

Q4X Process Data Function

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This document covers the installation and use of a function for Siemen's TIA Portal software package. This function handles cyclic IO-Link Process Data In from a Banner Q4X sensor via an IO-Link Master to a Siemens PLC. The function covers parsing and display of the Q4X sensor Process Data In.

Components

Banner Q4X Library v16.zal16

There are two methods for the process data. The first is used when creating a connection to Banner's IO-Link masters. The second set of instructions are for systems using other manufacturer's IO-Link masters.

Installation of Library

1. Open a project.
2. Go to the Open Global Library option in the Libraries tab in TIA Portal v16 or greater.



3. Switch the “Files of type” to Compressed libraries. Go to the location of the compressed library.
4. Press the Open button and the library will be uncompressed and opened.
5. The library is now accessible in the Libraries tab in v16 or greater.

Setup of Q4X with a Banner DXMR

1. Go to Device and Networks to configure the DXMR. Add the DXMR if it has yet to be added to the system.
2. Add Banner IO-Link Master Info to Slot 1. This sets the DXMR for IO-Link mode.
3. Open the IO-Link Generic Devices and select the proper module. The 2/2 byte option has been selected for port 1. Make note of the I address for the Slot 2 which represents Port 1. Slot 2 starts are 10. The other number needed is I14. The data for the port start at that point (I14). The previous four bytes represents Port Status, Process Data In Size, and Process Data Out Size.

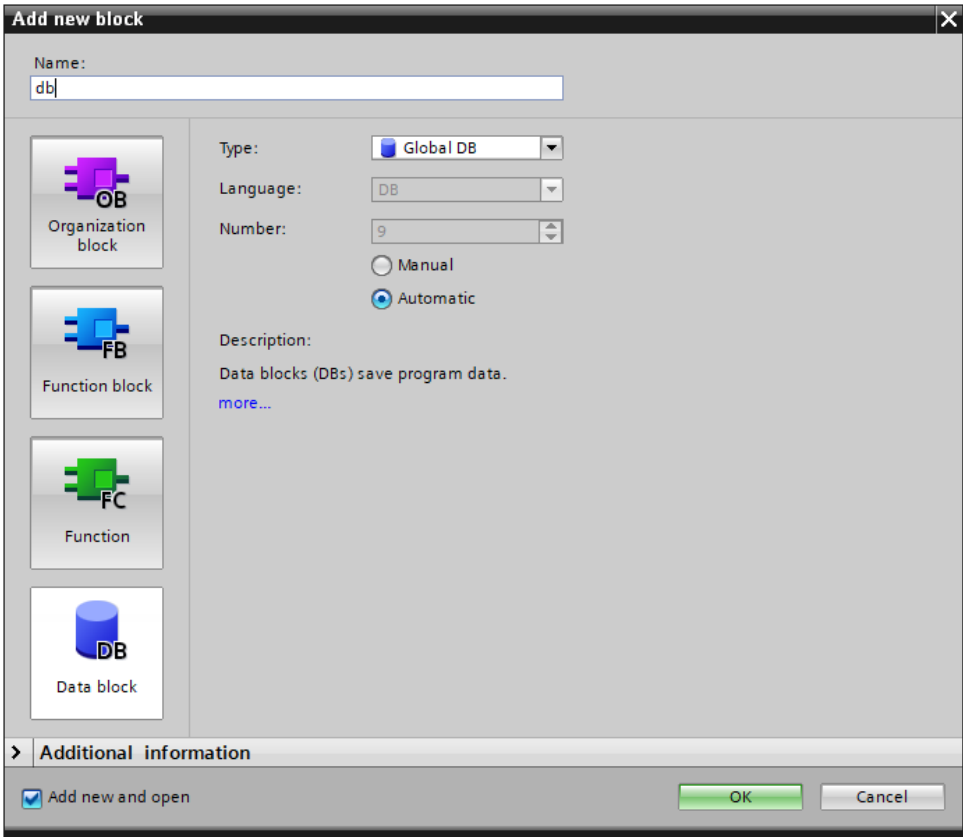
Module	Rack	Slot	I address	Q address	Type
▼ dxm	0	0			1-port Device
▶ Interface	0	0 X1			dxm
Banner IO-Link Master Info_1	0	1	1...9		Banner IO-Link Master Info
IO-Link In/Out 2/ 2 Byte + Status_1	0	2	10...15	1...16	IO-Link In/Out 2/ 2 Byte + Status

