTU. For peer RTU read, the following values are valid for this function block: <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">AnalogIn_32</td> <td style="width: 50%;">BinCounter_16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AnalogIn_16</td> <td>BinCtr_32_NoFlag</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AnaIn_32_NoFlag</td> <td>BinCtr_16_NoFlag</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AnaIn_16_NoFlag</td> <td>FrozCounter_32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AnaOut_32_Stat</td> <td>FrozCounter_16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AnaOut_16_Stat</td> <td>FrzCtr_32_NoFlag</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FrzCtr_16_NoFlag</td> <td>BinCounter_32</td> </tr> </table>	AnalogIn_32	BinCounter_16	AnalogIn_16	BinCtr_32_NoFlag	AnaIn_32_NoFlag	BinCtr_16_NoFlag	AnaIn_16_NoFlag	FrozCounter_32	AnaOut_32_Stat	FrozCounter_16	AnaOut_16_Stat	FrzCtr_32_NoFlag	FrzCtr_16_NoFlag	BinCounter_32
AnalogIn_32	BinCounter_16															
AnalogIn_16	BinCtr_32_NoFlag															
AnaIn_32_NoFlag	BinCtr_16_NoFlag															
AnaIn_16_NoFlag	FrozCounter_32															
AnaOut_32_Stat	FrozCounter_16															
AnaOut_16_Stat	FrzCtr_32_NoFlag															
FrzCtr_16_NoFlag	BinCounter_32															
Index	Integer	Starting index of DNP data object to read (consecutive data objects will be read starting with this one).														
dt	Integer	Transaction time-out (peer RTU request only).														

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	Boolean	Data transfer confirm: indicates completion of request TRUE => Request Completed FALSE => Request not completed
Rdy	Integer	Data ready TRUE => Data Ready FALSE => Data Not Ready
Status	Integer	When CNF is TRUE and RDY is FALSE, this indicates a table data access problem (status code) Status = 0 indicates a successful read Status = 255 indicates an outstanding DNP request See <a href="#">Status Codes</a> for other status codes
RDx	Integer	Analog data. Outputs are valid when CNF and RDY are TRUE. Quantity of RDx parameters depends on the function block.

Reads may be performed using 16-bit or 32-bit analog objects.

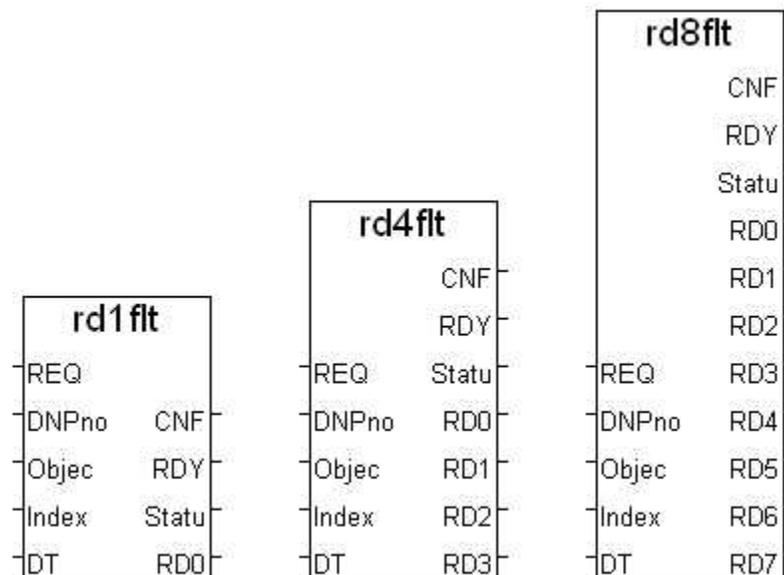
### 5.3.3 rdxxflt

#### *Read DNP3 floating points from the local or peer RTU address map*

##### **Description**

This series of function blocks reads current floating point value data from local SCADAPack E RTU analog points, or generates a DNP3 read request to a peer node for DNP3 floating point analog objects. xx in the function block name refers to the number of objects to read. The valid DNP object indexes that can be read from a peer DNP device are dependent on the peer device. The RTU generates DNP3 start/stop range qualifiers (00 & 01) in requests to peer devices. Consult the DNP3 device manufacturer's device profile for more information.

Peer Read function blocks perform Application Layer retries as configured in the SCADAPack E Configurator 'Appl. Layer Attempts' field (default = 2). This means that for a single trigger of this function block, subsequent attempts could be made if the requests are unsuccessful. The output parameters (CFN, RDY, and Status) will only be updated with failure status after all Application Layer Attempts have been performed (i.e. attempts x DT (timeout) ).



**Figure 6.26: rdxxflt Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Req	Boolean	Data Transfer Request. Initiate data transfer request on rising edge
DNPnode	Integer	DNP Node address (peer RTU request only). Set value to 0 when doing Local RTU data access.
ObjectType	Integer	Local_RTU_Data or DNP data object to read from peer RTU. For peer RTU read requests, the following values are valid for this function block: AnalogIn_Float AnaOutFloat_Stat
Index	Integer	Starting index of DNP data object to read (consecutive data objects will be read starting with this one)
dt	Integer	Transaction time-out (peer RTU request only).

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	boolean	Data transfer confirm: indicates completion of request TRUE => Request Completed FALSE => Request not completed
Rdy	Integer	Data ready TRUE => Data Ready FALSE => Data Not Ready
Status	Integer	When CNF is TRUE and RDY is FALSE this indicates a table data access problem (status code) Status = 0 indicates a successful read Status = 255 indicates an outstanding DNP request See <a href="#">Status Codes</a> <sup>[99]</sup> for other status codes
RDx	Integer	Analog data outputs are valid when CNF and RDY are TRUE. Quantity of RDx parameters depends on the function block.

## 5.3.4 wrxxbin

**Write (Control) DNP3 binary points to local or peer RTU address space**

**Description**

This series of function blocks writes current value ISaGRAF boolean data into local SCADAPack E RTU DNP binary points, or generates a DNP3 operate or write request to a peer node for DNP3 binary objects. xx in the function block name refers to the number of objects to send (fixed combinations available). The valid DNP object indexes that can be written to a peer DNP device are dependent on the peer device. For other DNP3 devices consult the device manufacturer's documentation.

No Application Layer retries are performed on peer write function blocks. If the user requires retries then either configure Data Link retries (with 'Always' mode), or implement the retries in the ISaGRAF application.

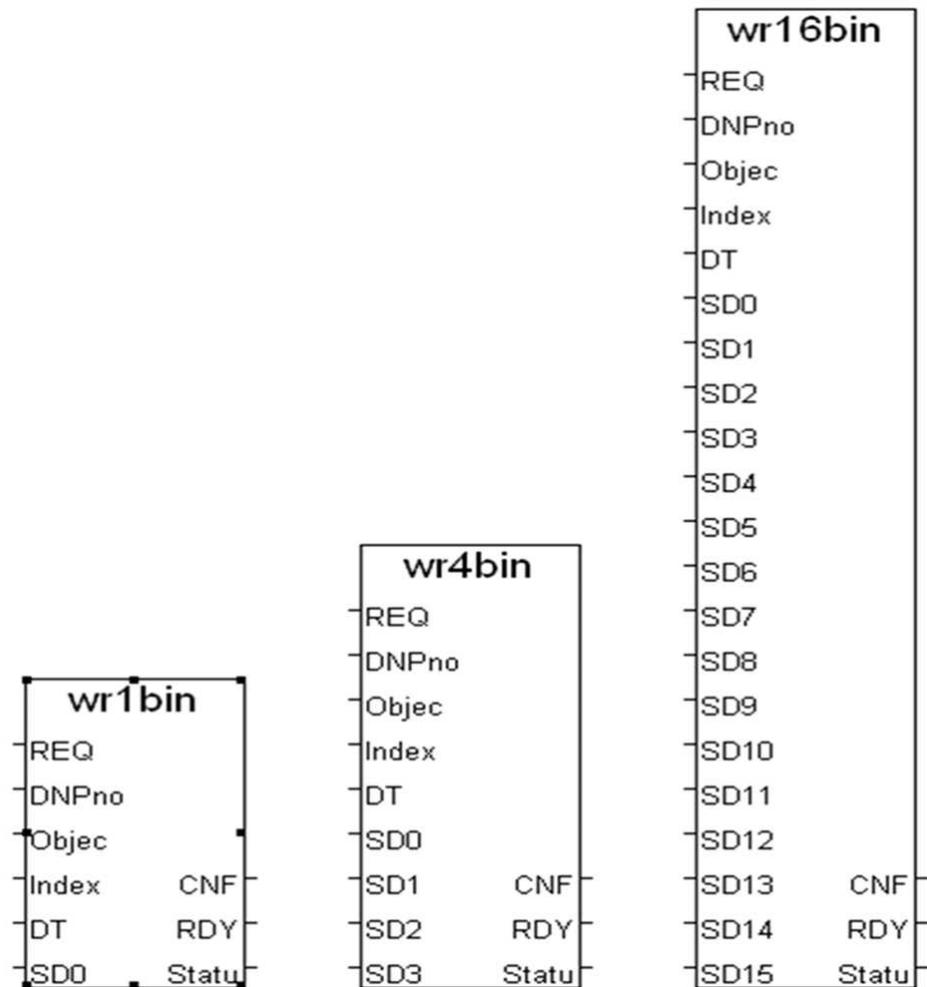


Figure 6.27: wrxxbin Function Block

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Req	boolean	Data Transfer Request. Initiate data transfer request on rising edge
DNPnode	Integer	DNP Node address (peer RTU request only). Set value to 0 when doing Local RTU data access.
ObjectType	Integer	Local_RTU_Data or DNP data object to write to peer RTU. For peer RTU write requests, the following values are valid for this function block: BinaryOutput CROB_DirOp CROB_SelOp CROB_DONA
Index	Integer	Starting index of DNP data object to send (consecutive data objects will be sent starting with this one)
dt	Integer	Transaction time-out (peer RTU request only).
SDx		Send data parameters, valid when RDY is TRUE. Quantity of SDx parameters depends on the function block. SDx data is sent when REQ is activated (rising edge).

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	boolean	Data transfer confirm: indicates completion of request TRUE => Request Completed FALSE => Request not completed
Rdy	Boolean	Status of data transfer TRUE => Data transfer successful FALSE => Data transfer unsuccessful
Status	Integer	When CNF is TRUE and RDY is FALSE this indicates a table data access problem (status code) Status = 0 indicates a successful write Status = 255 indicates an outstanding DNP request See <a href="#">Status Codes</a> <sup>[99]</sup> for other status codes

*BinaryOutput* ObjectType uses DNP3 *Write* function and provides an efficient method of changing remote binary data. This operation does not provide any direct feedback of the write operation result from the remote node, and is not an implementation required or recommended by the DNP3 Subset Definitions.

*CROB\_DirOp* (*Control Relay Output Block*) uses DNP3 *Direct Operate* function which provides more secure control and feedback of the result at the remote node. It is a requirement of the DNP3 Subset Definition, but is much less efficient than a *Binary Output Write*. Direct Operate is single phase (request/response).

*CROB\_SelOp* (*Control Relay Output Block*) uses DNP3 *Select* and *Operate* functions which provide the most secure control and feedback available in DNP3 but is much less efficient than a *Binary Output Write*. Select Operate is dual phase (select request/select response, operate request/operate response).

*CROB\_DONA* (*Control Relay Output Block*) uses DNP3 *Direct Operate No Acknowledge* function. This is an insecure control operation as there is no feedback or confirmation from the remote node. Although required by the DNP3 Subset Definitions, **the use of Direct Operate No Acknowledge (DONA) is not recommended for peer communication.**

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5.3.5 wrxxana

*Write (Control) DNP3 analog data to local or peer RTU address space*

**Description**

This series of function blocks writes current value ISaGRAF integer data into local SCADAPack E RTU DNP analog points, or generates a DNP3 operate or select/operate request to a peer node for DNP3 integer analog objects. xx in the function block name refers to the number of objects sent. The valid DNP object indexes that can be written to a peer DNP device are dependent on the peer device. For other DNP3 devices consult the device manufacturer's documentation.

No Application Layer retries are performed on peer write function blocks. If the user requires retries then either configure Data Link retries (with 'Always' mode), or implement the retries in the ISaGRAF applications.

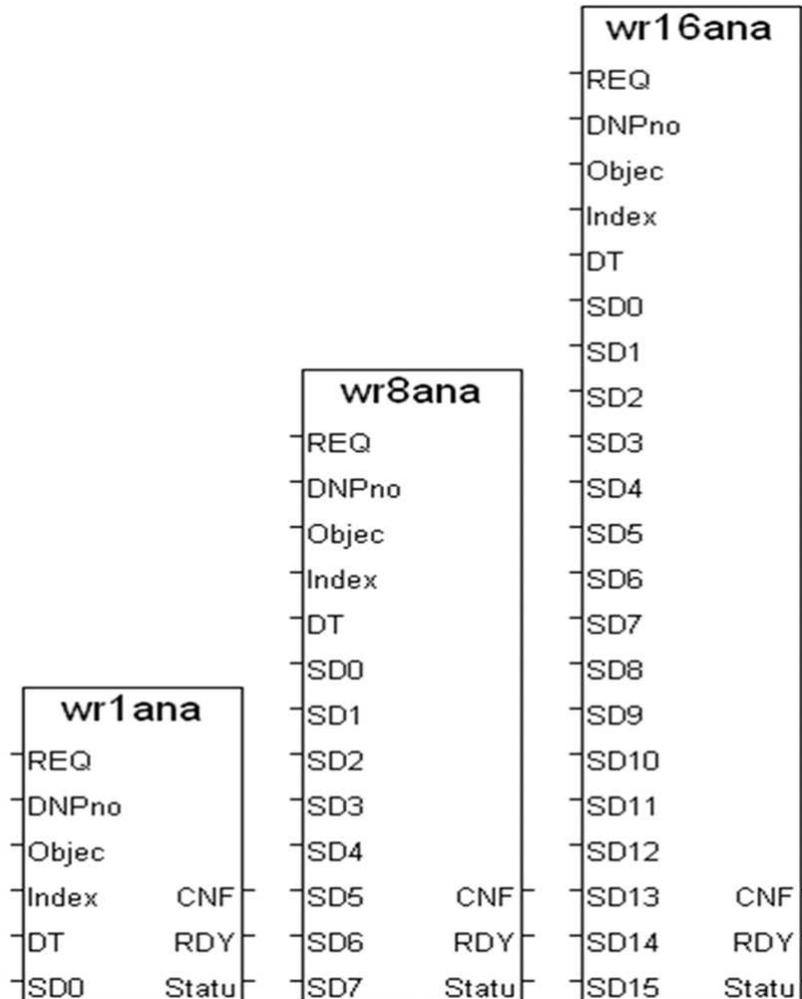


Figure 6.28: wrxxana Function Block

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION								
Req	Boolean	Data Transfer Request. Initiate data transfer request on rising edge.								
DNPnode	Integer	DNP Node address (peer RTU request only). Set value to 0 when doing Local RTU data access.								
ObjectType	Integer	Local_RTU_Data or DNP data object to write to peer RTU. For peer RTU write requests, the following values are valid for this function block: <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>AnaOut_32_DirOp</td> <td>AnaOut_16_DirOp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AnaOut_32_SelOp</td> <td>AnaOut_16_SelOP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AnaOut_32_DONA</td> <td>AnaOut_16_DONA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WriteTimeAndDate</td> <td>WriteLANTime</td> </tr> </table>	AnaOut_32_DirOp	AnaOut_16_DirOp	AnaOut_32_SelOp	AnaOut_16_SelOP	AnaOut_32_DONA	AnaOut_16_DONA	WriteTimeAndDate	WriteLANTime
AnaOut_32_DirOp	AnaOut_16_DirOp									
AnaOut_32_SelOp	AnaOut_16_SelOP									
AnaOut_32_DONA	AnaOut_16_DONA									
WriteTimeAndDate	WriteLANTime									
Index	Integer	Starting index of DNP data object to write (consecutive data objects will be written starting with this one).								
dt	Integer	Transaction time-out (peer RTU request only).								
SDx		Send data parameters, valid when RDY is TRUE. Quantity of SDx parameters depends on the function block. SDx data is sent when REQ is activated (rising edge).								

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	Boolean	Data transfer confirm: indicates completion of request TRUE => Request Completed FALSE => Request not completed
Rdy	Boolean	Status of data transfer TRUE => Data transfer successful FALSE => Data transfer unsuccessful
Status	Integer	When CNF is TRUE and RDY is FALSE, this indicates a table data access problem (status code) Status = 0 indicates a successful write Status = 255 indicates an outstanding DNP request See <a href="#">Status Codes</a> <sup>[99]</sup> for other status codes

The that *WriteTimeAndDate* Object Type ignores data presented in the SDx parameters. Rather, the RTU real time clock is sent to the peer RTU. CNF, RDY & STATUS parameters indicate completion of operation as normal.

DNP3 *Direct Operate* functions provides secure control and feedback of the result at the remote node. Direct Operate is single phase (request/response).

DNP3 *Select* and *Operate* functions provide the most secure control and feedback available in DNP3.

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Select Operate is dual phase (select request/select response, operate request/operate response).

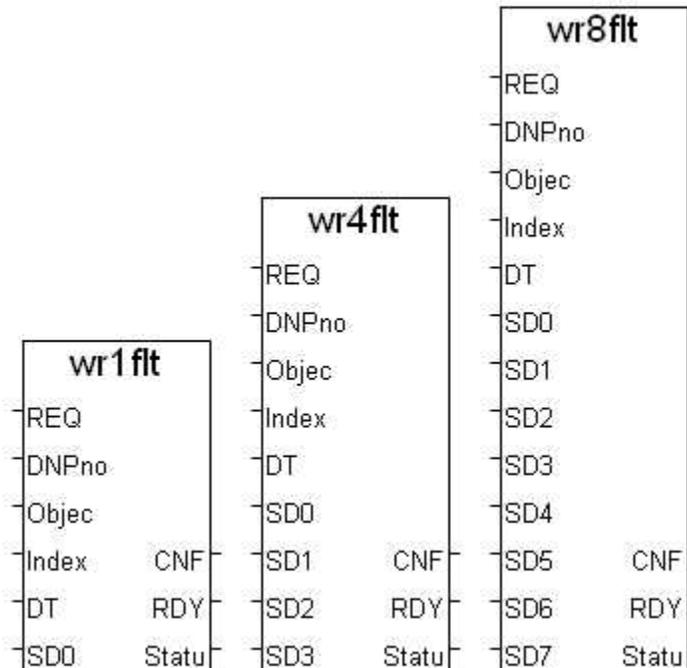
DNP3 *Direct Operate No Acknowledge* function is an insecure control operation as there is no feedback or confirmation from the remote node. Although required by the DNP3 Subset Definitions, **the use of Direct Operate No Acknowledge (DONA) is not recommended for peer communication.**

## 5.3.6 wrxxflt

**Write DNP3 floating point data into local or peer RTU address space****Description**

This series of function blocks writes current value ISaGRAF floating point data into local SCADAPack E RTU DNP analog points, or generates a DNP3 operate or select/operate request to a peer node for DNP3 floating point analog objects. xx in the function block name refers to the number of objects to send. The valid DNP object indexes that can be written from a peer DNP device are dependent on the peer device. For other DNP3 devices consult the device manufacturer's documentation.

