CODESYS® Engineering

Professional engineering of IEC 61131-3 automation projects
Application development solutions for various platforms

CODESYS is the leading software platform for IEC 61131-3 compliant project engineering. The development system combines classic programming of controller applications with the capabilities of professional software development for automation devices in the environment of Industry 4.0/IIoT (Industrial Internet of Things).

As a cloud-based Industry 4.0 platform, the CODESYS Automation Server adds a convenient management level to the system.

Over 400 controller manufacturers rely on CODESYS, in addition to about 100,000 end users from a wide variety of industries: factory, mobile, energy, embedded, process, and building automation. This makes CODESYS the most commonly used manufacturer-independent development environment employed around the world in millions of machines and plants.

All components for engineering automation applications are integrated directly in CODESYS, including editors for all IEC 61131-3 compliant implementation languages, compilers for native machine code, a powerful debugger, and a clear project configuration. Add-ons can further supplement these components for efficient application development. The engineering platform is the basis for additional CODESYS product families, such as visualization, motion control, fieldbus configuration, and safety programming.

The CODESYS Development System is an extendable development platform for industrial applications in automation technology.
CODESYS for device manufacturers and end users

Device manufacturers employ CODESYS to offer various types of programmable devices, and therefore complete automation systems for end users. With the CODESYS Automation Platform, device manufacturers can include libraries, application templates, or their own components to customize the CODESYS Development System for a specific device or application.

End users employ the CODESYS Development System and optional add-ons to develop and optimize applications. Benefits include extensive functionality, large-scale integration, uniform user interface, and the tool’s adaptability to specific requirements.

Future-proof investments with CODESYS products

Expert developers at the CODESYS Group work every day to enhance engineering with CODESYS. Benefits for device manufacturers and end users include:

1. Patches, service packs, and product versions in regular intervals available for download
2. An ever-growing range of functions and trend-setting innovations
3. Quality tested by our own test department
4. Open interfaces for linking to almost any infrastructure all the way to cloud servers

CODESYS is your trusted partner through the development process

Typical application programming passes through different phases. The CODESYS Development System supports users all the way from configuration to commissioning. The optional add-on tools from the CODESYS Professional Developer Edition are perfect for systematically supported software development.
CODESYS Development System

The goal of the IEC 61131-3 standard is practice-oriented and standardized application programming for users from all industrial sectors. As the market-leading implementation of this standard, the CODESYS Development System simultaneously integrates comprehensive possibilities for high-level language programming. Many functions support users of different programming levels in all development phases:

- Project tree for structuring project configuration, for example to divide the entire application into objects and tasks
- Configurator for integrating and describing various devices and fieldbus systems
- Editors for typical application development in all graphical and text-based implementation languages defined by the IEC 61131-3
- Functions for continued project engineering, such as linking of existing C code, integrated 3D visualization, or interfaces to other software systems
- Compilers generating lean and powerful machine code
- Debugger, simulator, and SoftPLC (as trial target system) for direct user testing of the created applications

Features of the development environment

- Support for creating structured and efficient applications – all-in-one tool from configuration to commissioning
- Optional object-oriented programming according to IEC 61131-3 (3rd edition), also combined with functional programming within the project
- Tried and tested library design with documentation capability – integrated directly in the development environment
- Multi-platform development and application reusability thanks to exchangeable target system descriptions for all CODESYS-compatible devices
- Versatile extensibility thanks to a modular design and available add-ons
- Well-structured user interface and customizable windows
- The CODESYS Development System is offered free of charge in the CODESYS Store (codesys.store)

Programming with integrated editors according to IEC 61131-3

CODESYS editors promote convenient programming:

- Context-sensitive menus and help pages – even for library content
- Automatic input completion and assistance, such as Intellisense, Auto Complete
- Automatic syntax check and visual highlighting of input errors
- Color-coded syntax highlighting, for example keywords and connected brackets
- Progressive zoom function, screen magnifier, and navigation in graphical editors
Configurators
Input of configuration data for project parameters, as well as parameters for integrated devices and fieldbuses, directly within the development environment
**Special feature:** Integrated generic and specific I/O configuration of fieldbuses, including symbolic assignment of I/O channels

Function Block Diagram (FBD)
Graphical editor for programming networks using operators and standard/customized POUs
**Special feature:** Special POU for direct calling of ST functions; customizable display of networks with line breaks and POU icons

