# **TIPS & TRICKS**



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## **Tips & Tricks**

## C-more tag import

To easily get your tags from a Do-more! Designer Project into a C-more HMI, in Do-more! Designer go to File -> Export -> Element Documentation. Pick C-more Do-more! Driver Format WITH Structure Fields.

If you want C-more to reference elements that are used in your ladder program but do NOT have nicknames, you can either assign them nicknames, or you can check the "Also export USED elements which do not have a nickname" in the Export Element Documentation dialog box.

## Pointers, Indexing and Arrays

In order to utilize a memory element as an array, it must be a Memory Block. Heap Items are singeltons and cannot be utilized as an array. To see what elements can be used as an array or to create a custom item, go to System Configuration -> Memory Configuration -> Memory blocks tab.

Addressing a Memory Block as an array is simple. Place brackets [] after the Memory Block name and use a V memory element such as V0 as the index. IE D[V0], N[V5], UDT[V0], etc.

A handy trick for knowing how large the array is without hardcoding values is to use the DATAINFO instruction.

## Bit of Word, Data type conversion and Casting

Getting bits out of a word in Do-more! Designer is done with a method called Casting. More information on Casting can be found in Do-more! Designer Help Topic DMD0309.

The basics of Casting a memory element are to use a ":" and an identifier or for Bit of Word, a number. IE D0:1 is bit 1 of memory element D0. All Bits start at zero.

To simplify Casting, you can use the Cast Builder. When on a field that supports a memory element, press the F9 key. Type your Source Element in the appropriate field and then in the bottom right corner, press the "Show Cast Builder" button. Click the appropriate radio buttons and then press "Select". It is that easy to cast a memory element.

Other methods for doing memory type conversion is by using the ladder commands PUBLISH and SUBSCRIBE. These will allow you to convert large areas of memory at once which is useful when you are talking to a Modbus or DirectLogic device that utilizes untyped memory.

## Formatting Date and Time on an HMI with String Scripting

If you want your date and time to look nice on your HMI, put the data into a string using STRPRINT and the string scripting language. See Do-more! Designer Help Topic DMD0168 for a list of all string scripting commands.

## MATH, Logical Operations & statistical functions

The Do-more! MATH instruction is a very powerful feature. Do-more! Designer Help Topic DMD0085 covers the lists of functions that are available.

In addition to doing Arithmetic and Trigonometry, it can also do Logical and Bitwise operations. A few minutes perusing this help topic can save you a lot of time.

The most common issue when doing Math with a Do-more! processor is knowing that you must promote the equation to Real (Floating Point) if you are using integers with a Real result. If the equation is integers, but you wish to have a result that is a Real number you must use TOREAL() or add a decimal point to one of the numbers; IE 2.0. See Help topic DMD0085 for more information on promoting numbers to Real format.

#### Simulation and PID Simulation

Do-more! Designer software comes with a separate Do-more! simulator application that runs the same Do-more! control engine that is in the Do-more! CPUs. You can connect/disconnect and upload/download to the simulator as you would with a Do-more! CPU. There is even a Run/Term/Stop mode switch and LED indicators for power, Run and communication activity. This is a great tool to test your code before you ever load it into your system.

The Simulator also has the ability to do simple PID simulation to learn how PID works!

See Do-more! Designer Help Topic DMD0234 for more information.

## **Symbolic Constants**

Do-more! Designer supports the use of Symbolic Constants. A Symbolic Constant is where you assign a nickname to a hard coded value. IE Sunday = 0, Monday = 1, Tuesday = 3, etc. Do-more! Designer Help topic DMD0276 has more information on symbolic constants.

To assign a Symbolic Constant, go to Tools -> Documentation Editor and then press the "Symb" in the toolbar of the Documentation Editor tab. This can help make your program much easier to read and navigate.

You can add a nickname to a memory location that has a cast. For example you have a double word signed number in D100 nicknamed "Dancer" for your dancer position. If you wanted to know that it was a negative, you could use D100:31 which is the sign bit for D100. If you were to nickname D100:31 "Dancer\_Neg" you could use this nickname throughout your program and it would always refer to D100:31.

## Start Page replacement

You can attach documents to your project to replace the content of the Start Page on a project-by-project basis. This can be a PDF, Excel spreadsheet, .JPG, etc. A good example of this is the PID1.dmd example project found in the Examples folder in Do-more! Designer.

## Moving Communications links to another PC

You can move your communications links from one PC to another by copying the DmDComm.RST file that is located in the Do-more\Designerx\_x\Bin\ folder.

## Troubleshooting email with DMLogger

In your Do-more! Designer ladder project, turn \$EnableMsgDump bit ON & start Do-more! Logger from Applications window in the Launchpad to troubleshoot email. This will send the server messages to your PC so that you can see exactly where it is getting stuck at.

The DMLogger utility can also be useful for troubleshooting by placing STREAMOUT instructions in your ladder code to send messages to the utility to let you know what is happening at various times.