No Application Layer retries are performed on peer write function blocks. If the user requires retries then either configure Data Link retries (with 'Always' mode), or implement the retries in the ISaGRAF applications.



**Figure 6.29: wrxxflt Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Req	Boolean	Data Transfer Request. Initiate data transfer request on rising edge.
DNPnode	Integer	DNP Node address (peer RTU request only). Set value to 0 when doing Local RTU data access.
ObjectType	Integer	Local_RTU_Data or DNP data object to write to peer RTU. For peer RTU write, the following values are valid for this function block: AnOutFloat_DirOP AnOutFloat_SelOP AnOutFloat_DONA
Index	Integer	Starting index of DNP data object to write (consecutive data objects will be written starting with this one).
dt	Integer	Transaction time-out (peer RTU request only).
SDx		Send data parameters, valid when RDY is TRUE. Quantity of SDx parameters depends on the function block. SDx data is sent when REQ is activated (rising edge).

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	Boolean	Data transfer confirm: indicates completion of request TRUE => Request Completed FALSE => Request not completed
Rdy	Boolean	Status of data transfer TRUE => Data transfer successful FALSE => Data transfer unsuccessful
Status	Integer	When CNF is TRUE and RDY is FALSE, this indicates a table data access problem (status code) Status = 0 indicates a successful write Status = 255 indicates an outstanding DNP request See <a href="#">Status Codes</a> <sup>[99]</sup> for other status codes

DNP3 *Direct Operate* functions provides secure control and feedback of the result at the remote node. Direct Operate is single phase (request/response).

DNP3 *Select* and *Operate* functions provide the most secure control and feedback available in DNP3. Select Operate is dual phase (select request/select response, operate request/operate response).

DNP3 *Direct Operate No Acknowledge* function is an insecure control operation as there is no feedback or confirmation from the remote node. Although required by the DNP3 Subset Definitions, **the use of Direct Operate No Acknowledge (DONA) is not recommended for peer communication.**

## 5.3.7 dc\_poll

**Force an Integrity Poll to all configured IED's****Description**

The ISaGRAF application needs to be able to force the Data Concentrator or master RTU to issue a DNP3 Integrity poll (Class 1,2,3,0 poll) to configured IED's in order to update the local database with a current image of IED point values. The DC\_POLL Function Block is used to send this request:

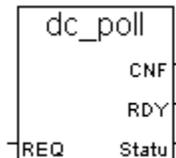


Figure 6.30: dc\_poll Function Block

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Req	boolean	Data Transfer Request. Initiate data transfer request on rising edge

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	boolean	Data transfer confirm: indicates completion of request TRUE => Request Completed FALSE => Request not completed
Rdy	Boolean	Status of data TRUE => Data ready FALSE => Data not ready
Satus	Integer	When CNF is TRUE and RDY is FALSE this indicates a table data access problem (status code) Status = 0 indicates a successful poll Status = 255 indicates an outstanding DNP request See <a href="#">Status Codes</a> <sup>[99]</sup> for other status codes

The function block operates regardless if the DCons. is currently disabled or not. The dc\_poll function block will raise its CNF output when the IED's polled have responded or timed out.

If the dc\_poll request is issued while the DCons. is disabled, IED responses will **not** generate local events in the DCons.

### 5.3.8 Status Codes

**Table 6.10: Status Codes Returned by Peer Function Blocks**

DNP STATUS	DESCRIPTION
0	Operation successful
8	DNP timeout
9	Bad Read
10	Bad Operate
11	Operation Canceled
50	Bad Function IIN set
51	Object Unknown IIN set
52	Out of Range IIN set
53	Control Already Executing
61	Control Arm Timeout expired
62	Control Select not received
63	Control formatting error
64	Control operation not supported
65	Control queue full
66	Control hardware problem
127	Request could not be added to queue
130	Request not licensed
252	Invalid <i>ObjectType</i> code
253	Point does not exist
254	Invalid <i>ObjectType</i> for this function block
255	Request in progress

## 5.4 DNP3 Peer Queued Communication Function Blocks

A second series of ISaGRAF DNP3 Peer function blocks can be used for more sophisticated communication regimes than the transfer of simple data types as described in the function blocks in Section [DNP3 Communication Function Blocks](#)<sup>80</sup>. Whereas the simpler peer function blocks transferred data between ISaGRAF variables and remote RTU DNP points, the Queued Peer function blocks transfer data directly between the point databases of two peer RTUs. These queued function blocks provide enhanced functionality. For example:

- If the application programmer has six Integer Analog, one Floating Point Analog and two Binary states to read from a Peer RTU, he may use as many as four simple data type function blocks to achieve this. These four function blocks, if triggered at the same time, would cause four DNP Read request fragments to be generated and queued for transmission. As the second and subsequent fragments are not sent until the target RTU has processed and responded to the previous fragment, delays due to network latencies are four times longer than if the request could have been combined into one DNP fragment.
- The simple “rdxxana” function blocks allow the application programmer to read 1, 4, 8 or 16 consecutive analog points from the target, depending on which block he chooses. This tends to either force the application programmer to be conscious of either “packing” his target point numbers close together or of having to use more Peer function blocks if they are not close together. This maybe sufficient for new applications, but could be inefficient if adding extra Peer points to an existing application.
- The simple “rdXY” function block does not transfer any point quality data from the target RTU to the ISaGRAF application. This quality data is returned in the “Flag” octet of certain DNP Object types and gives additional information such as “Over-Range” and “A/D Reference error” for example. It is useful to be able to make this quality information available to ISaGRAF programmers.

The Queued Peer function blocks operate in quite a different manner than the simpler peer function blocks in that Peer Read or Write point requests will be queued by the functions “peer\_rdq” and “peer\_wrq”, but executed by the functions “peer\_rdx” and “peer\_wrx”. I.e. a request built up using one or more “peer\_rdq” calls to the same queue is sent to the target RTU (or Executed) by the function block “peer\_rdx” using that queue. A request built up using one or more “peer\_wrq” calls to the same queue is sent to the target RTU (or Executed) by the function block “peer\_wrx” using that queue.

Two “queue lists” are created for each ISaGRAF target kernel application, one for Read request and the other for Write requests. These queue lists hold any number of named “point request queues”. For example, an application programmer may use an instance of the “peer\_rdq” function to send ‘Read’ requests into a queue named “Lane Cove West A” and another instance of “peer\_rdq” to send ‘Read’ requests into another queue named of “North Head STP”. Two separate queues would be created, each of which are executed independently.

The queues and “queue lists” persist while the ISaGRAF application is running, but will be cleared when the ISaGRAF application is stopped or the RTU is Cold Reset. I.e. Points queued using “peer\_rdq” need not be re-queued unless the ISaGRAF application is stopped.

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5.4.1 peer\_rdq

*Adds a range of remote DNP points into a named Read Request queue*

**Description**

This ISaGRAF function adds a specified number of DNP points, to be read from a remote peer and written to a local RTU, into a queue for later execution. The DNP point numbers will be added to a specified queue if present or a new queue will be created with the given name. The final *Read* request is executed by the peer\_rdx function block, see Section [peer\\_rdx](#)<sup>[104]</sup>. The “peer\_rdq” function would be typically executed only at application startup.

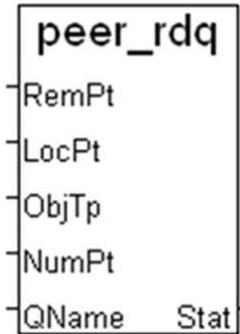


Figure 6.31: "peer\_rdq" Function

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
RemPt	Integer	DNP point number in the target RTU device to read from valid values are 0-65534.
LocPt	Integer	DNP point number in the local RTU to write needs to be a valid physical output tor derived point.
ObjTp	Integer	DNP data object to read from peer RTU. The following values are valid for this function: BinaryInput      BinInput_Status      BinOutput_Stat BinCounter_32      inCounter_16      BinCtr_32_NoFlag BinCtr_16_NoFlag      AnalogIn_32      AnalogIn_16 AnaIn32_NoFlag      AnaIn_16_NoFlag      AnalogIn_Float AnaOut_32_Stat      AnaOut_16_Stat      AnaOutFloat_Stat
NumPt	Integer	Number of consecutive points to add to queue. Valid entries are 1 – 65534.
Qname	Message	String name of queue, max 50 characters, spaces OK.

The “LocPt” or Local Point parameter should refer to a DIGITAL\_OUT\_TYPE, ANALOG\_OUT\_TYPE or COUNTER\_TYPE point type, depending on which “ObjTp” DNP Object Type is specified.

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Stat	Boolean	TRUE for successful FALSE for not successful

### 5.4.2 peer\_wrq

**Adds a range of DNP points on the local RTU into a named Write queue**

#### Description

This ISaGRAF function adds a specified number of DNP points, to be copied from the local RTU onto a Remote RTU, into a queue for later execution. The DNP point numbers will be added to a specified queue if present or a new queue will be created with the given name. The final *Write* request is executed by the peer\_wrx function block, See [4.4.4 - peer\\_wrx](#). The “peer\_wrq” function would be typically executed only at application startup.

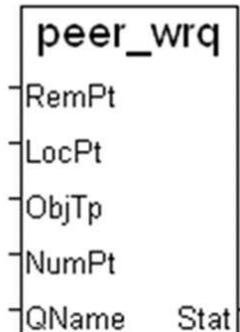


Figure 6.32: "peer\_wrq" Function

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
RemPt	Integer	DNP point number in the target RTU device to write to. Valid values are 0-65534.
LocPt	Integer	DNP point number in the local RTU where the current value or state is read from needs be a valid RTU input point type.
ObjTp	Integer	DNP data object to write to peer RTU. The following values are valid for this function: CROB_DirOp            AnaOut_32_DirOp AnaOut_16_DirOp    AnaOutFloat_DirOp
NumPt	Integer	Number of consecutive points to add to queue. Valid entries are 1 – 65534.
Qname	Message	String name of queue, max 50 characters, spaces OK.

The “LocPt” or Local Point parameter should refer to a DIGITAL\_IN\_TYPE or ANALOG\_IN\_TYPE point type, depending on which “ObjTp” DNP Object Type is specified.

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Stat	Boolean	TRUE for successful FALSE for not successful

### 5.4.3 peer\_rdx

#### *Execute queued DNP Read requests*

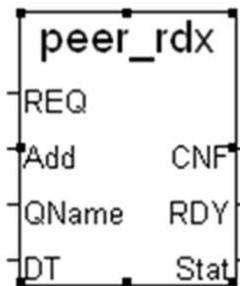
##### **Description**

The interface for this ISaGRAF function block is similar to the simple "rdxx" family of function blocks. When triggered with a rising edge on the REQ input, the function block will look for a matching queue name with the one supplied by the user. If found, it will iterate the queue in order to build up one or more DNP request fragments. Consecutive point numbers will be packed into the DNP request fragment in an efficient manner.

Unlike the simple ISaGRAF Peer function blocks (which read into ISaGRAF variables), the returned values or states of the remote points are written directly to the local RTU points specified when the point request was queued with "peer\_rdq". Where the user has queued a point request using a DNP Object type that supports status flags, the response status flags will be written to the local RTU points.

The local points will contain valid data (and flags) when CNF & RDY are TRUE. The Analog "Stat" output variable will contain Zero if the transaction was successful, otherwise an error code. Also see [Status Codes](#)<sup>99</sup>.

Should the DNP request be unsuccessful, the ISaGRAF application programmer may choose to set the "Point is Bad" property on local RTU points in that named Read queue. This will cause the RTU's Data Processor to also set each point's "Point is Failed" property. A subsequent successful transaction could clear the "Point is Bad" property.



**Figure 6.33: "peer\_rdx" Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Req	Boolean	Data Transfer Request. Initiate data transfer request on rising edge
Add	Integer	DNP target device address. Valid range is 0-65534.
QName	Message	String name of the queue, max 50 characters, spaces OK.
DT	Timer	Transaction time-out (peer RTU request only).

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	Boolean	Data transfer confirm TRUE indicates completion of request. FALSE, otherwise.
Rdy	Boolean	Data is ready
Stat	Integer	Status = 0 indicates a successful read Status = 255 indicates an outstanding DNP request See <a href="#">Status Codes</a> <sup>[99]</sup> for other status codes

#### 5.4.4 peer\_wrx

##### *Execute queued DNP Write requests*

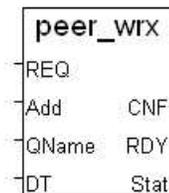
##### **Description**

The operation of this function block is very similar to the “peer\_rdx” function block. It triggers a DNP “Direct Operate” control for the points queued using the “peer\_wrq” function. The local RTU points in the Write queue will **not** have any properties changed.

The interface for this ISaGRAF function block is similar to the simple “wrx” family of function blocks. When triggered with a rising edge on the REQ input, the function block will look for a matching queue name with the one supplied by the user. If found, it will iterate the queue in order to build up one or more DNP request fragments. Consecutive point numbers will be packed into the DNP request fragment in an efficient manner.

Unlike the simple ISaGRAF Peer function blocks (which write from ISaGRAF variables), the returned values or states of the remote points are written directly to the local RTU points specified when the point request was queued with “peer\_wrq”. Where the user has queued a point request using a DNP Object type that supports status flags, the response status flags will be written to the remote RTU points.

The remote points will contain valid data (and flags) when CNF & RDY are TRUE. The Analog “Stat” output variable will contain Zero if the transaction was successful, otherwise an error code. Also see [Status Codes](#)<sup>[99]</sup>.



**Figure 6.34: "peer\_wrx" Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Req	Boolean	Data Transfer Request. Initiate data transfer request on rising edge
Add	Integer	DNP target device address. Valid range is 0-65534
QName	Message	String name of the queue, max 50 characters, spaces OK
DT	Timer	Transaction time-out (peer RTU request only)

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	Boolean	Data transfer confirm TRUE indicates completion of request. FALSE, otherwise
Rdy	Boolean	Data is ready
Stat	Integer	Status = 0 indicates a successful write (control) Status = 255 indicates an outstanding DNP request See <a href="#">Status Codes</a> <sup>[99]</sup> for other status codes

#### 5.4.5 peer\_rdc

##### *Clear a Read request queue*

##### **Description**

The "peer\_rdc" ISaGRAF functions allow the application programmer to clear every point in a named queue. The functions will return TRUE if the specified queue is found and its points are removed successfully.



**Figure 6.35: "peer\_rdc" Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
QName	Message	String name of the queue, max 50 characters, spaces OK.

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Stat	Boolean	TRUE for success otherwise FALSE.

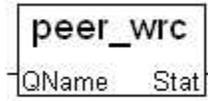
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#### 5.4.6 peer\_wrc

##### *Clear a Write request queue*

##### **Description**

The "peer\_wrc" ISaGRAF functions allow the application programmer to clear every point in a named queue. The functions will return TRUE if the specified queue is found and its points are removed successfully.



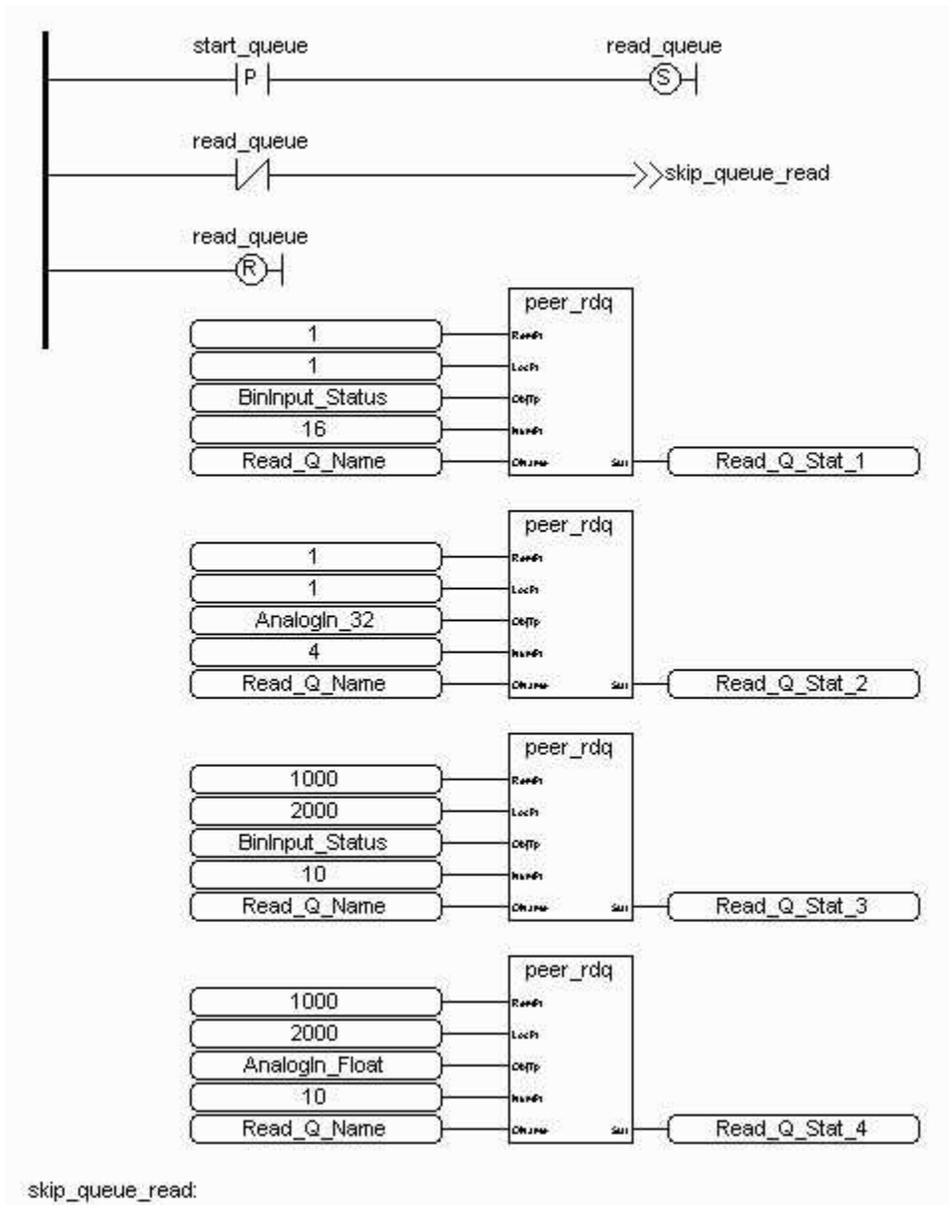
**Figure 6.36: "peer\_wrc" Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
QName	Message	String name of the queue, max 50 characters, spaces OK.