Continuous Function Chart (CFC)
Graphical FBD editor with unrestricted layout of POUs and connections, including feedback paths
**Special feature:** Autorouting of connections between POUs, unrestricted definition and display of the execution order

Sequential Function Chart (SFC)
Graphical editor for programming sequential processes using steps and transitions
**Special feature:** Integrated diagnosis and control function with control flags and step monitoring by time

Structured Text (ST)
Text editor for structured programming in a high-level programming language
**Special feature:** Quick editing with the help of typical functions, such as grouping, collapsible tree structure, indented brackets, automatic indentation, and completion of commands

Ladder Diagram (LD)
Graphical editor for logical programming with contacts and coils – used internationally
**Special feature:** Calling of any POU; setting of negations, edge detections, and enabling inputs; special POU for direct calling of ST functions

Visualization
Unrestricted design of graphical user interfaces, for example for test purposes when programming and commissioning
**Special Feature:** Intuitive animation and more sophisticated displays by means of full access to all variables; responsive design

Furthermore, a set of additional editors is provided, for example for recipe management, trace recording, configuration of exported symbolic variables, or editing of applications in instruction lists (IL).
Tasks and features of the compiler

- Testing and display of compilation errors at the moment of input
- Compilation of application code into powerful native machine code for the CPU on the target system. CODESYS supports almost every CPU family for industrial applications.
- Analysis of the application and display of errors, warnings, and messages in a message window
- Direct navigation to each of the referenced program lines via message window
- Direct transfer of the application to the controller at the time of login
- Creation and transfer of an executable boot application for autonomous controller startup

Tasks and features of the debugger

- Display of application data at runtime in simulation mode on SoftPLC and discrete controllers
- Reading, writing, and forced setting of variable values, directly in the respective editor
- Monitoring of specifically selected values in watchlists
- Execution of code in single steps and complete single cycles
- Setting of conditional and absolute breakpoints and execution points
- Cyclical recording of variable values (sampling trace) on the target system and display in the development environment
- Preparation of special variables and data records for commissioning (recipes)
- Display of the execution order of code (flow control)
- Core dump for saving the complete PLC status to track error causes offline
CODESYS Security

CODESYS provides numerous options for protecting applications and expertise. This is essential, especially for use in Industry 4.0/IoT environments.

Security settings in the application project
- Integrated encryption of project data and libraries with X.509 certificates, the CODESYS Key (USB dongle) or password
- Protection of individual POUs by means of project-specific user management

Security options on the target device
- Individually defined user profiles for access protection of the application, controller, and visualization
- Operating modes to secure commissioning and operation during production
- Encryption and signing of communication with the running application, as well as the boot application (with X.509 certificates or unique dongle)
- Unlocking of optional controller functionality, such as calibration or service functions via license detection

Extensions available in the integrated CODESYS Store
The CODESYS Store is an online shop offering CODESYS extensions, such as the products included in the CODESYS Professional Developer Edition. End users can access the store directly from the CODESYS Development System or from a standard browser to download and install add-ons.
Every installed add-on package is listed in the integrated package manager including version, licensing status, and available updates. Device manufacturers and end users can easily offer their own extensions, examples, and snippets in the CODESYS Store to thousands of end users.

CODESYS Store – All software products available in one place
At codesys.store, users can download all listed products (both free of charge and fee required) and install the extensions directly into the CODESYS Development System.
All that is needed is a one-time registration. Users can license fee-required products quickly and easily without having to leave the CODESYS Store.
The CODESYS Store is open for add-on products from third-party vendors.
CODESYS Professional Developer Edition

Software developers in IT programming have access to sophisticated add-on tools for development support. The CODESYS Professional Developer Edition offers controller programmers the same convenience. The integrated tools help optimize the coding phase and increase the performance and quality of applications.

The CODESYS Professional Developer Edition is available in the CODESYS Store for users of the CODESYS Development System.

CODESYS UML: Model-based application development
UML (Unified Modeling Language) increases the legibility and overview of the project by providing a common basis for technologists and software developers.

