



Mapping IEC 61131-3 Directly Represented Variables to CANopen









This paper

- Maps CANopen variables hierarchy to IEC-61131-3 "Directly Represented Variables"
- Could help in defining some uncovered "manufacturer specific" aspects of DS-405
- Proposes some algorithms for implementation

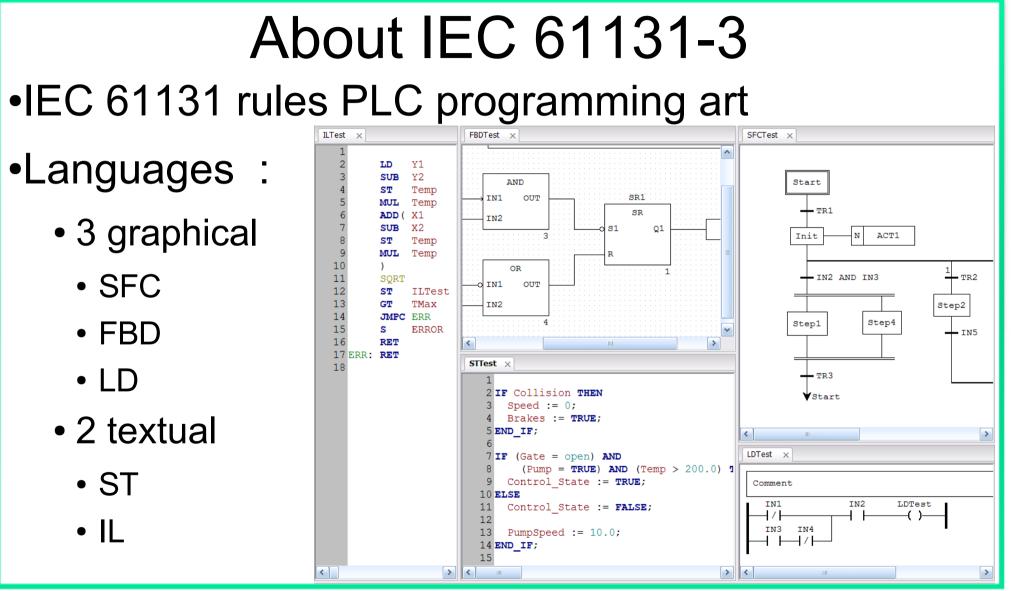
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#	Name	Class	Туре	Location	
1	DigitalOut	Local	BYTE	%QB503254.0.16.25088	Directly represented variables
2	DigitalIn	Local	BYTE	%IB503254.0.32.24576.	
3	AnalogOut1	Local	MYTYPE	%QW503254.0.16.2561	
4	AnalogOut2	Local	MYTYPE	%QW503254.0.16.2561	
5	AnalogOut3	Local	INT	%QW503254.0.16.2561	
6	AnalogIn1	Local	INT	%IW503254.0.32.25601	
7	AnalogIn2	Local	INT	%IW503254.32.25601.2	







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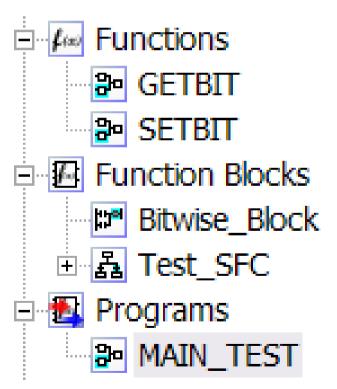




About IEC 61131-3

- PLC Programmers organize their work through "Program Organization Units" (POU)
- POUs can be:
 - Functions (no instance, idempotents)
 - Function Blocks (instantiated, internal state)
 - Programs (instantiated, internal state, I/O access)





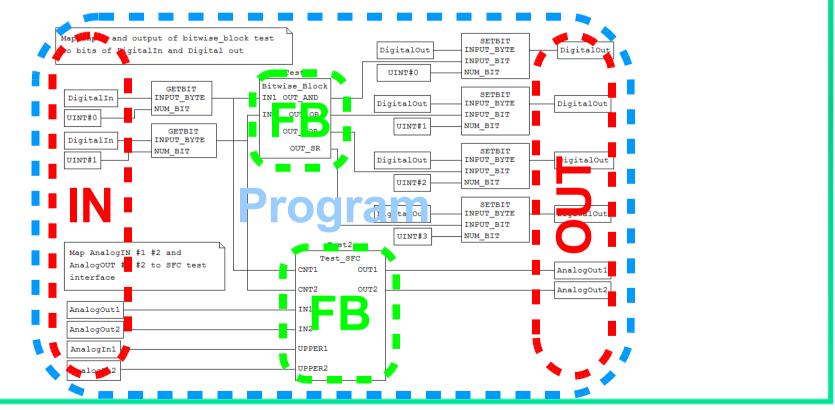
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About IEC 61131-3

 Usually, function blocks are instantiated in Programs in order to be "connected" to I/Os.



