Control Studio On-Line

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- Offers operators easy online information
- Equips you with complete troubleshooting capabilities
- Supports Electronic signatures

Introduction

Are you tired of deciphering cryptic control languages or pages of registers to debug your control strategies? Are you using one set of tools to configure your control strategies and a different set of tools for debugging?

With Control Studio On-line, you can view your executing control strategies using the same graphical view that you used when you configured your strategies. When online, this view updates with the actual running values.
Benefits

Graphically displays executing control strategies so you can modify parameters. After you have downloaded a module, you can easily view and manipulate parameters to understand its execution. Simply select “on-line” for a module and view its actual execution in the same graphical environment that was used to edit the module.

Offers operators easy online information. You can understand a loop or motor or even determine why a sequence isn’t progressing using Control Studio On-line. Control Studio On-line can be easily accessed from the DeltaV Operator Interfaces when they are present on the same workstation. Simply select the Control Studio On-line button from the module faceplate.

Equips you with complete troubleshooting capabilities. You can stop execution, execute a single block or step at a time, set a break point that stops execution at a particular point, or force specific values to override the actual signal—all without affecting other control modules that may be running in the same controller.

The DeltaV system uses FOUNDATION™ fieldbus function blocks, allowing you to view and modify your executing control strategies in the fieldbus device, the DeltaV system, or a combination of both.

Electronic Signatures. This is an optional feature that can be enabled for individual parameters and fields in selected modules when there is a need to authenticate the person that is requesting an online value change before the change can be accepted.

Tune and debug the strategy from this same graphical view.
Product Description

DeltaV Control Studio On-line enables you to graphically view, modify, and troubleshoot your control strategies. You can view and modify these strategies exactly the way they were configured.

Control strategy configuration is performed using applications included in Configuration Studio. Refer to the Configuration Studio product data sheet for more information.

With DeltaV software, there are no behind-the-scenes translation programs that convert your graphical control strategy into a different structure. The DeltaV control languages are object-oriented. Each function block, sequential step, transition, etc., is downloaded and executed as an object. This allows you to easily view and troubleshoot your strategies with the same tools used to configure.

FOUNDATION fieldbus function blocks executing in a fieldbus device are represented in Control Studio On-line just like a function block executing in a DeltaV controller or workstation. No matter where the strategy is executing, you use the same on-line view and modification capabilities. Fieldbus devices are debugged by simulating the I/O at the function block.

When you want to closely examine the performance and functionality of your control strategies, you can use Control Studio On-line. While on-line you can step through an algorithm element by element and see the specific input and output values of a block. This allows you to solve problems quickly, identify areas to increase performance and gain understanding of a particular function.

Control in the DeltaV system is based on modules, with each module having a unique control tag. To view a module online, you only need to know the name of the module, not its physical controller address.

In Control Studio, each module is treated as a separate entity. This allows you to focus on a specific module without affecting other modules that may be running in the same controller.

After you have downloaded a module, you can easily view its execution graphically. If you have the appropriate security privileges, you can also debug the strategy from the same graphical view. You can stop execution, execute a single step, set a break point, and perform many other functions on line.
Online debugging of Function Block Diagrams (FBDs)

For your closed loop control functions and continuous calculations, Control Studio allows you to perform the following functions on-line:

- **Stop the function block diagram from executing.** This allows you to review the strategy values or make a number of modifications without the control strategy changing.

- **Advance through the complete module or individual function blocks step by step.** This allows you to analyze each function block, one at a time.

- **Set a breakpoint on a function block.** This allows you to execute the module to a particular function block.

- **Force input values.** You can use this to override a value if a transmitter is giving a faulty reading, or you want to determine how your strategy will execute if the value changes.

- **Internal control strategy simulation.** You can use the simulate parameter on the function blocks and override the I/O value with a simulated value. This approach allows you to troubleshoot any of your strategies, including strategies executing in your **FOUNDATION fieldbus** devices.

- **Separate, non-intrusive simulation.** You can use mimic, a DeltaV product designed for I/O and process simulation.

Complete set of online troubleshooting capabilities.
Online debugging of Sequential Function Charts (SFC's).

For your control tasks requiring time-variant sequencing, Control Studio allows you to perform the following functions on-line:

- **Stop the SFC from executing.** This allows you to review values or make modifications without the control strategy running.
- **Disable steps, transitions, and individual step actions.** This allows you to stop at a particular transition or skip a step.
- **Force a transition to TRUE.** This allows you to skip a transition.
- **Force input values.** You can use this to override a value.
- **Activate/Deactivate steps.** Change which step is active in the SFC.
- **Place the SFC in MANUAL advance.** The user has to confirm each active transition for the SFC to advance.
- **View the status of the terms** in a transition expression.

View the sequence step currently executing.
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**Related Products**

- **Configuration Software Suite.** Configures system components, operator interfaces, and control strategies for your system.

- **Recipe Studio.** Configures recipes (with formulations) and creates the steps for successful batch production.

- **DeltaV Insight.** Control performance monitoring and loop tuning application embedded in DeltaV. Identifies control problems and improves control performance with automatic process learning, loop diagnostics, on-demand and adaptive tuning, and automatic report generation.

- **AMS Device Manager.** Provides predictive diagnostics and full asset management capabilities including calibration, documentation, and device configuration for HART, FOUNDATION fieldbus, Profibus DP, and WirelessHART devices.

**Prerequisites**

- DeltaV Workstation.

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