4. Drag the Banner_Q4X_PDI to the PLC Data Types area under your PLC. Banner_Q4X_PDI is found in the Q4X folder in the library. Drag the Banner_Q4X_PD to the Program Blocks area.
5. Drag the necessary tag from Banner_Specialized_Data_Types. The tag used in this example is "Banner_2in". This tag represents the full raw process data along with port status information.
6. Go to PLC Tags. Create two tags. One tag is for the full data structure while the second creates a tag to represent the raw Process Data from the IO-Link Master. In this example, Tag table_1 was created, then the tag "Q4X IOLM1 01 PDI" was created using a Data Type of "Banner_2In". This naming convention calls out the type of sensor in question as well as the specific IO-Link Master and port number where the sensor is connected. A different IO-Link Master might be named IOLM2 or IOLM3, for instance, and other specific sensors may be connected to different port numbers. The "I" address found in step 2 is tied to this new tag. The second is "Q4X IOLM1 01 inRaw". This is the tag that will be used in the Function block.



▶ Q4X IOLM1 01 PDI	"Banner_2In"	%I10.0
Q4X IOLM1 01 inRaw	Word	%IW14

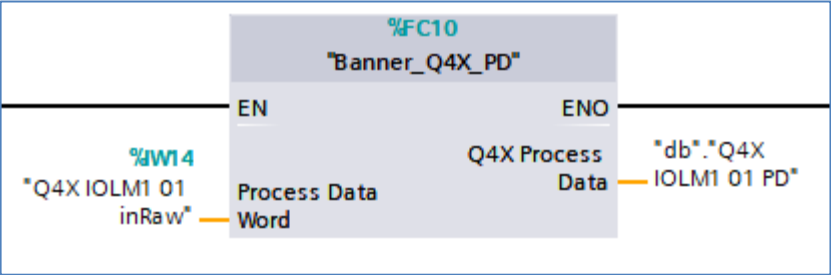
- 7. Go to Program blocks. Add a new Data block if necessary. In this example the new data block is named “db”.



- 8. In the new data block, create a new tag to represent the parsed Process Data In for our Q4X. The tag name again calls out the type of sensor, the IO-Link Master, and the port number. Use the data type “Banner_Q4X_PDI” for the new tag.

Name	Data type
▼ Static	
■ ▼ Q4X IOLM1 01 PD	"Banner_Q4X_PDI"
■ Channel 1 Output State	Bool
■ Channel 2 Output State	Bool
■ Stability	Bool
■ Measurement Value	Real

9. Add the “Banner_Q4X_PD” function to an OB ladder. Link the “Process Data Word” to the raw Process Data variable from step 4. Link the “Q4X Process Data” to the parsed Process Data variable from step 6.

