

Q20 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 Q20 sensor via an IO-Link Master to a Siemens PLC. The function covers parsing and display of the Q20 sensor Process Data In.

Components

Banner Q20 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 Instructions

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



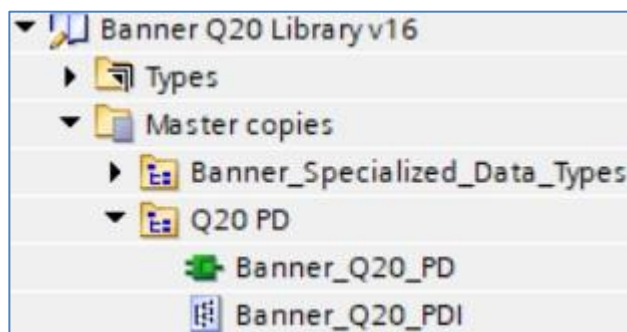
3. Switch the “Files of type” to Compressed libraries. Go to the location of the compressed library.
4. Press the Open button and the library will be uncompressed and opened.
5. The library is now accessible in the Libraries tab in v16 or greater.

Setup of Q20 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 1/1 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 at 10. The other number needed is I14. The data for the port starts at that point (I14). The previous four bytes represent Port Status, Process Data In Size, and Process Data Out Size.

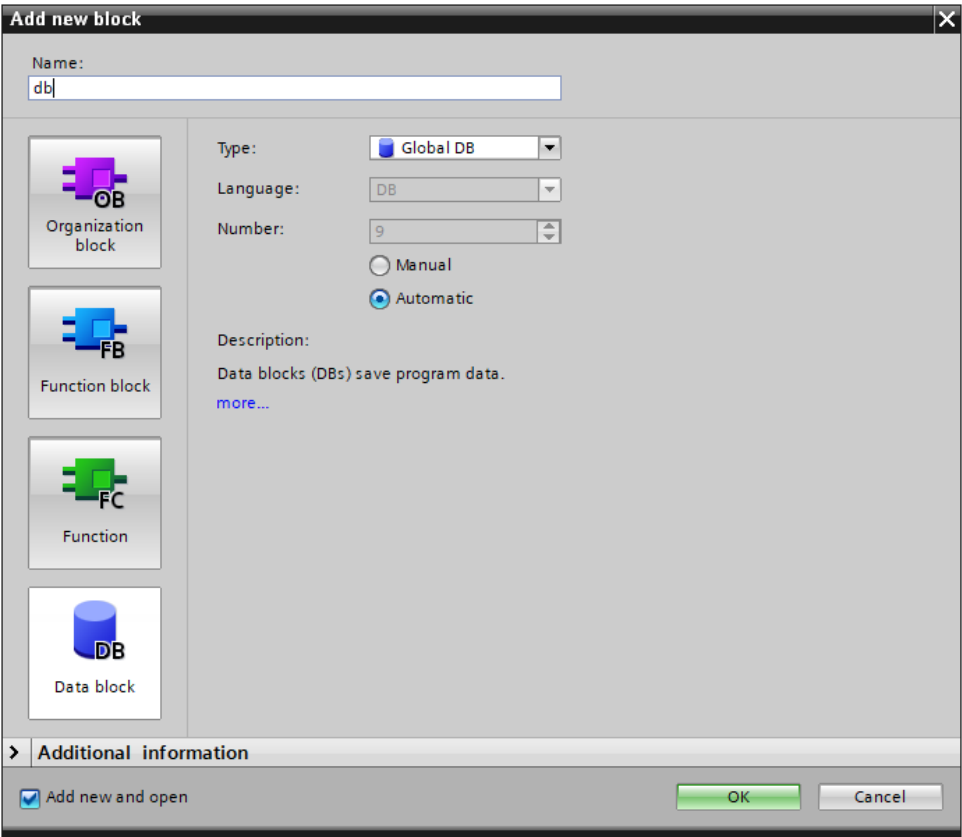
Module	Rack	Slot	I address	Q address	Type
▼ dxm	0	0			1-port Device
▶ Interface	0	0 X1			dxm
Banner IO-Link Master Info_1	0	1	1...9		Banner IO-Link Master Info
IO-Link In/Out 1/ 1 Byte + Status_1	0	2	10...14	1...15	IO-Link In/Out 1/ 1 Byte + Status

