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Overview of the protective functions of the CPU

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Introduction

This chapter describes the following functions for protecting the S7-1500 automation system against unauthorized access:

- Access protection
- Know-how protection
- Copy protection
- Protection by locking the CPU

Further measures for protecting the CPU

The following measures additionally increase the protection against unauthorized accesses to functions and data of the S7-1500 CPU from external sources and via the network:

- Deactivation of the Web server
- Deactivation of the time synchronization via an NTP Server
- Deactivation of the PUT/GET communication

When the Web server is used, you protect your S7-1500 automation system against unauthorized access by setting password-protected access rights for specific users in the user management.

Using the display to configure additional access protection

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Introduction

On the display of an S7-1500, you can block access to a password-protected CPU (local lock). The access lock is only in effect, when the operating mode switch is in the RUN position.
The access lock applies independently of password protection, i.e. if someone accesses the CPU via a connected programming device and has entered the correct password, access to the CPU is still blocked.
The access block can be set separately for each access level on the display, so that, for example, read access is allowed locally, but write access is not allowed locally.

Procedure

If an access level with a password is configured in STEP 7, access can be blocked using the display.

Proceed as follows to set the local access protection for an S7-1500 CPU on the display:

1. On the display, select Settings > Protection menu.
2. Confirm the selection using "OK", and configure for each access level, whether access at the RUN mode selector is allowed or not:

   Allow: Access to the CPU is possible, provided the corresponding password in STEP 7 is entered.

   Deactivated in RUN: When the operating mode switch is in the RUN position, no more users with privileges for this access level can log in to the CPU, even if they know the password. In STOP mode, access is possible with password entry.

Access protection for the display

A password can be configured for the display in STEP 7 in the properties of the CPU so that the local access protection is protected by a local password.

Know-how protection

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You can use know-how protection to protect one or more blocks of the OB, FB, FC type and global data blocks in your program from unauthorized access. You can enter a password in order to restrict access to a block. The password protection prevents the block from being read or changed without authorization.

Without the password only the following data concerning the block can be read:

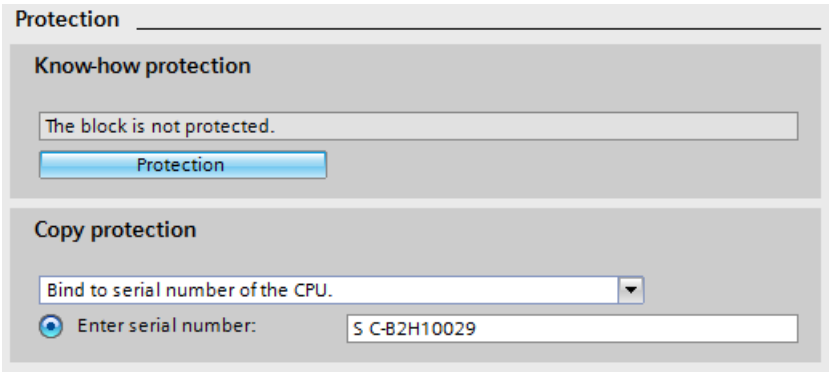
- Block title, comments and block properties
- Block parameters (INPUT, OUTPUT, IN, OUT, RETURN)
- Call structure of the program
- Global tags without information on the point of use

Further actions that can be carried out with a know-how protected block:

- Copying and deleting
- Calling in a program
- Online/offline comparison
- Load

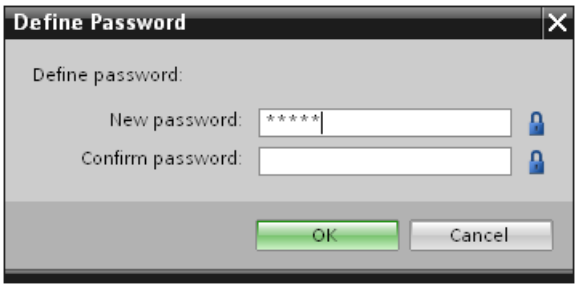
Setting up block know-how protection

1. Open the properties of the respective block.
2. Select the "Protection" option under "General".



3. Click the "Protection" button to display the "Know-how protection" dialog.

4. Click the "Define" button to open the "Define password" dialog.



5. Enter the new password in the "New password" field. Enter the same password in the "Confirm password" field.
6. Click "OK" to confirm your entry.
7. Close the "Know-how protection" dialog by clicking "OK".