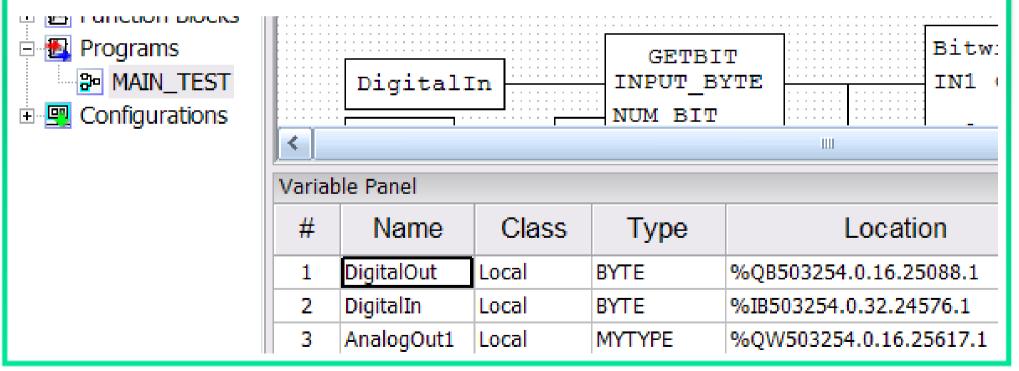






Direct Representation

- "Directly represented variables" represent I/Os
- Locations are integers separated by dots





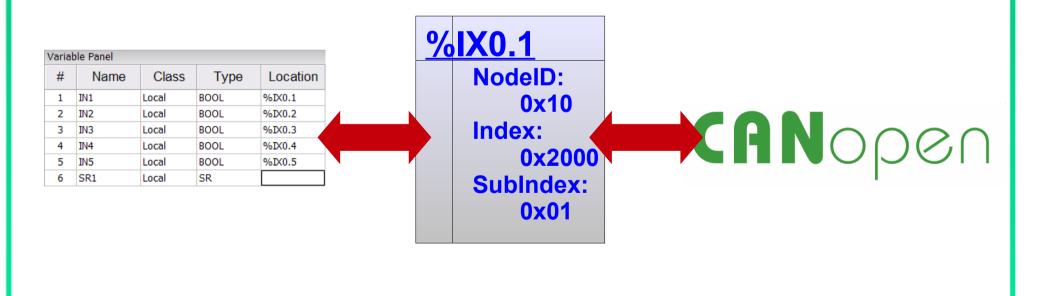




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IEC 61131-3 and CANopen

 CANopen PLC users have to define an intermediate nomenclature between Programs interface and CANopen.



