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EL40xx

Analog Output Terminals (12 bit)



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1 Foreword

1.1 Product overview Analog Output Terminals

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One, two, four and eight-channel analog output terminals, 0 - 10 V, 12 bit

[EL4011, EL4012, EL4014, EL4018](#) [► 22]

One, two, four and eight-channel analog output terminals, 0..20 mA, 12 bit

[EL4021, EL4022, EL4024, EL4028](#) [► 25]

One, two, four and eight-channel analog output terminals, 4..20 mA, 12 bit

[EL4031, EL4032, EL4034, EL4038](#) [► 29]

One, two, four and eight-channel analog output terminals, -10..+10 V, 12 bit

1.2 Notes on the documentation

Intended audience

This description is only intended for the use of trained specialists in control and automation engineering who are familiar with the applicable national standards.

It is essential that the documentation and the following notes and explanations are followed when installing and commissioning these components.

It is the duty of the technical personnel to use the documentation published at the respective time of each installation and commissioning.

The responsible staff must ensure that the application or use of the products described satisfy all the requirements for safety, including all the relevant laws, regulations, guidelines and standards.

Disclaimer

The documentation has been prepared with care. The products described are, however, constantly under development.

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1.3 Safety instructions

Safety regulations

Please note the following safety instructions and explanations!

Product-specific safety instructions can be found on following pages or in the areas mounting, wiring, commissioning etc.

Exclusion of liability

All the components are supplied in particular hardware and software configurations appropriate for the application. Modifications to hardware or software configurations other than those described in the documentation are not permitted, and nullify the liability of Beckhoff Automation GmbH & Co. KG.

Personnel qualification

This description is only intended for trained specialists in control, automation and drive engineering who are familiar with the applicable national standards.

Description of instructions

In this documentation the following instructions are used.

These instructions must be read carefully and followed without fail!

DANGER

Serious risk of injury!

Failure to follow this safety instruction directly endangers the life and health of persons.

WARNING

Risk of injury!

Failure to follow this safety instruction endangers the life and health of persons.

CAUTION

Personal injuries!

Failure to follow this safety instruction can lead to injuries to persons.

NOTE

Damage to environment/equipment or data loss

Failure to follow this instruction can lead to environmental damage, equipment damage or data loss.



Tip or pointer

This symbol indicates information that contributes to better understanding.

1.4 Documentation issue status

Version	Comment
3.9	• Update chapter "Technical data" • Update chapter "Version identification of EtherCAT devices" • Update structure • Update Notes • Update revision status • Chapter Disposal added
3.8	• New title page • Update chapter "Version identification of EtherCAT devices" • Update chapter "Commissioning" • Update revision status
3.7	• Update chapter "EL4x1x, EL4x2x Current output" • Update revision status • Structural update
3.6	• Update chapter "Commissioning" • Update revision status • Structural update
3.5	• Update Technical data • Update chapter "Connection technology" -> "connection" • Update revision status • Structural update
3.4	• Update Technical data • Update revision status • Structural update
3.3	• Update Technical data
3.2	• Update chapter "Notes on the documentation" • Correction in technical data • Chapter "TwinCAT Quick Start" inserted • Update revision status
3.1	• Update title and introduction • Structural update
3.0	• Migration • Structural update • Update revision status
2.5	• Update chapter "Technical data" • Addenda chapter "Installation instructions for enhanced mechanical load capacity" • Structural update • Update revision status
2.4	• Update "Technical data" • Structural update
2.3	• Update "Technical data"
2.2	• Update "Technical data" • Update FastMode description
2.1	• Update "Technical data" • Update firmware status
2.0	• New structure • Process data flow added
1.2	• Technical data current output, object description optimized
1.1	• Technical data, new safety instructions added

Version	Comment
1.0	• EL401x, EL402x added; first public issue
0.5	• EL403x added
0.4	• Minor corrections
0.3	• Technical data added
0.2	• Technical data added
0.1	• Preliminary documentation for EL400x

1.5 Version identification of EtherCAT devices

1.5.1 General notes on marking

Designation

A Beckhoff EtherCAT device has a 14-digit designation, made up of

- family key
- type
- version
- revision

Example	Family	Type	Version	Revision
EL3314-0000-0016	EL terminal (12 mm, non-pluggable connection level)	3314 (4-channel thermocouple terminal)	0000 (basic type)	0016
ES3602-0010-0017	ES terminal (12 mm, pluggable connection level)	3602 (2-channel voltage measurement)	0010 (high-precision version)	0017
CU2008-0000-0000	CU device	2008 (8-port fast ethernet switch)	0000 (basic type)	0000

Notes

- The elements mentioned above result in the **technical designation**. EL3314-0000-0016 is used in the example below.
- EL3314-0000 is the order identifier, in the case of “-0000” usually abbreviated to EL3314. “-0016” is the EtherCAT revision.
- The **order identifier** is made up of
 - family key (EL, EP, CU, ES, KL, CX, etc.)
 - type (3314)
 - version (-0000)
- The **revision** -0016 shows the technical progress, such as the extension of features with regard to the EtherCAT communication, and is managed by Beckhoff.
In principle, a device with a higher revision can replace a device with a lower revision, unless specified otherwise, e.g. in the documentation.
Associated and synonymous with each revision there is usually a description (ESI, EtherCAT Slave Information) in the form of an XML file, which is available for download from the Beckhoff web site.
From 2014/01 the revision is shown on the outside of the IP20 terminals, see Fig. “EL5021 EL terminal, standard IP20 IO device with batch number and revision ID (since 2014/01)”.
- The type, version and revision are read as decimal numbers, even if they are technically saved in hexadecimal.

1.5.2 Version identification of EL terminals

The serial number/ data code for Beckhoff IO devices is usually the 8-digit number printed on the device or on a sticker. The serial number indicates the configuration in delivery state and therefore refers to a whole production batch, without distinguishing the individual modules of a batch.

Structure of the serial number: **KK YY FF HH**

KK - week of production (CW, calendar week)

YY - year of production

FF - firmware version

HH - hardware version

Example with serial number 12 06 3A 02:

12 - production week 12

06 - production year 2006

3A - firmware version 3A

02 - hardware version 02



Fig. 1: EL2872 with revision 0022 and serial number 01200815

1.5.3 Beckhoff Identification Code (BIC)

The Beckhoff Identification Code (BIC) is increasingly being applied to Beckhoff products to uniquely identify the product. The BIC is represented as a Data Matrix Code (DMC, code scheme ECC200), the content is based on the ANSI standard MH10.8.2-2016.

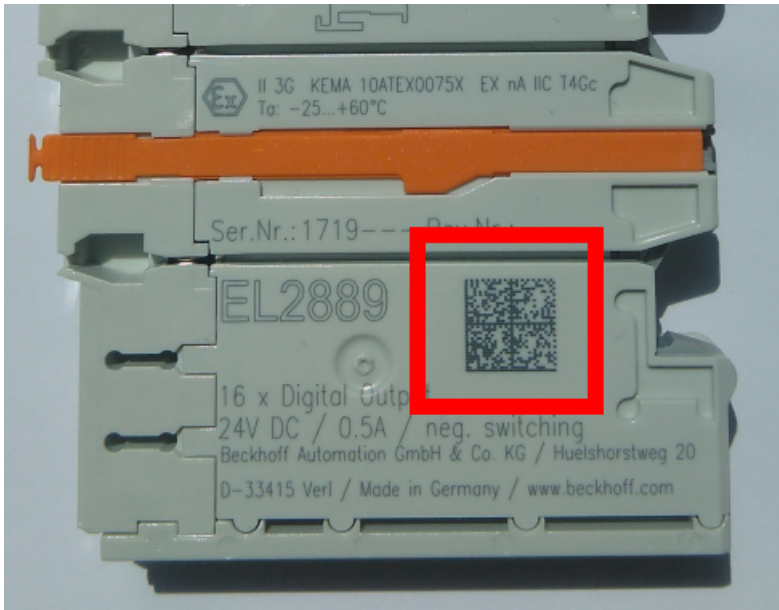


Fig. 2: BIC as data matrix code (DMC, code scheme ECC200)

The BIC will be introduced step by step across all product groups.

Depending on the product, it can be found in the following places:

- on the packaging unit
- directly on the product (if space suffices)
- on the packaging unit and the product

The BIC is machine-readable and contains information that can also be used by the customer for handling and product management.

Each piece of information can be uniquely identified using the so-called data identifier (ANSI MH10.8.2-2016). The data identifier is followed by a character string. Both together have a maximum length according to the table below. If the information is shorter, spaces are added to it. The data under positions 1 to 4 are always available.

Following information is possible, positions 1 to 4 are always present, the other according to need of production:

Position	Type of information	Explanation	Data identifier	Number of digits incl. data identifier	Example
1	Beckhoff order number	Beckhoff order number	1P	8	1P 072222
2	Beckhoff Traceability Number (BTN)	Unique serial number, see note below	SBTN	12	S BTNk4p562d7
3	Article description	Beckhoff article description, e.g. EL1008	1K	32	1K EL1809
4	Quantity	Quantity in packaging unit, e.g. 1, 10, etc.	Q	6	Q1
5	Batch number	Optional: Year and week of production	2P	14	2P 401503180016
6	ID/serial number	Optional: Present-day serial number system, e.g. with safety products	51S	12	51S 678294
7	Variant number	Optional: Product variant number on the basis of standard products	30P	32	30P F971, 2*K183
...					

Further types of information and data identifiers are used by Beckhoff and serve internal processes.

Structure of the BIC

Example of composite information from positions 1 to 4 and with the above given example value on position 6. The data identifiers are highlighted in bold font:

1P072222**S**BTNk4p562d7**1K**EL1809 **Q1** **51S**678294

Accordingly as DMC:



Fig. 3: Example DMC **1P**072222**S**BTNk4p562d7**1K**EL1809 **Q1** **51S**678294

BTN

An important component of the BIC is the Beckhoff Traceability Number (BTN, position 2). The BTN is a unique serial number consisting of eight characters that will replace all other serial number systems at Beckhoff in the long term (e.g. batch designations on IO components, previous serial number range for safety products, etc.). The BTN will also be introduced step by step, so it may happen that the BTN is not yet coded in the BIC.

NOTE

This information has been carefully prepared. However, the procedure described is constantly being further developed. We reserve the right to revise and change procedures and documentation at any time and without prior notice. No claims for changes can be made from the information, illustrations and descriptions in this information.

1.5.4 Electronic access to the BIC (eBIC)

Electronic BIC (eBIC)

The Beckhoff Identification Code (BIC) is applied to the outside of Beckhoff products in a visible place. If possible, it should also be electronically readable.

Decisive for the electronic readout is the interface via which the product can be electronically addressed.

K-bus devices (IP20, IP67)

Currently, no electronic storage and readout is planned for these devices.

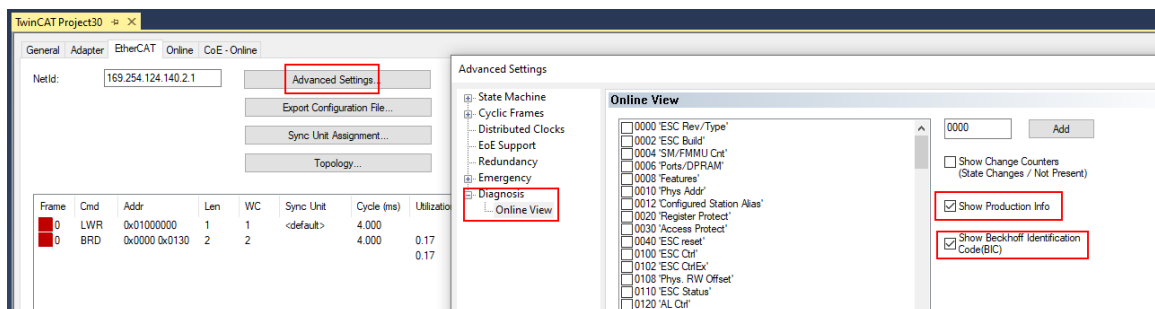
EtherCAT devices (IP20, IP67)

All Beckhoff EtherCAT devices have a so-called ESI-EEPROM, which contains the EtherCAT identity with the revision number. Stored in it is the EtherCAT slave information, also colloquially known as ESI/XML configuration file for the EtherCAT master. See the corresponding chapter in the EtherCAT system manual ([Link](#)) for the relationships.

The eBIC is also stored in the ESI-EEPROM. The eBIC was introduced into the Beckhoff I/O production (terminals, boxes) from 2020; widespread implementation is expected in 2021.

The user can electronically access the eBIC (if existent) as follows:

- With all EtherCAT devices, the EtherCAT master (TwinCAT) can read the eBIC from the ESI-EEPROM
 - From TwinCAT 4024.11, the eBIC can be displayed in the online view.
 - To do this, check the checkbox "Show Beckhoff Identification Code (BIC)" under EtherCAT → Advanced Settings → Diagnostics:



- The BTN and its contents are then displayed:

No	Addr	Name	State	CRC	Fw	Hw	Production Data	ItemNo	BTN	Description	Quantity	BatchNo	SerialNo
1	1001	Term 1 (EK1100)	OP	0.0	0	0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2	1002	Term 2 (EL1018)	OP	0.0	0	0	2020 KW36 Fr	072222	k4p562d7	EL1809	1	---	678294
3	1003	Term 3 (EL3204)	OP	0.0	7	6	2012 KW24 Sa	---	---	---	---	---	---
4	1004	Term 4 (EL2004)	OP	0.0	0	0	---	072223	k4p562d7	EL2004	1	---	678295
5	1005	Term 5 (EL1008)	OP	0.0	0	0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
6	1006	Term 6 (EL2008)	OP	0.0	0	12	2014 KW14 Mo	---	---	---	---	---	---
7	1007	Term 7 (EK1110)	OP	0	1	8	2012 KW25 Mo	---	---	---	---	---	---

- Note: as can be seen in the illustration, the production data HW version, FW version and production date, which have been programmed since 2012, can also be displayed with "Show Production Info".
- In the case of EtherCAT devices with CoE directory, the object 0x10E2:01 can additionally be used to display the device's own eBIC; the PLC can also simply access the information here:

- The device must be in SAFEOP/OP for access:

Index	Name	Flags	Value
1000	Device type	RO	0x015E1389 (22942601)
1008	Device name	RO	ELM3704-0000
1009	Hardware version	RO	00
100A	Software version	RO	01
100B	Bootloader version	RO	J0.1.27.0
1011:0	Restore default parameters	RO	> 1 <
1018:0	Identity	RO	> 4 <
10E2:0	Manufacturer-specific Identification C...	RO	> 1 <
10E2:01	SubIndex 001	RO	1P158442SBTN0008jekp1KELM3704 Q1 2P482001000016
10F0:0	Backup parameter handling	RO	> 1 <
10F3:0	Diagnosis History	RO	> 21 <
10F8	Actual Time Stamp	RO	0x170bfb277e

- the object 0x10E2 will be introduced into stock products in the course of a necessary firmware revision.
- Note: in the case of electronic further processing, the BTN is to be handled as a string(8); the identifier "SBTN" is not part of the BTN.
- Technical background
The new BIC information is additionally written as a category in the ESI-EEPROM during the device production. The structure of the ESI content is largely dictated by the ETG specifications, therefore the additional vendor-specific content is stored with the help of a category according to ETG.2010. ID 03 indicates to all EtherCAT masters that they must not overwrite these data in case of an update or restore the data after an ESI update.
The structure follows the content of the BIC, see there. This results in a memory requirement of approx. 50..200 bytes in the EEPROM.
- Special cases
 - If multiple, hierarchically arranged ESCs are installed in a device, only the top-level ESC carries the eBIC Information.
 - If multiple, non-hierarchically arranged ESCs are installed in a device, all ESCs carry the eBIC Information.
 - If the device consists of several sub-devices with their own identity, but only the top-level device is accessible via EtherCAT, the eBIC of the top-level device is located in the CoE object directory 0x10E2:01 and the eBICs of the sub-devices follow in 0x10E2:nn.

Profibus/Profinet/DeviceNet... Devices

Currently, no electronic storage and readout is planned for these devices.

2 Product description

2.1 EL4001, EL4002, EL4004, EL4008

2.1.1 EL400x - Introduction

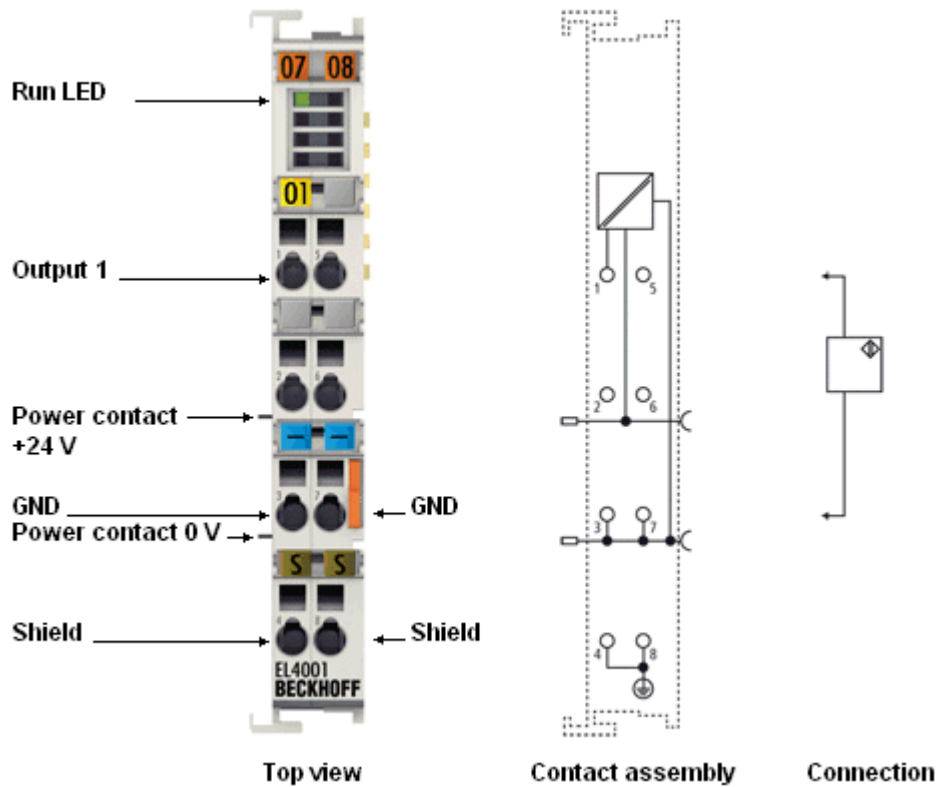


Fig. 4: EL4001

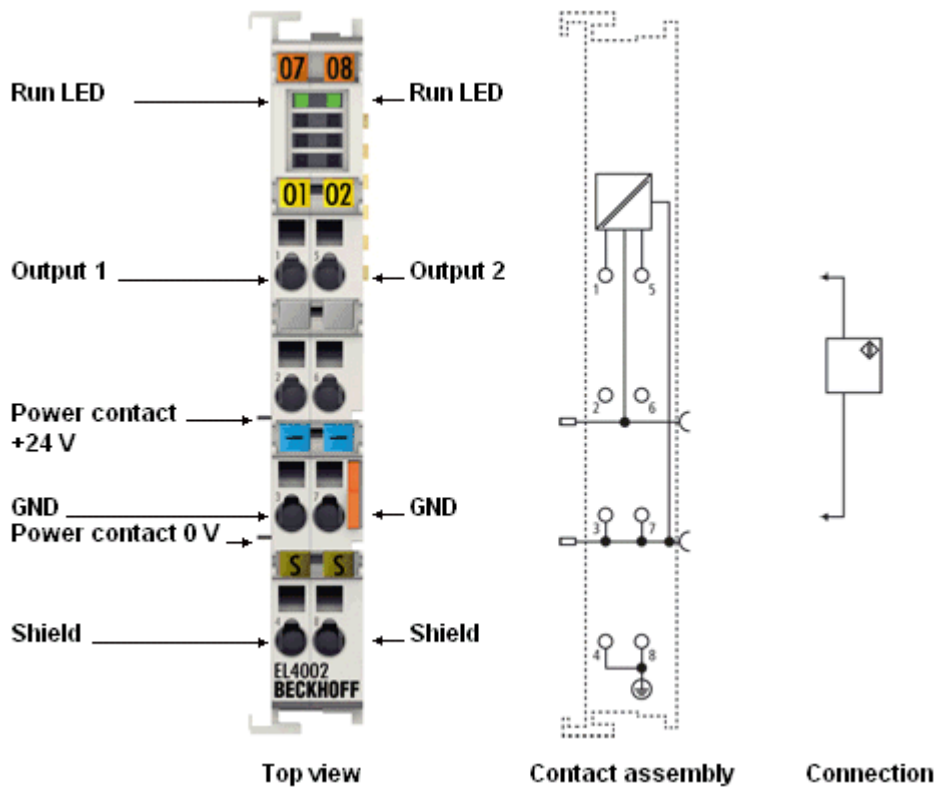


Fig. 5: EL4002

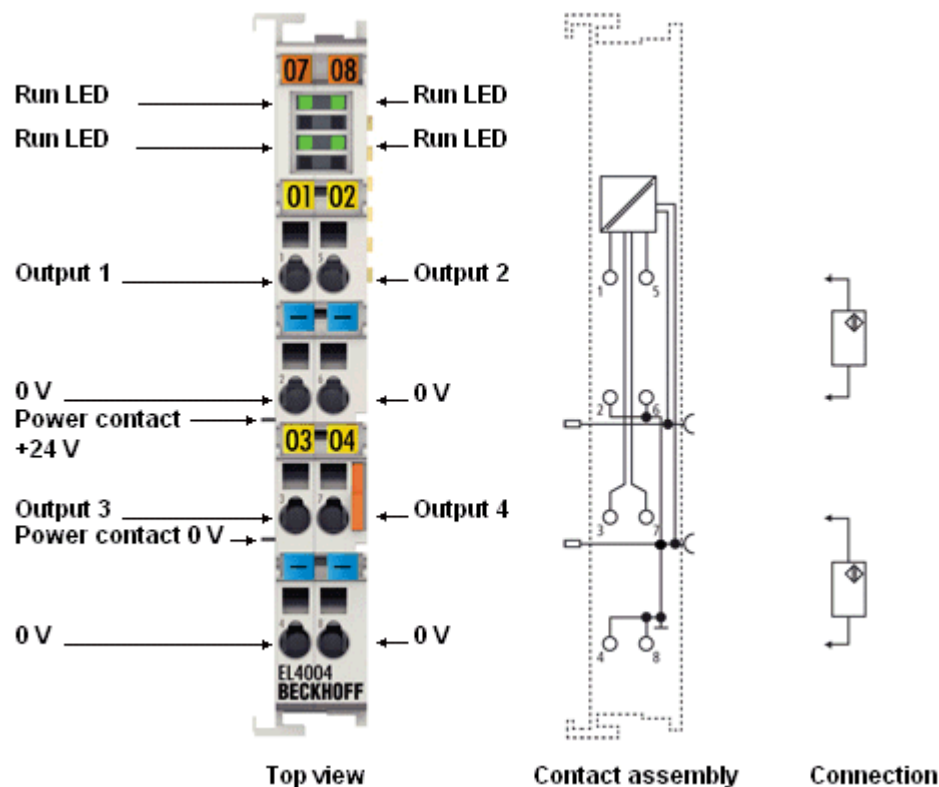


Fig. 6: EL4004

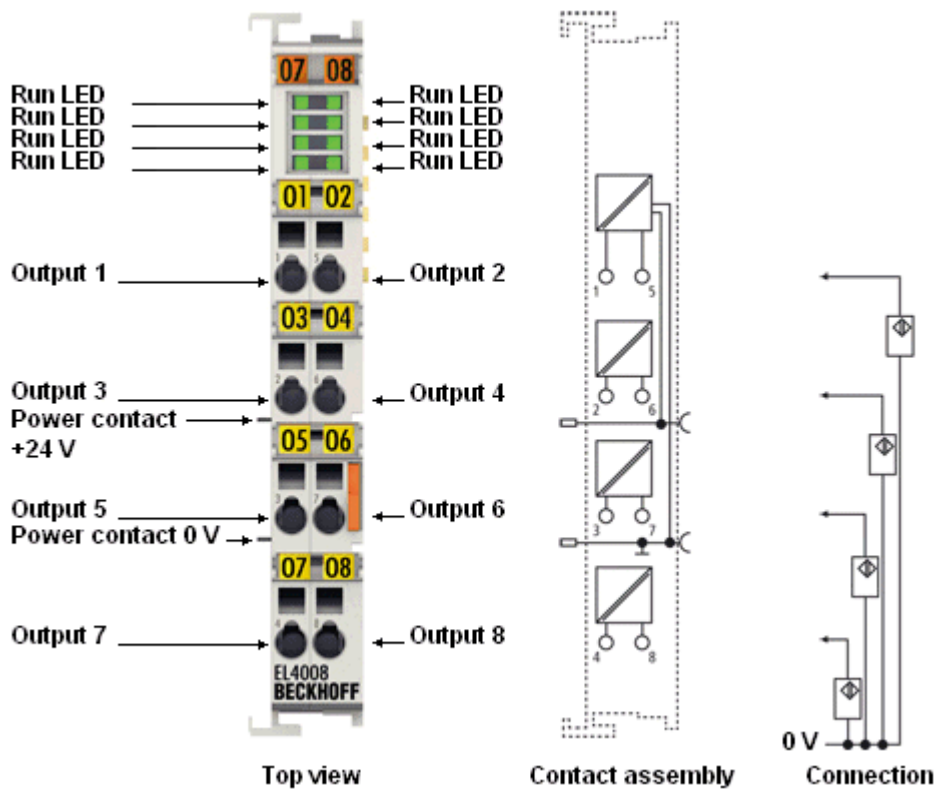


Fig. 7: EL4008

One, two, four and eight-channel analog output terminals, 0..10 V, 12 bit

The EL4001, EL4002, EL4004 and EL4008 analog output terminals generate signals in the range between 0 and 10 V. The voltage is supplied to the process level with a resolution of 12 bits, and is electrically isolated. The output channels of the EtherCAT Terminals have a common ground potential. The EL4001 is the single-channel variant which when combined with the EL95xx is particularly suitable for signals with electrically isolated ground potentials. The output stages are powered by the 24 V supply. The signal state of the EtherCAT Terminals is indicated by light emitting diodes.

The EL400x supports distributed clocks, i.e. the input data can be monitored synchronously with other data that are also linked to distributed clock terminals. The accuracy across the system is < 100 ns.

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2.1.2 EL400x - Technical data

Technical data	EL4001	EL4002	EL4004	EL4008
Number of outputs	1	2	4	8
Power supply	24 V DC via the power contacts			
Signal voltage	0..10 V			
Load	> 5 kΩ (short-circuit-proof)			
Measuring error	< ± 0.1% (at 0 °C ... +55 °C, relative to the full scale value) < ± 0.2% (when the extended temperature range is used)			
Resolution	12 bit			
Conversion time	~ 100 μs	~ 150 μs	~ 250 μs	~ 400 μs
Power supply for electronics	via the E-bus			
Distributed Clocks	yes			
Current consumption via E-bus	typ. 140 mA	typ. 140 mA	typ. 140 mA	typ. 100 mA
Electrical isolation	500 V (E-bus/field voltage)			
Bit width in process image	1 x 16-bit AO output	2 x 16-bit AO output	4 x 16-bit AO output	8 x 16-bit AO output
Configuration	via TwinCAT System Manager			
Weight	approx. 60 g			
Permissible ambient temperature range during operation	-25 °C ... +60 °C (extended temperature range)			
Permissible ambient temperature range during storage	-40 °C ... +85 °C			
Permissible relative humidity	95%, no condensation			
Dimensions (W x H x D)	approx. 15 mm x 100 mm x 70 mm (width aligned: 12 mm)			
Mounting [► 51]	on 35 mm mounting rail conforms to EN 60715			
Vibration/shock resistance	conforms to EN 60068-2-6 / EN 60068-2-27, see also installation instructions [► 53] for enhanced mechanical load capacity			
EMC immunity/emission	conforms to EN 61000-6-2 / EN 61000-6-4			
Protection class	IP20			
Installation position	variable			
Approval	CE, UKCA, EAC ATEX [► 32] cULus [► 37]			

Ex marking

Standard	Marking
ATEX	II 3 G Ex nA IIC T4 Gc

2.2 EL4011, EL4012, EL4014, EL4018

2.2.1 EL401x - Introduction

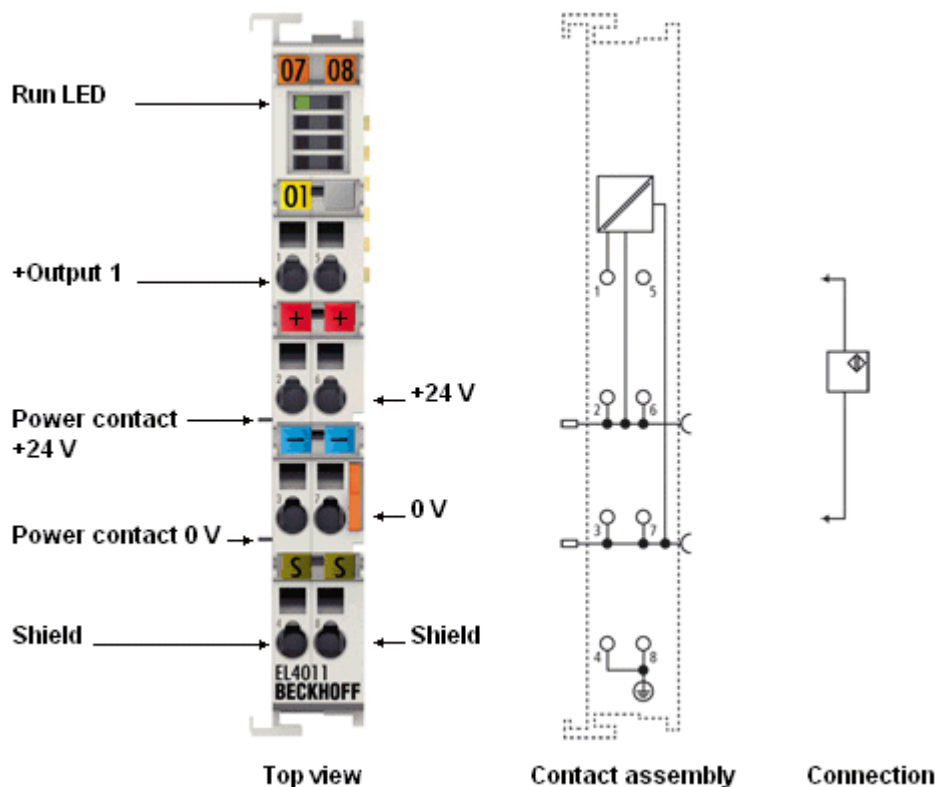


Fig. 8: EL4011

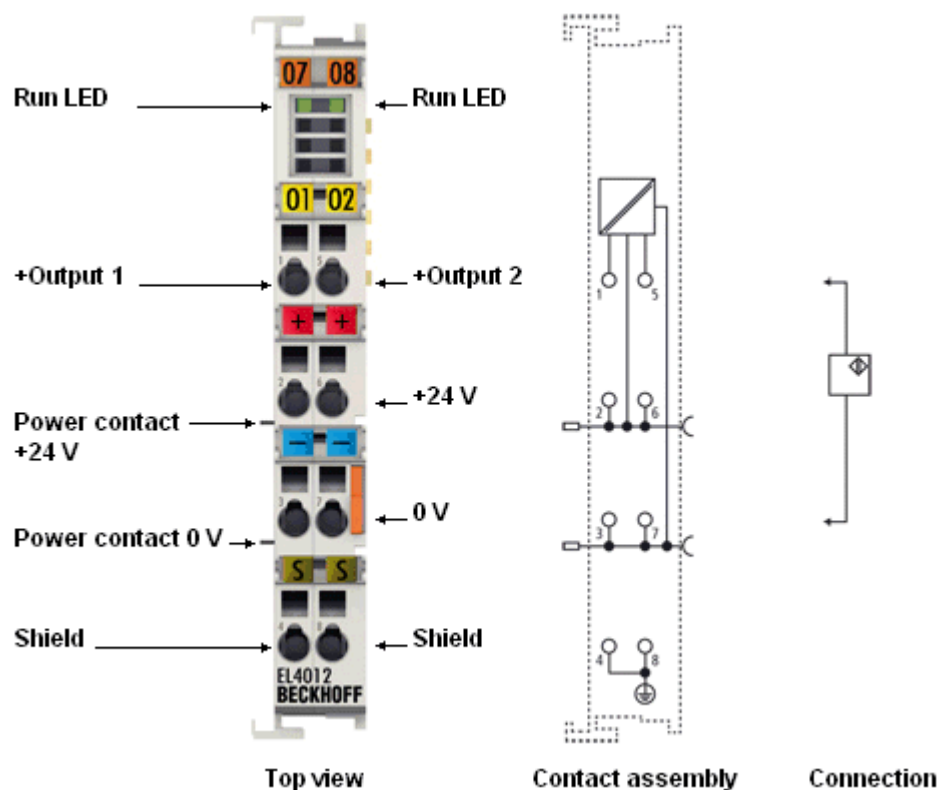


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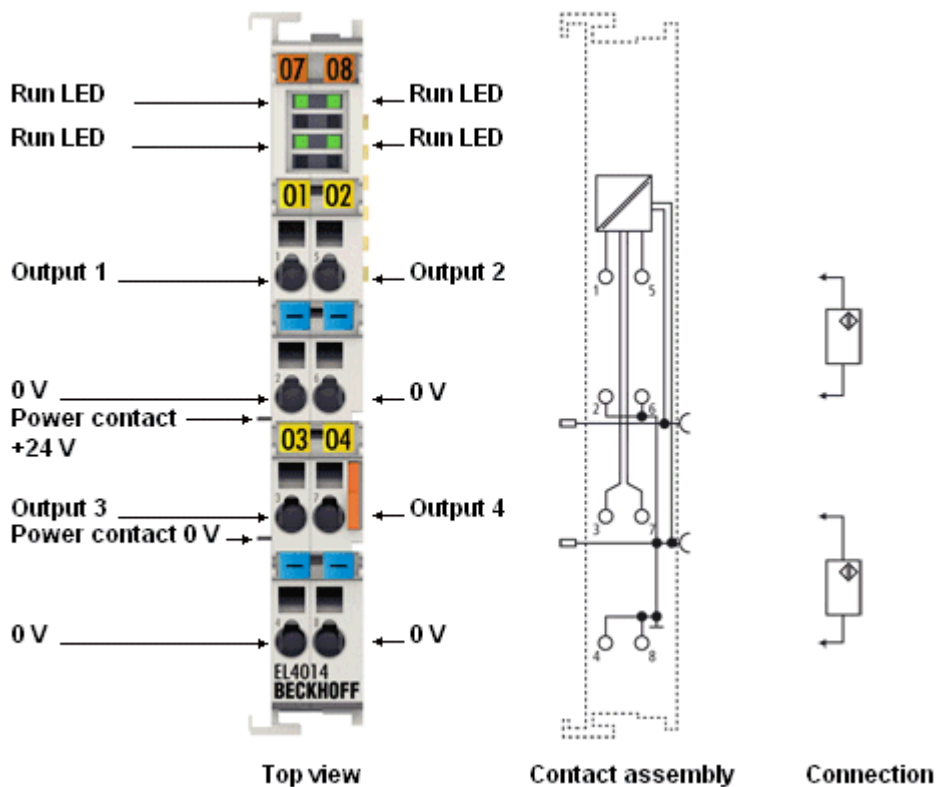


Fig. 10: EL4014

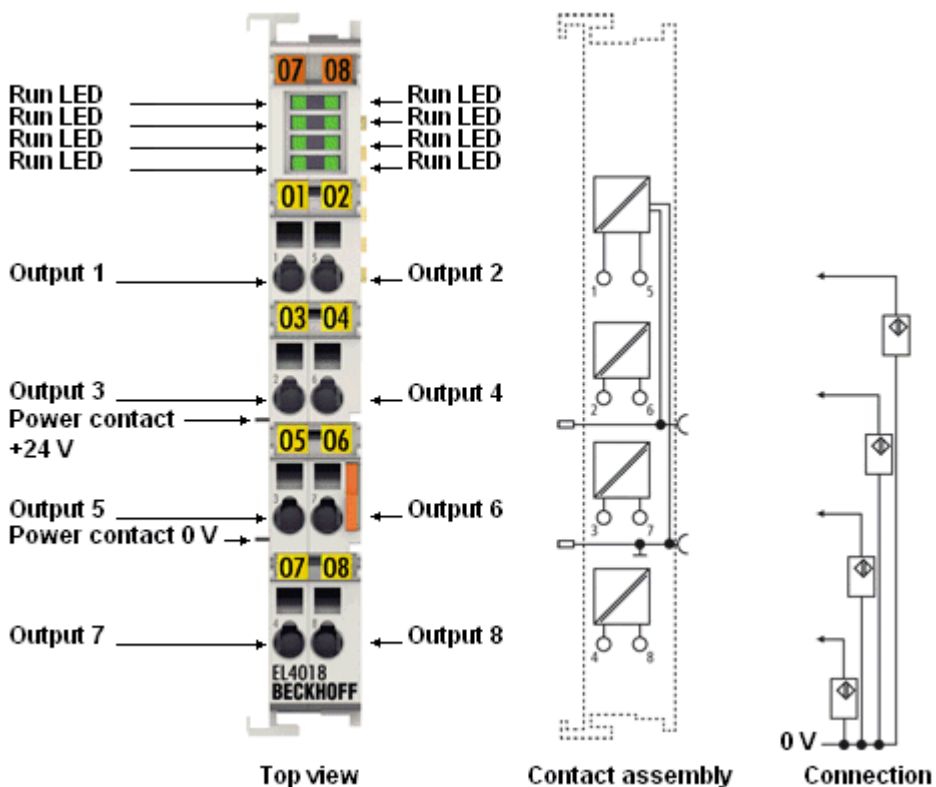


Fig. 11: EL4018

One, two, four and eight-channel analog output terminals, 0..20 mA, 12 bit

The EL4011, EL4012, EL4014 and EL4018 Analog Output Terminals generate analog output signals in the range between 0 and 20 mA. The power is supplied to the process level with a resolution of 12 bits, and is electrically isolated. Ground potential for the output channels of an EtherCAT Terminal is common with the 0 V_{DC} supply. The output stages are powered by the 24 V supply. The signal state of the EtherCAT Terminals

is indicated by light emitting diodes.

The EL401x support distributed clocks, i.e. the input data can be monitored synchronously with other data that are also linked to distributed clock terminals. The accuracy across the system is < 100 ns.

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2.2.2 EL401x - Technical data

Technical data	EL4011	EL4012	EL4014	EL4018
Number of outputs	1	2	4	8
Number of simultaneously controllable inputs, depending on the ambient temperature	-	2 (-25 °C ... +55 °C) 1 (> +55 °C)	4 (-25 °C ... +55 °C) 2 (> +55 °C)	8 (-25 °C ... +55 °C) 4 (> +55 °C)
Power supply	24 V _{DC} via the power contacts			
Signal current	0..20 mA			
Load	< 500 Ω (short-circuit-proof)	< 500 Ω (short-circuit-proof)	< 350 Ω (short-circuit-proof)	< 150 Ω
Measuring error	< ± 0.1% (at 0 °C ... +55 °C, relative to the full scale value) < ± 0.5% (when the extended temperature range is used, relative to the full scale value)			< ± 0.1%, (at 0°C...+55°C relative to full scale value) < ± 0.7% (when the extended temperature range is used, relative to the full scale value)
Resolution	12 bit			
Conversion time	~ 100 µs	~ 150 µs	~ 250 µs	~ 400 µs
Power supply for electronics	via the E-bus			
Distributed Clocks	yes			
Current consumption via E-bus	typ. 140 mA	typ. 140 mA	typ. 140 mA	typ. 100 mA
Electrical isolation	500 V (E-bus/field voltage)			
Bit width in process image	1 x 16-bit AO output	2 x 16-bit AO output	4 x 16-bit AO output	8 x 16-bit AO output
Configuration	via TwinCAT System Manager			
Weight	approx. 60 g			
Permissible ambient temperature range during operation	-25 °C ... +60 °C (extended temperature range)			
Permissible ambient temperature range during storage	-40 °C ... +85 °C			
Permissible relative humidity	95%, no condensation			
Dimensions (W x H x D)	approx. 15 mm x 100 mm x 70 mm (width aligned: 12 mm)			
Mounting [► 51]	on 35 mm mounting rail conforms to EN 60715			
Vibration/shock resistance	conforms to EN 60068-2-6 / EN 60068-2-27, see also installation instructions [► 53] for enhanced mechanical load capacity			
EMC immunity/emission	conforms to EN 61000-6-2 / EN 61000-6-4			
Protection class	IP20			
Installation position	variable			
Approval	CE, UKCA, EAC ATEX [► 32] cULus [► 37]		CE, UKCA, EAC ATEX [► 32] cULus [► 37] IECEx [► 33] cFMus [► 35]	CE, UKCA, EAC ATEX [► 32] cULus [► 37]

Ex markings

Standard	Marking
ATEX	II 3 G Ex nA IIC T4 Gc II 3 D Ex tc IIIC T135 °C Dc
IECEx	Ex nA IIC T4 Gc Ex tc IIIC T135 °C Dc
cFMus	Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D Class I, Zone 2, AEx/Ex ec IIC T4 Gc

2.3 EL4021, EL4022, EL4024, EL4028

2.3.1 EL402x - Introduction

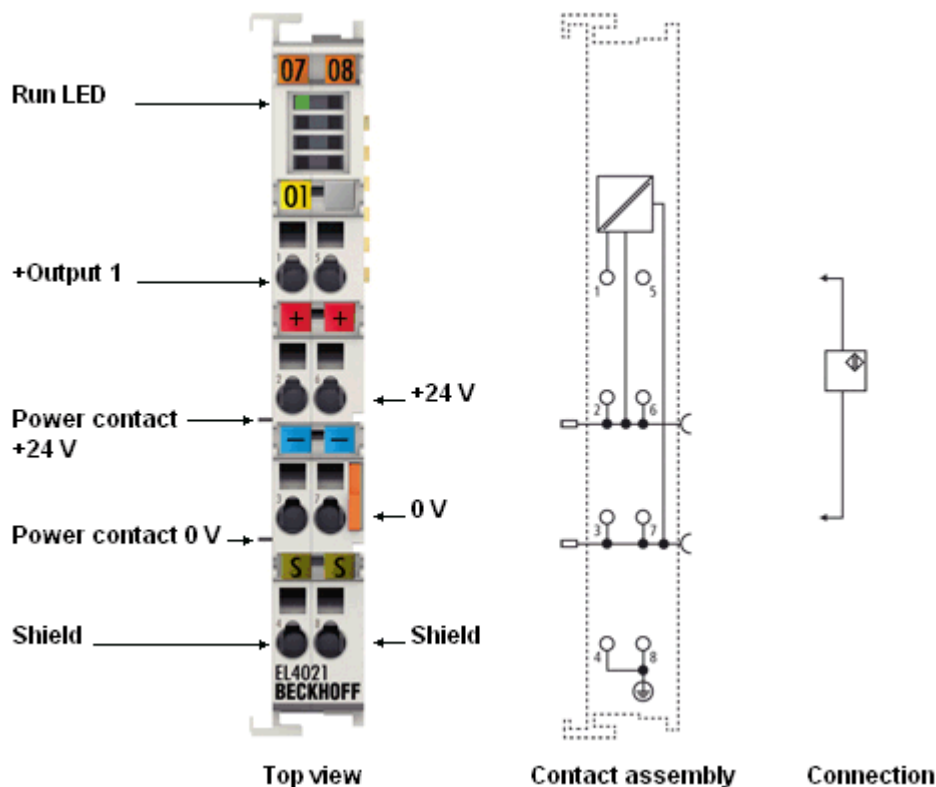


Fig. 12: EL4021

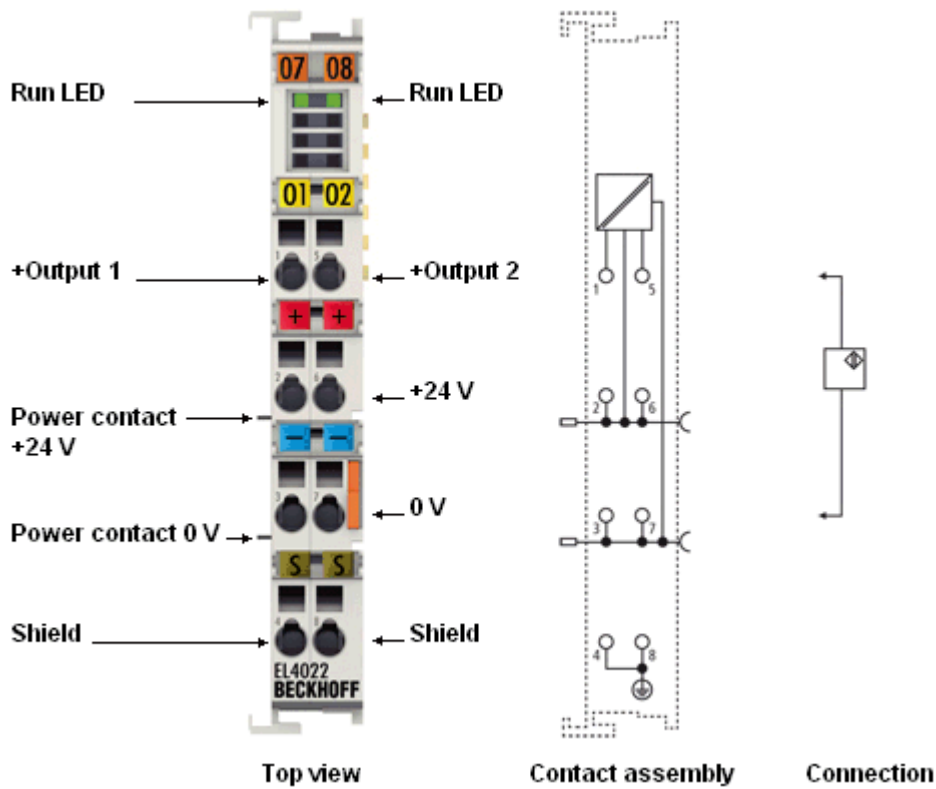


Fig. 13: EL4022

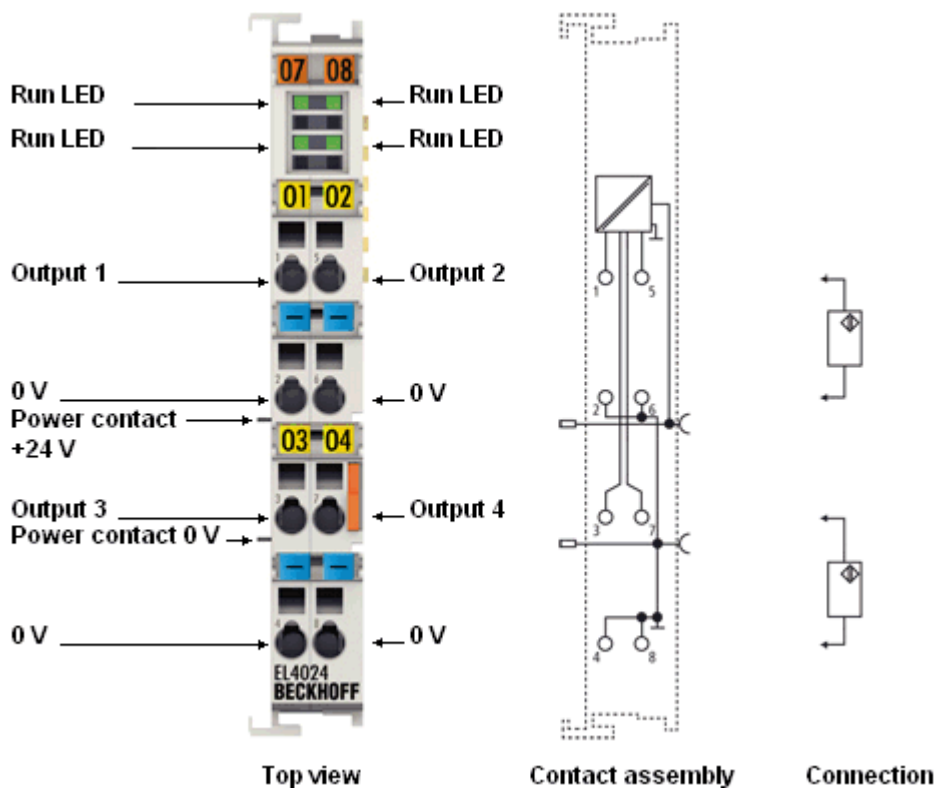


Fig. 14: EL4024

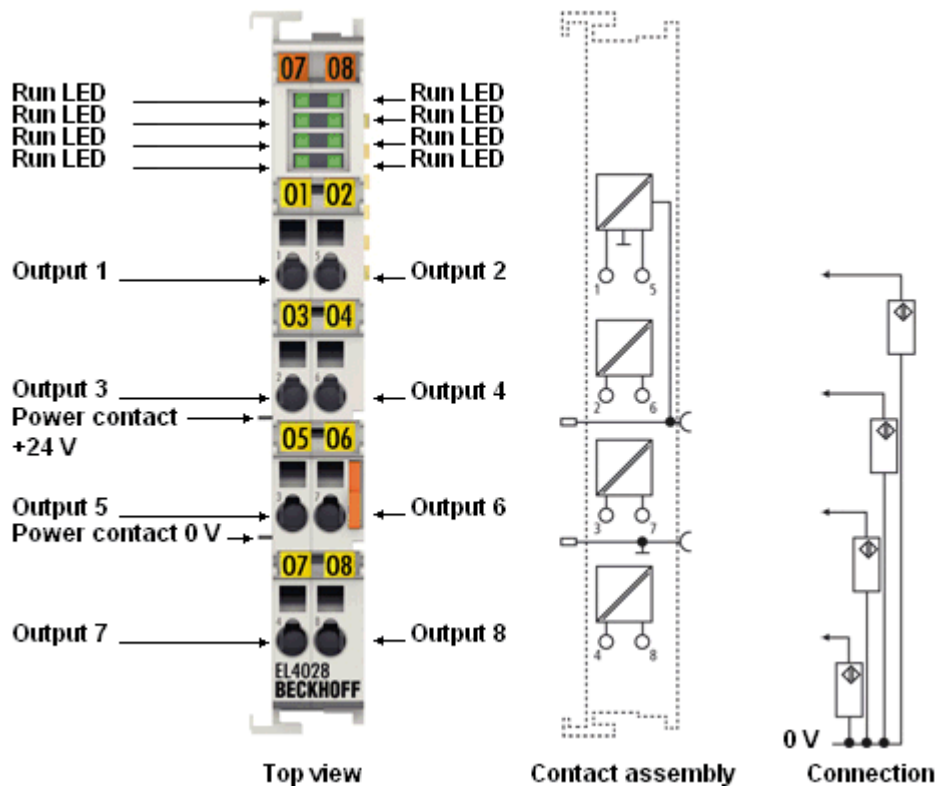


Fig. 15: EL4028

One, two, four and eight-channel analog output terminals, 4..20 mA, 12 bit

The EL4021, EL4022, EL4014 and EL4028 Analog Output Terminals generate analog output signals in the range between 4 and 20 mA. The power is supplied to the process level with a resolution of 12 bits, and is electrically isolated. Ground potential for the output channels of an EtherCAT Terminal is common with the 0 V_{DC} supply. The output stages are powered by the 24 V supply. The signal state of the EtherCAT Terminals is indicated by light emitting diodes.

The EL402x support distributed clocks, i.e. the input data can be monitored synchronously with other data that are also linked to distributed clock terminals. The accuracy across the system is < 100 ns.

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- [EtherCAT basics](#)
- [Commissioning \[► 68\]](#)
- [EL40xx basics \[► 144\]](#)
- [CoE object description and parameterization \[► 167\]](#)

2.3.2 EL402x - Technical data

Technical data	EL4021	EL4022	EL4024	EL4028
Number of outputs	1	2	4	8
Number of simultaneously controllable inputs, depending on the ambient temperature	-	2 (-25 °C ... +55 °C) 1 (> +55 °C)	4 (-25 °C ... +55 °C) 2 (> +55 °C)	8 (-25 °C ... +55 °C) 4 (> +55 °C)
Power supply	24 V _{DC} via the power contacts			
Signal current	4..20 mA			
Load	< 500 Ω (short-circuit-proof)	< 500 Ω (short-circuit-proof)	< 350 Ω (short-circuit-proof)	< 150 Ω
Measuring error	< ±0.1% (relative to full scale value)	< ± 0.1% (at 0 °C ... +55 °C, relative to the full scale value) < ± 0.5% (when the extended temperature range is used, relative to full scale value)		< ± 0.1% (at 0 °C ... +55 °C, relative to the full scale value) < ± 0.7% (when the extended temperature range is used, relative to full scale value)
Resolution	12 bit			
Conversion time	~ 100 µs	~ 150 µs	~ 250 µs	~ 400 µs
Power supply for electronics	via the E-bus			
Distributed Clocks	yes			
Current consumption via E-bus	typ. 140 mA	typ. 140 mA	typ. 140 mA	typ. 100 mA
Electrical isolation	500 V (E-bus/field voltage)			
Bit width in process image	1 x 16-bit AO output	2 x 16-bit AO output	4 x 16-bit AO output	8 x 16-bit AO output
Configuration	via TwinCAT System Manager			
Weight	approx. 60 g			
Permissible ambient temperature range during operation	-25 °C ... +60 °C (extended temperature range)			
Permissible ambient temperature range during storage	-40 °C ... +85 °C			
Permissible relative humidity	95%, no condensation			
Dimensions (W x H x D)	approx. 15 mm x 100 mm x 70 mm (width aligned: 12 mm)			
Mounting [► 51]	on 35 mm mounting rail conforms to EN 60715			
Vibration/shock resistance	conforms to EN 60068-2-6 / EN 60068-2-27, see also installation instructions [► 53] for enhanced mechanical load capacity			
EMC immunity/emission	conforms to EN 61000-6-2 / EN 61000-6-4			
Protection class	IP20			
Installation position	variable			
Approval	CE, UKCA, EAC ATEX [► 32] cULus [► 37]	CE, UKCA, EAC ATEX [► 32] cULus [► 37] IECEX [► 33] cFMus [► 35]	CE, UKCA, EAC ATEX [► 32] cULus [► 37]	

Ex markings

Standard	Marking
ATEX	II 3 G Ex nA IIC T4 Gc II 3 D Ex tc IIIC T135 °C Dc
IECEX	Ex nA IIC T4 Gc Ex tc IIIC T135 °C Dc
cFMus	Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D Class I, Zone 2, AEx/Ex ec IIC T4 Gc

2.4 EL4031, EL4032, EL4034, EL4038

2.4.1 EL403x - Introduction

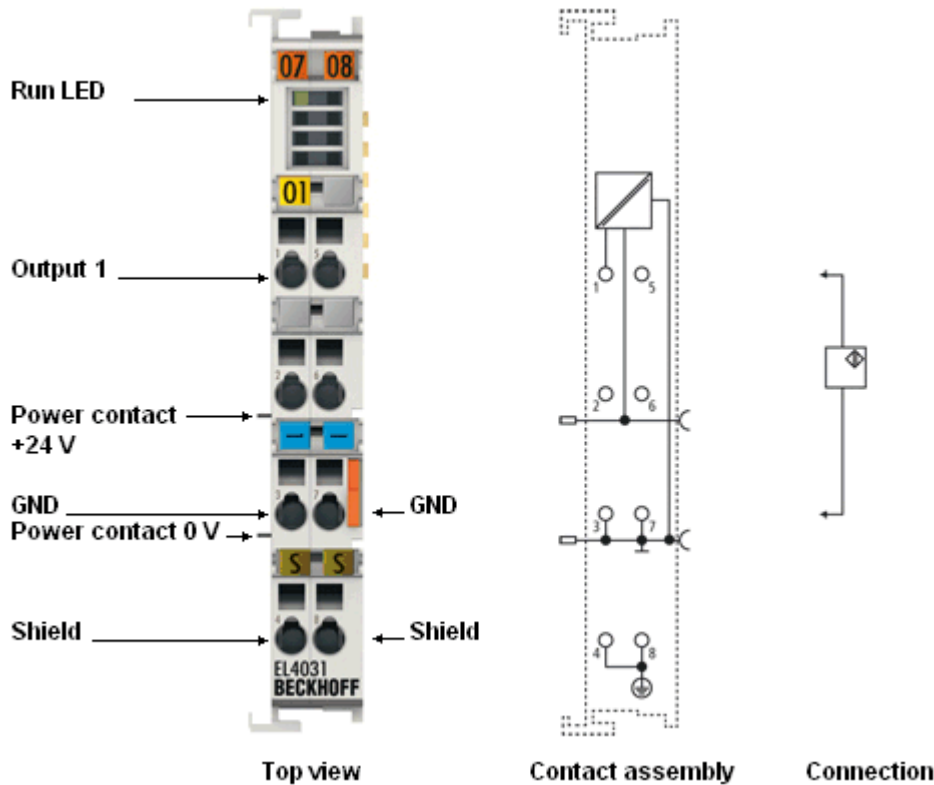


Fig. 16: EL4031

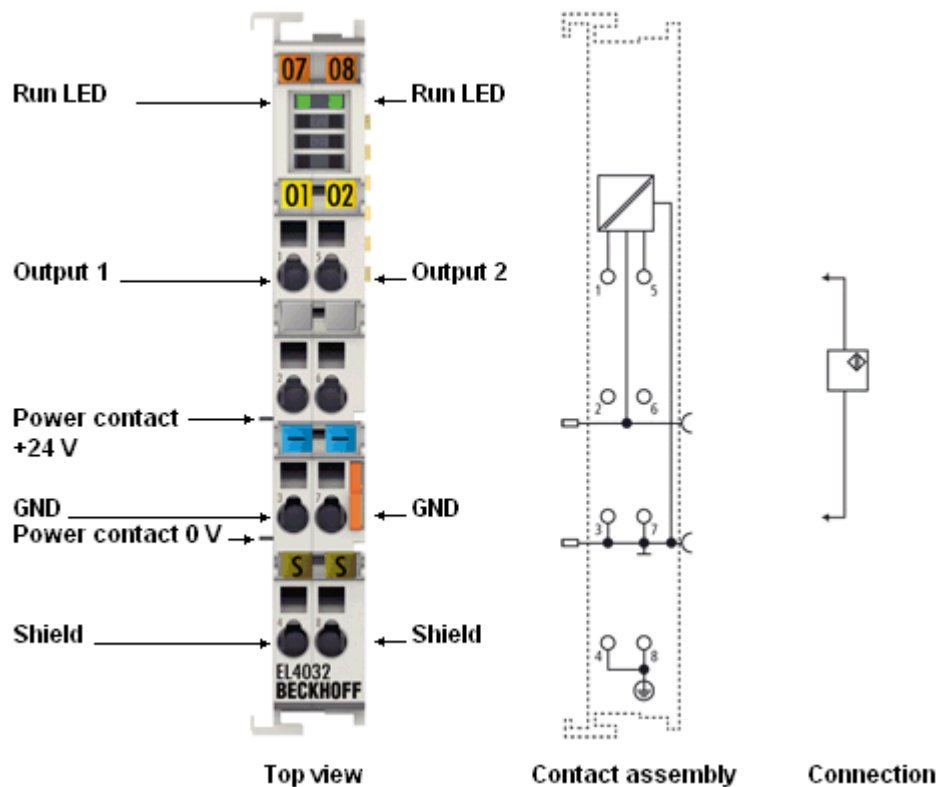


Fig. 17: EL4032

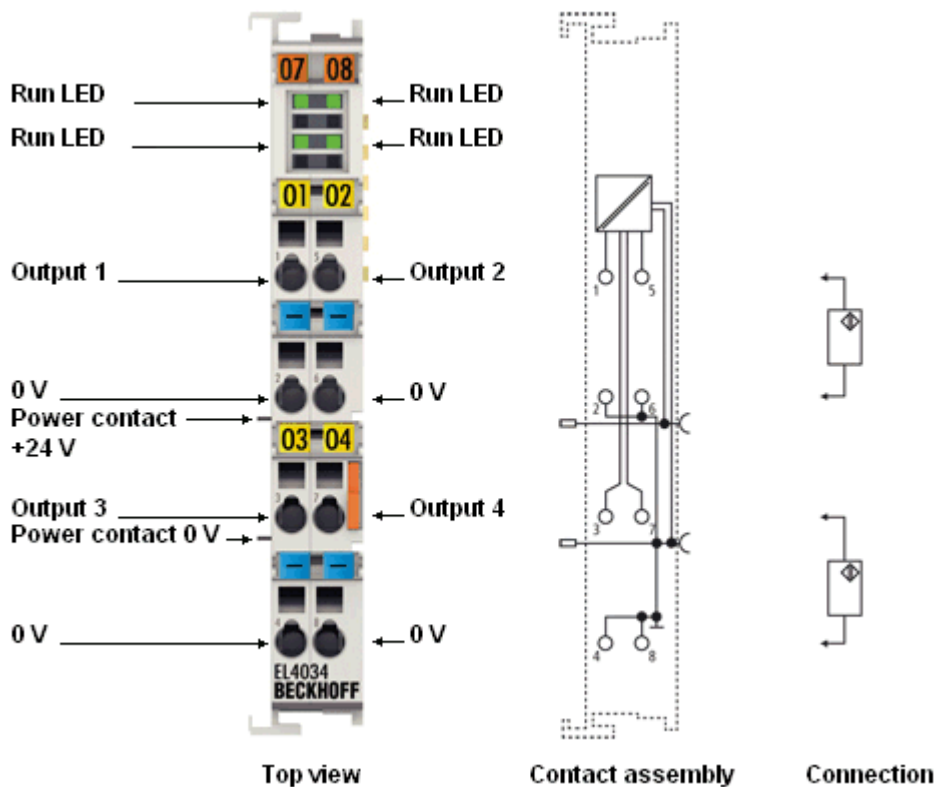


Fig. 18: EL4034

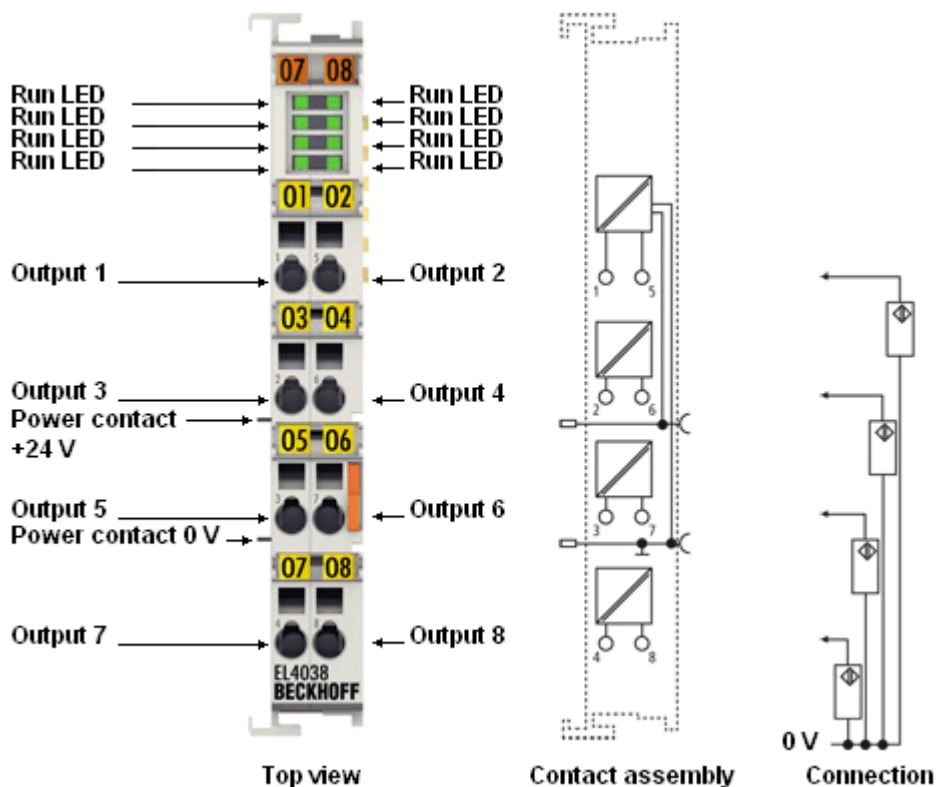


Fig. 19: EL4038

One, two, four and eight-channel analog output terminals, -10..+10 V, 12 bit

The EL4031, EL4032, EL4034 and EL4038 Analog Output Terminals generate signals in the range from -10 V to +10 V. The voltage is supplied to the process level with a resolution of 12 bits, and is electrically isolated. The output channels of an EtherCAT Terminal have a common ground potential. The EL4031 is the single-channel variant which when combined with the EL95xx is particularly suitable for signals with

electrically isolated ground potentials. The output stages are powered by the 24 V supply. The signal state of the EtherCAT Terminals is indicated by light emitting diodes.

The EL403x supports distributed clocks, i.e. the input data can be monitored synchronously with other data that are also linked to distributed clock terminals. The accuracy across the system is < 100 ns.

Quick-Links

- [EtherCAT basics](#)
- [Commissioning \[► 68\]](#)
- [EL40xx basics \[► 144\]](#)
- [CoE object description and parameterization \[► 167\]](#)

2.4.2 EL403x - Technical data

Technical data	EL4031	EL4032	EL4034	EL4038
Number of outputs	1	2	4	8
Power supply	24 V DC via the power contacts			
Signal voltage	-10 ... +10 V			
Load	> 5 kΩ (short-circuit-proof)			
Measuring error	< ± 0.1% (at 0 °C ... +55 °C, relative to the full scale value) < ± 0.2% (when the extended temperature range is used)			
Resolution	12 bit			
Conversion time	~ 100 µs	~ 150 µs	~ 250 µs	~ 400 µs
Power supply for electronics	via the E-bus			
Distributed Clocks	yes			
Current consumption via E-bus	typ. 140 mA	typ. 140 mA	typ. 140 mA	typ. 100 mA
Electrical isolation	500 V (E-bus/field voltage)			
Bit width in process image	1 x 16-bit AO output	2 x 16-bit AO output	4 x 16-bit AO output	8 x 16-bit AO output
Configuration	via TwinCAT System Manager			
Weight	approx. 60 g			
Permissible ambient temperature range during operation	-25 °C ... +60 °C (extended temperature range)			
Permissible ambient temperature range during storage	-40 °C ... +85 °C			
Permissible relative humidity	95%, no condensation			
Dimensions (W x H x D)	approx. 15 mm x 100 mm x 70 mm (width aligned: 12 mm)			
Mounting [► 51]	on 35 mm mounting rail conforms to EN 60715			
Vibration/shock resistance	conforms to EN 60068-2-6 / EN 60068-2-27, see also installation instructions [► 53] for enhanced mechanical load capacity			
EMC immunity/emission	conforms to EN 61000-6-2 / EN 61000-6-4			
Protection class	IP20			
Installation position	variable			
Approval	CE, UKCA, EAC ATEX [► 32] cULus [► 37]			

Ex marking

Standard	Marking
ATEX	II 3 G Ex nA IIC T4 Gc

2.5 Notes on markings, approvals and calibration certificates

2.5.1 ATEX - Special conditions (extended temperature range)

⚠ WARNING

Observe the special conditions for the intended use of Beckhoff fieldbus components with extended temperature range (ET) in potentially explosive areas (directive 2014/34/EU)!

- The certified components are to be installed in a suitable housing that guarantees a protection class of at least IP54 in accordance with EN 60079-15! The environmental conditions during use are thereby to be taken into account!
- For dust (only the fieldbus components of certificate no. KEMA 10ATEX0075 X Issue 9): The equipment shall be installed in a suitable enclosure providing a degree of protection of IP54 according to EN 60079-31 for group IIIA or IIIB and IP6X for group IIIC, taking into account the environmental conditions under which the equipment is used!
- If the temperatures during rated operation are higher than 70°C at the feed-in points of cables, lines or pipes, or higher than 80°C at the wire branching points, then cables must be selected whose temperature data correspond to the actual measured temperature values!
- Observe the permissible ambient temperature range of -25 to 60°C for the use of Beckhoff fieldbus components with extended temperature range (ET) in potentially explosive areas!
- Measures must be taken to protect against the rated operating voltage being exceeded by more than 40% due to short-term interference voltages!
- The individual terminals may only be unplugged or removed from the Bus Terminal system if the supply voltage has been switched off or if a non-explosive atmosphere is ensured!
- The connections of the certified components may only be connected or disconnected if the supply voltage has been switched off or if a non-explosive atmosphere is ensured!
- The fuses of the KL92xx/EL92xx power feed terminals may only be exchanged if the supply voltage has been switched off or if a non-explosive atmosphere is ensured!
- Address selectors and ID switches may only be adjusted if the supply voltage has been switched off or if a non-explosive atmosphere is ensured!

Standards

The fundamental health and safety requirements are fulfilled by compliance with the following standards:

- EN 60079-0:2012+A11:2013
- EN 60079-15:2010
- EN 60079-31:2013 (only for certificate no. KEMA 10ATEX0075 X Issue 9)

Marking

The Beckhoff fieldbus components with extended temperature range (ET) certified according to the ATEX directive for potentially explosive areas bear the following marking:



II 3G KEMA 10ATEX0075 X Ex nA IIC T4 Gc Ta: -25 ... +60°C

II 3D KEMA 10ATEX0075 X Ex tc IIIC T135°C Dc Ta: -25 ... +60°C
(only for fieldbus components of certificate no. KEMA 10ATEX0075 X Issue 9)

or



II 3G KEMA 10ATEX0075 X Ex nA nC IIC T4 Gc Ta: -25 ... +60°C

II 3D KEMA 10ATEX0075 X Ex tc IIIC T135°C Dc Ta: -25 ... +60°C
(only for fieldbus components of certificate no. KEMA 10ATEX0075 X Issue 9)

2.5.2 IECEx - Special conditions

WARNING

Observe the special conditions for the intended use of Beckhoff fieldbus components in potentially explosive areas!

- For gas: The equipment shall be installed in a suitable enclosure providing a degree of protection of IP54 according to IEC 60079-15, taking into account the environmental conditions under which the equipment is used!
- For dust (only the fieldbus components of certificate no. IECEx DEK 16.0078X Issue 3):
The equipment shall be installed in a suitable enclosure providing a degree of protection of IP54 according to EN 60079-31 for group IIIA or IIIB and IP6X for group IIIC, taking into account the environmental conditions under which the equipment is used!
- The equipment shall only be used in an area of at least pollution degree 2, as defined in IEC 60664-1!
- Provisions shall be made to prevent the rated voltage from being exceeded by transient disturbances of more than 119 V!
- If the temperatures during rated operation are higher than 70°C at the feed-in points of cables, lines or pipes, or higher than 80°C at the wire branching points, then cables must be selected whose temperature data correspond to the actual measured temperature values!
- Observe the permissible ambient temperature range for the use of Beckhoff fieldbus components in potentially explosive areas!
- The individual terminals may only be unplugged or removed from the Bus Terminal system if the supply voltage has been switched off or if a non-explosive atmosphere is ensured!
- The connections of the certified components may only be connected or disconnected if the supply voltage has been switched off or if a non-explosive atmosphere is ensured!
- Address selectors and ID switches may only be adjusted if the supply voltage has been switched off or if a non-explosive atmosphere is ensured!
- The front hatch of certified units may only be opened if the supply voltage has been switched off or a non-explosive atmosphere is ensured!