4. Drag the Banner_Q20_PDI to the PLC Data Types area under your PLC. Banner_Q20_PDI is found in the Q20 folder in the library. Drag the Banner_Q20_PD to the Program Blocks area.
5. Drag the necessary tag from Banner_Specialized_Data_Types. The tag used in this example is "Banner_1in". 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 "Q20 IOLM1 01 PDI" was created using a Data Type of "Banner_1In". 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 "Q20 IOLM1 01 inRaw". This is the tag that will be used in the Function block.



Name	Data type	Address
▶ Q20 IOLM1 01 PDI	"Banner_1In"	%I10.0
Q20 IOLM1 01 inRaw	USInt	%IB14

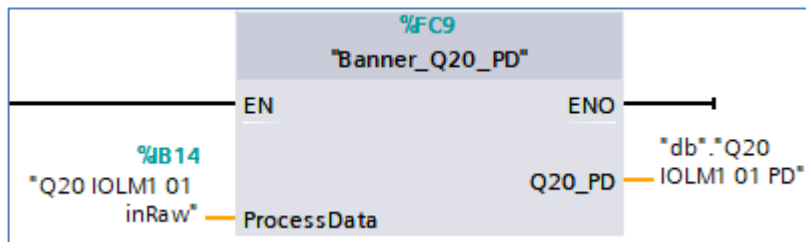
7. Go to Program blocks. Add a new Data block if necessary. In this example the new data block is named “db”.



8. In the new data block, create a new tag to represent the parsed Process Data In for our Q20. The tag name again calls out the type of sensor, the IO-Link Master, and the port number. Use the data type “Banner_Q20_PDI” for the new tag.

Name	Data type
▼ Static	
■ ▼ Q20 IOLM1 01 PD	"Banner_Q20_PDI"
■ OutputState	Bool
■ MarginalSignal	Bool

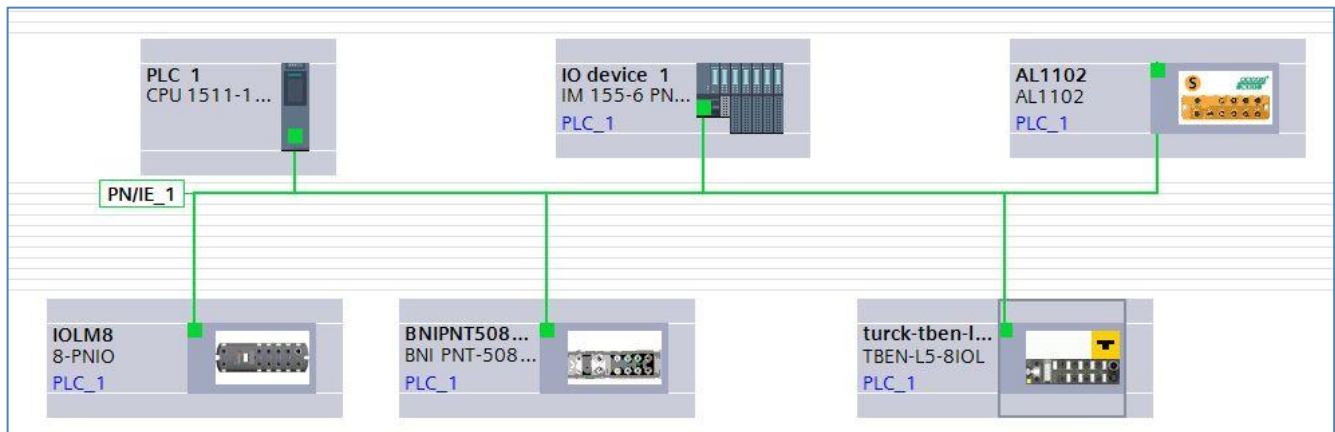
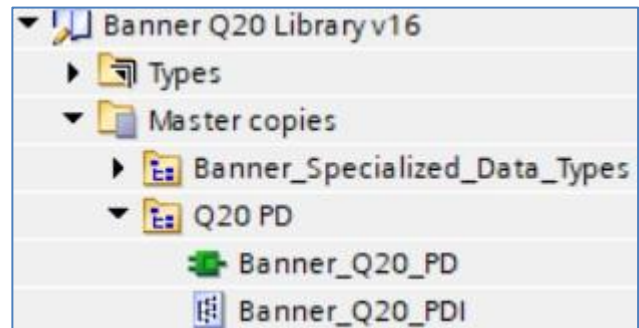
9. Add the “Banner_Q20_PD” function to an OB ladder. Link the “Process Data Word” to the raw Process Data variable from step 4. Link the “Q20 Process Data” to the parsed Process Data variable from step 6.