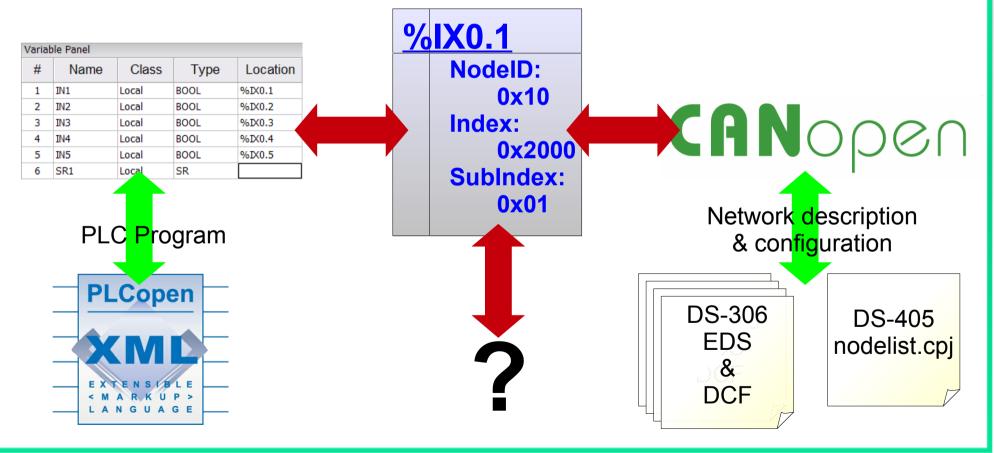






IEC 61131-3 and CANopen

File format for this nomenclature is not specified





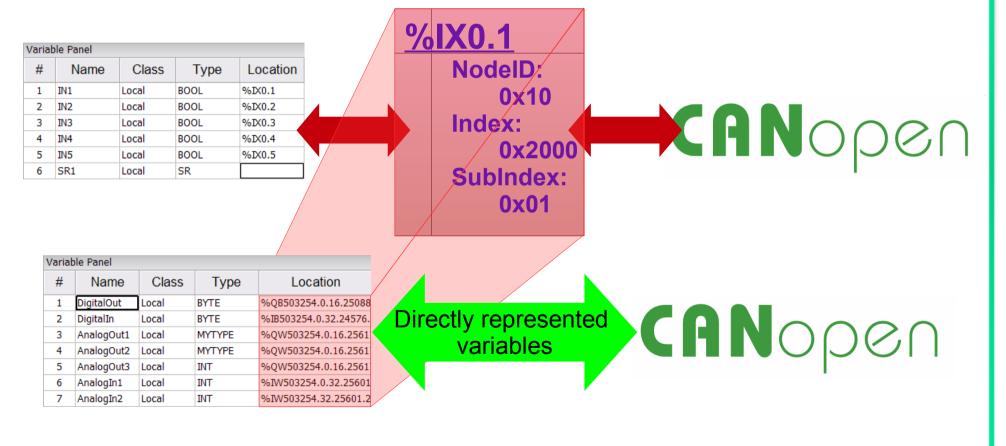




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Proposal

Express nomenclature in variables locations





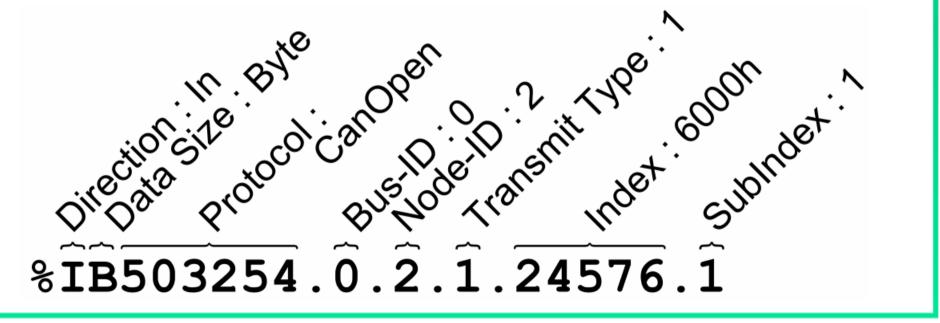




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Numbering scheme

- Variable location explicitly represent the path in the CANopen hierarchy to access any object.
- Example : Remote First DS-401 Read Input Byte



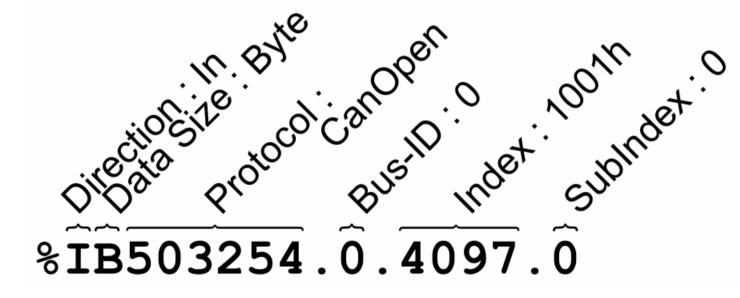






Numbering scheme

- Depending on count of integers, location may represent remote or local CANopen variables
- Example : Read access to local Error Register



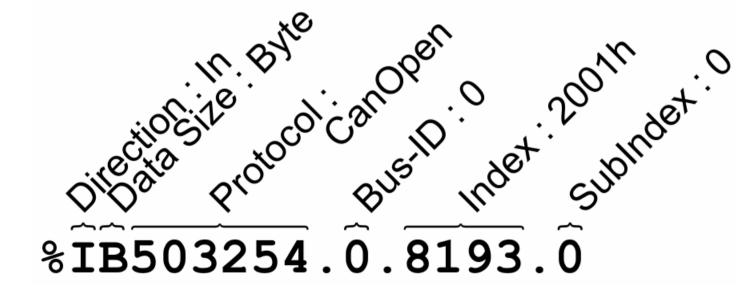






Numbering scheme

- Local representations can also be used to implicitly declare arbitrary new OD entry
- Example : New Manufacturer Specific entry









Where it helps

- Avoids network reconfiguration steps when revamping CANopen machines
- Eases portage of PLC programs through different CANopen controller brands
- Provides long-term re-usability, independently of PLC solutions life time.