Standards

The fundamental health and safety requirements are fulfilled by compliance with the following standards:

- EN 60079-0:2011
- EN 60079-15:2010
- EN 60079-31:2013 (only for certificate no. IECEx DEK 16.0078X Issue 3)

Marking

Beckhoff fieldbus components that are certified in accordance with IECEx for use in areas subject to an explosion hazard bear the following markings:

Marking for fieldbus components of certificate no. IECEx DEK 16.0078X Issue 3:

IECEx DEK 16.0078 X

Ex nA IIC T4 Gc

Ex tc IIIC T135°C Dc

Marking for fieldbus components of certificates with later issues:

IECEx DEK 16.0078 X

Ex nA IIC T4 Gc

2.5.3 Continuative documentation for ATEX and IECEx



Continuative documentation about explosion protection according to ATEX and IECEx

Pay also attention to the continuative documentation

Ex. Protection for Terminal Systems

Notes on the use of the Beckhoff terminal systems in hazardous areas according to ATEX and IECEx

that is available for [download](#) on the Beckhoff homepage www.beckhoff.com!

2.5.4 cFMus - Special conditions

WARNING

Observe the special conditions for the intended use of Beckhoff fieldbus components in potentially explosive areas!

- The equipment shall be installed within an enclosure that provides a minimum ingress protection of IP54 in accordance with ANSI/UL 60079-0 (US) or CSA C22.2 No. 60079-0 (Canada).
- The equipment shall only be used in an area of at least pollution degree 2, as defined in IEC 60664-1.
- Transient protection shall be provided that is set at a level not exceeding 140% of the peak rated voltage value at the supply terminals to the equipment.
- The circuits shall be limited to overvoltage Category II as defined in IEC 60664-1.
- The Fieldbus Components may only be removed or inserted when the system supply and the field supply are switched off, or when the location is known to be non-hazardous.
- The Fieldbus Components may only be disconnected or connected when the system supply is switched off, or when the location is known to be non-hazardous.

Standards

The fundamental health and safety requirements are fulfilled by compliance with the following standards:

M20US0111X (US):

- FM Class 3600:2018
- FM Class 3611:2018
- FM Class 3810:2018
- ANSI/UL 121201:2019
- ANSI/ISA 61010-1:2012
- ANSI/UL 60079-0:2020
- ANSI/UL 60079-7:2017

FM20CA0053X (Canada):

- CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 213-17:2017
- CSA C22.2 No. 60079-0:2019
- CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 60079-7:2016
- CAN/CSA C22.2 No.61010-1:2012

Marking

Beckhoff fieldbus components that are certified in accordance with cFMus for use in areas subject to an explosion hazard bear the following markings:

FM20US0111X (US): **Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D**
 Class I, Zone 2, AEx ec IIC T4 Gc

FM20CA0053X (Canada): **Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D**
 Ex ec T4 Gc

2.5.5 Continuative documentation for cFMus



Continuative documentation about explosion protection according to cFMus

Pay also attention to the continuative documentation

Control Drawing I/O, CX, CPX

Connection diagrams and Ex markings

that is available for [download](#) on the Beckhoff homepage www.beckhoff.com!

2.5.6 UL notice

	Application Beckhoff EtherCAT modules are intended for use with Beckhoff's UL Listed EtherCAT System only.
	Examination For cULus examination, the Beckhoff I/O System has only been investigated for risk of fire and electrical shock (in accordance with UL508 and CSA C22.2 No. 142).
	For devices with Ethernet connectors Not for connection to telecommunication circuits.

Basic principles

UL certification according to UL508. Devices with this kind of certification are marked by this sign:



2.5.7 Note on Beckhoff calibration certificates

Basically every Beckhoff analogue device (input or output) will be justified i.e. will be calibrated during production. This procedure won't be documented unique. This documentation as a calibration certificate is only provided for devices that are expressly delivered with a certificate.

The calibration certificate (or German: "Kalibrierschein") entitles the residual error after compensation/adjustment to the used standard (reference device). The calibration certificate (as a PDF document) is to be assigned to the device via a unique number. It is therefore not a statement about a device class such as e.g. an approval, but always only applies to a single, named device. It is available for [download](#).

The calibration certificate documents the measurement accuracy at the time the certificate was issued and contains, among other things, information on the ambient conditions and the reference instrument used. It does not contain statement about the behavior or the change of the measuring accuracy in the future. A calibration certificate acts as a backtracking view to the previous time of usage. By reiterated certification procedures over years (without justification) it allows making conclusions about its ageing behavior, so called calibrate history.

Performance levels of the calibration certificates

Different "qualities" of a calibration certificate are common:

- Beckhoff calibration certificates
Such IP20 terminals can be usually identified by the product suffix -0020. The certificate is issued in Beckhoff production as PDF.
The terminals can be obtained from Beckhoff and recalibrated by the Beckhoff service department.
- ISO17025 calibration certificates
Such IP20 terminals can be usually identified by the product suffix -0030. The certificate is issued by a service provider on behalf of Beckhoff as part of Beckhoff production and delivered by Beckhoff as a PDF.
The terminals can be obtained from Beckhoff and recalibrated by the Beckhoff service department.
- DAkkS calibration certificates (German: "Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH")
Such IP20 terminals can be usually identified by the product suffix -0030. The certificate is issued by a accredited service provider on behalf of Beckhoff as a part of Beckhoff production and delivered by Beckhoff as a PDF.
The terminals can be obtained from Beckhoff and recalibrated by the Beckhoff service department.

Unique device number

Depending on the device, the following numbers are used for identification:

- EL/ELM terminals up to year of manufacture 2020: the ID number which is lasered on the side.



Fig. 20: ID number

- From year of manufacture 2021 onwards, the BTN number (Beckhoff Traceability Number) will gradually replace the ID number, this is also lasered on the side.

Beckhoff produces a wide range of analog input/output devices as IP20 terminal or IP67 box. A selection of these is also available with factory/ISO/DakKS calibration certificates. For specific details and availability, see the technical data of the devices or contact Beckhoff Sales.

i Linguistic note

In American English, "calibration" or "alignment" is understood to mean compensation/adjustment, thus a modifying effect on the device. "Verification", on the other hand, refers to observational determination and documentation of the residual error, referred in German language use as "*Kalibrierung*".

2.6 Start

For commissioning:

- mount the EL40xx as described in the chapter [Mounting and wiring](#) [► 51]
- configure the EL40xx in TwinCAT as described in the chapter [Commissioning](#) [► 68].

3 Basics communication

3.1 EtherCAT basics

Please refer to the [EtherCAT System Documentation](#) for the EtherCAT fieldbus basics.

3.2 EtherCAT cabling – wire-bound

The cable length between two EtherCAT devices must not exceed 100 m. This results from the FastEthernet technology, which, above all for reasons of signal attenuation over the length of the cable, allows a maximum link length of 5 + 90 + 5 m if cables with appropriate properties are used. See also the [Design recommendations for the infrastructure for EtherCAT/Ethernet](#).

Cables and connectors

For connecting EtherCAT devices only Ethernet connections (cables + plugs) that meet the requirements of at least category 5 (Cat5) according to EN 50173 or ISO/IEC 11801 should be used. EtherCAT uses 4 wires for signal transfer.

EtherCAT uses RJ45 plug connectors, for example. The pin assignment is compatible with the Ethernet standard (ISO/IEC 8802-3).

Pin	Color of conductor	Signal	Description
1	yellow	TD +	Transmission Data +
2	orange	TD -	Transmission Data -
3	white	RD +	Receiver Data +
6	blue	RD -	Receiver Data -

Due to automatic cable detection (auto-crossing) symmetric (1:1) or cross-over cables can be used between EtherCAT devices from Beckhoff.



Recommended cables

It is recommended to use the appropriate Beckhoff components e.g.

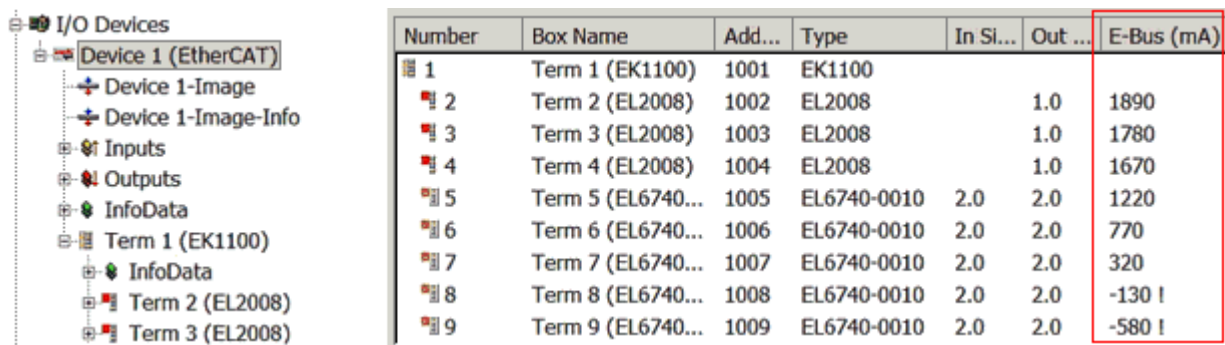
- cable sets ZK1090-9191-xxxx respectively
- RJ45 connector, field assembly ZS1090-0005
- EtherCAT cable, field assembly ZB9010, ZB9020

Suitable cables for the connection of EtherCAT devices can be found on the [Beckhoff website!](#)

E-Bus supply

A bus coupler can supply the EL terminals added to it with the E-bus system voltage of 5 V; a coupler is thereby loadable up to 2 A as a rule (see details in respective device documentation). Information on how much current each EL terminal requires from the E-bus supply is available online and in the catalogue. If the added terminals require more current than the coupler can supply, then power feed terminals (e.g. [EL9410](#)) must be inserted at appropriate places in the terminal strand.

The pre-calculated theoretical maximum E-Bus current is displayed in the TwinCAT System Manager. A shortfall is marked by a negative total amount and an exclamation mark; a power feed terminal is to be placed before such a position.



Number	Box Name	Add...	Type	In Si...	Out ...	E-Bus (mA)
1	Term 1 (EK1100)	1001	EK1100			
2	Term 2 (EL2008)	1002	EL2008		1.0	1890
3	Term 3 (EL2008)	1003	EL2008		1.0	1780
4	Term 4 (EL2008)	1004	EL2008		1.0	1670
5	Term 5 (EL6740-0010)	1005	EL6740-0010	2.0	2.0	1220
6	Term 6 (EL6740-0010)	1006	EL6740-0010	2.0	2.0	770
7	Term 7 (EL6740-0010)	1007	EL6740-0010	2.0	2.0	320
8	Term 8 (EL6740-0010)	1008	EL6740-0010	2.0	2.0	-130 I
9	Term 9 (EL6740-0010)	1009	EL6740-0010	2.0	2.0	-580 I

Fig. 21: System manager current calculation

NOTE**Malfunction possible!**

The same ground potential must be used for the E-Bus supply of all EtherCAT terminals in a terminal block!

3.3 General notes for setting the watchdog

ELxxxx terminals are equipped with a safety feature (watchdog) that switches off the outputs after a specifiable time e.g. in the event of an interruption of the process data traffic, depending on the device and settings, e.g. in OFF state.

The EtherCAT slave controller (ESC) in the EL2xxx terminals features two watchdogs:

- SM watchdog (default: 100 ms)
- PDI watchdog (default: 100 ms)

SM watchdog (SyncManager Watchdog)

The SyncManager watchdog is reset after each successful EtherCAT process data communication with the terminal. If no EtherCAT process data communication takes place with the terminal for longer than the set and activated SM watchdog time, e.g. in the event of a line interruption, the watchdog is triggered and the outputs are set to FALSE. The OP state of the terminal is unaffected. The watchdog is only reset after a successful EtherCAT process data access. Set the monitoring time as described below.

The SyncManager watchdog monitors correct and timely process data communication with the ESC from the EtherCAT side.

PDI watchdog (Process Data Watchdog)

If no PDI communication with the EtherCAT slave controller (ESC) takes place for longer than the set and activated PDI watchdog time, this watchdog is triggered.

PDI (Process Data Interface) is the internal interface between the ESC and local processors in the EtherCAT slave, for example. The PDI watchdog can be used to monitor this communication for failure.

The PDI watchdog monitors correct and timely process data communication with the ESC from the application side.

The settings of the SM- and PDI-watchdog must be done for each slave separately in the TwinCAT System Manager.

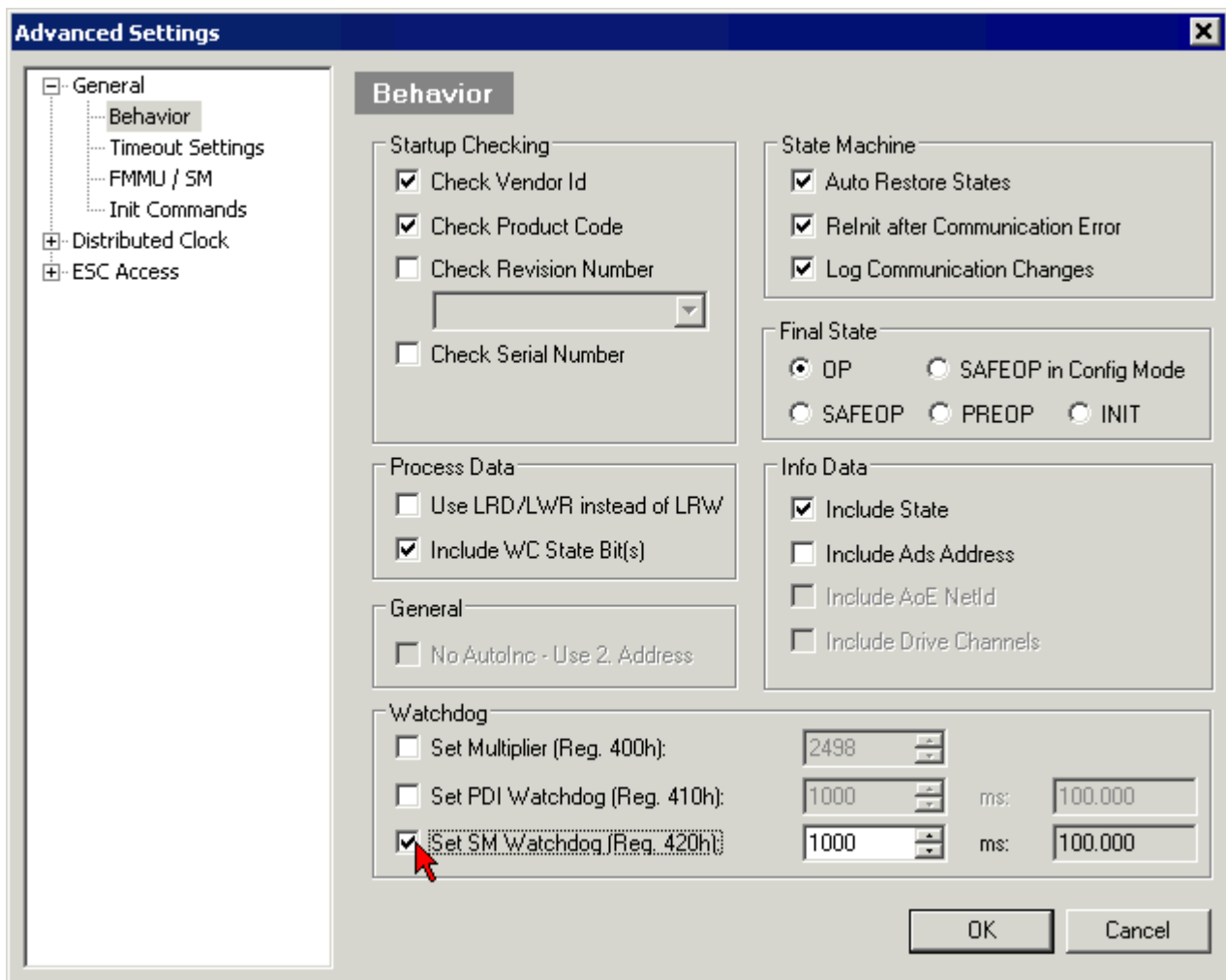


Fig. 22: EtherCAT tab -> Advanced Settings -> Behavior -> Watchdog

Notes:

- the multiplier is valid for both watchdogs.
- each watchdog has its own timer setting, the outcome of this in summary with the multiplier is a resulting time.
- Important: the multiplier/timer setting is only loaded into the slave at the start up, if the checkbox is activated.
If the checkbox is not activated, nothing is downloaded and the ESC settings remain unchanged.

Multiplier

Both watchdogs receive their pulses from the local terminal cycle, divided by the watchdog multiplier:

$$1/25 \text{ MHz} * (\text{watchdog multiplier} + 2) = 100 \text{ } \mu\text{s} \text{ (for default setting of 2498 for the multiplier)}$$

The standard setting of 1000 for the SM watchdog corresponds to a release time of 100 ms.

The value in multiplier + 2 corresponds to the number of basic 40 ns ticks representing a watchdog tick. The multiplier can be modified in order to adjust the watchdog time over a larger range.

Example "Set SM watchdog"

This checkbox enables manual setting of the watchdog times. If the outputs are set and the EtherCAT communication is interrupted, the SM watchdog is triggered after the set time and the outputs are erased. This setting can be used for adapting a terminal to a slower EtherCAT master or long cycle times. The default SM watchdog setting is 100 ms. The setting range is 0...65535. Together with a multiplier with a range of 1...65535 this covers a watchdog period between 0...~170 seconds.

Calculation

Multiplier = 2498 → watchdog base time = $1 / 25 \text{ MHz} * (2498 + 2) = 0.0001 \text{ seconds} = 100 \mu\text{s}$

SM watchdog = 10000 → $10000 * 100 \mu\text{s} = 1 \text{ second watchdog monitoring time}$

⚠ CAUTION

Undefined state possible!

The function for switching off of the SM watchdog via SM watchdog = 0 is only implemented in terminals from version -0016. In previous versions this operating mode should not be used.

⚠ CAUTION

Damage of devices and undefined state possible!

If the SM watchdog is activated and a value of 0 is entered the watchdog switches off completely. This is the deactivation of the watchdog! Set outputs are NOT set in a safe state, if the communication is interrupted.

3.4 EtherCAT State Machine

The state of the EtherCAT slave is controlled via the EtherCAT State Machine (ESM). Depending upon the state, different functions are accessible or executable in the EtherCAT slave. Specific commands must be sent by the EtherCAT master to the device in each state, particularly during the bootup of the slave.

A distinction is made between the following states:

- Init
- Pre-Operational
- Safe-Operational and
- Operational
- Boot

The regular state of each EtherCAT slave after bootup is the OP state.

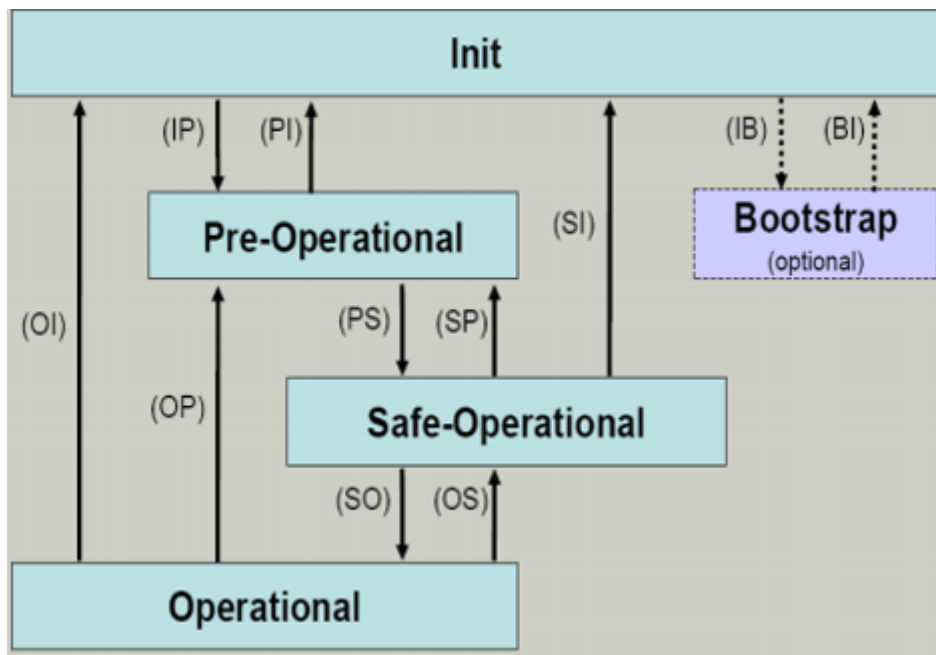


Fig. 23: States of the EtherCAT State Machine

Init

After switch-on the EtherCAT slave in the *Init* state. No mailbox or process data communication is possible. The EtherCAT master initializes sync manager channels 0 and 1 for mailbox communication.

Pre-Operational (Pre-Op)

During the transition between *Init* and *Pre-Op* the EtherCAT slave checks whether the mailbox was initialized correctly.

In *Pre-Op* state mailbox communication is possible, but not process data communication. The EtherCAT master initializes the sync manager channels for process data (from sync manager channel 2), the FMMU channels and, if the slave supports configurable mapping, PDO mapping or the sync manager PDO assignment. In this state the settings for the process data transfer and perhaps terminal-specific parameters that may differ from the default settings are also transferred.

Safe-Operational (Safe-Op)

During transition between *Pre-Op* and *Safe-Op* the EtherCAT slave checks whether the sync manager channels for process data communication and, if required, the distributed clocks settings are correct. Before it acknowledges the change of state, the EtherCAT slave copies current input data into the associated DP-RAM areas of the EtherCAT slave controller (ECSC).

In *Safe-Op* state mailbox and process data communication is possible, although the slave keeps its outputs in a safe state, while the input data are updated cyclically.



Outputs in SAFEOP state

The default set [watchdog \[► 42\]](#) monitoring sets the outputs of the module in a safe state - depending on the settings in SAFEOP and OP - e.g. in OFF state. If this is prevented by deactivation of the watchdog monitoring in the module, the outputs can be switched or set also in the SAFEOP state.

Operational (Op)

Before the EtherCAT master switches the EtherCAT slave from *Safe-Op* to *Op* it must transfer valid output data.

In the *Op* state the slave copies the output data of the masters to its outputs. Process data and mailbox communication is possible.

Boot

In the *Boot* state the slave firmware can be updated. The *Boot* state can only be reached via the *Init* state.

In the *Boot* state mailbox communication via the *file access over EtherCAT* (FoE) protocol is possible, but no other mailbox communication and no process data communication.

3.5 CoE Interface

General description

The CoE interface (CAN application protocol over EtherCAT)) is used for parameter management of EtherCAT devices. EtherCAT slaves or the EtherCAT master manage fixed (read only) or variable parameters which they require for operation, diagnostics or commissioning.

CoE parameters are arranged in a table hierarchy. In principle, the user has read access via the fieldbus. The EtherCAT master (TwinCAT System Manager) can access the local CoE lists of the slaves via EtherCAT in read or write mode, depending on the attributes.

Different CoE parameter types are possible, including string (text), integer numbers, Boolean values or larger byte fields. They can be used to describe a wide range of features. Examples of such parameters include manufacturer ID, serial number, process data settings, device name, calibration values for analog measurement or passwords.

The order is specified in two levels via hexadecimal numbering: (main)index, followed by subindex. The value ranges are

- Index: 0x0000 ...0xFFFF (0...65535_{dez})
- SubIndex: 0x00...0xFF (0...255_{dez})

A parameter localized in this way is normally written as 0x8010:07, with preceding "0x" to identify the hexadecimal numerical range and a colon between index and subindex.

The relevant ranges for EtherCAT fieldbus users are:

- 0x1000: This is where fixed identity information for the device is stored, including name, manufacturer, serial number etc., plus information about the current and available process data configurations.
- 0x8000: This is where the operational and functional parameters for all channels are stored, such as filter settings or output frequency.

Other important ranges are:

- 0x4000: here are the channel parameters for some EtherCAT devices. Historically, this was the first parameter area before the 0x8000 area was introduced. EtherCAT devices that were previously equipped with parameters in 0x4000 and changed to 0x8000 support both ranges for compatibility reasons and mirror internally.
- 0x6000: Input PDOs ("input" from the perspective of the EtherCAT master)
- 0x7000: Output PDOs ("output" from the perspective of the EtherCAT master)

Availability

i Not every EtherCAT device must have a CoE list. Simple I/O modules without dedicated processor usually have no variable parameters and therefore no CoE list.

If a device has a CoE list, it is shown in the TwinCAT System Manager as a separate tab with a listing of the elements:

Index	Name	Flags	Value
1000	Device type	RO	0x00FA1389 (16389001)
1008	Device name	RO	EL2502-0000
1009	Hardware version	RO	
100A	Software version	RO	
1011:0	Restore default parameters	RO	> 1 <
1018:0	Identity	RO	> 4 <
1018:01	Vendor ID	RO	0x00000002 (2)
1018:02	Product code	RO	0x09C63052 (163983442)
1018:03	Revision	RO	0x00130000 (1245184)
1018:04	Serial number	RO	0x00000000 (0)
10F0:0	Backup parameter handling	RO	> 1 <
1400:0	PWM RxPDO-Par Ch.1	RO	> 6 <
1401:0	PWM RxPDO-Par Ch.2	RO	> 6 <
1402:0	PWM RxPDO-Par h.1 Ch.1	RO	> 6 <
1403:0	PWM RxPDO-Par h.1 Ch.2	RO	> 6 <
1600:0	PWM RxPDO-Map Ch.1	RO	> 1 <

Fig. 24: "CoE Online" tab

The figure above shows the CoE objects available in device "EL2502", ranging from 0x1000 to 0x1600. The subindices for 0x1018 are expanded.

Data management and function "NoCoeStorage"

Some parameters, particularly the setting parameters of the slave, are configurable and writeable. This can be done in write or read mode

- via the System Manager (Fig. "CoE Online" tab) by clicking
This is useful for commissioning of the system/slaves. Click on the row of the index to be parameterized and enter a value in the "SetValue" dialog.
- from the control system/PLC via ADS, e.g. through blocks from the TcEtherCAT.lib library
This is recommended for modifications while the system is running or if no System Manager or operating staff are available.

● Data management

i If slave CoE parameters are modified online, Beckhoff devices store any changes in a fail-safe manner in the EEPROM, i.e. the modified CoE parameters are still available after a restart. The situation may be different with other manufacturers.

An EEPROM is subject to a limited lifetime with respect to write operations. From typically 100,000 write operations onwards it can no longer be guaranteed that new (changed) data are reliably saved or are still readable. This is irrelevant for normal commissioning. However, if CoE parameters are continuously changed via ADS at machine runtime, it is quite possible for the lifetime limit to be reached. Support for the NoCoeStorage function, which suppresses the saving of changed CoE values, depends on the firmware version.

Please refer to the technical data in this documentation as to whether this applies to the respective device.

- If the function is supported: the function is activated by entering the code word 0x12345678 once in CoE 0xF008 and remains active as long as the code word is not changed. After switching the device on it is then inactive. Changed CoE values are not saved in the EEPROM and can thus be changed any number of times.
- Function is not supported: continuous changing of CoE values is not permissible in view of the lifetime limit.

● Startup list

i Changes in the local CoE list of the terminal are lost if the terminal is replaced. If a terminal is replaced with a new Beckhoff terminal, it will have the default settings. It is therefore advisable to link all changes in the CoE list of an EtherCAT slave with the Startup list of the slave, which is processed whenever the EtherCAT fieldbus is started. In this way a replacement EtherCAT slave can automatically be parameterized with the specifications of the user.

If EtherCAT slaves are used which are unable to store local CoE values permanently, the Startup list must be used.

Recommended approach for manual modification of CoE parameters

- Make the required change in the System Manager
The values are stored locally in the EtherCAT slave
- If the value is to be stored permanently, enter it in the Startup list.
The order of the Startup entries is usually irrelevant.

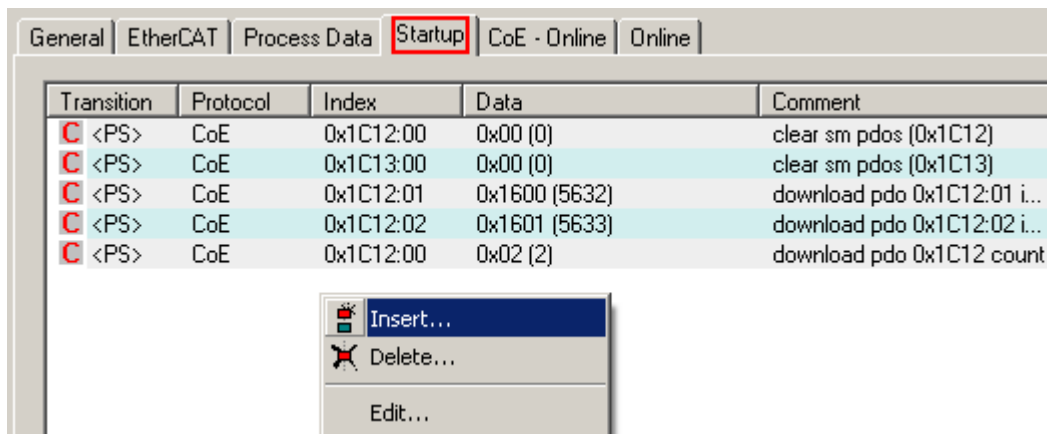


Fig. 25: Startup list in the TwinCAT System Manager

The Startup list may already contain values that were configured by the System Manager based on the ESI specifications. Additional application-specific entries can be created.

Online/offline list

While working with the TwinCAT System Manager, a distinction has to be made whether the EtherCAT device is “available”, i.e. switched on and linked via EtherCAT and therefore **online**, or whether a configuration is created **offline** without connected slaves.

In both cases a CoE list as shown in Fig. “CoE online tab” is displayed. The connectivity is shown as offline/online.

- If the slave is offline
 - The offline list from the ESI file is displayed. In this case modifications are not meaningful or possible.
 - The configured status is shown under Identity.
 - No firmware or hardware version is displayed, since these are features of the physical device.
 - **Offline** is shown in red.

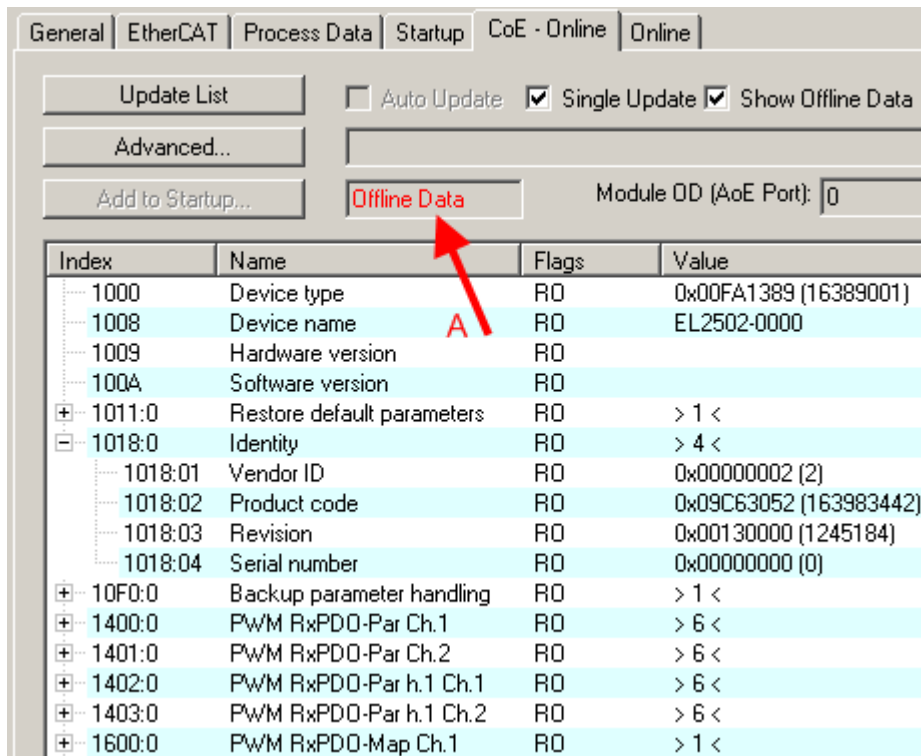


Fig. 26: Offline list

- If the slave is online
 - The actual current slave list is read. This may take several seconds, depending on the size and cycle time.
 - The actual identity is displayed
 - The firmware and hardware version of the equipment according to the electronic information is displayed
 - **Online** is shown in green.

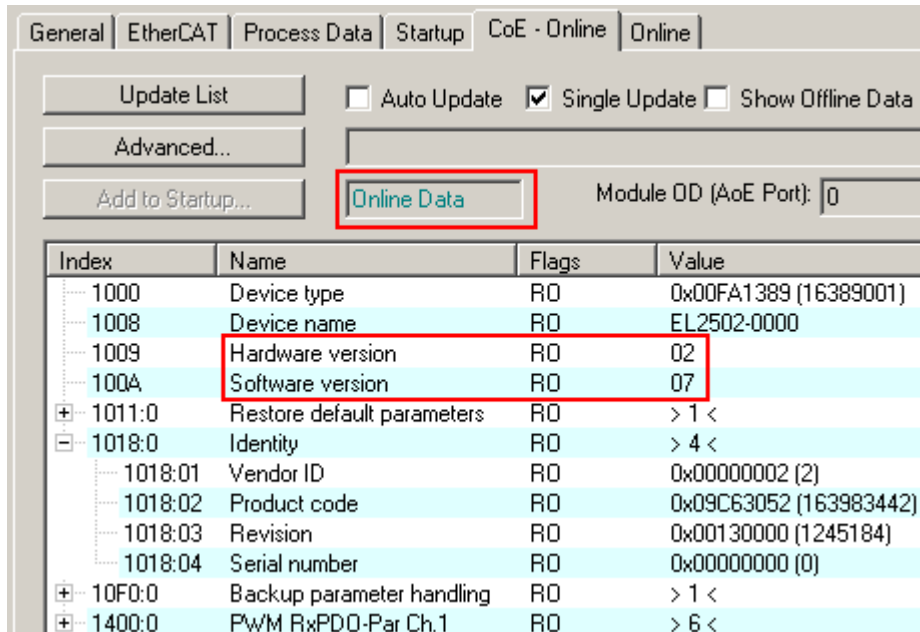


Fig. 27: Online list

Channel-based order

The CoE list is available in EtherCAT devices that usually feature several functionally equivalent channels. For example, a 4-channel analog 0...10 V input terminal also has four logical channels and therefore four identical sets of parameter data for the channels. In order to avoid having to list each channel in the documentation, the placeholder “n” tends to be used for the individual channel numbers.

In the CoE system 16 indices, each with 255 subindices, are generally sufficient for representing all channel parameters. The channel-based order is therefore arranged in $16_{\text{dec}}/10_{\text{hex}}$ steps. The parameter range 0x8000 exemplifies this:

- Channel 0: parameter range 0x8000:00 ... 0x800F:255
- Channel 1: parameter range 0x8010:00 ... 0x801F:255
- Channel 2: parameter range 0x8020:00 ... 0x802F:255
- ...

This is generally written as 0x80n0.

Detailed information on the CoE interface can be found in the [EtherCAT system documentation](#) on the Beckhoff website.

3.6 Distributed Clock

The distributed clock represents a local clock in the EtherCAT slave controller (ESC) with the following characteristics:

- Unit *1 ns*
- Zero point *1.1.2000 00:00*
- Size *64 bit* (sufficient for the next 584 years; however, some EtherCAT slaves only offer 32-bit support, i.e. the variable overflows after approx. 4.2 seconds)
- The EtherCAT master automatically synchronizes the local clock with the master clock in the EtherCAT bus with a precision of < 100 ns.

For detailed information please refer to the [EtherCAT system description](#).

4 Mounting and wiring

4.1 Installation on mounting rails

⚠ WARNING

Risk of electric shock and damage of device!

Bring the bus terminal system into a safe, powered down state before starting installation, disassembly or wiring of the bus terminals!

Assembly

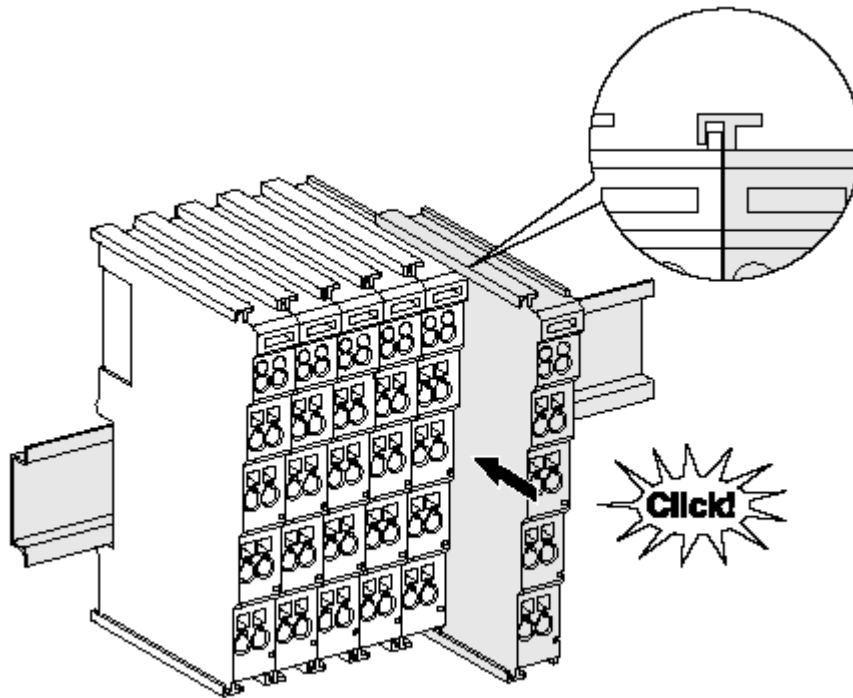


Fig. 28: Attaching on mounting rail

The bus coupler and bus terminals are attached to commercially available 35 mm mounting rails (DIN rails according to EN 60715) by applying slight pressure:

1. First attach the fieldbus coupler to the mounting rail.
2. The bus terminals are now attached on the right-hand side of the fieldbus coupler. Join the components with tongue and groove and push the terminals against the mounting rail, until the lock clicks onto the mounting rail.

If the terminals are clipped onto the mounting rail first and then pushed together without tongue and groove, the connection will not be operational! When correctly assembled, no significant gap should be visible between the housings.

i Fixing of mounting rails

The locking mechanism of the terminals and couplers extends to the profile of the mounting rail. At the installation, the locking mechanism of the components must not come into conflict with the fixing bolts of the mounting rail. To mount the mounting rails with a height of 7.5 mm under the terminals and couplers, you should use flat mounting connections (e.g. countersunk screws or blind rivets).

Disassembly

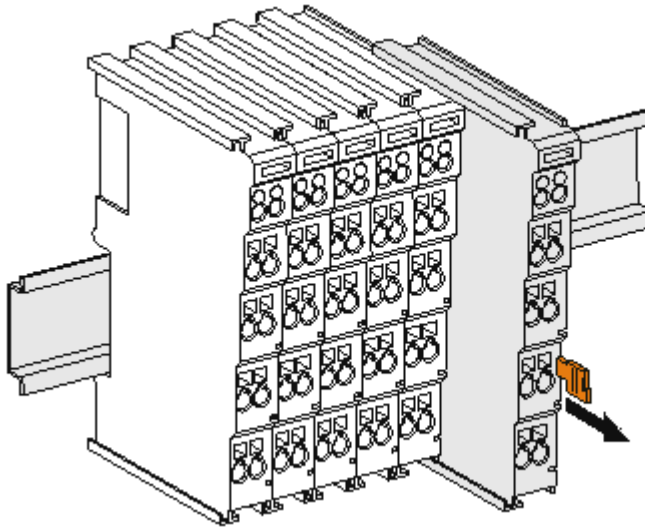


Fig. 29: Disassembling of terminal

Each terminal is secured by a lock on the mounting rail, which must be released for disassembly:

1. Pull the terminal by its orange-colored lugs approximately 1 cm away from the mounting rail. In doing so for this terminal the mounting rail lock is released automatically and you can pull the terminal out of the bus terminal block easily without excessive force.
2. Grasp the released terminal with thumb and index finger simultaneous at the upper and lower grooved housing surfaces and pull the terminal out of the bus terminal block.

Connections within a bus terminal block

The electric connections between the Bus Coupler and the Bus Terminals are automatically realized by joining the components:

- The six spring contacts of the K-Bus/E-Bus deal with the transfer of the data and the supply of the Bus Terminal electronics.
- The power contacts deal with the supply for the field electronics and thus represent a supply rail within the bus terminal block. The power contacts are supplied via terminals on the Bus Coupler (up to 24 V) or for higher voltages via power feed terminals.

i Power Contacts

During the design of a bus terminal block, the pin assignment of the individual Bus Terminals must be taken account of, since some types (e.g. analog Bus Terminals or digital 4-channel Bus Terminals) do not or not fully loop through the power contacts. Power Feed Terminals (KL91xx, KL92xx or EL91xx, EL92xx) interrupt the power contacts and thus represent the start of a new supply rail.

PE power contact

The power contact labeled PE can be used as a protective earth. For safety reasons this contact mates first when plugging together, and can ground short-circuit currents of up to 125 A.

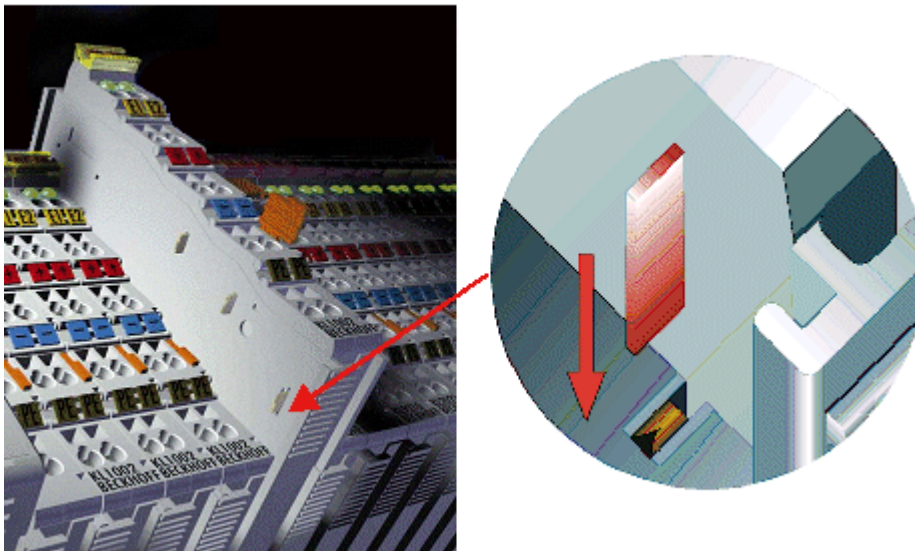


Fig. 30: Power contact on left side

NOTE**Possible damage of the device**

Note that, for reasons of electromagnetic compatibility, the PE contacts are capacitatively coupled to the mounting rail. This may lead to incorrect results during insulation testing or to damage on the terminal (e.g. disruptive discharge to the PE line during insulation testing of a consumer with a nominal voltage of 230 V). For insulation testing, disconnect the PE supply line at the Bus Coupler or the Power Feed Terminal! In order to decouple further feed points for testing, these Power Feed Terminals can be released and pulled at least 10 mm from the group of terminals.

⚠ WARNING**Risk of electric shock!**

The PE power contact must not be used for other potentials!

4.2 Installation instructions for enhanced mechanical load capacity

⚠ WARNING**Risk of injury through electric shock and damage to the device!**

Bring the Bus Terminal system into a safe, de-energized state before starting mounting, disassembly or wiring of the Bus Terminals!

Additional checks

The terminals have undergone the following additional tests:

Verification	Explanation
Vibration	10 frequency runs in 3 axes
	6 Hz < f < 60 Hz displacement 0.35 mm, constant amplitude
	60.1 Hz < f < 500 Hz acceleration 5 g, constant amplitude
Shocks	1000 shocks in each direction, in 3 axes
	25 g, 6 ms

Additional installation instructions

For terminals with enhanced mechanical load capacity, the following additional installation instructions apply:

- The enhanced mechanical load capacity is valid for all permissible installation positions
- Use a mounting rail according to EN 60715 TH35-15
- Fix the terminal segment on both sides of the mounting rail with a mechanical fixture, e.g. an earth terminal or reinforced end clamp
- The maximum total extension of the terminal segment (without coupler) is:
64 terminals (12 mm mounting with) or 32 terminals (24 mm mounting with)
- Avoid deformation, twisting, crushing and bending of the mounting rail during edging and installation of the rail
- The mounting points of the mounting rail must be set at 5 cm intervals
- Use countersunk head screws to fasten the mounting rail
- The free length between the strain relief and the wire connection should be kept as short as possible. A distance of approx. 10 cm should be maintained to the cable duct.

4.3 Connection

4.3.1 Connection system

⚠ WARNING

Risk of electric shock and damage of device!

Bring the bus terminal system into a safe, powered down state before starting installation, disassembly or wiring of the bus terminals!

Overview

The bus terminal system offers different connection options for optimum adaptation to the respective application:

- The terminals of ELxxxx and KLxxxx series with standard wiring include electronics and connection level in a single enclosure.
- The terminals of ESxxxx and KSxxxx series feature a pluggable connection level and enable steady wiring while replacing.
- The High Density Terminals (HD Terminals) include electronics and connection level in a single enclosure and have advanced packaging density.

Standard wiring (ELxxxx / KLxxxx)



Fig. 31: Standard wiring

The terminals of ELxxxx and KLxxxx series have been tried and tested for years. They feature integrated screwless spring force technology for fast and simple assembly.

Pluggable wiring (ESxxxx / KSxxxx)

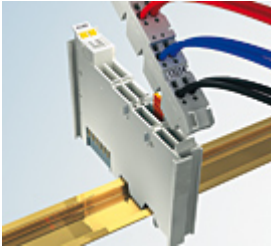


Fig. 32: Pluggable wiring

The terminals of ESxxxx and KSxxxx series feature a pluggable connection level. The assembly and wiring procedure is the same as for the ELxxxx and KLxxxx series. The pluggable connection level enables the complete wiring to be removed as a plug connector from the top of the housing for servicing. The lower section can be removed from the terminal block by pulling the unlocking tab. Insert the new component and plug in the connector with the wiring. This reduces the installation time and eliminates the risk of wires being mixed up.

The familiar dimensions of the terminal only had to be changed slightly. The new connector adds about 3 mm. The maximum height of the terminal remains unchanged.

A tab for strain relief of the cable simplifies assembly in many applications and prevents tangling of individual connection wires when the connector is removed.

Conductor cross sections between 0.08 mm² and 2.5 mm² can continue to be used with the proven spring force technology.

The overview and nomenclature of the product names for ESxxxx and KSxxxx series has been retained as known from ELxxxx and KLxxxx series.

High Density Terminals (HD Terminals)



Fig. 33: High Density Terminals

The terminals from these series with 16 terminal points are distinguished by a particularly compact design, as the packaging density is twice as large as that of the standard 12 mm bus terminals. Massive conductors and conductors with a wire end sleeve can be inserted directly into the spring loaded terminal point without tools.



Wiring HD Terminals

The High Density Terminals of the ELx8xx and KLx8xx series doesn't support pluggable wiring.

Ultrasonically "bonded" (ultrasonically welded) conductors



Ultrasonically "bonded" conductors

It is also possible to connect the Standard and High Density Terminals with ultrasonically "bonded" (ultrasonically welded) conductors. In this case, please note the tables concerning the wire-size width!

4.3.2 Wiring

⚠ WARNING

Risk of electric shock and damage of device!

Bring the bus terminal system into a safe, powered down state before starting installation, disassembly or wiring of the bus terminals!

Terminals for standard wiring ELxxxx/KLxxxx and for pluggable wiring ESxxxx/KSxxxx

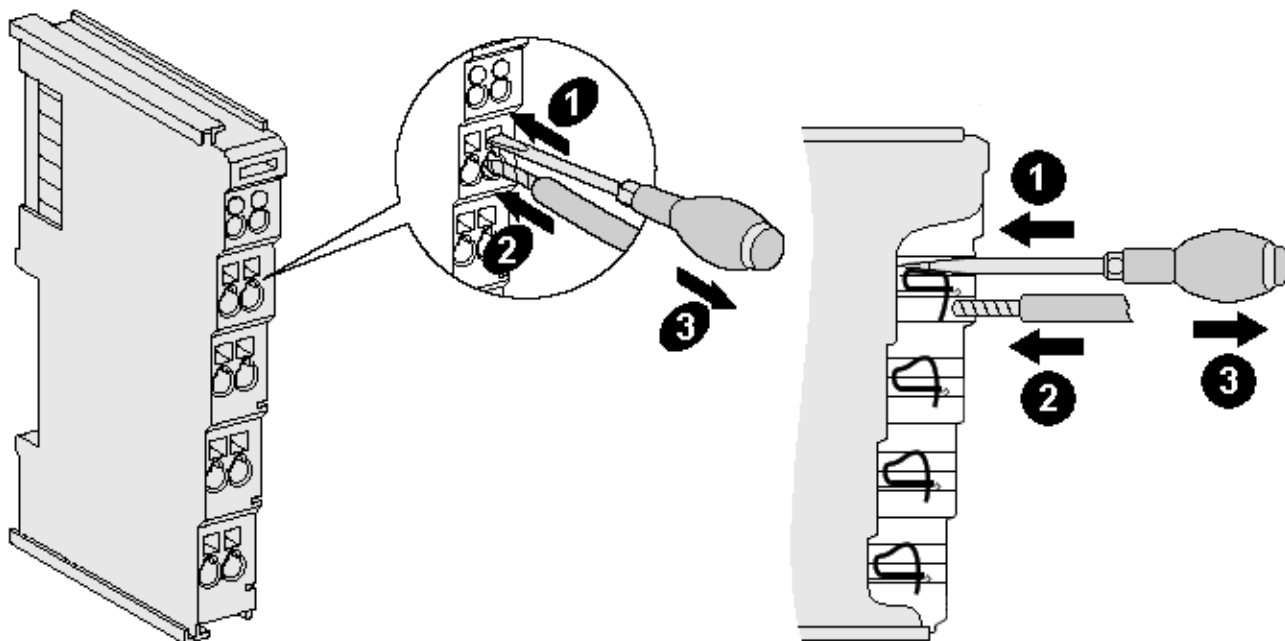


Fig. 34: Connecting a cable on a terminal point

Up to eight terminal points enable the connection of solid or finely stranded cables to the bus terminal. The terminal points are implemented in spring force technology. Connect the cables as follows:

1. Open a terminal point by pushing a screwdriver straight against the stop into the square opening above the terminal point. Do not turn the screwdriver or move it alternately (don't toggle).
2. The wire can now be inserted into the round terminal opening without any force.
3. The terminal point closes automatically when the pressure is released, holding the wire securely and permanently.

See the following table for the suitable wire size width.

Terminal housing	ELxxxx, KLxxxx	ESxxxx, KSxxxx
Wire size width (single core wires)	0.08 ... 2.5 mm ²	0.08 ... 2.5 mm ²
Wire size width (fine-wire conductors)	0.08 ... 2.5 mm ²	0,08 ... 2.5 mm ²
Wire size width (conductors with a wire end sleeve)	0.14 ... 1.5 mm ²	0.14 ... 1.5 mm ²
Wire stripping length	8 ... 9 mm	9 ... 10 mm

High Density Terminals (HD Terminals [► 55]) with 16 terminal points

The conductors of the HD Terminals are connected without tools for single-wire conductors using the direct plug-in technique, i.e. after stripping the wire is simply plugged into the terminal point. The cables are released, as usual, using the contact release with the aid of a screwdriver. See the following table for the suitable wire size width.

Terminal housing	High Density Housing
Wire size width (single core wires)	0.08 ... 1.5 mm ²
Wire size width (fine-wire conductors)	0.25 ... 1.5 mm ²
Wire size width (conductors with a wire end sleeve)	0.14 ... 0.75 mm ²
Wire size width (ultrasonically "bonded" conductors)	only 1.5 mm ²
Wire stripping length	8 ... 9 mm

4.3.3 Shielding



Shielding

Encoder, analog sensors and actors should always be connected with shielded, twisted paired wires.

4.4 Installation positions

NOTE

Constraints regarding installation position and operating temperature range

Please refer to the technical data for a terminal to ascertain whether any restrictions regarding the installation position and/or the operating temperature range have been specified. When installing high power dissipation terminals ensure that an adequate spacing is maintained between other components above and below the terminal in order to guarantee adequate ventilation!

Optimum installation position (standard)

The optimum installation position requires the mounting rail to be installed horizontally and the connection surfaces of the EL/KL terminals to face forward (see Fig. *Recommended distances for standard installation position*). The terminals are ventilated from below, which enables optimum cooling of the electronics through convection. "From below" is relative to the acceleration of gravity.

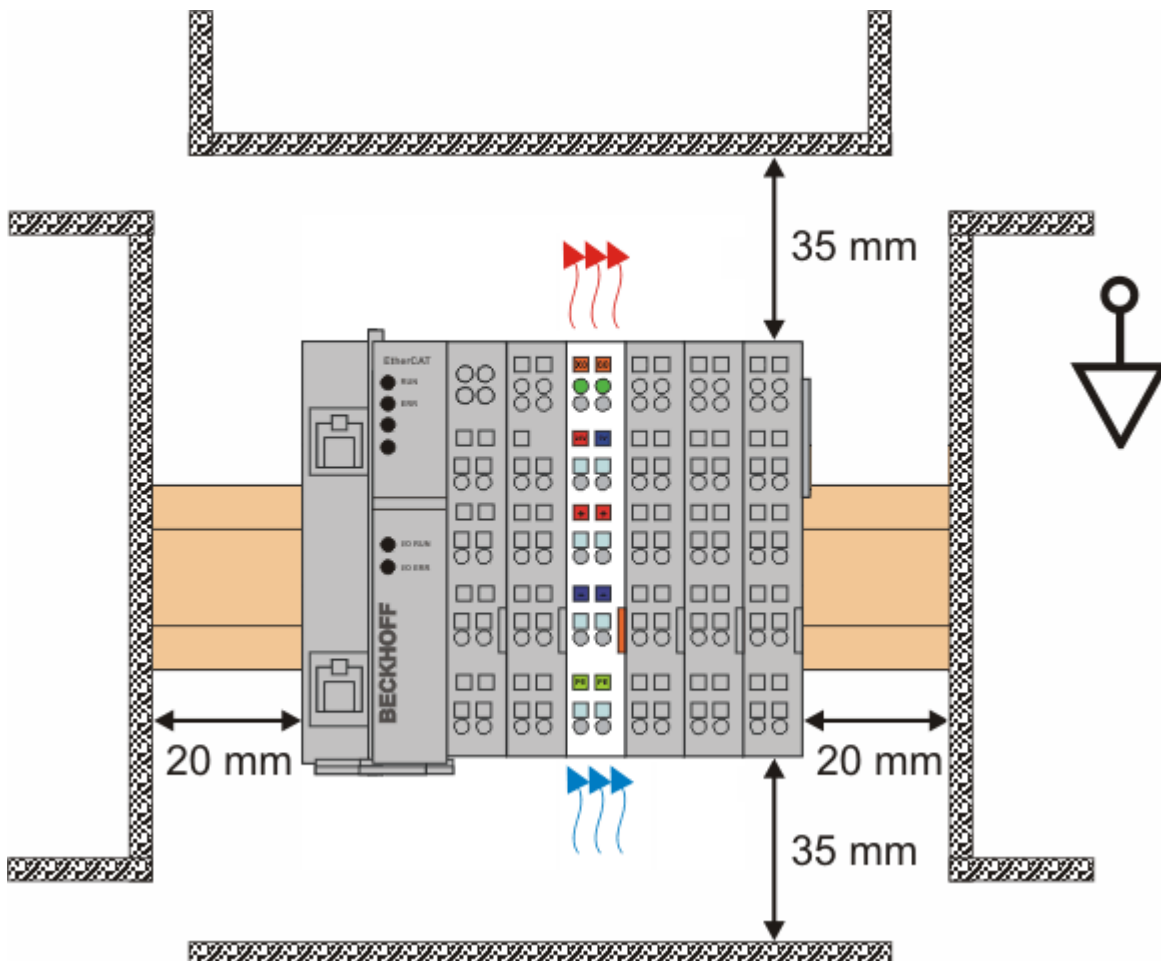


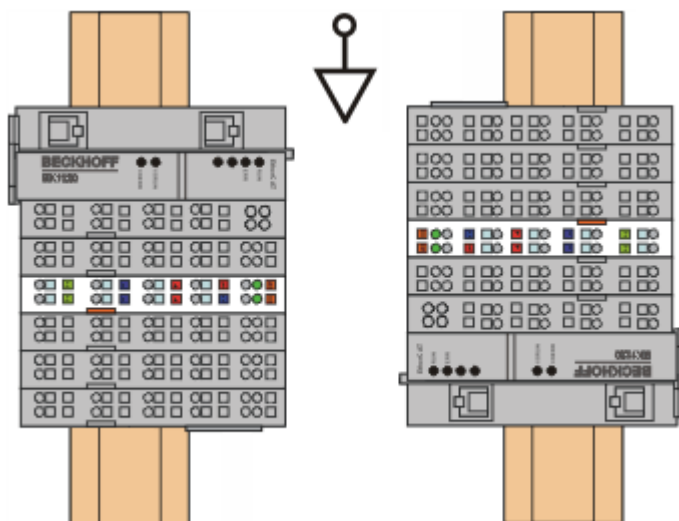
Fig. 35: Recommended distances for standard installation position

Compliance with the distances shown in Fig. *Recommended distances for standard installation position* is recommended.

Other installation positions

All other installation positions are characterized by different spatial arrangement of the mounting rail - see Fig *Other installation positions*.

The minimum distances to ambient specified above also apply to these installation positions.



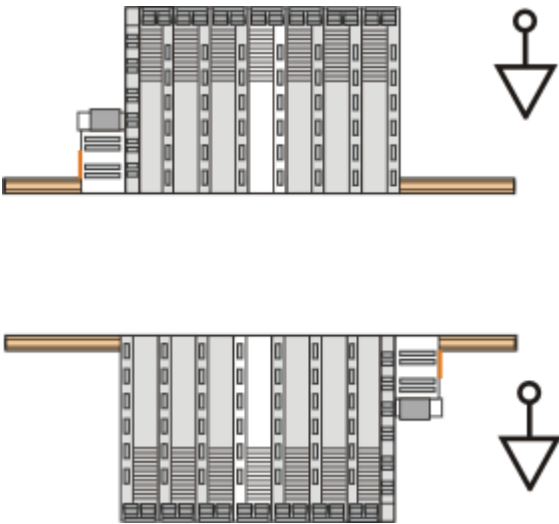


Fig. 36: Other installation positions

4.5 Positioning of passive Terminals



Hint for positioning of passive terminals in the bus terminal block

EtherCAT Terminals (ELxxxx / ESxxxx), which do not take an active part in data transfer within the bus terminal block are so called passive terminals. The passive terminals have no current consumption out of the E-Bus.

To ensure an optimal data transfer, you must not directly string together more than two passive terminals!

Examples for positioning of passive terminals (highlighted)

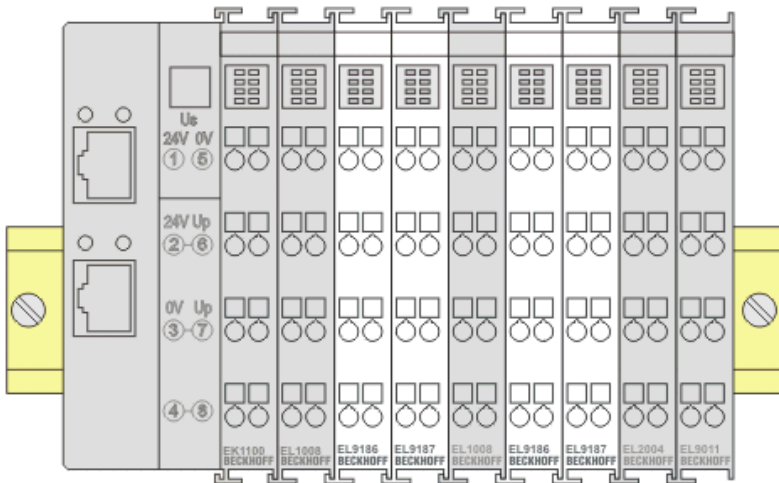


Fig. 37: Correct positioning

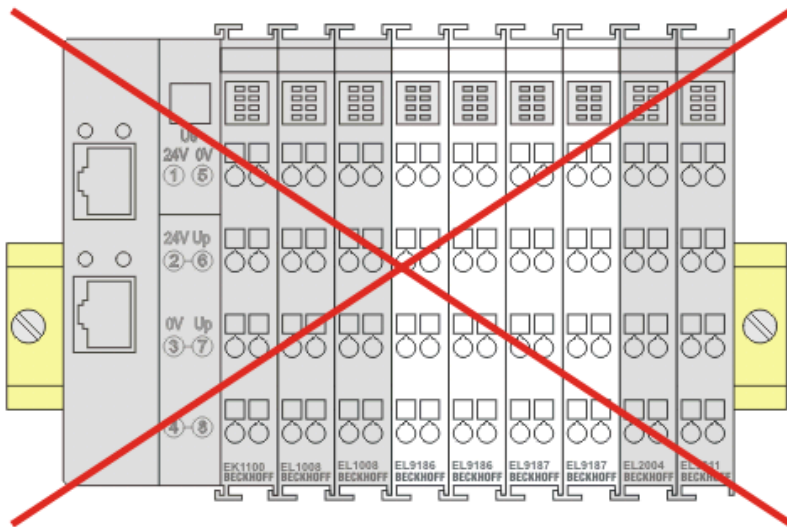


Fig. 38: Incorrect positioning

4.6 EL40xx - LEDs and connection

4.6.1 EL40xx - LEDs

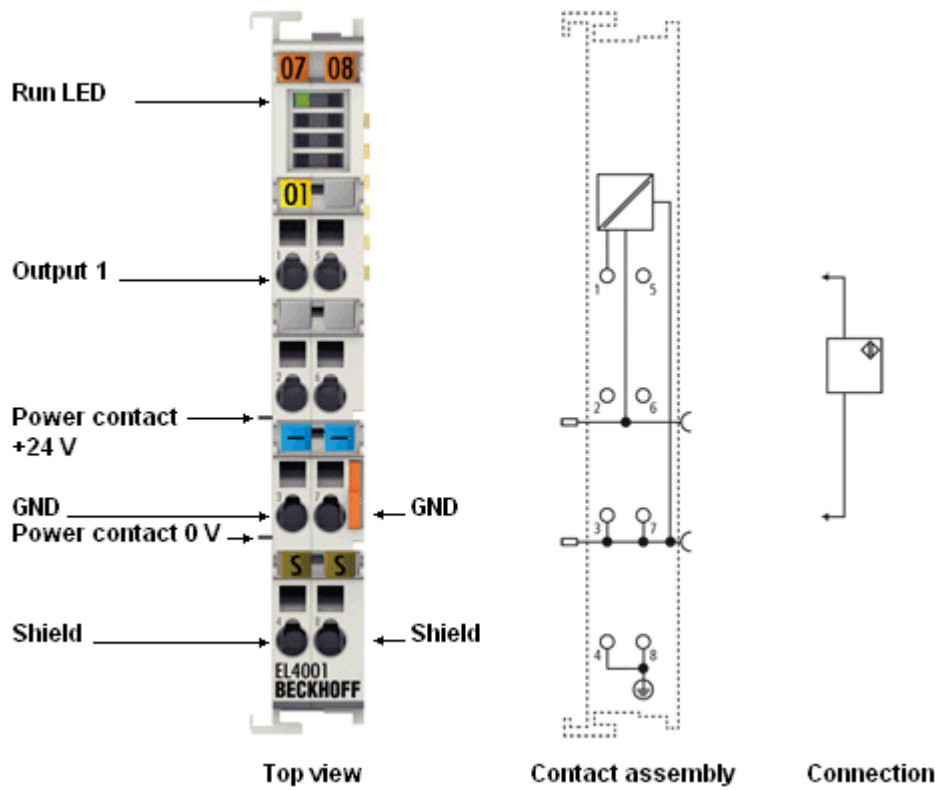


Fig. 39: LEDs, taking the EL4001 as an example

LEDs

LED	Color	Meaning
RUN	green	This LED indicates the terminal's operating state:
		off State of the EtherCAT State Machine [► 118]: INIT = initialization of the terminal, state of the EtherCAT State Machine: BOOTSTRAP = function for <u>firmware updates</u> [► 177] of the terminal
		flashing State of the EtherCAT State Machine: PREOP = function for mailbox communication and different standard-settings set
		single flash State of the EtherCAT State Machine: SAFEOP = verification of the <u>Sync Manager</u> [► 118] channels and the distributed clocks. Outputs remain in safe state
		on State of the EtherCAT State Machine: OP = normal operating state; mailbox and process data communication is possible

If several RUN LEDs are present, all of them have the same function.