Result: The blocks selected will be know-how-protected. Know-how protected blocks are marked with a lock in the project tree. The password entered applies to all blocks selected.

Opening know-how protected blocks

1. Double-click the block to open the "Access protection" dialog.
2. Enter the password for the know-how protected block.
3. Click "OK" to confirm your entry.

Result: The know-how-protected block will open.

Once you have opened the block, you can edit the program code and the block interface of the block for as long as the block or TIA Portal is open. The password must be entered again the next time the block is opened. If you close the "Access protection" dialog with "Cancel", the block will open but the block code will not be displayed and you will not be able to edit the block.

The know-how protection of the block is not removed if, for example, you copy the block or add it to a library. The copies will also be know-how-protected.

Removing block know-how protection

1. Select the block from which you want to remove know-how protection. The protected block may not be open in the program editor.
2. In the "Edit" menu, select the "Know-how protection" command to open the "Know-how protection" dialog.
3. Deactivate the "Hide code (Know-how protection)" check box.

4. Enter the password.

5. Click "OK" to confirm your entry.

Result: Know-how protection will be removed from the block selected.

Copy protection

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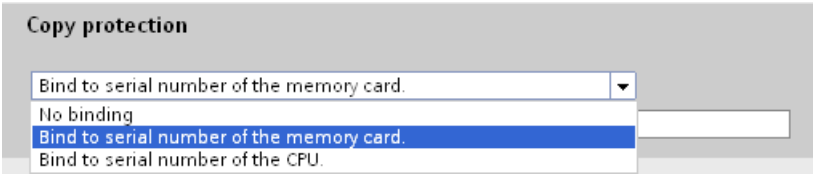
Copy protection allows you to bind the program or the blocks to a specific SIMATIC memory card or CPU. Through the linking of the serial number of a SIMATIC memory card or of a CPU the use of this program or of this block is only possible in combination with a specific SIMATIC memory card or CPU. With this function a program or block can be sent electronically (e.g. by e-mail) or by shipping a memory module.

When you set up such a copy protection for a block, also assign know-how-protection to this block. Without know-how protection, anyone can reset the copy protection. You must, however, set up copy protection first as the copy protection settings are read-only if the block is already know-how-protected.

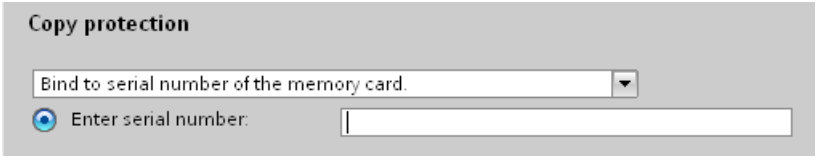
Setting up copy protection

1. Open the properties of the respective block.
2. Select the "Protection" option under "General".

3. In the "Copy protection" area, select either the "Bind to serial number of the CPU" entry or the "Bind to serial number of the memory card" entry from the drop-down list.



4. Enter the serial number of the CPU or the SIMATIC memory card.



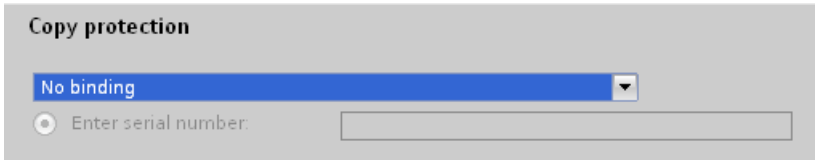
5. You can now set up the know-how protection for the block in the "Know-how protection" area.