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Stat	Boolean	TRUE for success, otherwise FALSE.

## 5.4.7 Queued Peer Read Example



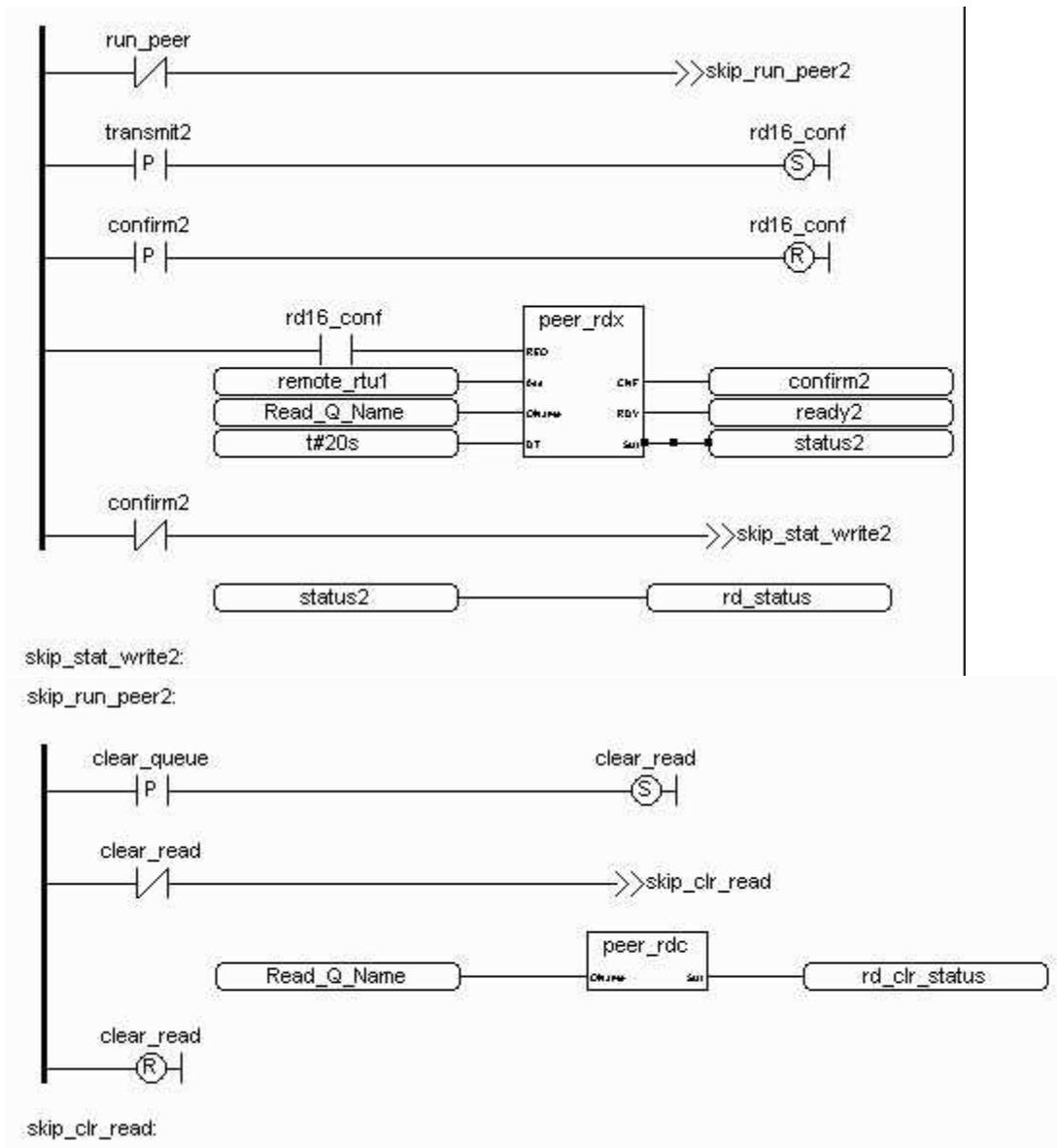


Figure 6.37: Example Peer Queued Read

Figure 6.37<sup>[110]</sup> shows an example of how a Peer Queued Read test program might be implemented. Setting the boolean variable “start queue” TRUE causes four Read Queue functions to be executed once only. Following that, setting the “run\_peer” variable TRUE will cause the “peer\_rdx” to issue a DNP Peer read request. The “peer\_rdx” function block will be re-triggered by its Confirm (CNF) line going TRUE to indicate completion. This cycle will continue until “run\_peer” is set FALSE.

Setting the “clear\_queue” Boolean variable TRUE causes the “peer\_rdc” function to execute once. This will clear every Read request in the named queue.

## 5.5 PLC Communications Control Function Blocks

These function blocks provide an interface to disable and enable Read and Write communications to PLC Devices using an ISaGRAF application:

- [mbusctrl](#)<sup>[113]</sup>
  - [mtcpctrl](#)<sup>[114]</sup>
  - [df1ctrl](#)<sup>[115]</sup>
  - [koyoctrl](#)<sup>[116]</sup>
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### 5.5.1 mbusctrl

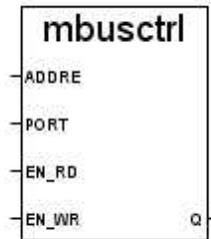
#### *Control Communications to Modbus Device*

##### **Description**

This function block allows enabling or disabling of communication with Modbus PLC devices configured using ISaGRAF PLC device I/O boards. Device communications setup by **mbusxxyy** I/O boards can be controlled using this function block.

Every I/O board defining the communication to the specified Modbus PLC device are affected by this function block.

A PLC device address of 0 will enable or disable communications to every device on the specified port.



**mbusctrl Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Address	Integer	Modbus address of the device to control. An address of 0 will enable/disable communication to every device on the specified port
Port	Integer	The serial port number that the device is connected to
En_RD	Boolean	When TRUE, ISaGRAF PLC device Input Boards (with the specified Modbus PLC device address) will be updated at the configured data update rate. When FALSE, data reads to the PLC Device will be disabled
En_WR	Boolean	When TRUE, data changes on ISaGRAF PLC device Output Boards (with the specified Modbus PLC device address) will be written to the device. When FALSE, data writes to the PLC Device will be disabled

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Q	Integer	FALSE if the Address or Port inputs are incorrect; otherwise TRUE

### 5.5.2 mtcpcrtl

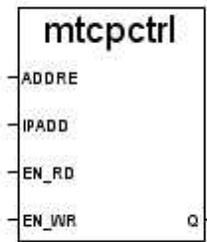
#### *Control Communications to Modbus/TCP or Modbus RTU in TCP Device*

##### Description

This function block allows enabling or disabling of communication with Modbus/TCP PLC devices configured using ISaGRAF PLC device I/O boards. Device communications setup by **mtcp $xyy$**  or **mrtp $xyy$**  I/O boards can be controlled using this function block.

Every I/O board defining the communication to the specified Modbus/TCP or Modbus RTU in TCP PLC device are affected by this function block.

A PLC device address of 0 will enable or disable communications to every device at the specified IP Address.



**mtcpcrtl Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Address	Integer	Modbus address of the device to control. An address of 0 will enable/disable communication to every device on the specified port
IPAddr	Message	The IP address that the device is connected to
En_RD	Boolean	When TRUE, ISaGRAF PLC device Input Boards (with the specified Modbus/TCP or Modbus RTU in TCP PLC device address) will be updated at the configured data update rate. When FALSE, data reads to the PLC Device will be disabled
En_WR	Boolean	When TRUE, data changes on ISaGRAF PLC device Output Boards (with the specified Modbus/TCP or Modbus RTU in TCP PLC device address) will be written to the device. When FALSE, data writes to the PLC Device will be disabled

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Q	Integer	FALSE if the Address or Port inputs are incorrect; otherwise TRUE

### 5.5.3 df1ctrl

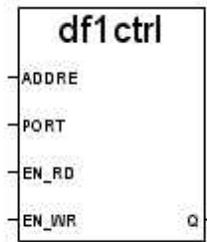
#### **Control Communications to DF/1 Device**

##### **Description**

This function block allows enabling or disabling of communication with DF/1 PLC devices configured using ISaGRAF PLC device I/O boards. Device communications setup by **df1xyy** I/O boards can be controlled using this function block.

Every I/O board defining the communication to the specified DF/1 PLC device are affected by this function block.

A PLC device address of 0 will enable or disable communications to every device on the specified port.



**df1ctrl Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Address	Integer	DF/1 address of the device to control. An address of 0 will enable/disable communication to every device on the specified port
Port	Integer	The serial port number that the device is connected to
En_RD	Boolean	When TRUE, ISaGRAF PLC device Input Boards (with the specified DF/1 PLC device address) will be updated at the configured data update rate. When FALSE, data reads to the PLC Device will be disabled
En_WVR	Boolean	When TRUE, data changes on ISaGRAF PLC device Output Boards (with the specified DF/1 PLC device address) will be written to the device. When FALSE, data writes to the PLC Device will be disabled

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Q	Integer	FALSE if the Address or Port inputs are incorrect; otherwise TRUE

### 5.5.4 koyoctrl

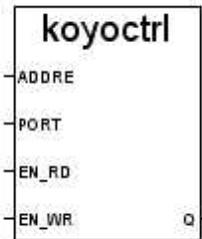
#### *Control Communications to DirectNET Koyo Device*

##### Description

This function block allows enabling or disabling of communication with DirectNET Koyo PLC devices configured using ISaGRAF PLC device I/O boards. Device communications setup by **koyoxyy** I/O boards can be controlled using this function block.

Every I/O board defining the communication to the specified Koyo PLC device are affected by this function block.

A PLC device address of 0 will enable or disable communications to every device on the specified port.



**koyoctrl Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Address	Integer	DirectNET Koyo address of the device to control. An address of 0 will enable/disable communication to every device on the specified port
Port	Integer	The serial port number that the device is connected to
En_RD	Boolean	When TRUE, ISaGRAF PLC device Input Boards (with the specified Koyo PLC device address) will be updated at the configured data update rate. When FALSE, data reads to the PLC Device will be disabled
En_WR	Boolean	When TRUE, data changes on ISaGRAF PLC device Output Boards (with the specified Koyo PLC device address) will be written to the device. When FALSE, data writes to the PLC Device will be disabled

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Q	Integer	FALSE if the Address or Port inputs are incorrect; otherwise TRUE

## 5.6 Serial Port User Communication Functions

These function blocks provide an interface to setup serial port parameters on the SCADAPack E RTU via an ISaGRAF application:

- [comopen](#)<sup>[118]</sup>
- [comclose](#)<sup>[119]</sup>
- [comrx](#)<sup>[120]</sup>
- [comrxb](#)<sup>[121]</sup>
- [comrxclr](#)<sup>[122]</sup>
- [comtx](#)<sup>[123]</sup>
- [comtxb](#)<sup>[124]</sup>
- [getport](#)<sup>[125]</sup>
- [setport](#)<sup>[126]</sup>

### 5.6.1 comopen

#### *Open a serial port for use*

#### **Description**

This function is used to open an RTU serial port for use within an ISaGRAF program. The function returns a positive integer ID for the opened port if successful, or a zero if not successful. The ID is used by the *comrx*, *comtx*, *comclose* and *comrxclr* functions to identify which port to act upon, as more than one serial port may be in use. The RTU port "Function" configuration needs to be set to "ISaGRAF-User" using the SCADAPack E Configurator before the port can be used within an ISaGRAF program. Multiple ports may be configured for ISaGRAF-User and opened for User access by the ISaGRAF applications.



**Figure 6.38: comopen Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Port	Message	Serial Port to control valid values are: PORT 0 PORT 1 PORT 2 PORT 3 PORT 4  PORT is case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed), and a space before the port digit is optional (e.g. "PORT0" & "PORT 0" allowed).

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Id	Integer	Id of serial port. Return value is 0 if port could not be opened.

### 5.6.2 comclose

#### *Close a serial port*

#### **Description**

This function is used to close an RTU serial port currently in use by an ISaGRAF program (ie. A port previous opened using the comopen function). The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



**Figure 6.39: comclose Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Id	Integer	ID of serial port to close (ID from previous comopen)

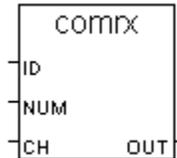
OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
OK	Boolean	TRUE if operation is successful. Else FALSE.

### 5.6.3 comrx

#### *Read characters from a serial port*

#### **Description**

This function receives a string of ASCII characters from an open RTU serial port. Either a string length or a terminating character can be specified to indicate when to stop reading characters. The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



**Figure 6.40: comrx Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Id	Integer	ID of serial port to close (ID from previous comopen)
Num	Integer	Number of characters to be read (0 = no minimum length to be read)
Ch	Integer	Watch for this character to terminate string (non-valid ASCII character $\geq 256$ disables a terminating character)

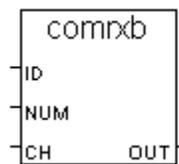
OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Out	Message	Character string read from serial port

#### 5.6.4 comrxb

##### *Read binary characters from serial port and display in ASCII*

##### **Description**

This function receives an array of binary characters from an open RTU serial port and displays it as an ASCII string. This function is used for receiving binary protocols. Either an array length or a terminating character can be specified to indicate when to stop reading characters. The array length should be set as twice the number of binary characters that you wish to receive. For example, to receive the binary characters 0x32 0xF4 0x5D, you would set NumChars to be 6, and the received msg would be the string '32F45D' (which has 6 characters). [Figure 6.41](#) shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



**Figure 6.41: comrxb Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Id	Integer	ID of serial port to close (ID from previous comopen)
Num	Integer	2 * Number of characters to be read (0 = no minimum length to be read)
Ch	Integer	Watch for this character to terminate string (non-valid ASCII character >=256 disables a terminating character)

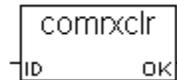
OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Out	Message	Character string representation of the binary protocol from serial port

### 5.6.5 comrxclr

#### *Clear serial port receive (RX) buffer*

#### **Description**

This function is used to clear an RTU's serial port receive buffer. It requires that the serial port has been opened using the comopen function.



**Figure 6.42: comrxclr Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Id	Integer	ID of serial port to close (ID from previous comopen)

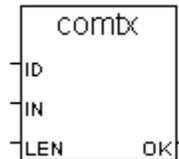
OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
OK	Boolean	TRUE if characters were cleared from the buffer. FALSE if characters were not cleared (i.e. no characters available), or if the port wasn't open, or if the ID was invalid.

### 5.6.6 comtx

#### *Write characters to a serial port*

#### **Description**

This function writes a string of ASCII characters to an open RTU serial port.



**Figure 6.44: comtx Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Id	Integer	ID of serial port to close (ID from previous comopen)
In	Message	Character string to write to the serial port
Len	Integer	Number of characters to write. The LEN parameter also allows for the transmission of the NUL (ASCII 0) character, which is generally used to terminate a string of characters.

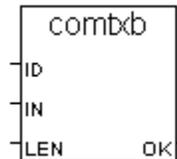
OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
OK	Boolean	TRUE if operation successful.

## 5.6.7 comtxb

**Convert a string of ASCII characters to binary and write to serial port**

**Description**

This function converts a string of ASCII characters to binary and writes them out an open RTU serial port. The NumChars variable should be set to the number of ASCII characters to transmit (i.e. twice the number of binary characters that will be transmitted). That is, to transmit the binary characters 0x02 0xFD 0x6A then you would set TxMsg as '02FD6A' and NumChars as 6. [Figure 6.45](#)<sup>[124]</sup> shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



**Figure 6.45: comtxb Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Id	Integer	ID of serial port to close (ID from previous comopen)
In	Message	Character string to convert to binary and write to serial port
Len	Integer	Number of characters to write. (2* the number of binary characters to write).

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
OK	Boolean	TRUE if operation successful.

5.6.8 **getport**

**Read a DNP3 RS-232 line state**

**Description**

The GETPORT ISaGRAF function block reads a serial port hardware line state for a DNP3 serial port only.

This function is not supported on non-DNP3 ports. DNP3 driver ports (PPP, GPRS, 1xRTT, Hayes Modem) are also not supported.

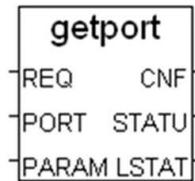


Figure 6.54: getport Function Block

**Inputs:**

Name	ISaGRAF data type	Notes
<i>Req</i>	Boolean	Data Read request: initiate data transfer when asserted (rising edge)
<i>Port</i>	Analog	DNP3 RTU Serial Port No.
<i>Param</i>	Analog	Which DNP serial port hardware line to read. Use one of the following defines: CTS, DCD, DSR (defined in the "common.eqv" file).

**Outputs:**

Name	ISaGRAF data type	Notes
<i>CNF</i>	Boolean	Data transfer confirm: indicates completion of request
<i>Status</i>	Analog	Transaction status value: Success = 0, Invalid Port = 1, Invalid Param. = 2
<i>Lstate</i>	Boolean	The state of the serial port hardware line. True if the hardware line is asserted.

### 5.6.9 setport

#### *Set a DNP3 port RS-232 line state*

#### Description

The SETPORT ISaGRAF function block sets a serial port hardware line state for a DNP3 serial port only.

This function is not supported on non-DNP3 ports. DNP3 driver ports (PPP, GPRS, 1xRTT, Hayes Modem) are also not supported.

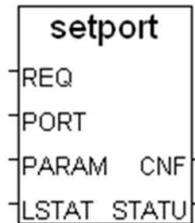


Figure 6.55: setport Function Block

#### Inputs:

Name	ISaGRAF data type	Notes
<i>Req</i>	Boolean	Data Write request: initiate data transfer when asserted (rising edge)
<i>Port</i>	Analog	DNP3 Serial Port Number
<i>Param</i>	Analog	Which DNP serial port hardware line to control. Use one of the following defines are valid: RTS, DTR (Defined in the "common.eqv" file).
<i>Lstate</i>	Boolean	The new state of the serial port hardware line. True if the hardware line is to be asserted.