4.6.2 EL4001, EL4031 - Connection

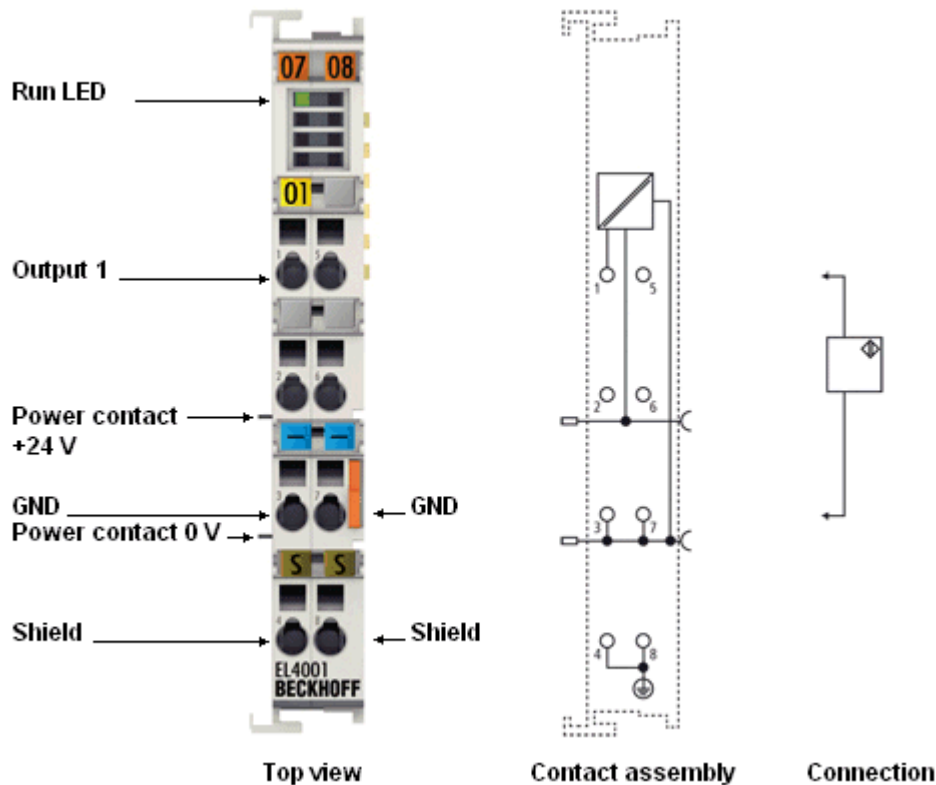


Fig. 40: Connection, taking the EL4001 as an example

Connection EL4001, EL4031

Terminal point	No.	Comment
Output 1	1	Output 1
-	2	not connected
0 V	3	0 V (internally connected to terminal point 7 and negative power contact)
Shield	4	Shield (internally connected to terminal point 8)
-	5	not connected
-	6	not connected
0 V	7	0 V (internally connected to terminal point 3 and negative power contact)
Shield	8	Shield (internally connected to terminal point 4)

4.6.3 EL4011, EL4021 - Connection

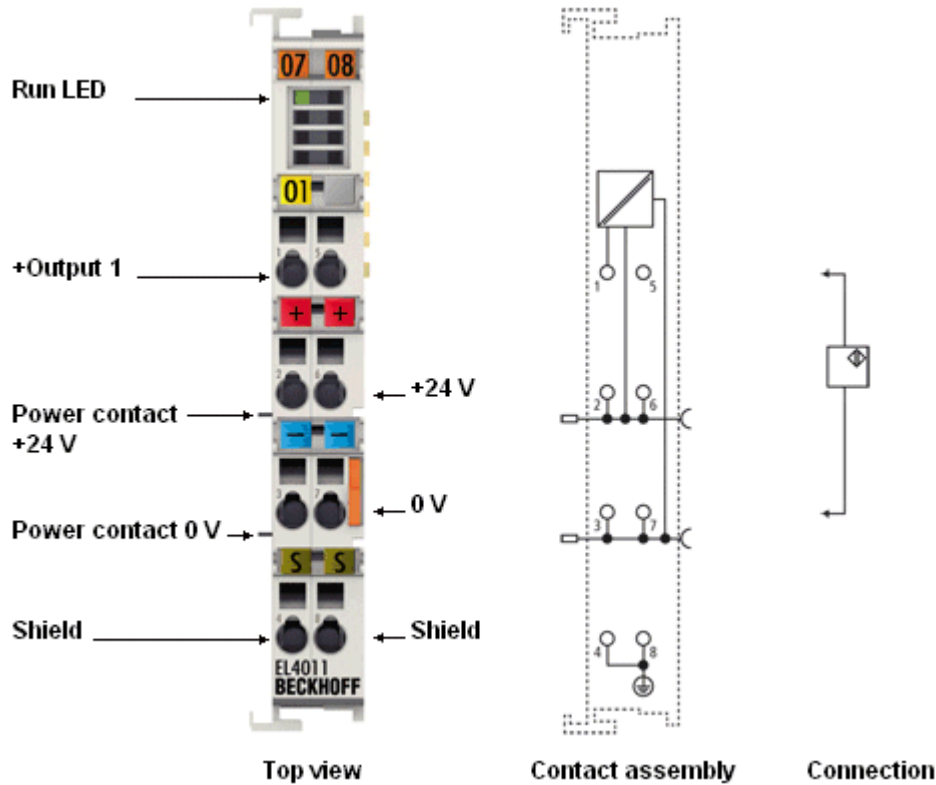


Fig. 41: Connection, taking the EL4011 as an example

Connection EL4011, EL4021

Terminal point	No.	Comment
Output 1	1	Output 1
24 V	2	24 V (internally connected to terminal point 6 and positive power contact)
0 V	3	0 V (internally connected to terminal point 7 and negative power contact)
Shield	4	Shield (internally connected to terminal point 8)
-	5	not connected
24 V	6	24 V (internally connected to terminal point 2 and positive power contact)
0 V	7	0 V (internally connected to terminal point 3 and negative power contact)
Shield	8	Shield (internally connected to terminal point 4)

4.6.4 EL4002, EL4032 - Connection

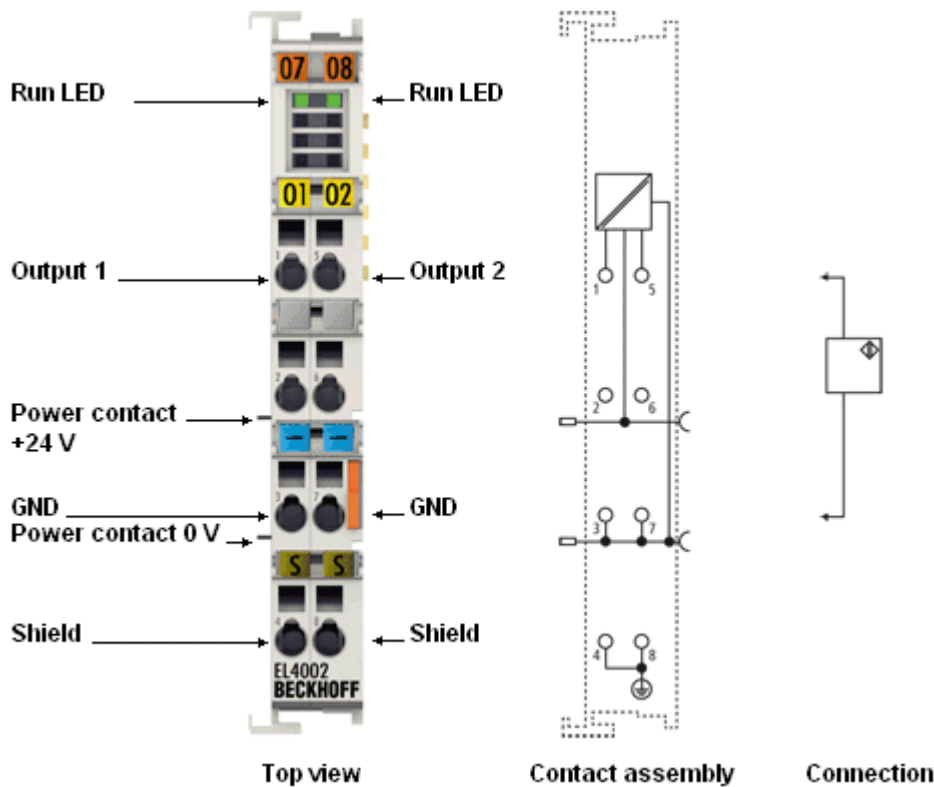


Fig. 42: Connection, taking the EL4002 as an example

Connection EL4002, EL4032

Terminal point	No.	Comment
Output 1	1	Output 1
-	2	not connected
0 V	3	0 V (internally connected to terminal point 7 and negative power contact)
Shield	4	Shield (internally connected to terminal point 8)
Output 2	5	Output 2
-	6	not connected
0 V	7	0 V (internally connected to terminal point 3 and negative power contact)
Shield	8	Shield (internally connected to terminal point 4)

4.6.5 EL4012, EL4022 - Connection

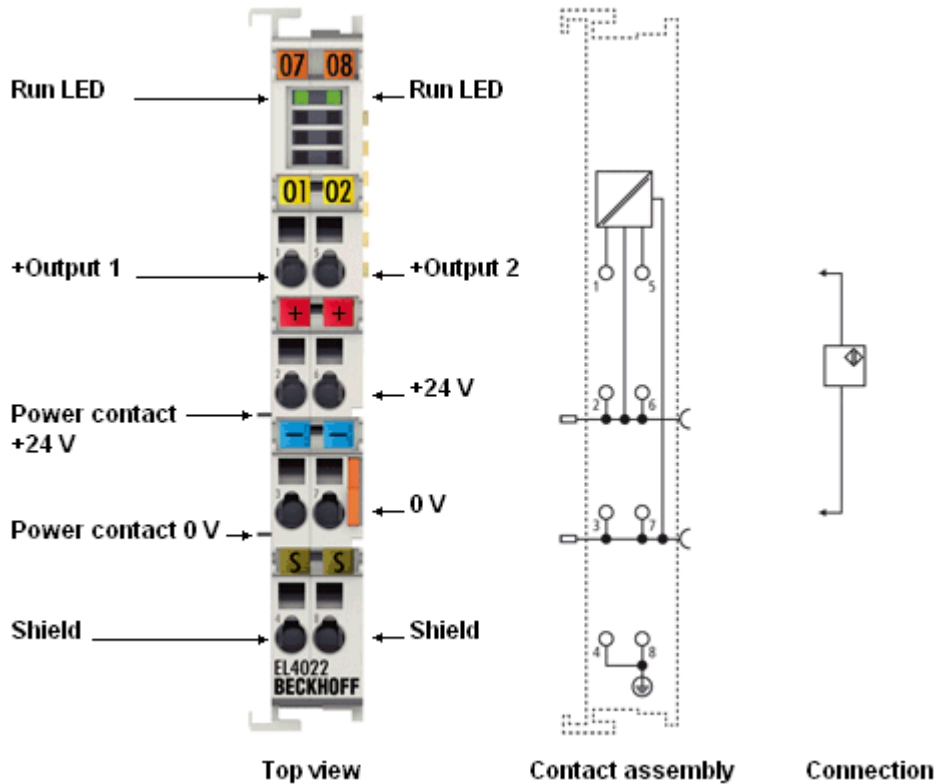


Fig. 43: Connection, taking the EL4022 as an example

Connection EL4012, EL4022

Terminal point	No.	Comment
Output 1	1	Output 1
24 V	2	24 V (internally connected to terminal point 6 and positive power contact)
0 V	3	0 V (internally connected to terminal point 7 and negative power contact)
Shield	4	Shield (internally connected to terminal point 8)
Output 2	5	Output 2
24 V	6	24 V (internally connected to terminal point 2 and positive power contact)
0 V	7	0 V (internally connected to terminal point 3 and negative power contact)
Shield	8	Shield (internally connected to terminal point 4)

4.6.6 EL40x4 - Connection

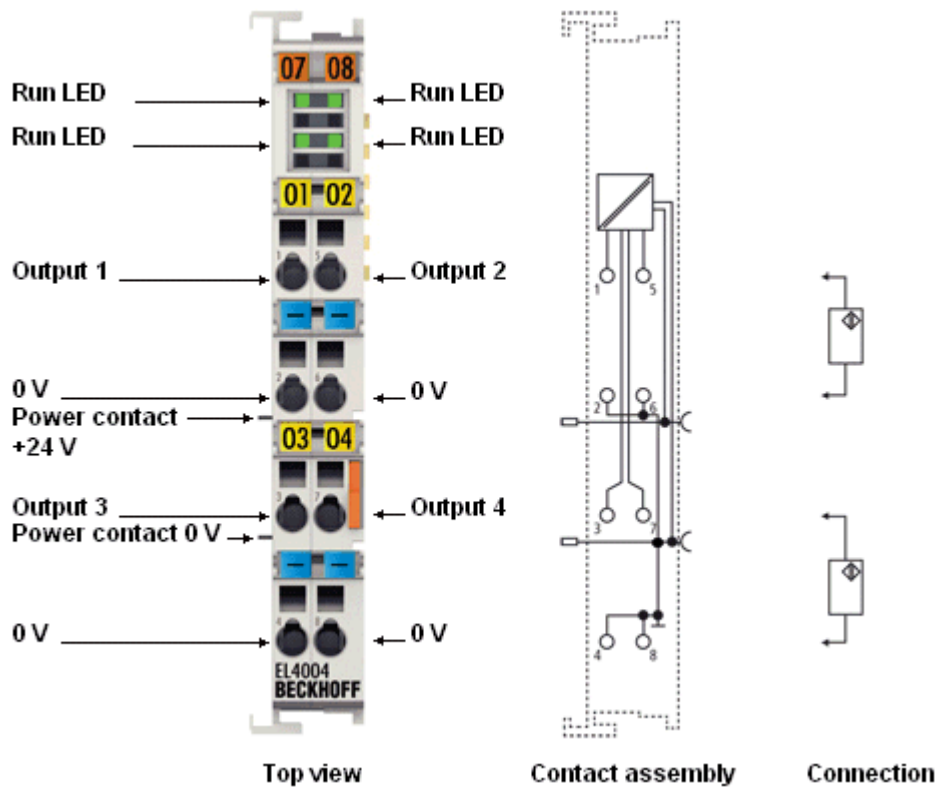


Fig. 44: Connection, taking the EL4004 as an example

Connection EL40x4

Terminal point	No.	Comment
Output 1	1	Output 1
Ground	2	0 V (internally connected to terminal points 4, 6 and 8)
Output 3	3	Output 3
Ground	4	0 V (internally connected to terminal points 2, 6 and 8)
Output 2	5	Output 2
Ground	6	0 V (internally connected to terminal points 2, 4 and 8)
Output 4	7	Output 4
Ground	8	0 V (internally connected to terminal points 2, 4 and 6)

4.6.7 EL40x8 - Connection

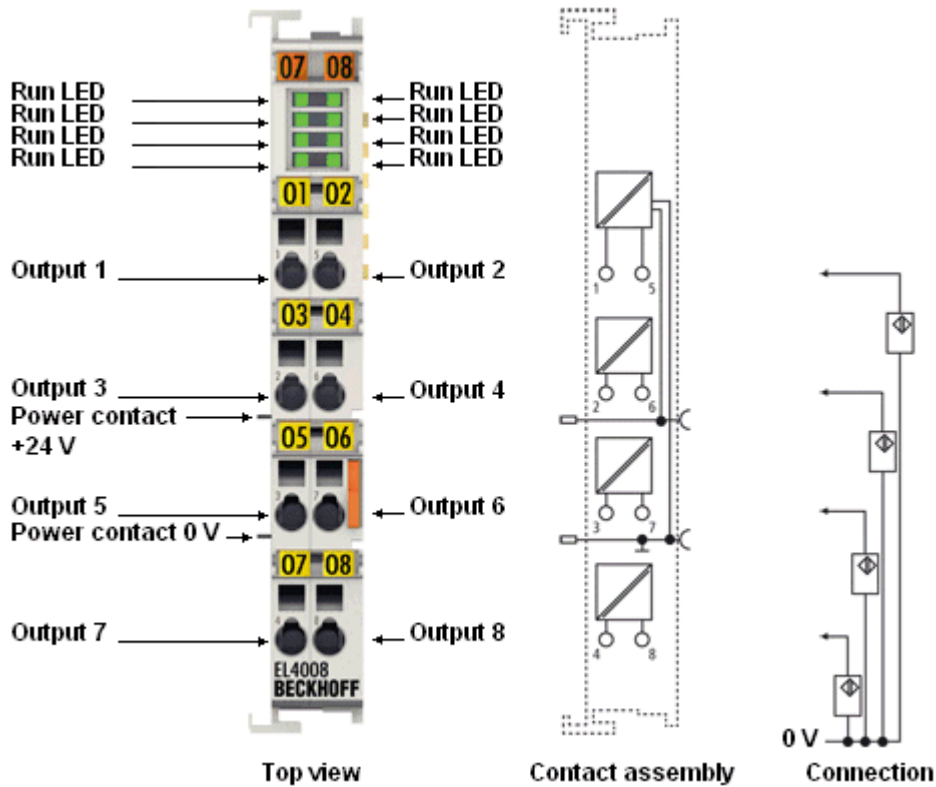


Fig. 45: Connection, taking the EL4008 as an example

Connection EL40x8

Terminal point	No.	Comment
Output 1	1	Output 1
Output 3	2	Output 3
Output 5	3	Output 5
Output 7	4	Output 7
Output 2	5	Output 2
Output 4	6	Output 4
Output 6	7	Output 6
Output 8	8	Output 8

4.7 Disposal



Products marked with a crossed-out wheeled bin shall not be discarded with the normal waste stream. The device is considered as waste electrical and electronic equipment. The national regulations for the disposal of waste electrical and electronic equipment must be observed.

5 Commissioning

5.1 TwinCAT Quick Start

TwinCAT is a development environment for real-time control including multi-PLC system, NC axis control, programming and operation. The whole system is mapped through this environment and enables access to a programming environment (including compilation) for the controller. Individual digital or analog inputs or outputs can also be read or written directly, in order to verify their functionality, for example.

For further information please refer to <http://infosys.beckhoff.com>:

- **EtherCAT Systemmanual:**
Fieldbus Components → EtherCAT Terminals → EtherCAT System Documentation → Setup in the TwinCAT System Manager
- **TwinCAT 2** → TwinCAT System Manager → I/O - Configuration
- In particular, TwinCAT driver installation:
Fieldbus components → Fieldbus Cards and Switches → FC900x – PCI Cards for Ethernet → Installation

Devices contain the terminals for the actual configuration. All configuration data can be entered directly via editor functions (offline) or via the “Scan” function (online):

- **“offline”**: The configuration can be customized by adding and positioning individual components. These can be selected from a directory and configured.
 - The procedure for offline mode can be found under <http://infosys.beckhoff.com>:
TwinCAT 2 → TwinCAT System Manager → IO - Configuration → Adding an I/O Device
- **“online”**: The existing hardware configuration is read
 - See also <http://infosys.beckhoff.com>:
Fieldbus components → Fieldbus cards and switches → FC900x – PCI Cards for Ethernet → Installation → Searching for devices

The following relationship is envisaged from user PC to the individual control elements:

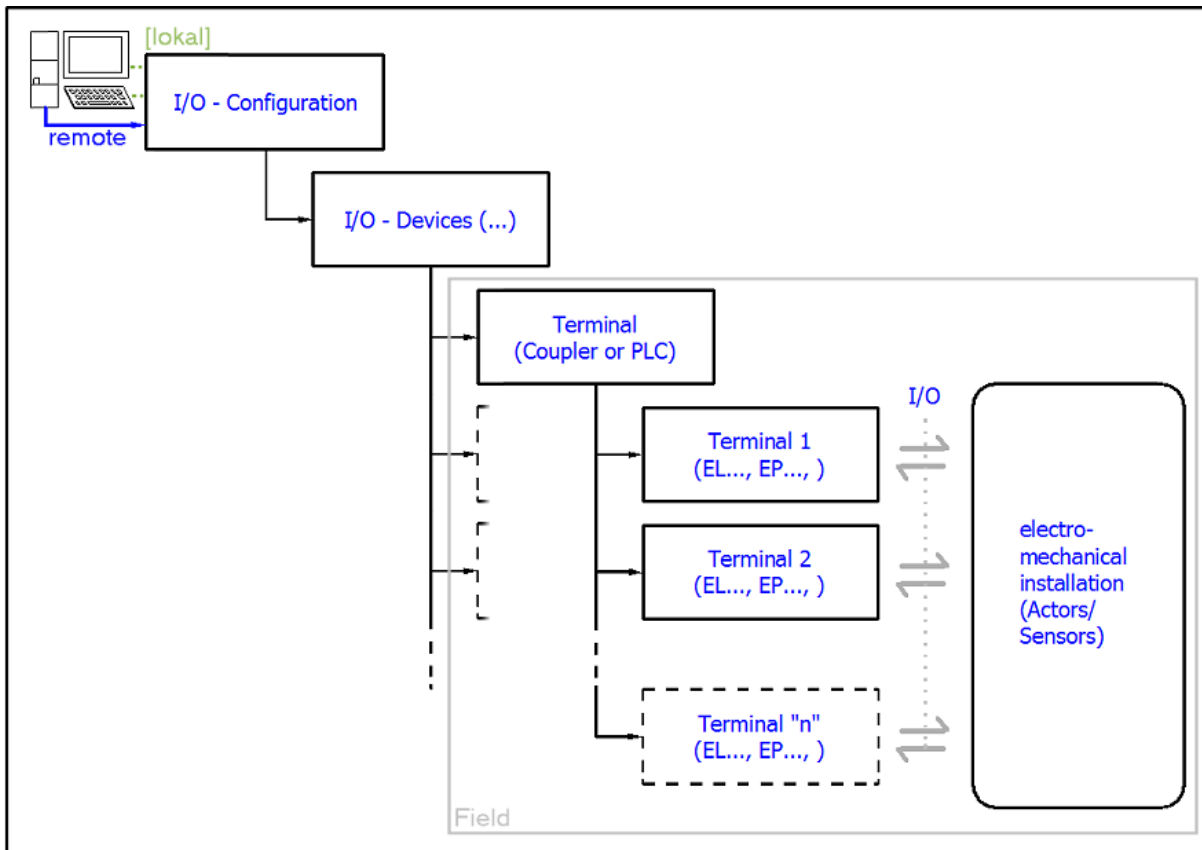


Fig. 46: Relationship between user side (commissioning) and installation

The user inserting of certain components (I/O device, terminal, box...) is the same in TwinCAT 2 and TwinCAT 3. The descriptions below relate to the online procedure.

Sample configuration (actual configuration)

Based on the following sample configuration, the subsequent subsections describe the procedure for TwinCAT 2 and TwinCAT 3:

- Control system (PLC) **CX2040** including **CX2100-0004** power supply unit
- Connected to the CX2040 on the right (E-bus):
EL1004 (4-channel digital input terminal 24 V_{DC})
- Linked via the X001 port (RJ-45): **EK1100** EtherCAT Coupler
- Connected to the EK1100 EtherCAT coupler on the right (E-bus):
EL2008 (8-channel digital output terminal 24 V_{DC}; 0.5 A)
- (Optional via X000: a link to an external PC for the user interface)

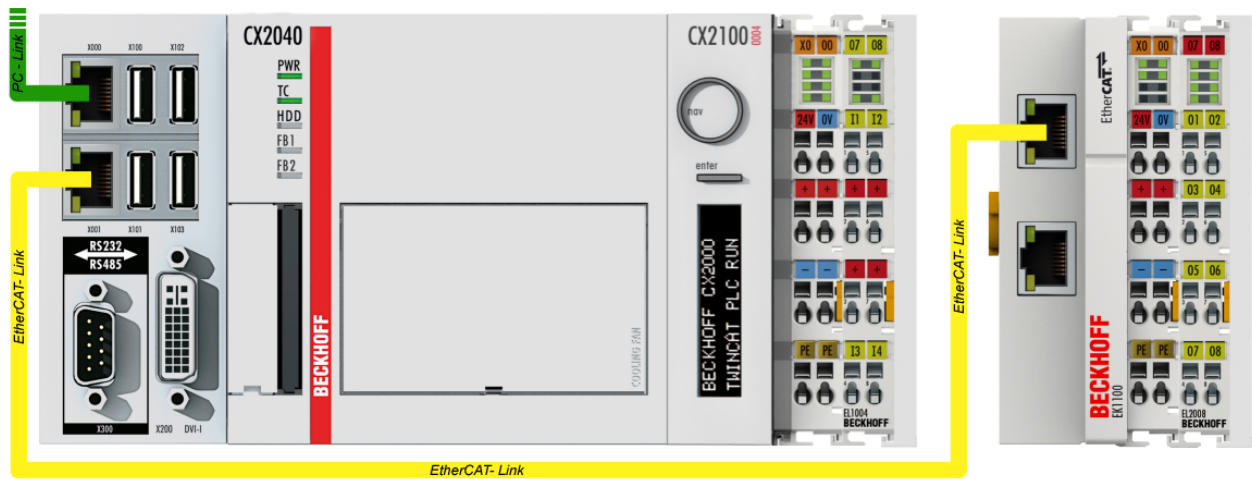


Fig. 47: Control configuration with Embedded PC, input (EL1004) and output (EL2008)

Note that all combinations of a configuration are possible; for example, the EL1004 terminal could also be connected after the coupler, or the EL2008 terminal could additionally be connected to the CX2040 on the right, in which case the EK1100 coupler wouldn't be necessary.

5.1.1 TwinCAT 2

Startup

TwinCAT basically uses two user interfaces: the TwinCAT System Manager for communication with the electromechanical components and TwinCAT PLC Control for the development and compilation of a controller. The starting point is the TwinCAT System Manager.

After successful installation of the TwinCAT system on the PC to be used for development, the TwinCAT 2 System Manager displays the following user interface after startup:

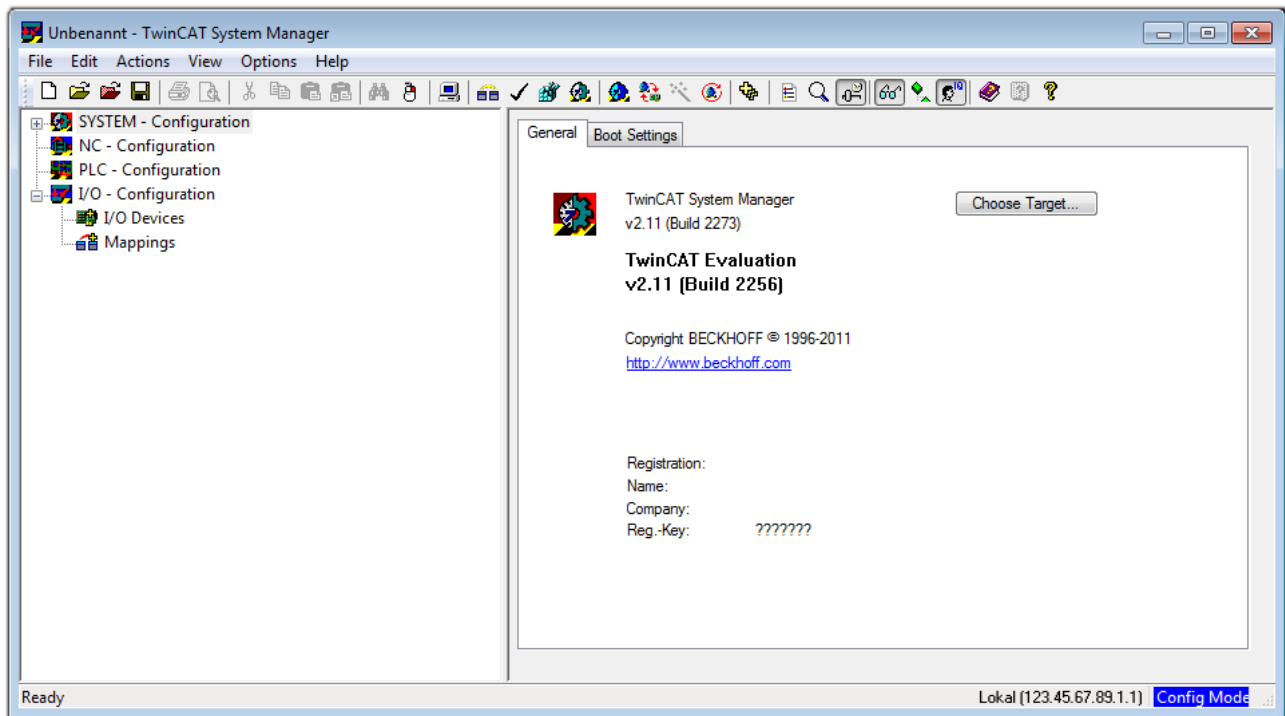


Fig. 48: Initial TwinCAT 2 user interface

Generally, TwinCAT can be used in local or remote mode. Once the TwinCAT system including the user interface (standard) is installed on the respective PLC, TwinCAT can be used in local mode and thereby the next step is “Insert Device [► 73]”.

If the intention is to address the TwinCAT runtime environment installed on a PLC as development environment remotely from another system, the target system must be made known first. In the menu under

“Actions” → “Choose Target System...”, via the symbol “” or the “F8” key, open the following window:

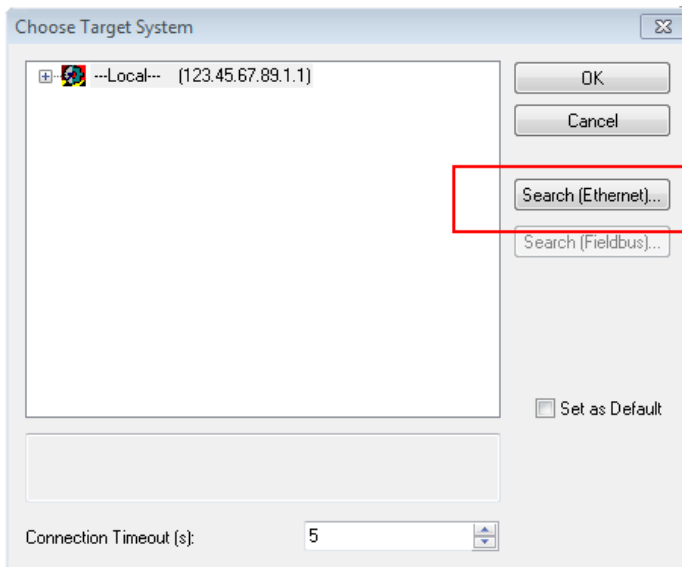


Fig. 49: Selection of the target system

Use “Search (Ethernet)...” to enter the target system. Thus a next dialog opens to either:

- enter the known computer name after “Enter Host Name / IP:” (as shown in red)
- perform a “Broadcast Search” (if the exact computer name is not known)
- enter the known computer IP or AmsNetID.

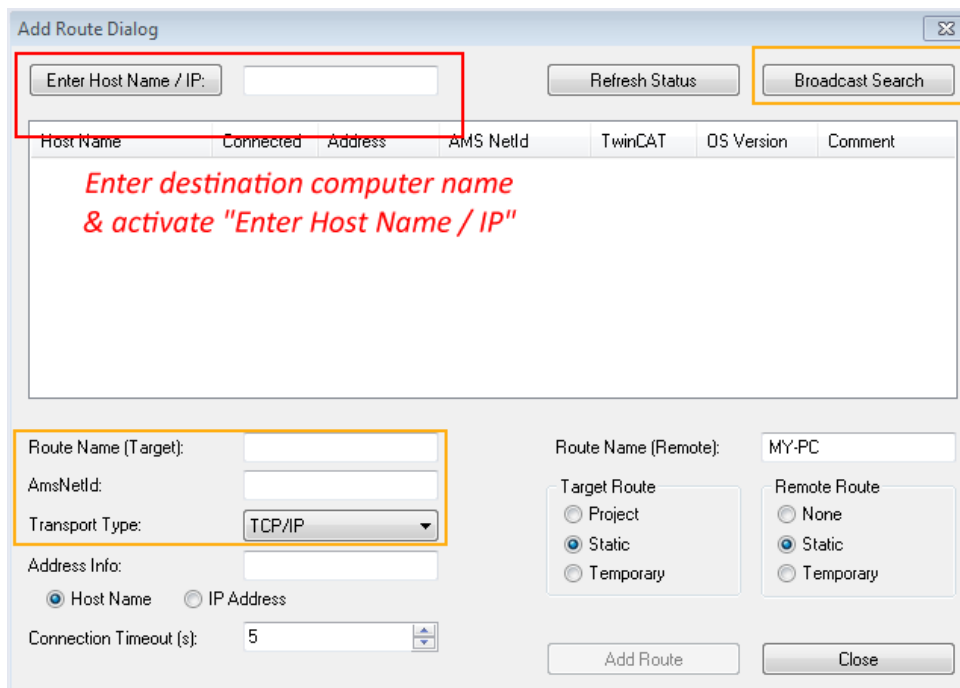
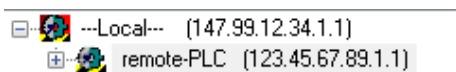


Fig. 50: Specify the PLC for access by the TwinCAT System Manager: selection of the target system

Once the target system has been entered, it is available for selection as follows (a password may have to be entered):



After confirmation with “OK” the target system can be accessed via the System Manager.

Adding devices

In the configuration tree of the TwinCAT 2 System Manager user interface on the left, select “I/O Devices” and then right-click to open a context menu and select “Scan Devices...”, or start the action in the menu bar

via . The TwinCAT System Manager may first have to be set to “Config mode” via  or via menu “Actions” → “Set/Reset TwinCAT to Config Mode...” (Shift + F4).

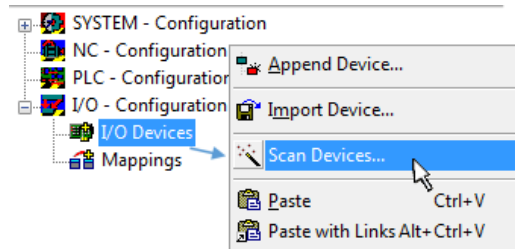


Fig. 51: Select “Scan Devices...”

Confirm the warning message, which follows, and select “EtherCAT” in the dialog:

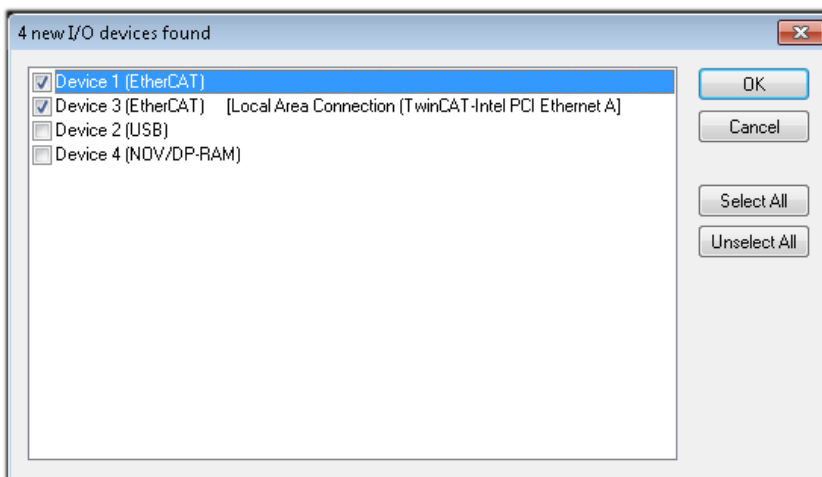


Fig. 52: Automatic detection of I/O devices: selection the devices to be integrated

Confirm the message “Find new boxes”, in order to determine the terminals connected to the devices. “Free Run” enables manipulation of input and output values in “Config mode” and should also be acknowledged.

Based on the [sample configuration](#) [► 69] described at the beginning of this section, the result is as follows:

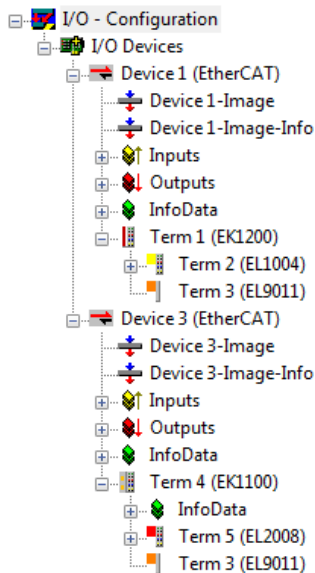


Fig. 53: Mapping of the configuration in the TwinCAT 2 System Manager

The whole process consists of two stages, which may be performed separately (first determine the devices, then determine the connected elements such as boxes, terminals, etc.). A scan can also be initiated by selecting “Device ...” from the context menu, which then reads the elements present in the configuration below:

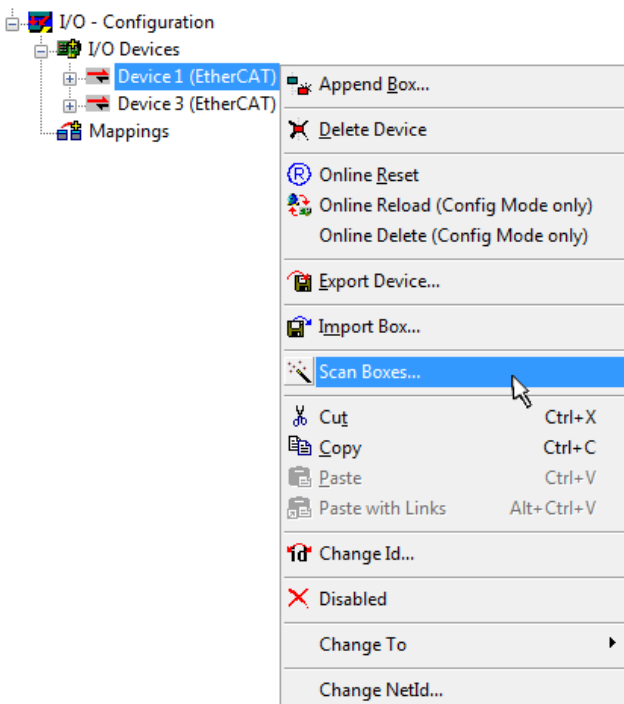


Fig. 54: Reading of individual terminals connected to a device

This functionality is useful if the actual configuration is modified at short notice.

Programming and integrating the PLC

TwinCAT PLC Control is the development environment for the creation of the controller in different program environments: TwinCAT PLC Control supports all languages described in IEC 61131-3. There are two text-based languages and three graphical languages.

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- Structured Text (ST)
- **Graphical languages**
 - Function Block Diagram (FBD)
 - Ladder Diagram (LD)
 - The Continuous Function Chart Editor (CFC)
 - Sequential Function Chart (SFC)

The following section refers to Structured Text (ST).

After starting TwinCAT PLC Control, the following user interface is shown for an initial project:

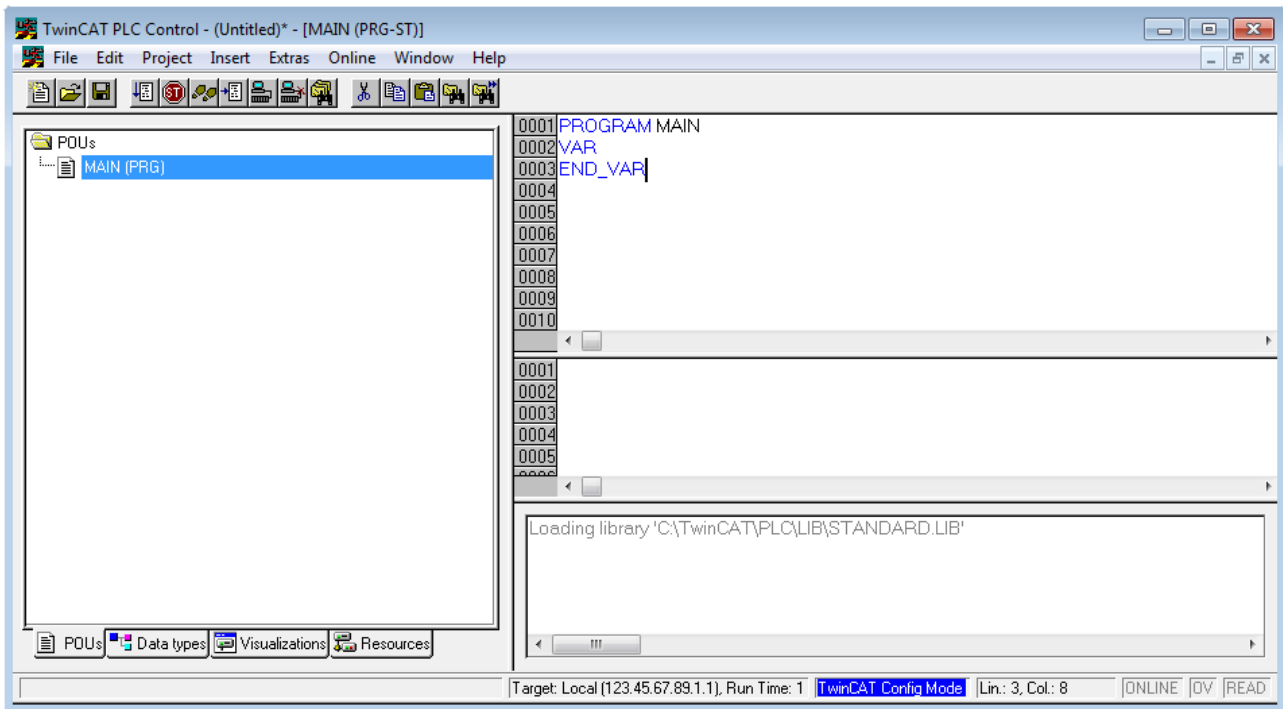


Fig. 55: TwinCAT PLC Control after startup

Sample variables and a sample program have been created and stored under the name “PLC_example.pro”:

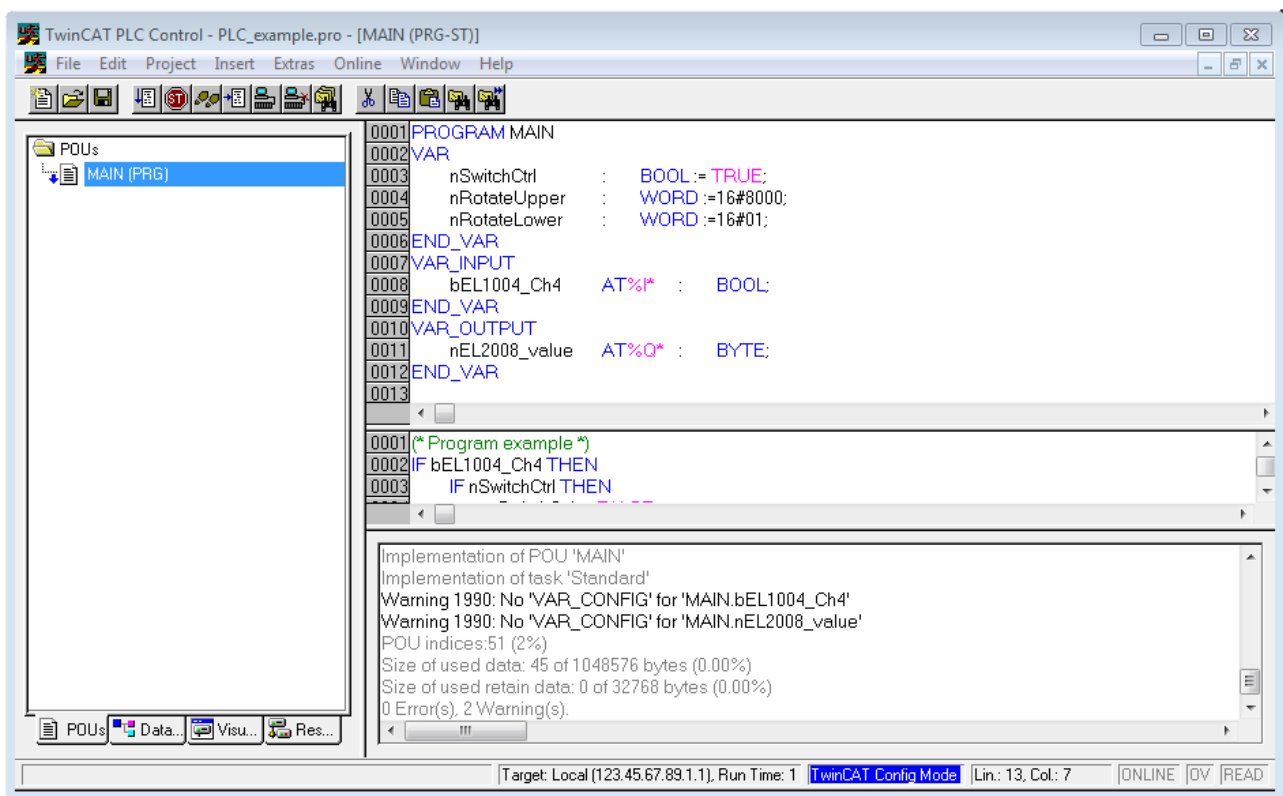


Fig. 56: Sample program with variables after a compile process (without variable integration)

Warning 1990 (missing “VAR_CONFIG”) after a compile process indicates that the variables defined as external (with the ID “AT%I*” or “AT%Q*”) have not been assigned. After successful compilation, TwinCAT PLC Control creates a “*.tpy” file in the directory in which the project was stored. This file (“*.tpy”) contains variable assignments and is not known to the System Manager, hence the warning. Once the System Manager has been notified, the warning no longer appears.

First, integrate the TwinCAT PLC Control project in the **System Manager** via the context menu of the PLC configuration; right-click and select “Append PLC Project...”:

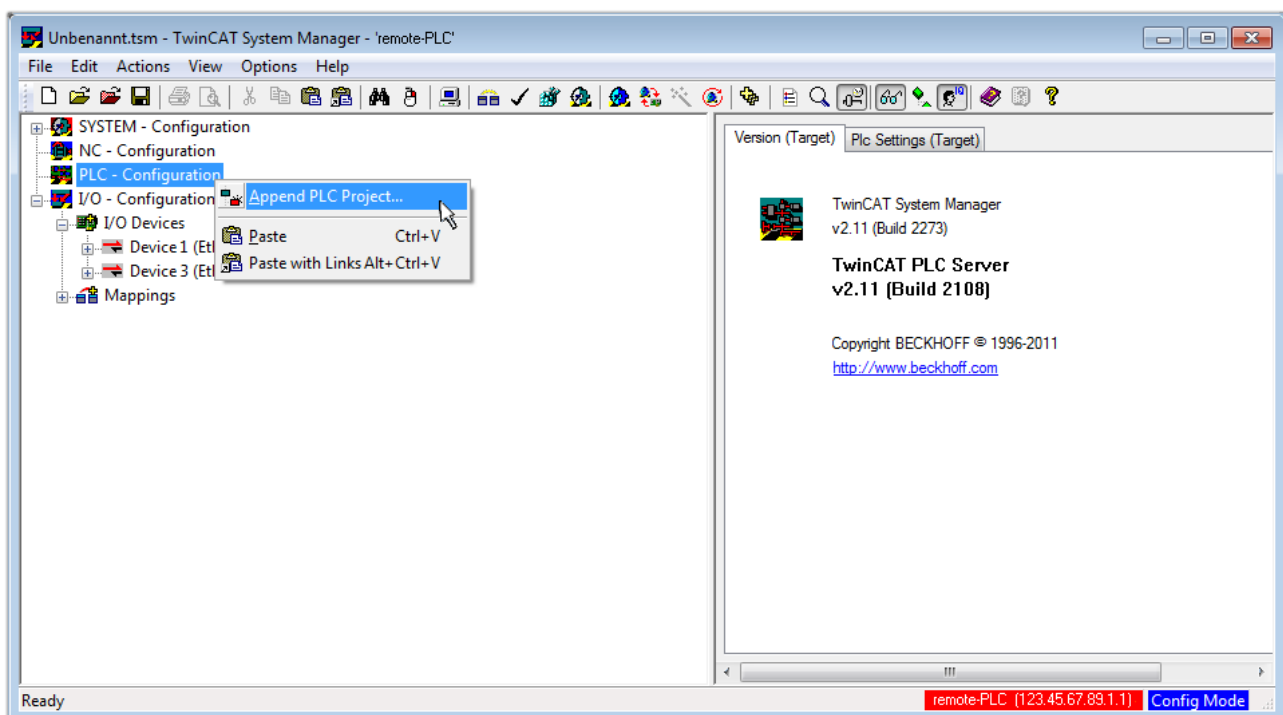


Fig. 57: Appending the TwinCAT PLC Control project

Select the PLC configuration “PLC_example.tpy” in the browser window that opens. The project including the two variables identified with “AT” are then integrated in the configuration tree of the System Manager:

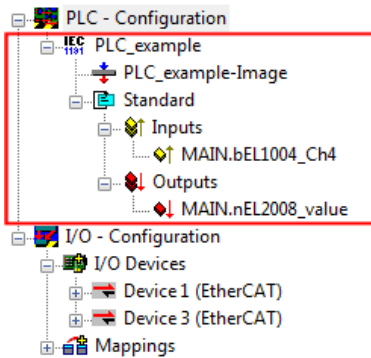


Fig. 58: PLC project integrated in the PLC configuration of the System Manager

The two variables “bEL1004_Ch4” and “nEL2008_value” can now be assigned to certain process objects of the I/O configuration.

Assigning variables

Open a window for selecting a suitable process object (PDO) via the context menu of a variable of the integrated project “PLC_example” and via “Modify Link...” “Standard”:

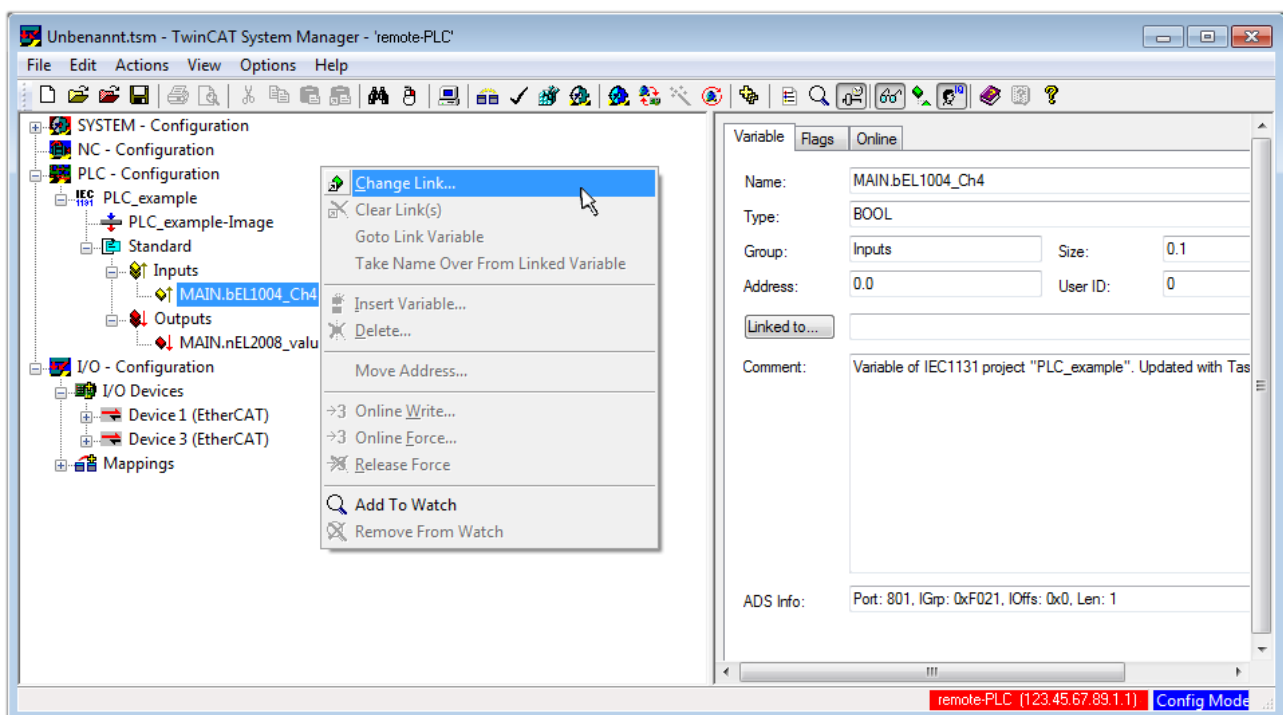


Fig. 59: Creating the links between PLC variables and process objects

In the window that opens, the process object for the variable “bEL1004_Ch4” of type BOOL can be selected from the PLC configuration tree:

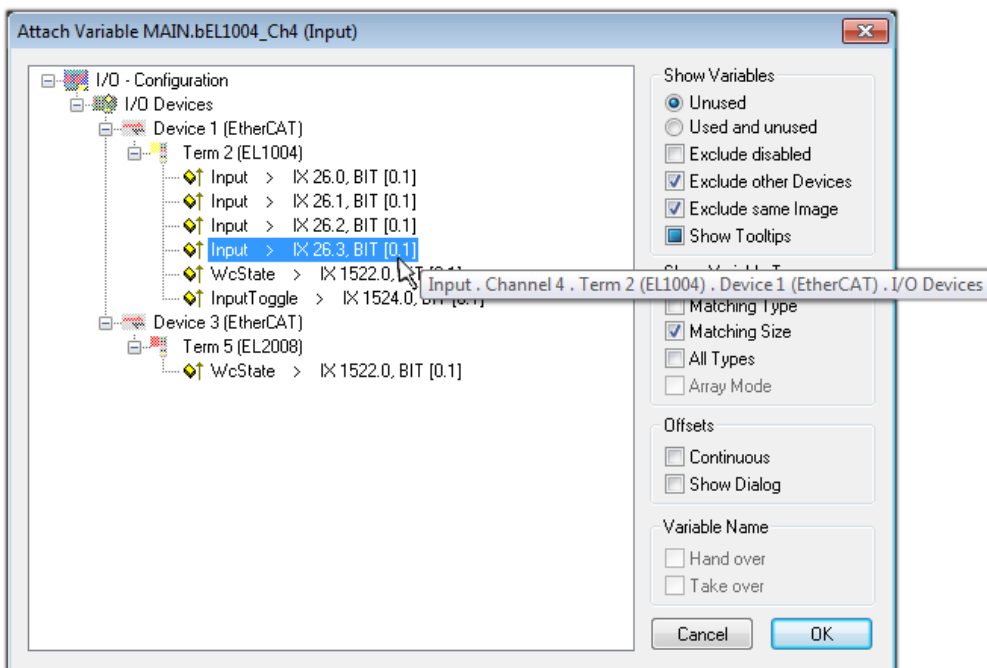


Fig. 60: Selecting PDO of type BOOL

According to the default setting, certain PDO objects are now available for selection. In this sample the input of channel 4 of the EL1004 terminal is selected for linking. In contrast, the checkbox “All types” must be ticked for creating the link for the output variables, in order to allocate a set of eight separate output bits to a byte variable. The following diagram shows the whole process:

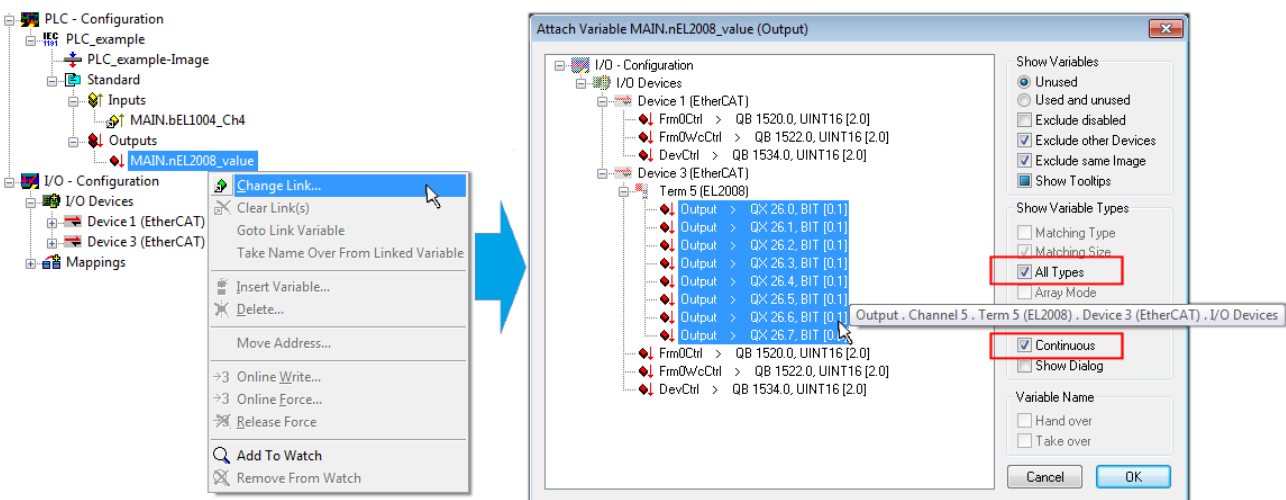


Fig. 61: Selecting several PDOs simultaneously: activate “Continuous” and “All types”

Note that the “Continuous” checkbox was also activated. This is designed to allocate the bits contained in the byte of the variable “nEL2008_value” sequentially to all eight selected output bits of the EL2008 terminal. In this way it is possible to subsequently address all eight outputs of the terminal in the program with a byte corresponding to bit 0 for channel 1 to bit 7 for channel 8 of the PLC. A special symbol () at the yellow or red object of the variable indicates that a link exists. The links can also be checked by selecting a “Goto Link Variable” from the context menu of a variable. The object opposite, in this case the PDO, is automatically selected:

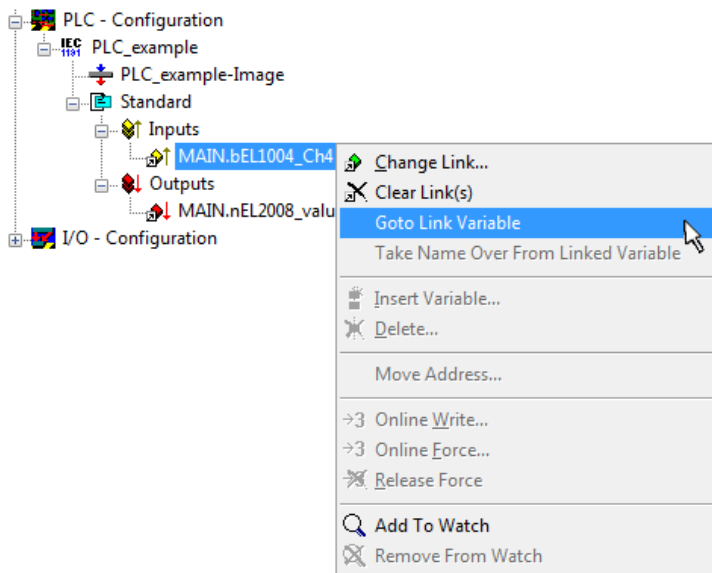
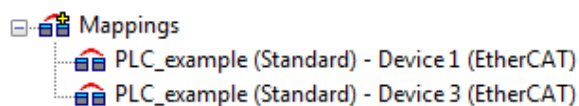


Fig. 62: Application of a “Goto Link” variable, using “MAIN.bEL1004_Ch4” as a sample

The process of assigning variables to the PDO is completed via the menu selection “Actions” → “Generate

Mappings”, key Ctrl+M or by clicking on the symbol  in the menu.

This can be visualized in the configuration:



The process of creating links can also take place in the opposite direction, i.e. starting with individual PDOs to variable. However, in this example it would then not be possible to select all output bits for the EL2008, since the terminal only makes individual digital outputs available. If a terminal has a byte, word, integer or similar PDO, it is possible to allocate this a set of bit-standardized variables (type “BOOL”). Here, too, a “Goto Link Variable” from the context menu of a PDO can be executed in the other direction, so that the respective PLC instance can then be selected.

Activation of the configuration

The allocation of PDO to PLC variables has now established the connection from the controller to the inputs and outputs of the terminals. The configuration can now be activated. First, the configuration can be verified

via  (or via “Actions” → “Check Configuration”). If no error is present, the configuration can be

activated via  (or via “Actions” → “Activate Configuration...”) to transfer the System Manager settings to the runtime system. Confirm the messages “Old configurations are overwritten!” and “Restart TwinCAT system in Run mode” with “OK”.

A few seconds later the real-time status **RTime 0%** is displayed at the bottom right in the System Manager. The PLC system can then be started as described below.

Starting the controller

Starting from a remote system, the PLC control has to be linked with the Embedded PC over Ethernet via “Online” → “Choose Run-Time System...”:

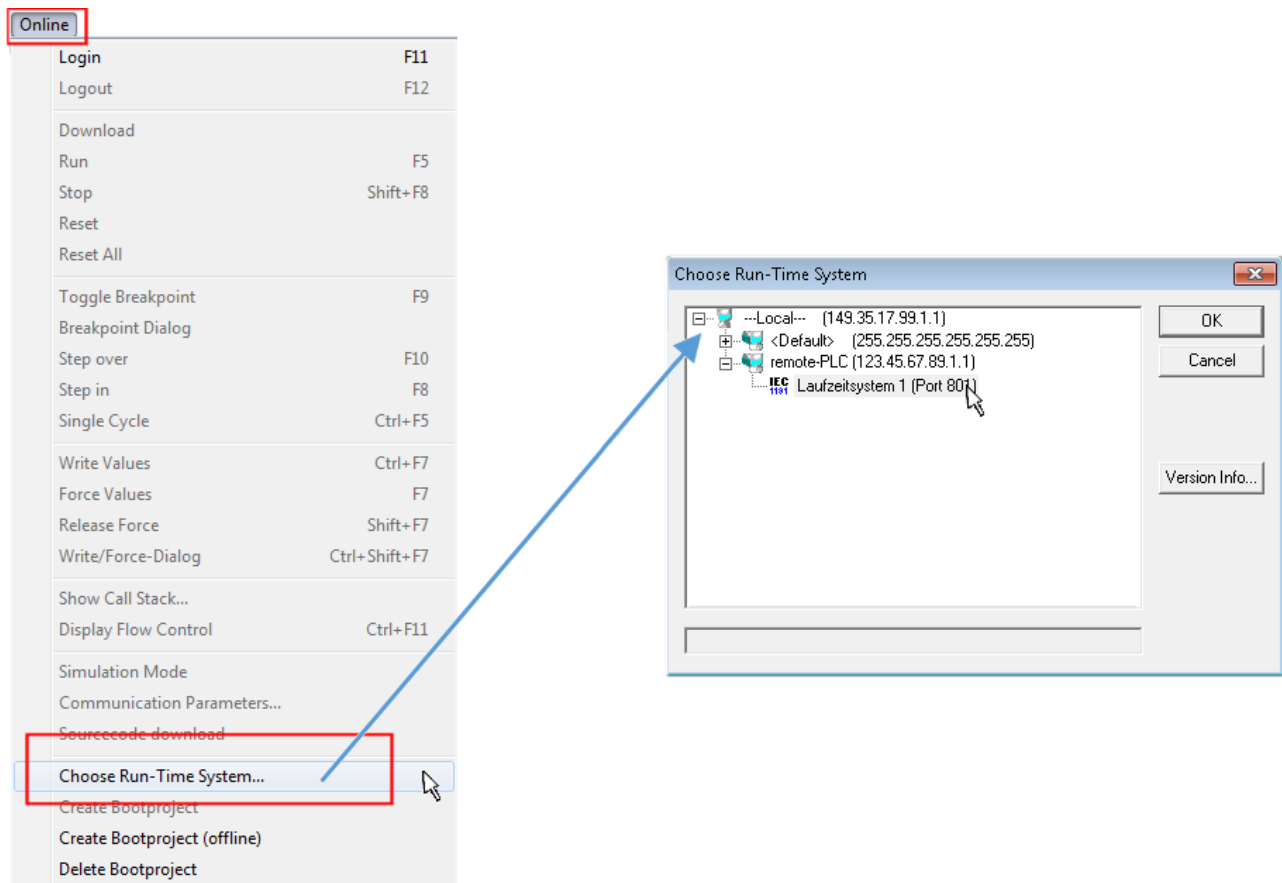


Fig. 63: Choose target system (remote)

In this sample “Runtime system 1 (port 801)” is selected and confirmed. Link the PLC with the real-time

system via menu option “Online” → “Login”, the F11 key or by clicking on the symbol . The control program can then be loaded for execution. This results in the message “No program on the controller! Should the new program be loaded?”, which should be acknowledged with “Yes”. The runtime environment is ready for the program start:

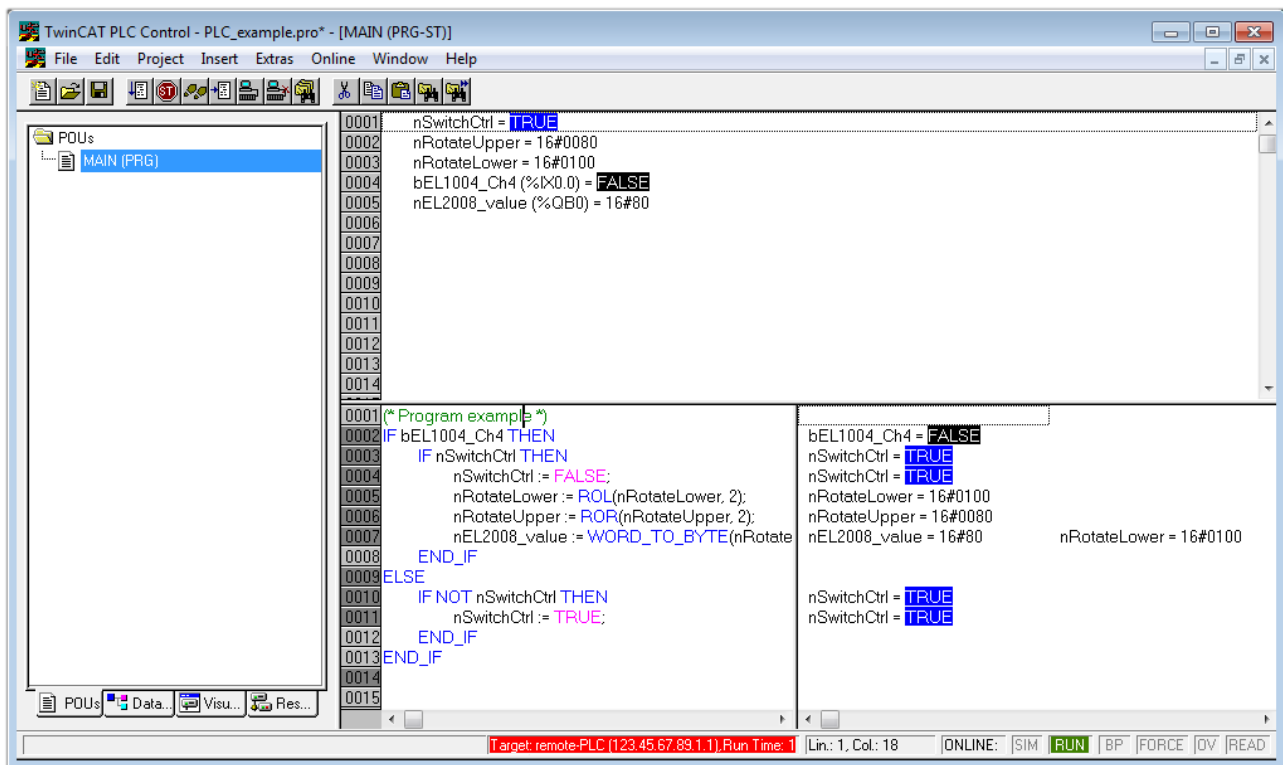


Fig. 64: PLC Control logged in, ready for program startup

The PLC can now be started via “Online” → “Run”, F5 key or .

5.1.2 TwinCAT 3

Startup

TwinCAT makes the development environment areas available together with Microsoft Visual Studio: after startup, the project folder explorer appears on the left in the general window area (cf. “TwinCAT System Manager” of TwinCAT 2) for communication with the electromechanical components.

After successful installation of the TwinCAT system on the PC to be used for development, TwinCAT 3 (shell) displays the following user interface after startup:

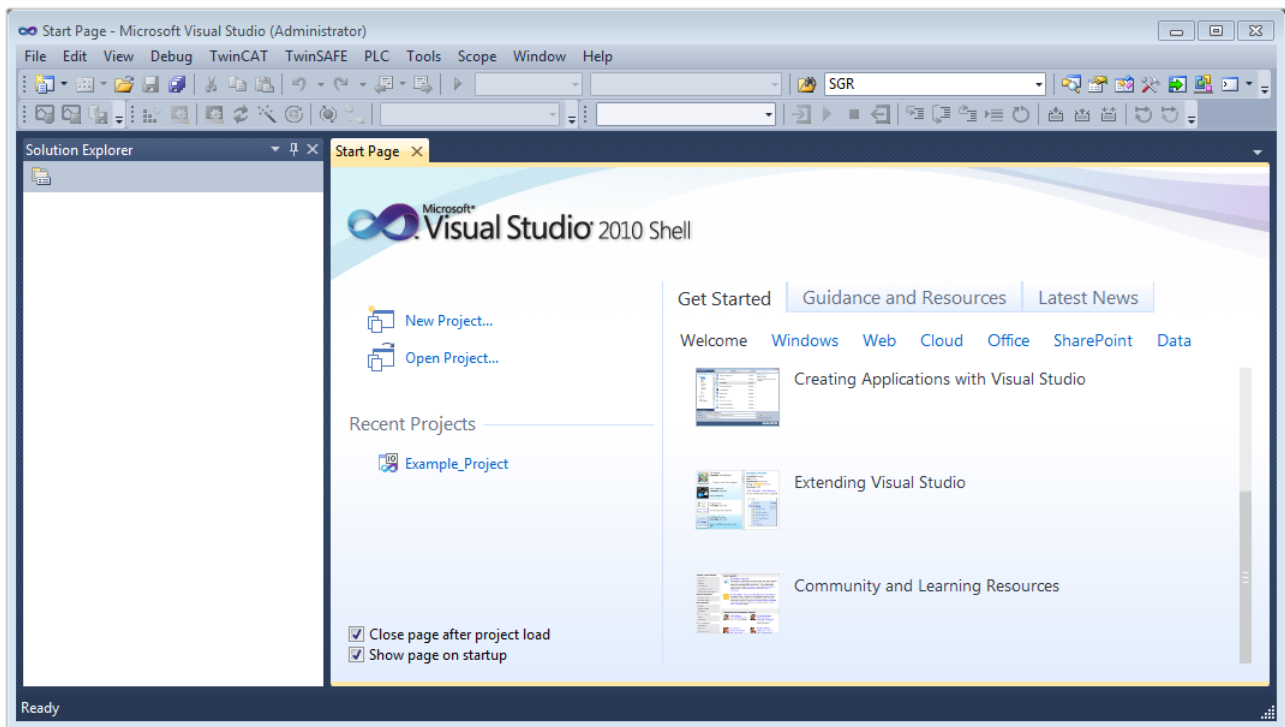


Fig. 65: Initial TwinCAT 3 user interface

First create a new project via  [New TwinCAT Project...](#) (or under “File”→“New”→“Project...”). In the following dialog make the corresponding entries as required (as shown in the diagram):

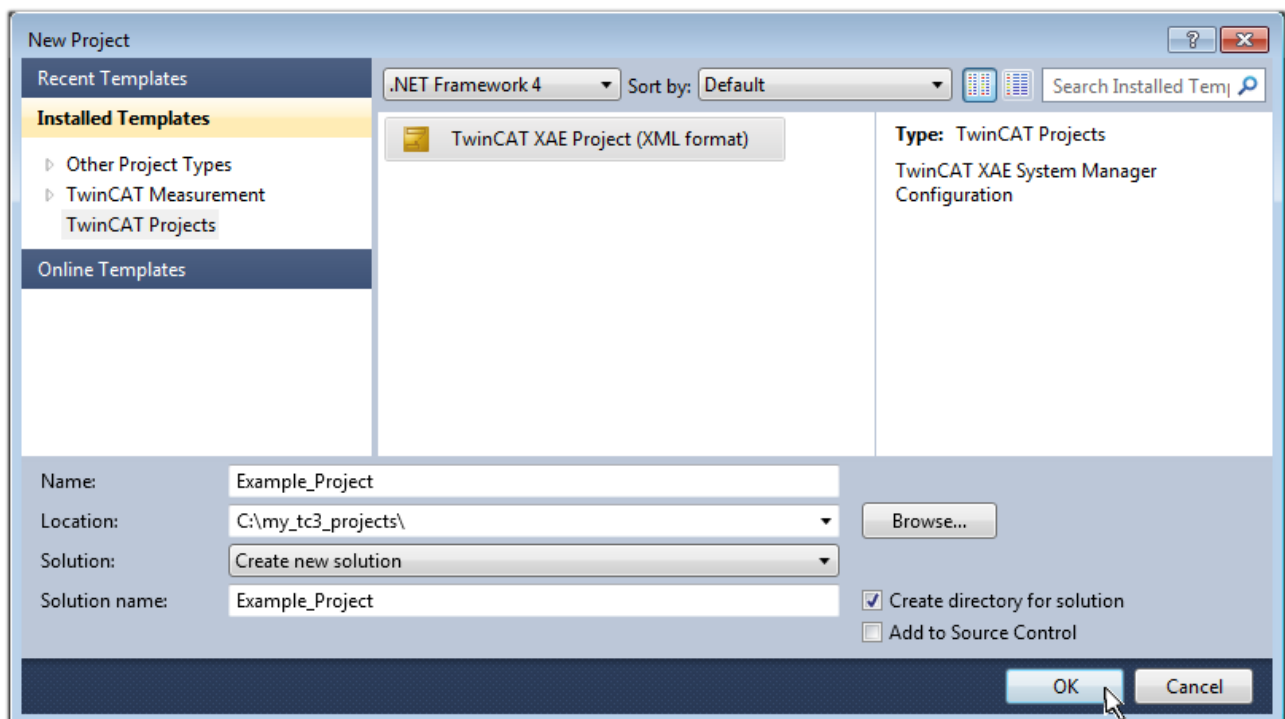


Fig. 66: Create new TwinCAT project

The new project is then available in the project folder explorer:

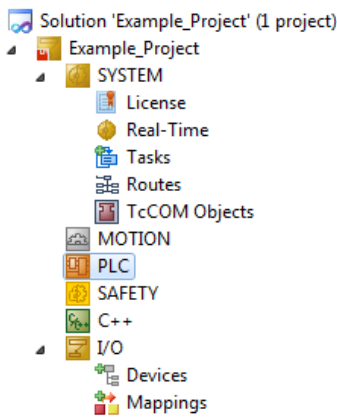
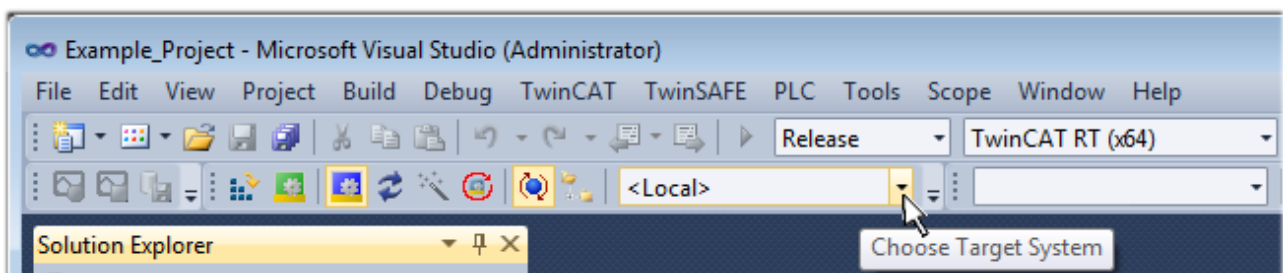


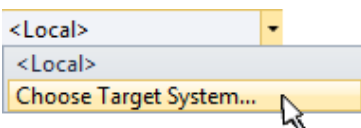
Fig. 67: New TwinCAT3 project in the project folder explorer

Generally, TwinCAT can be used in local or remote mode. Once the TwinCAT system including the user interface (standard) is installed on the respective PLC, TwinCAT can be used in local mode and thereby the next step is “[Insert Device](#) [► 84]”.