Note

If you download a copy protected block to a device that does not match the specified serial number, the entire download operation will be rejected. This means that blocks without copy protection will also not be downloaded.

Removing copy protection

1. Remove any existing know-how protection.
2. Open the properties of the respective block.
3. Select the "Protection" option under "General".
4. In the "Copy protection" area, select the "No binding" entry from the drop-down list.



Protection by locking the CPU

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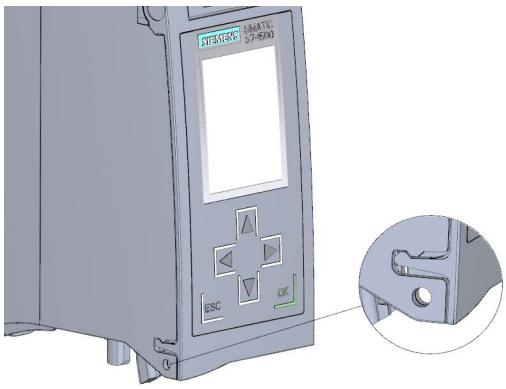
Protect your CPU from unauthorized access using a sufficiently secured front cover.

Using the latch on the CPU cover, you have the following options:

- Affix a seal
- Secure the front cover with a lock (shackle diameter: 3 mm)



Configuring access protection for the CPU

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Introduction

The CPU offers four access levels, in order to limit access to specific functions.

By setting up the access levels and the passwords for a CPU, you limit the functions and memory areas that are accessible without entering a password. The individual access levels as well as the entry of their associated passwords are specified in the object properties of the CPU.

Access levels of the CPU

Access levels	Access restrictions
Complete access (no protection)	The hardware configuration and the blocks can be read and changed by all users.
Read access	With this access level, read-only access to the hardware configuration and the blocks is possible without entering a password, which means you can download hardware configuration and blocks to the programming device. HMI access and access to diagnostics data is also possible. Without entering the password, you cannot load any blocks or hardware configuration into the CPU. Additionally, the following are **not** possible without the password: Test functions which write, changing the operating mode (RUN/STOP), and firmware update (online).
HMI access	With this access level only HMI access and access to diagnostics data is possible without entering the password. Without entering the password, you can neither load blocks and hardware configuration into the CPU, nor load blocks and hardware configuration from the CPU into the programming device. Additionally, the following are **not** possible without the password: Test functions which write, changing the operating mode (RUN/STOP), and firmware update (online).
No access (complete protection)	When the CPU is completely protected, no read or write access to the hardware configuration and the blocks is possible. HMI access is also not possible. The server function for PUT/GET communication is disabled in this access level (cannot be changed). Authentication with the password will again provide you full access to the CPU.

Each access level allows unrestricted access to certain functions without entering a password, e.g. identification using the "Accessible devices" function.

The CPU's default setting is "No restriction" and "No password protection". In order to protect access to a CPU, you must edit the properties of the CPU and set up a password.

Communication between the CPUs (via the communication functions in the blocks) is not restricted by the protection level of the CPU, unless PUT/GET communication is deactivated.

Entry of the right password allows access to all the functions that are allowed in the corresponding level.

Note

Configuring an access level does not replace know-how protection

Configuring access levels prevents unauthorized changes to the CPU, by restricting download privileges. However, blocks on the SIMATIC memory card are not write- or read-protected. Use know-how protection to protect the code of blocks on the SIMATIC memory card.

Parameterizing the procedure at access levels

To configure the access levels of an S7-1500 CPU, follow these steps:

1. Open the properties of the S7-1500 CPU in the Inspector window.
2. Open the "Protection" entry in the area navigation.

   A table with the possible access levels appears in the Inspector window.