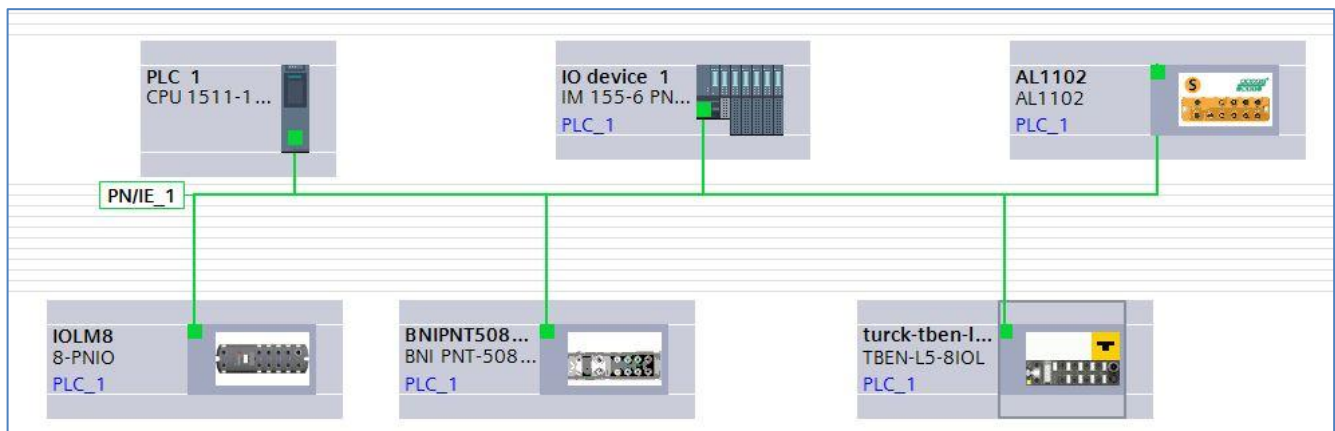
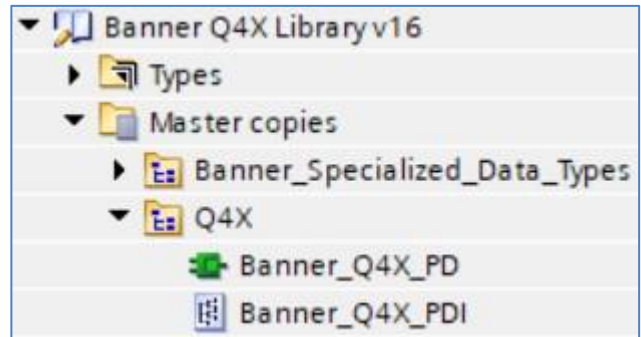


10. Process Data setup is complete.
11. Compile and download the configuration to the PLC, then go online. Open the “db” data block and click Monitor all. You should see parsed Q4X Process Data In, like that shown below.

Name	Data type	Start value	Monitor value
▼ Static			
■ ▼ Q4X IOLM1 01 PD	"Banner_Q4X_PDI"		
■ Channel 1 Output State	Bool	false	TRUE
■ Channel 2 Output State	Bool	false	TRUE
■ Stability	Bool	false	TRUE
■ Measurement Value	Real	0.0	72.5

Setup of Q4X with other IO-Link Masters

1. The Banner Q4X Library will now be in the Global Library List. Expand the Master copies section.
2. Drag Banner_Q4X_PD to the Program Blocks area under your PLC.
3. Drag the Banner_Q4X_PDI to the PLC Data Types area under your PLC.
4. Drag the Banner_Q4X_PDI to the PLC Data Types area under your PLC.
5. Go to Devices and networks to configure the system as necessary. Below is an example of what a configuration might look like. This example shows 5 different IO-Link Masters connected to the same PLC.



6. Click on the relevant device and configure the IO-Link Master as necessary. Refer to the documentation for the IO-Link Master. Recall that a Q4X requires 2 bytes of space for the Process Data.
7. Record the "I" address where this Q4X Process Data is to be stored, as the address will be required in the next step. In this example, 2 bytes of Process Data In for port 2 on the IO-Link Master will be stored in I68 and I70.

8. Go to PLC Tags. Add a new tag table, then create a new tag to represent the raw Process Data from the IO-Link Master. In this example, Tag table_1 was created, then the tag “Q4X IOLM2 06 PD” was created using a Data Type of “Word”. This naming convention calls out the type of sensor in question as well as the specific IO-Link Master and port number where the sensor is connected. A different IO-Link Master might be named IOLM1 or IOLM3, for instance, and other specific sensors may be connected to different port numbers. The “I” address found in step 7 is tied to this new tag.

	Name	Data type	Address	Retain	Acces...	Writa...	Visibl...	Comment
1	Q4X IOLM2 06 PD	Word	%IW68	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2	<Add new>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

9. Go to Program blocks. Add a new Data block if necessary. In this example the new data block is named “Banner IO-Link Data”.