If the intention is to address the TwinCAT runtime environment installed on a PLC as development environment remotely from another system, the target system must be made known first. Via the symbol in the menu bar:



expand the pull-down menu:



and open the following window:

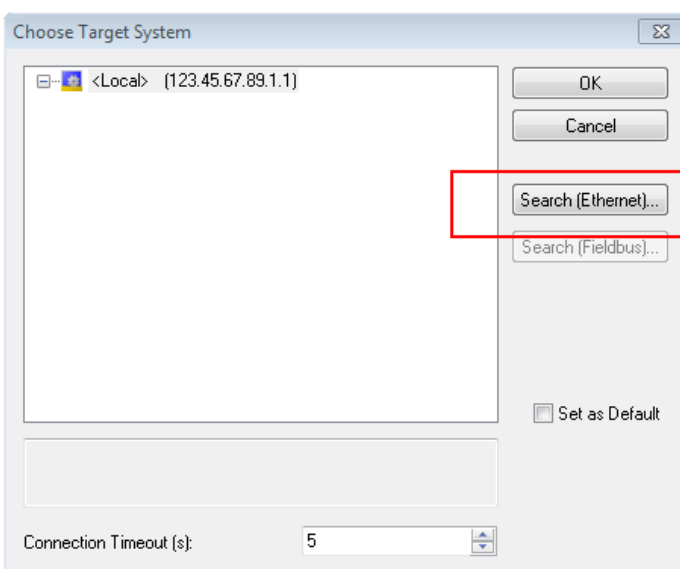


Fig. 68: Selection dialog: Choose the target system

Use “Search (Ethernet)...” to enter the target system. Thus a next dialog opens to either:

- enter the known computer name after “Enter Host Name / IP:” (as shown in red)
- perform a “Broadcast Search” (if the exact computer name is not known)
- enter the known computer IP or AmsNetID.

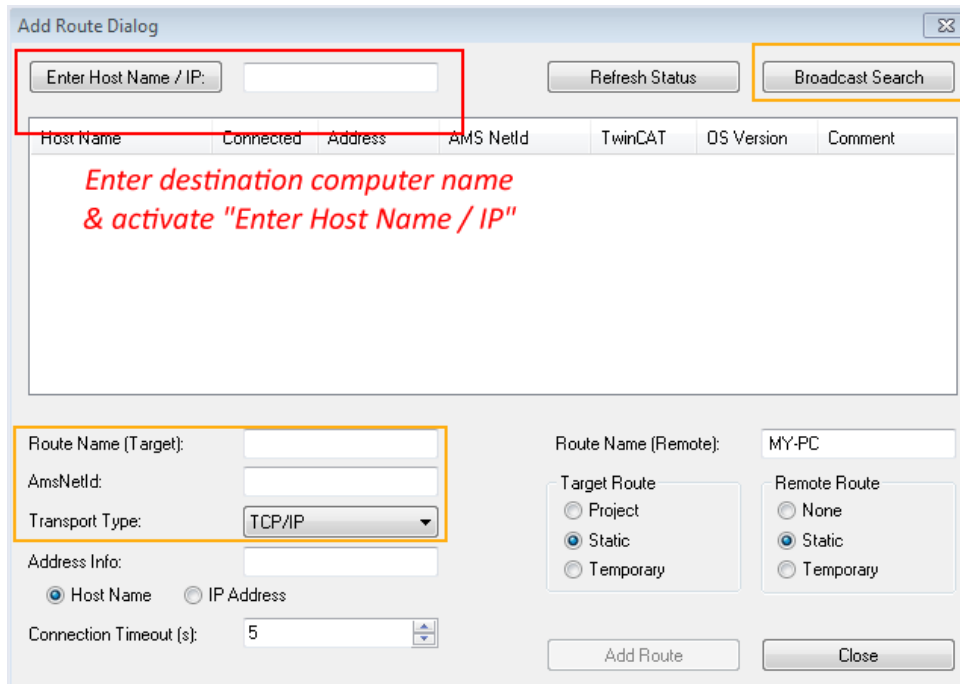
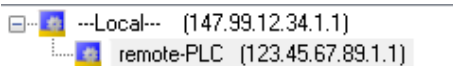


Fig. 69: Specify the PLC for access by the TwinCAT System Manager: selection of the target system

Once the target system has been entered, it is available for selection as follows (a password may have to be entered):



After confirmation with “OK” the target system can be accessed via the Visual Studio shell.

Adding devices

In the project folder explorer of the Visual Studio shell user interface on the left, select “Devices” within

element “I/O”, then right-click to open a context menu and select “Scan” or start the action via  in the

menu bar. The TwinCAT System Manager may first have to be set to “Config mode” via  or via the menu “TwinCAT” → “Restart TwinCAT (Config mode)”.

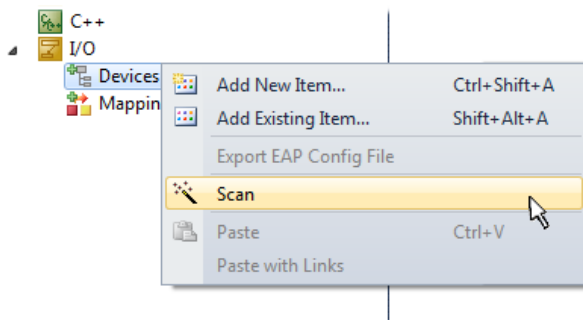


Fig. 70: Select “Scan”

Confirm the warning message, which follows, and select “EtherCAT” in the dialog:

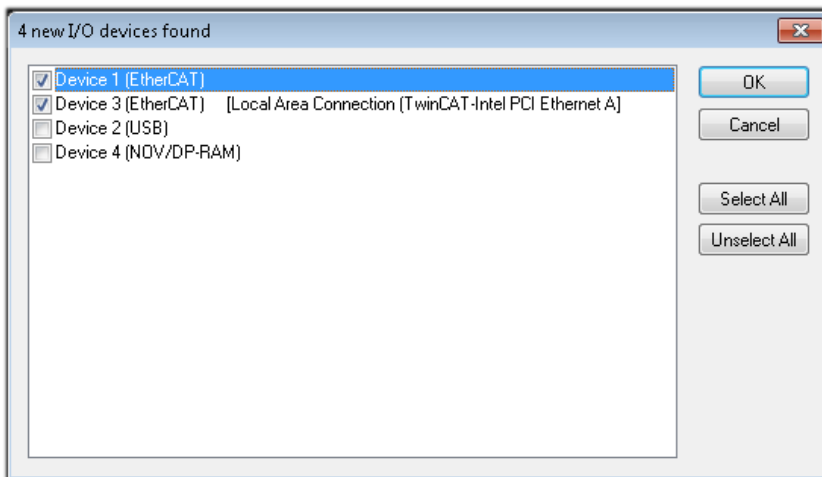


Fig. 71: Automatic detection of I/O devices: selection the devices to be integrated

Confirm the message “Find new boxes”, in order to determine the terminals connected to the devices. “Free Run” enables manipulation of input and output values in “Config mode” and should also be acknowledged.

Based on the [sample configuration](#) [► 69] described at the beginning of this section, the result is as follows:

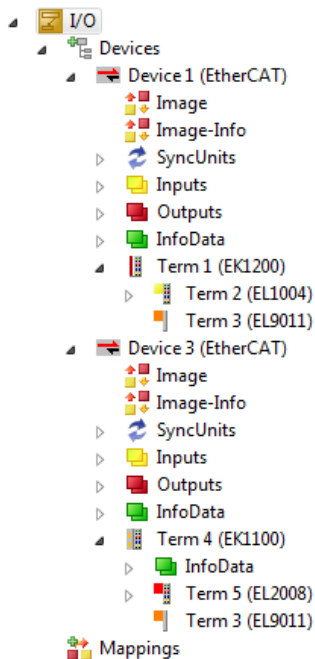


Fig. 72: Mapping of the configuration in VS shell of the TwinCAT3 environment

The whole process consists of two stages, which may be performed separately (first determine the devices, then determine the connected elements such as boxes, terminals, etc.). A scan can also be initiated by selecting “Device ...” from the context menu, which then reads the elements present in the configuration below:

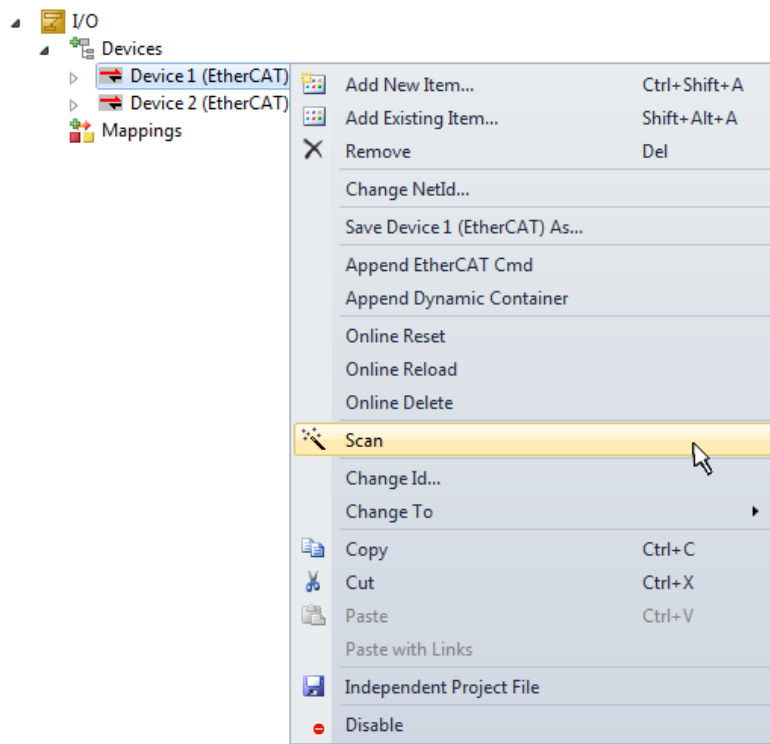


Fig. 73: Reading of individual terminals connected to a device

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The following section refers to Structured Text (ST).

In order to create a programming environment, a PLC subproject is added to the project sample via the context menu of "PLC" in the project folder explorer by selecting "Add New Item....":

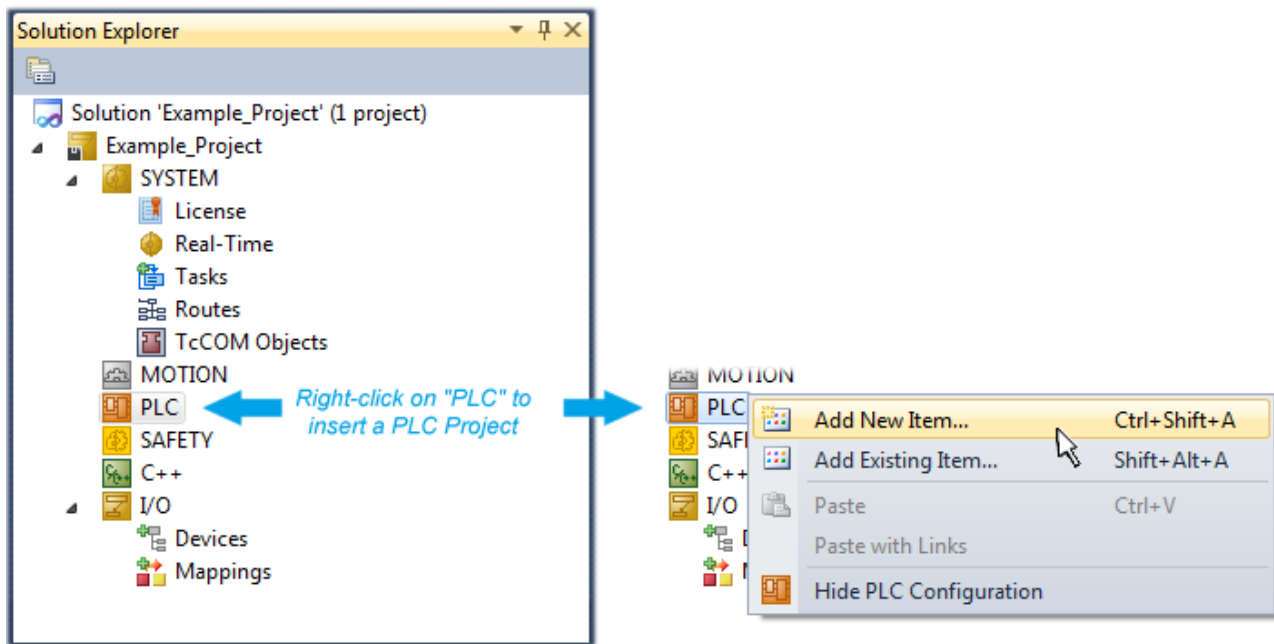


Fig. 74: Adding the programming environment in “PLC”

In the dialog that opens select “Standard PLC project” and enter “PLC_example” as project name, for example, and select a corresponding directory:

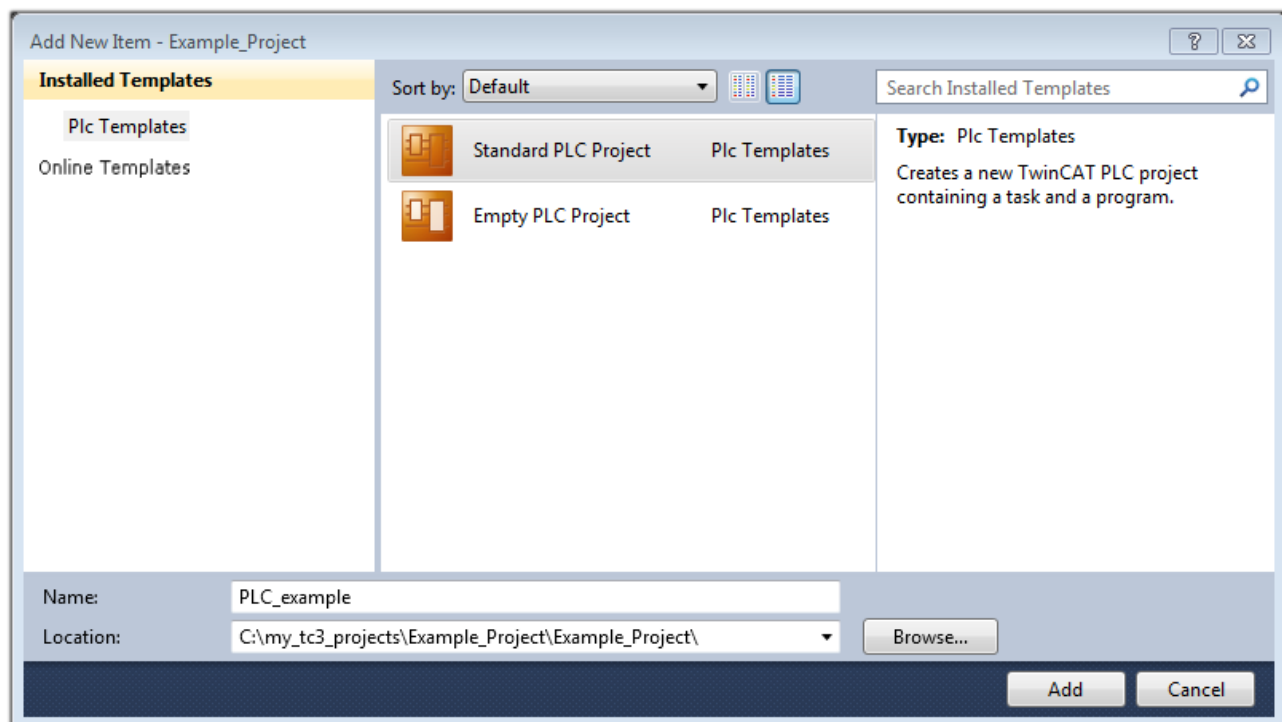


Fig. 75: Specifying the name and directory for the PLC programming environment

The “Main” program, which already exists by selecting “Standard PLC project”, can be opened by double-clicking on “PLC_example_project” in “POUs”. The following user interface is shown for an initial project:

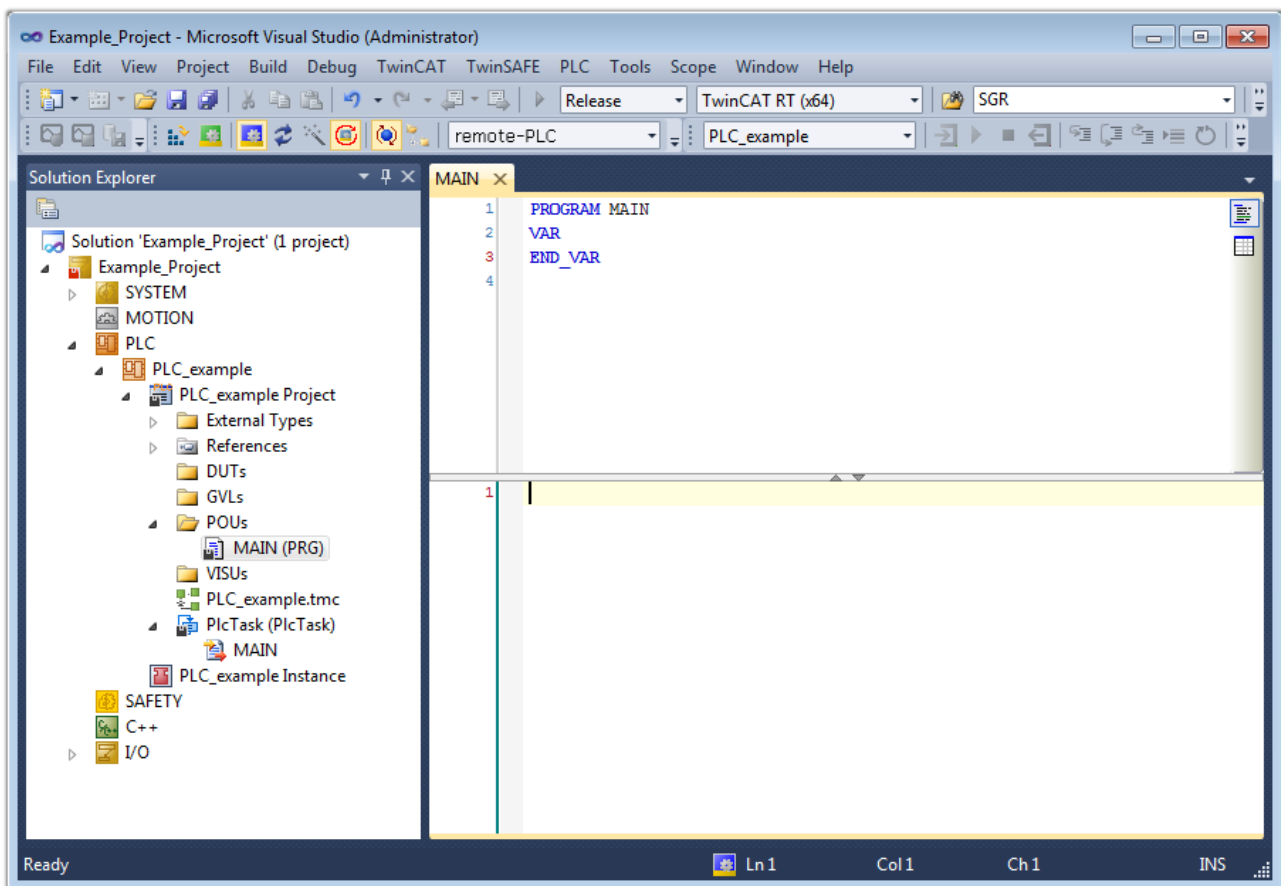


Fig. 76: Initial “Main” program of the standard PLC project

To continue, sample variables and a sample program have now been created:

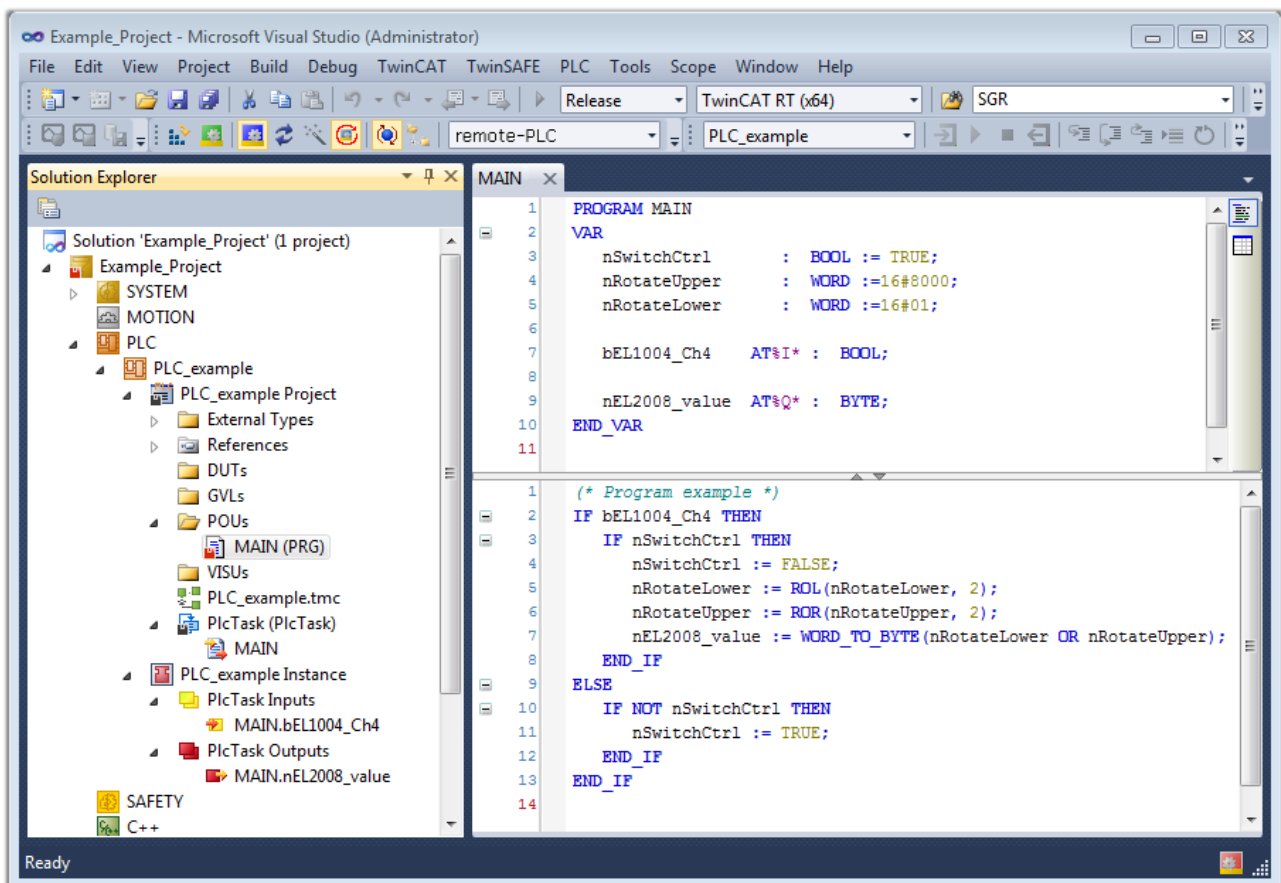


Fig. 77: Sample program with variables after a compile process (without variable integration)

The control program is now created as a project folder, followed by the compile process:

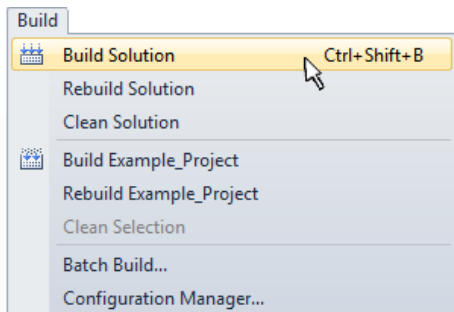
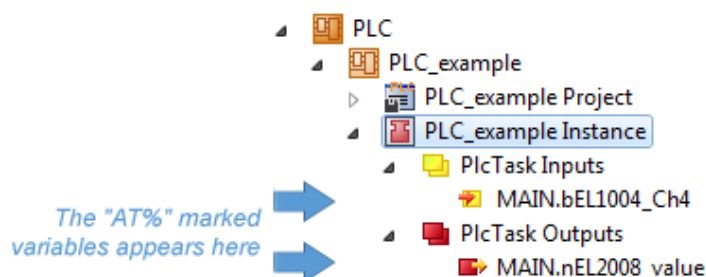


Fig. 78: Start program compilation

The following variables, identified in the ST/ PLC program with “AT%”, are then available in under “Assignments” in the project folder explorer:



Assigning variables

Via the menu of an instance - variables in the “PLC” context, use the “Modify Link...” option to open a window for selecting a suitable process object (PDO) for linking:

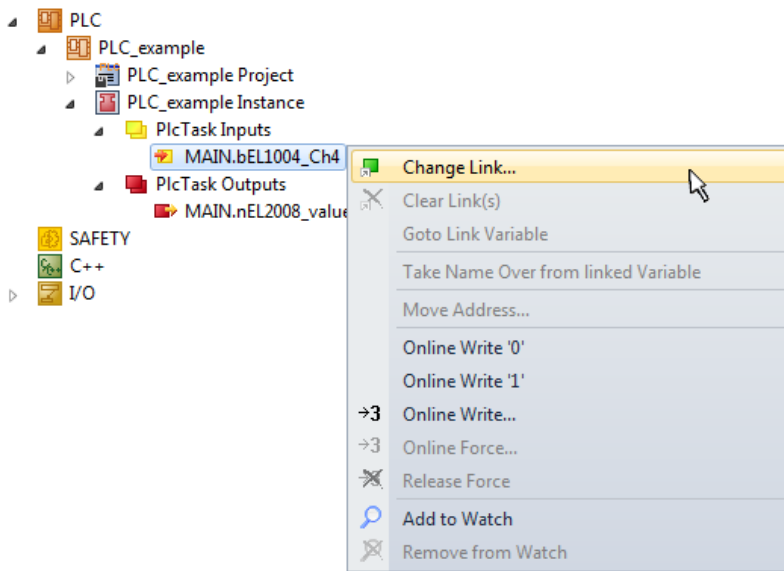


Fig. 79: Creating the links between PLC variables and process objects

In the window that opens, the process object for the variable "bEL1004_Ch4" of type BOOL can be selected from the PLC configuration tree:

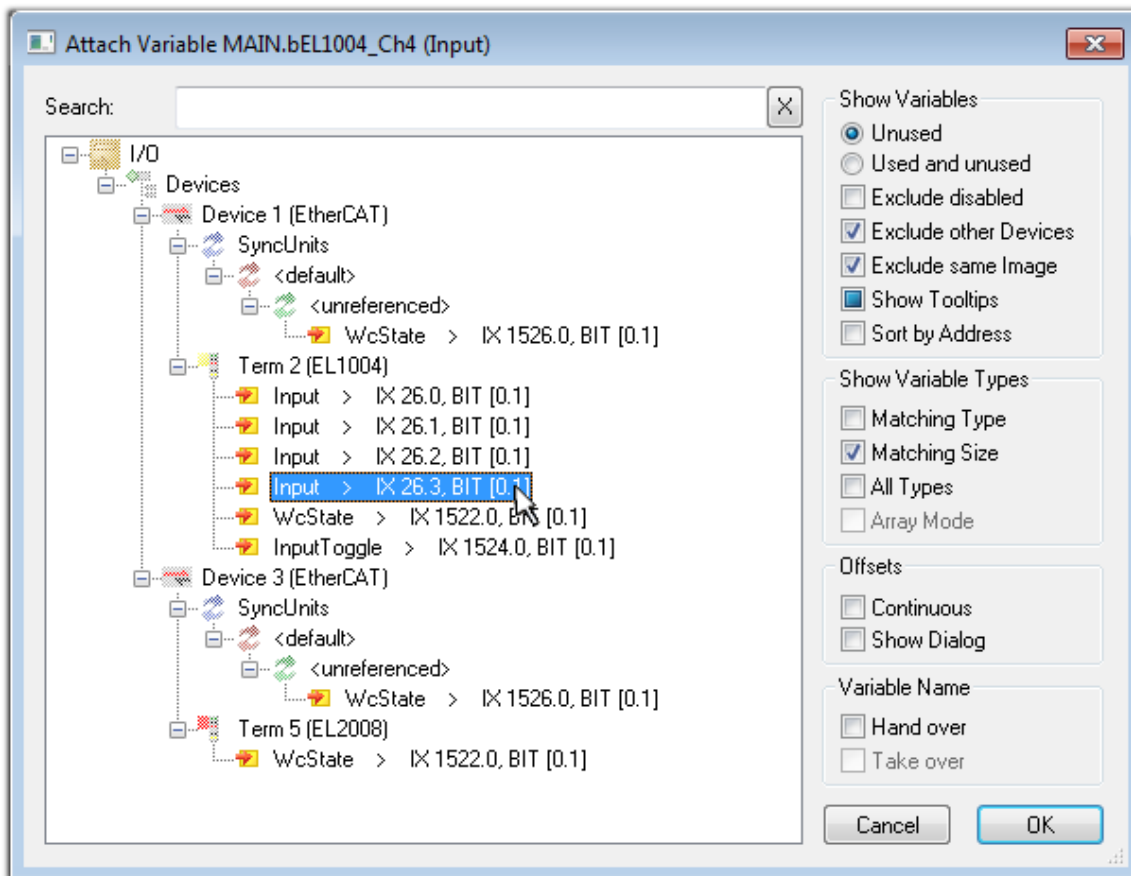


Fig. 80: Selecting PDO of type BOOL

According to the default setting, certain PDO objects are now available for selection. In this sample the input of channel 4 of the EL1004 terminal is selected for linking. In contrast, the checkbox "All types" must be ticked for creating the link for the output variables, in order to allocate a set of eight separate output bits to a byte variable. The following diagram shows the whole process:

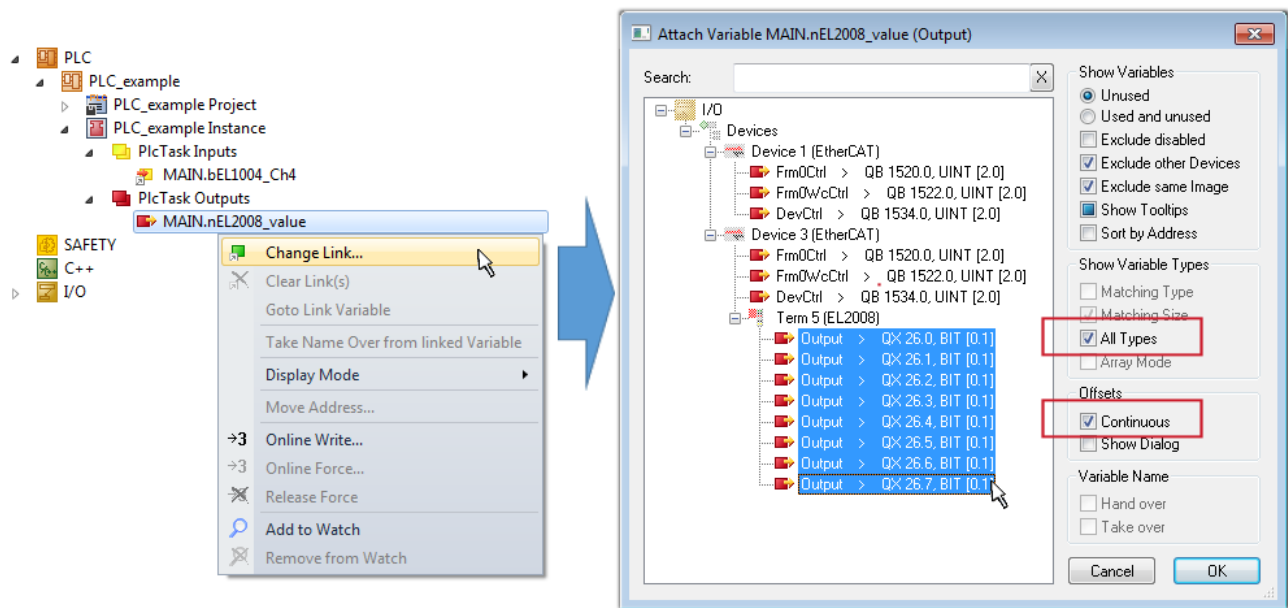


Fig. 81: Selecting several PDOs simultaneously: activate “Continuous” and “All types”

Note that the “Continuous” checkbox was also activated. This is designed to allocate the bits contained in the byte of the variable “nEL2008_value” sequentially to all eight selected output bits of the EL2008 terminal. In this way it is possible to subsequently address all eight outputs of the terminal in the program with a byte corresponding to bit 0 for channel 1 to bit 7 for channel 8 of the PLC. A special symbol () at the yellow or red object of the variable indicates that a link exists. The links can also be checked by selecting a “Goto Link Variable” from the context menu of a variable. The object opposite, in this case the PDO, is automatically selected:

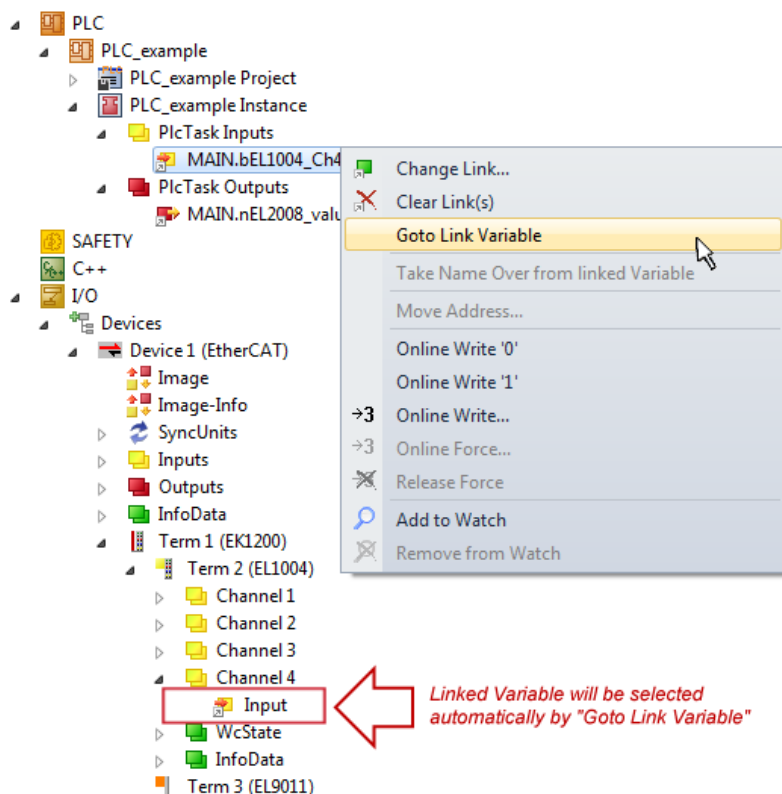


Fig. 82: Application of a “Goto Link” variable, using “MAIN.bEL1004_Ch4” as a sample

The process of creating links can also take place in the opposite direction, i.e. starting with individual PDOs to variable. However, in this example it would then not be possible to select all output bits for the EL2008, since the terminal only makes individual digital outputs available. If a terminal has a byte, word, integer or

similar PDO, it is possible to allocate this a set of bit-standardized variables (type "BOOL"). Here, too, a "Goto Link Variable" from the context menu of a PDO can be executed in the other direction, so that the respective PLC instance can then be selected.

● Note on the type of variable assignment

1 The following type of variable assignment can only be used from TwinCAT version V3.1.4024.4 onwards and is only available for terminals with a microcontroller.

In TwinCAT it is possible to create a structure from the mapped process data of a terminal. An instance of this structure can then be created in the PLC, so it is possible to access the process data directly from the PLC without having to declare own variables.

The procedure for the EL3001 1-channel analog input terminal -10...+10 V is shown as an example.

1. First the required process data must be selected in the "Process data" tab in TwinCAT.
2. After that, the PLC data type must be generated in the tab "PLC" via the check box.
3. The data type in the "Data Type" field can then be copied using the "Copy" button.

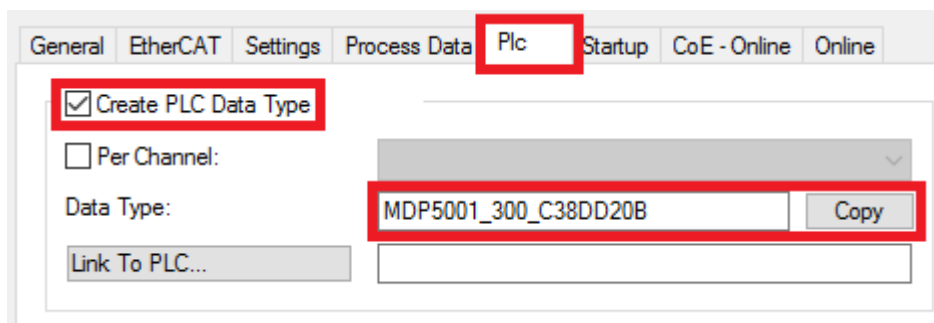


Fig. 83: Creating a PLC data type

4. An instance of the data structure of the copied data type must then be created in the PLC.

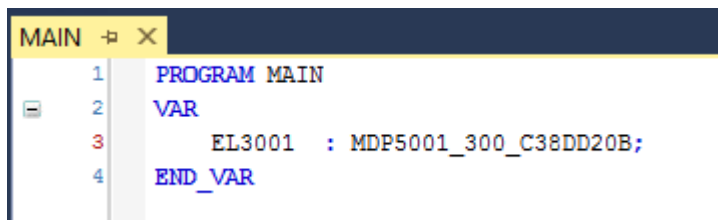


Fig. 84: Instance_of_struct

5. Then the project folder must be created. This can be done either via the key combination "CTRL + Shift + B" or via the "Build" tab in TwinCAT.
6. The structure in the "PLC" tab of the terminal must then be linked to the created instance.

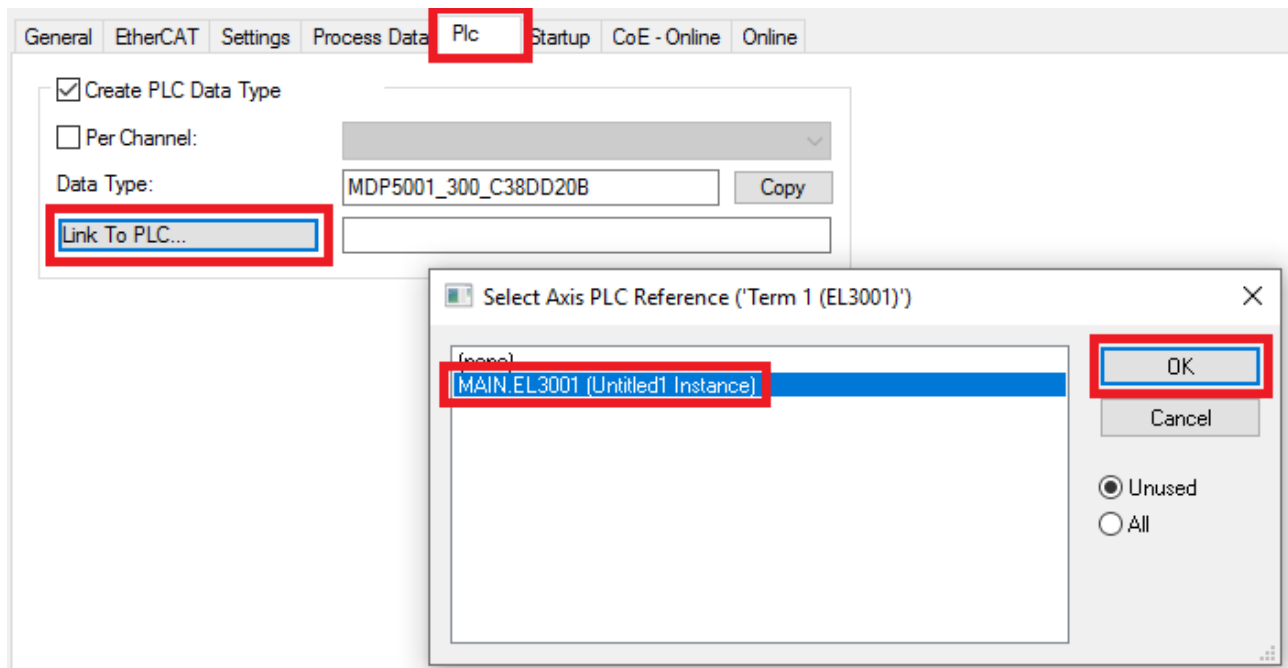


Fig. 85: Linking the structure

7. In the PLC the process data can then be read or written via the structure in the program code.

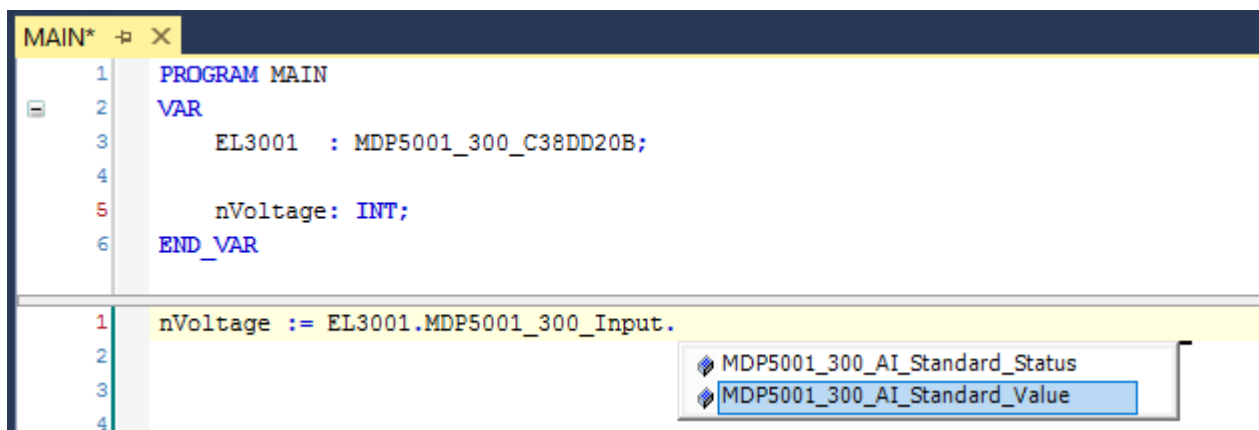
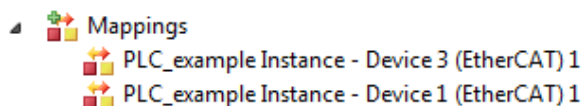


Fig. 86: Reading a variable from the structure of the process data

Activation of the configuration

The allocation of PDO to PLC variables has now established the connection from the controller to the inputs

and outputs of the terminals. The configuration can now be activated with  or via the menu under "TwinCAT" in order to transfer settings of the development environment to the runtime system. Confirm the messages "Old configurations are overwritten!" and "Restart TwinCAT system in Run mode" with "OK". The corresponding assignments can be seen in the project folder explorer:



A few seconds later the corresponding status of the Run mode is displayed in the form of a rotating symbol



at the bottom right of the VS shell development environment. The PLC system can then be started as described below.

Starting the controller

Select the menu option “PLC” → “Login” or click on  to link the PLC with the real-time system and load the control program for execution. This results in the message *No program on the controller! Should the new program be loaded?*, which should be acknowledged with “Yes”. The runtime environment is ready for

program start by click on symbol , the “F5” key or via “PLC” in the menu selecting “Start”. The started programming environment shows the runtime values of individual variables:

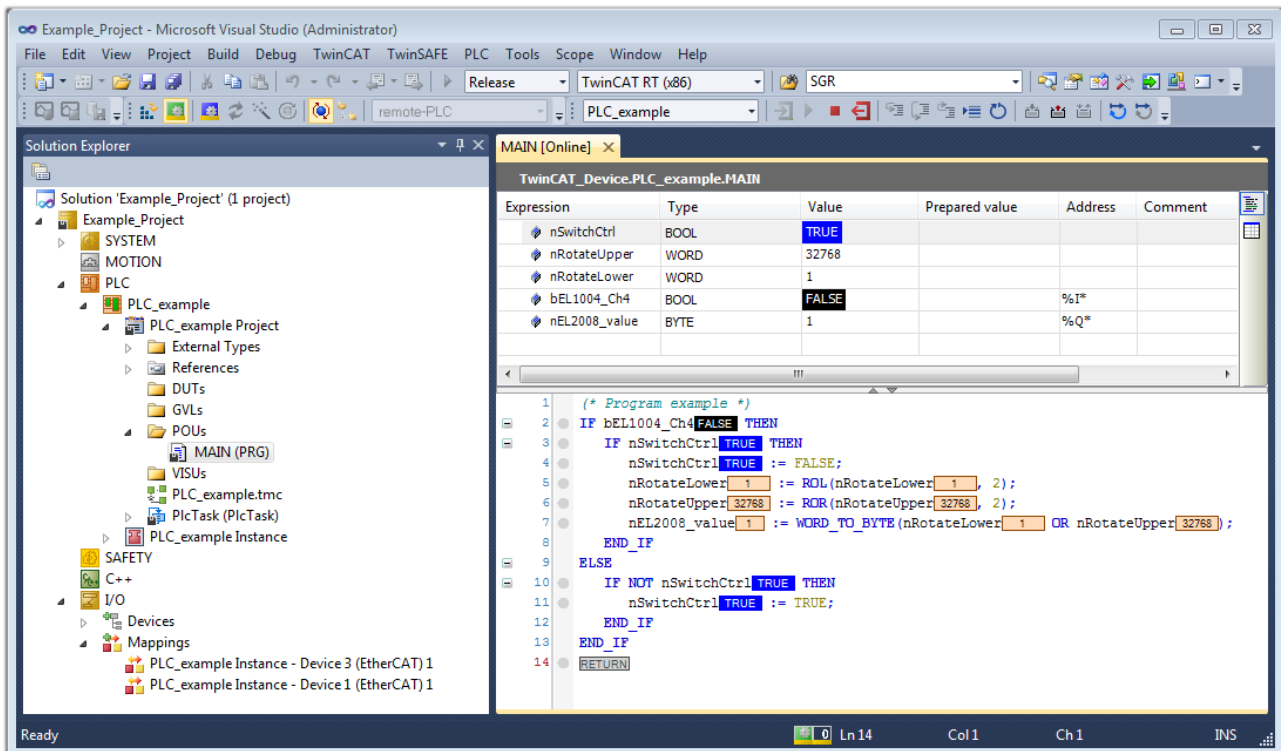


Fig. 87: TwinCAT development environment (VS shell): logged-in, after program startup

The two operator control elements for stopping  and logout  result in the required action (accordingly also for stop “Shift + F5”, or both actions can be selected via the PLC menu).

5.2 TwinCAT Development Environment

The Software for automation TwinCAT (The Windows Control and Automation Technology) will be distinguished into:

- TwinCAT 2: System Manager (Configuration) & PLC Control (Programming)
- TwinCAT 3: Enhancement of TwinCAT 2 (Programming and Configuration takes place via a common Development Environment)

Details:

- **TwinCAT 2:**
 - Connects I/O devices to tasks in a variable-oriented manner
 - Connects tasks to tasks in a variable-oriented manner
 - Supports units at the bit level
 - Supports synchronous or asynchronous relationships
 - Exchange of consistent data areas and process images
 - Datalink on NT - Programs by open Microsoft Standards (OLE, OCX, ActiveX, DCOM+, etc.)

- Integration of IEC 61131-3-Software-SPS, Software- NC and Software-CNC within Windows NT/2000/XP/Vista, Windows 7, NT/XP Embedded, CE
- Interconnection to all common fieldbusses
- More...

Additional features:

- **TwinCAT 3 (eXtended Automation):**
 - Visual-Studio®-Integration
 - Choice of the programming language
 - Supports object orientated extension of IEC 61131-3
 - Usage of C/C++ as programming language for real time applications
 - Connection to MATLAB®/Simulink®
 - Open interface for expandability
 - Flexible run-time environment
 - Active support of Multi-Core- und 64-Bit-Operatingsystem
 - Automatic code generation and project creation with the TwinCAT Automation Interface
 - More...

Within the following sections commissioning of the TwinCAT Development Environment on a PC System for the control and also the basically functions of unique control elements will be explained.

Please see further information to TwinCAT 2 and TwinCAT 3 at <http://infosys.beckhoff.com>.

5.2.1 Installation of the TwinCAT real-time driver

In order to assign real-time capability to a standard Ethernet port of an IPC controller, the Beckhoff real-time driver has to be installed on this port under Windows.

This can be done in several ways. One option is described here.

In the System Manager call up the TwinCAT overview of the local network interfaces via Options → Show Real Time Ethernet Compatible Devices.

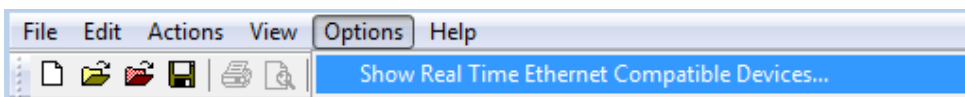


Fig. 88: System Manager “Options” (TwinCAT 2)

This have to be called up by the Menü “TwinCAT” within the TwinCAT 3 environment:

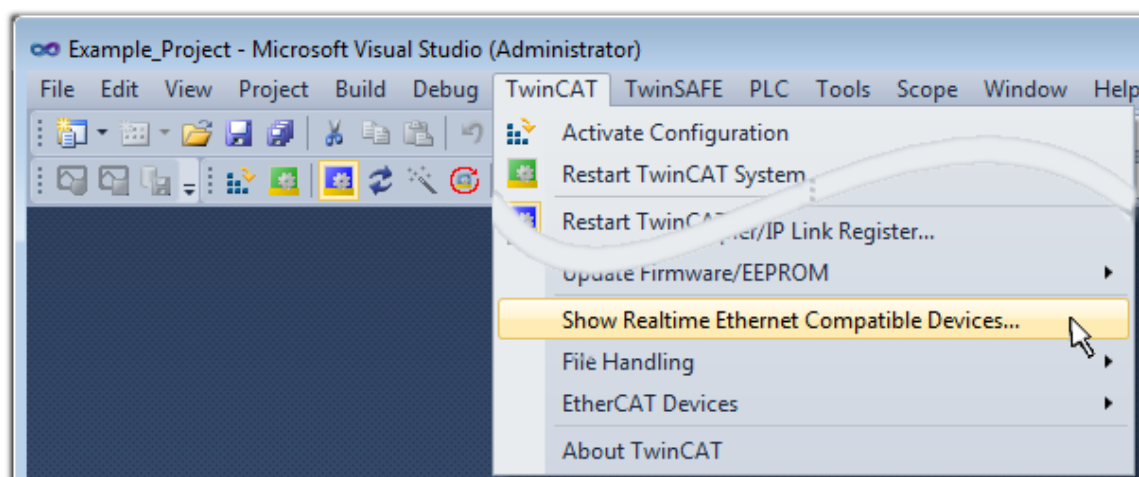


Fig. 89: Call up under VS Shell (TwinCAT 3)

The following dialog appears:

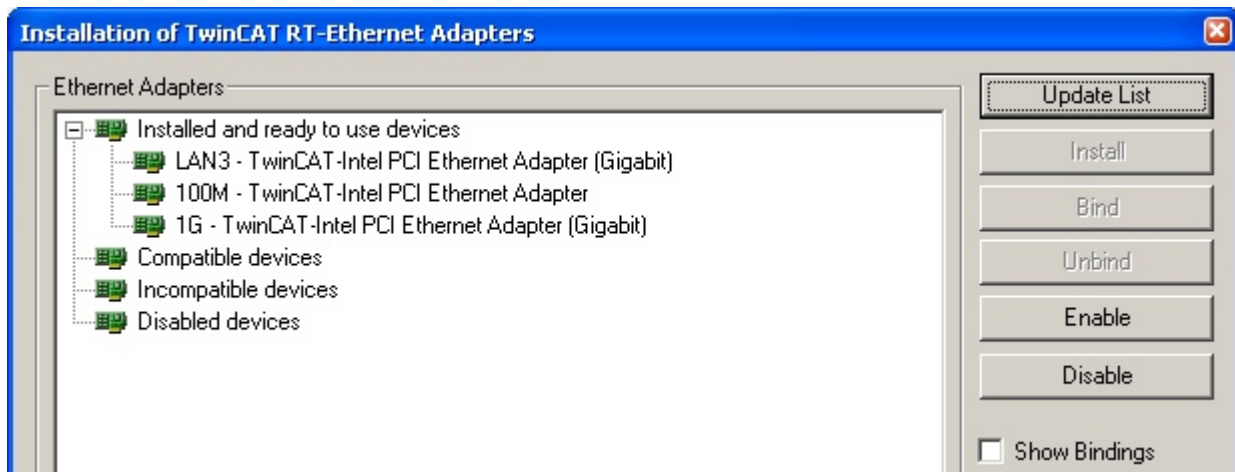


Fig. 90: Overview of network interfaces

Interfaces listed under “Compatible devices” can be assigned a driver via the “Install” button. A driver should only be installed on compatible devices.

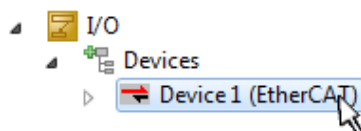
A Windows warning regarding the unsigned driver can be ignored.

Alternatively an EtherCAT-device can be inserted first of all as described in chapter [Offline configuration creation](#), section “Creating the EtherCAT device” [► 105] in order to view the compatible ethernet ports via its EtherCAT properties (tab “Adapter”, button “Compatible Devices...”):



Fig. 91: EtherCAT device properties(TwinCAT 2): click on “Compatible Devices...” of tab “Adapte”

TwinCAT 3: the properties of the EtherCAT device can be opened by double click on “Device .. (EtherCAT)” within the Solution Explorer under “I/O”:



After the installation the driver appears activated in the Windows overview for the network interface (Windows Start → System Properties → Network)

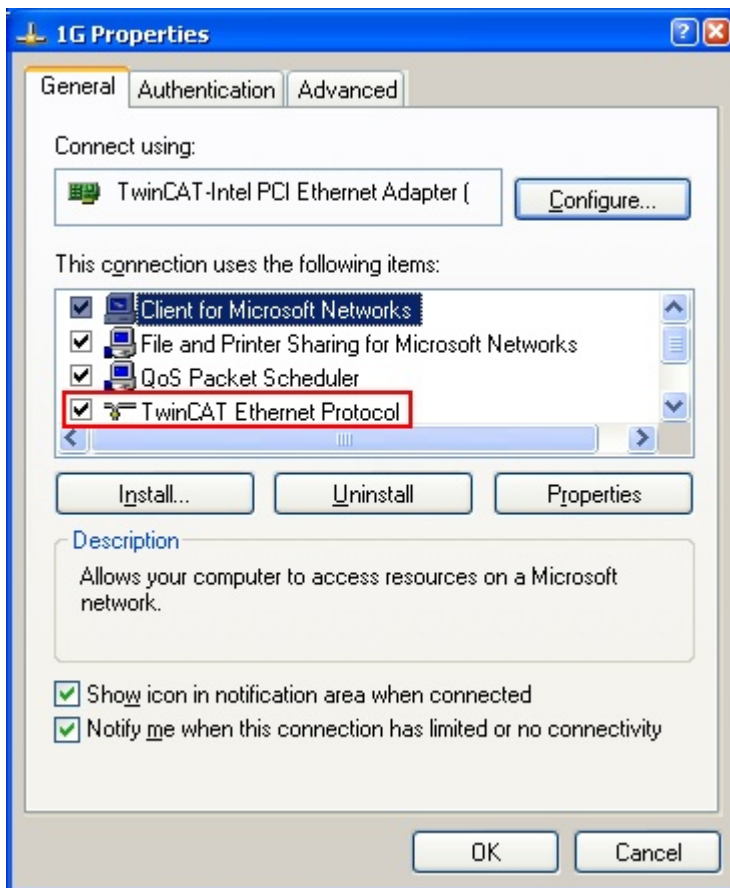


Fig. 92: Windows properties of the network interface

A correct setting of the driver could be:

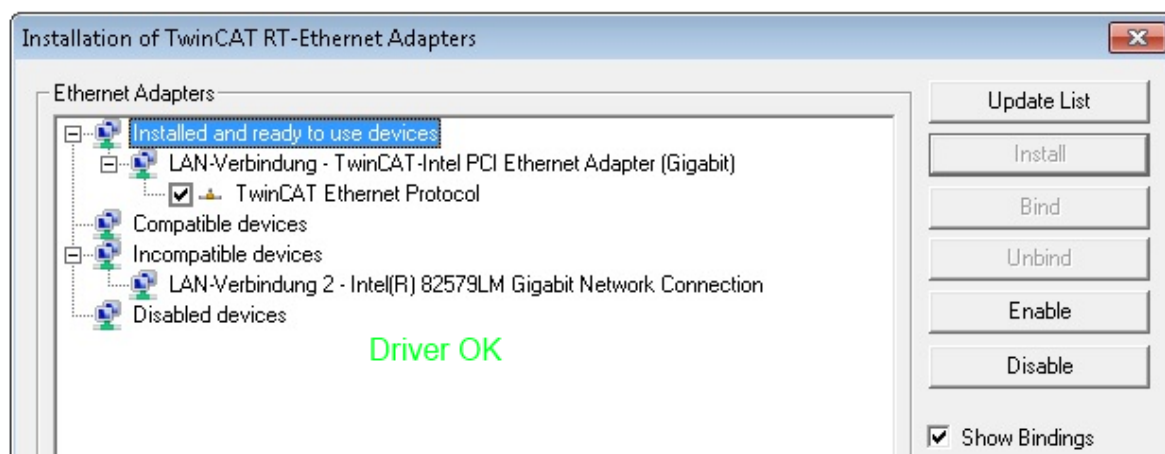


Fig. 93: Exemplary correct driver setting for the Ethernet port

Other possible settings have to be avoided:

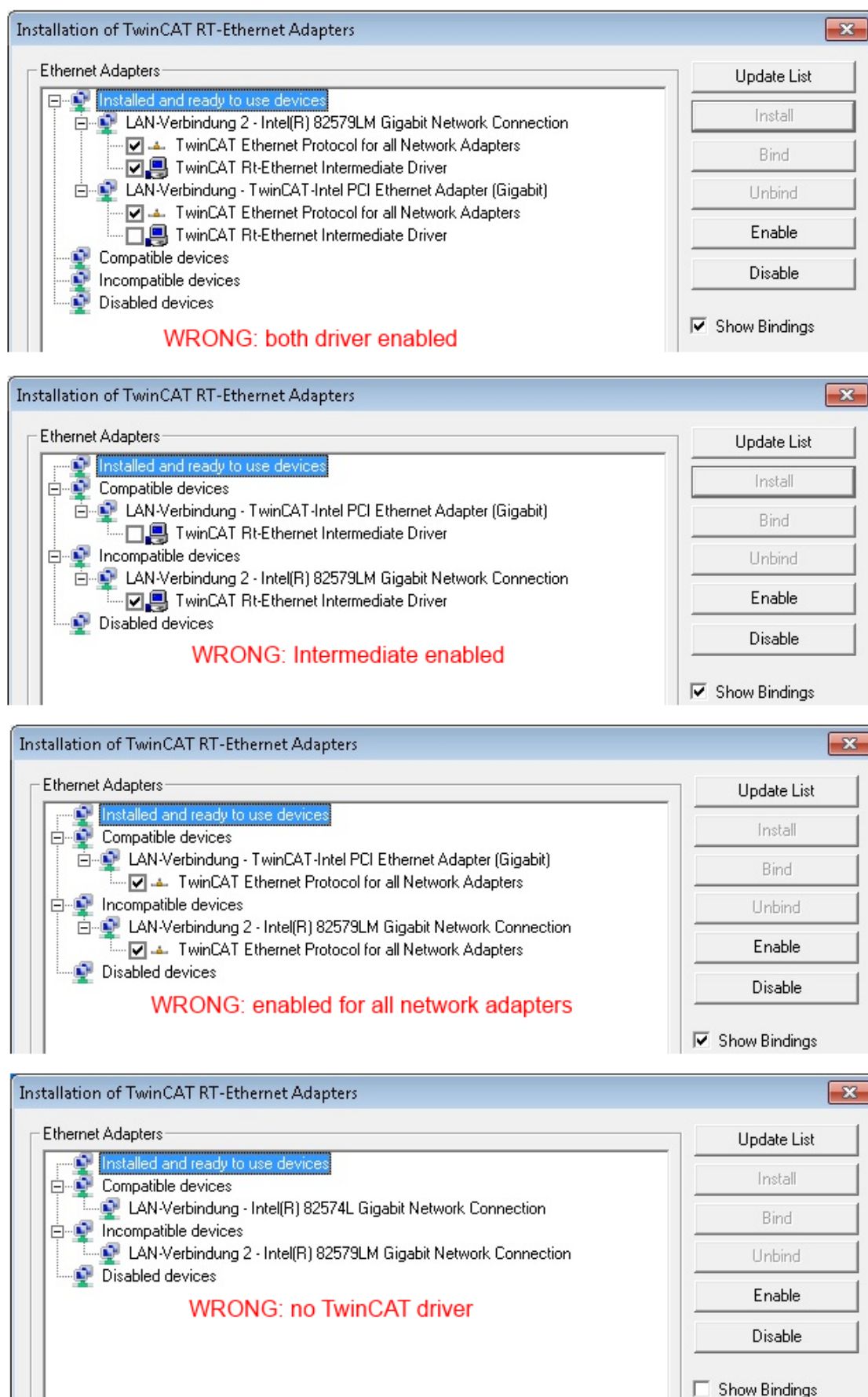


Fig. 94: Incorrect driver settings for the Ethernet port

IP address of the port used



IP address/DHCP

In most cases an Ethernet port that is configured as an EtherCAT device will not transport general IP packets. For this reason and in cases where an EL6601 or similar devices are used it is useful to specify a fixed IP address for this port via the “Internet Protocol TCP/IP” driver setting and to disable DHCP. In this way the delay associated with the DHCP client for the Ethernet port assigning itself a default IP address in the absence of a DHCP server is avoided. A suitable address space is 192.168.x.x, for example.

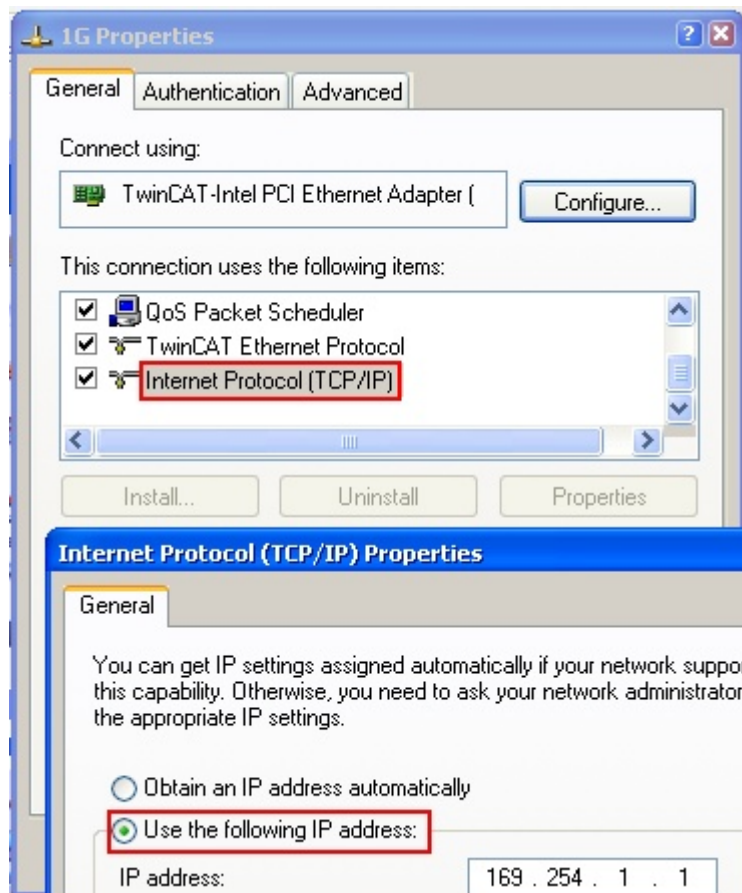


Fig. 95: TCP/IP setting for the Ethernet port

5.2.2 Notes regarding ESI device description

Installation of the latest ESI device description

The TwinCAT EtherCAT master/System Manager needs the device description files for the devices to be used in order to generate the configuration in online or offline mode. The device descriptions are contained in the so-called ESI files (EtherCAT Slave Information) in XML format. These files can be requested from the respective manufacturer and are made available for download. An *.xml file may contain several device descriptions.

The ESI files for Beckhoff EtherCAT devices are available on the [Beckhoff website](#).

The ESI files should be stored in the TwinCAT installation directory.

Default settings:

- **TwinCAT 2:** C:\TwinCAT\IO\EtherCAT
- **TwinCAT 3:** C:\TwinCAT\3.1\Config\Io\EtherCAT

The files are read (once) when a new System Manager window is opened, if they have changed since the last time the System Manager window was opened.

A TwinCAT installation includes the set of Beckhoff ESI files that was current at the time when the TwinCAT build was created.

For TwinCAT 2.11/TwinCAT 3 and higher, the ESI directory can be updated from the System Manager, if the programming PC is connected to the Internet; by

- **TwinCAT 2:** Option → “Update EtherCAT Device Descriptions”
- **TwinCAT 3:** TwinCAT → EtherCAT Devices → “Update Device Descriptions (via ETG Website)...”

The [TwinCAT ESI Updater](#) [► 104] is available for this purpose.



ESI

The *.xml files are associated with *.xsd files, which describe the structure of the ESI XML files. To update the ESI device descriptions, both file types should therefore be updated.

Device differentiation

EtherCAT devices/slaves are distinguished by four properties, which determine the full device identifier. For example, the device identifier EL2521-0025-1018 consists of:

- family key “EL”
- name “2521”
- type “0025”
- and revision “1018”

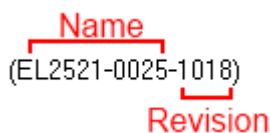


Fig. 96: Identifier structure

The order identifier consisting of name + type (here: EL2521-0010) describes the device function. The revision indicates the technical progress and is managed by Beckhoff. In principle, a device with a higher revision can replace a device with a lower revision, unless specified otherwise, e.g. in the documentation. Each revision has its own ESI description. See further notes.

Online description

If the EtherCAT configuration is created online through scanning of real devices (see section Online setup) and no ESI descriptions are available for a slave (specified by name and revision) that was found, the System Manager asks whether the description stored in the device should be used. In any case, the System Manager needs this information for setting up the cyclic and acyclic communication with the slave correctly.

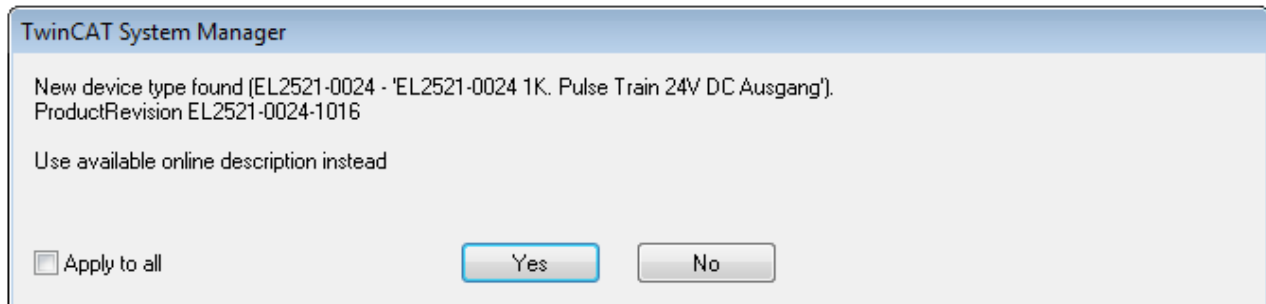


Fig. 97: OnlineDescription information window (TwinCAT 2)

In TwinCAT 3 a similar window appears, which also offers the Web update:

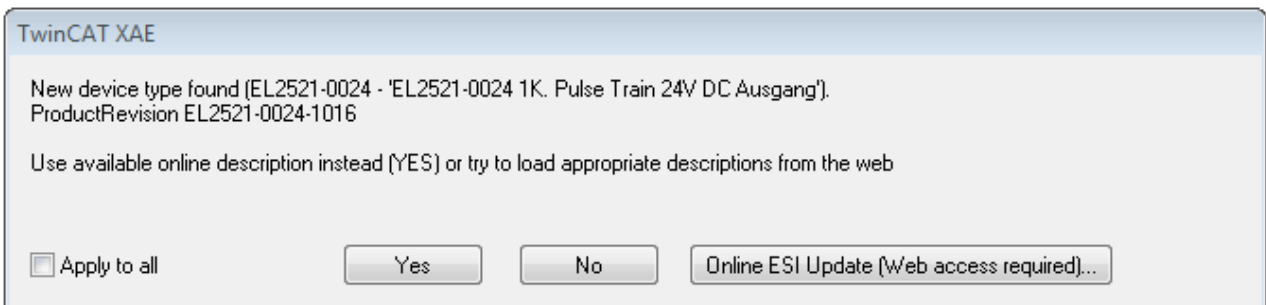


Fig. 98: Information window OnlineDescription (TwinCAT 3)

If possible, the Yes is to be rejected and the required ESI is to be requested from the device manufacturer. After installation of the XML/XSD file the configuration process should be repeated.

NOTE

Changing the “usual” configuration through a scan

- ✓ If a scan discovers a device that is not yet known to TwinCAT, distinction has to be made between two cases. Taking the example here of the EL2521-0000 in the revision 1019
 - a) no ESI is present for the EL2521-0000 device at all, either for the revision 1019 or for an older revision. The ESI must then be requested from the manufacturer (in this case Beckhoff).
 - b) an ESI is present for the EL2521-0000 device, but only in an older revision, e.g. 1018 or 1017. In this case an in-house check should first be performed to determine whether the spare parts stock allows the integration of the increased revision into the configuration at all. A new/higher revision usually also brings along new features. If these are not to be used, work can continue without reservations with the previous revision 1018 in the configuration. This is also stated by the Beckhoff compatibility rule.

Refer in particular to the chapter “[General notes on the use of Beckhoff EtherCAT IO components](#)” and for manual configuration to the chapter “[Offline configuration creation \[► 105\]](#)”.

If the OnlineDescription is used regardless, the System Manager reads a copy of the device description from the EEPROM in the EtherCAT slave. In complex slaves the size of the EEPROM may not be sufficient for the complete ESI, in which case the ESI would be *incomplete* in the configurator. Therefore it's recommended using an offline ESI file with priority in such a case.

The System Manager creates for online recorded device descriptions a new file “OnlineDescription0000...xml” in its ESI directory, which contains all ESI descriptions that were read online.

OnlineDescriptionCache000000002.xml

Fig. 99: File OnlineDescription.xml created by the System Manager

If a slave is desired to be added manually to the configuration at a later stage, online created slaves are indicated by a prepended symbol ">" in the selection list (see Figure *Indication of an online recorded ESI of EL2521 as an example*).