#### Outputs:

Name	ISaGRAF data type	Notes
<i>CNF</i>	Boolean	Data transfer confirm: indicates completion of request
<i>Status</i>	Analog	Transaction status value: Success = 0, Invalid Port = 1, Invalid Param. = 2

## 5.7 Miscellaneous Function Blocks

The application programmer can use these miscellaneous function blocks to further enhance the capability of an ISaGRAF application:

- [\*pid\*](#)<sup>[128]</sup>
- [\*pid\*](#)<sup>[131]</sup>
- [\*pid\\_al\*](#)<sup>[135]</sup>
- [\*flow\*](#)<sup>[138]</sup>
- [\*total\*](#)<sup>[140]</sup>
- [\*rea\\_msg\*](#)<sup>[143]</sup>
- [\*gen\\_evt\*](#)<sup>[145]</sup>
- [\*genmsevt\*](#)<sup>[147]</sup>
- [\*ana\\_time\*](#)<sup>[149]</sup>
- [\*cmd\\_exec\*](#)<sup>[151]</sup>
- [\*rtuparam\*](#)<sup>[152]</sup>
- [\*chgroute\*](#)<sup>[159]</sup>
- [\*chgrtnum\*](#)<sup>[162]</sup>
- [\*chgrprt\*](#)<sup>[163]</sup>

5.7.1 **pida****pida****Analog Output PID Function Block****Description**

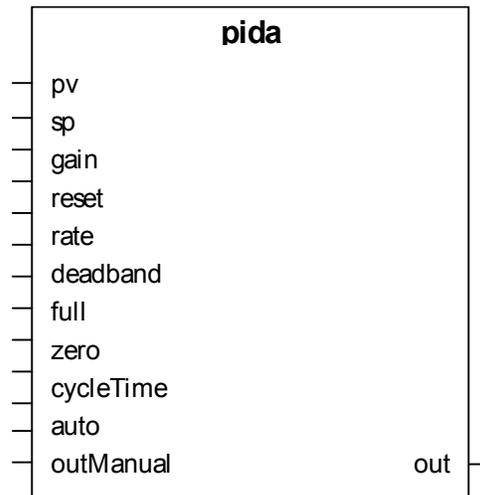
The **pida** function block performs a PID algorithm and calculates an analog output.

In automatic mode, the output is calculated using the PID algorithm. A new calculation is done at the rate specified by `cycleTime`.

In manual mode (`auto = FALSE`), the output is set to the value of the `outManual` input. The output is limited to the range set by `full` and `zero`.

If the `cycleTime` parameter is less than the cycle time of the ISaGRAF application program, the sampling period is the period of the application.

The analog output function block **pida** appears as follows.

**Arguments**

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>pv</b>	Real	The process value is used to calculate the process error in the PID algorithm. $error = pv - sp$
<b>sp</b>	Real	The setpoint value is used to calculate the process error in the PID algorithm. $error = pv - sp$ .
<b>gain</b>	Real	The proportional gain. A positive value of gain configures a forward-acting PID controller and a negative value of gain configures a reverse acting controller.
<b>reset</b>	Real	The reset time, in seconds. This controls the reset gain (or magnitude of integral action) in a PI or PID controller. Valid range

Inputs	Type	Description
		is any value greater than 0. A value of 0 disables the reset action.
<b>rate</b>	Real	The rate time, in seconds. This controls the rate gain (or magnitude of derivative action) in a PD or PID controller. Valid range is any value greater than 0. A value of 0 disables the rate action.
<b>deadband</b>	Real	The setpoint deadband is used by the PID algorithm to determine if the process requires control outputs. If the absolute value of the error is less than the deadband, then the function block skips execution of the control algorithm. This permits faster execution when the error is within a certain acceptable range or deadband. Valid range is any value greater than 0.
<b>full</b>	Real	The full input is used in limiting the maximum output value of the pida function block. If the PID algorithm calculates an <b>out</b> quantity that is greater than the value stored in full the out quantity is set equal to the value stored in full. The full input should be greater than the zero input.
<b>zero</b>	Real	The zero input is used in limiting the minimum output value of the pida function block. If the PID algorithm calculates an <b>out</b> quantity that is less than the value stored in zero, the out quantity is set equal to the value stored in zero. The zero input should be less than the full input.
<b>cycleTime</b>	Time	The value of the PID algorithm execution period measured in seconds. Any value greater than or equal to 0.001 seconds (1 ms) may be specified. If the cycleTime specified is less than the scan time of the ISaGRAF application program, the scan time of the application becomes the PID cycleTime.
<b>auto</b>	Boolean	When set to TRUE the <b>out</b> value is calculated using the PID algorithm. When set to FALSE the <b>out</b> value is set to the value of <b>outManual</b> .
<b>outManual</b>	Real	The value that the <b>out</b> is set to when the pida function block is in the manual mode.

<u>Outputs</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>out</b>	Real	PID algorithm output.

### PID Velocity Algorithm

The PIDA function uses the velocity form of the PID algorithm. The velocity form calculates the change in the output and adds it to the previous output.

$$m_n = m_{n-1} + K \left[ e_n - e_{n-1} + \frac{T}{T_i} e_n + \frac{R}{T} (p_n - 2p_{n-1} + p_{n-2}) \right]$$

where

$$e_n = s_n - p_n$$

and:

- $e$  = error
- $s$  = setpoint
- $p$  = process value
- $K$  = gain
- $T$  = execution period
- $T_i$  = integral or reset time
- $R$  = rate gain
- $m$  = output

The above parameters are fully described below.

### Setpoint

The **setpoint** is a floating-point value representing the desired value of the process value. The error value is the difference between the process value and the setpoint.

**error = process value – setpoint (+/- deadband).**

### Process Value

The **process value** is a value that represents the actual state of the process being controlled.

### Gain

The proportional (P) part of the PID algorithm is the **gain**. A positive value of gain configures a forward-acting PID controller and a negative value of gain configures a reverse acting controller.

### Reset Time

The integral (I) part of the PID algorithm is the **reset time**. This value, in seconds, controls the reset gain (or magnitude of integral action) in a PI or PID controller. This is typically referred to as Seconds Per Repeat. From the equation above it is seen that the integral action of the PI or PID controller is a function of the reset time and the execution period (cycle time). A smaller reset time provides more integral action and a larger reset time provides less integral action. Valid range is any value greater than 0. A value of 0 disables the reset action.

### Rate Gain

The derivative (D) part of the PID algorithm is the **rate time**. This value, in seconds, controls the rate gain (or magnitude of derivative action) in a PD or PID controller. From the equation above it is seen that the derivative action of the PD or PID controller is a function of the rate gain and the execution period (cycle time). A larger rate gain provides more derivative action and a smaller rate gain provides less derivative action. Valid range is any value greater than 0. A value of 0 disables the rate action.

## Deadband

The **deadband** parameter is used by the PID algorithm to determine if the process requires the control outputs to be changed. If the absolute value of the error is less than the deadband, then the function block skips execution of the control algorithm. This stops changes to the output when the process value is near the setpoint and can reduce wear on the control elements. Valid range is any value greater than 0. The **setpoint** is a floating-point value representing the desired value of the process value.

## Full

The **full** setting is used in limiting the maximum output value of the PIDA function. If the PID algorithm calculates an **output** quantity that is greater than the value stored in **full**, the output quantity is set equal to the value stored in **full**. The **full** setting should be greater than the **zero** setting.

## Zero

The **zero** setting is used in limiting the minimum output value of the PIDA function. If the PID algorithm calculates an **output** quantity that is less than the value stored in **zero**, the **output** quantity is set equal to the value stored in **zero**. The **zero** setting should be less than the **full** setting.

## Cycle Time

The **cycle time** is the floating-point value of the PID algorithm execution period measured in seconds. Any value greater than or equal to 0.001 seconds (1 ms) may be specified. If the cycle time specified is less than the scan time of the program, the program scan time becomes the PID cycle time.

## Manual Mode

The **manual mode output** is the value that the **output** is set to when the PIDA function is in manual mode.

See Also [pid](#)<sup>131</sup>

### 5.7.2 pidd

## pidd

### *Discrete Output PID Function Block*

## Description

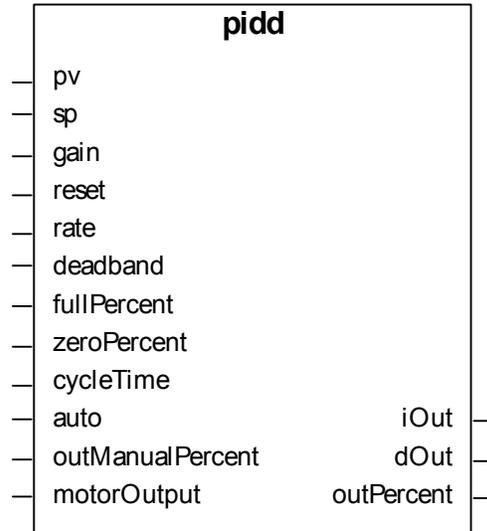
The **pidd** function block performs a PID algorithm and controls two discrete outputs. The output is a duty cycle of a Boolean value. The duty cycle depends on the value of the output. The increase output, iOut, is cycled when the outputPercent is greater than zero. The decrease output, dOut, is cycled when the outputPercent is less than zero.

In automatic mode, the output is calculated using the PID algorithm. A new calculation is done at the rate specified by cycleTime.

In manual mode (auto = FALSE), the outPercent is set to the value of the outManualPercent input. The output is limited to the range set by fullPercent and zeroPercent.

If the cycleTime parameter is less than the cycle time of the ISaGRAF application program, the sampling period is the period of the application.

The analog output function block ***pid*** appears as follows.



### Arguments

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>pv</b>	Real	The process value is used to calculate the process error in the PID algorithm. $error = pv - sp$
<b>sp</b>	Real	The setpoint value is used to calculate the process error in the PID algorithm. $error = pv - sp$
<b>gain</b>	Real	The proportional gain. A positive value of gain configures a forward-acting PID controller and a negative value of gain configures a reverse acting controller.
<b>reset</b>	Real	The reset time, in seconds. This controls the reset gain (or magnitude of integral action) in a PI or PID controller. Valid range is any value greater than 0. A value of 0 disables the reset action.
<b>rate</b>	Real	The rate time, in seconds. This controls the rate gain (or magnitude of derivative action) in a PD or PID controller. Valid range is any value greater than 0. A value of 0 disables the rate action.

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>deadband</b>	Real	The setpoint deadband is used by the PID algorithm to determine if the process requires control outputs. If the absolute value of the error is less than the deadband, then the function block skips execution of the control algorithm. This permits faster execution when the error is within a certain acceptable range or deadband. Valid range is any value greater than 0.
<b>fullPercent</b>	Real	The full scale output limit in percent of cycleTime.
<b>zeroPercent</b>	Real	The zero scale output limit in percent of cycleTime.
<b>cycleTime</b>	Time	The value of the PID algorithm execution period measured in seconds. Any value greater than or equal to 0.001 seconds (1 ms) may be specified. If the cycleTime specified is less than the scan time of the ISaGRAF application program, the scan time of the application becomes the PID cycleTime.
<b>auto</b>	Boolean	When set to TRUE the output value is calculated using the PID algorithm. When set to FALSE the output value is set to the value of <b>outManualPercent</b> .
<b>outManualPercent</b>	Real	The value that the output is set to when the pida function block is in the manual mode.
<b>motorOutput</b>	Boolean	When set to TRUE <b>iOut</b> and <b>dOut</b> are off when error is within the deadband. When set to FALSE <b>iOut</b> and <b>dOut</b> act normally.

Outputs	Type	Description
<b>iOut</b>	Boolean	The increase output. This output cycles when <b>outPercent</b> is greater than zero.
<b>dOut</b>	Boolean	The decrease output. This output cycles when <b>outPercent</b> is less than zero.
<b>outPercent</b>	Real	PID algorithm output.

### PID Velocity Algorithm

The PIDD function uses the velocity form of the PID algorithm. The velocity form calculates the change in the output and adds it to the previous output.

$$m_n = m_{n-1} + K \left[ e_n - e_{n-1} + \frac{T}{T_i} e_n + \frac{R}{T} (p_n - 2p_{n-1} + p_{n-2}) \right]$$

where

$$e_n = s_n - p_n$$

and:

- $e$  = error
- $s$  = setpoint
- $p$  = process value
- $K$  = gain
- $T$  = execution period
- $T_i$  = integral or reset time
- $R$  = rate gain
- $m$  = output

The above parameters are fully described below.

### Setpoint

The **setpoint** is a floating-point value representing the desired value of the process value. The error value is the difference between the process value and the setpoint.

**error = process value – setpoint (+/- deadband).**

### Process Value

The **process value** is a value that represents the actual state of the process being controlled. See the Function Variables section above for the registers to use for the process value input to the PID.

### Gain

The proportional (P) part of the PID algorithm is the **gain**. A positive value of gain configures a forward-acting PID controller and a negative value of gain configures a reverse acting controller.

### Reset Time

The integral (I) part of the PID algorithm is the **reset time**. This value, in seconds, controls the reset gain (or magnitude of integral action) in a PI or PID controller. This is typically referred to as Seconds Per Repeat. From the equation above it is seen that the integral action of the PI or PID controller is a function of the reset time and the execution period (cycle time). A smaller reset time provides more integral action and a larger reset time provides less integral action. Valid range is any value greater than 0. A value of 0 disables the reset action.

### Rate Gain

The derivative (D) part of the PID algorithm is the **rate time**. This value, in seconds, controls the rate gain (or magnitude of derivative action) in a PD or PID controller. From the equation above it is seen that the derivative action of the PD or PID controller is a function of the rate gain and the execution period (cycle time). A larger rate gain provides more derivative action and a smaller rate gain provides less derivative action. Valid range is any value greater than 0. A value of 0 disables the rate action.

## Deadband

The **deadband** parameter is used by the PID algorithm to determine if the process requires the control outputs to be changed. If the absolute value of the error is less than the deadband, then the function block skips execution of the control algorithm. This stops changes to the output when the process value is near the setpoint and can reduce wear on the control elements. Valid range is any value greater than 0.

## Full Scale Output

The **full%** setting is the full-scale output limit in percent of **cycle time**. For example if the cycle time is 10 seconds and the full% value is 100 then the maximum duty cycle of the output% is 100 percent or 10 seconds.

When the zero% value is 0 or greater then the increase output is turned on for the duty cycle of the output%. When the zero% value is less than zero the decrease output is turned on for the duty cycle of the output% when the output% is negative.

## Zero Scale Output

The **zero%** setting is the zero scale output limit in percent of **cycle time**. When the zero% value is 0 or greater then the increase output is turned on for the duty cycle of the output%. When the zero% value is less than zero the decrease output is turned on for the duty cycle of the output% when the output% is negative.

## Cycle Time

The **cycle time** is the floating-point value of the PID algorithm execution period measured in seconds. Any value greater than or equal to 0.001 seconds (1 ms) may be specified. If the cycle time specified is less than the scan time of the program, the program scan time becomes the PID cycle time.

## Manual Mode Output

The **manual mode output%** is the value that the **output%** is set to when the PIDD function is in manual mode.

## Motor Output

When the **motor output** is set to **enabled** the **increase** and **decrease** outputs are de-energized when error is within the deadband. When the **motor output** is set to **disabled** the **increase** and **decrease** outputs operate continuously based on the **output%**.

See Also [pida](#)<sup>128</sup>

### 5.7.3 pid\_al

#### *PID regulator with output limiting and integral wind-up prevention*

##### Description

This function block provides PID (Proportional-Integral-Derivative) control to ISaGRAF with output limiting and integral wind-up prevention. The figure below shows the function block with the following calling and return parameters:

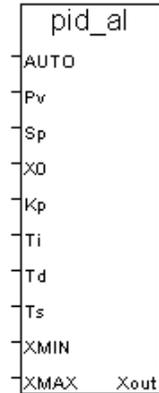


Figure 6.46: pid\_al Function Block

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Auto	Boolean	<p>PID Automatic mode when TRUE            PID Manual mode when FALSE</p> <p>AUTO mode needs to be set to FALSE at initialization</p> <p>In Manual mode, the following occurs:  <math>X_{out} = X_0</math>  <math>Integral = (X_0 * T_i) / K_p</math>; where <math>T_i</math> and <math>K_p</math> and Integral Time constants and Proportional constants respectively.</p>
PV	Real	Process Variable –output value from process
SP	Real	Set Point –desired value of process variable
X0	Real	Manual mode output adjustment value
Kp	Real	Proportionality constant
Ti	Real	Integral Time constant
Td	Real	Derivative Time Constant
Ts	Timer	Sampling period in ms. This value needs to be greater than the ISaGRAF target scan rate.
Xmin	Real	Minimum limit on process output command value
Xmax	Real	Maximum limit on process output command value. Should be greater than Xmin.

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OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Xout	Real	Process command value. Xout is limited within Xmin and Xmax. The Integral term is held constant when Xout reaches Xmin or Xmax. Xout = X0 in manual mode.

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## 5.7.4 flow

**flow*****Non-Volatile Flow Accumulator*****Description**

The **flow** function accumulates flow from pulse type devices such as turbine flow meters.

When the accumulate input is ON the function accumulates volume and calculates the flow rate.

When the Log Data input goes from OFF to ON, the accumulated volume is saved in the history registers. Older history is pushed down and the oldest record is discarded. The Log Data input needs to be triggered at least once every 119 hours (at the maximum pulse rate of 10kHz). Otherwise the volume accumulator will overflow, and the accumulated volume will not be accurate.

The accuracy of the FLOW block improves with longer periods between logging data. For greatest accuracy avoid logging small periods of time.

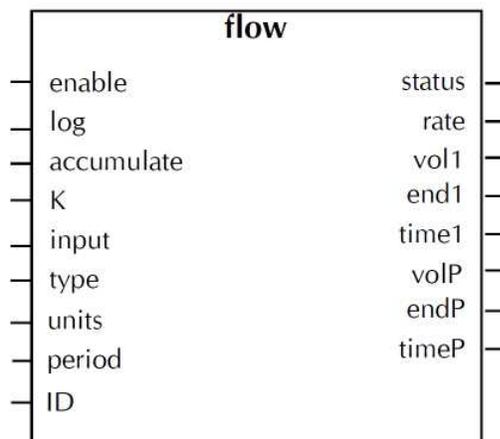
When the accumulator enabled input is ON, accumulation and rate calculations are enabled. When the input is OFF, accumulators, stored data and the outputs are set to zero.

The function reads and accumulates the number of pulses, and divides by the K factor to calculate the total volume. This is done on each scan of the controller logic. The function calculates the flow rate in engineering units based on the K-factor provided. The rate updates once per second if there is sufficient flow. If the flow is insufficient, the update slows to as little as once every ten seconds to maintain resolution of the calculated rate.

Stored data is retained when the program is stopped, and when the controller is powered off or reset.

32 **flow** function blocks can be added to the controller. These are shared between the two ISaGRAF kernels. The same ID cannot be used in both kernels.

The flow accumulator function block **flow** appears as follows.



### Arguments

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>enable</b>	Boolean	TRUE = enable accumulation FALSE = clear outputs
<b>log</b>	Boolean	Log Data FALSE to TRUE transition = log data
<b>accumulate</b>	Boolean	Accumulate flow TRUE = accumulate flow
<b>K</b>	Real	K factor F needs to be a positive value.
<b>input</b>	Integer	Pulse Input
<b>type</b>	Integer	Input type 0 = 32 bit running counter 1 = 32 bit difference
<b>units</b>	Integer	Rate period 0 = seconds 1 = minutes 2 = hours 3 = days
<b>period</b>	Integer	Specified record to be displayed (1 to 35).
<b>ID</b>	Integer	Identifies the internal flow accumulator (1 to 32).