Add new block

Name: Banner IO-Link Data

Type: Global DB

Language: DB

Number: 1

☐ Manual
☒ Automatic

Description: Data blocks (DBs) save program data.
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☒ Add new and open

OK Cancel

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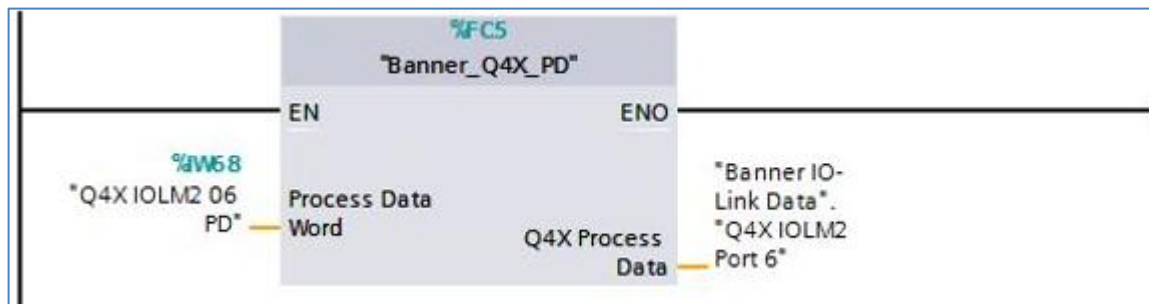
Q4X IO-Link ▸ PLC_1 [CPU 1212C AC/DC/Rly] ▸ Program blocks ▸ Banner IO-Link Data [DB1]

Keep actual values Snapshot Copy snapshots to start values Load start values as actual

Banner IO-Link Data

	Name	Data type	Start value	Retain	Accessible f...	Writa...	Visible in ...	Setpoint	Com
1	Static			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Q4X IOLM2 Port 6	"Banner_Q4X_PDI"		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	<Add new>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

11. Add the “Banner_Q4X_PD” function to an OB ladder. Link the “Process Data Word” to the raw Process Data variable from step 8. Link the “Q4X Process Data” to the parsed Process Data variable from step 10.



12. Process Data setup is complete.
13. Compile and download the configuration to the PLC, then go online. Open the “Banner IO-Link Data” data block and click Monitor all. You should see parsed Q4X Process Data In, like that shown below.

Banner IO-Link Data

	Name	Data type	Start value	Monitor value
1	Static			
2	Q4X IOLM2 Port 6	"Banner_Q4X_PDI"		
3	Channel 1 Output ...	Bool	false	TRUE
4	Channel 2 Output ...	Bool	false	TRUE
5	Stability	Bool	false	TRUE
6	Measurement Value	Real	0.0	69.0

Appendix A

Q4X Process Data

The Q4X has 2 bytes of Process Data In, as shown below.

ProcessDataIn "Process Data" id=PD_ProcessDataIn									
bit length: 16 data type: 16-bit Record (subindex access not supported)									
subindex	bit offset	data type	allowed values	default value	acc. restr.	mod. other var.	excl. from DS	name	description
1	0	Boolean	false = Inactive, true = Active					Channel 1 Output State	Channel 1 Output State
2	1	Boolean	false = Inactive, true = Active					Channel 2 Output State	Channel 2 Output State
3	2	Boolean	false = No target or Marginal, true = Stable					Stability	Stability state
4	3	13-bit UInteger						Measurement Value	If Channel 1 is configured in dual teach mode, the percent match to the taught condition. In other modes, the measured distance.
Octet 0									
bit offset	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	
subindex	4								
element bit	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	
Octet 1									
bit offset	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
subindex	4				3		2	1	
element bit	4	3	2	1	0				

This Process Data is mapped to a specific group of PROFINET addresses. The 16-bits of Process Data encode four separate pieces of information. Bit 0 is the state of BDC1 (Binary Data Channel 1, also known simply as Output Channel 1). Bit 1 is BDC2 (Channel 2). Bit 2 is the stability indicator. The remaining 13 bits are used to communicate the Q4X measurement value (in 0.1mm increments), unless the Q4X is in Dual Teach mode. If in Dual Teach mode, these 13 bits instead represent a percent match value.

This function intelligently parses this Process Data into its component pieces.