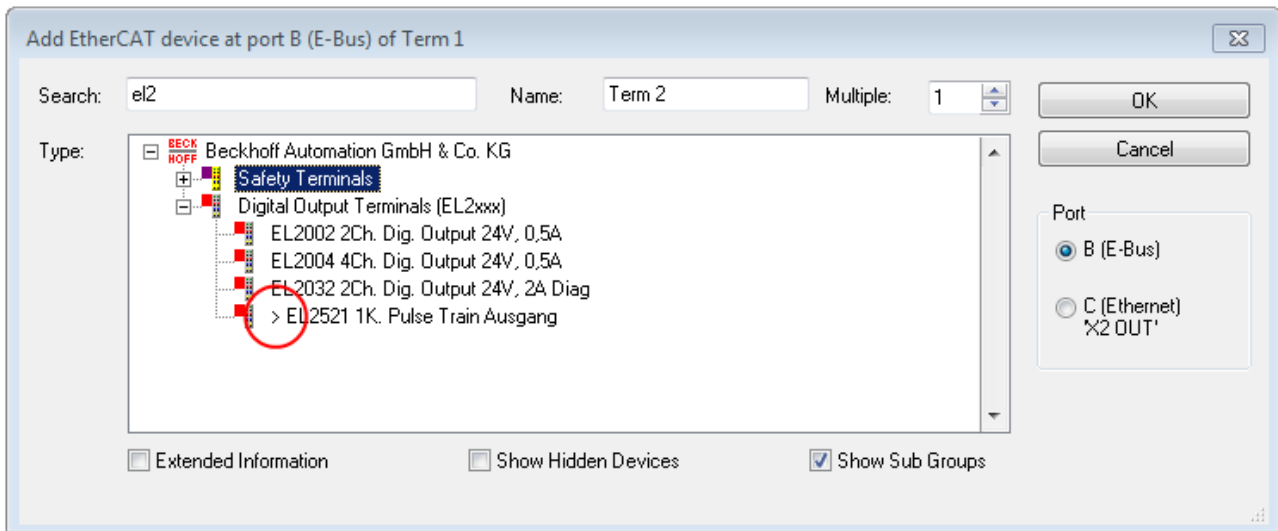


Fig. 100: Indication of an online recorded ESI of EL2521 as an example

If such ESI files are used and the manufacturer's files become available later, the file OnlineDescription.xml should be deleted as follows:

- close all System Manager windows
- restart TwinCAT in Config mode
- delete "OnlineDescription0000...xml"
- restart TwinCAT System Manager

This file should not be visible after this procedure, if necessary press <F5> to update

i OnlineDescription for TwinCAT 3.x

In addition to the file described above "OnlineDescription0000...xml", a so called EtherCAT cache with new discovered devices is created by TwinCAT 3.x, e.g. under Windows 7:

`C:\User\[USERNAME]\AppData\Roaming\Beckhoff\TwinCAT3\Components\Base\EtherCATCache.xml`

(Please note the language settings of the OS!)

You have to delete this file, too.

Faulty ESI file

If an ESI file is faulty and the System Manager is unable to read it, the System Manager brings up an information window.

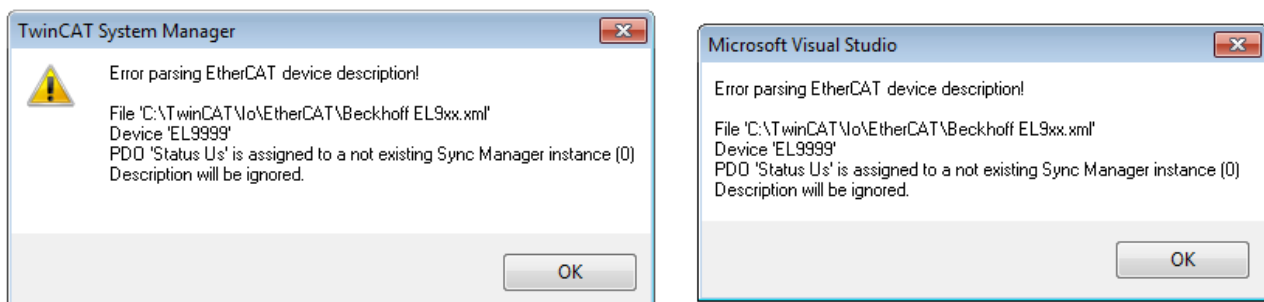


Fig. 101: Information window for faulty ESI file (left: TwinCAT 2; right: TwinCAT 3)

Reasons may include:

- Structure of the *.xml does not correspond to the associated *.xsd file → check your schematics
- Contents cannot be translated into a device description → contact the file manufacturer

5.2.3 TwinCAT ESI Updater

For TwinCAT 2.11 and higher, the System Manager can search for current Beckhoff ESI files automatically, if an online connection is available:

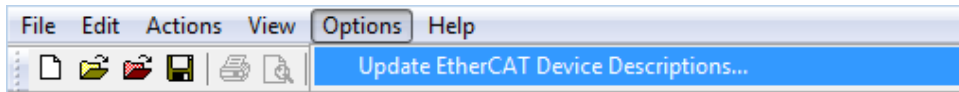


Fig. 102: Using the ESI Updater (>= TwinCAT 2.11)

The call up takes place under:

“Options” → “Update EtherCAT Device Descriptions”

Selection under TwinCAT 3:

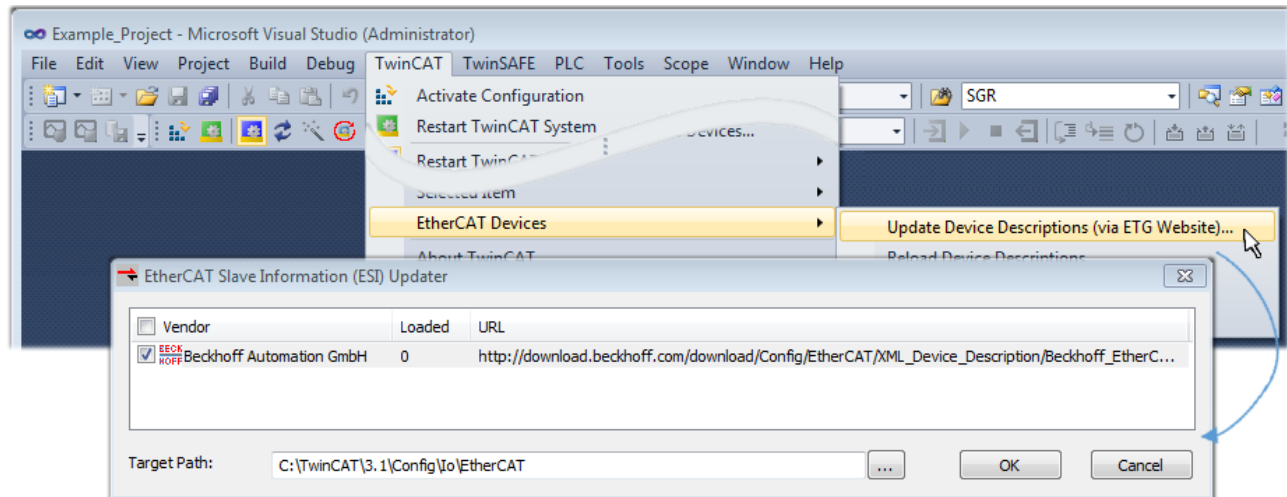


Fig. 103: Using the ESI Updater (TwinCAT 3)

The ESI Updater (TwinCAT 3) is a convenient option for automatic downloading of ESI data provided by EtherCAT manufacturers via the Internet into the TwinCAT directory (ESI = EtherCAT slave information). TwinCAT accesses the central ESI ULR directory list stored at ETG; the entries can then be viewed in the Updater dialog, although they cannot be changed there.

The call up takes place under:

“TwinCAT” → “EtherCAT Devices” → “Update Device Description (via ETG Website)...”.

5.2.4 Distinction between Online and Offline

The distinction between online and offline refers to the presence of the actual I/O environment (drives, terminals, EJ-modules). If the configuration is to be prepared in advance of the system configuration as a programming system, e.g. on a laptop, this is only possible in “Offline configuration” mode. In this case all components have to be entered manually in the configuration, e.g. based on the electrical design.

If the designed control system is already connected to the EtherCAT system and all components are energised and the infrastructure is ready for operation, the TwinCAT configuration can simply be generated through “scanning” from the runtime system. This is referred to as online configuration.

In any case, during each startup the EtherCAT master checks whether the slaves it finds match the configuration. This test can be parameterised in the extended slave settings. Refer to note “Installation of the latest ESI-XML device description” [► 100].

For preparation of a configuration:

- the real EtherCAT hardware (devices, couplers, drives) must be present and installed
- the devices/modules must be connected via EtherCAT cables or in the terminal/ module strand in the same way as they are intended to be used later

- the devices/modules be connected to the power supply and ready for communication
- TwinCAT must be in CONFIG mode on the target system.

The online scan process consists of:

- detecting the EtherCAT device [► 110] (Ethernet port at the IPC)
- detecting the connected EtherCAT devices [► 111]. This step can be carried out independent of the preceding step
- troubleshooting [► 114]

The scan with existing configuration [► 115] can also be carried out for comparison.

5.2.5 OFFLINE configuration creation

Creating the EtherCAT device

Create an EtherCAT device in an empty System Manager window.

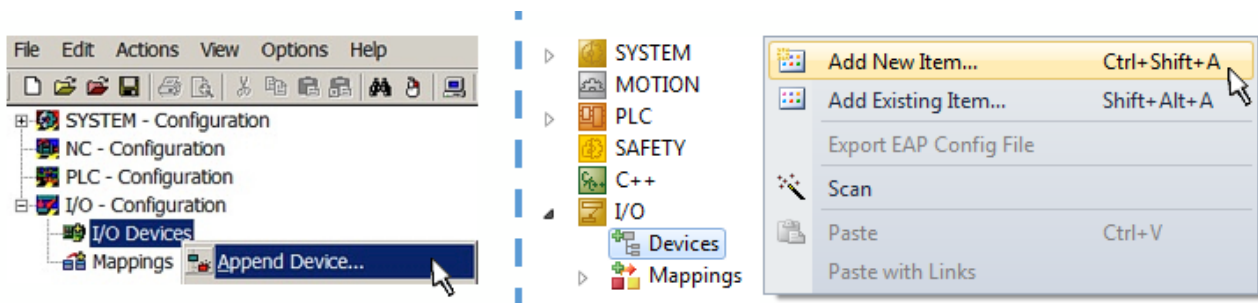


Fig. 104: Append EtherCAT device (left: TwinCAT 2; right: TwinCAT 3)

Select type “EtherCAT” for an EtherCAT I/O application with EtherCAT slaves. For the present publisher/ subscriber service in combination with an EL6601/EL614 terminal select “EtherCAT Automation Protocol via EL6601”.

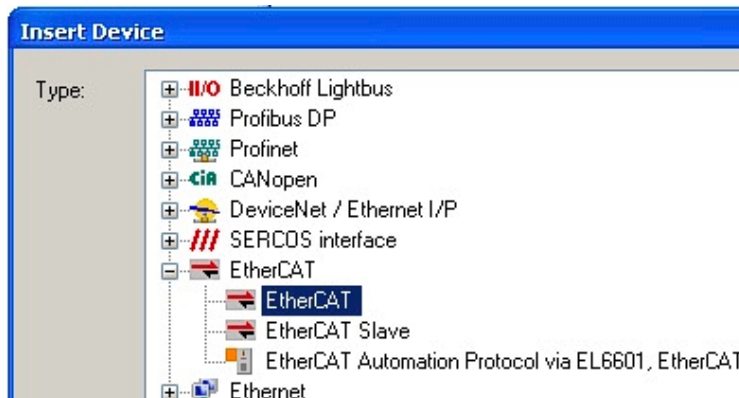


Fig. 105: Selecting the EtherCAT connection (TwinCAT 2.11, TwinCAT 3)

Then assign a real Ethernet port to this virtual device in the runtime system.

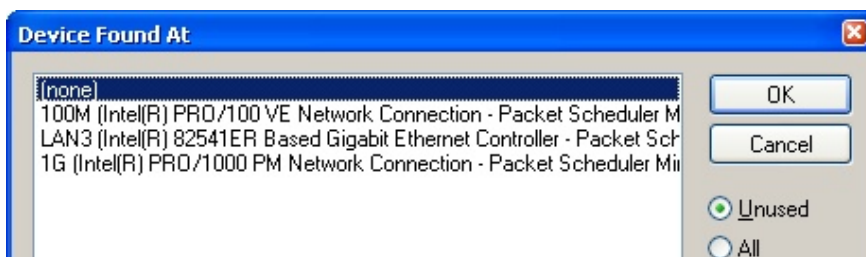


Fig. 106: Selecting the Ethernet port

This query may appear automatically when the EtherCAT device is created, or the assignment can be set/modified later in the properties dialog; see Fig. “EtherCAT device properties (TwinCAT 2)”.

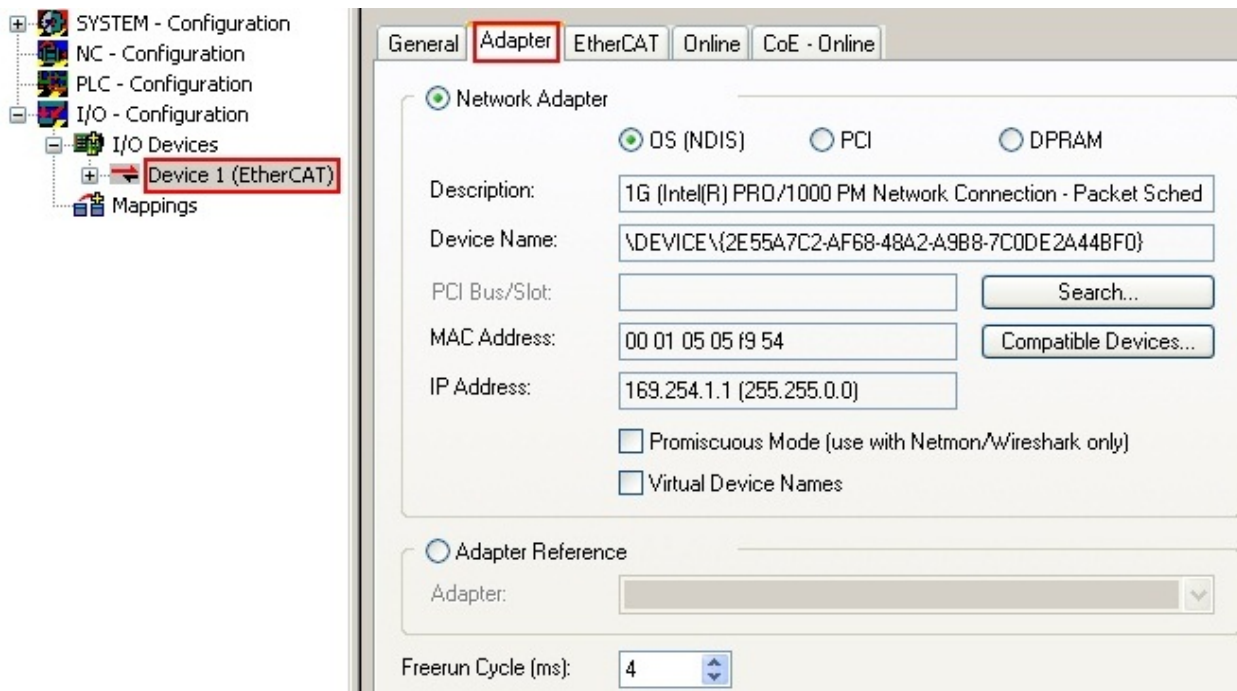
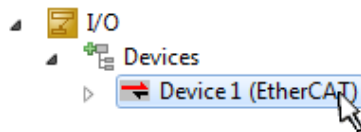


Fig. 107: EtherCAT device properties (TwinCAT 2)

TwinCAT 3: the properties of the EtherCAT device can be opened by double click on “Device .. (EtherCAT)” within the Solution Explorer under “I/O”:



● Selecting the Ethernet port

i Ethernet ports can only be selected for EtherCAT devices for which the TwinCAT real-time driver is installed. This has to be done separately for each port. Please refer to the respective [installation page \[p. 95\]](#).

Defining EtherCAT slaves

Further devices can be appended by right-clicking on a device in the configuration tree.

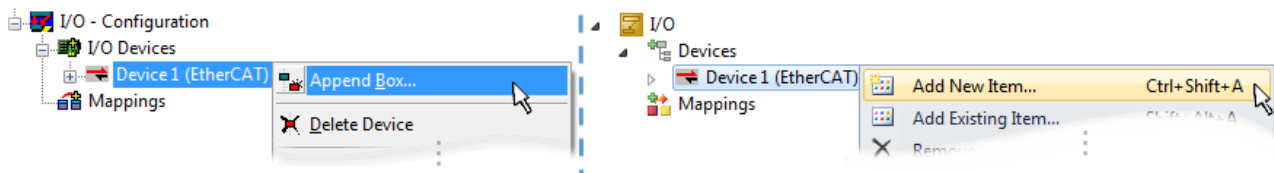


Fig. 108: Appending EtherCAT devices (left: TwinCAT 2; right: TwinCAT 3)

The dialog for selecting a new device opens. Only devices for which ESI files are available are displayed.

Only devices are offered for selection that can be appended to the previously selected device. Therefore the physical layer available for this port is also displayed (Fig. “Selection dialog for new EtherCAT device”, A). In the case of cable-based Fast-Ethernet physical layer with PHY transfer, then also only cable-based devices are available, as shown in Fig. “Selection dialog for new EtherCAT device”. If the preceding device has several free ports (e.g. EK1122 or EK1100), the required port can be selected on the right-hand side (A).

Overview of physical layer

- “Ethernet”: cable-based 100BASE-TX: EK couplers, EP boxes, devices with RJ45/M8/M12 connector

- “E-Bus”: LVDS “terminal bus”, “EJ-module”: EL/ES terminals, various modular modules

The search field facilitates finding specific devices (since TwinCAT 2.11 or TwinCAT 3).

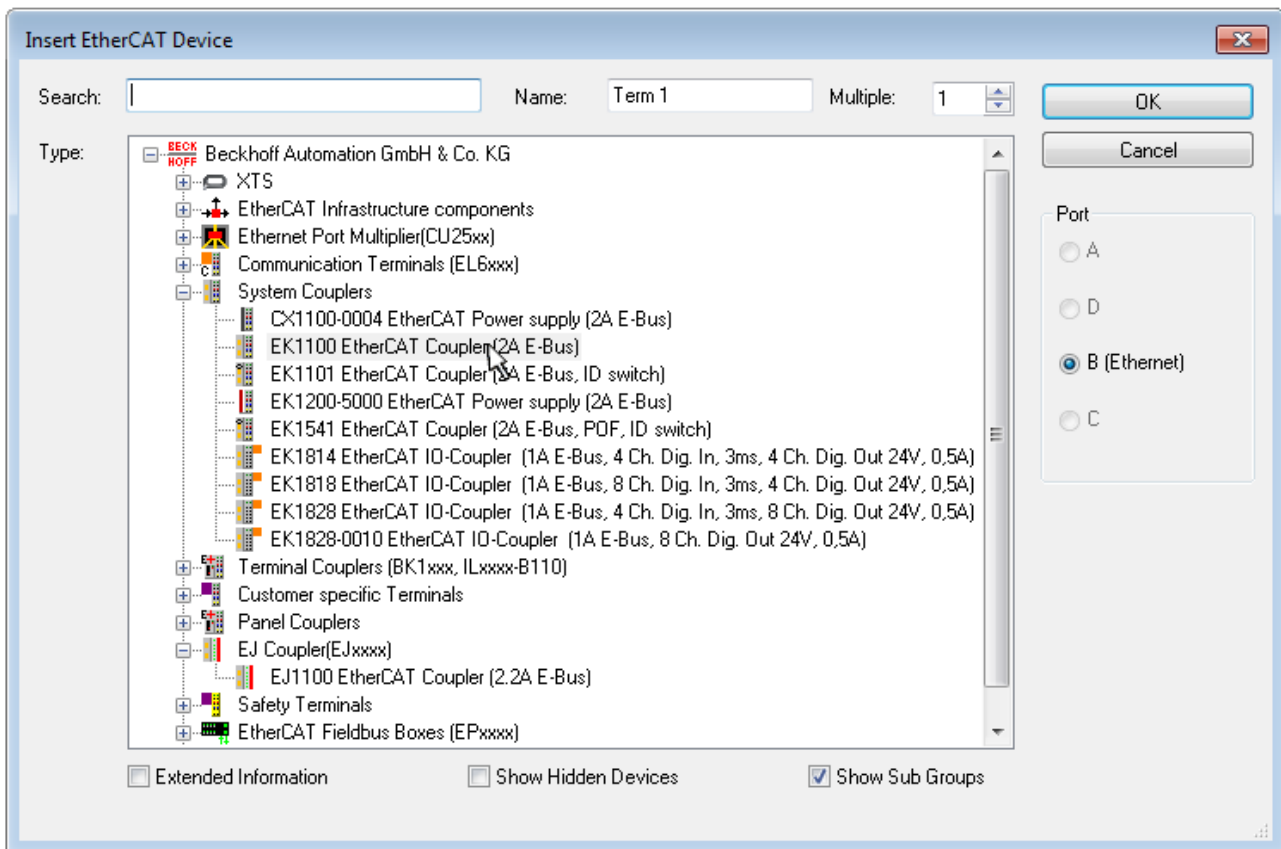


Fig. 109: Selection dialog for new EtherCAT device

By default only the name/device type is used as selection criterion. For selecting a specific revision of the device the revision can be displayed as “Extended Information”.

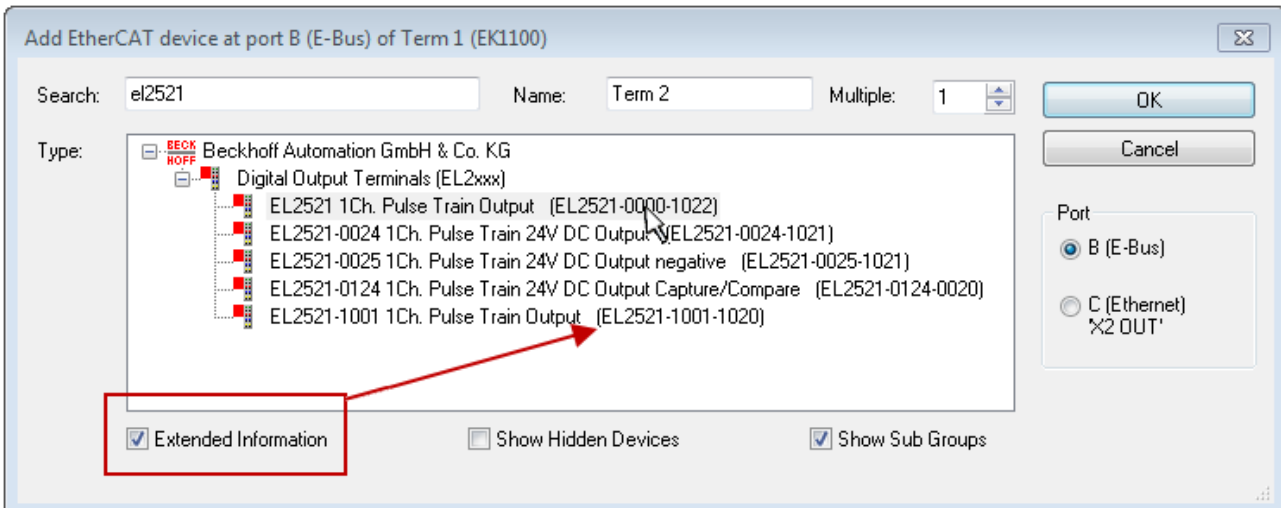


Fig. 110: Display of device revision

In many cases several device revisions were created for historic or functional reasons, e.g. through technological advancement. For simplification purposes (see Fig. “Selection dialog for new EtherCAT device”) only the last (i.e. highest) revision and therefore the latest state of production is displayed in the selection dialog for Beckhoff devices. To show all device revisions available in the system as ESI descriptions tick the “Show Hidden Devices” check box, see Fig. “Display of previous revisions”.

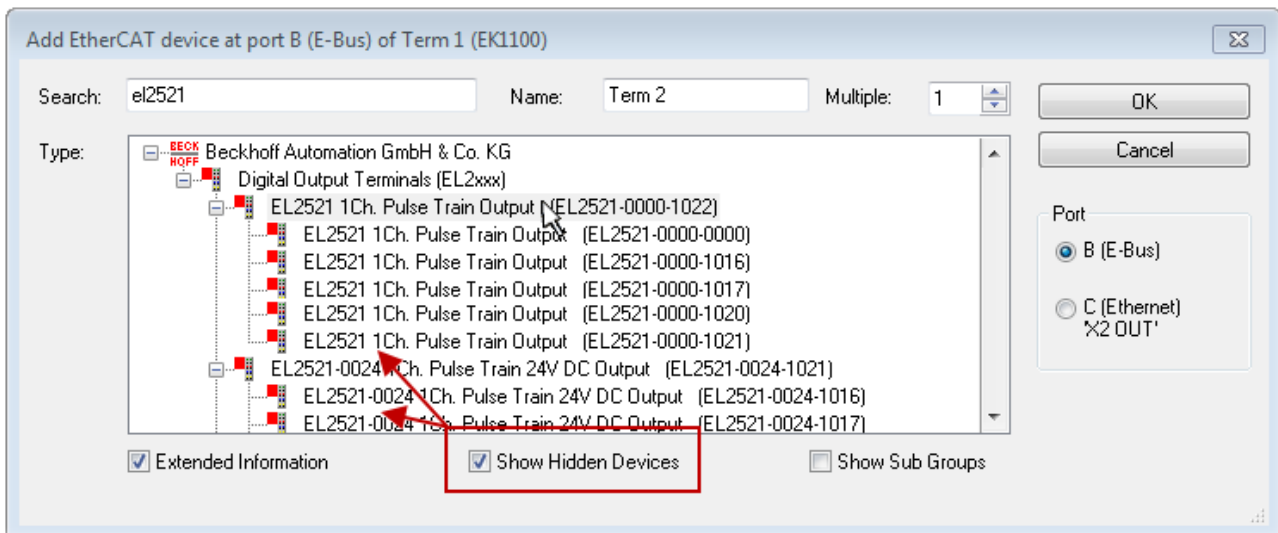


Fig. 111: Display of previous revisions

● Device selection based on revision, compatibility

i The ESI description also defines the process image, the communication type between master and slave/device and the device functions, if applicable. The physical device (firmware, if available) has to support the communication queries/settings of the master. This is backward compatible, i.e. newer devices (higher revision) should be supported if the EtherCAT master addresses them as an older revision. The following compatibility rule of thumb is to be assumed for Beckhoff EtherCAT Terminals/ Boxes/ EJ-modules:

device revision in the system $\geq$ device revision in the configuration

This also enables subsequent replacement of devices without changing the configuration (different specifications are possible for drives).

Example

If an EL2521-0025-**1018** is specified in the configuration, an EL2521-0025-**1018** or higher (**-1019**, **-1020**) can be used in practice.

Name
(EL2521-0025-1018)
Revision

Fig. 112: Name/revision of the terminal

If current ESI descriptions are available in the TwinCAT system, the last revision offered in the selection dialog matches the Beckhoff state of production. It is recommended to use the last device revision when creating a new configuration, if current Beckhoff devices are used in the real application. Older revisions should only be used if older devices from stock are to be used in the application.

In this case the process image of the device is shown in the configuration tree and can be parameterized as follows: linking with the task, CoE/DC settings, plug-in definition, startup settings, ...

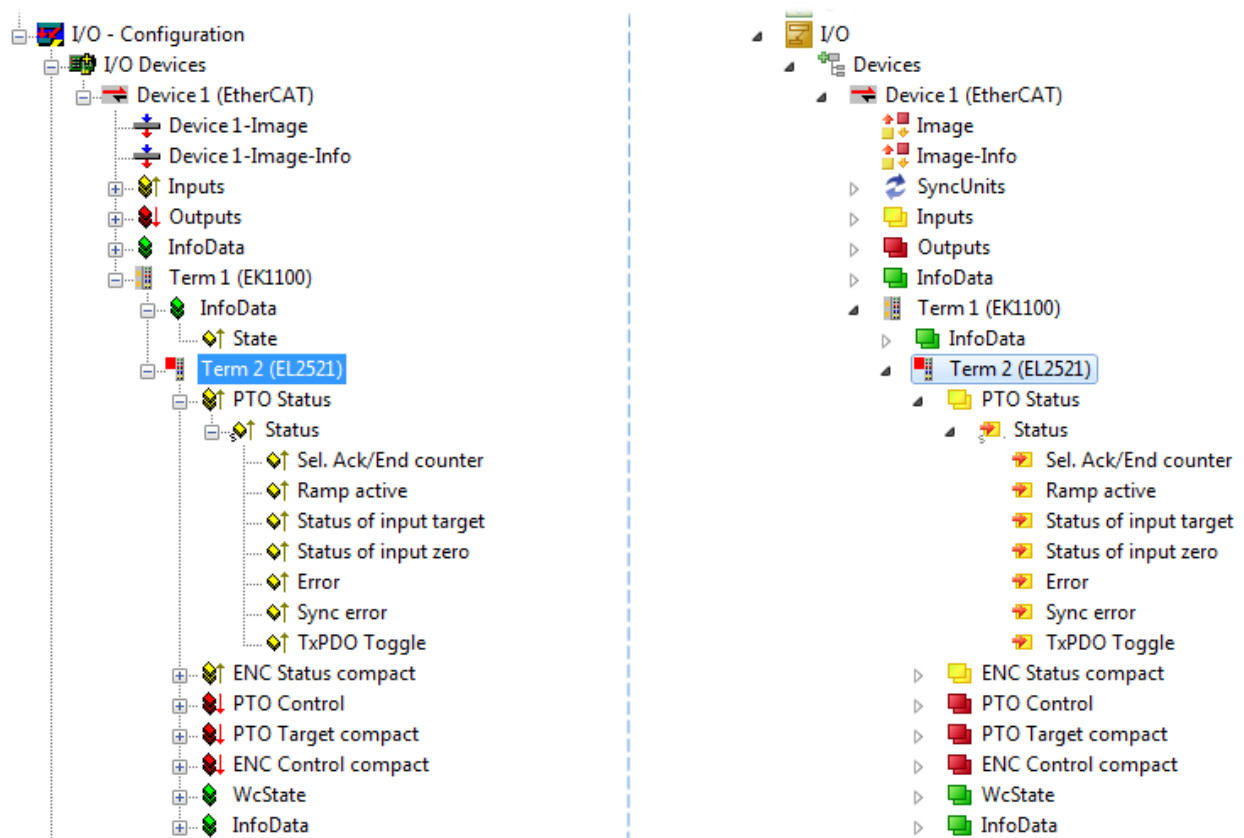


Fig. 113: EtherCAT terminal in the TwinCAT tree (left: TwinCAT 2; right: TwinCAT 3)

5.2.6 ONLINE configuration creation

Detecting/scanning of the EtherCAT device

The online device search can be used if the TwinCAT system is in CONFIG mode. This can be indicated by a symbol right below in the information bar:

- on TwinCAT 2 by a blue display “Config Mode” within the System Manager window:  .
- on TwinCAT 3 within the user interface of the development environment by a symbol  .

TwinCAT can be set into this mode:

- TwinCAT 2: by selection of  in the Menubar or by “Actions” → “Set/Reset TwinCAT to Config Mode...”
- TwinCAT 3: by selection of  in the Menubar or by “TwinCAT” → “Restart TwinCAT (Config Mode)”

Online scanning in Config mode

i The online search is not available in RUN mode (production operation). Note the differentiation between TwinCAT programming system and TwinCAT target system.

The TwinCAT 2 icon () or TwinCAT 3 icon () within the Windows-Taskbar always shows the TwinCAT mode of the local IPC. Compared to that, the System Manager window of TwinCAT 2 or the user interface of TwinCAT 3 indicates the state of the target system.

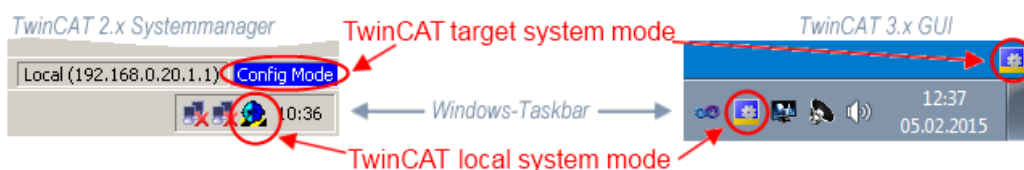


Fig. 114: Differentiation local/target system (left: TwinCAT 2; right: TwinCAT 3)

Right-clicking on “I/O Devices” in the configuration tree opens the search dialog.

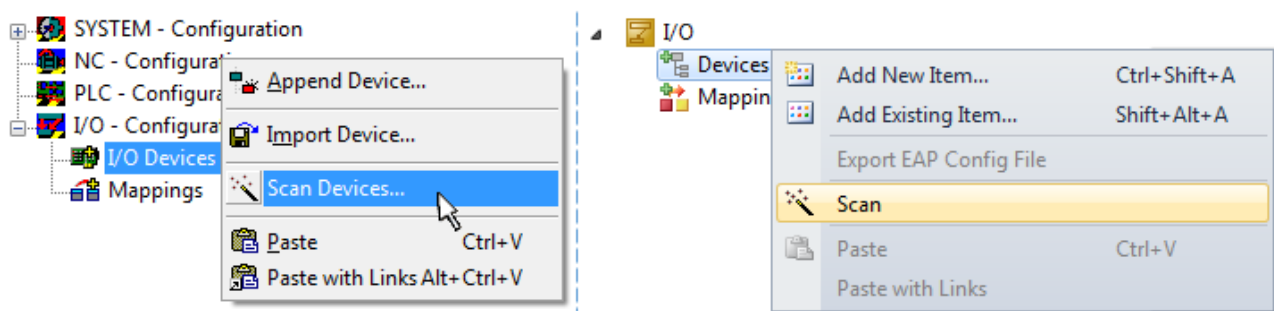


Fig. 115: Scan Devices (left: TwinCAT 2; right: TwinCAT 3)

This scan mode attempts to find not only EtherCAT devices (or Ethernet ports that are usable as such), but also NOVRA, fieldbus cards, SMB etc. However, not all devices can be found automatically.

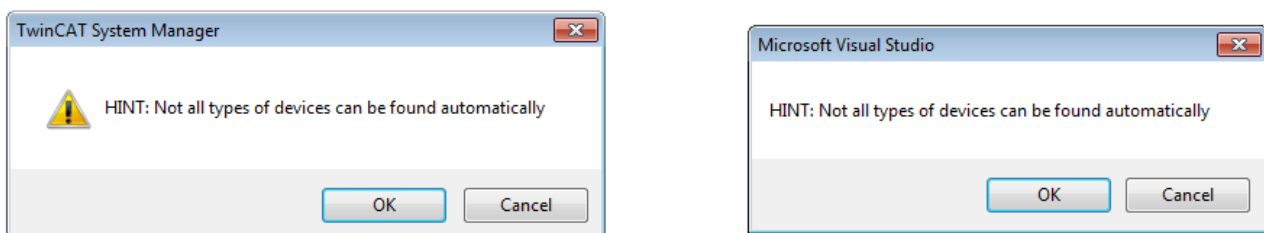


Fig. 116: Note for automatic device scan (left: TwinCAT 2; right: TwinCAT 3)

Ethernet ports with installed TwinCAT real-time driver are shown as “RT Ethernet” devices. An EtherCAT frame is sent to these ports for testing purposes. If the scan agent detects from the response that an EtherCAT slave is connected, the port is immediately shown as an “EtherCAT Device”.

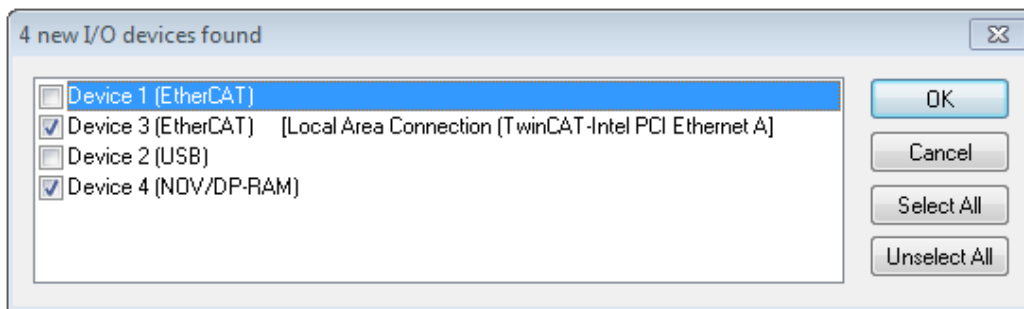


Fig. 117: Detected Ethernet devices

Via respective checkboxes devices can be selected (as illustrated in Fig. “Detected Ethernet devices” e.g. Device 3 and Device 4 were chosen). After confirmation with “OK” a device scan is suggested for all selected devices, see Fig.: “Scan query after automatic creation of an EtherCAT device”.

● Selecting the Ethernet port

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Ethernet ports can only be selected for EtherCAT devices for which the TwinCAT real-time driver is installed. This has to be done separately for each port. Please refer to the respective [installation page](#) [► 95].

Detecting/Scanning the EtherCAT devices

● Online scan functionality

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During a scan the master queries the identity information of the EtherCAT slaves from the slave EEPROM. The name and revision are used for determining the type. The respective devices are located in the stored ESI data and integrated in the configuration tree in the default state defined there.

Name
(EL2521-0025-1018)
Revision

Fig. 118: Example default state

NOTE

Slave scanning in practice in series machine production

The scanning function should be used with care. It is a practical and fast tool for creating an initial configuration as a basis for commissioning. In series machine production or reproduction of the plant, however, the function should no longer be used for the creation of the configuration, but if necessary for [comparison](#) [► 115] with the defined initial configuration. Background: since Beckhoff occasionally increases the revision version of the delivered products for product maintenance reasons, a configuration can be created by such a scan which (with an identical machine construction) is identical according to the device list; however, the respective device revision may differ from the initial configuration.

Example:

Company A builds the prototype of a machine B, which is to be produced in series later on. To do this the prototype is built, a scan of the IO devices is performed in TwinCAT and the initial configuration “B.tsm” is created. The EL2521-0025 EtherCAT terminal with the revision 1018 is located somewhere. It is thus built into the TwinCAT configuration in this way:

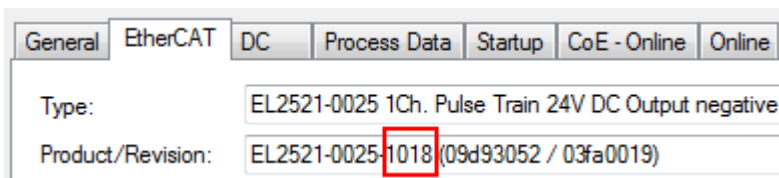


Fig. 119: Installing EtherCAT terminal with revision -1018

Likewise, during the prototype test phase, the functions and properties of this terminal are tested by the programmers/commissioning engineers and used if necessary, i.e. addressed from the PLC “B.pro” or the NC. (the same applies correspondingly to the TwinCAT 3 solution files).

The prototype development is now completed and series production of machine B starts, for which Beckhoff continues to supply the EL2521-0025-0018. If the commissioning engineers of the series machine production department always carry out a scan, a B configuration with the identical contents results again for each machine. Likewise, A might create spare parts stores worldwide for the coming series-produced machines with EL2521-0025-1018 terminals.

After some time Beckhoff extends the EL2521-0025 by a new feature C. Therefore the FW is changed, outwardly recognizable by a higher FW version and a **new revision -1019**. Nevertheless the new device naturally supports functions and interfaces of the predecessor version(s); an adaptation of “B.tsm” or even “B.pro” is therefore unnecessary. The series-produced machines can continue to be built with “B.tsm” and “B.pro”; it makes sense to perform a comparative scan [► 115] against the initial configuration “B.tsm” in order to check the built machine.

However, if the series machine production department now doesn't use “B.tsm”, but instead carries out a scan to create the productive configuration, the revision **-1019** is automatically detected and built into the configuration:

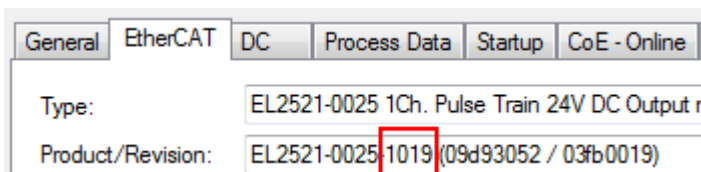


Fig. 120: Detection of EtherCAT terminal with revision -1019

This is usually not noticed by the commissioning engineers. TwinCAT cannot signal anything either, since virtually a new configuration is created. According to the compatibility rule, however, this means that no EL2521-0025-**1018** should be built into this machine as a spare part (even if this nevertheless works in the vast majority of cases).

In addition, it could be the case that, due to the development accompanying production in company A, the new feature C of the EL2521-0025-1019 (for example, an improved analog filter or an additional process data for the diagnosis) is discovered and used without in-house consultation. The previous stock of spare part devices are then no longer to be used for the new configuration “B2.tsm” created in this way. ► if series machine production is established, the scan should only be performed for informative purposes for comparison with a defined initial configuration. Changes are to be made with care!

If an EtherCAT device was created in the configuration (manually or through a scan), the I/O field can be scanned for devices/slaves.



Fig. 121: Scan query after automatic creation of an EtherCAT device (left: TwinCAT 2; right: TwinCAT 3)

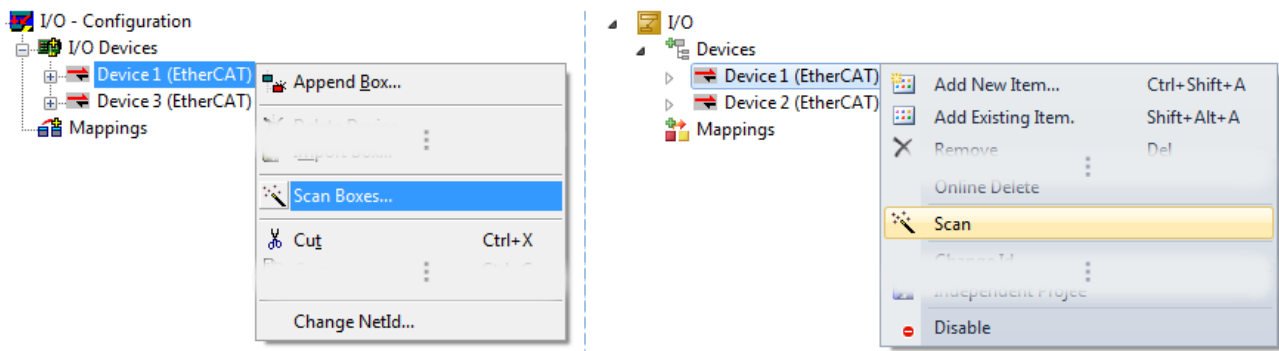


Fig. 122: Manual triggering of a device scan on a specified EtherCAT device (left: TwinCAT 2; right: TwinCAT 3)

In the System Manager (TwinCAT 2) or the User Interface (TwinCAT 3) the scan process can be monitored via the progress bar at the bottom in the status bar.



Fig. 123: Scan progress example by TwinCAT 2

The configuration is established and can then be switched to online state (OPERATIONAL).



Fig. 124: Config/FreeRun query (left: TwinCAT 2; right: TwinCAT 3)

In Config/FreeRun mode the System Manager display alternates between blue and red, and the EtherCAT device continues to operate with the idling cycle time of 4 ms (default setting), even without active task (NC, PLC).



Fig. 125: Displaying of "Free Run" and "Config Mode" toggling right below in the status bar



Fig. 126: TwinCAT can also be switched to this state by using a button (left: TwinCAT 2; right: TwinCAT 3)

The EtherCAT system should then be in a functional cyclic state, as shown in Fig. *Online display example*.

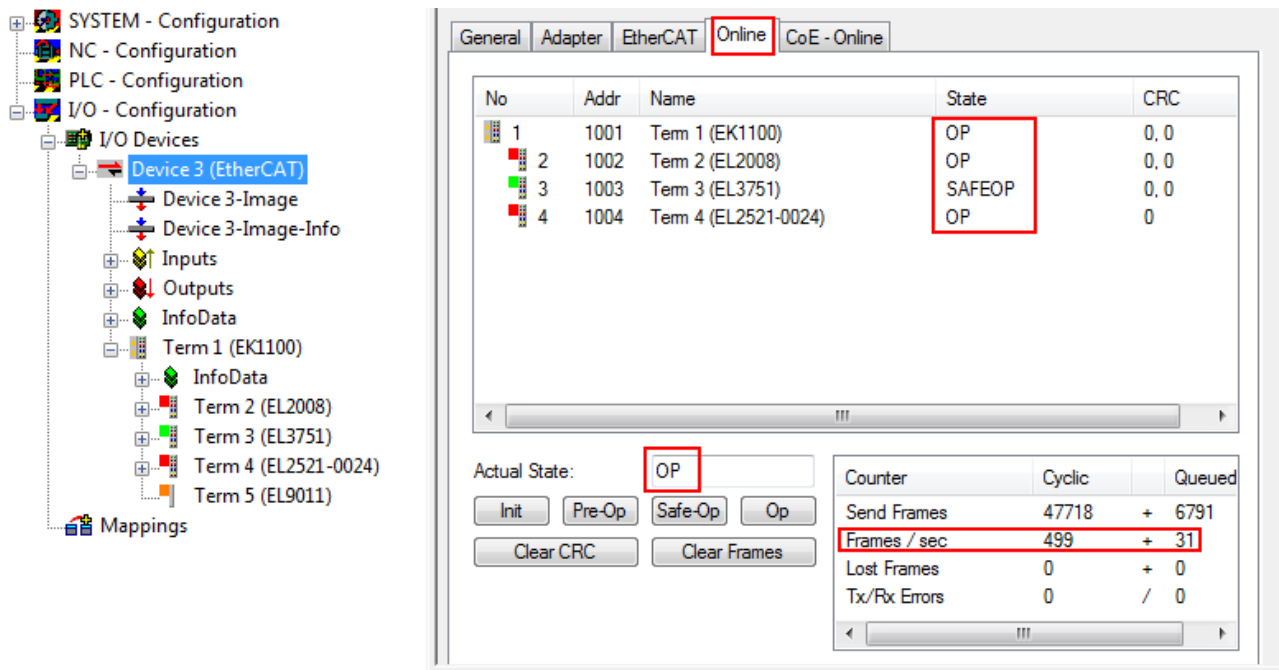


Fig. 127: Online display example

Please note:

- all slaves should be in OP state
- the EtherCAT master should be in “Actual State” OP
- “frames/sec” should match the cycle time taking into account the sent number of frames
- no excessive “LostFrames” or CRC errors should occur

The configuration is now complete. It can be modified as described under [manual procedure](#) [► 105].

Troubleshooting

Various effects may occur during scanning.

- An **unknown device** is detected, i.e. an EtherCAT slave for which no ESI XML description is available. In this case the System Manager offers to read any ESI that may be stored in the device. This case is described in the chapter “Notes regarding ESI device description”.
- **Device are not detected properly**
Possible reasons include:

- faulty data links, resulting in data loss during the scan
- slave has invalid device description

The connections and devices should be checked in a targeted manner, e.g. via the emergency scan.

Then re-run the scan.

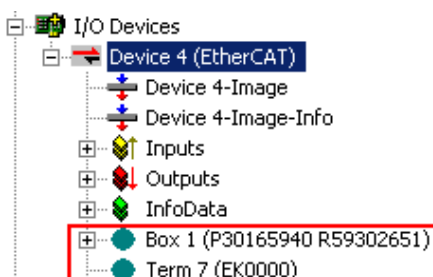


Fig. 128: Faulty identification

In the System Manager such devices may be set up as EK0000 or unknown devices. Operation is not possible or meaningful.

Scan over existing Configuration

NOTE

Change of the configuration after comparison

With this scan (TwinCAT 2.11 or 3.1) only the device properties vendor (manufacturer), device name and revision are compared at present! A “ChangeTo” or “Copy” should only be carried out with care, taking into consideration the Beckhoff IO compatibility rule (see above). The device configuration is then replaced by the revision found; this can affect the supported process data and functions.

If a scan is initiated for an existing configuration, the actual I/O environment may match the configuration exactly or it may differ. This enables the configuration to be compared.



Fig. 129: Identical configuration (left: TwinCAT 2; right: TwinCAT 3)

If differences are detected, they are shown in the correction dialog, so that the user can modify the configuration as required.

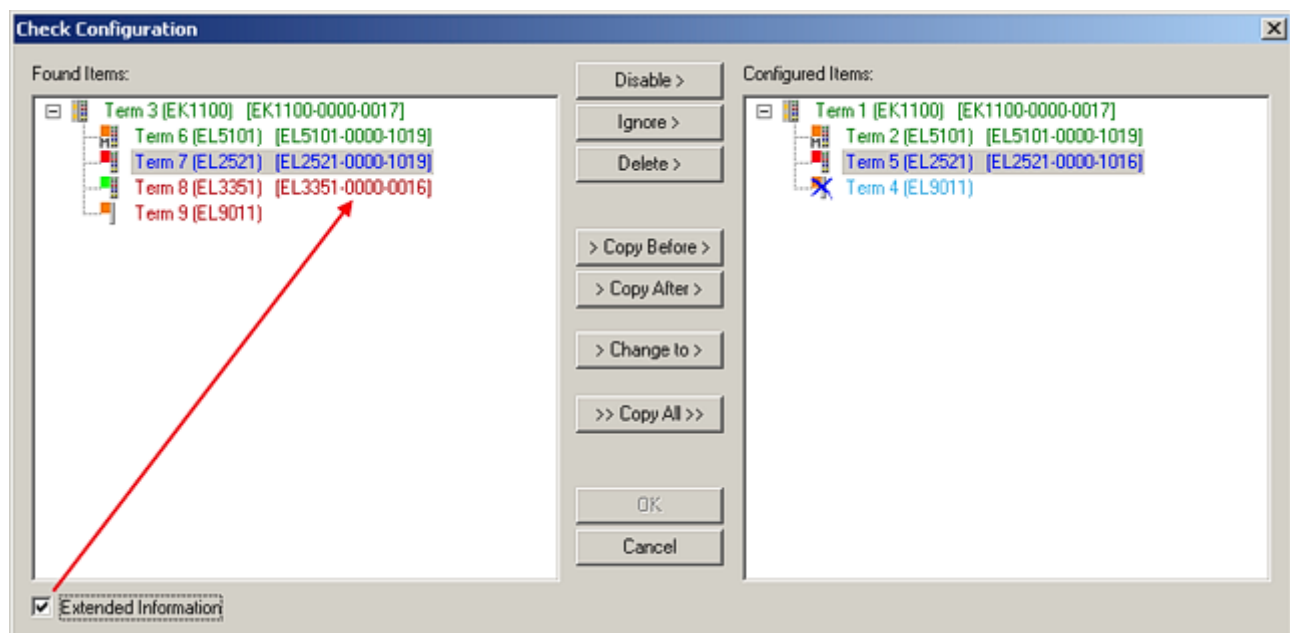


Fig. 130: Correction dialog

It is advisable to tick the “Extended Information” check box to reveal differences in the revision.

Color	Explanation
green	This EtherCAT slave matches the entry on the other side. Both type and revision match.
blue	This EtherCAT slave is present on the other side, but in a different revision. This other revision can have other default values for the process data as well as other/additional functions. If the found revision is higher than the configured revision, the slave may be used provided compatibility issues are taken into account. If the found revision is lower than the configured revision, it is likely that the slave cannot be used. The found device may not support all functions that the master expects based on the higher revision number.
light blue	This EtherCAT slave is ignored ("Ignore" button)
red	- This EtherCAT slave is not present on the other side. - It is present, but in a different revision, which also differs in its properties from the one specified. The compatibility principle then also applies here: if the found revision is higher than the configured revision, use is possible provided compatibility issues are taken into account, since the successor devices should support the functions of the predecessor devices. - If the found revision is lower than the configured revision, it is likely that the slave cannot be used. The found device may not support all functions that the master expects based on the higher revision number.

● **Device selection based on revision, compatibility**

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This also enables subsequent replacement of devices without changing the configuration (different specifications are possible for drives).

Example

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Name

 (EL2521-0025-1018)

 Revision

Fig. 131: Name/revision of the terminal

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In this case the process image of the device is shown in the configuration tree and can be parameterized as follows: linking with the task, CoE/DC settings, plug-in definition, startup settings, ...

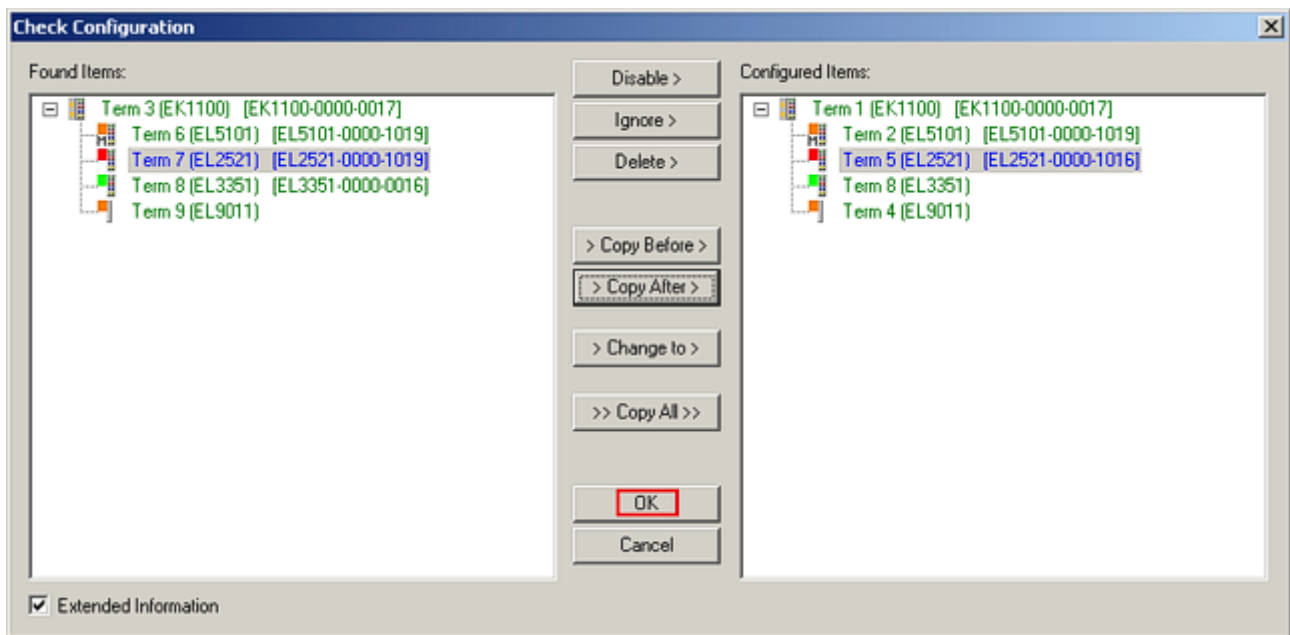


Fig. 132: Correction dialog with modifications

Once all modifications have been saved or accepted, click “OK” to transfer them to the real *.tsm configuration.

Change to Compatible Type

TwinCAT offers a function *Change to Compatible Type...* for the exchange of a device whilst retaining the links in the task.

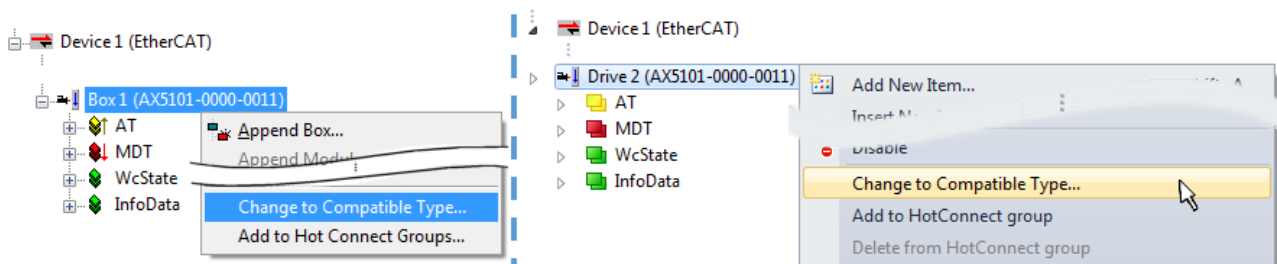


Fig. 133: Dialog “Change to Compatible Type...” (left: TwinCAT 2; right: TwinCAT 3)

The following elements in the ESI of an EtherCAT device are compared by TwinCAT and assumed to be the same in order to decide whether a device is indicated as “compatible”:

- Physics (e.g. RJ45, Ebus...)
- FMMU (additional ones are allowed)
- SyncManager (SM, additional ones are allowed)
- EoE (attributes MAC, IP)
- CoE (attributes SdoInfo, PdoAssign, PdoConfig, PdoUpload, CompleteAccess)
- FoE
- PDO (process data: Sequence, SyncUnit SU, SyncManager SM, EntryCount, Entry.Datatype)

This function is preferably to be used on AX5000 devices.

Change to Alternative Type

The TwinCAT System Manager offers a function for the exchange of a device: Change to Alternative Type

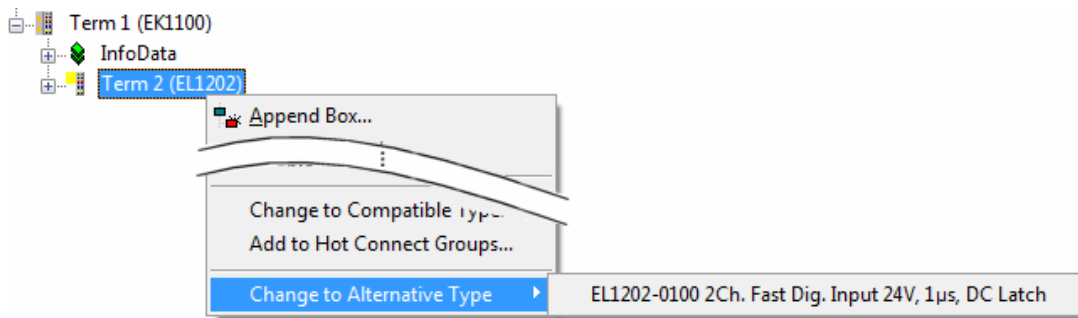


Fig. 134: TwinCAT 2 Dialog Change to Alternative Type

If called, the System Manager searches in the procured device ESI (in this example: EL1202-0000) for details of compatible devices contained there. The configuration is changed and the ESI-EEPROM is overwritten at the same time – therefore this process is possible only in the online state (ConfigMode).

5.2.7 EtherCAT subscriber configuration

In the left-hand window of the TwinCAT 2 System Manager or the Solution Explorer of the TwinCAT 3 Development Environment respectively, click on the element of the terminal within the tree you wish to configure (in the example: EL3751 Terminal 3).

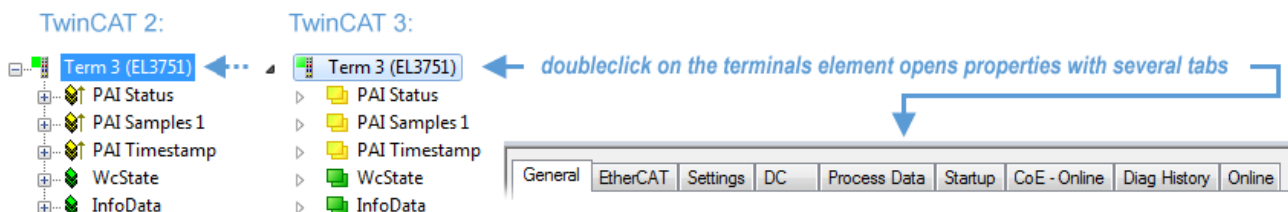


Fig. 135: Branch element as terminal EL3751

In the right-hand window of the TwinCAT System Manager (TwinCAT 2) or the Development Environment (TwinCAT 3), various tabs are now available for configuring the terminal. And yet the dimension of complexity of a subscriber determines which tabs are provided. Thus as illustrated in the example above the terminal EL3751 provides many setup options and also a respective number of tabs are available. On the contrary by the terminal EL1004 for example the tabs “General”, “EtherCAT”, “Process Data” and “Online” are available only. Several terminals, as for instance the EL6695 provide special functions by a tab with its own terminal name, so “EL6695” in this case. A specific tab “Settings” by terminals with a wide range of setup options will be provided also (e.g. EL3751).

“General” tab

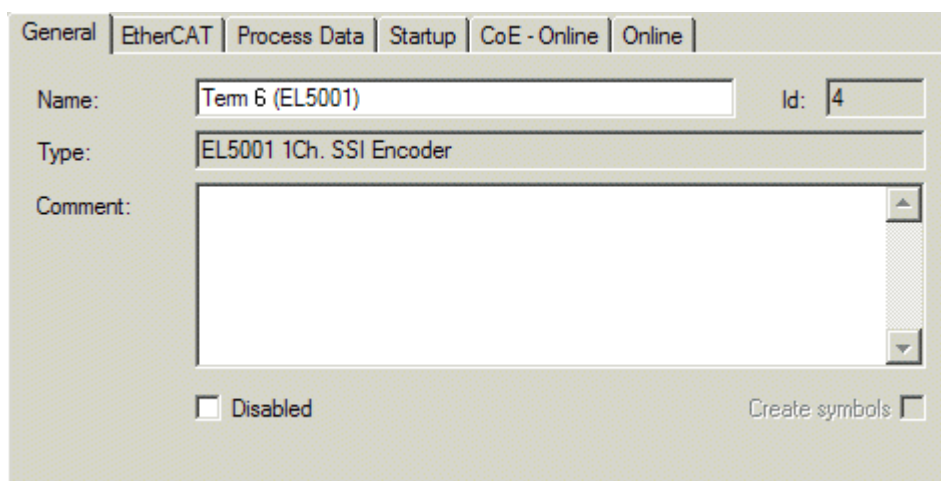


Fig. 136: “General” tab

Name	Name of the EtherCAT device
Id	Number of the EtherCAT device
Type	EtherCAT device type
Comment	Here you can add a comment (e.g. regarding the system).
Disabled	Here you can deactivate the EtherCAT device.
Create symbols	Access to this EtherCAT slave via ADS is only available if this control box is activated.

"EtherCAT" tab

The screenshot shows the 'EtherCAT' configuration tab. It contains the following fields and controls:

- Type:** A text field containing 'EL5001 1Ch. SSI Encoder'.
- Product/Revision:** A text field containing 'EL5001-0000-0000'.
- Auto Inc Addr:** A text field containing 'FFFD'.
- EtherCAT Addr:** A checkbox is unchecked, followed by a text field containing '1004'.
- Advanced Settings...** A button to the right of the EtherCAT Addr field.
- Previous Port:** A dropdown menu showing 'Term 5 (EL6021) - B'.

At the bottom of the tab, there is a URL: <http://www.beckhoff.de/english/default.htm?EtherCAT/EL5001.htm>

Fig. 137: "EtherCAT" tab

Type	EtherCAT device type
Product/Revision	Product and revision number of the EtherCAT device
Auto Inc Addr.	Auto increment address of the EtherCAT device. The auto increment address can be used for addressing each EtherCAT device in the communication ring through its physical position. Auto increment addressing is used during the start-up phase when the EtherCAT master allocates addresses to the EtherCAT devices. With auto increment addressing the first EtherCAT slave in the ring has the address 0000 _{hex} . For each further slave the address is decremented by 1 (FFFF _{hex} , FFFE _{hex} etc.).
EtherCAT Addr.	Fixed address of an EtherCAT slave. This address is allocated by the EtherCAT master during the start-up phase. Tick the control box to the left of the input field in order to modify the default value.
Previous Port	Name and port of the EtherCAT device to which this device is connected. If it is possible to connect this device with another one without changing the order of the EtherCAT devices in the communication ring, then this combination field is activated and the EtherCAT device to which this device is to be connected can be selected.
Advanced Settings	This button opens the dialogs for advanced settings.

The link at the bottom of the tab points to the product page for this EtherCAT device on the web.

"Process Data" tab

Indicates the configuration of the process data. The input and output data of the EtherCAT slave are represented as CANopen process data objects (**Process Data Objects**, PDOs). The user can select a PDO via PDO assignment and modify the content of the individual PDO via this dialog, if the EtherCAT slave supports this function.

General | **EtherCAT** | Process Data | Startup | CoE - Online | Online

Sync Manager:

SM	Size	Type	Flags
0	246	MbxOut	
1	246	MbxIn	
2	0	Outputs	
3	5	Inputs	

PDO List:

Index	Size	Name	Flags	SM	SU
0x1A00	5.0	Channel 1	F	3	0

PDO Assignment (0x1C13):

☒ 0x1A00

Download

☒ PDO Assignment

☒ PDO Configuration

PDO Content (0x1A00):

Index	Size	Offs	Name	Type	Default (hex)
0x3101:01	1.0	0.0	Status	BYTE	
0x3101:02	4.0	1.0	Value	UDINT	
		5.0			

Load PDO info from device

Sync Unit Assignment...

Fig. 138: "Process Data" tab

The process data (PDOs) transferred by an EtherCAT slave during each cycle are user data which the application expects to be updated cyclically or which are sent to the slave. To this end the EtherCAT master (Beckhoff TwinCAT) parameterizes each EtherCAT slave during the start-up phase to define which process data (size in bits/bytes, source location, transmission type) it wants to transfer to or from this slave. Incorrect configuration can prevent successful start-up of the slave.

For Beckhoff EtherCAT EL, ES, EM, EJ and EP slaves the following applies in general:

- The input/output process data supported by the device are defined by the manufacturer in the ESI/XML description. The TwinCAT EtherCAT Master uses the ESI description to configure the slave correctly.
- The process data can be modified in the System Manager. See the device documentation. Examples of modifications include: mask out a channel, displaying additional cyclic information, 16-bit display instead of 8-bit data size, etc.
- In so-called "intelligent" EtherCAT devices the process data information is also stored in the CoE directory. Any changes in the CoE directory that lead to different PDO settings prevent successful startup of the slave. It is not advisable to deviate from the designated process data, because the device firmware (if available) is adapted to these PDO combinations.

If the device documentation allows modification of process data, proceed as follows (see Figure *Configuring the process data*).

- A: select the device to configure
- B: in the "Process Data" tab select Input or Output under SyncManager (C)
- D: the PDOs can be selected or deselected
- H: the new process data are visible as linkable variables in the System Manager
The new process data are active once the configuration has been activated and TwinCAT has been restarted (or the EtherCAT master has been restarted)
- E: if a slave supports this, Input and Output PDO can be modified simultaneously by selecting a so-called PDO record ("predefined PDO settings").

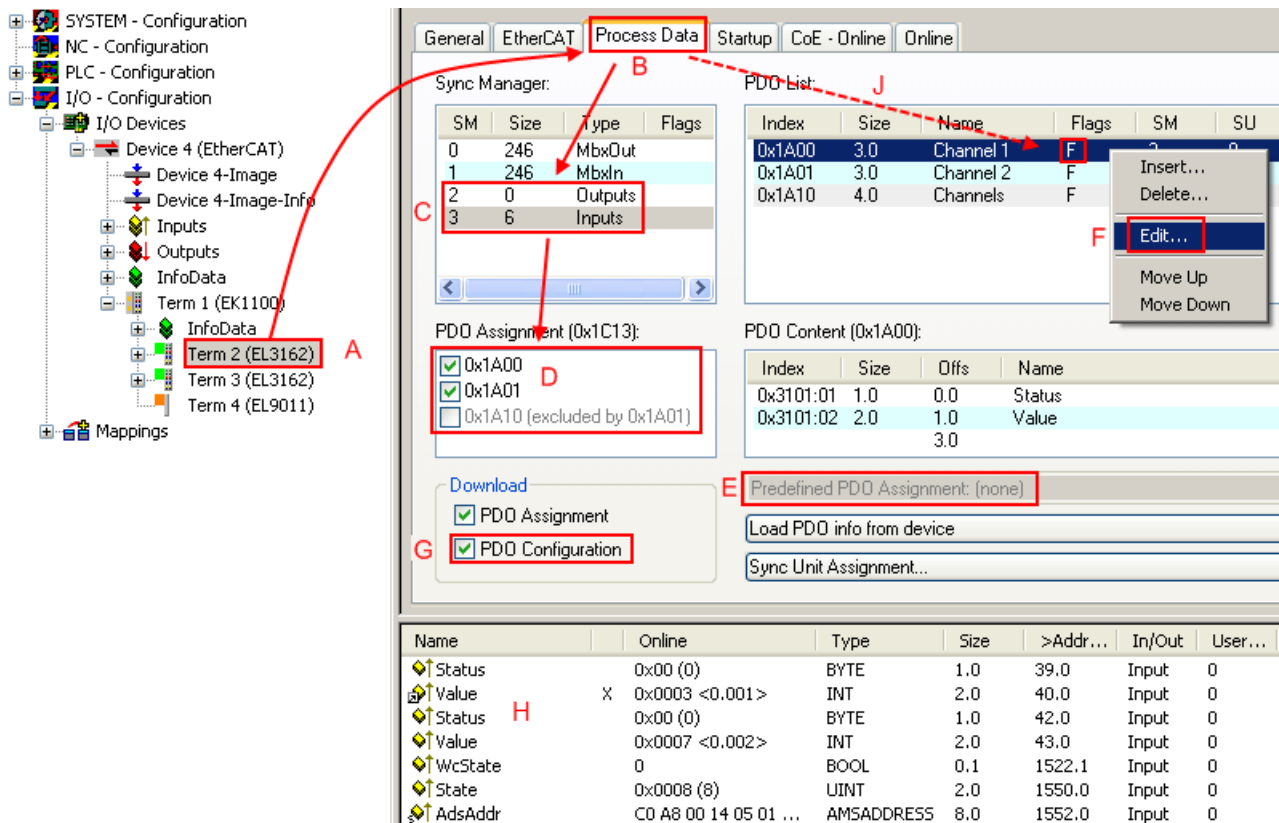


Fig. 139: Configuring the process data

Manual modification of the process data

According to the ESI description, a PDO can be identified as “fixed” with the flag “F” in the PDO overview (Fig. *Configuring the process data*, J). The configuration of such PDOs cannot be changed, even if TwinCAT offers the associated dialog (“Edit”). In particular, CoE content cannot be displayed as cyclic process data. This generally also applies in cases where a device supports download of the PDO configuration, “G”. In case of incorrect configuration the EtherCAT slave usually refuses to start and change to OP state. The System Manager displays an “invalid SM cfg” log-ger message: This error message (“invalid SM IN cfg” or “invalid SM OUT cfg”) also indicates the reason for the failed start.

A detailed description [► 126] can be found at the end of this section.

“Startup” tab

The *Startup* tab is displayed if the EtherCAT slave has a mailbox and supports the *CANopen over EtherCAT* (CoE) or *Servo drive over EtherCAT* protocol. This tab indicates which download requests are sent to the mailbox during startup. It is also possible to add new mailbox requests to the list display. The download requests are sent to the slave in the same order as they are shown in the list.