Outputs	Type	Description
<b>status</b>	Integer	Status 0 = normal 1 = invalid <b>K</b> input 2 = invalid <b>Period</b> input 3 = invalid <b>Type</b> input 4 = invalid <b>Units</b> input 5 = pulse rate is too low for accurate flow rate calculation 6 = invalid <b>ID</b>
<b>rate</b>	Real	Flow rate
<b>vol1</b>	Real	Volume for period 1
<b>end1</b>	Integer	Time at end of period 1 Seconds from January 1, 1970
<b>time1</b>	Integer	Flow time for period 1 Time in seconds
<b>volP</b>	Real	Volume for specified <b>period</b>
<b>endP</b>	Integer	Time at end of specified <b>period</b> Seconds from January 1, 1970
<b>timeP</b>	Integer	Flow time in specified <b>period</b> Time in seconds

The **flow** function block stored data is retained when the program is stopped, power is cycled or the controller is reset. The stored data is cleared when the controller is initialized or when the enable input is OFF.

The maximum pulse rate is 10 kHz. Measuring the accumulated pulses and dividing by the K factor calculates the accumulated flow. The K factor cannot be changed while an accumulation is in progress. Only change the K factor while accumulation is stopped.

### 5.7.5 total

#### **total** *Non-Volatile Totalizer*

### Description

The **total** function block reads a rate input and integrates it over the sample interval to accumulate a total. Up to 32 total function blocks can be added to a program.

When the accumulate input is ON the function accumulates the total. The time1 and timeP outputs report the totals.

When the enable input is ON, accumulation is enabled. When the enable input is OFF, the accumulated values and the logged data are deleted.

When the log input goes from OFF to ON, the accumulated total is saved in the history records. Older history is pushed down and the oldest record is discarded.

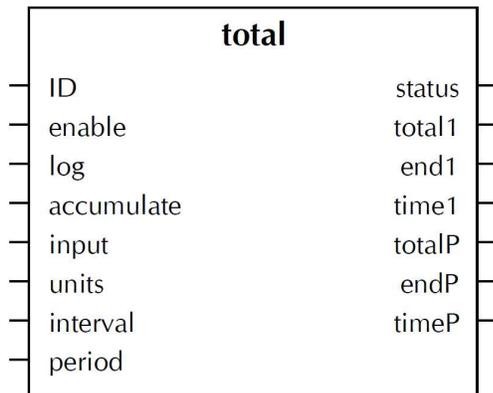
Stored data is retained when the program is stopped, and when the controller is powered off or reset.

The accumulated total does not change if the period is changed.

The accumulated total is set to zero if the period is invalid.

32 **total** function blocks can be added to the controller. These are shared between the two ISaGRAF kernels. The same ID cannot be used in both kernels.

The **total** function block appears as follows.



### Arguments

Inputs	Type	Description
<b>ID</b>	Integer	Identifies the internal totalizer (1 to 32).
<b>enable</b>	Boolean	Enables accumulation and creates log. FALSE to TRUE transition = create and initialize log TRUE = enable accumulation FALSE = delete log and clear outputs
<b>log</b>	Boolean	Log Data FALSE to TRUE = log data

<b>accumulate</b>	Boolean	Accumulate flow ON = accumulate flow
<b>input</b>	Real	Rate Input
<b>units</b>	Integer	Input rate period 0 = seconds 1 = minutes 2 = hours 3 = days
<b>interval</b>	Integer	The interval specifies the sample interval at which the rate input will be sampled. A sample is taken and a calculation performed if the time since the last sample is greater than or equal to the sample interval. Valid values are 1 to 65535 tenths of a second.  The period over which readings are taken will vary, but will stay in the range $-1 * (\text{Expected Interval} + \text{Configured Sample Interval} + \text{Maximum time between ladder logic scans}) \leq \text{Actual Sampling Interval} \leq +1 * (\text{Expected Interval} + \text{Configured Sample Interval} + \text{Maximum time between ladder logic scans})$ . As a result the total for individual periods may fluctuate despite a constant input.
<b>period</b>	Integer	Specified record to be displayed (1 to 35).  The accumulated total does not change if the period is changed.  The accumulated total is set to zero if the period is invalid.

Outputs	Type	Description
<b>status</b>	Integer	Status 0 = normal operation 1 = invalid <b>ID</b> 2 = invalid <b>Units</b> input 3 = invalid <b>Interval</b> input 4 = invalid <b>Period</b> input
<b>total1</b>	Real	Total for period 1
<b>end1</b>	Integer	Time at end of period 1 Seconds from January 1, 1970
<b>time1</b>	Integer	Accumulation time for period 1 Time in seconds
<b>totalP</b>	Real	Total for specified <b>period</b>
<b>endP</b>	Integer	Time at end of specified <b>period</b> Seconds from January 1, 1970
<b>timeP</b>	Integer	Accumulation time in specified <b>period</b> Time in seconds

### Notes

The **total** function block stored data is retained when the program is stopped, power is cycled or the controller is reset. The stored data is cleared when the controller is initialized or when the enable input is OFF.

The accumulated value is a floating-point number. Floating-point numbers are approximations. If the accumulated value grows large, then low rate inputs will have little or no effect on the accumulated value and the accumulated value will not be accurate. Use the log input to save the accumulated value and start a new accumulation when the accumulated value grows large.

The log input needs to be triggered at a suitable rate or the accumulator will overflow, and the accumulated value will not be accurate.

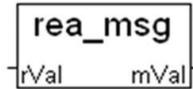
### 5.7.6 rea\_msg

#### **Convert a Real variable to a Message variable**

#### **Description**

The standard ISaGRAF library provides a "MSG" conversion function for converting between ISaGRAF

variable types. The standard function, however, truncates real (float) values before converting to a message string. I.e. only the integer portion is converted to a message string. The *rea\_msg* function converts the integer and fractional portions of the real (float) value to a message string.



**Figure 6.51: rea\_msg Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
rVal	Integer	Read (floating point) value

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
mVal	Message	Message string containing converted value

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### 5.7.7 gen\_evt

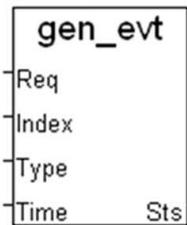
#### **Generate an event for a given point**

##### **Description**

This function block provides a mechanism to force point events on appropriately configured configuration points. Typically events are generated for points on significant value changes, with the associated timestamp reporting the actual time of the value change. This mechanism allows events to be generated (forced) on the specified points as required. The value included in the forced event will be the current point database value of the point in question.

The *gen\_evt* function block includes a *time* input parameter which allows a timestamp to be included in the forced DNP3 event. The *time* input parameter represents the “*number of seconds since 1970*”. This *time* input parameter needs to coincide with how the RTU’s real time clock is set, i.e. either UTC or Standard Time format. (This value can be obtained from the *os\_time* function block as detailed in Section [os\\_time](#)<sup>[78]</sup>). If a zero value is entered for the *time* input parameter, the RTU’s operating system will timestamp the forced DNP3 event.

Events generated using the *gen\_evt* function blocks are inserted into the DNP3 event buffer as **Buffered** events.



**Figure 6.53: gen\_evt Function Block**

**Hint:** If ISaGRAF is to be used to write value changes to the specified point **before** forcing the event use the DNP3 communication function blocks to update the point values (where the *ObjectType* input is set to *Local\_RTU\_Data*), as opposed to using ISaGRAF output boards. The operating system will then process the value update **before** the “*force event*” request.

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Req	Boolean	Force events request. This invokes a request to force a event on the specified point when asserted (rising edge).
Index	Integer	This input specifies the point number of the configuration point.
Type	Integer	This input specifies the point type of the configuration point. Valid values for the <b>Type</b> input are listed as follows DIN or 1 (Digital Input ) AIN or 3 (Analog Input) CIN or 5 (Counter Input)

Time	Integer	This input specifies the timestamp to be used in the forced point event. This input represents the number of seconds since January 1st, 1970 and must be specified as UTC time. If a 0 value is entered, the RTU's operating system will timestamp the event with the current RTU time.
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OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Sts	Integer	Data transfer confirm indicates completion of request 0 = Success 1 = Point does not exist 2 = Bad Point Type -1 = Unsuccessful

**NOTES:**

In order for the *gen\_evt* function block to successfully force events on the specified point (i.e. the configuration point specified by the ***Index*** and ***Type*** input parameters), the ***Point Data Class*** attribute of the configuration point needs to be configured as follows.

- Point Data Class : Set this attribute to Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3.
- Alarm Inhibit: The event will be forced on the point irrespective of the state of the *Alarm Inhibit* attribute. Therefore if events are only to be generated on the specified point using the *gen\_evt* function block, then set the *Alarm Inhibit* attribute to YES which will stop normal value changes from generating events on the specified point.

5.7.8 genmsevt

**Generate an event for a given point with millisecond time input**

**Description**

This function block provides a mechanism to force point events on appropriately configured configuration points. Typically events are generated for points on significant value changes, with the associated timestamp reporting the actual time of the value change. This mechanism allows events to be generated (forced) on the specified points as required. The value included in the forced event will be the current point database value of the point in question.

The *genmsevt* function block includes *timeSec* and a *msTime* input parameters which allows a timestamp to be included in the forced DNP3 event.

The *TimeSec* input parameter represents the “*number of seconds since 1970*”. This input parameter needs to coincide with how the RTU’s real time clock is set, i.e. either UTC or Standard Time format. (This value can be obtained from the *os\_time* function block as detailed in Section [os\\_time](#)<sup>[78]</sup>).

- If a zero value is entered for the *TimeSec* input parameter, the RTU’s operating system will timestamp the forced DNP3 event.
- If a negative value is entered for the *TimeSec* input parameter the forced DNP3 event is time stamped with the maximum supported time value: 19-JAN-2038 03:14:08.999.

The *msTime* input is the millisecond portion of the timestamp to be included in the forced DNP3 event. This parameter allows a more precise DNP3 timestamp to be generated. Values of 0 to 999 are valid.

The events generated using the *genmsevt* function blocks are inserted into the DNP3 event buffer as **Buffered** events.

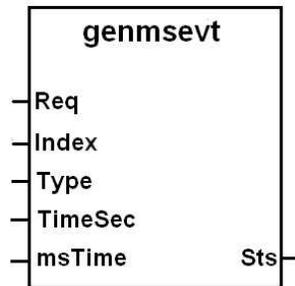


Figure 6.54: genmsevt Function Block

**Hint:** If ISaGRAF is to be used to write value changes to the specified point **before** forcing the event, check that these point value updates are carried out using the DNP3 communication function blocks (where the *ObjectType* input is set to *Local\_RTU\_Data*), as opposed to using ISaGRAF output boards. The operating system will then process the value update **before** the “*force event*” request.

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Req	Boolean	Force events request. This invokes a request to force a event on the specified point when asserted (rising edge).

Index	Integer	This input specifies the point number of the configuration point.
Type	Integer	This input specifies the point type of the configuration point. Valid values for the <b>Type</b> input are listed as follows DIN or 1 (Digital Input ) AIN or 3 (Analog Input) CIN or 5 (Counter Input)
TimeSec	Integer	This input specifies the timestamp to be used in the forced point event. This input represents the number of seconds since January 1st, 1970 and must be specified as UTC time. If a 0 value is entered, the RTU's operating system will timestamp the event with the current RTU time and the msTime input is ignored.
msTime	Integer	This input is the millisecond portion of the timestamp to be included in the forced DNP3 event. This parameter allows a more precise DNP3 timestamp to be generated. Values of 0 to 999 are valid. This input is ignored if the TimeSec input is set to 0.

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Sts	Integer	Data transfer confirm indicates completion of request 0 = Success 1 = Point does not exist 2 = Bad Point Type 4 = Invalid ms Time -1 = Unsuccessful

**NOTES:**

In order for the *genmsevt* function block to successfully force events on the specified point (i.e. the configuration point specified by the **Index** and **Type** input parameters), the **Point Data Class** attribute of the configuration point needs to be configured as follows.

- Point Data Class : Set this attribute to Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3.
- Alarm Inhibit: The event will be forced on the point irrespective of the state of the *Alarm Inhibit* attribute. Therefore if events are only to be generated on the specified point using the *genmsevt* function block, then set the *Alarm Inhibit* attribute to YES which will stop normal value changes from generating events on the specified point.

### 5.7.9 ana\_time

#### *Read analog point float value with timestamp*

##### Description

This function block provides an analog point's current engineering value, and the relevant timestamp corresponding to the reported value. In order to provide an accurate timestamp for the point, the RTU can record a value and timestamp for a point when a DNP3 event is generated. This information is then available to ISaGRAF through this function block.

The function block can be operated in one of 2 modes. The first mode ignores point events and presents current floating point value and current time. The second mode uses pointFloat Events to obtain greater accuracy timestamps. This second mode requires that the point in question be appropriately configured to generate point float events for any change of value as described at the end of this subsection.

If multiple point events are generated between ISaGRAF scans, only the recent value and timestamp will be available to the ISaGRAF function block. If the point is not configured as detailed below, the timestamp presented shall be the time at which the function block outputs are updated.

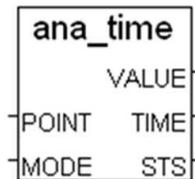


Figure 6.52: ana\_time Function

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Point	Integer	specifies the RTU point number of the analog point.
Mode	Integer	<p>0 = MODE_RTC: The timestamps presented represent the time at which the function block outputs are updated. Using this mode along with the elevated ISaGRAF task priority (see Section <a href="#">rtuparam</a> <sup>[152]</sup>) can result in relatively constant time intervals between timestamps. The that point events are not used to derive timestamps in this mode.</p> <p>1 = MODE_EVT: Point float event timestamps are used to update the function block timestamp output. In the absence of any point events, the timestamp presented, is the time at which the function block outputs are updated (same as for mode MODE_RTC). This mode produces timestamps of greater accuracy though the interval between timestamps can vary significantly.</p>

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Value	Real	The engineering value of the point. ISaGRAF checks to see if any events for the point have been generated since the last scan, and if

		so the recent event will provide the value to the function block output. If no events have generated since the last scan, the current value will be retrieved from the RTU point database using the points CURRENT ENGINEERING VALUE property. Message string containing converted value.
Time	Timer	The time-stamp at which the <i>current value</i> occurred (milliseconds since midnight). ISaGRAF checks to see if any events fro the point have been generated since the last scan, and if so the recent event will provide the timestamp to the function block output. If no events have generated since the last scan, the current time (as milliseconds since midnight) will be presented as the function block timestamp output. Note that the time is presented as Standard Time without local time or daylight savings correction.
Sts	Integer	Function block status values are indicated as follows: 0 = Success 1 = Point does not exist 6 = Invalid argument to function block (e.g. incorrect mode) -1 = Unknown error

**NOTES:**

In order for the ANA\_TIME function block to provide accurate time stamping in MODE\_EVT mode, it is necessary that the analog point be correctly configured to generate events as follows (refer to the *SCADAPack E Configurator User Manual* for further details):

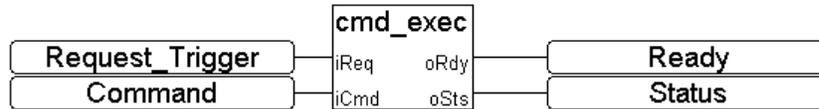
- **Point Data Class:** Set this attribute to Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3.
- **DNP Static Object Type:** Set this attribute to Object 30 variation 5 or Object 40 variation 3.
- **Event Deviation :** Set to 0% so that an event is generated for ANY value change
- **Alarm Inhibit:** Set to NO.

5.7.10 cmd\_exec

*Execute an RTU Command*

**Description**

The CMD\_EXEC function block executes a subset of the RTU's command line functions. The command to execute is passed into the function block as a string and executed by the RTU when requested.



**Figure 4.1: cmd\_exec Function Block**

**Inputs:**

Name	ISaGRAF data type	Notes
<i>iReq</i>	Boolean	Command Execute request: initiate command when asserted (rising edge)
<i>iCmd</i>	Message	Command to be Executed (See below for acceptable command list)

**Outputs:**

Name	ISaGRAF data type	Notes
<i>oRdy</i>	Boolean	Command execute confirm: indicates completion of request
<i>oSts</i>	Analog	Transaction status value: Success = 0 Incomplete Command = 1 Command Not Found = 2 Command Failed = 3

Restarting services will impact process control and RTU availability. Assess the impact prior to performing a restart operation.

⚠ WARNING
UNEXPECTED EQUIPMENT OPERATION
Evaluate the operational state of the equipment monitored and controlled by the SCADAPack E RTU prior to restarting services.
Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury or equipment damage.

The following commands will be accepted by the CMD\_EXEC Function Block. For detailed information

on these commands, refer to the *SCADAPack E Operational Reference Manual, Section Command Line & Diagnostics*.

APPEND, JOIN	Append file to end of another
CLEAR	Clear specified RTU information
COPY	Duplicate a file
DEL, DELETE	Delete a file
REN, RENAME	Rename a file
RESTART	Restart RTU facilities
GETCONFIG	Generate an RTU configuration file
FILEDIAG	Enable/Disable File Diagnostics
SYSDIAG	Enable/Disable System File Diagnostics
PLCDIAG	Enable/Disable PLC File Diagnostics

### 5.7.11 rtuparam

#### *Modify a specific RTU parameter*

##### **Description**

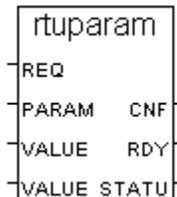
This function block provides an ISaGRAF application with the ability to modify RTU operational parameters.

The RTUPARAM function block operates in a similar way to the ISaGRAF peer communication function blocks described above, with respect to the REQ, CNF, RDY and STATUS parameters.

Changes to RTU operating parameters made with this function block are not permanently stored in the SCADAPack E RTUs Non-Volatile memory (NV-RAM).

When the SCADAPack E RTU is reset (and/or Warm reset in the case of DNP parameters), the parameter values revert to the previous value that was stored in NV-RAM when the RTU was configured.

Some parameters accept a value of "-1" (as indicated in the table below). Using this value reverts the parameter to the value that was stored in NV-RAM when the RTU was configured. The ISaGRAF *common.eqv* global define "USE\_RTU\_DEFAULT" is also provided for this purpose.



**Figure 6.47: rtuparam Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Req	Boolean	Data transfer request initiated on rising edge.

Param	Integer	Name of parameter to modify
Value1	Integer	Parameter dependent value. See <a href="#">Table 6.11</a> <sup>[154]</sup>
Value2	Integer	Parameter dependent value. See <a href="#">Table 6.11</a> <sup>[154]</sup>

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	Boolean	Data transfer confirm TRUE indicates completion of request. FALSE, otherwise.
Rdy	Boolean	Data transferred successfully.
Status	Integer	0 for success when Cnf and Rdy are TRUE. Otherwise see error code in <a href="#">Table 6.11a</a> <sup>[158]</sup> .