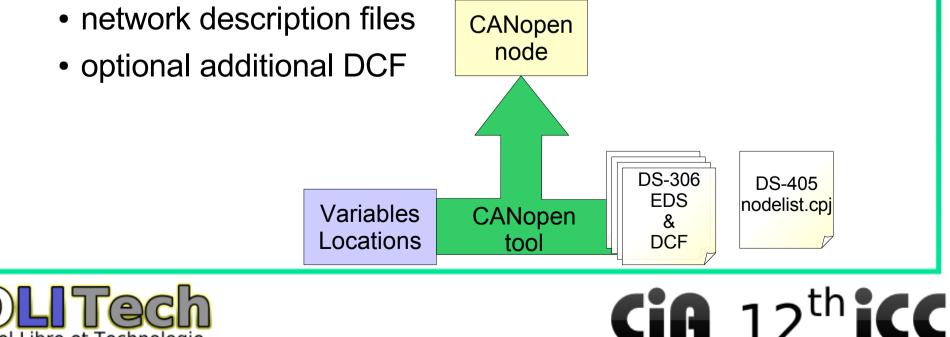






Implementation

- CANopen configuration tool
 - Change default variables location calculation
 - Generate PLC node configuration from
 - declared variable locations



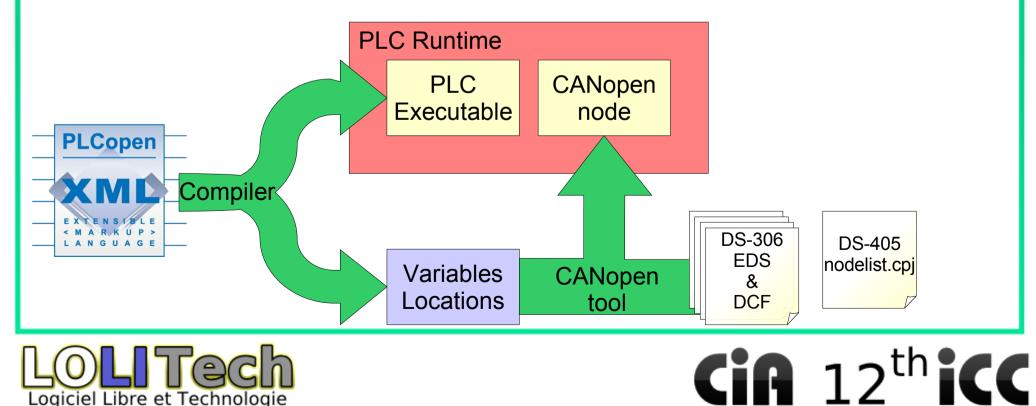






Implementation

- PLC workbench
 - Extract variable locations at compile time
 - Pass locations list to CANopen configuration tool







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PDO mapping

- Remote variables access are mapped to PDO
- Establishing arbitrary PDO mapping implies to:
 - be a master node
 - slaves can only access/declare variables local OD
 - define new PDO mapping in each accessed node
 - may be stored in master's concise DCF
 - declare corresponding mapped PLC's OD entries
 - define corresponding PDO mapping in PLC's OD

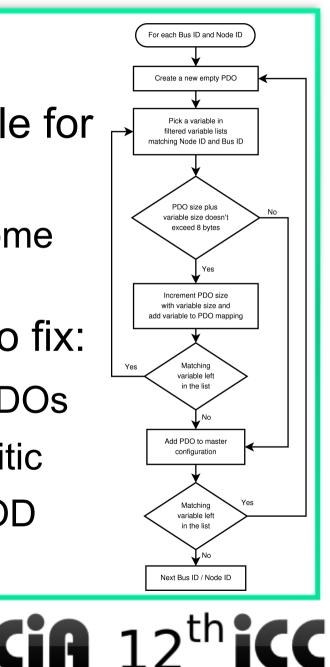






PDO mapping

- More than one mapping is possible for one set of locations
 - Some side effect may appear on some implementations
- Some algorithm may be defined to fix:
 - Mapped variable layout in node's PDOs
 - Pre-configured PDO remapping politic
 - Mapped variables order in master OD









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Ergonomic thoughts

- Compensate hard to read representation
 - Hexadecimal display option
 - %IB503254.0.16.1.24576.1 => %IB503254.0.10h.1.6000h.01h
 - Tooltip texts showing CANopen OD entry name
 - point and click variable to jump to configuration tool
- Smart manipulation of locations
 - variables substitution across programs
 - programs and EDS import and re-mapping