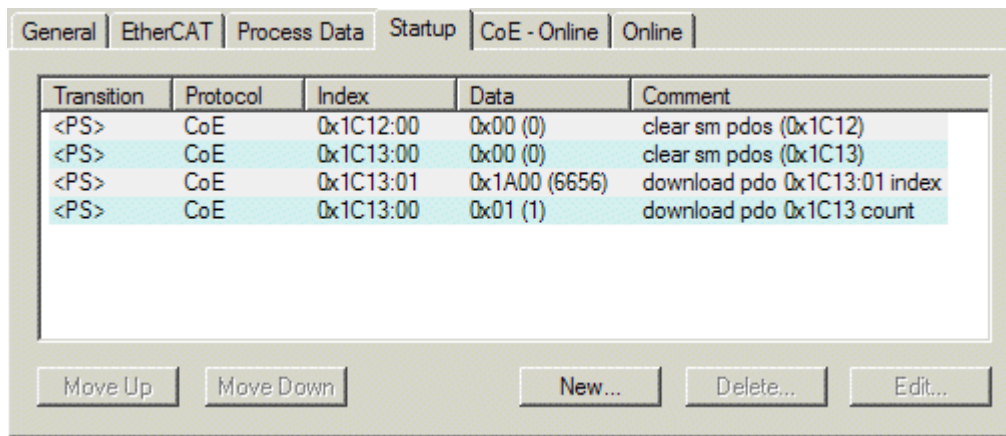


Fig. 140: "Startup" tab

Column	Description
Transition	Transition to which the request is sent. This can either be - the transition from pre-operational to safe-operational (PS), or - the transition from safe-operational to operational (SO). If the transition is enclosed in "<>" (e.g. <PS>), the mailbox request is fixed and cannot be modified or deleted by the user.
Protocol	Type of mailbox protocol
Index	Index of the object
Data	Date on which this object is to be downloaded.
Comment	Description of the request to be sent to the mailbox

Move Up	This button moves the selected request up by one position in the list.
Move Down	This button moves the selected request down by one position in the list.
New	This button adds a new mailbox download request to be sent during startup.
Delete	This button deletes the selected entry.
Edit	This button edits an existing request.

"CoE - Online" tab

The additional *CoE - Online* tab is displayed if the EtherCAT slave supports the *CANopen over EtherCAT* (CoE) protocol. This dialog lists the content of the object list of the slave (SDO upload) and enables the user to modify the content of an object from this list. Details for the objects of the individual EtherCAT devices can be found in the device-specific object descriptions.

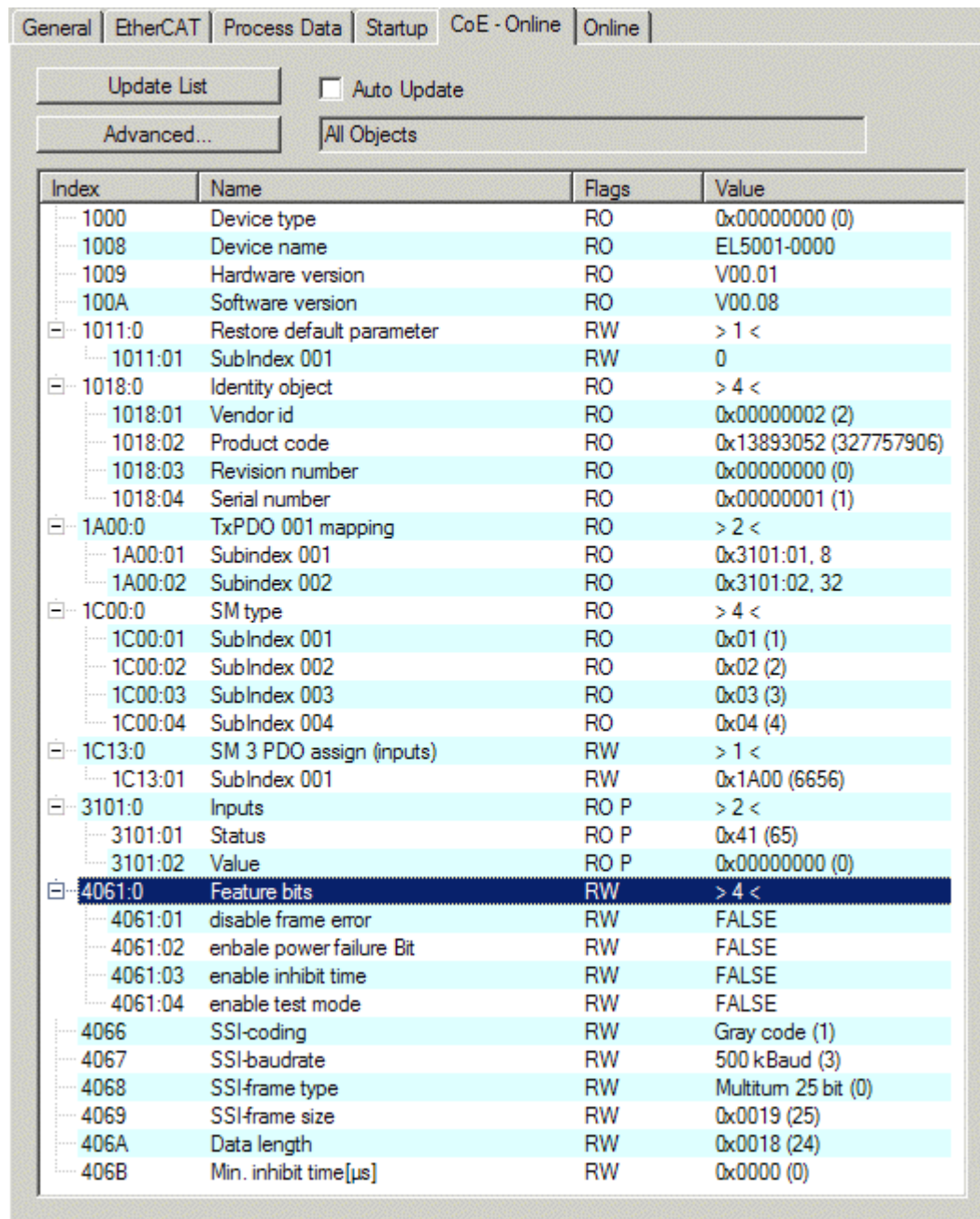


Fig. 141: "CoE - Online" tab

Object list display

Column	Description
Index	Index and sub-index of the object
Name	Name of the object
Flags	RW The object can be read, and data can be written to the object (read/write)
	RO The object can be read, but no data can be written to the object (read only)
	P An additional P identifies the object as a process data object.
Value	Value of the object

Update List The *Update list* button updates all objects in the displayed list

Auto Update If this check box is selected, the content of the objects is updated automatically.

Advanced The *Advanced* button opens the *Advanced Settings* dialog. Here you can specify which objects are displayed in the list.

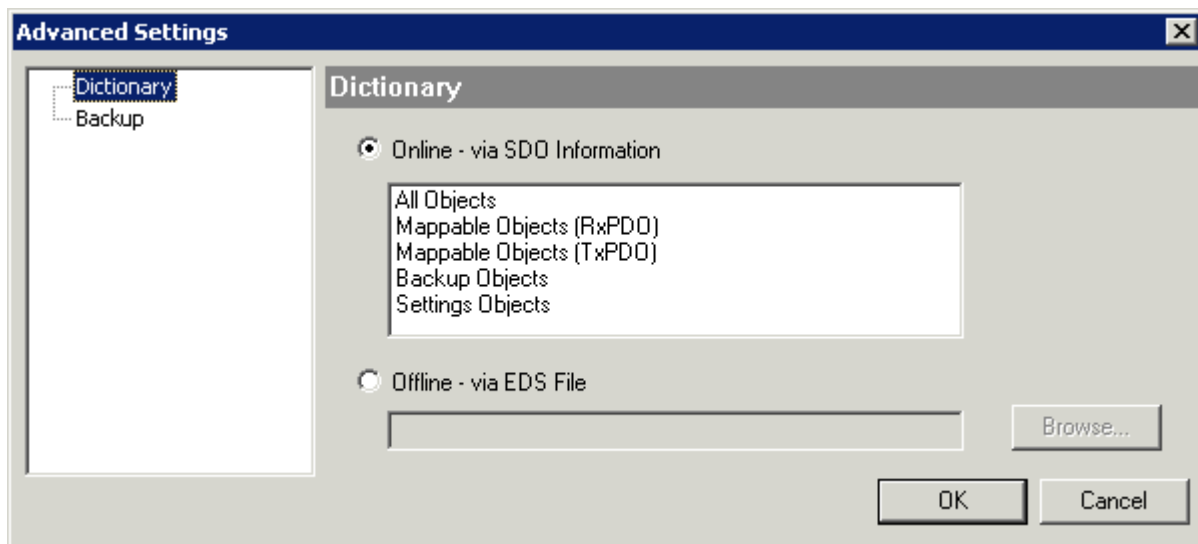


Fig. 142: Dialog "Advanced settings"

Online - via SDO Information If this option button is selected, the list of the objects included in the object list of the slave is uploaded from the slave via SDO information. The list below can be used to specify which object types are to be uploaded.

Offline - via EDS File If this option button is selected, the list of the objects included in the object list is read from an EDS file provided by the user.

"Online" tab

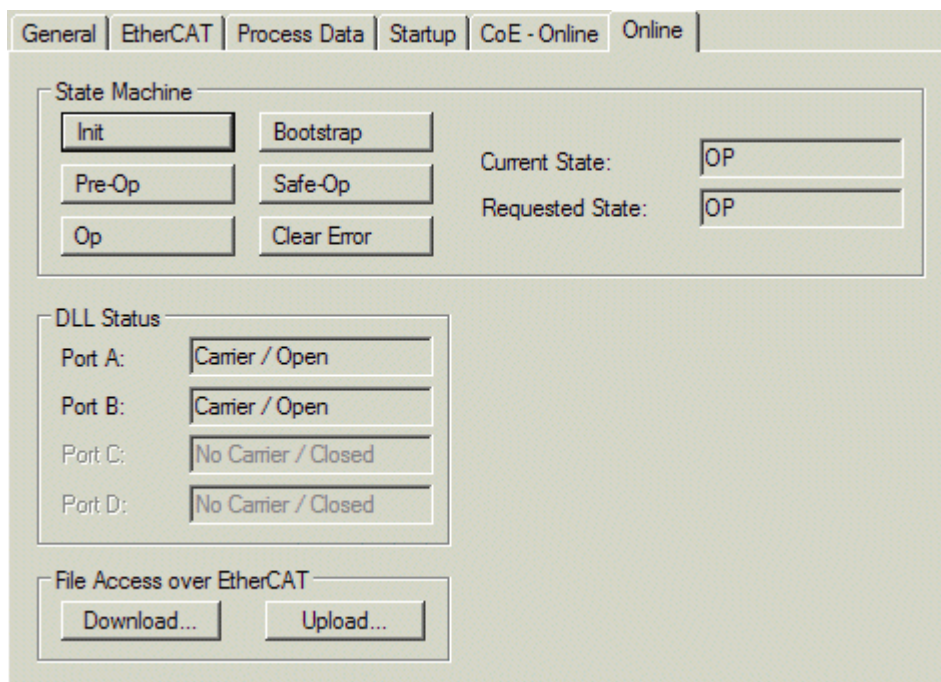


Fig. 143: "Online" tab

State Machine

Init	This button attempts to set the EtherCAT device to the <i>Init</i> state.
Pre-Op	This button attempts to set the EtherCAT device to the <i>pre-operational</i> state.
Op	This button attempts to set the EtherCAT device to the <i>operational</i> state.
Bootstrap	This button attempts to set the EtherCAT device to the <i>Bootstrap</i> state.
Safe-Op	This button attempts to set the EtherCAT device to the <i>safe-operational</i> state.
Clear Error	This button attempts to delete the fault display. If an EtherCAT slave fails during change of state it sets an error flag. Example: An EtherCAT slave is in PREOP state (pre-operational). The master now requests the SAFEOP state (safe-operational). If the slave fails during change of state it sets the error flag. The current state is now displayed as ERR PREOP. When the <i>Clear Error</i> button is pressed the error flag is cleared, and the current state is displayed as PREOP again.
Current State	Indicates the current state of the EtherCAT device.
Requested State	Indicates the state requested for the EtherCAT device.

DLL Status

Indicates the DLL status (data link layer status) of the individual ports of the EtherCAT slave. The DLL status can have four different states:

Status	Description
No Carrier / Open	No carrier signal is available at the port, but the port is open.
No Carrier / Closed	No carrier signal is available at the port, and the port is closed.
Carrier / Open	A carrier signal is available at the port, and the port is open.
Carrier / Closed	A carrier signal is available at the port, but the port is closed.

File Access over EtherCAT

Download	With this button a file can be written to the EtherCAT device.
Upload	With this button a file can be read from the EtherCAT device.

"DC" tab (Distributed Clocks)

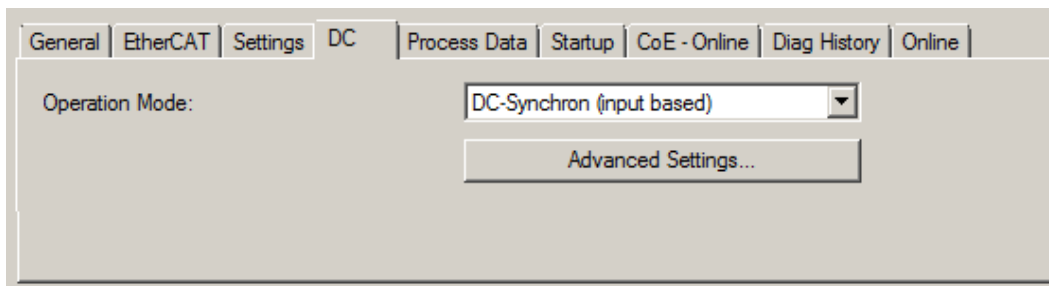


Fig. 144: "DC" tab (Distributed Clocks)

Operation Mode	Options (optional): • FreeRun • SM-Synchron • DC-Synchron (Input based) • DC-Synchron
Advanced Settings...	Advanced settings for readjustment of the real time determinant TwinCAT-clock

Detailed information to Distributed Clocks is specified on <http://infosys.beckhoff.com>:

Fieldbus Components → EtherCAT Terminals → EtherCAT System documentation → EtherCAT basics → Distributed Clocks

5.2.7.1 Detailed description of Process Data tab

Sync Manager

Lists the configuration of the Sync Manager (SM).

If the EtherCAT device has a mailbox, SM0 is used for the mailbox output (MbxOut) and SM1 for the mailbox input (MbxIn).

SM2 is used for the output process data (outputs) and SM3 (inputs) for the input process data.

If an input is selected, the corresponding PDO assignment is displayed in the *PDO Assignment* list below.

PDO Assignment

PDO assignment of the selected Sync Manager. All PDOs defined for this Sync Manager type are listed here:

- If the output Sync Manager (outputs) is selected in the Sync Manager list, all RxPDOs are displayed.
- If the input Sync Manager (inputs) is selected in the Sync Manager list, all TxPDOs are displayed.

The selected entries are the PDOs involved in the process data transfer. In the tree diagram of the System Manager these PDOs are displayed as variables of the EtherCAT device. The name of the variable is identical to the *Name* parameter of the PDO, as displayed in the PDO list. If an entry in the PDO assignment list is deactivated (not selected and greyed out), this indicates that the input is excluded from the PDO assignment. In order to be able to select a greyed out PDO, the currently selected PDO has to be deselected first.



Activation of PDO assignment

- ✓ If you have changed the PDO assignment, in order to activate the new PDO assignment,
 - a) the EtherCAT slave has to run through the PS status transition cycle (from pre-operational to safe-operational) once (see [Online tab \[▶ 124\]](#)),
 - b) and the System Manager has to reload the EtherCAT slaves



(button for TwinCAT 2 or



button for TwinCAT 3)

PDO list

List of all PDOs supported by this EtherCAT device. The content of the selected PDOs is displayed in the *PDO Content* list. The PDO configuration can be modified by double-clicking on an entry.

Column	Description	
Index	PDO index.	
Size	Size of the PDO in bytes.	
Name	Name of the PDO. If this PDO is assigned to a Sync Manager, it appears as a variable of the slave with this parameter as the name.	
Flags	F	Fixed content: The content of this PDO is fixed and cannot be changed by the System Manager.
	M	Mandatory PDO. This PDO is mandatory and must therefore be assigned to a Sync Manager! Consequently, this PDO cannot be deleted from the <i>PDO Assignment</i> list
SM	Sync Manager to which this PDO is assigned. If this entry is empty, this PDO does not take part in the process data traffic.	
SU	Sync unit to which this PDO is assigned.	

PDO Content

Indicates the content of the PDO. If flag F (fixed content) of the PDO is not set the content can be modified.

Download

If the device is intelligent and has a mailbox, the configuration of the PDO and the PDO assignments can be downloaded to the device. This is an optional feature that is not supported by all EtherCAT slaves.

PDO Assignment

If this check box is selected, the PDO assignment that is configured in the PDO Assignment list is downloaded to the device on startup. The required commands to be sent to the device can be viewed in the [Startup \[► 121\]](#) tab.

PDO Configuration

If this check box is selected, the configuration of the respective PDOs (as shown in the PDO list and the PDO Content display) is downloaded to the EtherCAT slave.

5.2.8 Import/Export of EtherCAT devices with SCI and XTI

SCI and XTI Export/Import – Handling of user-defined modified EtherCAT slaves

5.2.8.1 Basic principles

An EtherCAT slave is basically parameterized through the following elements:

- Cyclic process data (PDO)
- Synchronization (Distributed Clocks, FreeRun, SM-Synchron)
- CoE parameters (acyclic object dictionary)

Note: Not all three elements may be present, depending on the slave.

For a better understanding of the export/import function, let's consider the usual procedure for IO configuration:

- The user/programmer processes the IO configuration in the TwinCAT system environment. This involves all input/output devices such as drives that are connected to the fieldbuses used.
Note: In the following sections, only EtherCAT configurations in the TwinCAT system environment are considered.
- For example, the user manually adds devices to a configuration or performs a scan on the online system.
- This results in the IO system configuration.
- On insertion, the slave appears in the system configuration in the default configuration provided by the vendor, consisting of default PDO, default synchronization method and CoE StartUp parameter as defined in the ESI (XML device description).
- If necessary, elements of the slave configuration can be changed, e.g. the PDO configuration or the synchronization method, based on the respective device documentation.

It may become necessary to reuse the modified slave in other projects in this way, without having to make equivalent configuration changes to the slave again. To accomplish this, proceed as follows:

- Export the slave configuration from the project,
- Store and transport as a file,
- Import into another EtherCAT project.

TwinCAT offers two methods for this purpose:

- within the TwinCAT environment: Export/Import as **xti** file or
- outside, i.e. beyond the TwinCAT limits: Export/Import as **sci** file.

An example is provided below for illustration purposes: an EL3702 terminal with standard setting is switched to 2-fold oversampling (blue) and the optional PDO "StartTimeNextLatch" is added (red):

Solution Explorer

- Solution 'TwinCAT Project34' (1 project)
 - TwinCAT Project34
 - SYSTEM
 - MOTION
 - PLC
 - SAFETY
 - C++
 - ANALYTICS
 - I/O
 - Devices
 - Device 1 (EtherCAT)
 - Image
 - Image-Info
 - SyncUnits
 - Inputs
 - Outputs
 - InfoData
 - Term 1 (EK1100)
 - InfoData
 - Term 2 (EL3702)**
 - Ch1 CycleCount
 - Ch1 Sample 0
 - Ch1 Sample 1
 - Ch2 CycleCount
 - Ch2 Sample 0
 - Ch2 Sample 1
 - NextSync1Time
 - WcState
 - InfoData

TwinCAT Project34

General EtherCAT DC/Oversampling **Process Data** Online

Sync Manager:

SM	Size	Type	Flags
0	6	Inputs	
1	6	Inputs	
2	4	Inputs	

PDO List:

Index	Size	Name
0x1B00	2.0	Ch1 CycleCount
0x1A00	2.0	Ch1 Sample 0
0x1A01	2.0	Ch1 Sample 1
0x1A02	2.0	Ch1 Sample 2
0x1A03	2.0	Ch1 Sample 3
0x1A04	2.0	Ch1 Sample 4
0x1A05	2.0	Ch1 Sample 5

PDO Assignment (0x1C12):

Index	Size	Type	Flags
0x1AE0	2.0	Inputs	
0x1AE1	2.0	Inputs	
0x1AE2	2.0	Inputs	
0x1AE3	2.0	Inputs	
0x1B10	2.0	Inputs	

PDO Content (0x1B00):

Index	Size	Offs	Name
0x6800:01	2.0	0.0	Ch1 CycleCount
	2.0		

Download

☐ PDO Assignment

☐ PDO Configuration

Predefined PDO Assignment: (none)

Load PDO info from device

Sync Unit Assignment...

Process Data

Name	Online	Type	Size	>Addr...
Ch1 CycleCount		UINT	2.0	58.0
Ch1 Value		INT	2.0	60.0
Ch1 Value		INT	2.0	62.0
Ch2 CycleCount		UINT	2.0	64.0
Ch2 Value		INT	2.0	66.0
Ch2 Value		INT	2.0	68.0
StartTimeNextLa...		UDINT	4.0	70.0
WcState		BIT	0.1	1522.2

The two methods for exporting and importing the modified terminal referred to above are demonstrated below.

5.2.8.2 Procedure within TwinCAT with xti files

Each IO device can be exported/saved individually:

Term 1 (EK1100)

- InfoData
- Term 2 (EL3702)**
 - Term 3 (EL1008)
- Mappings

Context Menu:

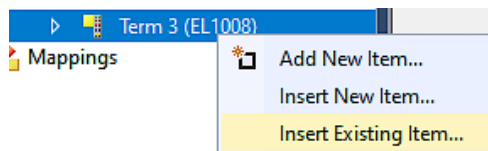
- Add New Item...
- Insert New Item...
- Insert Existing Item...
- Remove
- Save Term 2 (EL3702) As...

The xti file can be stored:

Term 2 (EL3702).xti

TwinCAT Export File (*.xti)

and imported again in another TwinCAT system via "Insert Existing item":



5.2.8.3 Procedure within and outside TwinCAT with sci file

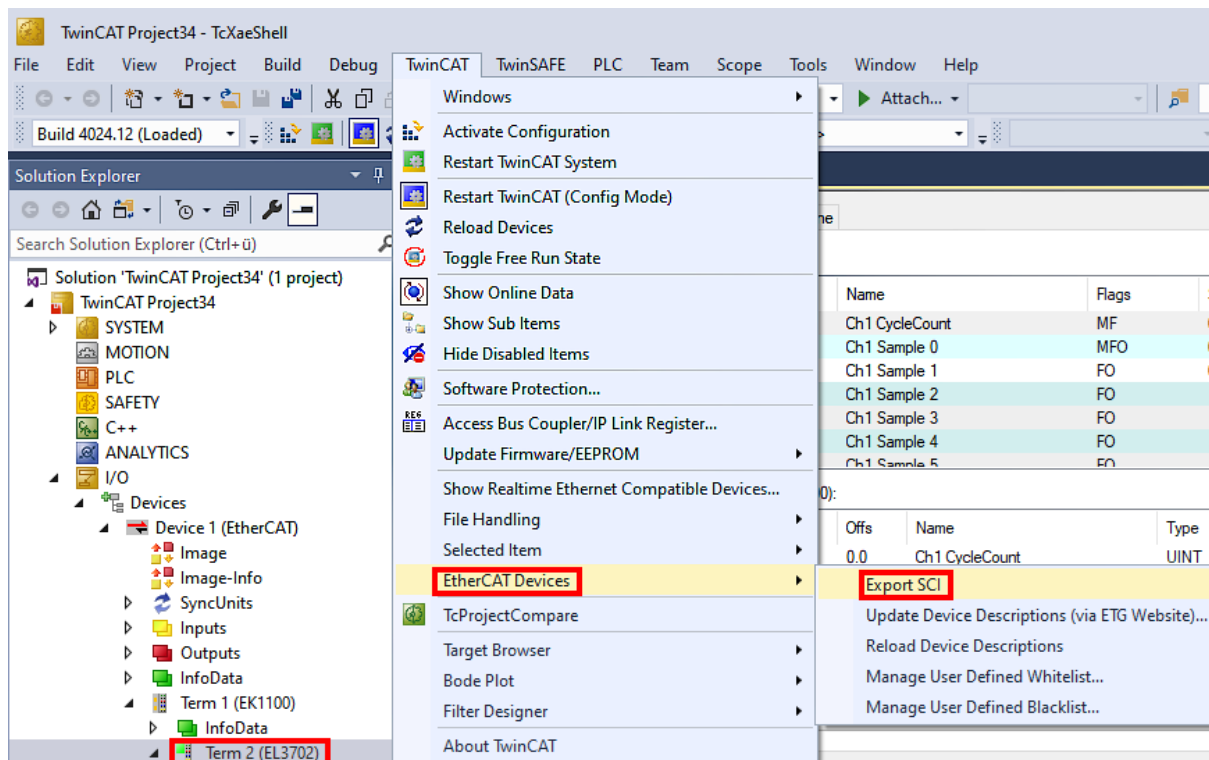
Note regarding availability (2021/01)

The SCI method is available from TwinCAT 3.1 build 4024.14.

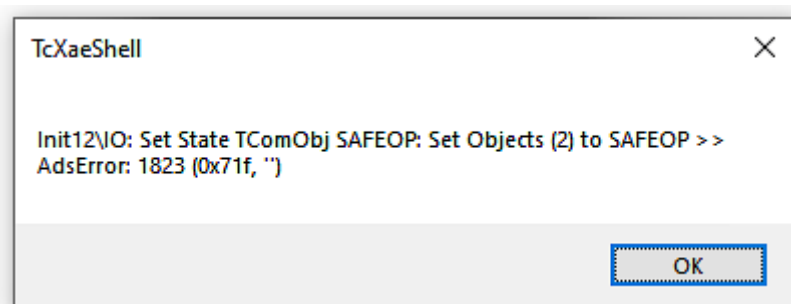
The Slave Configuration Information (SCI) describes a specific complete configuration for an EtherCAT slave (terminal, box, drive...) based on the setting options of the device description file (ESI, EtherCAT Slave Information). That is, it includes PDO, CoE, synchronization.

Export:

- select a single device via the menu (multiple selection is also possible):
TwinCAT → EtherCAT Devices → Export SCI.



- If TwinCAT is offline (i.e. if there is no connection to an actual running controller) a warning message may appear, because after executing the function the system attempts to reload the EtherCAT segment. However, in this case this is not relevant for the result and can be acknowledged by clicking OK:



- A description may also be provided:

- Explanation of the dialog box:

Name	Name of the SCI, assigned by the user.	
Description	Description of the slave configuration for the use case, assigned by the user.	
Options	Keep modules	If a slave supports modules/slots, the user can decide whether these are to be exported or whether the module and device data are to be combined during export.
	AoE Set AmsNetId	The configured AmsNetId is exported. Usually this is network-dependent and cannot always be determined in advance.
	EoE Set MAC and IP	The configured virtual MAC and IP addresses are stored in the SCI. Usually these are network-dependent and cannot always be determined in advance.
	CoE Set cycle time(0x1C3x.2)	The configured cycle time is exported. Usually this is network-dependent and cannot always be determined in advance.
ESI	Reference to the original ESI file.	
Export	Save SCI file.	

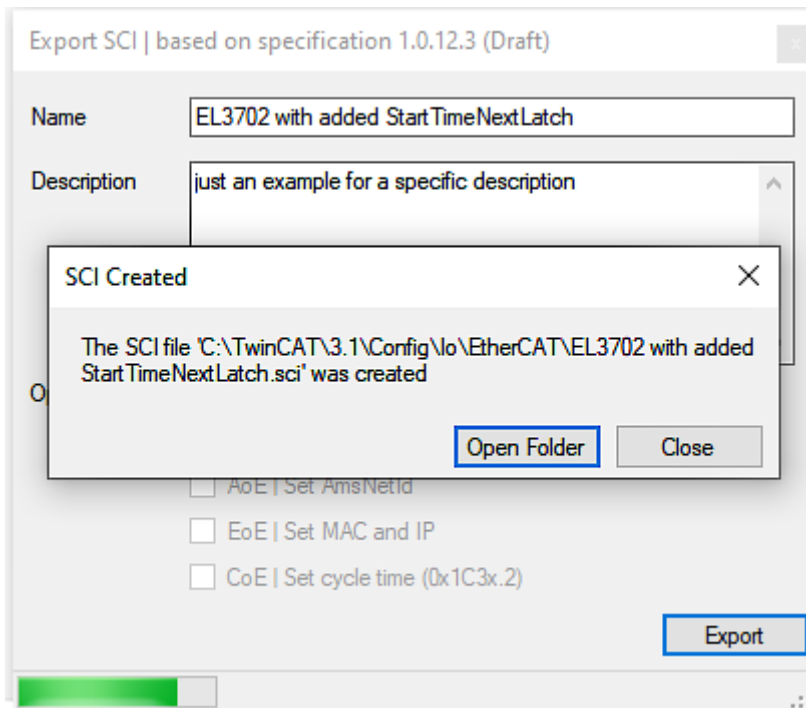
- A list view is available for multiple selections (*Export multiple SCI files*):

- Selection of the slaves to be exported:
 - All:
All slaves are selected for export.

- None:
All slaves are deselected.
- The sci file can be saved locally:

Dateiname:	EL3702 with added StartTimeNextLatch.sci
Dateityp:	SCI file (*.sci)

- The export takes place:

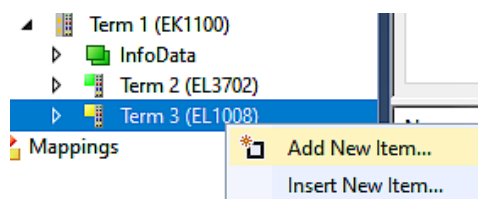


Import

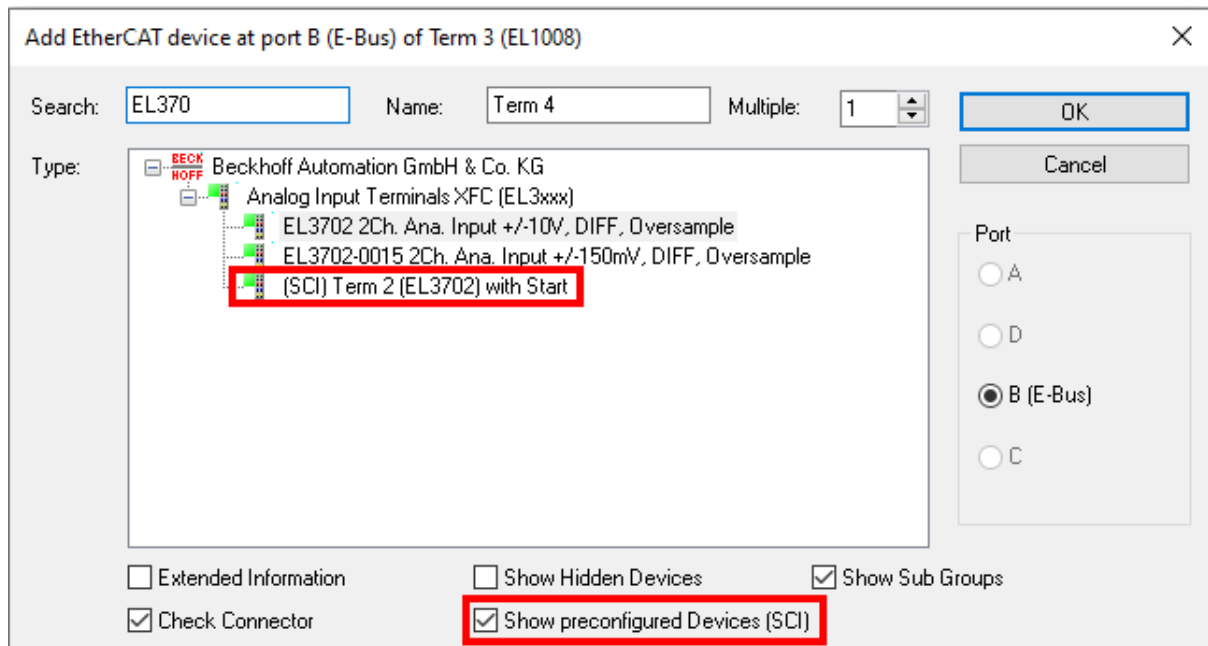
- An sci description can be inserted manually into the TwinCAT configuration like any normal Beckhoff device description.
- The sci file must be located in the TwinCAT ESI path, usually under:
C:\TwinCAT\3.1\Config\Io\EtherCAT

	EL3702 with added StartTimeNextLatch.sci	11.01.2021 13:29	SCI-Datei	6 KB
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- Open the selection dialog:

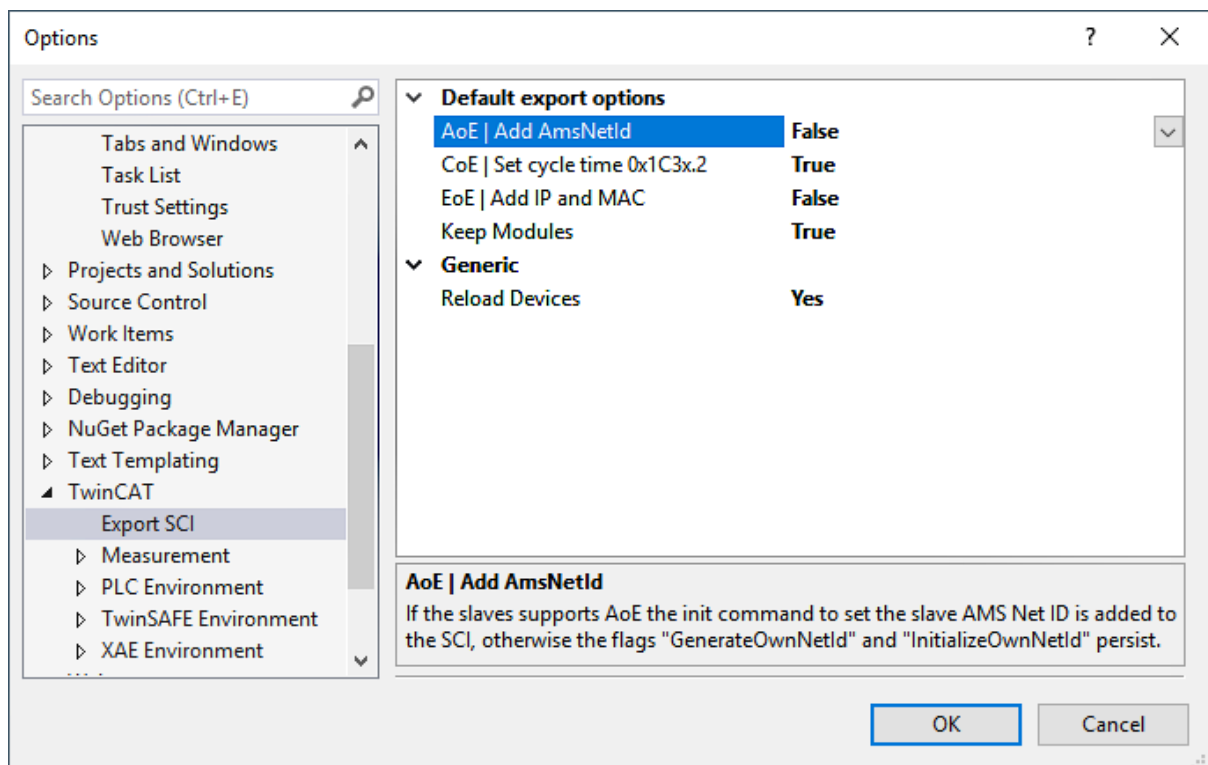


- Display SCI devices and select and insert the desired device:



Additional Notes

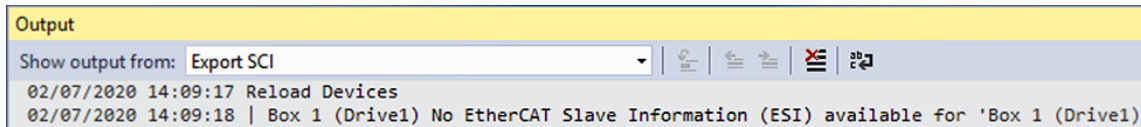
- Settings for the SCI function can be made via the general Options dialog (Tools → Options → TwinCAT → Export SCI):



Explanation of the settings:

Default export options	AoE Set AmsNetId	Default setting whether the configured AmsNetId is exported.
	CoE Set cycle time(0x1C3x.2)	Default setting whether the configured cycle time is exported.
	EoE Set MAC and IP	Default setting whether the configured MAC and IP addresses are exported.
	Keep modules	Default setting whether the modules persist.
Generic	Reload Devices	Setting whether the Reload Devices command is executed before the SCI export. This is strongly recommended to ensure a consistent slave configuration.

SCI error messages are displayed in the TwinCAT logger output window if required:



5.3 General Notes - EtherCAT Slave Application

This summary briefly deals with a number of aspects of EtherCAT Slave operation under TwinCAT. More detailed information on this may be found in the corresponding sections of, for instance, the [EtherCAT System Documentation](#).

Diagnosis in real time: WorkingCounter, EtherCAT State and Status

Generally speaking an EtherCAT Slave provides a variety of diagnostic information that can be used by the controlling task.

This diagnostic information relates to differing levels of communication. It therefore has a variety of sources, and is also updated at various times.

Any application that relies on I/O data from a fieldbus being correct and up to date must make diagnostic access to the corresponding underlying layers. EtherCAT and the TwinCAT System Manager offer comprehensive diagnostic elements of this kind. Those diagnostic elements that are helpful to the controlling task for diagnosis that is accurate for the current cycle when in operation (not during commissioning) are discussed below.

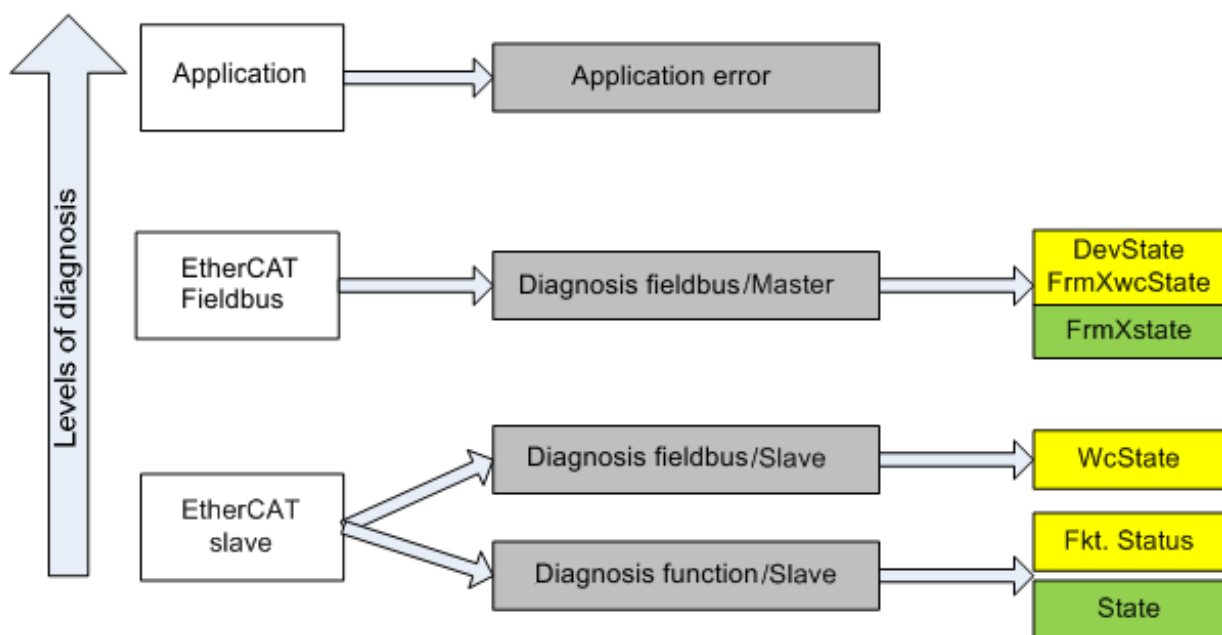


Fig. 145: Selection of the diagnostic information of an EtherCAT Slave

In general, an EtherCAT Slave offers

- communication diagnosis typical for a slave (diagnosis of successful participation in the exchange of process data, and correct operating mode)
This diagnosis is the same for all slaves.

as well as

- function diagnosis typical for a channel (device-dependent)
See the corresponding device documentation

The colors in Fig. *Selection of the diagnostic information of an EtherCAT Slave* also correspond to the variable colors in the System Manager, see Fig. *Basic EtherCAT Slave Diagnosis in the PLC*.

Colour	Meaning
yellow	Input variables from the Slave to the EtherCAT Master, updated in every cycle
red	Output variables from the Slave to the EtherCAT Master, updated in every cycle
green	Information variables for the EtherCAT Master that are updated acyclically. This means that it is possible that in any particular cycle they do not represent the latest possible status. It is therefore useful to read such variables through ADS.

Fig. Basic EtherCAT Slave Diagnosis in the PLC shows an example of an implementation of basic EtherCAT Slave Diagnosis. A Beckhoff EL3102 (2-channel analogue input terminal) is used here, as it offers both the communication diagnosis typical of a slave and the functional diagnosis that is specific to a channel. Structures are created as input variables in the PLC, each corresponding to the process image.

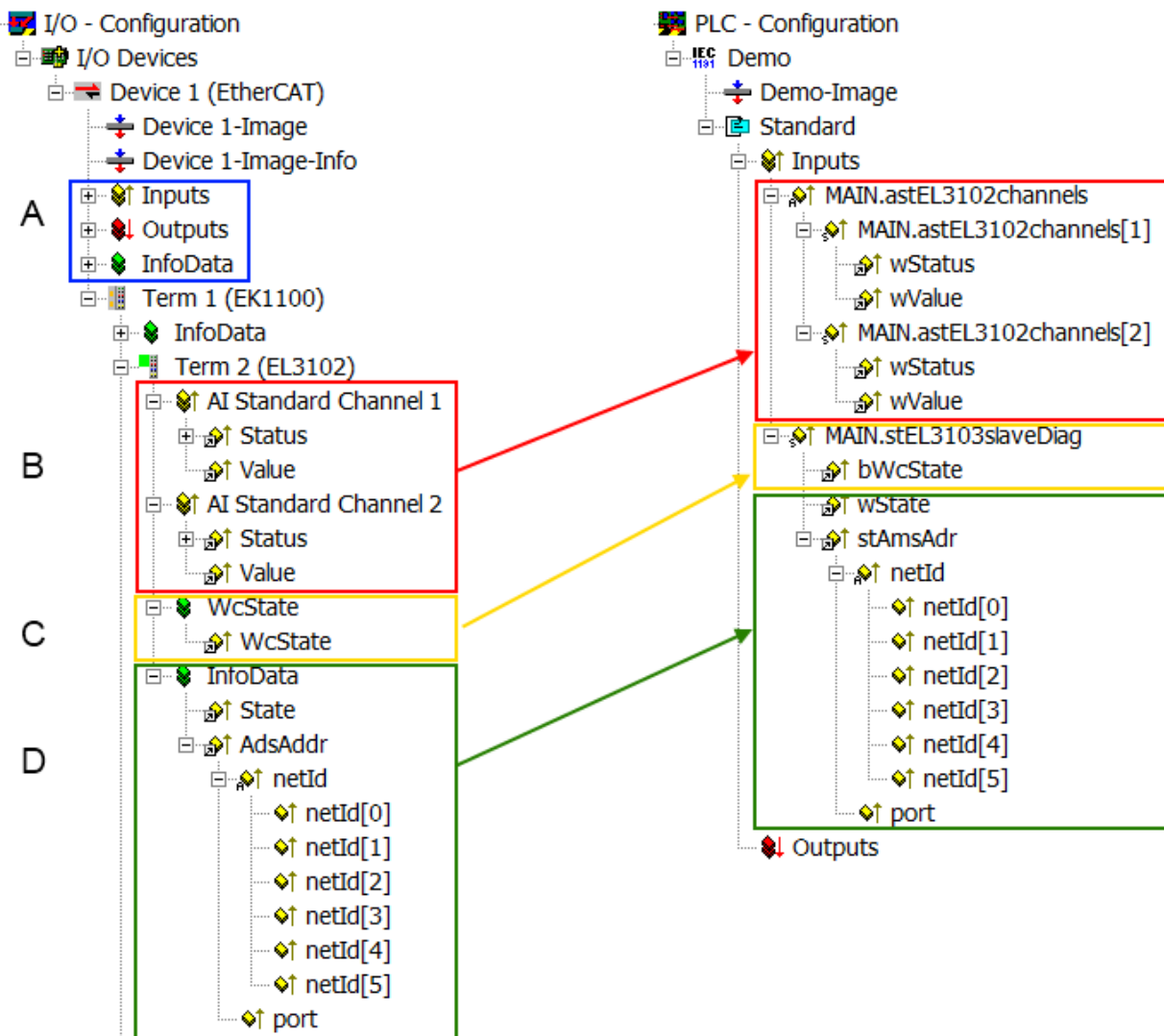


Fig. 146: Basic EtherCAT Slave Diagnosis in the PLC

The following aspects are covered here:

Code	Function	Implementation	Application/evaluation
A	The EtherCAT Master's diagnostic information updated acyclically (yellow) or provided acyclically (green).		At least the DevState is to be evaluated for the most recent cycle in the PLC. The EtherCAT Master's diagnostic information offers many more possibilities than are treated in the EtherCAT System Documentation. A few keywords: • CoE in the Master for communication with/through the Slaves • Functions from <i>TcEtherCAT.lib</i> • Perform an OnlineScan
B	In the example chosen (EL3102) the EL3102 comprises two analogue input channels that transmit a single function status for the most recent cycle.	Status • the bit significations may be found in the device documentation • other devices may supply more information, or none that is typical of a slave	In order for the higher-level PLC task (or corresponding control applications) to be able to rely on correct data, the function status must be evaluated there. Such information is therefore provided with the process data for the most recent cycle.
C	For every EtherCAT Slave that has cyclic process data, the Master displays, using what is known as a WorkingCounter, whether the slave is participating successfully and without error in the cyclic exchange of process data. This important, elementary information is therefore provided for the most recent cycle in the System Manager 1. at the EtherCAT Slave, and, with identical contents 2. as a collective variable at the EtherCAT Master (see Point A) for linking.	WcState (Working Counter) 0: valid real-time communication in the last cycle 1: invalid real-time communication This may possibly have effects on the process data of other Slaves that are located in the same SyncUnit	In order for the higher-level PLC task (or corresponding control applications) to be able to rely on correct data, the communication status of the EtherCAT Slave must be evaluated there. Such information is therefore provided with the process data for the most recent cycle.
D	Diagnostic information of the EtherCAT Master which, while it is represented at the slave for linking, is actually determined by the Master for the Slave concerned and represented there. This information cannot be characterized as real-time, because it • is only rarely/never changed, except when the system starts up • is itself determined acyclically (e.g. EtherCAT Status)	State current Status (INIT..OP) of the Slave. The Slave must be in OP (=8) when operating normally. <i>AdsAddr</i> The ADS address is useful for communicating from the PLC/task via ADS with the EtherCAT Slave, e.g. for reading/writing to the CoE. The AMS-NetID of a slave corresponds to the AMS-NetID of the EtherCAT Master; communication with the individual Slave is possible via the <i>port</i> (= EtherCAT address).	Information variables for the EtherCAT Master that are updated acyclically. This means that it is possible that in any particular cycle they do not represent the latest possible status. It is therefore possible to read such variables through ADS.

NOTE

Diagnostic information

It is strongly recommended that the diagnostic information made available is evaluated so that the application can react accordingly.

CoE Parameter Directory

The CoE parameter directory (CanOpen-over-EtherCAT) is used to manage the set values for the slave concerned. Changes may, in some circumstances, have to be made here when commissioning a relatively complex EtherCAT Slave. It can be accessed through the TwinCAT System Manager, see Fig. *EL3102, CoE directory*.

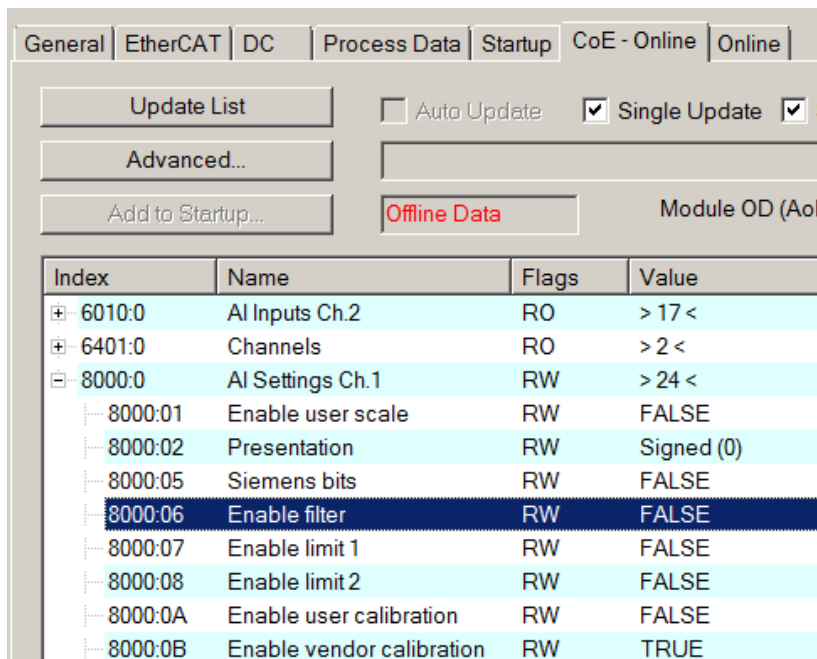


Fig. 147: EL3102, CoE directory



EtherCAT System Documentation

The comprehensive description in the [EtherCAT System Documentation](#) (EtherCAT Basics --> CoE Interface) must be observed!

A few brief extracts:

- Whether changes in the online directory are saved locally in the slave depends on the device. EL terminals (except the EL66xx) are able to save in this way.
- The user must manage the changes to the StartUp list.

Commissioning aid in the TwinCAT System Manager

Commissioning interfaces are being introduced as part of an ongoing process for EL/EP EtherCAT devices. These are available in TwinCAT System Managers from TwinCAT 2.11R2 and above. They are integrated into the System Manager through appropriately extended ESI configuration files.

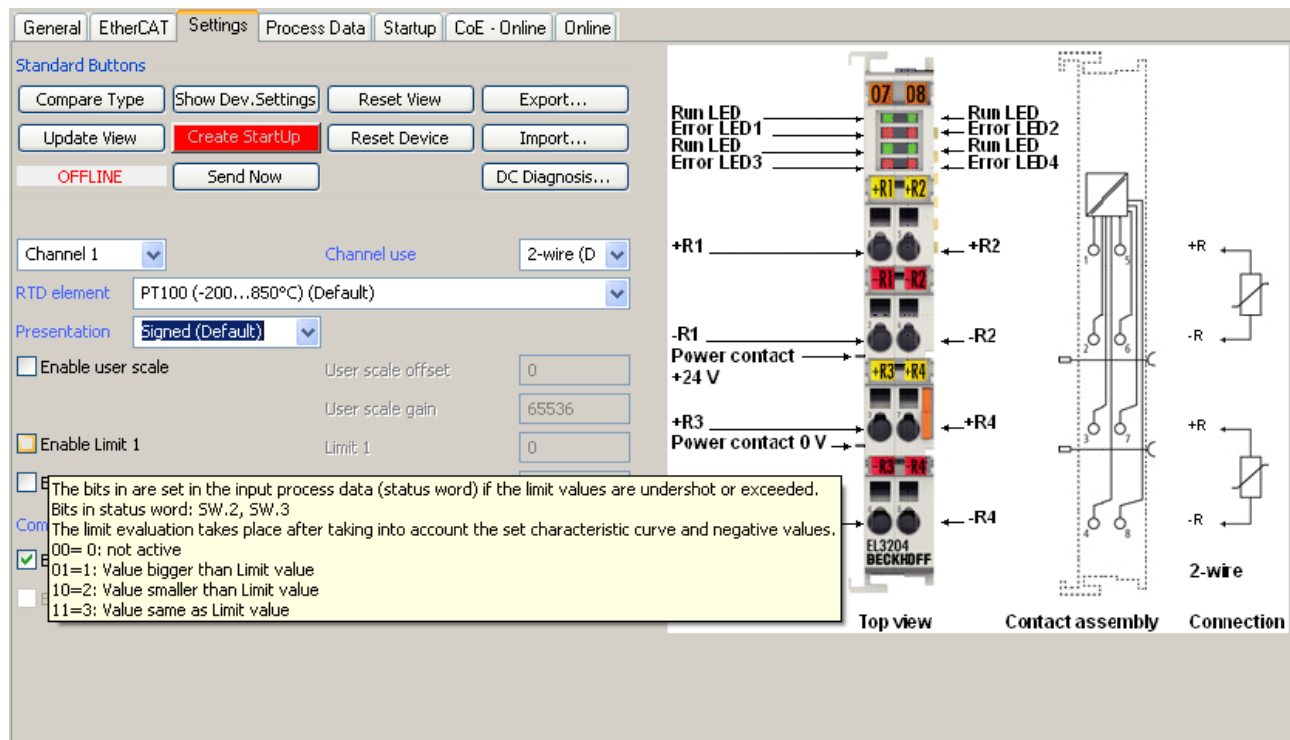


Fig. 148: Example of commissioning aid for a EL3204

This commissioning process simultaneously manages

- CoE Parameter Directory
- DC/FreeRun mode
- the available process data records (PDO)

Although the “Process Data”, “DC”, “Startup” and “CoE-Online” that used to be necessary for this are still displayed, it is recommended that, if the commissioning aid is used, the automatically generated settings are not changed by it.

The commissioning tool does not cover every possible application of an EL/EP device. If the available setting options are not adequate, the user can make the DC, PDO and CoE settings manually, as in the past.

EtherCAT State: automatic default behaviour of the TwinCAT System Manager and manual operation

After the operating power is switched on, an EtherCAT Slave must go through the following statuses

- INIT
- PREOP
- SAFEOP
- OP

to ensure sound operation. The EtherCAT Master directs these statuses in accordance with the initialization routines that are defined for commissioning the device by the ES/XML and user settings (Distributed Clocks (DC), PDO, CoE). See also the section on “Principles of [Communication, EtherCAT State Machine \[► 44\]](#)” in this connection. Depending how much configuration has to be done, and on the overall communication, booting can take up to a few seconds.

The EtherCAT Master itself must go through these routines when starting, until it has reached at least the OP target state.

The target state wanted by the user, and which is brought about automatically at start-up by TwinCAT, can be set in the System Manager. As soon as TwinCAT reaches the status RUN, the TwinCAT EtherCAT Master will approach the target states.

Standard setting

The advanced settings of the EtherCAT Master are set as standard:

- EtherCAT Master: OP
- Slaves: OP

This setting applies equally to all Slaves.

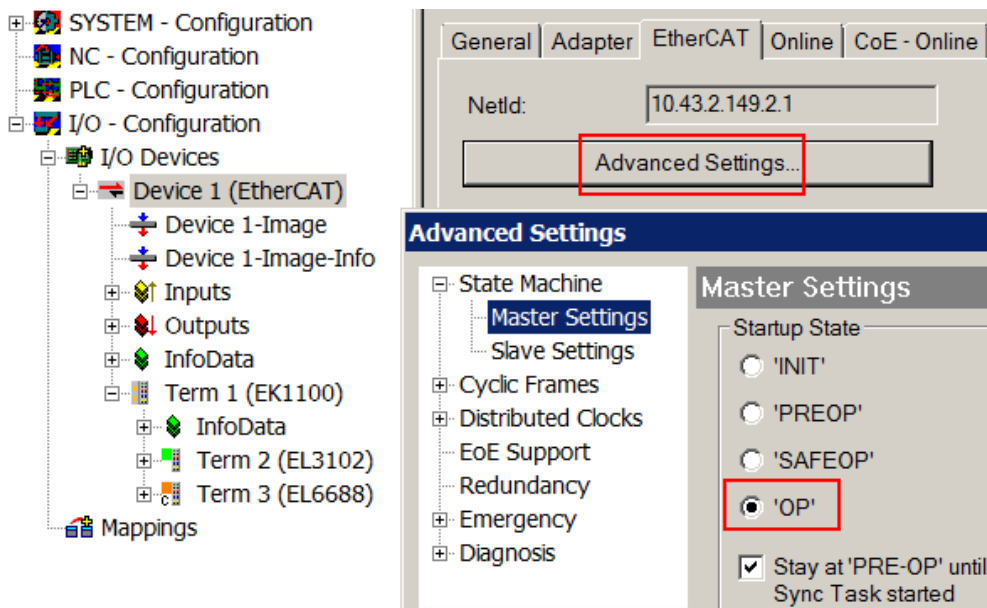


Fig. 149: Default behaviour of the System Manager

In addition, the target state of any particular Slave can be set in the “Advanced Settings” dialogue; the standard setting is again OP.

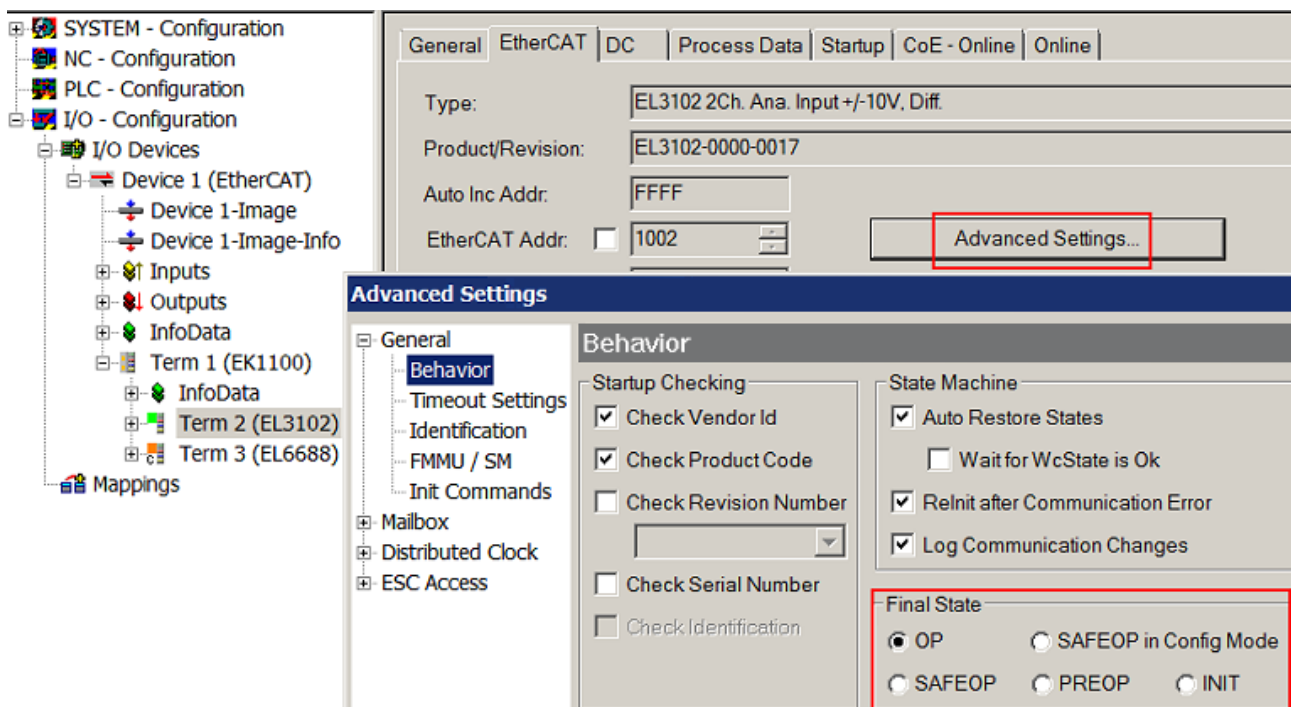


Fig. 150: Default target state in the Slave

Manual Control

There are particular reasons why it may be appropriate to control the states from the application/task/PLC. For instance:

- for diagnostic reasons
- to induce a controlled restart of axes
- because a change in the times involved in starting is desirable

In that case it is appropriate in the PLC application to use the PLC function blocks from the *TcEtherCAT.lib*, which is available as standard, and to work through the states in a controlled manner using, for instance, *FB_EcSetMasterState*.

It is then useful to put the settings in the EtherCAT Master to INIT for master and slave.

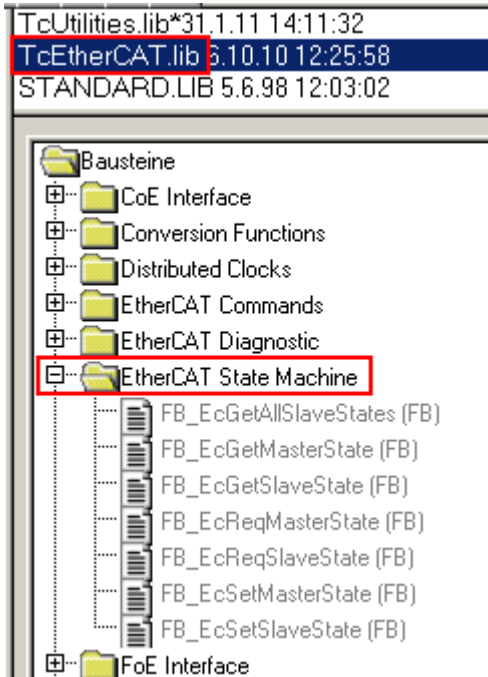


Fig. 151: PLC function blocks

Note regarding E-Bus current

EL/ES terminals are placed on the DIN rail at a coupler on the terminal strand. A Bus Coupler can supply the EL terminals added to it with the E-bus system voltage of 5 V; a coupler is thereby loadable up to 2 A as a rule. Information on how much current each EL terminal requires from the E-bus supply is available online and in the catalogue. If the added terminals require more current than the coupler can supply, then power feed terminals (e.g. EL9410) must be inserted at appropriate places in the terminal strand.

The pre-calculated theoretical maximum E-Bus current is displayed in the TwinCAT System Manager as a column value. A shortfall is marked by a negative total amount and an exclamation mark; a power feed terminal is to be placed before such a position.

General Adapter EtherCAT Online CoE - Online						
NetId:		10.43.2.149.2.1		Advanced Settings...		
Number	Box Name	Address	Type	In Size	Out S...	E-Bus (..
1	Term 1 (EK1100)	1001	EK1100			
2	Term 2 (EL3102)	1002	EL3102	8.0		1830
3	Term 4 (EL2004)	1003	EL2004		0.4	1730
4	Term 5 (EL2004)	1004	EL2004		0.4	1630
5	Term 6 (EL7031)	1005	EL7031	8.0	8.0	1510
6	Term 7 (EL2808)	1006	EL2808		1.0	1400
7	Term 8 (EL3602)	1007	EL3602	12.0		1210
8	Term 9 (EL3602)	1008	EL3602	12.0		1020
9	Term 10 (EL3602)	1009	EL3602	12.0		830
10	Term 11 (EL3602)	1010	EL3602	12.0		640
11	Term 12 (EL3602)	1011	EL3602	12.0		450
12	Term 13 (EL3602)	1012	EL3602	12.0		260
13	Term 14 (EL3602)	1013	EL3602	12.0		70
14	Term 3 (EL6688)	1014	EL6688	22.0		-240 !

Fig. 152: Illegally exceeding the E-Bus current

From TwinCAT 2.11 and above, a warning message “E-Bus Power of Terminal...” is output in the logger window when such a configuration is activated:

Message
E-Bus Power of Terminal 'Term 3 (EL6688)' may to low (-240 mA) - please check!

Fig. 153: Warning message for exceeding E-Bus current

NOTE
Caution! Malfunction possible! The same ground potential must be used for the E-Bus supply of all EtherCAT terminals in a terminal block!

5.4 Short guide to commissioning

If an EL40xx is built into the TwinCAT configuration, the possible output channels appear depending on the terminal, e.g. in this case the EL4038:

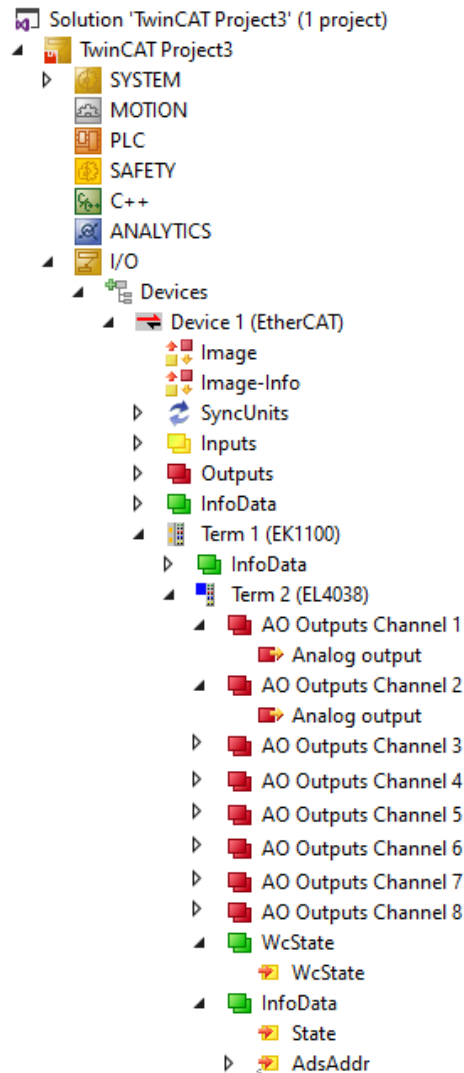


Fig. 154: Process data of the EL4038

In the case of the EL4038, 8 sets of real-time process data exist (red), one for each output channel.

The channel variables "Analog output" are of the type INT, i.e. 16-bit with sign, including in the case of the unipolar output terminals 0...10 V, 0/4...20 mA.

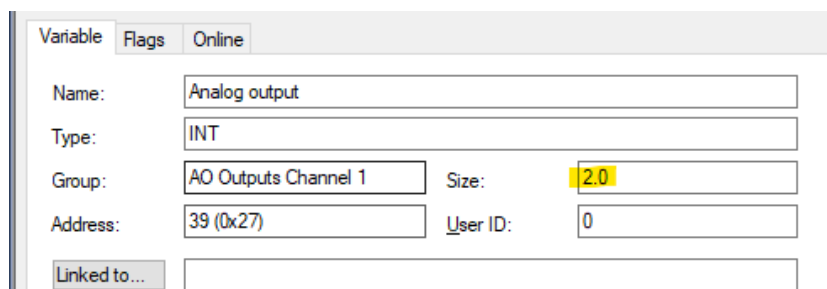


Fig. 155: Display of the variable size, taking "AO Outputs Channel 1" as an example

The channel variables must be linked with the corresponding variables on the program side for operation. Linked variables are marked by an arrow (see figure below).

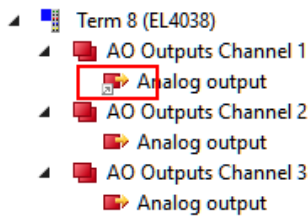


Fig. 156: Display of the linked variables in the TwinCAT tree

Once this has taken place and the TwinCAT configuration is activated, the EL40xx already electrically outputs the corresponding analog values.

The output is then cyclically written from the controller, here for example with a voltage ramp for testing:

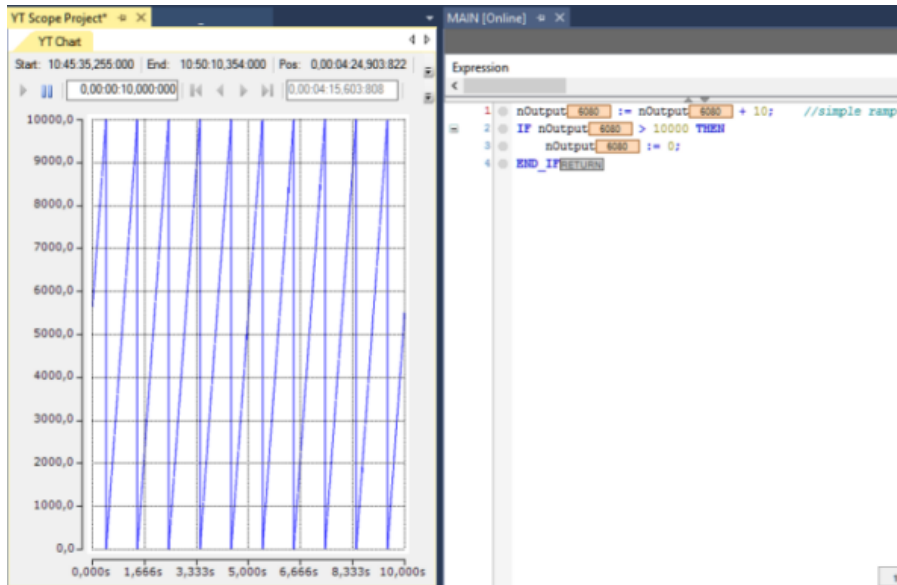


Fig. 157: Output of the analog values, taking a voltage ramp as an example

The basic commissioning is thus completed.

5.5 Overview of process data (PDO)

The EL40xx terminals have a static process image that cannot be changed. Depending on the terminal, "Analog output" channels 1...8 are offered for linking.

General
EtherCAT
DC
Process Data
Plc
Startup
CoE - Online
Online

Sync Manager:

SM	Size	Type	Flags
0	128	MbxOut	
1	128	MbxIn	
2	16	Outputs	
3	0	Inputs	

PDO List:

Index	Size	Name	Flags	SM	SU
0x1600	2.0	AO Outputs Channel 1	MF	2	0
0x1601	2.0	AO Outputs Channel 2	MF	2	0
0x1602	2.0	AO Outputs Channel 3	MF	2	0
0x1603	2.0	AO Outputs Channel 4	MF	2	0
0x1604	2.0	AO Outputs Channel 5	MF	2	0
0x1605	2.0	AO Outputs Channel 6	MF	2	0
0x1606	2.0	AO Outputs Channel 7	MF	2	0
0x1607	2.0	AO Outputs Channel 8	MF	2	0

PDO Assignment (0x1C12):

☒ 0x1600
☒ 0x1601
☒ 0x1602
☒ 0x1603
☒ 0x1604
☒ 0x1605
☒ 0x1606
☒ 0x1607

Download
☐ PDO Assignment
☐ PDO Configuration

PDO Content (0x1600):

Index	Size	Offs	Name	Type	Default (hex)
0x7000:11	2.0	0.0	Analog output	INT	
		2.0			

Predefined PDO Assignment: (none)
Load PDO info from device
Sync Unit Assignment...

Name	Online	Type	Size	>Addr...	In/Out	User ID	Linked to
WcState		BIT	0.1	1522.1	Input	0	
State		UINT	2.0	1550.0	Input	0	
AdsAddr		AMSADDR	8.0	1552.0	Input	0	
netId		AMSNETID	6.0	1552.0	Input	0	
port		WORD	2.0	1558.0	Input	0	
Analog output		INT	2.0	39.0	Output	0	
Analog output		INT	2.0	41.0	Output	0	
Analog output		INT	2.0	43.0	Output	0	
Analog output		INT	2.0	45.0	Output	0	
Analog output		INT	2.0	47.0	Output	0	
Analog output		INT	2.0	49.0	Output	0	
Analog output		INT	2.0	51.0	Output	0	
Analog output		INT	2.0	53.0	Output	0	

Fig. 158: EL40x8 - process data

No channels can be deselected.