Table 6.11: PARAM and VALUE fields for RTUPARAM

PARAM	PARAM Value*	Value1	Value2	Comment
MASTER_COMPORT	1	0 = Port0 1 = Port1 2 = Port2 3 = Port3 4 = Port4 5 = Ethernet 1 6 = Ethernet 2 10 = Port5 11 = Port6 12 = Port7 13 = Port8 -1 = return to configured value	0 = Master 1 1 = Master 1 2 = Master 2 3 = Master 3	Changes RTU communication port to which unsolicited messages are directed, for the appropriate DNP3 Master station
UNSOL_TX_DELAY	2	Secs -1 = return to configured value	0 = Master 1 1 = Master 1 2 = Master 2 3 = Master 3	Changes Unsolicited transmission delay to the appropriate DNP3 Master session
APPL_TO	3	Secs -1 = return to configured value		Changes DNP application layer timeout used for default Peer and Data Concentrator requests
COLD_RESTART	4			Restarts the RTU
APPL_EVENT_TO	5	Secs -1 = return to configured value	0 = Master 1 1 = Master 1 2 = Master 2 3 = Master 3	Changes DNP event confirm timeout to the appropriate DNP3 Master session.
MY_DNP_ADDRESS	6	New DNP Address = 0 to 65529 -1 = return to configured value		Changes the following RTU DNP3 addresses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slave address when communicating with Master 1</li> <li>• DNP address when sending Peer requests</li> <li>• DNP address when sending</li> </ul>

PARAM	PARAM Value*	Value1	Value2	Comment
				Data Concentrator requests Changes address "on-line" without a DNP3 Warm Restart or RTU restart.
ETH_IP_ADDRESS_1	7	Numeric Value of the new TCP/IP address** -1 = return to configured value		Changes the TCP/IP address for Ethernet Port 1 "on-line" without an RTU restart.
ETH_IP_ADDRESS_2 (for RTU models supporting dual Ethernet interfaces)	8	Numeric Value of the new TCP/IP address** -1 = return to configured value		Changes the TCP/IP address for Ethernet Port 2 "on-line" without an RTU restart.
UNSOL_CLASSES	9	No Classes = 0 Class 1,2,3 = 14 Class 1 = 2 Class 2 = 4 Class 3 = 8 Class 1,2 = 6 Class 1,3 = 10 Class 2,3 = 12  -1 = return to configured value	0 = Master 1 1 = Master 1 2 = Master 2 3 = Master 3	Changes the RTU's DNP enabled Unsolicited Event Classes "on-line" without a restart. This functionality may be useful in a dual-redundancy change-over situation
SYS_ERR_CODE	10	100-999		User error code number sent to RTU Error Code system analog point 50020
ISA_TASK_PRI	11	0 = Normal Priority 1 = High_Priority		Increases this ISaGRAF Kernel task's priority in the RTU operating system. Requires that the ISaGRAF application be configured with "Trigger cycles" in the ISaGRAF Application Run Time Options' Cycle Timing settings. Also requires the ISaGRAF application actually scans faster than the configured Cycle Timing.
DISCONNECT_PORT	12	0 = Port0 1 = Port1 2 = Port2		Requests that the serial port driver task associated with the supplied port number

PARAM	PARAM Value*	Value1	Value2	Comment
		3 = Port3 4 = Port4		disconnects its current connection (if it has one). Valid for PPP, GPRS, 1xRTT and Hayes Modem port modes only.
UNSOL_ALLOWED	13	0 = No Unsolicited Allowed 1 = Unsolicited Allowed -1 = return to configured value	0 = Master 1 1 = Master 1 2 = Master 2 3 = Master 3	Controls Unsolicited Response transmissions to the appropriate DNP3 Master session.
DISABLE_MASTER	14	0 = Enable Master 1 = Disable Master	0 = Master 1 1 = Master 1 2 = Master 2 3 = Master 3	A disabled Master session does not respond to any DNP3 messages from that master, nor generate any Unsolicited Responses until it is enabled again by the ISaGRAF application. May be used in conjunction with system points 63420,63421,63422 to set Master(s) to a disabled startup state, then later enable the Master(s) with this parameter
DISABLE_DCONS	15	0 = Data Concentrator Enabled 1 = Data Concentrator Disabled		When disabled, the DNP3 Data Concentrator does not generate any periodic polls (forced polls are ok) or confirm any Unsolicited responses from IEDs. #
PORT_CONF_MODE	16	0=Never 1=Sometimes 2=Always -1 = return to configured value	0 = Port0 1 = Port1 2 = Port2 3 = Port3 4 = Port4 5 = Ethernet 1 6 = Ethernet 2 10 = Port5 11 = Port6 12 = Port7 13 = Port8	Changes the link layer confirm mode of a serial or Ethernet port to the mode specified. See the <i>SCADAPack E DNP3 Technical Reference</i> for a description of these modes.
RESTART_SERVICE	17	1 = History		Appends trend sampler files to file called history. Refer to the Trend Sampler Manual for more information on "restart history".

PARAM	PARAM Value*	Value1	Value2	Comment
		2 = Sampler		Restarts Sampler task. Refer to the <i>SCADAPack E Trend Sampler Reference</i> manual for more information on “restart sampler”.
		3 = Profile		Restarts the Profile task
		4 = TCP_Service		Restarts the TCP Service task (TCP serial port service).
		5 = Mask		Clears the system error code, reset reasons mask, and task watchdog mask system points
DISABLE_PORT	18	0 = Port0 / USB** 1 = Port1 2 = Port2 3 = Port3 4 = Port4 5 = Ethernet 1 6 = Ethernet 2 10 = Port5 11 = Port6 12 = Port7 13 = Port8	0 = Enable Port 1 = Disable Port	Disables or Enables the operation of the specified RTU port number. <b>Note:</b> Active PSTN / GSM or TCP/IP connections are not automatically closed on the port. You can use the DISCONNECT_PORT parameter (described above) to close a connection prior to disabling the port if desired.

\* The PARAM name are defined in Schneider Electric *common.eqv* file (global defines).

\*\* The numeric value of a TCP/IP address may be obtained from the SCADAPack E ISaGRAF Function, “MSG\_IP”. See [msg\\_ip](#)<sup>[17]</sup> function.

\*\* On SCADAPack 300E RTUs, PORT\_DISABLE on Port0 disables the USB Peripheral Port on the RTU. This disables USB peripheral port activities. If a device is connected to the USB peripheral port either prior to, or after the port is disabled, the device will not be able to communicate when the port is enabled. The device needs to be disconnected and reconnected after the port is enabled to resume communication.

# If the Data Concentrator becomes disabled due to an ISaGRAF RTUPARAM request, local mapped points are not marked as “I/O Not responding”, as would normally be the case for points mapped to a non-responding IED. The “Data Concentrator Ready” (Binary System Point 50269) state is set to False.

When the Data Concentrator is re-enabled by ISaGRAF request, IED’s are marked internally as IED\_NOT\_FOUND. Their state will then be changed to IED\_RUNNING or IED\_COMMS\_FAILED depending upon the result of the initial poll response.

When the Data Concentrator restart is complete, the “Data Concentrator Ready” (Binary System Point 50269) state will change to True.

Table 6.11a: RTUPARAM Status Codes

RTUPARAM STATUS	DESCRIPTION
-1	Unknown error
0	Operation successful
1	Information not found
2	Bad Point Type
3	Unknown attribute for this point
4	Bad value for this attribute
5	Invalid attribute for this point
6	Invalid argument

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5.7.12 chgroute

**Modify entries in the SCADAPack E RTU DNP3 Routing Table**

**Description**

This function block provides an ISaGRAF application with the ability to modify entries in the SCADAPack E RTU DNP3 Routing Table. The *chgroute* function block operates in a similar way to the ISaGRAF peer communication function blocks described above, though the parameters that are modified are in the local RTU. The parameter meanings are as follows:

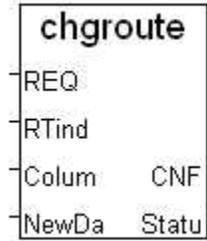


Figure 6.48: chgroute Function Block

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Req	Boolean	Data transfer request initiated on rising edge.
RTindex	Integer	Route Table Row Index (0-49). The RTindex parameter defines the Route Table row in which the parameter is to be changed. The route table rows are configured by SCADAPack E Configurator and are indicated as Rows 1 to 50. Corresponding values for Rtindex are 0-49.
Column	Integer	Route Table Column number (0-7). See <a href="#">Table 6.12</a> <sup>[160]</sup>
NewData	Integer	New value for route table entry.

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	Boolean	Data transfer confirm TRUE indicates completion of request. FALSE, otherwise.
Status	Integer	0 for success when Cnf is TRUE. Otherwise see <a href="#">Status Codes</a> <sup>[99]</sup>

Table 6.12: Column Parameters for chgroute

Column Value	DNP Route Table Column	Valid Column Values	Comment
0	Source Port	0 = Port0 / USB 1 = Port1 2 = Port2 3 = Port3 4 = Port4 5 = Ethernet1 6 = Ethernet2 10 = Port5 11 = Port6 12 = Port7 13 = Port8 254 = Any 255 = Table End	Source port of DNP3 message to be routed
1	Source Start	0-65535	Source DNP node Address Range
2	Source End	0-65535	
3	Dest Start	0-65535	Destination DNP node Address Range
4	Dest End	0-65535	
5	Dest Port	0 = Port0 / USB 1 = Port1 2 = Port2 3 = Port3 4 = Port4 5 = Ethernet1 6 = Ethernet2 10 = Port5 11 = Port6 12 = Port7 13 = Port8	Destination port to route DNP3 message to
6	Status	0 = Offline Static 1 = Online Static 256 = Offline Dynamic 257 = Online Dynamic 512 = Offline Fixed 513 = Online Fixed	Route Type
7	Lifetime	0-32767 secs	Lifetime of Dynamic Route for automatic

			status change from Online to Offline
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### 5.7.13 chgrtnum

#### **Change DNP3 Routing Table Connect Number String**

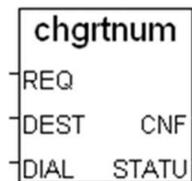
##### **Description**

This function block provides an ISaGRAF application with the ability to modify the “*Connect No.*” string in the DNP3 Routing Table of the SCADAPack E RTU. This can change a PSTN or GSM Dial number string, IP address string, etc.

The *chgrtnum* function block operates in a similar way to the ISaGRAF *chgroute* function block described above.

This function block, though, takes a DNP Destination address as a parameter, and searches the route table for an entry whose destination address range includes the function block parameter value.

The first matching entry that is found has its *Connect No.* field updated by the function block DIAL parameter value (string).



**Figure 6.49: chgrtnum Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Req	Boolean	Data transfer request initiated on rising edge.
Dest	Integer	Destination DNP node address to search (0-65535)
Dial	Message	Connect No. (message string) to transfer to the matching route entry. E.g. Dial number, IP address

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Cnf	Boolean	Data transfer confirm TRUE indicates completion of request. FALSE, otherwise.
Status	Integer	0 for success when Cnf is TRUE. Otherwise see <a href="#">Status Codes</a> <sup>99</sup>



## 5.8 TCP/IP Interface Functions

These function blocks provide interfaces to RTU TCP/IP communication and configuration services. For more information on IP routing with the SCADAPack E RTU, see the SCADAPack E *TCP/IP Technical Reference* manual:

- [ip\\_add](#)<sup>[165]</sup>
  - [ip\\_del](#)<sup>[167]</sup>
  - [ip\\_cycgw](#)<sup>[169]</sup>
  - [ip\\_ping](#)<sup>[170]</sup>
  - [msg\\_ip](#)<sup>[171]</sup>
  - [ppp\\_echo](#)<sup>[172]</sup>
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### 5.8.1 ip\_add

#### **Add an IP Routing Table Entry**

##### **Description**

This function provides an interfaces to the TCP/IP facilities in the SCADAPack E RTU for adding an entry to the IP Routing Table. The *ip\_add* function adds a routing entry to the IP Routing Table. A route entry access counter is incremented each time that the function is executed for this route. An *ip\_del* function decrements the access counter and removes the route entry when the access counter is 0. Execute the *ip\_add* function when the route is first added, only. Depending on the input parameter settings, add one of the following route entry types, listed in order of descending implementation:

- DEFAULT GATEWAY
- GATEWAY Route
- NETWORK Route
- HOST Route

The Function Block Interface and the associated Port Type assignments are shown in the table below:

Function Block Interface Number	Port Type
0	PPP on Serial Port 0
1	PPP on Serial Port 1
2	PPP on Serial Port 2
3	PPP on Serial Port 3
4	PPP on Serial Port 4
10	Ethernet 1
11	Ethernet 2

Route Entries added using this function are not preserved in NV RAM so are not retained if an RTU is restarted or powered off.



Figure 6.57: ip\_add Function

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Ip_dest	Message	Destination IP Address for route
Mask	Message	Destination Subnet Mask for route
IP_gw	Message	Gateway host IP Address for route
Metric	Integer	route metric (cost) for added route. (0 = use default interface metric)
TTL	Timer	Time to Live route entry. (t#0 = static route: no lifetime)
Interface	Integer	Number of IP interface (E.g. 0=Port0, 1=Port1, etc.).

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Status	Integer	Indicates status or error code when adding to IP Table. 0 = success; For other status and non-execution codes, refer to <i>SCADAPack E RTU TCP/IP Errors (Codes and Descriptions)</i> in the <i>TCP/IP Technical Manual</i> .

Further information about IP Route Types can be found in *IP Routing (IP Route Types)* in the *TCP/IP Technical Manual* and in *TCP/IP Folder (Advanced TCP/IP Property Page)* in the *Configurator User Manual*.

5.8.2 ip\_del

*Delete an IP Routing table entry*

**Description**

This function interfaces to the TCP/IP facilities in the SCADAPack E RTU for deleting an entry to the IP Routing Table. The IP\_DEL function removes a routing entry to the IP Routing Table. The route entry's access counter is decremented each time that the function is executed and the route entry is deleted when the access counter reaches 0. It is advised to execute the function only when it is required to delete a route.

The specified IP address and mask information needs to match those used to previously to add an entry to the route table. I.e. via static routes in the RTU's configuration, command line ROUTE ADD command or ISaGRAF's ip\_add function.

Configured static route entries previously preserved in NV RAM are not permanently removed by the ip\_del function. The permanent route entries will be restored upon an RTU restart or power on.



Figure 6.58: ip\_del Function

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Ip_dest	Message	Destination IP Address for route
Mask	Message	Destination Subnet Mask for route

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Status	Intege	Indicates status code when adding to IP Table. 0 = success  OR  EINVAL: 2019 = An invalid parameter was provided to a TCP/IP function or function block. For example, if you define an IP address in single quotes (e.

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
		<p>g., '172.168.1.100' ), this syntax is invalid. Check the function or function block inputs.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>ERTNOTFOUND: 2036 = Routing table entry not found. This status is reported when the requested entry is not in the Routing Table.</p>

5.8.3 ip\_cycgw

**Cycle default IP gateway route**

**Description**

This function interfaces to the TCP/IP facilities in the SCADAPack E RTU for cycling default gateway entries in the IP Routing Table. The IP\_CYCGW function cycles between DEFAULT GATEWAY route entries in the IP Routing Table. This is only applicable where multiple DEFAULT GATEWAY entries have been added to the IP Routing Table.

This operation of this function has no effect if there are no DEFAULT GATEWAY entries in the IP Routing Table, or if there is only a single DEFAULT GATEWAY entry.

The first DEFAULT GATEWAY entry found in the routing table is the active default gateway. This entry will be the initial active default gateway whenever the RTU is restarted or powered on.

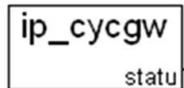


Figure 6.59: ip\_cycgw Function

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Status	Integer	Indicates status or error code when cycling between default gateway IP routes. 0 = success

### 5.8.4 ip\_ping

#### *Ping a remote IP node*

#### **Description**

This function block interfaces to the TCP/IP PING Client facilities in the SCADAPack E RTU. The *ip\_ping* function block sends an ICMP ECHO request to the IP host specified by the *ip\_dest* parameter. This tests IP (Network Layer) operations on the remote host.

It is suggested that the *ip\_ping* function block could be used by an application executing in the second ISaGRAF Target Kernel, so as not to slow the performance of a main control application executing in the first ISaGRAF Target Kernel.

This function block executes synchronously with the ISaGRAF execution scan, and may significantly increase the ISaGRAF application scan rate, particularly if the remote IP host does not reply to the PING request.



**Figure 6.60: ip\_ping Function Block**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Ip_dest	Message	Destination IP address of remote host
Len	Integer	Number of bytes to send in ping request. (needs to be less than 1500)
TTL	Timer	Time To Live for ping packet on IP network. (t#0 = default TTL)
Timeout	Tmer	Time to wait for remote IP host to respond

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Status	Integer	Indicates status or error code for Ping request. 0 = success
Elapsed	Timer	Elapsed time between Ping Response and Ping Request. Valid when STATUS = 0

### 5.8.5 msg\_ip

*Convert a message type string to an IP address*

#### Description

This function converts an ISaGRAF Message type containing a TCP/IP address in dotted decimal format into a numeric value.



Figure 6.61: msg\_ip Function

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
mVal	Message	TCP/IP address as a string in dotted decimal format.

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
iVal	Integer	TCP/IP address as an integer value.

Structured text example:

```
rtuparam_2 (FALSE, ETH_IP_ADDRESS_1, 0, 0);  
IF (r_trig2.Q = TRUE) THEN  
    rtuparam_2 (TRUE, ETH_IP_ADDRESS_1, msg_ip ('192.168.0.218'), 0);  
END_IF;
```

### 5.8.6 ppp\_echo

#### **Check the status of a PPP link**

##### **Description**

This function interfaces to the TCP/IP facilities for querying the status of a PPP link on a SCADAPack E RTU. The *ppp\_echo* function sends an LCP ECHO command to the nominated PPP interface on an SCADAPack E RTU.

A successful status (0) indicates PPP link "UP" state on the serial interface.

PPP\_ECHO may return a timed-out error (Status = 2040) on a busy PPP link. Therefore it is advisable to check the link a few times after a timeout before being confident that connection on the PPP link is lost.

For more information on using PPP with the SCADAPack E RTU, see the *SCADAPack E TCP/IP Technical Reference Manual*.

This function executes synchronously with the ISaGRAF execution scan, and may significantly increase the ISaGRAF application scan rate, particularly if the peer PPP device does not reply to the LCP ECHO request.

It is suggested that the *ppp\_echo* function could be used by an application executing in the second ISaGRAF Target Kernel, so as not to slow the performance of a main control application executing in the first ISaGRAF Target Kernel.