Protection level	Access			Access permission	
Protection	HMI	Read	Write	Password	Confirmation
Full access (no protection)	✓	✓	✓		
Read access	✓	✓			
HMI access	✓				
No access (complete protection)					

3. Activate the desired protection level in the first column of the table. The green checkmarks in the columns to the right of the respective access level show you which operations are still available without entering the password.
4. In the "Password" column, specify a password for the selected access level. In the "Confirmation" column, enter the selected password again to protect against incorrect entries.

   Ensure that the password is sufficiently secure, in other words, that is does not follow a pattern that can be recognized by a machine!

   You must enter a password in the first row ("Full access" access level). This enables unrestricted access to the CPU for those who know the password, regardless of the selected protection level.
5. Assign additional passwords as needed to other access levels if the selected access level allows you to do so.
6. Download the hardware configuration to the CPU, so that the access level will take effect.

Behavior of a password-protected CPU during operation

The CPU protection takes effect after the settings are downloaded in the CPU.

Before an online function is executed, the necessary permission is checked and, if necessary, the user is prompted to enter a password. The functions protected by a password can only be executed by one programming device/PC at any one time. Another programming device/PC cannot log on.

Access authorization to the protected data is in effect for the duration of the online connection, or until the access authorization is manually rescinded with "Online > Delete access rights".

Access to a password-protected CPU in the RUN mode can be limited locally in the display so that access with a password is also not possible.

Configuring protection of the HMI connection

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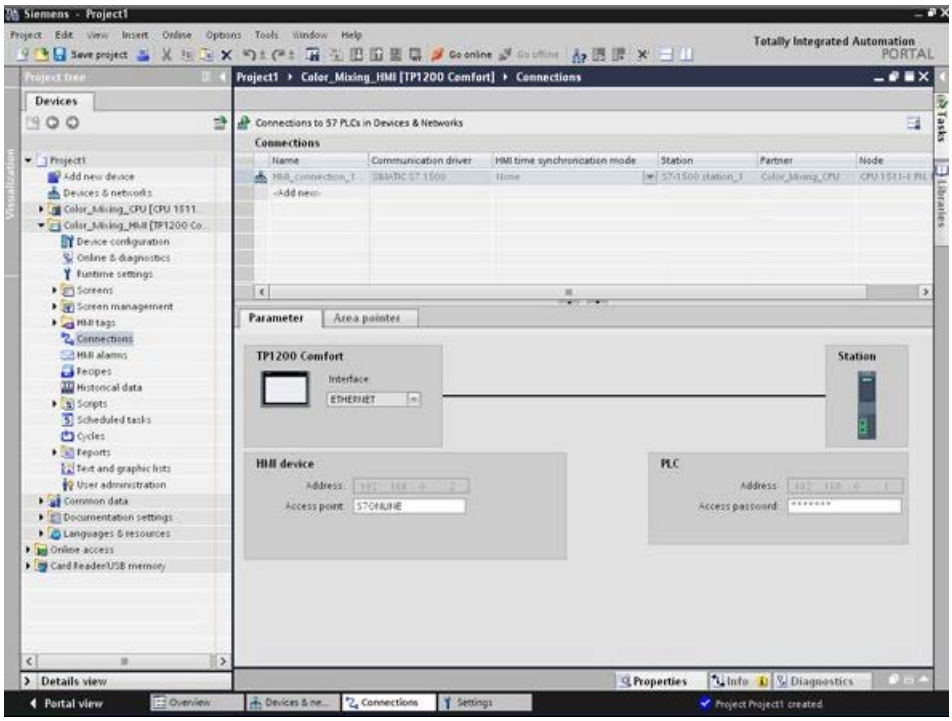
Introduction

If the protection level "Complete protection" was set for the CPU, the HMI device can only access the CPU with the password stored there.

This function is only available with HMI devices from SIEMENS.

Procedure

1. Open the "Connections" editor in the project tree.
2. Select the integrated connection.
3. Enter the password for the CPU in the "Password" area.



Result

The HMI device can now communicate and exchange data with the CPU.