Description of the PDOs of the EL40xx terminals

Direction	PDO	PDO name	Real-time behavior	Data type	CoE Index	Default value	Meaning
Output (from the controller)	AO Outputs Channel n	Analog output	Real-time: cyclically transmitted PDO	INT16 (16-bit signed)	0x160n	0	Setpoint of the analog output
Input (to the controller)	WcState	WcState	Non-real-time: is not transmitted by the EtherCAT slave, but shown for this EtherCAT slave by the EtherCAT master and displays diagnostic information	BIT	-	0	Cyclic checking of the EtherCAT data exchange. Should be "0".
	InfoData	State		UINT16	-	0	State of the EtherCAT slave. Is "8" in normal operation
		AdsAddr		8-byte structure	-	variable	ADS address under which this EtherCAT slave is reachable in the TwinCAT system for acyclic communication, e.g. to the CoE

5.6 Basic Function Principles

The basic function and possible settings of the EL40xx are described below.

Superordinate notes can be found in the [system description](#).

5.6.1 Changing the slave parameters in the CoE directory

During commissioning it may be necessary to change the CoE parameters. The CoE parameters (CAN over EtherCAT) can be changed in the "CoE-Online" tab of the EtherCAT slave.

Online access:

The terminal is really addressable on the bus. The real CoE directory from the terminal is displayed. Some objects in it are writable and can be changed. Here is the image from the EL4038 from the commissioning example:

Index	Name	Flags	Value	Unit
8000:0	AO settings Ch.1	RO	> 22 <	
8000:01	Enable user scale	RW	FALSE	
8000:02	Presentation	RW	Signed presentation (0)	
8000:05	Watchdog	RW	Default watchdog value (0)	
8000:07	Enable user calibration	RW	FALSE	
8000:08	Enable vendor calibration	RW	TRUE	
8000:11	Offset	RW	0	
8000:12	Gain	RW	65536	
8000:13	Default output	RW	0	
8000:14	Default output ramp	RW	0xFFFF (65535)	
8000:15	User calibration offset	RW	0	
8000:16	User calibration gain	RW	0xFFFF (65535)	
800E:0	AO internal data Ch.1	RO	> 1 <	
800F:0	AO vendor data Ch.1	RO	> 2 <	
8010:0	AO settings Ch.2	RO	> 22 <	

Name	Online	Type	Size	>Addr...	In/Out	User ID	Linked to
WcState	0	BIT	0.1	1522.2	Input	0	
State	8	UINT	2.0	1576.0	Input	0	
AdsAddr	5.68.93.62.2.1:1007	AMSADDR	8.0	1578.0	Input	0	
netId	5.68.93.62.2.1	AMSNETID	6.0	1578.0	Input	0	
port	0x03ef	WORD	2.0	1584.0	Input	0	
Analog output	X 2260 <0.690>	INT	2.0	62.0	Output	0	MAIN.nOutput . PlcTz
Analog output	0 <0.000>	INT	2.0	64.0	Output	0	
Analog output	0 <0.000>	INT	2.0	66.0	Output	0	
Analog output	0 <0.000>	INT	2.0	68.0	Output	0	
Analog output	0 <0.000>	INT	2.0	70.0	Output	0	
Analog output	0 <0.000>	INT	2.0	72.0	Output	0	
Analog output	0 <0.000>	INT	2.0	74.0	Output	0	
Analog output	0 <0.000>	INT	2.0	76.0	Output	0	

Fig. 159: Access to the CoE parameters in the TwinCAT System Manager, Online

In particular, the objects 0x80n0 (n stands for the channel, n = 0,1,2,3 ...) are accessible for setting. The changed values are stored fail-safe in the terminal.

Offline description:

If the terminal is not really addressable on the bus, only the so-called offline description of the CoE directory is displayed. This offline description is included in the ESI description (XML) for precisely this purpose. The parameters cannot be changed, but they can be used to define startup commands, for example.

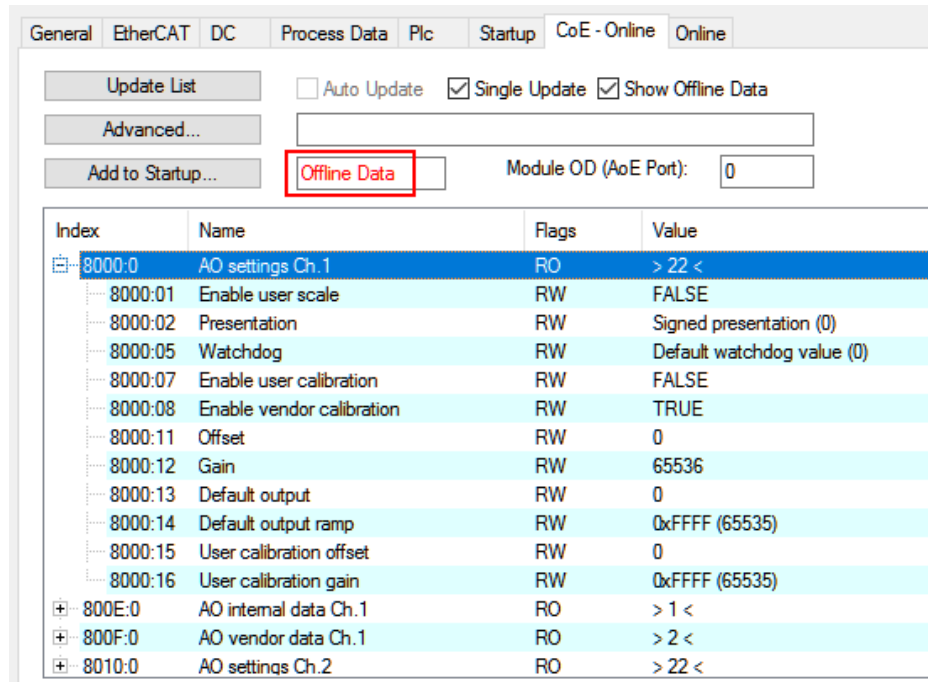


Fig. 160: Access to the CoE parameters in the TwinCAT System Manager, Offline

NOTE**Changes in the CoE directory, in the case of exchange**

So that, in the case of exchanging an EtherCAT slave, the CoE parameters are set correctly in the new slave, changes on the customer side must be entered in the start-up list.

NOTE**Changes in the CoE directory, program access**

The CoE parameters can also be read and written during operation (insofar as it makes sense) by the PLC using corresponding control commands.

Note that CoE settings are usually stored in the slave. Each change results in a save procedure. The memory in the device has a limited electrical lifespan of, for example, a few 100,000 save procedures.

If you want to change settings repeatedly over a long period of time, use the [NoCoeStorage](#) [► 47] function.

If this is not available in the respective device, it must be expected that the memory will fail in the long term.

5.6.2 Block diagram for determining the output values

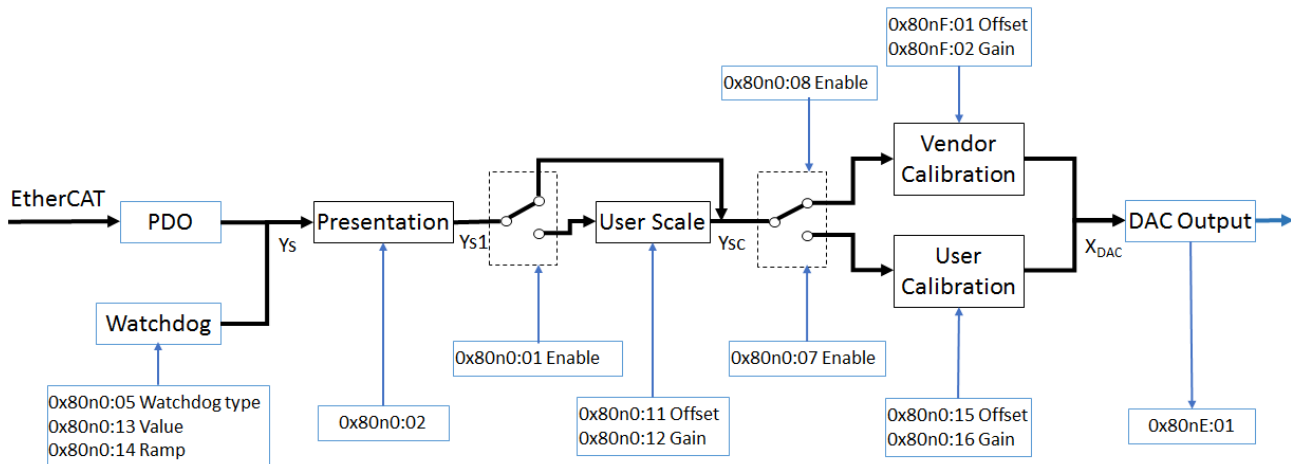


Fig. 161: Block diagram for calculating the output values

Initial default setting of the EL40xx:

Function	Default setting	Explanation
Watchdog [► 150]	0x80n0:05 = Default watchdog value (0)	The default value in index 0x80n0:13 is active
Presentation [► 147]	0x80n0:02 = Signed presentation (0)	Presentation in two's complement
User Scale [► 149]	0x80n0:01 = FALSE	The user scaling is disabled
Vendor calibration [► 149]	0x80n0:08 = TRUE	The vendor calibration is enabled
User calibration [► 149]	0x80n0:07 = FALSE	The user calibration is enabled

Further setting options for the above parameters are explained in more detail below.



No simultaneous enablement of vendor and user calibration

Only the vendor calibration (0x80n0:08 "Enable vendor calibration") **or** the user calibration (0x80n0:01 "Enable user calibration") may be enabled.

5.6.3 Calculation of the output values



Term "calibration"

The term "calibration", which is rooted in history at Beckhoff, is used here for the calibration data, even if it has nothing to do with deviation statements of a calibration certificate. In fact, this describes the vendor or customer calibration/adjustment data that the device uses during operation in order to maintain the output accuracy.

The terminal continuously accepts the setpoints from the EtherCAT process data, converts them according to the settings and passes them on to the internal DAC (digital-analog converter), which forms the electrical output signal. See the block diagram.

5.6.3.1 Presentation function

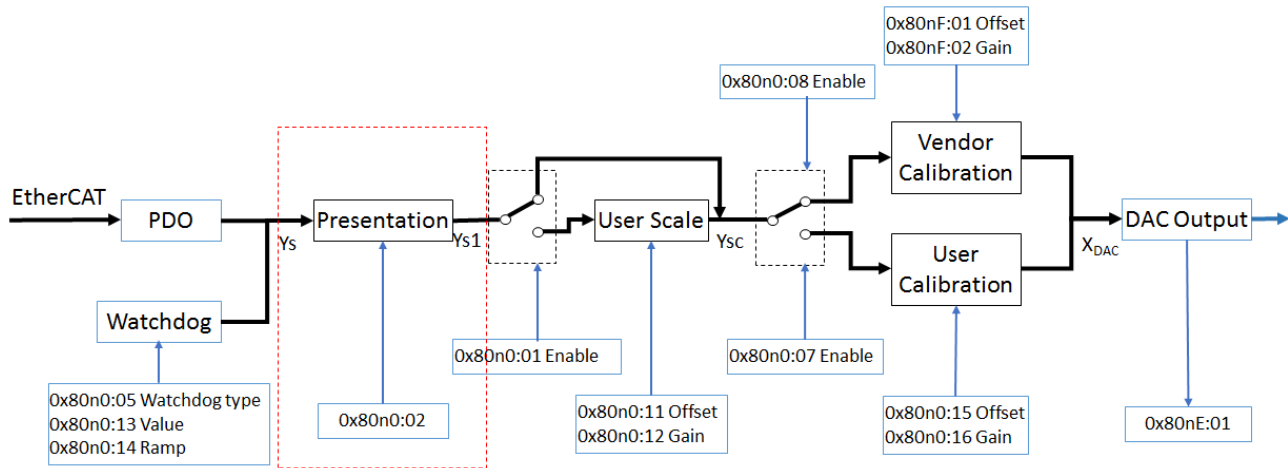


Fig. 162: Block diagram for determining the output values by default (presentation function)

The presentation function block according to index [0x80x0:02](#) [► 168] converts the PDO value into the internal SINT16 format (signed integer, 16-bit) for further calculation and DAC output, depending on the setting. Depending on the presentation selected, the following applies:

Signed presentation (default setting)

- A SINT16 with sign in the highest bit (bit15) is expected, negative numbers are displayed in two's complement.
- $Y_{s1} = Y_s$
- Full scale value (FSV) = 32767
- This means specifically for the terminals

Output signal			Value	
EL400x	EL401x	EL402x	Decimal	Hexadecimal
0 V	0 mA	4 mA	0	0x0000
5 V	10 mA	12 mA	16383	0x3FFF
10 V	20 mA	20 mA	32767	0x7FFF

Output signal		Value	
EL403x		Decimal	Hexadecimal
-10 V		-32767	0x8001
-5 V		-16383	0xC001
0 V		0	0x0000
5 V		16383	0x3FFF
10 V		32767	0x7FFF

Unsigned presentation

- A UINT16 without sign is expected, FSV= 65535,
- the SINT16 is formed for further processing: $Y_{s1} = Y_s / 2$
- Negative output values are no longer possible.

Absolute value with MSB as sign

- A SINT16 with sign in the highest bit (bit15) is expected, negative numbers are shown as absolute values (not in two's complement)
- $Y_{s1} = Y_s$
- FSV = 32767

Absolute value

- A SINT16 with sign is expected, negative numbers are displayed in two's complement
- in the case of a negative number, its magnitude is formed and thus only positive values up to $2^{15} = 32767$ are processed.

Examples of the presentations

- *Signed Integer:*
The output value is presented in two's complement format.
Maximum presentation range for 16 bit = -32768 .. +32767
 - Example:

1000 0000 0000 0000	_{bin}	=	0x8000	_{hex}	=	- 32768	_{dec}
1111 1111 1111 1110	_{bin}	=	0xFFFF	_{hex}	=	- 2	_{dec}
1111 1111 1111 1111	_{bin}	=	0xFFFF	_{hex}	=	- 1	_{dec}
0000 0000 0000 0001	_{bin}	=	0x0001	_{hex}	=	+1	_{dec}
0000 0000 0000 0010	_{bin}	=	0x0002	_{hex}	=	+2	_{dec}
0111 1111 1111 1111	_{bin}	=	0x7FFF	_{hex}	=	+32767	_{dec}
- *Unsigned Integer:*
The output value is shown with 16 bit resolution.
- *Absolute value with MSB as sign:*
The output value is displayed in signed amount representation.
Maximum presentation range for 16 bit = -32767 .. +32767
 - Example:

1111 1111 1111 1111	_{bin}	=	0xFFFF	_{hex}	=	- 32767	_{dec}
1000 0000 0000 0010	_{bin}	=	0x8002	_{hex}	=	- 2	_{dec}
1000 0000 0000 0001	_{bin}	=	0x8001	_{hex}	=	- 1	_{dec}
0000 0000 0000 0001	_{bin}	=	0x0001	_{hex}	=	+1	_{dec}
0000 0000 0000 0010	_{bin}	=	0x0002	_{hex}	=	+2	_{dec}
0111 1111 1111 1111	_{bin}	=	0x7FFF	_{hex}	=	+32767	_{dec}
- *Absolute value*
Negative output values are shown positive (absolute value)

5.6.3.2 Gain/Offset function

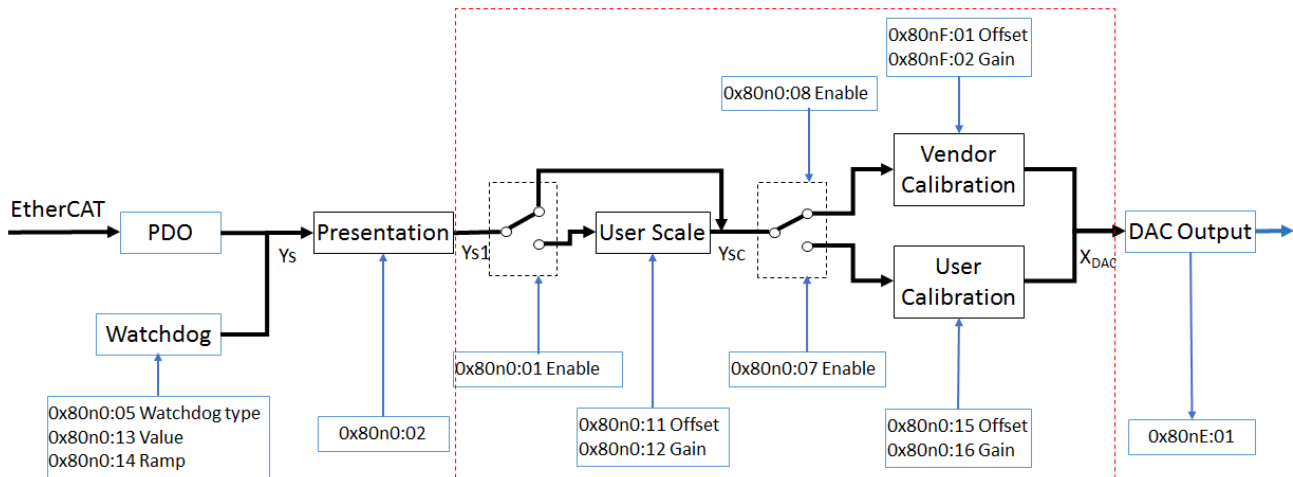


Fig. 163: Block diagram for determining the output values by default (Gain/Offset function)

Gain/Offset function

The terminal is compared to the vendor calibration data by the vendor in order to achieve the specified output accuracy. The vendor calibration data are password protected and cannot be changed.

If manipulation of the output value is necessary on the system side,

- the User Scale with gain/offset should first be used,
- or the user can store some calibration data in the terminal. The User Scale can then also function for this purpose.

See also the block diagram.

With:

$\text{Gain}_{\text{scale}} = 0x80n0:12$ UserScale Gain
 $\text{Offset}_{\text{scale}} = 0x80n0:11$ UserScale Offset
 $\text{Gain}_{\text{user}} = 0x80n0:16$ UserCalibration Gain
 $\text{Offset}_{\text{user}} = 0x80n0:15$ UserCalibration Offset
 (with the bipolar EL403x terminals $0x800 = 2048_{\text{dec}}$ to be added)
 $\text{Gain}_{\text{vendor}} = 0x80nF:02$ VendorCalibration Gain
 $\text{Offset}_{\text{vendor}} = 0x80nF:01$ VendorCalibration Offset
 $X_{\text{DAC}} = 0x80nE:01$ DAC Raw Value
 Y_s EtherCAT PDO setpoint

Is the influence of the scaling:

User scaling enabled: $Y_{sc} = Y_{s1} * \text{Gain}_{\text{scale}} * 2^{-16} + \text{Offset}_{\text{scale}}$
 User scaling disabled: $Y_{sc} = Y_{s1}$

And the influence on the calibration values:

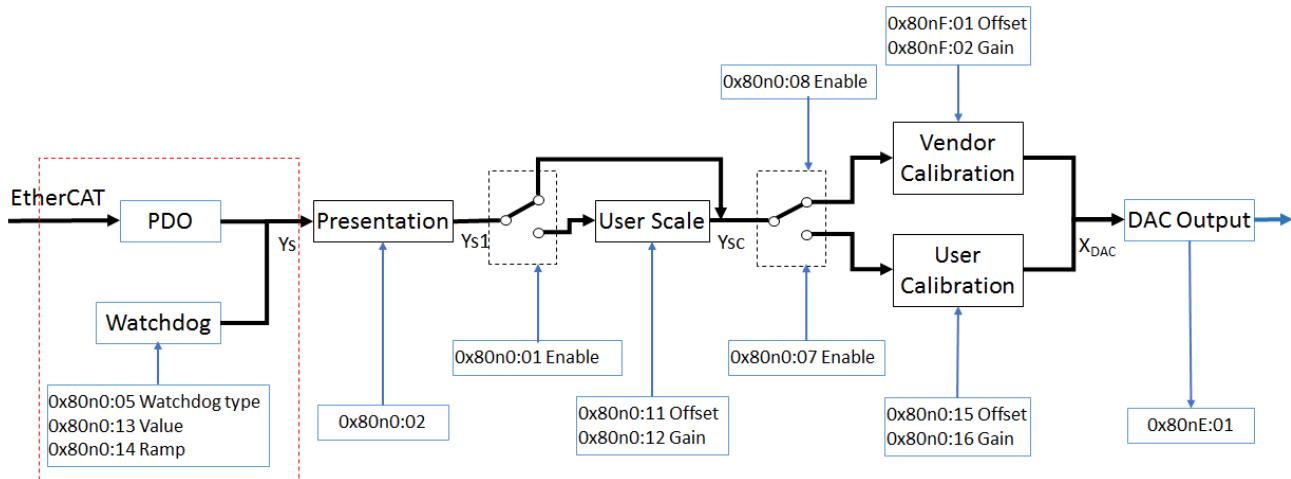
Vendor calibration enabled: $X_{\text{DAC}} = Y_{sc} * \text{Gain}_{\text{vendor}} * 2^{-16} + \text{Offset}_{\text{vendor}}$
 User calibration enabled: $X_{\text{DAC}} = Y_{sc} * \text{Gain}_{\text{user}} * 2^{-20} + \text{Offset}_{\text{user}}$
 No calibration enabled: $X_{\text{DAC}} = Y_{sc}$



No simultaneous enablement of vendor and user calibration

Only the vendor calibration (0x80n0:08 "Enable vendor calibration") **or** the user calibration (0x80n0:01 "Enable user calibration") may be enabled.

5.6.3.3 Watchdog function



Block diagram for determining the output values (Watchdog function)

Watchdog function, Index 0x80n0:05 [► 168]

The EL40xx terminals are equipped with a safety device (watchdog) that switches the outputs to a defined state, for example in case of interrupted process data traffic.

The procedure is as follows:

- As long as the terminal is properly and regularly supplied with EtherCAT process data, it outputs them. The so-called watchdog observes this without further action; they say "it is being brought up".
- As soon as the data stop arriving, the output value remains at the last value. The watchdog now starts to run down. If data arrive again in time, the watchdog returns to the starting value.
- If it has expired, i.e. the set time has elapsed without new data arriving, the substitute value is output.
- As soon as new data arrive, they are output again and the watchdog observes anew.

The following settings can be made for the substitute value in index 0x80n0:05:

- **"Default watchdog value":**
The analog output value is set to a user-specific value. This must have been stored in "Default output" (index 0x80n0:13 [► 168]) beforehand and is then output in the watchdog case. This is the default setting with "Default output" = 0. In the watchdog case, a terminal operated in this way outputs 0.
- **"Watchdog ramp":**
The user-specific value "Default output" is approached from the last valid output value as a linear ramp over a predetermined time. This time is entered via "Default output ramp" (index 0x80n0:14 [► 168]) in digits/ms.
- **"Last output value"**
With this setting, the last valid output value is retained.

NOTE



General information on watchdog settings

Observe the general notes on the watchdog setting [► 42].

5.7 Fast mode

The Fast mode in Beckhoff EtherCAT Terminals has developed historically and is an operating mode with which EL Terminals, primarily the EL31xx and EL41xx groups (analog input/output terminals), can be operated with a considerably faster conversion time. Hence, an analog input value can be converted more quickly/more often or output via the controller accordingly. This is achieved at the expense of other features, therefore consideration is required.

If an EL Terminal supports this mode, this is indicated in the relevant documentation.

There are 2 groups of terminals that support the FastMode:

- Prototypes of EL31x2 and EL41x2, with product launch before 2009:
You can switch the two-channel analog input and output terminals into *Fast Mode* by **switching off the second channel**. When operating with a single channel (*Fast Mode*) the terminal's conversion time is about one third less than it is when operating two channels. You can find the precise figures for the conversion times in single-channel and two-channel operation in the technical data for the each particular terminal.
- EL31xx and EL41xx from year of manufacture 2009
CoE access can be deactivated in these terminals (if this is possible according to the documentation). All existing channels can convert faster as a result of this.
In EL31x2 terminals the Fast mode is automatic enabled but disabled for CoE access.

Here is an example for each group.

FastMode by means of channel deactivation

Example 1

You can switch the second input channel on and off on the *Process data* tab of the EL3101 under *PDO assignment* with the aid of the check box (see the red arrow).

The screenshot shows the 'Process Data' configuration window for device EL3101. The 'PDO Assignment (0x1C13)' section contains a table with checkboxes for channel assignment:

Index	Size	Name	Flags	SM	SU
0x1A00	3.0	Channel 1	F	3	0
0x1A01	3.0	Channel 2	F		0

The 'PDO Content (0x1A00)' section shows the following data elements:

Index	Size	Offs	Name	Type
0x3101:01	1.0	0.0	Status	BYTE
0x3101:02	2.0	1.0	Value	INT

Fig. 164: Switch input channel on and off

Example 2

You can switch the second output channel on and off on the *Process data* tab of the EL4101 under *PDO assignment* with the aid of the check box (see the red arrow).

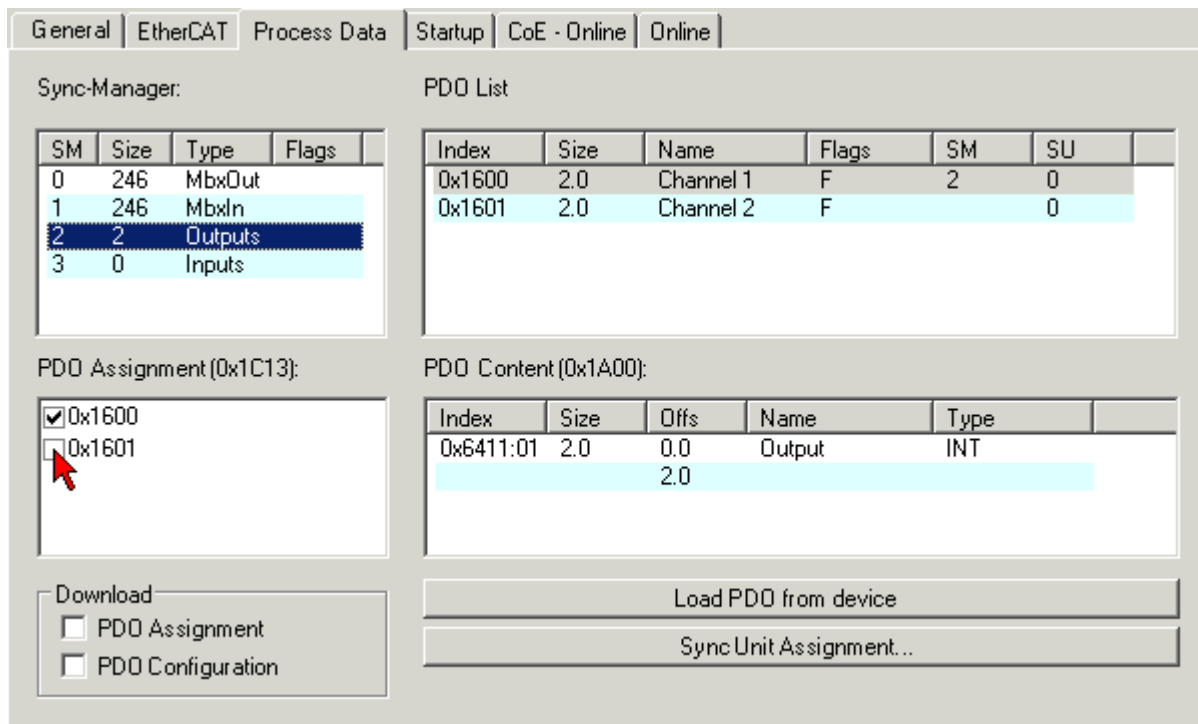


Fig. 165: Switch output channel on and off

FastMode by means of CoE deactivation

To disable CoE support for input terminals, a

 PS CoE 0x1C33:01 0x8001 (32769) Sync mode

must be entered in the StartUp list in the System Manager for the terminal. This deactivates the CoE later in SAFEOP and OP.

FastMode is activated by the entry "0x80nn" in the "Sync mode" object, while "nn" specifies the synchronization mode.

- **Filter deactivation for input terminals**
i If FastMode is enabled, filter mode (0x80n0:06) must be disabled!

- **CoE deactivation for output terminals**
i For output terminals the upper entry must be implemented for the object 0x1C32:01.

More generally, the mailbox traffic of this terminal is turned off by this FastMode.

The CoE access can be reactivated by writing the original value or, for example, x00 in the PREOP phase after CoE 0x1C32:01 or 0x1C33:01. See the entries in the synchronization mode overview regarding this.

5.8 EL4x1x, EL4x2x current output

The load capacity of the EL4xxx current outputs is subject to specified operational limits. This information is provided as "max. load" in the technical data. For each channel this is the maximum load resistance against which the terminal can still provide the maximum possible output current. The relevant parameter is the number of available channels for each terminal (not the number of channels in use).

Number of channels	max. load	Characteristic	max. output voltage at max. load	typ. max. open circuit voltage without load
2	< 500 Ω	short-circuit-proof	10 V	approx. 14 V
4	< 350 Ω	short-circuit-proof	7 V	approx. 10 V
8	< 150 Ω	-	3 V	approx. 6 V

A channel can be operated at higher load resistances, although it will then no longer reach its full output current and be subject to overload.



Operation with higher load

Operation outside the operating range for the respective number of channels according to the diagrams below is not recommended. If the process value specification results in operation outside this range, the output stage may become damaged.

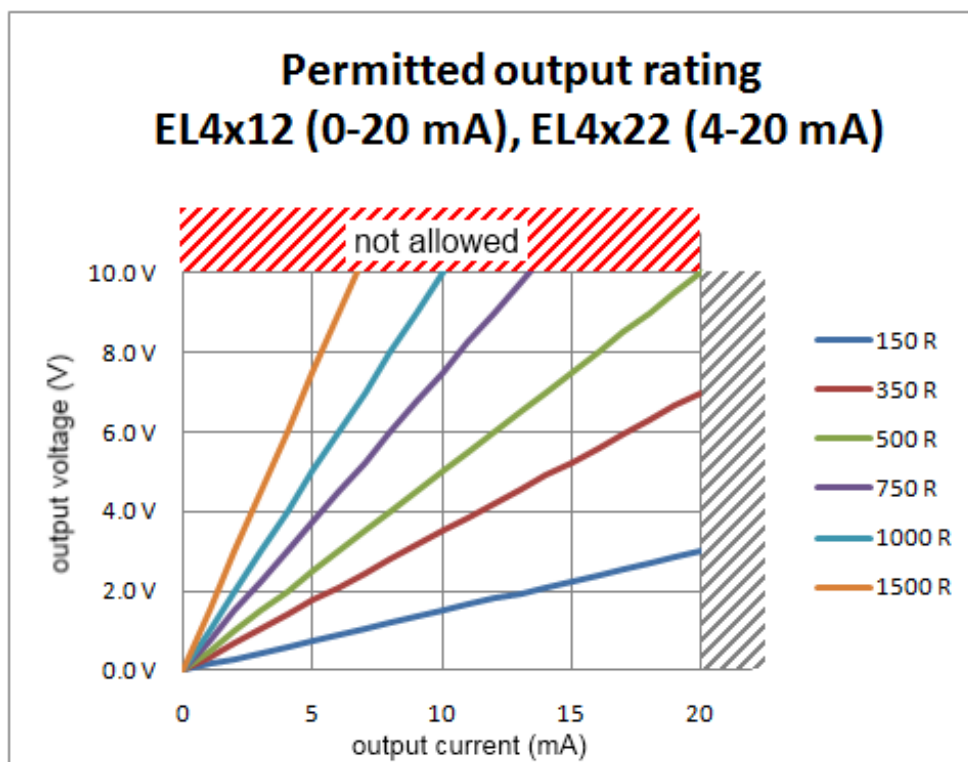


Fig. 166: Permitted operating range for EL4xx2 current outputs

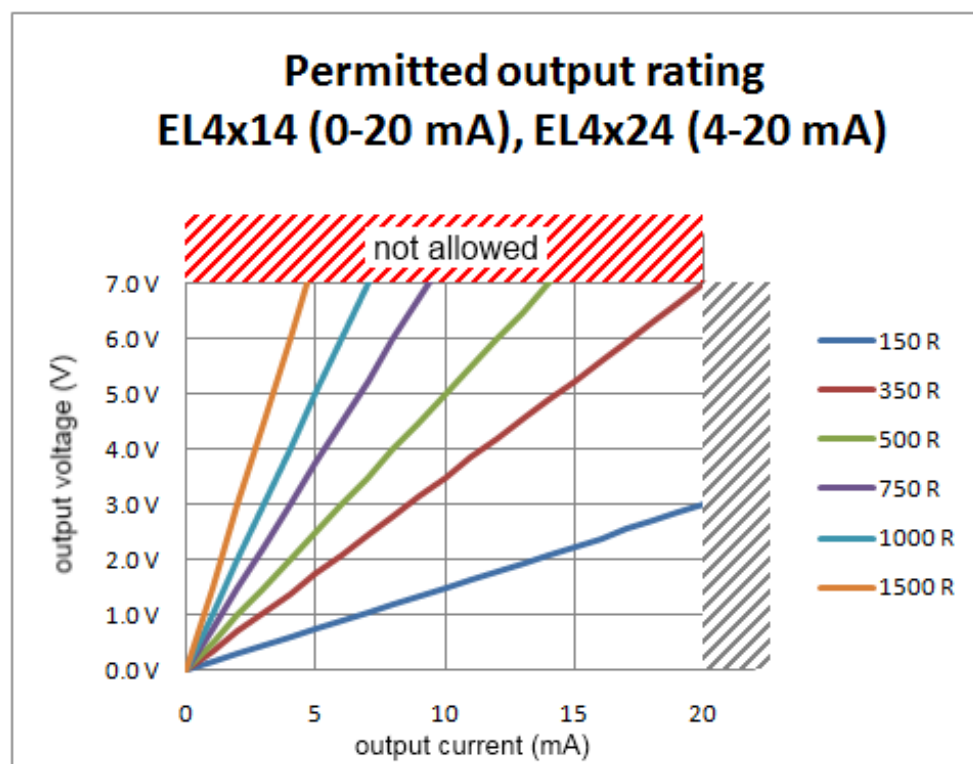


Fig. 167: Permitted operating range for EL4xx4 current outputs

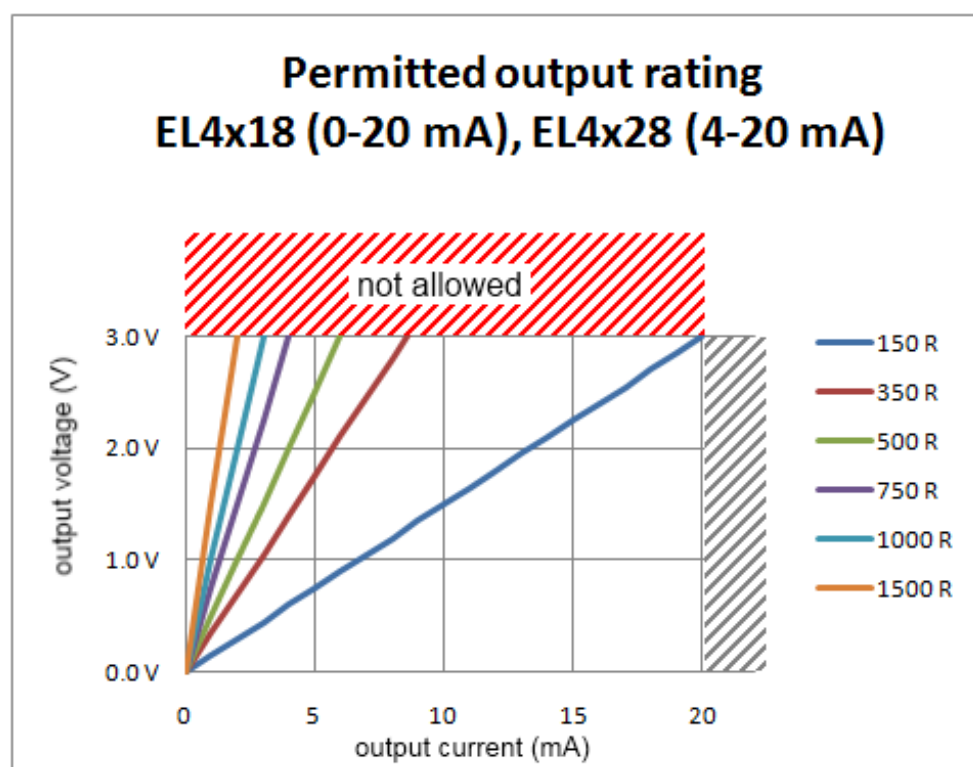


Fig. 168: Permitted operating range for EL4xx8 current outputs

Parallel connection

The current outputs of the EL4xxx devices can be connected in parallel to a load if the load has a current requirement higher than 20mA. All GND must be connected together. Channels of one terminal, but also channels of several terminals can be used for this purpose.

When designing the layout, it must be noted that Ohm's law still applies: $U = R \cdot I$. If, for example, a channel with 10V can drive its 20mA through a 500 Ohm load (see specifications in the previous chapter), the load may only be 250 Ohm if $2 \cdot 20\text{mA}$ are to be output with 2 parallel connected channels of 10V each - because the output voltage of the channels does not increase due to the parallel connection.

5.9 Notices on analog specifications

Beckhoff I/O devices (terminals, boxes, modules) with analog inputs are characterized by a number of technical characteristic data; refer to the technical data in the respective documents.

Some explanations are given below for the correct interpretation of these characteristic data.

5.9.1 Full scale value (FSV)

An I/O device with an analog input measures over a nominal measuring range that is limited by an upper and a lower limit (initial value and end value); these can usually be taken from the device designation.

The range between the two limits is called the measuring span and corresponds to the equation (end value - initial value). Analogous to pointing devices this is the measuring scale (see IEC 61131) or also the dynamic range.

For analog I/O devices from Beckhoff the rule is that the limit with the largest value is chosen as the full scale value of the respective product (also called the reference value) and is given a positive sign. This applies to both symmetrical and asymmetrical measuring spans.

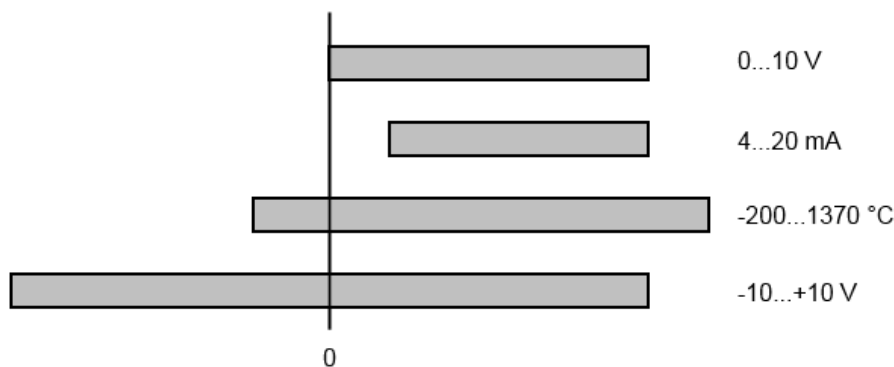


Fig. 169: Full scale value, measuring span

For the above **examples** this means:

- Measuring range 0...10 V: asymmetric unipolar, full scale value = 10 V, measuring span = 10 V
- Measuring range 4...20 mA: asymmetric unipolar, full scale value = 20 mA, measuring span = 16 mA
- Measuring range -200...1370°C: asymmetric bipolar, full scale value = 1370°C, measuring span = 1570°C
- Measuring range -10...+10 V: symmetric bipolar, full scale value = 10 V, measuring span = 20 V

This applies to analog output terminals/ boxes (and related Beckhoff product groups).

5.9.2 Measuring error/ measurement deviation

The relative measuring error (% of the full scale value) is referenced to the full scale value and is calculated as the quotient of the largest numerical deviation from the true value ('measuring error') referenced to the full scale value.

$$\text{Measuring error} = \frac{\left| \text{max. deviation} \right|}{\text{full scale value}}$$

The measuring error is generally valid for the entire permitted operating temperature range, also called the 'usage error limit' and contains random and systematic portions of the referred device (i.e. 'all' influences such as temperature, inherent noise, aging, etc.).

It is always to be regarded as a positive/negative span with $\pm$, even if it is specified without $\pm$ in some cases.

The maximum deviation can also be specified directly.

Example: Measuring range 0...10 V and measuring error $< \pm 0.3\%$ full scale value $\rightarrow$ maximum deviation ± 30 mV in the permissible operating temperature range.

● Lower measuring error

i Since this specification also includes the temperature drift, a significantly lower measuring error can usually be assumed in case of a constant ambient temperature of the device and thermal stabilization after a user calibration.

This applies to analog output devices.

5.9.3 Temperature coefficient tK [ppm/K]

An electronic circuit is usually temperature dependent to a greater or lesser degree. In analog measurement technology this means that when a measured value is determined by means of an electronic circuit, its deviation from the "true" value is reproducibly dependent on the ambient/operating temperature.

A manufacturer can alleviate this by using components of a higher quality or by software means.

The temperature coefficient, when indicated, specified by Beckhoff allows the user to calculate the expected measuring error outside the basic accuracy at 23 °C.

Due to the extensive uncertainty considerations that are incorporated in the determination of the basic accuracy (at 23 °C), Beckhoff recommends a quadratic summation.

Example: Let the basic accuracy at 23 °C be $\pm 0.01\%$ typ. (full scale value), tK = 20 ppm/K typ.; the accuracy A35 at 35 °C is wanted, hence $\Delta T = 12$ K

$$G_{35} = \sqrt{(0.01\%)^2 + (12\text{K} \cdot 20 \frac{\text{ppm}}{\text{K}})^2} = 0.026\% \text{ full scale value, typ}$$

Remarks: ppm $\triangleq 10^{-6}$ % $\triangleq 10^{-2}$

5.9.4 Long-term use

Analog devices (inputs, outputs) are subject to constant environmental influences during operation (temperature, temperature change, shock/vibration, irradiation, etc.) This can affect the function, in particular the analog accuracy (also: measurement or output uncertainty).

As industrial products, Beckhoff analog devices are designed for 24h/7d continuous operation.

The devices show that they generally comply with the accuracy specification, even in long-term use. However, as is usual for technical devices, an unlimited functional assurance (also applies to accuracy) cannot be given.

Beckhoff recommends checking the usability in relation to the application target within the scope of normal system maintenance, e.g. every 12-24 months.

5.9.5 Single-ended/differential typification

For analog inputs Beckhoff makes a basic distinction between two types: *single-ended* (SE) and *differential* (DIFF), referring to the difference in electrical connection with regard to the potential difference.

The diagram shows two-channel versions of an SE module and a DIFF module as examples for all multi-channel versions.

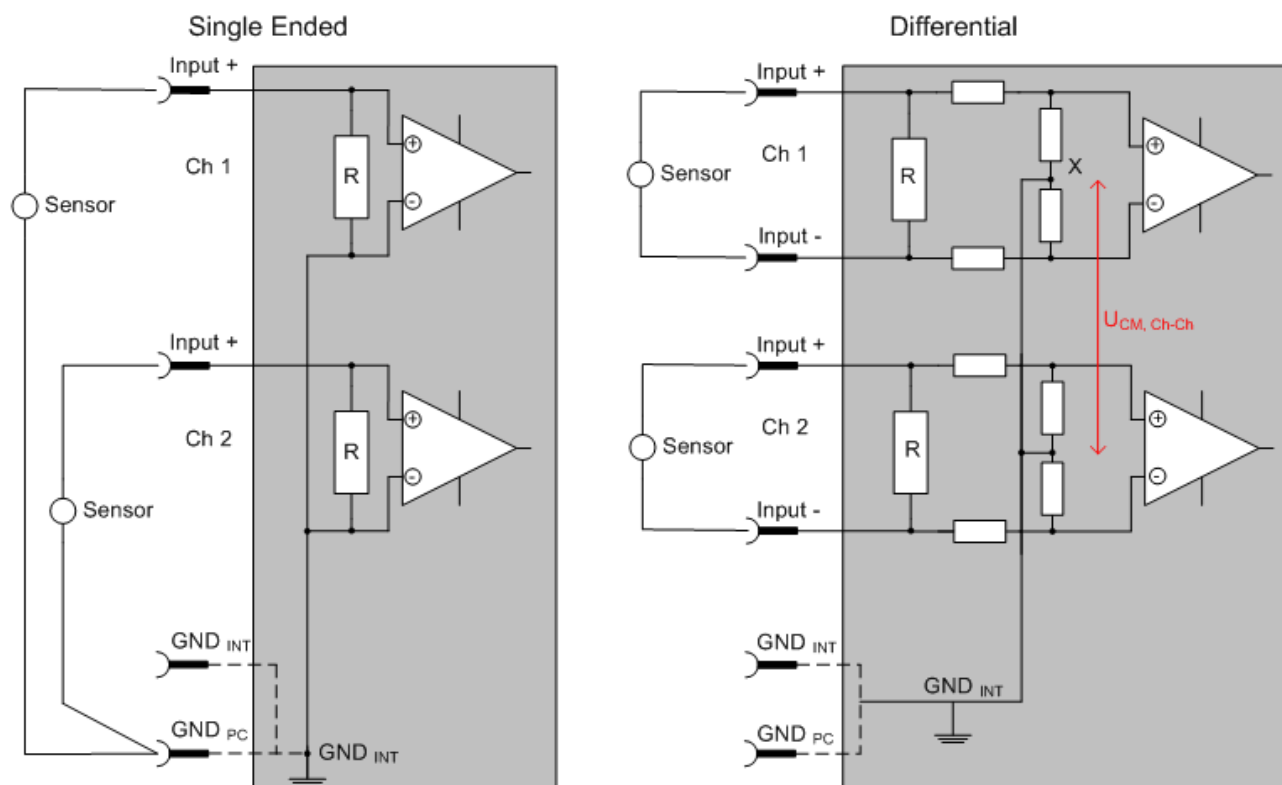


Fig. 170: SE and DIFF module as 2-channel version

Note: Dashed lines indicate that the respective connection may not necessarily be present in each SE or DIFF module. Electrical isolated channels are operating as differential type in general, hence there is no direct relation (voltaic) to ground within the module established at all. Indeed, specified information to recommended and maximum voltage levels have to be taken into account.

The basic rule:

- Analog measurements always take the form of voltage measurements between two potential points. For voltage measurements a large R is used, in order to ensure a high impedance. For current measurements a small R is used as shunt. If the purpose is resistance measurement, corresponding considerations are applied.

- Beckhoff generally refers to these two points as input+/signal potential and input-/reference potential.
- For measurements between two potential points two potentials have to be supplied.
- Regarding the terms “single-wire connection” or “three-wire connection”, please note the following for pure analog measurements: three- or four-wire connections can be used for sensor supply, but are not involved in the actual analog measurement, which always takes place between two potentials/wires.
In particular this also applies to SE, even though the term suggest that only one wire is required.
- The term “electrical isolation” should be clarified in advance.
Beckhoff IO modules feature 1..8 or more analog channels; with regard to the channel connection a distinction is made in terms of:
 - how the channels WITHIN a module relate to each other, or
 - how the channels of SEVERAL modules relate to each other.

The property of electrical isolation indicates whether the channels are directly connected to each other.

 - Beckhoff terminals/ boxes (and related product groups) always feature electrical isolation between the field/analog side and the bus/EtherCAT side. In other words, if two analog terminals/ boxes are not connected via the power contacts (cable), the modules are effectively electrically isolated.
 - If channels within a module are electrically isolated, or if a single-channel module has no power contacts, the channels are effectively always differential. See also explanatory notes below.
Differential channels are not necessarily electrically isolated.
- Analog measuring channels are subject to technical limits, both in terms of the recommended operating range (continuous operation) and the destruction limit. Please refer to the respective terminal/ box documentation for further details.

Explanation

- **differential (DIFF)**
 - Differential measurement is the most flexible concept. The user can freely choose both connection points, input+/signal potential and input-/reference potential, within the framework of the technical specification.
 - A differential channel can also be operated as SE, if the reference potential of several sensors is linked. This interconnection may take place via the system GND.
 - Since a differential channel is configured symmetrically internally (cf. Fig. SE and DIFF module as 2-channel variant), there will be a mid-potential (X) between the two supplied potentials that is the same as the internal ground/reference ground for this channel. If several DIFF channels are used in a module without electrical isolation, the technical property V_{CM} (common-mode voltage) indicates the degree to which the mean voltage of the channels may differ.
 - The internal reference ground may be accessible as connection point at the terminal/ box, in order to stabilize a defined GND potential in the terminal/ box. In this case it is particularly important to pay attention to the quality of this potential (noiselessness, voltage stability). At this GND point a wire may be connected to make sure that $V_{CM,max}$ is not exceeded in the differential sensor cable. If differential channels are not electrically isolated, usually only one $V_{CM,max}$ is permitted. If the channels are electrically isolated this limit should not apply, and the channels voltages may differ up to the specified separation limit.
 - Differential measurement in combination with correct sensor wiring has the special advantage that any interference affecting the sensor cable (ideally the feed and return line are arranged side by side, so that interference signals have the same effect on both wires) has very little effect on the measurement, since the potential of both lines varies jointly (hence the term common mode). In simple terms: Common-mode interference has the same effect on both wires in terms of amplitude and phasing.
 - Nevertheless, the suppression of common-mode interference within a channel or between channels is subject to technical limits, which are specified in the technical data.
 - Further helpfully information on this topic can be found on the documentation page *Configuration of 0/4..20 mA differential inputs* (see documentation for the EL30xx terminals, for example).
- **Single Ended (SE)**

- If the analog circuit is designed as SE, the input/reference wire is internally fixed to a certain potential that cannot be changed. This potential must be accessible from outside on at least one point for connecting the reference potential, e.g. via the power contacts (cable).
- In other words, in situations with several channels SE offers users the option to avoid returning at least one of the two sensor cables to the terminal/ box (in contrast to DIFF). Instead, the reference wire can be consolidated at the sensors, e.g. in the system GND.
- A disadvantage of this approach is that the separate feed and return line can result in voltage/ current variations, which a SE channel may no longer be able to handle. See common-mode interference. A V_{CM} effect cannot occur, since the module channels are internally always 'hard-wired' through the input/reference potential.

Typification of the 2/3/4-wire connection of current sensors

Current transducers/sensors/field devices (referred to in the following simply as 'sensor') with the industrial 0/4-20 mA interface typically have internal transformation electronics for the physical measured variable (temperature, current, etc.) at the current control output. These internal electronics must be supplied with energy (voltage, current). The type of cable for this supply thus separates the sensors into *self-supplied* or *externally supplied* sensors:

Self-supplied sensors

- The sensor draws the energy for its own operation via the sensor/signal cable + and -.
So that enough energy is always available for the sensor's own operation and open-circuit detection is possible, a lower limit of 4 mA has been specified for the 4-20 mA interface; i.e. the sensor allows a minimum current of 4 mA and a maximum current of 20 mA to pass.
- 2-wire connection see Fig. 2-wire connection, cf. IEC60381-1
- Such current transducers generally represent a current sink and thus like to sit between + and - as a 'variable load'. Refer also to the sensor manufacturer's information.

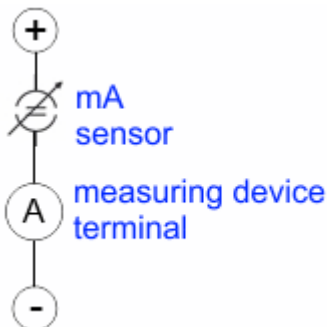


Fig. 171: 2-wire connection

Therefore, they are to be connected according to the Beckhoff terminology as follows:

preferably to '**single-ended**' inputs if the +Supply connections of the terminal/ box are also to be used - connect to +Supply and Signal

they can, however, also be connected to '**differential**' inputs, if the termination to GND is then manufactured on the application side - to be connected with the right polarity to +Signal and -Signal. It is important to refer to the information page *Configuration of 0/4..20 mA differential inputs* (see documentation for the EL30xx terminals, for example)!

Externally supplied sensors

- 3- and 4-wire connection see Fig. *Connection of externally supplied sensors*, cf. IEC60381-1
- the sensor draws the energy/operating voltage for its own operation from two supply cables of its own. One or two further sensor cables are used for the signal transmission of the current loop:
 - 1 sensor cable: according to the Beckhoff terminology such sensors are to be connected to '**single-ended**' inputs in 3 cables with +/-Signal lines and if necessary FE/shield
 - 2 sensor cables: for sensors with 4-wire connection based on +supply/-supply/+signal/-signal, check whether +signal can be connected to +supply or -signal to -supply.

- Yes: then you can connect accordingly to a Beckhoff **'single-ended'** input.
 - No: the Beckhoff **'differential'** input for +Signal and –Signal is to be selected; +Supply and –Supply are to be connected via additional cables.
- It is important to refer to the information page *Configuration of 0/4...20 mA differential inputs* (see documentation for the EL30xx terminals, for example)!

Note: expert organizations such as NAMUR demand a usable measuring range $<4\text{ mA}/>20\text{ mA}$ for error detection and adjustment, see also NAMUR NE043.

The Beckhoff device documentation must be consulted in order to see whether the respective device supports such an extended signal range.

Usually there is an internal diode existing within unipolar terminals/ boxes (and related product groups), in this case the polarity/direction of current have to be observed.

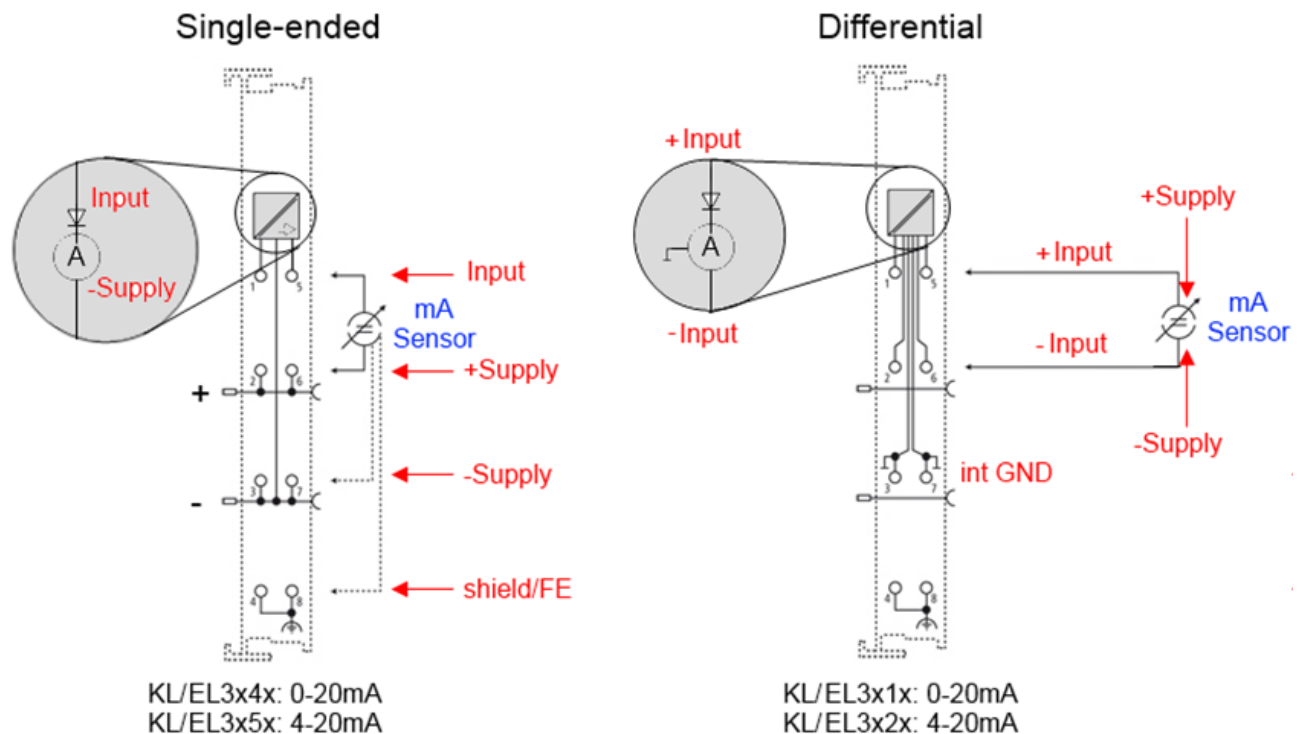


Fig. 172: Connection of externally supplied sensors

Classification of the Beckhoff terminals/ boxes - Beckhoff 0/4-20 mA terminals/ boxes (and related product groups) are available as **differential** and **single-ended** terminals/ boxes (and related product groups):

Single-ended

EL3x4x: 0-20 mA, EL3x5x: 4-20 mA; KL and related product groups exactly the same

Preferred current direction because of internal diode

Designed for the connection of externally-supplied sensors with a 3/4-wire connection

Designed for the connection of self-supplied sensors with a 2-wire connection

Differential

EL3x1x: 0-20 mA, EL3x2x: 4-20 mA; KL and related product groups exactly the same

Preferred current direction because of internal diode

The terminal/ box is a passive differential current measuring device; passive means that the sensor is not supplied with power.

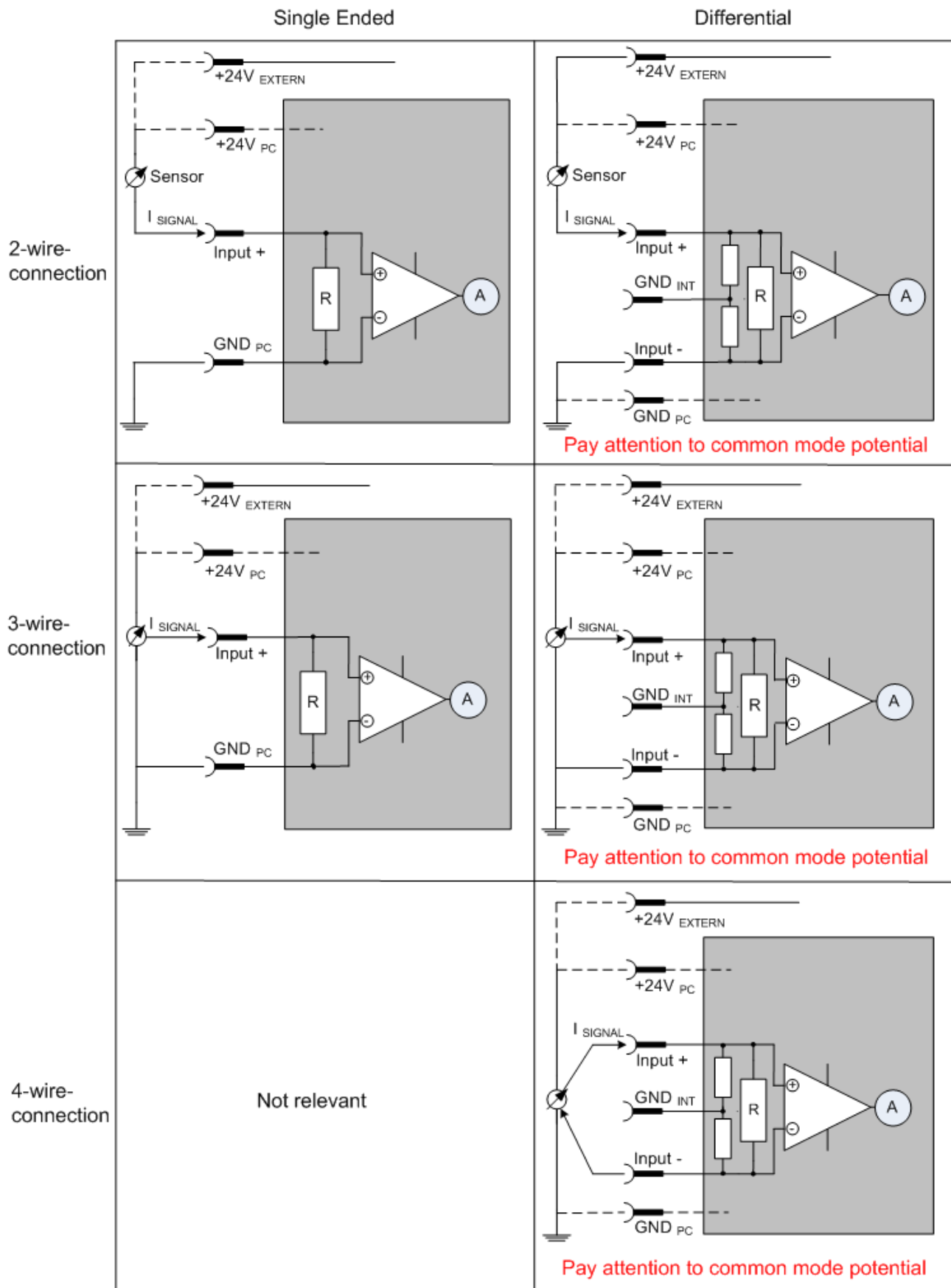


Fig. 173: 2-, 3- and 4-wire connection at single-ended and differential inputs

5.9.6 Common-mode voltage and reference ground (based on differential inputs)

Common-mode voltage (V_{cm}) is defined as the average value of the voltages of the individual connections/ inputs and is measured/specified against reference ground.

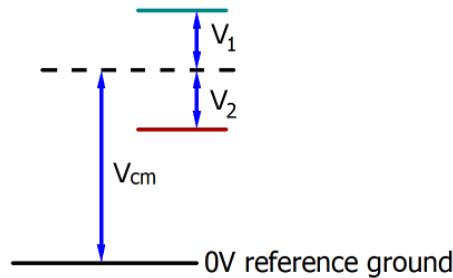


Fig. 174: Common-mode voltage (V_{cm})

The definition of the reference ground is important for the definition of the permitted common-mode voltage range and for measurement of the common-mode rejection ratio (CMRR) for differential inputs.

The reference ground is also the potential against which the input resistance and the input impedance for single-ended inputs or the common-mode resistance and the common-mode impedance for differential inputs is measured.

The reference ground is usually accessible at or near the terminal/ box, e.g. at the terminal contacts, power contacts (cable) or a mounting rail. Please refer to the documentation regarding positioning. The reference ground should be specified for the device under consideration.

For multi-channel terminals/ boxes with resistive (=direct, ohmic, galvanic) or capacitive connection between the channels, the reference ground should preferably be the symmetry point of all channels, taking into account the connection resistances.

Reference ground samples for Beckhoff IO devices:

1. Internal AGND fed out: EL3102/EL3112, resistive connection between the channels
2. 0V power contact: EL3104/EL3114, resistive connection between the channels and AGND; AGND connected to 0V power contact with low-resistance
3. Earth or SGND (shield GND):
 - EL3174-0002: Channels have no resistive connection between each other, although they are capacitively coupled to SGND via leakage capacitors
 - EL3314: No internal ground fed out to the terminal points, although capacitive coupling to SGND

5.9.7 Dielectric strength

A distinction should be made between:

- Dielectric strength (destruction limit): Exceedance can result in irreversible changes to the electronics
 - Against a specified reference ground
 - Differential
- Recommended operating voltage range: If the range is exceeded, it can no longer be assumed that the system operates as specified
 - Against a specified reference ground
 - Differential

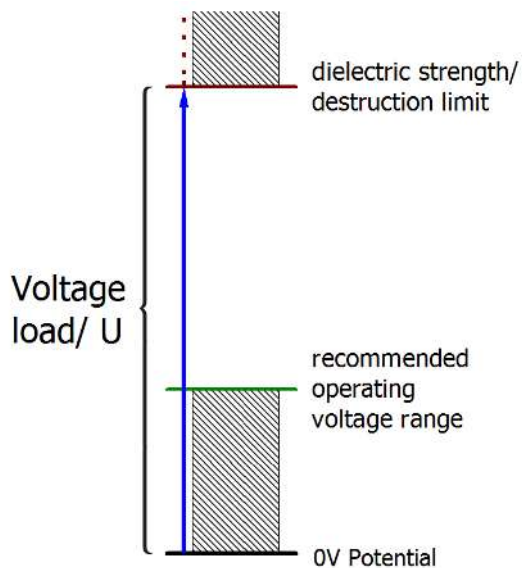


Fig. 175: Recommended operating voltage range

The device documentation may contain particular specifications and timings, taking into account:

- Self-heating
- Rated voltage
- Insulating strength
- Edge steepness of the applied voltage or holding periods
- Normative environment (e.g. PELV)

5.9.8 Temporal aspects of analog/digital conversion

The conversion of the constant electrical input signal to a value-discrete digital and machine-readable form takes place in the analog Beckhoff EL/KL/EP input modules with ADC (analog digital converter). Although different ADC technologies are in use, from a user perspective they all have a common characteristic: after the conversion a certain digital value is available in the controller for further processing. This digital value, the so-called analog process data, has a fixed temporal relationship with the “original parameter”, i.e. the electrical input value. Therefore, corresponding temporal characteristic data can be determined and specified for Beckhoff analogue input devices.

This process involves several functional components, which act more or less strongly in every AI (analog input) module:

- the electrical input circuit
- the analog/digital conversion
- the digital further processing
- the final provision of the process and diagnostic data for collection at the fieldbus (EtherCAT, K-bus, etc.)

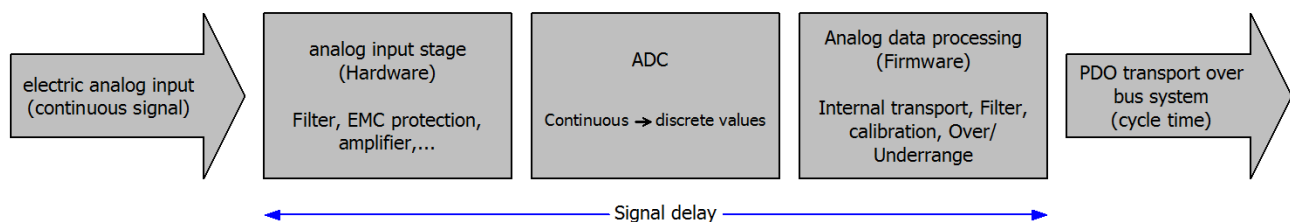


Fig. 176: Signal processing analog input

Two aspects are crucial from a user perspective:

- “How often do I receive new values?”, i.e. a sampling rate in terms of speed with regard to the device/channel
- What delay does the (whole) AD conversion of the device/channel cause?
I.e. the hardware and firmware components in its entirety. For technological reasons, the signal characteristics must be taken into account when determining this information: the run times through the system differ, depending on the signal frequency.

This is the “external” view of the “Beckhoff AI channel” system – internally the signal delay in particular is composed of different components: hardware, amplifier, conversion itself, data transport and processing. Internally a higher sampling rate may be used (e.g. in the deltaSigma converters) than is offered “externally” from the user perspective. From a user perspective of the “Beckhoff AI channel” component this is usually irrelevant or is specified accordingly, if it is relevant for the function.

For Beckhoff AI devices the following specification parameters for the AI channel are available for the user from a temporal perspective:

1. Minimum conversion time [ms, µs]

This is the reciprocal value of the maximum **sampling rate** [sps, samples per second]:

Indicates how often the analog channel makes a newly detected process data value available for collection by the fieldbus. Whether the fieldbus (EtherCAT, K-bus) fetches the value with the same speed (i.e. synchronous), or more quickly (if the AI channel operates in slow FreeRun mode) or more slowly (e.g. with oversampling), is then a question of the fieldbus setting and which modes the AI device supports. For EtherCAT devices the so-called toggle bit indicates (by toggling) for the diagnostic PDOs when a newly determined analog value is available.

Accordingly, a maximum conversion time, i.e. a smallest sampling rate supported by the AI device, can be specified.

Corresponds to IEC 61131-2, section 7.10.2 2, “Sampling repeat time”

2. Typical signal delay

Corresponds to IEC 61131-2, section 7.10.2 1, “Sampling duration”. From this perspective it includes all internal hardware and firmware components, but not “external” delay components from the fieldbus or the controller (TwinCAT).

This delay is particularly relevant for absolute time considerations, if AI channels also provide a time stamp that corresponds to the amplitude value – which can be assumed to match the physically prevailing amplitude value at the time.

Due to the frequency-dependent signal delay time, a dedicated value can only be specified for a given signal. The value also depends on potentially variable filter settings of the channel.

A typical characterization in the device documentation may be:

2.1 Signal delay (step response)

Keywords: Settling time

The square wave signal can be generated externally with a frequency generator (note impedance!)

The 90 % limit is used as detection threshold.

The signal delay [ms, µs] is then the time interval between the (ideal) electrical square wave signal and the time at which the analog process value has reached the 90 % amplitude.

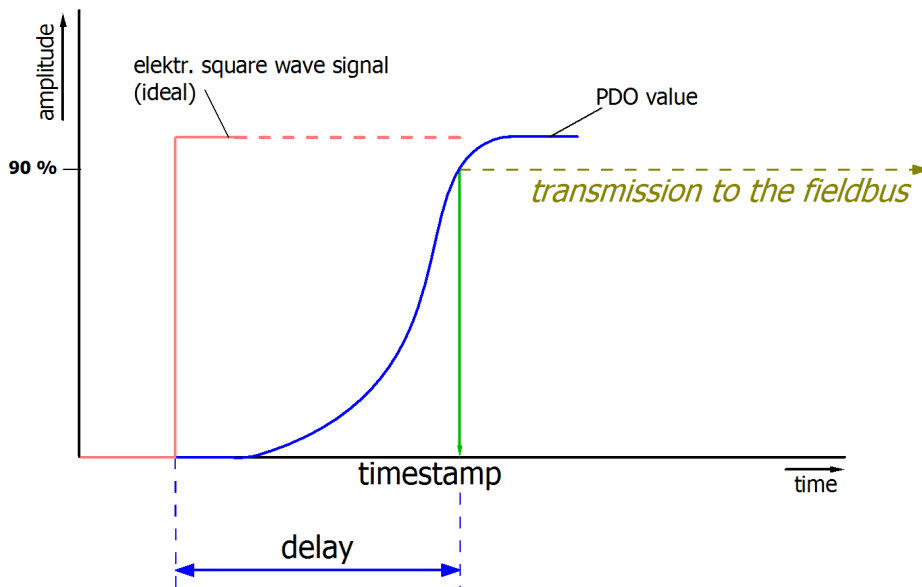


Fig. 177: Diagram signal delay (step response)

2.2 Signal delay (linear)

Keyword: Group delay

Describes the delay of a signal with constant frequency

A test signal can be generated externally with a frequency generator, e.g. as sawtooth or sine. A simultaneous square wave signal would be used as reference.

The signal delay [ms, μ s] is then the interval between the applied electrical signal with a particular amplitude and the moment at which the analog process value reaches the same value.

A meaningful range must be selected for the test frequency, e.g. 1/20 of the maximum sampling rate.