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 Q20 Process Data In, like that shown below.

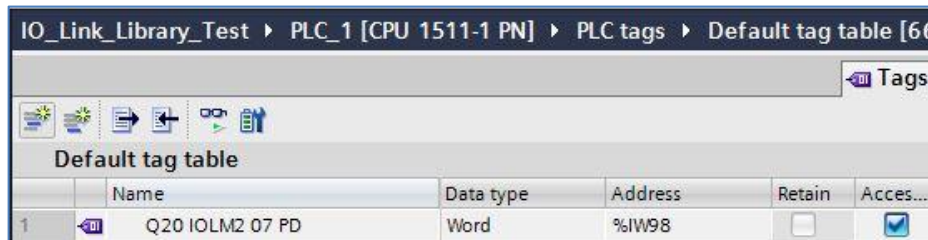
Setup of Q20 with other IO-Link Masters

1. The Banner Q20 Library will now be in the Global Library List. Expand the Master copies section.
2. Drag Banner_Q20_PD to the Program Blocks area under your PLC.
3. Drag the Banner_Q20_PDI to the PLC Data Types area under your PLC.
4. 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.

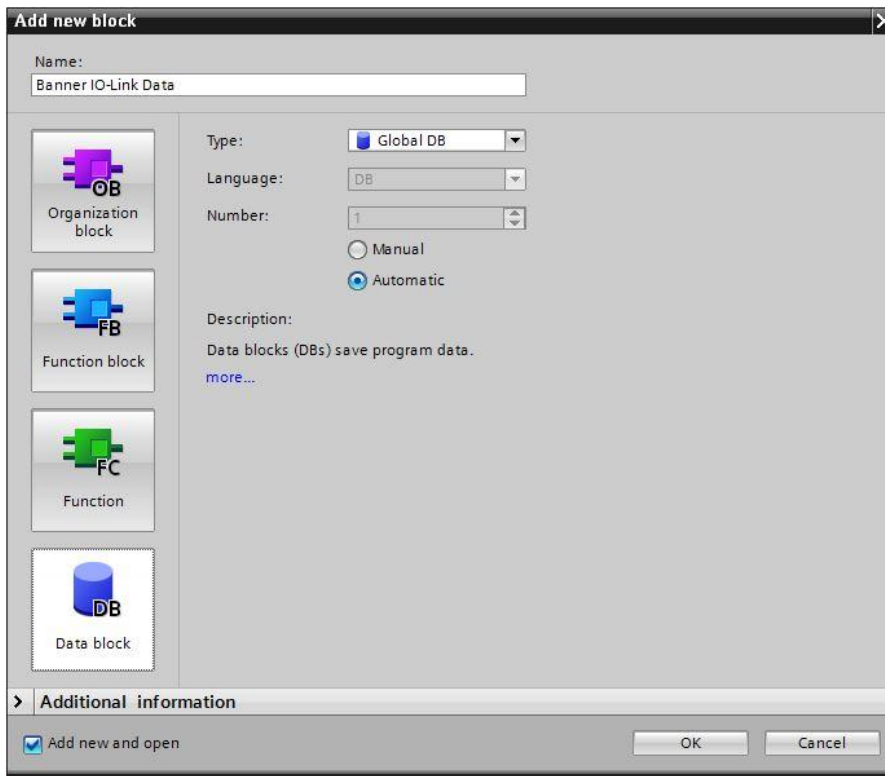


5. Click on the relevant device and configure the IO-Link Master as necessary. Refer to the documentation for the IO-Link Master. Recall that a Q20 requires 1 byte of space for the Process Data.
6. Record the "I" address where this Q20 Process Data is to be stored, as the address will be required in the next step. In this example, 1 byte of Process Data In for port 7 on the IO-Link Master will be stored in I98.

7. 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 “Q20 IOLM2 07 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 9 is tied to this new tag.



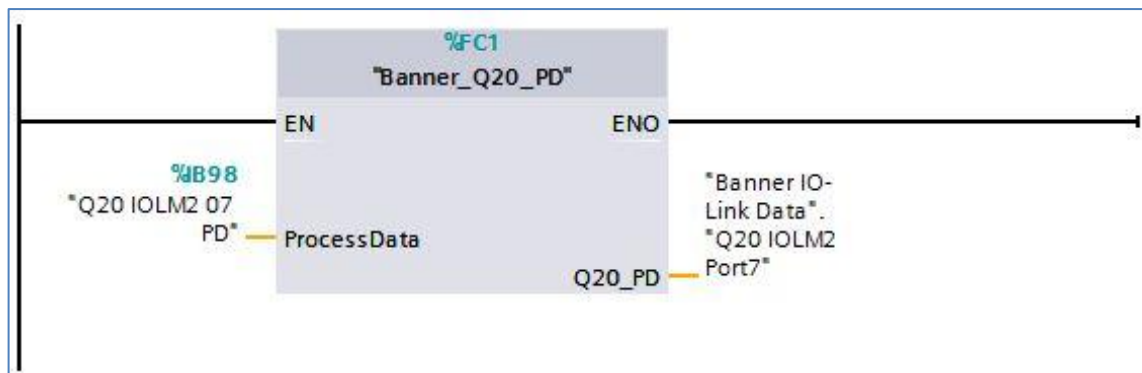
8. Go to Program blocks. Add a new Data block if necessary. In this example the new data block is named “Banner IO-Link Data”.



9. In the new data block, create a new tag to represent the parsed Process Data In for our Q20. The tag name again calls out the type of sensor, the IO-Link Master, and the port number. Use the data type “Banner_Q20_PDI” for the new tag.

Banner IO-Link Data			
	Name	Data type	Start value
1	Static		
2	Q20 IOLM2 Port7	"Banner_Q20_PDI"	

10. Add the “Banner_Q20_PD” function to an OB ladder. Link the “ProcessData” to the raw Process Data variable from step 10. Link the “Q20_PD” to the parsed Process Data variable from step 12.



11. Process Data setup is complete.
12. 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 Q20 Process Data In, like that shown below.

Banner IO-Link Data				
	Name	Data type	Start value	Monitor value
1	Static			
2	Q20 IOLM2 Port7	"Banner_Q20_PDI"		
3	OutputState	Bool	false	TRUE
4	MarginalSignal	Bool	false	FALSE

Appendix A**Q20 Process Data**

The Q20 has 1 byte of Process Data In, as shown below.

ProcessDataIn "Process Data" id=PD_ProcessDataIn									
bit length: 8									
data type: 8-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					Output State	
2	1	Boolean	false = Normal, true = Marginal					Marginal Signal	
Octet 0									
bit offset	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
subindex							2	1	

This Process Data is mapped to a specific group of PROFINET addresses. The 8-bits of Process Data encode two separate pieces of information. Bit 0 is the output state and Bit 1 is a marginal signal indicator.

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