**Figure 6.62: ppp\_echo Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Interface	Integer	Number of PPP port IP interface. (E.g. 0=Port0, 1=Port1, etc.)
Len	Integer	Number of bytes to send in LCP Echo. Needs to be less than 500.
Timeout	Timer	Time to wait for the peer PPP device to respond

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Status	Integer	Indicates status or error code for PPP ECHO operation. 0 = success

## 5.9 Alarm Group Functions & Function Block

The ISaGRAF ‘Summary Alarm’ functions and function blocks available in the SCADAPack E RTU provide a mechanism for grouping individual RTU Digital point states (alarms) in to a named alarm group, then provide a summary alarm output if any of the points in the group transition in to an alarm state. There are three aspects of the summary alarm functions that are provided through user interfaces:

- Configuration of points within a named alarm group
- Processing of the alarm group
- Transferring and loading the point “mask” values externally through RTU points.

These interfaces are handled through independent ISaGRAF functions and function blocks. As detailed below, the point numbers registered for alarm summaries need not necessarily have to be imported in to the ISaGRAF application through an input board. However, if they are attached to I/O boards as ISaGRAF input variables, translation to the DNP3 point number can be provided for the point in the RTU database. The Schneider Electric ISaGRAF pre-processor can automatically build an ISaGRAF “Defines” list based on variables attached to RTU point I/O boards. These defines can then be used as named point numbers. See ISaGRAF 3 Pre-Processor for details.

- [almadd](#)<sup>[174]</sup>
- [almproc](#)<sup>[176]</sup>
- [almload](#)<sup>[179]</sup>
- [almclr](#)<sup>[180]</sup>

The SCADAPack E Data Processor sub-system supports the concept of point alarms, as a standard feature. Each binary point within the RTU database has a “Point-In-Alarm” property which is processed through these Summary Alarm interfaces.

For information on RTU alarm processing see the *SCADAPack E Data Processing Technical Reference* manual.

### 5.9.1 almadd

#### *Add a point to an alarm group*

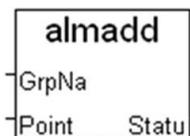
##### Description

Creating and configuring the Alarm Group is performed by a call from ISaGRAF User Application code to the RTU ISaGRAF *almadd* Function.

Typically the ISaGRAF function calls to configure an alarm group are executed during the start-up phase of an ISaGRAF application. Once executed at ISaGRAF application startup, this code no longer needs to be executed while the ISaGRAF application is running. Where an alarm group identified by the string passed to GRPNAME does not exist, it will be created by the *almadd* function and the specified Point number will be added to the alarm group. A subsequent call to the *almadd* function whose GRPNAME has been previously created, will add the new point to the existing alarm group.

The function Output is used to indicate the success (or otherwise) of the creation of a named alarm group, and/or the successful (or otherwise) addition of the point to the named alarm group.

Attempting to add the same Point number twice to the same Alarm Group name will result in the *almadd* function returning an error code 3.



**Figure 6.63: almadd Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
GrpName	Message	INPUTS of alarm group (a string)
Point	Integer	RTU Digital Input or User Point number.

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Status	Integer	Indicates status or error code status: -1 = Internal Error 0 = Success 1 = Point does not exist 2 = Invalid Group 3 = Point already exists in Group

Structured Text Example:

```
IF (almadd('ProtectionFault', Z_P_PHA_TRIP) = 0) THEN
    Status1 := almadd('ProtectionFault',Z_P_PHB_TRIP);
    Status2 := almadd('ProtectionFault',Z_P_PH_TRIP);
END_IF;
```

The use of a point number "Z\_...". This could be a numeric value, or an ISaGRAF define generated by the Schneider Electric ISaGRAF Pre-Processor. This ISaGRAF function dynamically creates an alarm group and dynamically adds points to the alarm groups. Apart from upper memory limitations of the RTU's CPU, there is no design limit to the number of alarm groups that can be created using this function block. Similarly there is no design limit to the number of points that can be added to an alarm group.

## 5.9.2 almproc

### Process a summary alarm group

#### Description

Processing (execution) of the Alarm Group is performed by a call from ISaGRAF user application code to the ALMPROC Function Block.

Once configured in a one-off execution of ISaGRAF code using calls to the *almadd* function block instance (as described in Section [almadd](#)<sup>[174]</sup> above), a call to an *almproc* function block would typically occur each ISaGRAF scan. The rate of execution could be controlled through additional logic if required, but optimal responsiveness is achieved through execution each ISaGRAF scan.

The *almproc* function block takes as an input an alarm group name (as created and configured by calls to the ALMADD function block). The *almproc* function block summarizes the alarm states of the given alarms and asserts its *alm\_out* output parameter when one of the input points is in alarm. In addition, an ACCEPT input masks the active alarms and clears the *alm\_out* output parameter. An alarm condition that is cleared on a point (i.e. a point that goes out of the alarm state) automatically clears the mask for that alarm on the next ISaGRAF scan of the *almproc* function. A recurrence of the alarm, or occurrence of another new alarm, again sets the *alm\_out* output parameter. An ACCEPT masks the active alarms and clears the *alm\_out* output parameter.

An RTU restart or ISaGRAF application restart clears the internal alarm mask. If an *almload* function is not used prior to using *almproc* active alarms on the Alarm Group will cause regeneration of the *alm\_out* condition. *almload* can be used to restore an alarm mask, thereby preserving the alarm mask and stopping regeneration of the group alarm. See Section [almload](#)<sup>[179]</sup> below.



Figure 6.64: almproc Function Block

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
GrpName	Message	String value identifying alarm group.
Accept	Boolean	OFF to ON transition (rising edge) of this point accepts current alarms.
Reset	Boolean	OFF to ON (rising edge) transition of this point clears internal alarm asks and generates the ALARM output if required.
Mask_pt	Integer	RTU digital user point number. 0 = No mask point

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Status	Integer	Indicates status or error code status: -1 = Internal Error 0 = Success 1 = Point does not exist 2 = Invalid group 4 = Mask point does not exist
Alm_out	Boolean	Unaccepted new alarm has occurred. Activating the ACCEPT input tasks the current alarms and clears the ALARM output point.

RTU point database attributes are applied to the logic associated with Alarm activation as shown in the following table. See the *SCADAPack E Data Processing Technical Manual* for more information.

**Table 6.13: RTU Alarm Point Attributes and Descriptions**

Point Attribute	Description	Effect on ALARM activation
Invert State (Physical digital inputs)	When OFF, the physical input in an Energized state represents "ON" (active) state in the database. When ON, the physical input in an Energized state represents "OFF" (active) state in the database.	No direct effect (see Alarm Active State below)
Debounce Time (Physical digital inputs)	Duration (in ms) that the input needs to stay active before it is registered as being ON in the database.	Delays updating point state in the RTU Database after the input is active.
Alarm Active State	Indicates which state in the point database represents the "alarm" state of the point. When this attribute value = ON, the database point state being ON is the alarm condition.	Determines which point state causes activation of the "Point-in-Alarm" property.
Alarm Time Deadband	Duration (in Seconds) that the point needs to stay in the alarm state before the "Point-in-Alarm" property is activate.	Delays activation of the alarm property of the point.
Alarm Clear Time Deadband	Duration (in Seconds) that the point must stay out the alarm state before the "Point-in-Alarm" property is de-activated.	Delays clearing of the alarm property of the point.
	Inhibits the "Point-in-Alarm"	Stops the point going in to the

Point Attribute	Description	Effect on ALARM activation
Alarm Inhibit	property being activated, regardless of the input condition.	alarm state.

Transition of the RESET input parameter (from OFF to ON state) causes the alarm mask (internal for that alarm group) to be reset. Following clearing of the mask, any active alarm states previously masked will reactivate the ALM\_OUT output.

'fleeting alarms' of very short duration may not annunciate via the ALM\_OUT output if the ISaGRAF scan rate (or call rate to the ALMPROC function block) exceeds the duration of the alarm condition.

A short duration alarm that exceeds a point's alarm time deadband (configured in the RTU point database) and the ISaGRAF scan rate will activate the ALM\_OUT output. The ALM\_OUT output will remain active (until ACCEPTed) even if the input point alarm condition is no longer active.

The MASK\_PT input parameter is used to allow the internal Function Block mask to be written out into consecutive RTU Digital User points. These User points can be read later by the **ALMLOAD** Function in order to load a new internal mask. This may be used to make the internal mask non-volatile or to transfer the internal mask values to another RTU via DNP3 Peer Function Blocks for redundancy purposes, for example. If the MASK\_PT input is zero, this functionality is disabled. If the point supplied to the MASK\_PT input does not exist for one or more points in the Alarm Group, the STATUS value will be set to an error code of 4. However, this does not otherwise affect processing of the Alarm Group.

The STATUS output parameter is used to indicate the success (or otherwise) of the processing of a named alarm group. The ALM\_OUT output indicates the presence of a new alarm that has not yet been accepted.

A typical structured text example could be:

```
SumAlm_ProtFault('ProtectionFault', Oper_ACCEPT, Oper_RESET);

IF (SumAlm_ProtFault.Status = 0) THEN

    ProtFault_Alarm := SumAlm_ProtFault.ALM_OUT;

    OPERATE(Oper_ACCEPT, 0);

    OPERATE(Oper_RESET, 0);

END_IF;
```

where "SumAlm\_ProtFault" is an Instance of an "ALMPROC" function block. "Oper\_ACCEPT" is a Boolean variable being the operator 'Accept' input and "Oper\_RESET" is a Boolean variable to clear the summary alarm mask. "ProtFault\_Alarm" could be an ISaGRAF Boolean Output variable that updates a point in the RTU point database. In this example it is assumed that the Oper\_ACCEPT and Oper\_RESET inputs are latched variables on ISaGRAF input boards from RTU database points. The OPERATE function clears the variables and their point source in the database. If pulse points were to be used instead of latch points, the OPERATE function calls would be unnecessary. However, when using Pulse Points, the pulse duration of ACCEPT and RESET points needs to be long enough to significantly exceed the length of the ISaGRAF scan.

5.9.3 **almload**

**Load a mask to an alarm group**

**Description**

Loading of the Alarm Group internal mask from an external source can be performed by a call from ISaGRAF User Application code using the *almload* ISaGRAF Function.

The *almload* function takes as an input an alarm group name (as created and configured by calls to the ALMADD function block) and an RTU User Digital point number. When used for restoring the alarm mask state, this Digital point number is normally the same number that was supplied as the MASK\_PT input parameter to the ALMPROC function block for the same alarm group name.

The MASK\_PT input parameter is used to allow the internal *almproc* Function Block mask to be loaded by reading consecutive RTU Digital User points. If the MASK\_PT input is zero, an error code is returned. The number of RTU digital points read corresponds to the number of alarms in the Alarm Group.



**Figure 6.65: almload Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
GrpName	Message	String value identifying alarm group.
Mask_pt	Integer	RTU digital user point number. 0 = No mask point

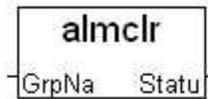
OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Status	Integer	-1 = Internal Error 0 = Success 1 = Point does not exist 2 = Invalid group

#### 5.9.4 almclr

##### *Destroy an alarm group*

##### **Description**

A previously created Alarm Group can be removed using the ALMCLR ISaGRAF function. Calling this function frees RTU system resources associated with the named Alarm Group. After this function is called, the named alarm group no longer exists and does not perform alarm group functions. ISaGRAF alarm group functions and function blocks referencing this alarm group after an ALMCLR will result in status error codes.



**Figure 6.66: almclr Function**

INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
GrpName	Message	String value identifying alarm group.

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Status	Integer	-1 = Internal Error 0 = Success 2 = Invalid group

## 5.10 RTU File System Interface Functions & Function Blocks

This section describes the functions and function blocks that support access to the RTU file system. Many of the functions and function blocks detailed in this section return an analog status value.

ISaGRAF functions that provide similar functionality to the command line interface for file system access are detailed in Section [File System Management Functions](#)<sup>[182]</sup>.

The directory / drive information function blocks are detailed in Section [Directory Information Function Blocks](#)<sup>[195]</sup> and the file read / write functions are detailed in Section [ISaGRAF File Read / Write Functions](#)<sup>[201]</sup>.

Refer to Section [File System Access Error Codes](#)<sup>[209]</sup> for a list of file system status error codes.

- [File System Management Functions](#)<sup>[182]</sup>
- [Directory Information Function Blocks](#)<sup>[195]</sup>
- [ISaGRAF File Read/Write Functions](#)<sup>[201]</sup>
- [File System Access Error Codes](#)<sup>[209]</sup>

### 5.10.1 File System Access Functions

This section details the functions to allow ISaGRAF to manage the file system.

Equivalent functionality provided by the SCADAPack E command line commands are indicated where applicable.

ISaGRAF Function Name	Equivalent RTU Command Line command	Purpose
<a href="#">F_DEL</a> <sup>[182]</sup>	• DEL	Delete Files
<a href="#">F_DELTRE</a> <sup>[184]</sup>	• DELTREE	Delete a directory and files
<a href="#">F_COPY</a> <sup>[185]</sup>	• COPY	Copy a file
<a href="#">F_JOIN</a> <sup>[186]</sup>	• JOIN or APPEND	Append files
<a href="#">F_REN</a> <sup>[187]</sup>	• RENAME	Rename a file
<a href="#">F_MKDIR</a> <sup>[188]</sup>	• MD	Make a directory
<a href="#">F_RMDIR</a> <sup>[189]</sup>	• RMDIR	Remove a directory
<a href="#">F_CD</a> <sup>[190]</sup>	• CD	Change current working directory
<a href="#">F_DSKSEL</a> <sup>[191]</sup>	• DSKSEL	Select a Disk device
<a href="#">F_PWD</a> <sup>[193]</sup>		returns the Present Working Directory
<a href="#">F_DV_RDY</a> <sup>[194]</sup>		indicates if a disk Device is Ready

#### 5.10.1.1 F\_DEL

The F\_DEL function is used to delete the specified file from the RTU file system from within an ISaGRAF program. The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
iFile	Message	Filename to delete (including path)

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
oSts	Integer	Status of Delete Request

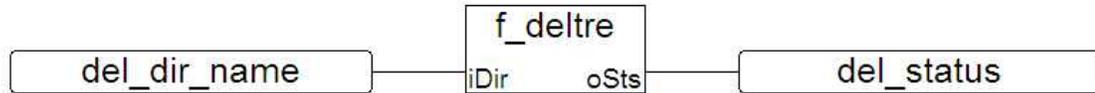
The **iFile** argument specifies the filename to delete, and is case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed). The maximum number of characters allowed for the **iFile** argument is 255.

The **iFile** argument and **a** may include the complete path, e.g. "C:\sample.txt". If only the filename is specified, the current working directory will be used to determine the complete path. The current working directory can be changed in ISaGRAF using **F\_CD** function (see Section [F\\_CD Function](#)<sup>[190]</sup>).

The function returns a 0 if the delete request was successful. If an error was detected, a negative integer value is returned. Refer to Section [File System Access Error Codes](#)<sup>[209]</sup> for the range of possible error codes and their descriptions.

### 5.10.1.2 F\_DELTRE

The F\_DELTRE function is used to remove the specified directory and files in that directory. Subdirectories and files below the specified directory are also deleted. The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
iDir	Message	Directory to delete

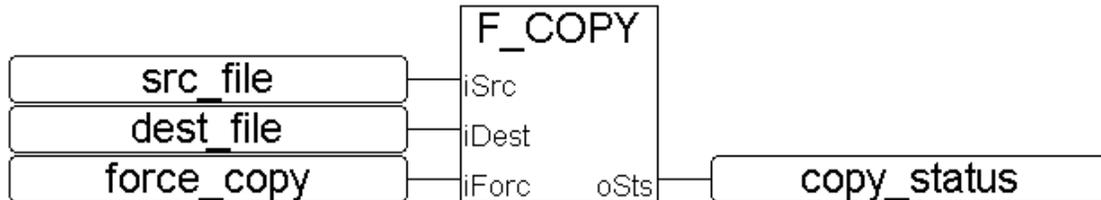
OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
oSts	Integer	Status of Delete Request

**iDir** is case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed). The maximum number of characters allowed for the **iDir** argument is 255.

The function returns a 0 if the delete tree request was successful. If an error was detected, a negative integer value is returned. Refer to Section [File System Access Error Codes](#)<sup>[209]</sup> for the range of possible error codes and their descriptions.

### 5.10.1.3 F\_COPY

The F\_COPY function is used to copy the specified source file to a new file in the RTU file system whose name is specified as the destination filename. The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
iSrc	Message	Source file to be copied
iDest	Message	Filename for the new copied file
Force_copy	Message	Forces copy over existing files

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
oSts	Integer	Status of Delete Request

The **iSrc** argument specifies the filename of the file to be copied, and the **iDest** argument specifies the filename for the new copied file. Both of these arguments are case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed). The maximum number of characters allowed for the **iSrc** and **iDest** arguments is 255. The **iForce** argument allows existing destination files to be overwritten.

The **iSrc** and **iDest** arguments may include the complete path, e.g. "C:\sample.txt". If only the filename is specified, the current working directory will be used to determine the complete path. The current working directory can be changed in ISaGRAF using **F\_CD** function (see Section [F\\_CD Function](#)<sup>[190]</sup>).

The function returns a 0 if the copy request was successful. If an error was detected, a negative integer value is returned. Refer to Section [File System Access Error Codes](#)<sup>[209]</sup> for the range of possible error codes and their descriptions.

### 5.10.1.4 F\_JOIN

The F\_JOIN function is used to append the specified source file to the specified destination file. The third argument to this function block allows the programmer to “optionally” specify a maximum size (in bytes) for the destination file. The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
iSrc	Message	Source file to be copied
iDest	Message	Filename for the new copied file
iLimit	Integer	'Optional' maximum size for the destination file ( 0 = no limit)

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
oSts	Integer	Status of Request

The **iSrc** argument specifies the filename of the file(s) to be appended, and the **iDest** argument specifies the filename to which the source file is appended to. Both of these arguments are case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed). The maximum number of characters allowed for the **iSrc** and **iDest** arguments is 255.

The **iLimit** argument specifies the maximum size of the destination file. If this argument is zero, the source file(s) will be unconditionally appended to the destination file.

The **iSrc** and **iDest** arguments may include the complete path, e.g. "C:\sample.txt". If only the filename is specified, the current working directory will be used to determine the complete path. The current working directory can be changed in ISaGRAF using **F\_CD** function (see [F\\_CD Function](#)<sup>[190]</sup>).

The **iSrc** filename may include a wildcard specification, e.g. SF\*

The function returns a 0 if the join request was successful. If an error was detected, a negative integer value is returned. Refer to [File System Access Error Codes](#)<sup>[209]</sup> for the range of possible error codes and their descriptions.

The F\_JOIN function can be used with wildcards and executed cyclically. In cases where there are no source files in the file system matching the **iSrc** filename, the F\_JOIN function block intentionally does NOT return a file system error. In this specific case the function returns 0.

### 5.10.1.5 F\_REN

The F\_REN function is used to rename a specified file to a new filename in the RTU file system. The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
iOld	Message	Existing filename
iNew	Message	New filename

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
oSts	Integer	Status of Request

The **iOld** argument specifies the existing filename of the specified file, and the **iNew** argument specifies the new filename for the specified file. Both of these arguments are case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed). The maximum number of characters allowed for the **iOld** and **iNew** arguments is 255.