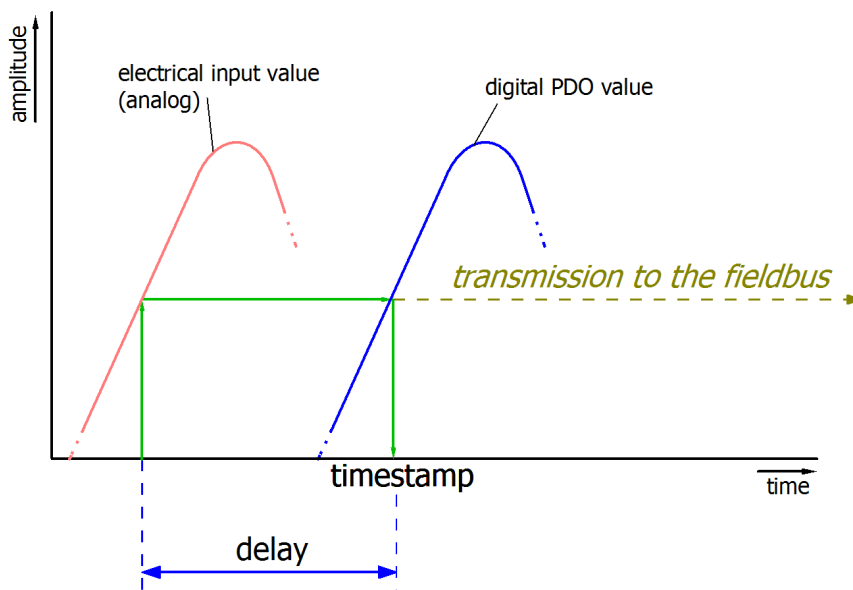


Fig. 178: Diagram signal delay (linear)

3. Additional Information

May be provided in the specification, e.g.

- Actual sampling rate of the ADC (if different from the channel sampling rate)
- Time correction values for run times with different filter settings
- etc.

5.9.9 Explanation of the term GND/Ground

I/O devices always have a reference potential somewhere. After all, the working voltage is only created by two points having different potentials – one of these points is then called the reference potential.

In the Beckhoff I/O area and in particular with the analog products, various reference potentials are used and named. These are defined, named and explained here.

Note: for historical reasons, different names are used with various Beckhoff I/O products. The following explanations place them on a uniform foundation.

SGND

- Also called: FE, Functional Earth, Shield GND, Shield.
- Use: Dissipation of interference and radiation, predominantly currentless.
- Symbol: .
- Notes and recommendations on SGND/FE can be found in the separate chapter Notes regarding analog equipment - shielding and earth.
- SGND usually ends at the structural earth star point.
- In order to be usable for its intended purpose, SGND itself should be a low noise/noise-free "clean" current and voltage sink.

PE

- Also called: Protective Earth.
- Use: Protective measure to prevent the occurrence of hazardous touch voltages by dissipating these touch voltages and then tripping upstream protective devices. If installed correctly, the PE conductor is currentless, but according to specification it must be capable of conducting for the protection case.

- Symbol: .
- PE usually ends at the structural earth star point.
- For specifications and notes on PE, please refer to the relevant rules.

PGND, AGND

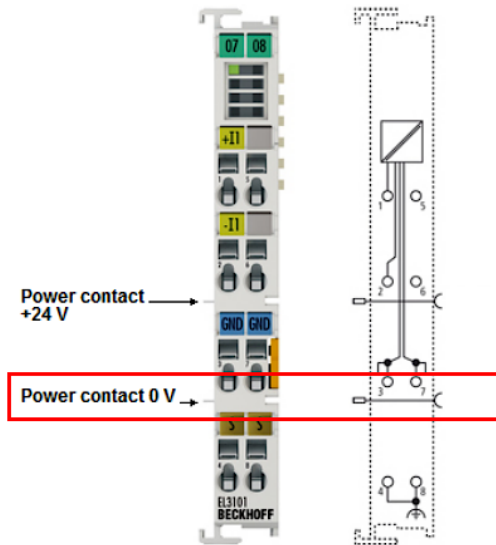
- Use: Reference ground or return line of analog or digital signals.
- Depending on use, nominally currentless as reference potential or conducting as return line.
- In the analog area, the so-called standard signals can be 0...10 V and 4...20 mA, measuring bridge signals and thermocouples can be in the range of a few mV and resistance measurement in any Ohm range, and voltages can be from μV to a few thousand Volts.
- In the digital area they can be, for example, 0/24 V, -5/+5 V etc.
- Symbols:

preferred:  ;

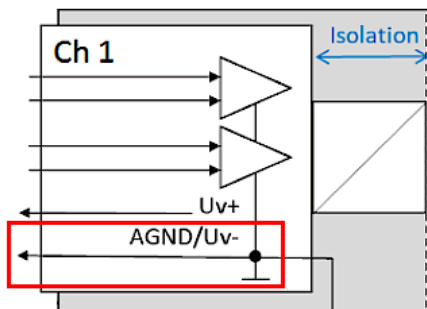
hardly used any more, but actually means earth potential: .

- There may be several PGND/AGND networks in a system that are electrically isolated from one another.
- If a device has several AGNDs, due to isolation by channel, these can be numbered: AGND1, AGND2, ...
- PGND
 - also called: GND_{PC} , 0 V, power contact 0 V, GND.
 - Version: PGND is a structural description of the "negative" power contact rail of the Bus Terminal system.

- Can be connected to the device electronics, for example for supplying power to the device or as a signal feedback (see chapter [Single-ended/differential typification](#) [► 157]). Refer to the respective device documentation.
- Example: PGND is not connected to the device electronics:



- AGND
 - Also called: GND_{int} , GND , analog ground, GND_{analog} .
 - AGND electrically designates the device's analog reference ground.
 - AGND can, for example, be internally connected to PGND or to a connection point so that it can be connected externally to a desired potential. Electrical restrictions according to the device documentation must be observed, e.g. common mode limits.
 - AGND is usually a currentless reference potential. The action of interference on AGND must be avoided.
 - Example: AGND is fed out on the device plug:



5.10 Overview of process data (PDO)

The EL40xx terminals have a static process image that cannot be changed. Depending on the terminal, "Analog output" channels 1...8 are offered for linking.

5.11 Overview of parameter objects (CoE)



EtherCAT XML Device Description

The display matches that of the CoE objects from the EtherCAT XML Device Description. We recommend downloading the latest XML file from the download area of the [Beckhoff website](#) and installing it according to installation instructions.



Parameterization

The terminal is parameterized via the CoE - Online tab (double-click on the respective object) or via the Process Data tab (allocation of PDOs).

5.11.1 Restore objects

Index 1011 Restore default parameters

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1011:0	Restore default parameters	Restore default parameters	UINT8	RO	0x01 (1 _{dec})
1011:01	SubIndex 001	If this object is set to "0x64616F6C" in the set value dialog, all backup objects are reset to their delivery state.	UINT32	RW	0x00000000 (0 _{dec})

5.11.2 Configuration data

Index 8pp0 AO settings Ch.1-8

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
8pp0:0	AO settings Ch.1-8	Max. Subindex	UINT8	RO	0x16 (22 _{dec})
8pp0:01	Enable user scale	User scale is active. (see data stream flow chart)	BOOLEAN	RW	0x00 (0 _{dec})
8pp0:02	Presentation	0: <i>Signed presentation</i> The measured value is presented in two's complement format. Maximum representation range for 16 bits = -32768_{dec} ... +32767_{dec} 1: <i>Unsigned presentation</i> Maximum presentation range for 16 bit : 0 .. +65535_{dec} 2: <i>Absolute value with MSB as sign</i> The measured value is output in magnitude-sign format. Maximum representation range for 16 bits = -32768_{dec} ... +32767_{dec} 3: <i>Absolute value</i> Negative numbers are also output as positive numbers.	BIT3	RW	0x00 (0 _{dec})
8pp0:05	Watchdog	0: <i>Default watchdog value</i> The default value (8pp0:13) is active. 1: <i>Watchdog ramp</i> The ramp (8pp0:14) for moving to the default value is active. 2: <i>Last output value</i> In the event of a watchdog drop the last process data is issued.	BIT2	RW	0x00 (0 _{dec})
8pp0:07	Enable user calibration	Enablement of the user calibration (see data stream flow chart)	BOOLEAN	RW	0x00 (0 _{dec})
8pp0:08	Enable vendor calibration	Enablement of the vendor calibration (see data stream flow chart)	BOOLEAN	RW	0x01 (1 _{dec})
8pp0:11	Offset	User scaling offset	INT16	RW	0x0000 (0 _{dec})
8pp0:12	Gain	User scaling gain. The gain is represented in fixed-point format, with the factor 2 ⁻¹⁶ . The value 1 corresponds to 65535 (0x00010000).	INT32	RW	0x00010000 (65536 _{dec})
8pp0:13	Default output	default output value	INT16	RW	0x0000 (0 _{dec})
8pp0:14	Default output ramp	Ramp for ramping down to the default value Value in digits/ms.	UINT16	RW	0xFFFF (65535 _{dec})
8pp0:15	User calibration offset	User calibration offset	INT16	RW	0x0000 (0 _{dec})
8pp0:16	User calibration gain	User calibration gain	UINT16	RW	0xFFFF (65535 _{dec})

Index 8ppE AO internal data Ch.1-8

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
8ppE:0	AO internal data Ch.1-8	Max. Subindex	UINT8	RO	0x01 (1 _{dec})
8ppE:01	DAC raw value	DAC raw value	UINT16	RO	0x0000 (0 _{dec})

Index 8ppF AO vendor data Ch.1-8

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
8ppF:0	AO vendor data Ch.1-8	Max. Subindex	UINT8	RO	0x02 (2 _{dec})
8ppF:01	Calibration offset	Vendor calibration offset	INT16	RW	0x0000 (0 _{dec})
8ppF:02	Calibration gain	Vendor calibration gain	UINT16	RW	0x1EFA (7930 _{dec})

5.11.3 Output data**Index 7pp0 AO outputs Ch.1-8**

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
7pp0:0	AO outputs Ch.1-8	Max. Subindex	UINT8	RO	0x01 (1 _{dec})
7pp0:01	Analog output	Analog output data	INT16	RO	0x0000 (0 _{dec})

5.11.4 Standard objects**Index 1000 Device type**

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1000:0	Device type	Device type of the EtherCAT slave: the Lo-Word contains the CoE profile used (5001). The Hi-Word contains the module profile according to the modular device profile.	UINT32	RO	0x01901389 (26219401 _{dec})

Index 1008 Device name

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1008:0	Device name	Device name of the EtherCAT slave	STRING	RO	EL40xx-0000

Index 1009 Hardware version

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1009:0	Hardware version	Hardware version of the EtherCAT slave	STRING	RO	01

Index 100A Software version

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
100A:0	Software version	Firmware version of the EtherCAT slave	STRING	RO	01

Index 1018 Identity

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1018:0	Identity	Information for identifying the slave	UINT8	RO	0x04 (4 _{dec})
1018:01	Vendor ID	Vendor ID of the EtherCAT slave	UINT32	RO	0x00000002 (2 _{dec})
1018:02	Product code	Product code of the EtherCAT slave	UINT32	RO	0x0Fxx3052
1018:03	Revision	Revision number of the EtherCAT slave; the low word (bit 0-15) indicates the special terminal number, the high word (bit 16-31) refers to the device description	UINT32	RO	0x00100000 (1048576 _{dec})
1018:04	Serial number	Serial number of the EtherCAT slave; the low byte (bit 0-7) of the low word contains the year of production, the high byte (bit 8-15) of the low word contains the week of production, the high word (bit 16-31) is 0	UINT32	RO	0x00000000 (0 _{dec})

Index 10F0 Backup parameter handling

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
10F0:0	Backup parameter handling	Information for standardized loading and saving of backup entries	UINT8	RO	0x01 (1 _{dec})
10F0:01	Checksum	Checksum across all backup entries of the EtherCAT slave	UINT32	RO	0x00000000 (0 _{dec})

Index 1600 RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.1

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1600:0	RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.1	PDO Mapping RxPDO 1	UINT8	RW	0x01 (1 _{dec})
1600:01	SubIndex 001	1. PDO Mapping entry (object 0x7000 (AO outputs Ch.1), entry 0x01 (Analog output))	UINT32	RW	0x7000:01, 16

Index 1601 RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.2

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1601:0	RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.2	PDO Mapping RxPDO 2	UINT8	RW	0x01 (1 _{dec})
1601:01	SubIndex 001	1. PDO Mapping entry (object 0x7010 (AO outputs Ch.2), entry 0x01 (Analog output))	UINT32	RW	0x7010:01, 16

Index 1602 RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.3

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1602:0	RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.3	PDO Mapping RxPDO 3	UINT8	RW	0x01 (1 _{dec})
1602:01	SubIndex 001	1. PDO Mapping entry (object 0x7020 (AO outputs Ch.3), entry 0x01 (Analog output))	UINT32	RW	0x7020:01, 16

Index 1603 RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.4

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1603:0	RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.4	PDO Mapping RxPDO 4	UINT8	RW	0x01 (1 _{dec})
1603:01	SubIndex 001	1. PDO Mapping entry (object 0x7030 (AO outputs Ch.4), entry 0x01 (Analog output))	UINT32	RW	0x7030:01, 16

Index 1604 RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.5

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1604:0	RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.5	PDO Mapping RxPDO 5	UINT8	RW	0x01 (1 _{dec})
1604:01	SubIndex 001	1. PDO Mapping entry (object 0x7040 (AO outputs Ch.5), entry 0x01 (Analog output))	UINT32	RW	0x7040:01, 16

Index 1605 RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.6

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1605:0	RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.6	PDO Mapping RxPDO 6	UINT8	RW	0x01 (1 _{dec})
1605:01	SubIndex 001	1. PDO Mapping entry (object 0x7050 (AO outputs Ch.6), entry 0x01 (Analog output))	UINT32	RW	0x7050:01, 16

Index 1606 RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.7

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1606:0	RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.7	PDO Mapping RxPDO 7	UINT8	RW	0x01 (1 _{dec})
1606:01	SubIndex 001	1. PDO Mapping entry (object 0x7060 (AO outputs Ch.7), entry 0x01 (Analog output))	UINT32	RW	0x7060:01, 16

Index 1607 RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.8

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1607:0	RxPDO-Map Outputs Ch.8	PDO Mapping RxPDO 8	UINT8	RW	0x01 (1 _{dec})
1607:01	SubIndex 001	1. PDO Mapping entry (object 0x7070 (AO outputs Ch.8), entry 0x01 (Analog output))	UINT32	RW	0x7070:01, 16

Index 1C00 Sync manager type

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1C00:0	Sync manager type	Using the sync managers	UINT8	RO	0x04 (4 _{dec})
1C00:01	SubIndex 001	Sync-Manager Type Channel 1: Mailbox Write	UINT8	RO	0x01 (1 _{dec})
1C00:02	SubIndex 002	Sync-Manager Type Channel 2: Mailbox Read	UINT8	RO	0x02 (2 _{dec})
1C00:03	SubIndex 003	Sync-Manager Type Channel 3: Process Data Write (Outputs)	UINT8	RO	0x03 (3 _{dec})
1C00:04	SubIndex 004	Sync-Manager Type Channel 4: Process Data Read (Inputs)	UINT8	RO	0x04 (4 _{dec})

Index 1C12 RxPDO assign

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1C12:0	RxPDO assign	PDO Assign Outputs	UINT8	RW	0x08 (8 _{dec})
1C12:01	SubIndex 001	1 st allocated RxPDO (contains the index of the associated RxPDO mapping object)	UINT16	RW	0x1600 (5632 _{dec})
1C12:02	SubIndex 002	2 nd allocated RxPDO (contains the index of the associated RxPDO mapping object)	UINT16	RW	0x1601 (5633 _{dec})
1C12:03	SubIndex 003	3 rd allocated RxPDO (contains the index of the associated RxPDO mapping object)	UINT16	RW	0x1602 (5634 _{dec})
1C12:04	SubIndex 004	4 th allocated RxPDO (contains the index of the associated RxPDO mapping object)	UINT16	RW	0x1603 (5635 _{dec})
1C12:05	SubIndex 005	5 th allocated RxPDO (contains the index of the associated RxPDO mapping object)	UINT16	RW	0x1604 (5636 _{dec})
1C12:06	SubIndex 006	6 th allocated RxPDO (contains the index of the associated RxPDO mapping object)	UINT16	RW	0x1605 (5637 _{dec})
1C12:07	SubIndex 007	7 th allocated RxPDO (contains the index of the associated RxPDO mapping object)	UINT16	RW	0x1606 (5638 _{dec})
1C12:08	SubIndex 008	8 th allocated RxPDO (contains the index of the associated RxPDO mapping object)	UINT16	RW	0x1607 (5639 _{dec})

Index 1C32 SM output parameter

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
1C32:0	SM output parameter	Synchronization parameters for the outputs	UINT8	RO	0x07 (7 _{dec})
1C32:01	Sync mode	Current synchronization mode: 0: Free Run 1: Synchron with SM 2 Event 2: DC-Mode - Synchron with SYNC0 Event 3: DC-Mode - Synchron with SYNC1 Event	UINT16	RW	0x0001 (1 _{dec})
1C32:02	Cycle time	Cycle time (in ns): - Free Run: Cycle time of the local timer - Synchronous with SM 2 event: Master cycle time - DC-Mode: SYNC0/SYNC1 Cycle Time	UINT32	RW	0x00000000 (0 _{dec})
1C32:03	Shift time	Time between SYNC0 event and output of the outputs (in ns, DC mode only)	UINT32	RW	0x00000000 (0 _{dec})
1C32:04	Sync modes supported	Supported synchronization modes: - Bit 0 = 1: free run is supported - Bit 1 = 1: Synchronous with SM 2 event is supported - Bit 2-3 = 01: DC mode is supported - Bit 4-5 = 10: Output shift with SYNC1 event (only DC mode) - Bit 14 = 1: dynamic times (measurement through writing of 1C32:08 [► 172])	UINT16	RO	0x8007 (32775 _{dec})
1C32:05	Minimum cycle time	Minimum cycle time (in ns)	UINT32	RO	0x00000000 (0 _{dec})
1C32:06	Calc and copy time	Minimum time between SYNC0 and SYNC1 event (in ns, DC mode only)	UINT32	RO	0x00000000 (0 _{dec})
1C32:08	Command	0: Measurement of the local cycle time is stopped 1: Measurement of the local cycle time is started The entries 1C32:03 [► 172], 1C32:05 [► 172], 1C32:06 [► 172], 1C32:09 [► 172] are updated with the maximum measured values. For a subsequent measurement the measured values are reset	UINT16	RW	0x0000 (0 _{dec})
1C32:09	Delay time	Time between SYNC1 event and output of the outputs (in ns, DC mode only)	UINT32	RO	0x00000000 (0 _{dec})
1C32:0B	SM event missed counter	Number of missed SM events in OPERATIONAL (DC mode only)	UINT16	RO	0x0000 (0 _{dec})
1C32:0C	Cycle exceeded counter	Number of occasions the cycle time was exceeded in OPERATIONAL (cycle was not completed in time or the next cycle began too early)	UINT16	RO	0x0000 (0 _{dec})
1C32:0D	Shift too short counter	Number of occasions that the interval between SYNC0 and SYNC1 event was too short (DC mode only)	UINT16	RO	0x0000 (0 _{dec})
1C32:20	Sync error	The synchronization was not correct in the last cycle (outputs were output too late; DC mode only)	BOOLEAN	RO	0x00 (0 _{dec})

Index F000 Modular device profile

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
F000:0	Modular device profile	General information for the modular device profile	UINT8	RO	0x02 (2 _{dec})
F000:01	Module index distance	Index spacing of the objects of the individual channels	UINT16	RO	0x0010 (16 _{dec})
F000:02	Maximum number of modules	Number of channels	UINT16	RO	0x0008 (8 _{dec})

Index F008 Code word

Index (hex)	Name	Meaning	Data type	Flags	Default
F008:0	Code word	Code word (currently reserved)	UINT32	RW	0x00000000 (0 _{dec})

6 Appendix

6.1 EtherCAT AL Status Codes

For detailed information please refer to the [EtherCAT system description](#).

6.2 Continuative documentation for ATEX and IECEx



Continuative documentation about explosion protection according to ATEX and IECEx

Pay also attention to the continuative documentation

Ex. Protection for Terminal Systems

Notes on the use of the Beckhoff terminal systems in hazardous areas according to ATEX and IECEx

that is available for [download](#) on the Beckhoff homepage www.beckhoff.com!

6.3 Firmware compatibility

Beckhoff EtherCAT devices are delivered with the latest available firmware version. Compatibility of firmware and hardware is mandatory; not every combination ensures compatibility. The overview below shows the hardware versions on which a firmware can be operated.

Note

- It is recommended to use the newest possible firmware for the respective hardware
- Beckhoff is not under any obligation to provide customers with free firmware updates for delivered products.

NOTE

Risk of damage to the device!

Pay attention to the instructions for firmware updates on the [separate page](#) [► 177]. If a device is placed in BOOTSTRAP mode for a firmware update, it does not check when downloading whether the new firmware is suitable. This can result in damage to the device! Therefore, always make sure that the firmware is suitable for the hardware version!

EL4001			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 14	01	EL4001-0000-0016	2007/08
		EL4001-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4001-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4001-0000-0019	2014/08
	02		2014/10
		EL4001-0000-0020	2016/02
15 - 16*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03

EL4002			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 15	01	EL4002-0000-0016	2007/08
		EL4002-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4002-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4002-0000-0019	2014/08
	02		2014/10
		EL4002-0000-0020	2016/01
16 - 17*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03

EL4004			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 15	01	EL4004-0000-0016	2007/08
		EL4004-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4004-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4004-0000-0019	2014/08
	02		2014/10
		EL4004-0000-0020	2016/02
16 - 19*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03

EL4008			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 16	01	EL4008-0000-0016	2007/08
		EL4008-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4008-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4008-0000-0019	2014/08
	02		2014/10
		EL4008-0000-0020	2016/02
17 - 18*	03		2016/05
	04		2017/05
	05*		2018/03

EL4011			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 10	01	EL4011-0000-0016	2007/08
		EL4011-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4011-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4011-0000-0019	2014/08
		EL4011-0000-0020	2016/02
11 - 13*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03

EL4012			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 10	01	EL4012-0000-0016	2007/10
		EL4012-0000-0017	2012/07
		EL4012-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4012-0000-0019	2014/08
		EL4012-0000-0020	2016/02
11 - 13*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03

EL4014			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 10	01	EL4014-0000-0016	2007/10
		EL4014-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4014-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4014-0000-0019	2014/08
		EL4014-0000-0020	2016/02
11 - 13*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03

EL4018			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 10	01	EL4018-0000-0016	2007/08
		EL4018-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4018-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4018-0000-0019	2014/08
		EL4018-0000-0020	2016/02
11 - 13*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03

EL4021			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 10	01	EL4021-0000-0016	2007/08
		EL4021-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4021-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4021-0000-0019	2014/08
		EL4021-0000-0020	2016/02
11 - 14*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03
		EL4021-0000-0021	2019/07

EL4022			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 10	01	EL4022-0000-0016	2007/08
		EL4022-0000-0017	2012/07
		EL4022-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4022-0000-0019	2014/08
		EL4022-0000-0020	2016/02
11 - 13*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03
		EL4022-0000-0021	2019/07

EL4024			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 10	01	EL4024-0000-0016	2009/08
		EL4024-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4024-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4024-0000-0019	2014/08
		EL4024-0000-0020	2016/02
11 - 13*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03
		EL4024-0000-0021	2019/07

EL4028			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 10	01	EL4028-0000-0016	2009/08
		EL4028-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4028-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4028-0000-0019	2014/08
		EL4028-0000-0020	2016/02
11 - 13*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03
		EL4028-0000-0021	2019/07

EL4031			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 13	01	EL4031-0000-0016	2007/08
		EL4031-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4031-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4031-0000-0019	2014/08
		EL4031-0000-0020	2016/02
14 - 15*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03

EL4032			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 13	01	EL4032-0000-0016	2007/08
		EL4032-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4032-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4032-0000-0019	2014/08
		EL4032-0000-0020	2016/02
14 - 15*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03

EL4034			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 11	01	EL4034-0000-0016	2007/10
		EL4034-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4034-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4034-0000-0019	2014/08
		EL4034-0000-0020	2016/02
12 - 13*	03		2017/05
	04*		2018/03

EL4038			
Hardware (HW)	Firmware	Revision no.	Release date
00 - 13	01	EL4038-0000-0016	2007/08
		EL4038-0000-0017	2012/08
		EL4038-0000-0018	2014/03
		EL4038-0000-0019	2014/08
	02		2016/05
		EL4038-0000-0020	2016/02
14 - 16*	03		2017/05
	04		2018/03
	05*		2020/08

*) This is the current compatible firmware/hardware version at the time of the preparing this documentation. Check on the Beckhoff web page whether more up-to-date [documentation](#) is available.

6.4 Firmware Update EL/ES/EM/ELM/EPxxxx

This section describes the device update for Beckhoff EtherCAT slaves from the EL/ES, ELM, EM, EK and EP series. A firmware update should only be carried out after consultation with Beckhoff support.

NOTE**Only use TwinCAT 3 software!**

A firmware update of Beckhoff IO devices must only be performed with a TwinCAT 3 installation. It is recommended to build as up-to-date as possible, available for free download on the Beckhoff website <https://www.beckhoff.com/en-us/>.

To update the firmware, TwinCAT can be operated in the so-called FreeRun mode, a paid license is not required.

The device to be updated can usually remain in the installation location, but TwinCAT has to be operated in the FreeRun. Please make sure that EtherCAT communication is trouble-free (no LostFrames etc.).

Other EtherCAT master software, such as the EtherCAT Configurator, should not be used, as they may not support the complexities of updating firmware, EEPROM and other device components.

Storage locations

An EtherCAT slave stores operating data in up to three locations:

- Depending on functionality and performance EtherCAT slaves have one or several local controllers for processing I/O data. The corresponding program is the so-called **firmware** in *.efw format.
- In some EtherCAT slaves the EtherCAT communication may also be integrated in these controllers. In this case the controller is usually a so-called **FPGA** chip with *.rbf firmware.
- In addition, each EtherCAT slave has a memory chip, a so-called **ESI-EEPROM**, for storing its own device description (ESI: EtherCAT Slave Information). On power-up this description is loaded and the EtherCAT communication is set up accordingly. The device description is available from the download area of the Beckhoff website at (<https://www.beckhoff.com>). All ESI files are accessible there as zip files.

Customers can access the data via the EtherCAT fieldbus and its communication mechanisms. Acyclic mailbox communication or register access to the ESC is used for updating or reading of these data.

The TwinCAT System Manager offers mechanisms for programming all three parts with new data, if the slave is set up for this purpose. Generally the slave does not check whether the new data are suitable, i.e. it may no longer be able to operate if the data are unsuitable.

Simplified update by bundle firmware

The update using so-called **bundle firmware** is more convenient: in this case the controller firmware and the ESI description are combined in a *.efw file; during the update both the firmware and the ESI are changed in the terminal. For this to happen it is necessary

- for the firmware to be in a packed format: recognizable by the file name, which also contains the revision number, e.g. ELxxx-xxx-REV0016_SW01.efw
- for password=1 to be entered in the download dialog. If password=0 (default setting) only the firmware update is carried out, without an ESI update.
- for the device to support this function. The function usually cannot be retrofitted; it is a component of many new developments from year of manufacture 2016.

Following the update, its success should be verified

- ESI/Revision: e.g. by means of an online scan in TwinCAT ConfigMode/FreeRun – this is a convenient way to determine the revision
- Firmware: e.g. by looking in the online CoE of the device

NOTE**Risk of damage to the device!**

- ✓ Note the following when downloading new device files
 - a) Firmware downloads to an EtherCAT device must not be interrupted
 - b) Flawless EtherCAT communication must be ensured. CRC errors or LostFrames must be avoided.
 - c) The power supply must adequately dimensioned. The signal level must meet the specification.
- ⇒ In the event of malfunctions during the update process the EtherCAT device may become unusable and require re-commissioning by the manufacturer.

6.4.1 Device description ESI file/XML

NOTE**Attention regarding update of the ESI description/EEPROM**

Some slaves have stored calibration and configuration data from the production in the EEPROM. These are irretrievably overwritten during an update.

The ESI device description is stored locally on the slave and loaded on start-up. Each device description has a unique identifier consisting of slave name (9 characters/digits) and a revision number (4 digits). Each slave configured in the System Manager shows its identifier in the EtherCAT tab:

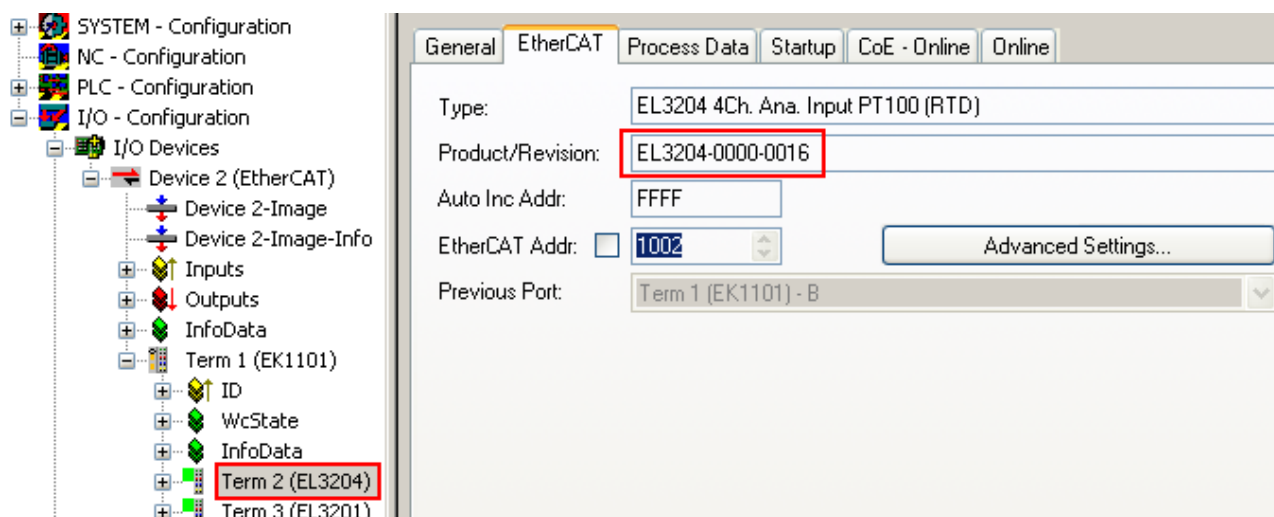


Fig. 179: Device identifier consisting of name EL3204-0000 and revision -0016

The configured identifier must be compatible with the actual device description used as hardware, i.e. the description which the slave has loaded on start-up (in this case EL3204). Normally the configured revision must be the same or lower than that actually present in the terminal network.

For further information on this, please refer to the [EtherCAT system documentation](#).

i Update of XML/ESI description

The device revision is closely linked to the firmware and hardware used. Incompatible combinations lead to malfunctions or even final shutdown of the device. Corresponding updates should only be carried out in consultation with Beckhoff support.

Display of ESI slave identifier

The simplest way to ascertain compliance of configured and actual device description is to scan the EtherCAT boxes in TwinCAT mode Config/FreeRun:

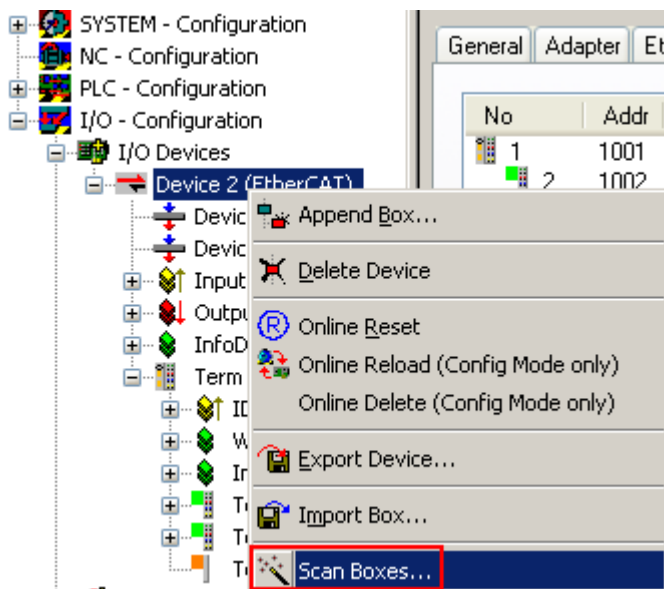


Fig. 180: Scan the subordinate field by right-clicking on the EtherCAT device

If the found field matches the configured field, the display shows



Fig. 181: Configuration is identical

otherwise a change dialog appears for entering the actual data in the configuration.

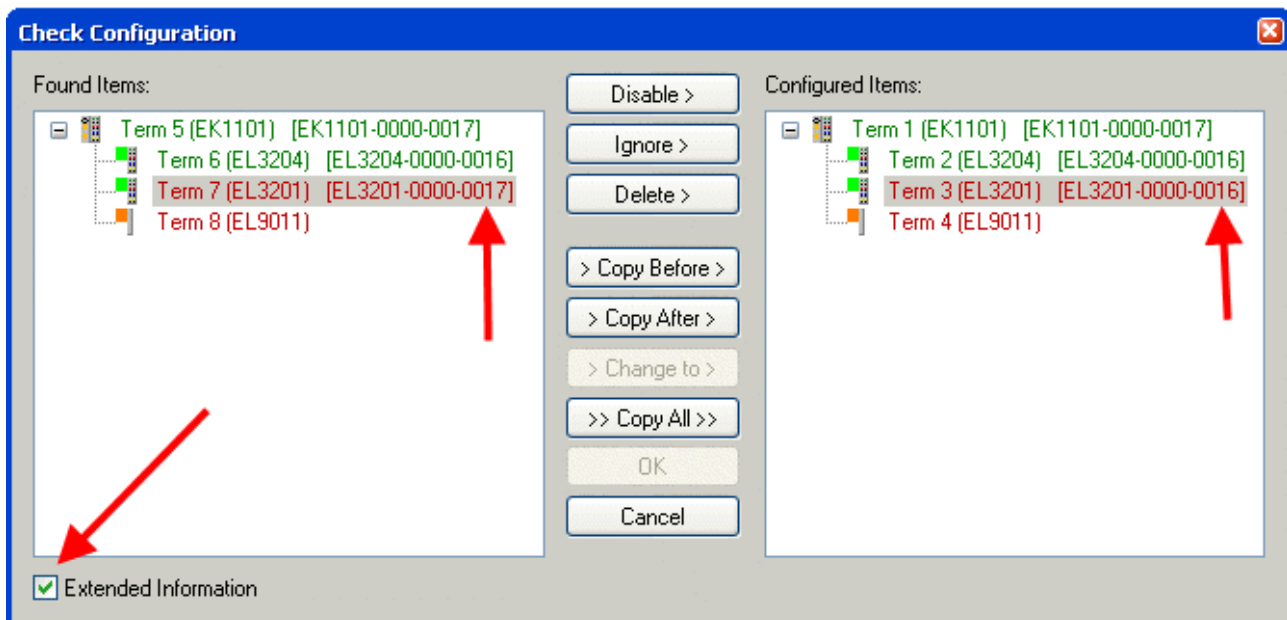


Fig. 182: Change dialog

In this example in Fig. *Change dialog*, an EL3201-0000-**0017** was found, while an EL3201-0000-**0016** was configured. In this case the configuration can be adapted with the *Copy Before* button. The *Extended Information* checkbox must be set in order to display the revision.

Changing the ESI slave identifier

The ESI/EEPROM identifier can be updated as follows under TwinCAT:

- Trouble-free EtherCAT communication must be established with the slave.
- The state of the slave is irrelevant.
- Right-clicking on the slave in the online display opens the *EEPROM Update* dialog, Fig. *EEPROM Update*

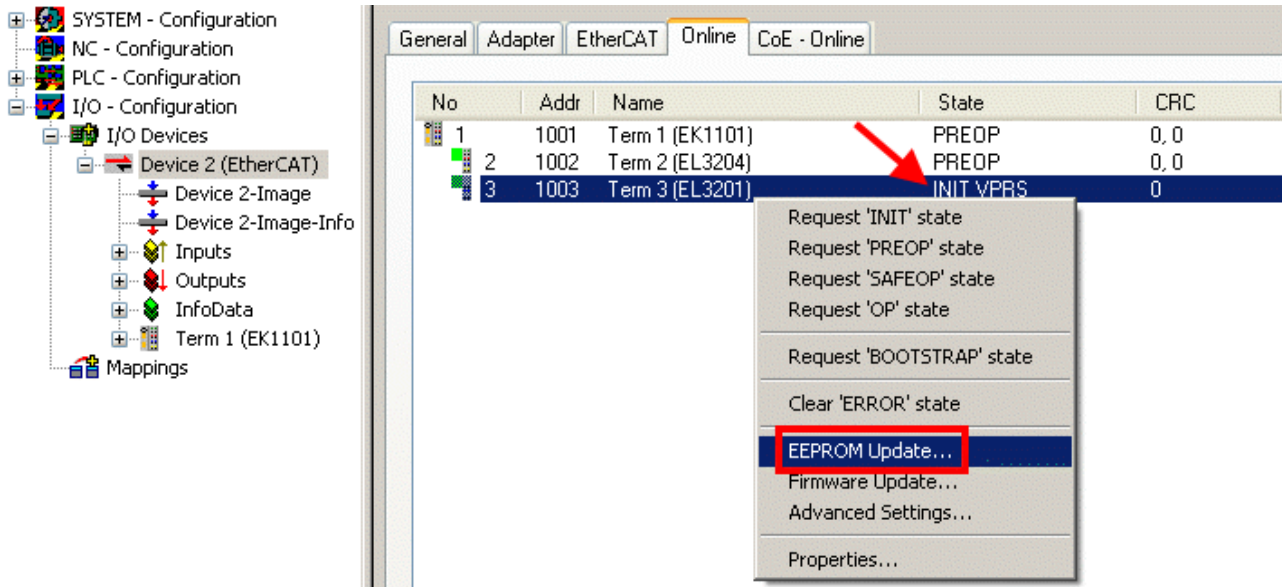


Fig. 183: EEPROM Update

The new ESI description is selected in the following dialog, see Fig. *Selecting the new ESI*. The checkbox *Show Hidden Devices* also displays older, normally hidden versions of a slave.

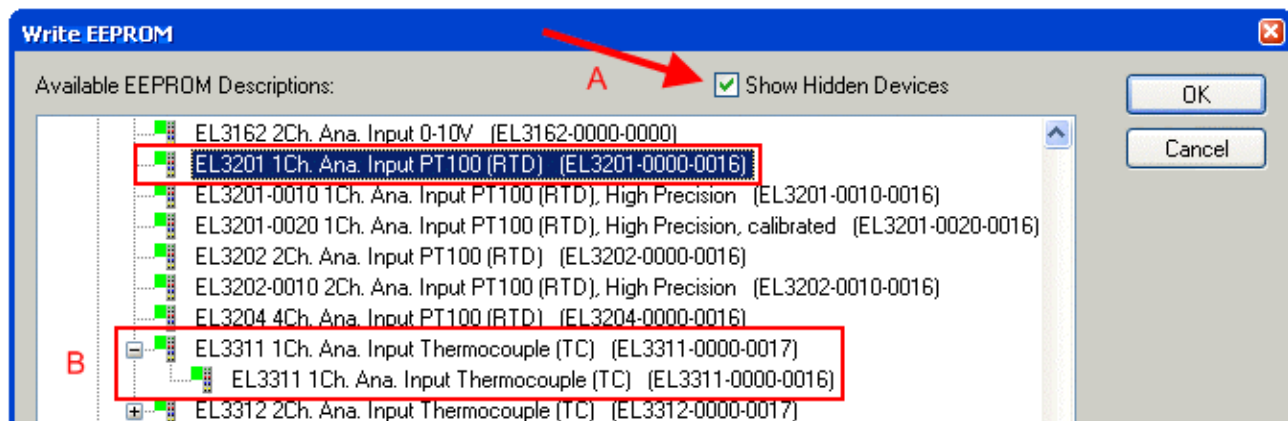


Fig. 184: Selecting the new ESI

A progress bar in the System Manager shows the progress. Data are first written, then verified.

i The change only takes effect after a restart.

Most EtherCAT devices read a modified ESI description immediately or after startup from the INIT. Some communication settings such as distributed clocks are only read during power-on. The EtherCAT slave therefore has to be switched off briefly in order for the change to take effect.

6.4.2 Firmware explanation

Determining the firmware version

Determining the version on laser inscription

Beckhoff EtherCAT slaves feature serial numbers applied by laser. The serial number has the following structure: **KK YY FF HH**

KK - week of production (CW, calendar week)
 YY - year of production
 FF - firmware version
 HH - hardware version

Example with ser. no.: 12 10 03 02:

12 - week of production 12
 10 - year of production 2010
 03 - firmware version 03
 02 - hardware version 02

Determining the version via the System Manager

The TwinCAT System Manager shows the version of the controller firmware if the master can access the slave online. Click on the E-Bus Terminal whose controller firmware you want to check (in the example terminal 2 (EL3204)) and select the tab *CoE Online* (CAN over EtherCAT).

● CoE Online and Offline CoE

i Two CoE directories are available:

- **online:** This is offered in the EtherCAT slave by the controller, if the EtherCAT slave supports this. This CoE directory can only be displayed if a slave is connected and operational.
- **offline:** The EtherCAT Slave Information ESI/XML may contain the default content of the CoE. This CoE directory can only be displayed if it is included in the ESI (e.g. "Beckhoff EL5xxx.xml").

The Advanced button must be used for switching between the two views.

In Fig. *Display of EL3204 firmware version* the firmware version of the selected EL3204 is shown as 03 in CoE entry 0x100A.

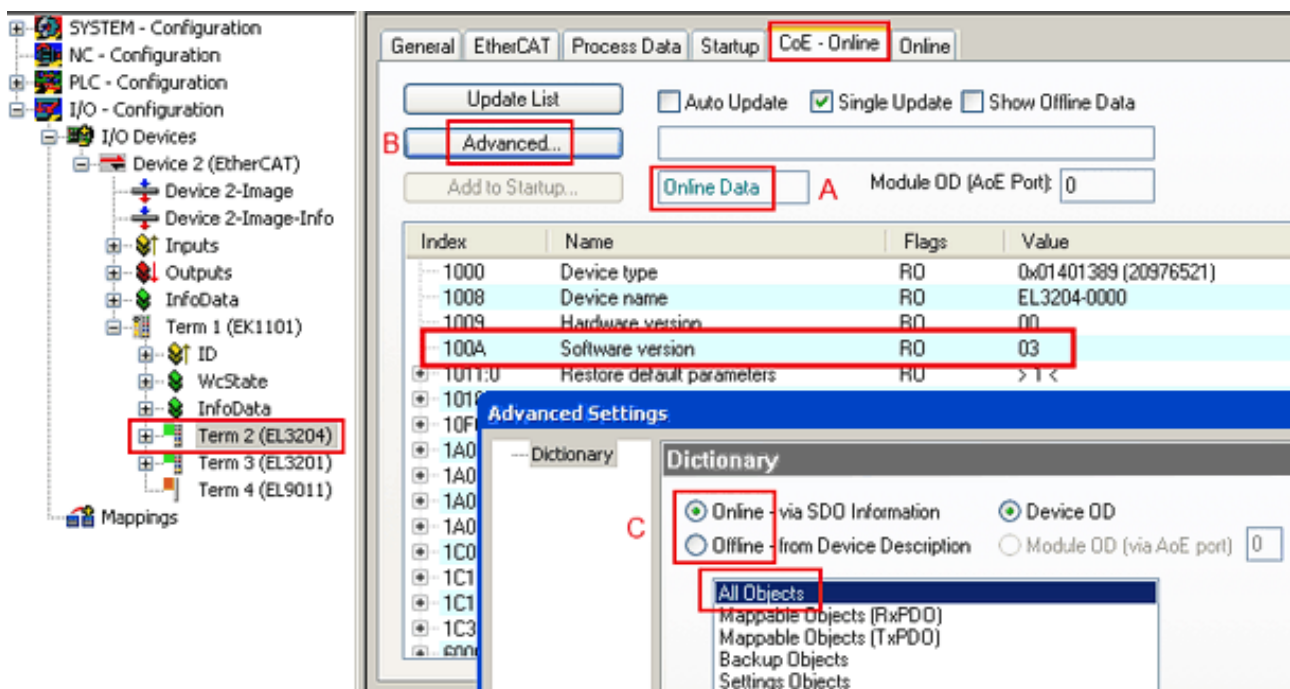


Fig. 185: Display of EL3204 firmware version

In (A) TwinCAT 2.11 shows that the Online CoE directory is currently displayed. If this is not the case, the Online directory can be loaded via the *Online* option in Advanced Settings (B) and double-clicking on *AllObjects*.

6.4.3 Updating controller firmware *.efw

CoE directory

The Online CoE directory is managed by the controller and stored in a dedicated EEPROM, which is generally not changed during a firmware update.

Switch to the *Online* tab to update the controller firmware of a slave, see Fig. *Firmware Update*.

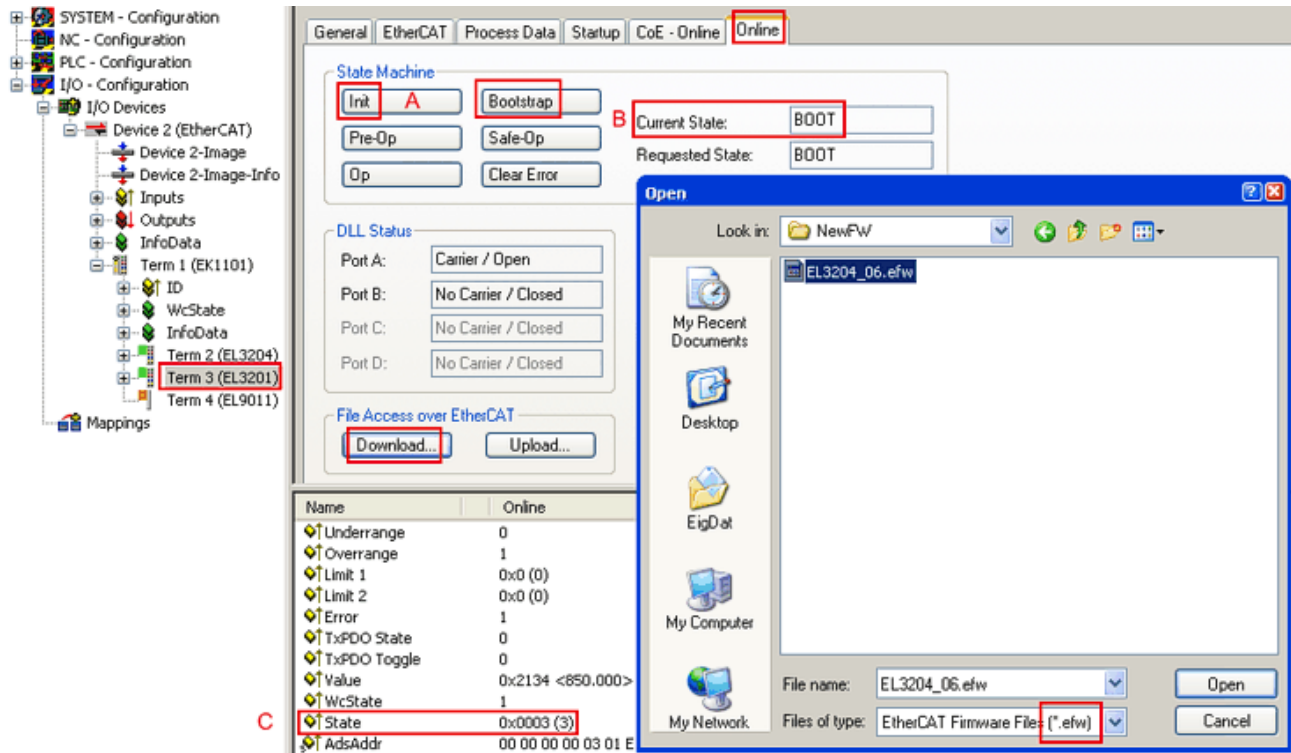
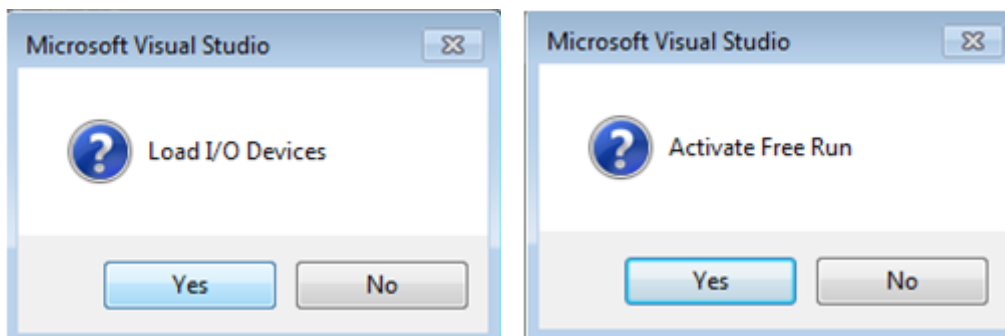


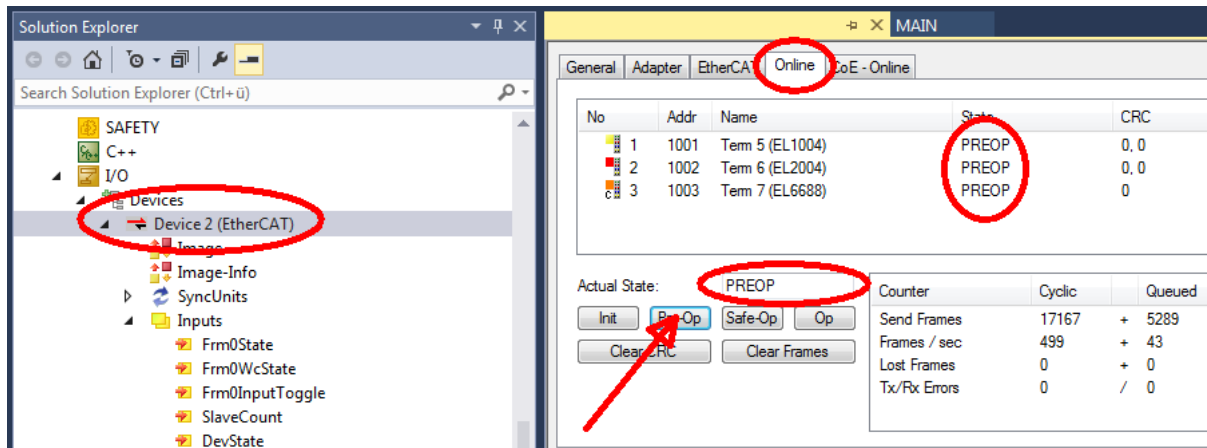
Fig. 186: Firmware Update

Proceed as follows, unless instructed otherwise by Beckhoff support. Valid for TwinCAT 2 and 3 as EtherCAT master.

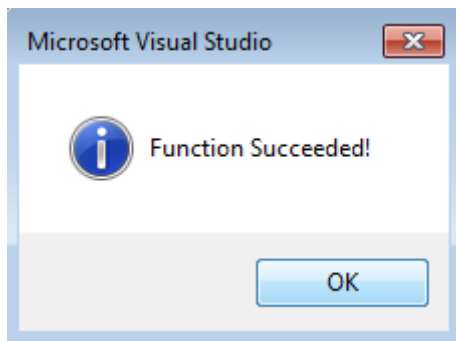
- Switch TwinCAT system to ConfigMode/FreeRun with cycle time ≥ 1 ms (default in ConfigMode is 4 ms). A FW-Update during real time operation is not recommended.



- Switch EtherCAT Master to PreOP



- Switch slave to INIT (A)
- Switch slave to BOOTSTRAP
- Check the current status (B, C)
- Download the new *efw file (wait until it ends). A pass word will not be necessary usually.



- After the download switch to INIT, then PreOP
- Switch off the slave briefly (don't pull under voltage!)
- Check within CoE 0x100A, if the FW status was correctly overtaken.

6.4.4 FPGA firmware *.rbf

If an FPGA chip deals with the EtherCAT communication an update may be accomplished via an *.rbf file.

- Controller firmware for processing I/O signals
- FPGA firmware for EtherCAT communication (only for terminals with FPGA)

The firmware version number included in the terminal serial number contains both firmware components. If one of these firmware components is modified this version number is updated.

Determining the version via the System Manager

The TwinCAT System Manager indicates the FPGA firmware version. Click on the Ethernet card of your EtherCAT strand (Device 2 in the example) and select the *Online* tab.

The *Reg:0002* column indicates the firmware version of the individual EtherCAT devices in hexadecimal and decimal representation.

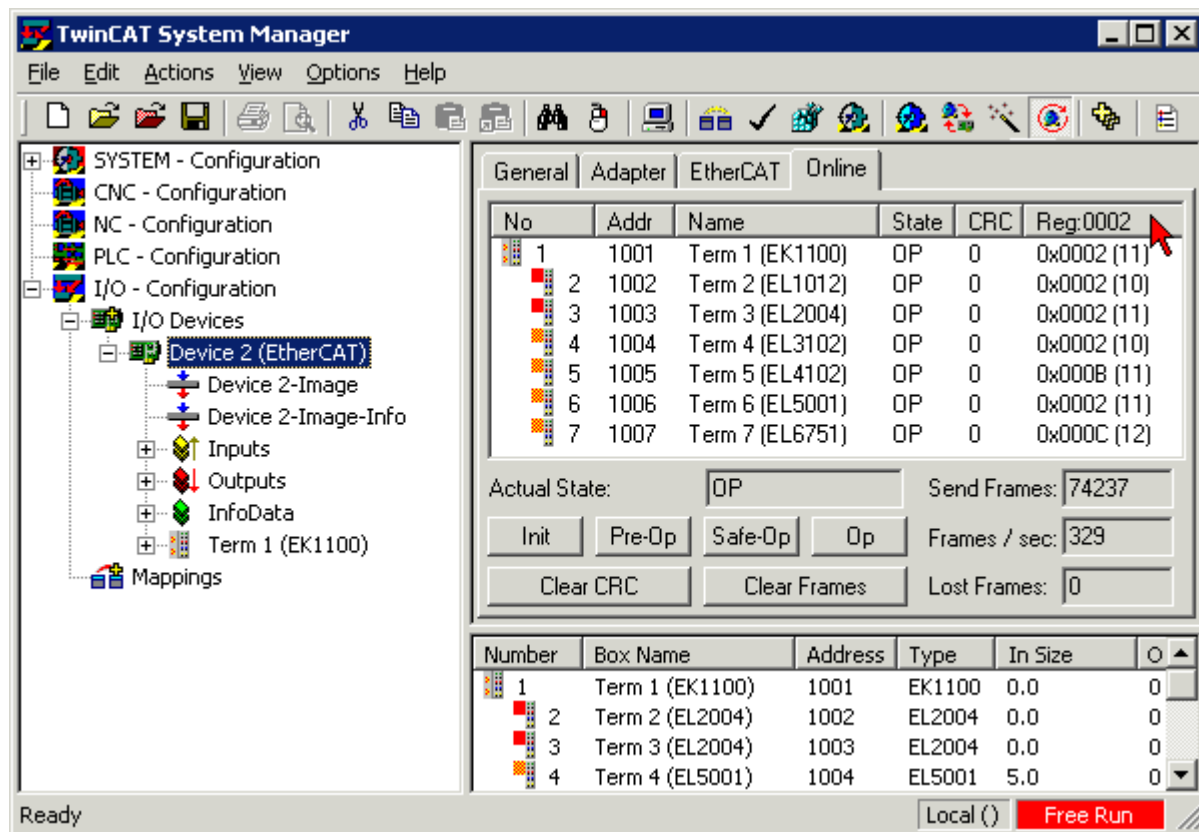
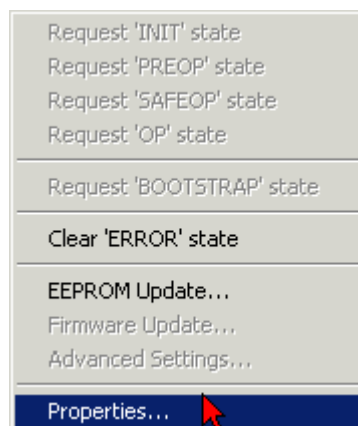


Fig. 187: FPGA firmware version definition

If the column *Reg:0002* is not displayed, right-click the table header and select *Properties* in the context menu.

Fig. 188: Context menu *Properties*

The *Advanced Settings* dialog appears where the columns to be displayed can be selected. Under *Diagnosis/Online View* select the *'0002 ETxxxx Build'* check box in order to activate the FPGA firmware version display.

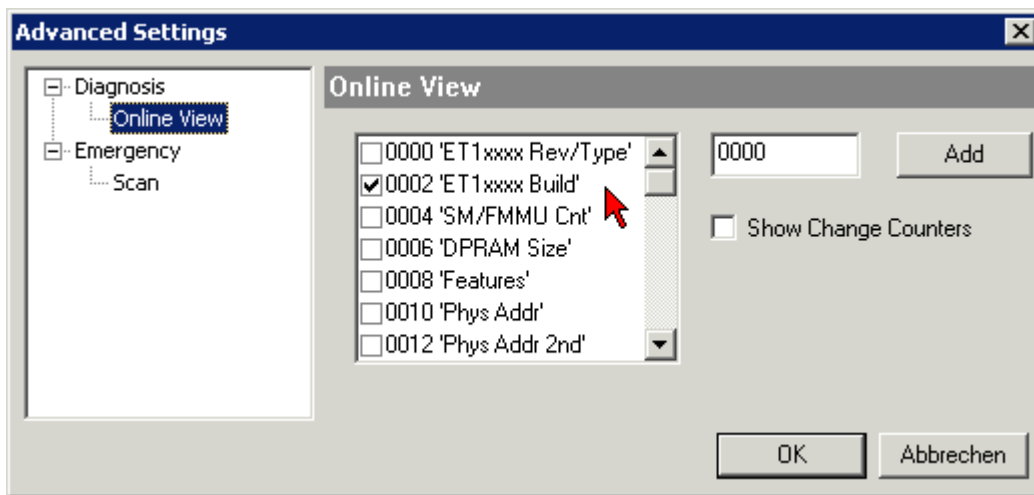


Fig. 189: Dialog *Advanced Settings*

Update

For updating the FPGA firmware

- of an EtherCAT coupler the coupler must have FPGA firmware version 11 or higher;
- of an E-Bus Terminal the terminal must have FPGA firmware version 10 or higher.

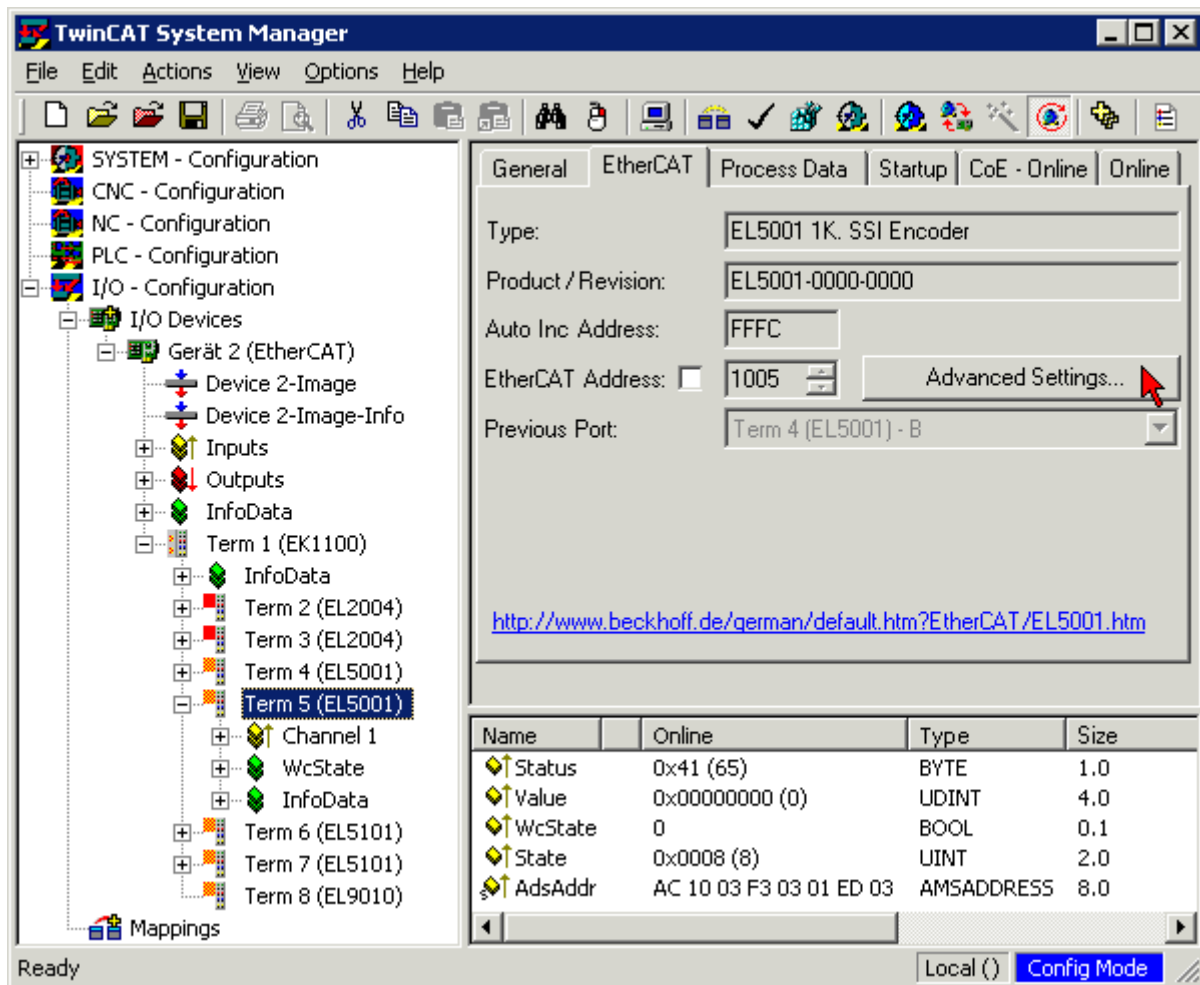
Older firmware versions can only be updated by the manufacturer!

Updating an EtherCAT device

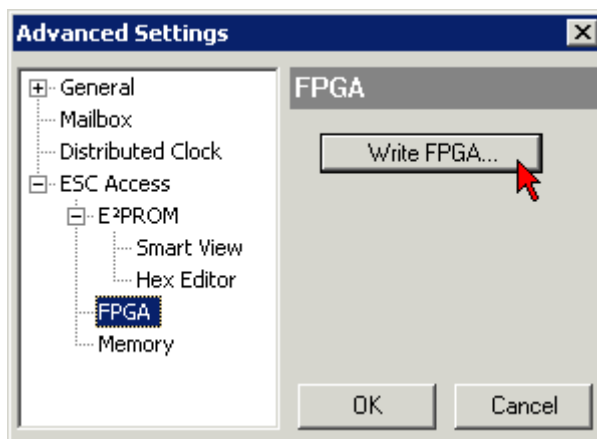
The following sequence order have to be met if no other specifications are given (e.g. by the Beckhoff support):

- Switch TwinCAT system to ConfigMode/FreeRun with cycle time ≥ 1 ms (default in ConfigMode is 4 ms). A FW-Update during real time operation is not recommended.

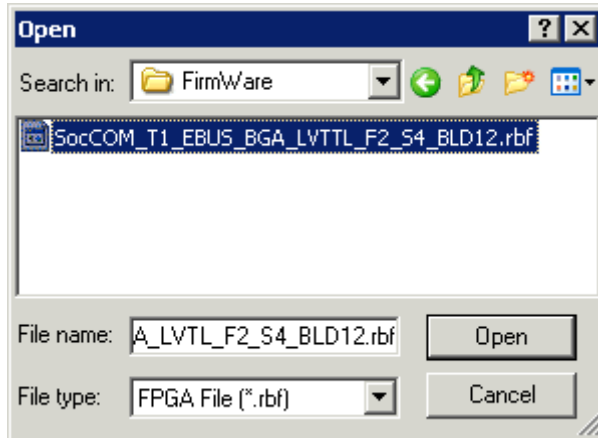
- In the TwinCAT System Manager select the terminal for which the FPGA firmware is to be updated (in the example: Terminal 5: EL5001) and click the *Advanced Settings* button in the *EtherCAT* tab:



- The *Advanced Settings* dialog appears. Under *ESC Access/E²PROM/FPGA* click on *Write FPGA* button:



- Select the file (*.rbf) with the new FPGA firmware, and transfer it to the EtherCAT device:



- Wait until download ends
- Switch slave current less for a short time (don't pull under voltage!). In order to activate the new FPGA firmware a restart (switching the power supply off and on again) of the EtherCAT device is required.
- Check the new FPGA status

NOTE

Risk of damage to the device!

A download of firmware to an EtherCAT device must not be interrupted in any case! If you interrupt this process by switching off power supply or disconnecting the Ethernet link, the EtherCAT device can only be recommissioned by the manufacturer!

6.4.5 Simultaneous updating of several EtherCAT devices

The firmware and ESI descriptions of several devices can be updated simultaneously, provided the devices have the same firmware file/ESI.

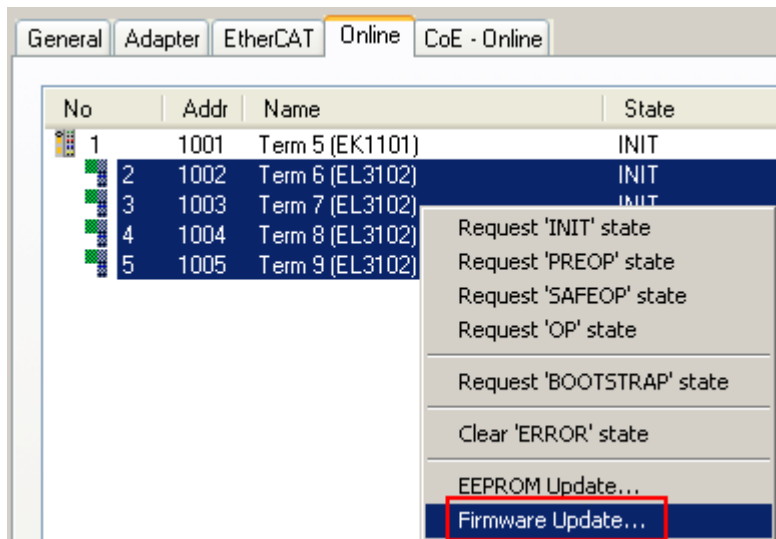


Fig. 190: Multiple selection and firmware update

Select the required slaves and carry out the firmware update in BOOTSTRAP mode as described above.

6.5 Restoring the delivery state

To restore the delivery state (factory settings) for backup objects in ELxxxx terminals, the CoE object Restore default parameters, *SubIndex 001* can be selected in the TwinCAT System Manager (Config mode) (see Fig. *Selecting the Restore default parameters PDO*)

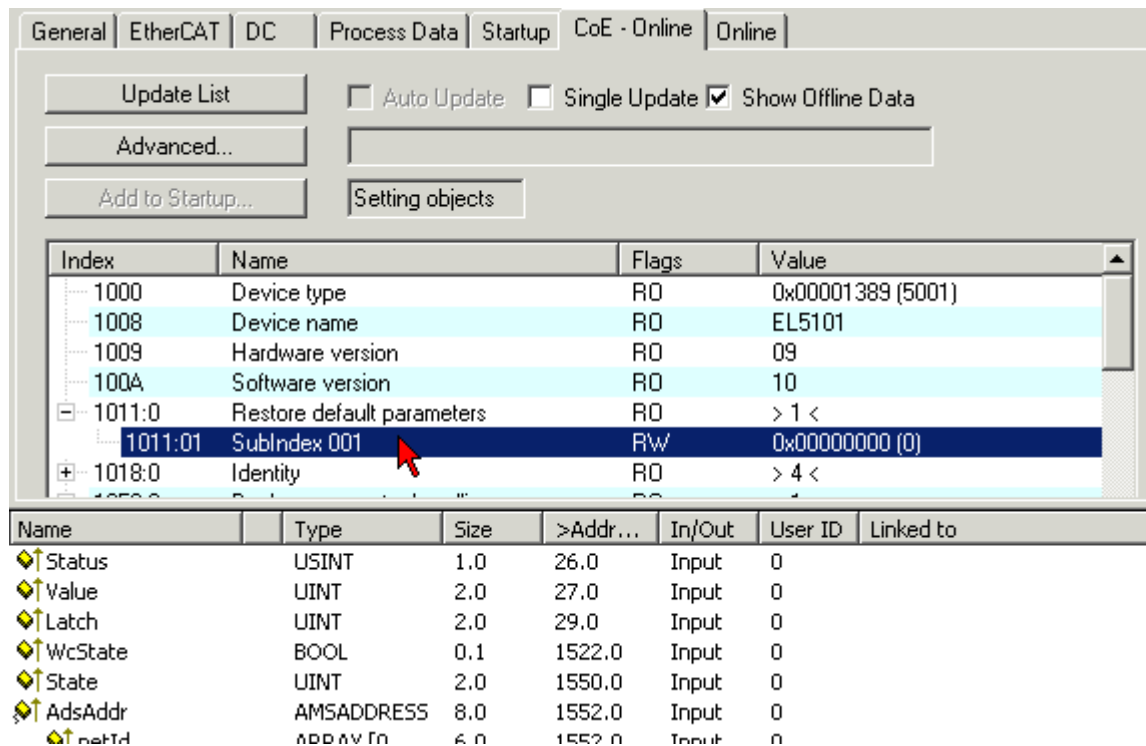


Fig. 191: Selecting the *Restore default parameters* PDO

Double-click on SubIndex 001 to enter the Set Value dialog. Enter the value **1684107116** in field *Dec* or the value **0x64616F6C** in field *Hex* and confirm with *OK* (Fig. *Entering a restore value in the Set Value dialog*). All backup objects are reset to the delivery state.

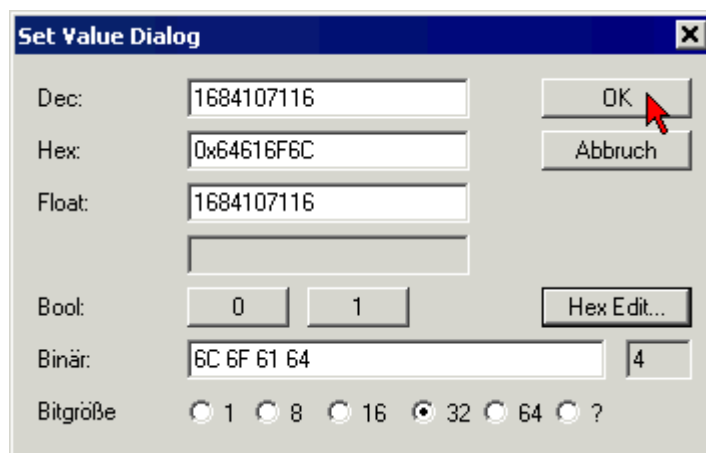


Fig. 192: Entering a restore value in the Set Value dialog

Alternative restore value

In some older terminals the backup objects can be switched with an alternative restore value: Decimal value: 1819238756, Hexadecimal value: 0x6C6F6164An incorrect entry for the restore value has no effect.

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