The following visuals are supported:
- Class diagram: Design and display of object-oriented project structures in a graphical editor with bidirectional code conversion
- State chart: Additional graphical implementation language with a direct link to the code generator

CODESYS Profiler: Dynamic runtime analysis of the application
With CODESYS Profiler, end users can measure the runtime performance of individual IEC 61131-3 program blocks. Based on individual results, users are then able to optimize the source code.

Features:
- Verification of individual predefined portions of code or a complete cycle
- Well-structured display of the measured times in a call tree
- Display of the code coverage of the executed measurement
- Start and end of measurements at any time
CODESYS SVN: Management of the application project

CODESYS SVN is an interface to the version control system Apache Subversion® (SVN). End users can use this tool to manage independently both the complete IEC 61131-3 project version, as well as the individual application objects. Users benefit from automated source code management when developing a project in various teams or over a long period of time.

Features:
- Seamless operation integrated into CODESYS
- Version history and multi-user access to objects
- Compare function with change notification in all implementation editors
- Direct visual display of the object status in SVN
- Merging of simultaneous changes to the same object

New: As of 2020, Git supported as additional version control system

CODESYS Test Manager: Automated application tests

The CODESYS Test Manager provides users with comprehensive functions for system tests, module tests, and regression tests. These functions enable the user to create, manage, and perform automated recurring tests for quality assurance before commissioning and when releasing an IEC 61131-3 controller application.

Features:
- Generation of test cases with dialogs as a unit test directly in IEC 61131-3 or in test tables
- Central storage and management of test scripts and test reports, for example for different projects
- Efficient performance of recurring tests with automated generation of test reports
- Test reports in HTML format for viewing and in XML format for automated evaluation

CODESYS Static Analysis: Identification of potential application errors

Source code is tested based on defined rules and threshold values, in addition to the syntax check in the compiler. End user benefits: The source code can be improved by early recognition of logical and formal program errors. In addition, end users are relieved of performing syntax checks, which are now automated and reproducible, for example by applying the integrated coding guidelines.

Features:
- Many analysis rules, some of which can be parameterized or combined with individual rule sets
- Integrated testing of coding guidelines and naming conventions
- Numerous metrics for evaluating code
CODESYS Application Composer

The CODESYS Application Composer is a development tool for efficiently creating application variants consisting of recurring function blocks.

In this way, automation specialists can use the CODESYS Application Composer to engineer complete control systems from predefined modules.

This allows them to focus on the process flow and compose their machine applications. Then CODESYS generates the complete PLC program based on modules and their parameterization.

Typical application fields for the CODESYS Application Composer

- Engineering of serial machine variants, equipped and installed according to specific customer requirements, directly from the sales process
- Generation of applications for complete systems and special purpose machines that are constructed from similar basic modules

Easy and automatic composition of complete control applications

1. Create module tree with application modules
2. Insert extension modules
3. Module configuration
4. Generator
5. Executable application
CODESYS Automation Platform

The CODESYS Automation Platform is a development platform allowing for the individual extension of the CODESYS Development System.

The CODESYS Group has been using this platform for years to develop both the CODESYS Development System and available extensions. At the same time, numerous device manufacturers use the CODESYS Automation Platform for their own extensions.

The CODESYS Automation Platform is sold as a comprehensive toolkit with development support and can be purchased exclusively from the sales department at the CODESYS Group.

Functionality of the CODESYS Automation Platform

Extensive access and design capabilities:
- Project database for programmatic access to CODESYS objects
- Compiler interface with code generators for the creation of symbol tables, cross references, parse trees, and machine code
- Online components for extensible communication with the CODESYS Runtime System
- Administration of different plug-ins in any version (installation, deinstallation)
- Numerous easy-to-use service classes, for example for forward and backward-compatible serialization of database objects
- Access to the global settings of CODESYS applications

Typical examples of the CODESYS Automation Platform
- Customized functions, such as views, dialogs, wizards, and implementation languages
- Add-on functions, such as configurators and interfaces for existing software
- Implementation of individual stand-alone software, such as project documentation, automated generation of source code, or commissioning of controllers without a development environment
- Labeling of the development system, for example name, logo, and range of functions
CODESYS – the manufacturer-independent
IEC 61131-3 automation software.

CODESYS Product Families:

- Engineering
- Runtime
- Automation Server
- VisualStation
- Fieldbus
- Communication
- Motion CNC/Robotics
- Safety
- Services

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