The **iSrc** and **iDest** arguments may include the complete path, e.g. "C:\sample.txt". If only the filename is specified, the current working directory will be used to determine the complete path. The current working directory can be changed in ISaGRAF using **F\_CD** function (see [F\\_CD Function](#)<sup>[190]</sup>).

The function returns a 0 if the rename request was successful. If an error was detected, a negative integer value is returned. Refer to [File System Access Error Codes](#)<sup>[209]</sup> for the range of possible error codes and their descriptions.

### 5.10.1.6 F\_MKDIR

The F\_MKDIR function is used to make (create) directories, and requires a single argument which specifies the directory name (or complete path) to be created. If the directory name alone is specified, the directory is created as a subdirectory of the current working directory. A complete path specification allows directories to be created wherever required. The current working directory can be changed in ISaGRAF using F\_CD function (see [F\\_CD Function](#)<sup>[190]</sup>). The F\_MKDIR function supports creation of directories on other drives, i.e. different to the current drive.

The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
iDir	Message	Directory to create

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
oSts	Integer	Status of Request

**iDir** is case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed). The maximum number of characters allowed for the **iDir** argument is 255.

The function returns a 0 if the make directory request was successful. If an error was detected, a negative integer value is returned. Refer to [File System Access Error Codes](#)<sup>[209]</sup> for the range of possible error codes and their descriptions.

### 5.10.1.7 F\_RMDIR

The F\_RMDIR function is used to remove directories, and requires a single argument which specifies the directory name (or complete path) to be removed. If the directory name alone is specified, the directory needs to exist as a subdirectory of the current working directory. A full path specification allows directories to be removed wherever required. The current working directory can be changed in ISaGRAF using F\_CD function (see [F\\_CD Function](#)<sup>[190]</sup>). The F\_RMDIR function supports removal of directories on other drives, i.e. different to the current drive.

The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
iDir	Message	Directory to remove

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
oSts	Integer	Status of Request

**iDir** is case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed). The maximum number of characters allowed for the **iDir** argument is 255.

The function returns a 0 if the remove directory request was successful. If the operation was unsuccessful a negative integer value is returned. Refer to [File System Access Error Codes](#)<sup>[200]</sup> for the range of possible status codes and their descriptions.

### 5.10.1.8 F\_CD

The F\_CD function is used to change the current working directory within a given drive. If the target directory is directly below the current working directory, only the directory name is required, otherwise the complete path is required. An iDIR argument of ".." will change the working directory to one level above the current working directory.

The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
iDir	Message	Target Directory

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
oSts	Integer	Status of Request

**iDir** is case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed). The maximum number of characters allowed for the **iDir** argument is 255.

The function returns a 0 if the change working directory request was successful. If an error was detected, a negative integer value is returned. Refer to [File System Access Error Codes<sup>\[209\]</sup>](#) for the range of possible error codes and their descriptions.

5.10.1.9 F\_DSKSEL

The F\_DSKSEL function is used to change the between working drive devices on the RTU file system. After executing this function, the current working directory on the target drive will be selected (see notes below).

The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
iDriv	Message	Target Drive (e.g. C: E: c: e:) Text is case insensitive

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
oSts	Integer	Status of Request. 0 = Success. See <a href="#">File System Access Error Codes</a> <sup>[209]</sup> for the range of possible status codes and their descriptions

The following disk devices are available on SCADAPack E RTUs:

Drive	Type	Size (SCADAPack ES and SCADAPack ER)	Size (SCADAPack 300E)	Description
<b>C:</b>	Main Flash File System Drive	12 MB	7 MB	Main file system used by the operating system and available for user data. It is recommended that user files be placed in sub-directories below the root directory
<b>D:</b>	RAM Drive	2 MB	128 KB	Used for temporary storage by the operating system (e.g. RTU log files, sampler files, etc)
<b>E:</b>	External CompactFLASH Drive	up to 2 GB	-	External drive available for user data (not available on SCADAPack 300E RTUs)
<b>F:</b>	Internal Flash File System Drive	16 MB	-	Additional file system available for user files. It is recommended that

				user files be placed in sub-directories below the root directory (not available on SCADAPack 300E RTUs)
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### Notes when using sub-directories:

The current working directory on each drive is preserved prior to changing drives.

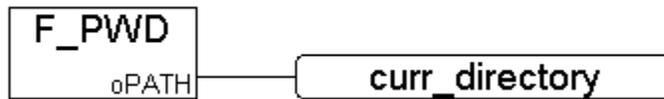
For example, If the current working directory is currently "C:\testdir", and the last specified working directory on the "D drive" was "D:\targetdir", the F\_DSKSEL function with the argument "**D:**" would then result with "D:\targetdir" as the current working directory. Calling the F\_DSKSEL function with the argument "**C:**" would then result with "C:\testdir" as the current working directory. See [F\\_CD](#)<sup>[190]</sup>.

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### 5.10.1.10 F\_PWD

The F\_PWD function is used to display the present (current) working directory for the ISaGRAF kernel task in which the function is called.

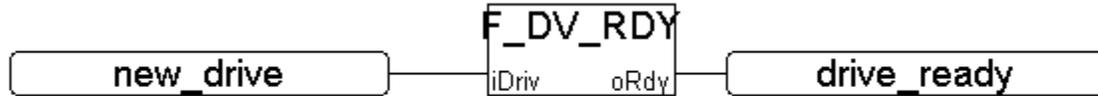
The figure below shows the function with the following return parameters. There are no calling parameters.



OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
oPATH	Message	Present (current) Working Directory.

### 5.10.1.11 F\_DV\_RDY

The F\_DV\_RDY function is used to determine whether or not the specified drive is mounted and ready. The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
iDrive	Message	Target Drive to be checked (e.g. C: E:)

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
oRdy	Boolean	Status of Request

**iDrive** is case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed). The maximum number of characters allowed for the **iDrive** argument is 10.

The function returns TRUE if the specified drive is mounted and ready for use, otherwise FALSE is returned.

### 5.10.2 Directory Information Function Blocks

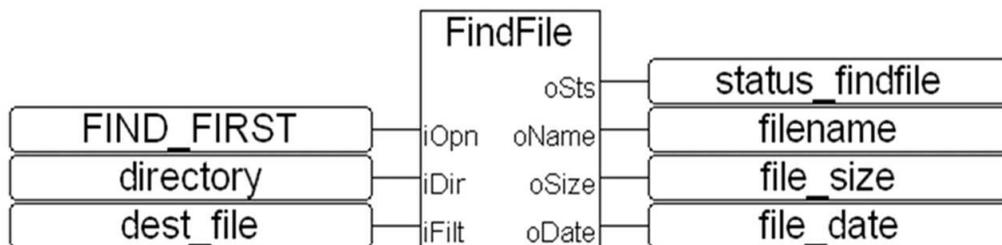
The functionality of the command line **DIR** command is provided by the following ISaGRAF function blocks

- [FINDFILE Function Block](#)<sup>[196]</sup>
- [DIR\\_INFO Function Block](#)<sup>[199]</sup>

### 5.10.2.1 FINDFILE Function Block

The **FINDFILE** function block allows the programmer to search a given directory for a specific file. The specific file details to be returned are determined by the specified file operation, i.e. "first file", "next file", "oldest file", "first directory", or the "next directory". The function block also allows the programmer to specify the directory to search, and a filter as the search criteria, which is only required when searching for the "first file" or "first directory". In addition to the retrieved filename, this function block also returns size of the file in bytes and the file creation data in seconds since 1970.

Instances of the FINDFILE function block in the ISaGRAF target kernel share the same internal position data. This means that calling one instance of FILEFIND with the FIND\_FIRST operation would affect the results from later calling a different instance with the FIND\_NEXT operation. Only one FINDFILE function block can be active in each ISaGRAF target kernel.



#### Function Block Parameters:

The inputs to the **FINDFILE** function block are as follows:

- iOpn (ANA)** – specifies which file operation to be carried out. The possible values are listed as follows:
- 0 = FIND\_FIRST This instructs the FindFile function block to search for the first file in the specified directory (defined in common.eqv as FIND\_FIRST)
  - 1 = FIND\_NEXT This instructs the FindFile function block to search for the next file in the specified directory. The filter for the search would have been specified in the previous "FIND\_FIRST" call defined in common.eqv as FIND\_NEXT).
  - 2 = FIND\_OLDEST This instructs the FindFile function block to search for the oldest file in the specified directory. The filter for the "oldest" file search is specified by the Dir input parameter defined in common.eqv as FIND\_OLDEST).
  - 3 = FIND\_FIRST\_DIR This instructs the FindFile function block to search for the first directory in the specified directory (defined in common.eqv as FIND\_FIRST\_DIR)
  - 4 = FIND\_NEXT\_DIR This instructs the FindFile function block to search for the next directory in the specified directory. The filter for the search would have been specified in the previous "FIND\_FIRST\_DIR" call defined in common.eqv as FIND\_NEXT\_DIR).

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- iDir (MSG)** – specifies the directory for the file search. This argument is case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed) and the maximum number of characters allowed is 255. If no directory path is specified, the current working directory will be referenced for the search.
- iFilt (MSG)** – specifies the filter for the search criteria, e.g. “\*” to search all files. This is not required for the FIND\_NEXT calls as this would have been specified in the FIND\_FIRST call. This argument is case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed) and the maximum number of characters allowed is 255. If no filter is specified then “\*” will be used.
-

The outputs to the **FINDFILE** function block are as follows:

- oSts (ANA)** – specifies which status of the requested file operation. The function block **oSts** value returns 0 if the search was successful (according the specified search criteria). If an error was detected, a negative integer value is returned. Refer to [File System Access Error Codes](#)<sup>[209]</sup> for the range of possible error codes and their descriptions.
  - oName (MSG)** – specifies the file name retrieved and is only valid if the **oSts** output indicates success, i.e. 0. The maximum number of characters allowed for the **oName** output is 255.
  - oSize (ANA)** – specifies the size of the detected file in bytes and is only valid if the **oSts** output indicates success, i.e. 0.
  - oDate (ANA)** – specifies the time and date stamp of the detected file in “seconds since 1970”, and is only valid if the **oSts** output indicates success, i.e. 0.
-

### 5.10.2.2 DIR\_INFO Function Block

The **DIR\_INFO** function block allows the programmer to determine the following information for a given directory

- number of files in the directory
- total bytes used in directory (according to specified filter)
- bytes available in the current working drive



#### Function Block Parameters:

The inputs to the **DIR\_INFO** function block are as follows:

- iDir (MSG)** – specifies the directory for the information search. This argument is case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed) and the maximum number of characters allowed is 255. If no directory is specified, the current working directory will be referenced for the directory information search.
- iFiltr (MSG)** – specifies the filter for the **DIR\_INFO** information search, e.g. "\*" to include all files. This argument is case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed) and the maximum number of characters allowed is 255. If no filter is specified then "\*" will be used.

The outputs to the **DIR\_INFO** function block are as follows:

- oSts (ANA)** – specifies which status of the directory information search. The function block oSts value returns 0 if the information search was successful. If the operation was unsuccessful a negative integer value is returned. Refer to [File System Access Error Codes](#)<sup>[209]</sup> for the range of possible status codes and their descriptions.
- oNum (ANA)** – specifies the number of files in the directory according to the search criteria, i.e. the iFiltr input. The presented value is only valid if the oSts output indicates success.
- oUsed (ANA)** – specifies the total number of bytes used by files in the directory that satisfy the search criteria, i.e. the iFiltr input. The presented value is only valid if the oSts output indicates success.
- oFree (ANA)** – specifies the total number of bytes available in the RTU file system. The presented value is only valid if the oSts output indicates success.



### 5.10.3 ISaGRAF File Read / Write Functions

This section describes the functions that provide both read and write access to files in the RTU file system and allow for transfer of both ASCII and binary data.

These functions are included in the standard ISaGRAF IEC61131-3 library.

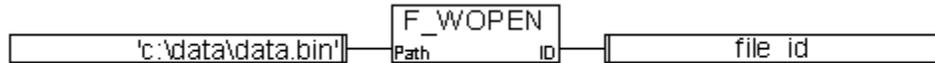
The functions are detailed in the following sections:

- [F\\_WOPEN](#)<sup>[202]</sup>
- [F\\_ROPEN](#)<sup>[203]</sup>
- [F\\_CLOSE](#)<sup>[204]</sup>
- [F\\_EOF](#)<sup>[205]</sup>
- [FA\\_READ](#)<sup>[206]</sup>
- [FA\\_WRITE](#)<sup>[207]</sup>
- [FM\\_READ](#)<sup>[208]</sup>
- [FM\\_WRITE](#)<sup>[209]</sup>

### 5.10.3.1 F\_WOPEN Function

The F\_WOPEN function opens the specified file in write mode. It is to be used with the FA\_WRITE, FM\_WRITE, and F\_CLOSE functions.

The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Path	Message	Filename to open in write mode (may include path)

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ID	Integer	File ID (file handle)

The **PATH** argument specifies the filename to open in write mode.

This argument may include the complete path, otherwise the current working directory shall be used to determine the complete path for the specified file. This argument is case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed), and the maximum number of characters allowed is 255.

The **ID** return parameter presents a file handle to be used for subsequent file accesses. A returned value of 0 indicates the specified file could not be opened in write mode.

### 5.10.3.2 F\_ROPEN Function

The F\_ROPEN function opens the specified file in read mode. It is to be used with the FA\_READ, FM\_READ, and F\_CLOSE functions.

The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Path	Message	Filename to open in read mode (may include path)

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ID	Integer	File ID (file handle)

The **PATH** argument specifies the filename to open in read mode.

This argument may include the complete path, otherwise the current working directory shall be used to determine the complete path for the specified file. This argument is case insensitive (upper and lower case allowed), and the maximum number of characters allowed is 255.

The **ID** return parameter presents a file handle to be used for subsequent file accesses. A returned value of 0 indicates the specified file could not be opened in read mode.

### 5.10.3.3 F\_CLOSE Function

The F\_CLOSE function closes files that have been opened with F\_WOPEN or F\_ROPEN.

The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ID	Integer	File ID (file handle)

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
OK	Boolean	Status of file close request

The **ID** argument specifies the file handle that was returned in calls to either F\_WOPEN or F\_ROPEN. A valid ID value for a currently open file is non-zero.

The **OK** return parameter presents a boolean status for the file close request. TRUE is returned if the file close is OK, otherwise FALSE is returned.

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#### 5.10.3.4 F\_EOF Function

The F\_EOF function tests whether the end of file has been reached.

The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ID	Integer	File ID (file handle)

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
OK	Boolean	Status of request

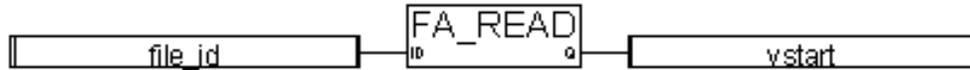
The **ID** argument specifies the file handle that was returned in calls to either F\_WOPEN or F\_ROPEN. A valid ID value for a currently open file is non-zero.

The **OK** return parameter presents a boolean status for the end of file test. TRUE is returned if the end of file has been reached in the last read or write procedure call, otherwise FALSE is returned.

### 5.10.3.5 FA\_READ Function

The FA\_READ function reads analog values from a binary file. It is to be used with the F\_ROPEN and F\_CLOSE functions. This function makes a sequential access to the file from the previous position. The first call after F\_ROPEN reads the first 4 bytes of the file. Each call pushes the “read” pointer. To check whether the end of file is reached, the F\_EOF function is used.

The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ID	Integer	File ID (file handle)

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
q	Integer	Integer value read from file

The **ID** argument specifies the file handle that was returned in the call to F\_ROPEN. A valid ID value for a currently open file is non-zero.

The **Q** return parameter returns the integer analog value read from the file.

### 5.10.3.6 FA\_WRITE Function

The FA\_WRITE function writes analog values to a binary file. It is to be used with the F\_WOPEN and F\_CLOSE functions. This function makes a sequential access to the file from the previous position. The first call after F\_WOPEN writes the first 4 bytes of the file. Each call pushes the "write" pointer.

The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ID	Integer	File ID (file handle)
IN	Integer	Integer value to be written to file

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
q	Integer	Status of file write request

The **ID** argument specifies the file handle that was returned in the call to F\_WOPEN. A valid ID value for a currently open file is non-zero. The **IN** argument represents the actual value that will be written (in 4 bytes) to the specified file.

The **OK** return parameter returns the status of the file write request. TRUE is returned if the file write was successful, otherwise FALSE is returned.

### 5.10.3.7 FM\_READ Function

The FM\_READ function reads MESSAGE values from a binary file. It is to be used with the F\_ROPEN and F\_CLOSE functions. This function makes a sequential access to the file from the previous position. The first call after F\_ROPEN reads the first string of the file. Each call pushes the "read" pointer. A string is terminated by null (0), end of line ('\n') or return ('\r'). To check whether the end of file is reached, the F\_EOF function is used.

The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ID	Integer	File ID (file handle)

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
q	Integer	Message variable read from file

The **ID** argument specifies the file handle that was returned in the call to F\_ROPEN. A valid ID value for a currently open file is non-zero.

The **Q** return parameter returns the string read from the file.

**5.10.3.8 FM\_WRITE Function**

The FM\_WRITE function writes a message variable to a binary file as a null terminated string. It is to be used with the F\_WOPEN and F\_CLOSE functions. This function makes a sequential access to the file from the previous position. The first call after F\_WOPEN writes the first string to the file. Each call pushes the “write” pointer.

The figure below shows the function with the following calling and return parameters:



INPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ID	Integer	File ID (file handle)
IN	Message	Message variable to be written to file

OUTPUTS	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
q	Integer	Status of file write request

The **ID** argument specifies the file handle that was returned in the call to F\_WOPEN. A valid ID value for a currently open file is non-zero. The **IN** argument represents the actual string that will be written to the specified file.

The **OK** return parameter returns the status of the file write request. TRUE is returned if the file write was successful, otherwise FALSE is returned.

**5.10.4 File System Status and Error Codes**

Many of the RTU file system functions and function blocks return an integer status / error code. The status / error code values are detailed in the following table.

**Table 6.14: File System Status / Error Codes**

Status Value	Description
0	Success
-1	Unknown Error
-1000	Source name is illegal

-1001	Source file is in use
-1002	Source file does not exist
-1003	Invalid file pointer
-1004	Illegal position
-1005	Illegal destination name
-1006	Source file name in use
-1007	Invalid query structure
-1008	Destination file name in use
-1009	Error creating working buffer
-1010	Error writing to file
-1011	Could not create file
-1012	New file would exceed the maximum file size
-1013	Requested operation not supported
-1014	Directory in use
-1015	File or Directory does not exist
-1016	Invalid Path
-1017	File or Directory already exists

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