## **Importing Program segments**

Use the #import mechanism in your Import Program text file so you can modularly create projects from different source files. So MyProject.TXT could contain just 4 lines:

```
#include "SysConfigXYZZY.txt"
#include "MachineControl.txt"
#include "Library\NonLinearControlLibrary.txt"
#include "Library\CalendarLibrary.txt"
```

## **Keyboard Shortcuts**

The following table lists the keystrokes (also known as Hot Keys or Accelerator Keys) available in the various views of Do-more! Designer that can greatly enhance the usability of each view.

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Ladder View	
!	Edit Not-Equal-To Contact
<	Edit Less-Than Contact
=	Edit Equal-To Contact
>	Edit Great-Than-Or-Equal-To Contact
Ctrl+A	Select All
Ctrl+C	Copy into Clipboard
Ctrl+E	Toggle Edit Mode
Ctrl+F	Open Find Dialog
Ctrl+Shft+F	Find Next
Ctrl+K	Open Rung Comment Editor
Ctrl+P	Print Current View
Ctrl+R	Open Replace dialog
Ctrl+V	Paste Clipboard into View
Ctrl+W	Connect Wire to Output
Ctrl+X	Cut into Clipboard
Ctrl+Z	Open Edit History
Backspace	Delete Instruction to Left then move Edit cursor to Left
Ctrl+Comma	Goto Previous Instruction
Ctrl+Delete	Cut into Clipboard
Delete	Delete
Ctrl+Down Arrow	Draw Wire Down
Ctrl+Shft+Down Arrow	Delete Wire Down
Ctrl+End	Goto Last Rung in Code Block
Ctrl+Shft+End	Add from Current Location to End to Selection
Shft+End	Add Next Rung to Selection
Enter	Insert Row After Block Cursor, or Before Block Cursor if in First Column
F12	Goto Element's Output Reference
Ctrl+F2	Edit Positive Differential Powerflow Modifier
Shft+F2	Edit Positive Differential Contact

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Keyboard Shortcuts (continued) Class Description		
F2	Edit Normally Open Contact	
Ctrl+F3	Edit Negative Differential Powerflow Modifier	
Shft+F3	Edit Negative Differential Contact	
F3	Edit Normally Closed Contact	
F4	Open Contact Instruction Browser	
F5	Open Coil Instruction Browser	
F7	Open Box Instruction Browser	
F8	Accept Modified Rungs	
Ctrl+Home	Goto First Rung in Code-Block	
Ctrl+Shft+Home	Add from Current Location to Beginning to Selection	
Shft+Home	Add Previous Rung to Selection	
Ctrl+Insert		
Shft+Insert	Copy into Clipboard  Paste Clipboard into View	
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Insert	Open Insert Rung, Row, Column dialog	
Ctrl+Left	Draw Wire to Left	
Ctrl+Shft+Left	Delete Wire to Left	
Ctrl-Minus	Goto Element's Previous Reference	
Ctrl+Shft+Minus	Zoom Out	
Ctrl+Page Down	Goto Next Modified Rung	
Page Down	Goto Next Rung	
Ctrl+Page Up	Goto Previous Modified Rung	
Page Up	Goto Previous Rung	
Ctrl+Period	Goto Next Instruction	
Ctrl+Plus	Goto Element's Previous Reference	
Ctrl+Shft+Plus	Zoom In	
Ctrl+Right	Draw Wire to Right	
Ctrl+Shft+Right	Delete Wire to Right	
Ctrl+Up	Draw Wire Up	
Ctrl+Shft+Up	Delete Wire Up	
Main Programming Win	dow	
Ctrl+D	Open Documentation Editor	
Ctrl+L	Open Ladder View	
Ctrl+Shft+L	Restore Default Window Layout	
Ctrl+N	Create New Project	
Ctrl+O	Open Project	
Ctrl+Shft+R	Open Set PLC Mode dialog	
Ctrl+S	Save Project to Disk	
Ctrl+Shft+S	Toggle View's Status On/Off	
Ctrl+T	Edit Title Page	
Ctrl+Y	Open Cross Reference View	
F1	Launch Contextual Help	
Ctrl+Shft+F2	Open Change Value dialog	
Ctrl+ShftF3	New Data View	
Ctrl+F9	Read Project from PLC	
Shft+F9	Write Project to PLC	
F9	Open Element Selection Tool	
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Keyboard Shortcuts (continued)			
Class	Description		
Data View			
Ctrl+Shft+A	Sort Elements Ascending		
Ctrl+C	Copy into Clipboard		
Ctrl+ShftD	Sort Elements Descending		
Ctrl+V	Copy Clipboard into View		
Ctrl+X	Cut into Clipboard		
Ctrl+Delete	Cut into Clipboard		
Delete	Delete		
Ctrl+Enter	Insert Element with Next ID		
Ctrl+Shft+Enter	Structure Field: Insert Element with Next Field Structure: Insert Structure Fields		
Ctrl+F2	Modify Element or Edit Cell		
F2	Modify Element or Edit Cell		
Shft+F6	Move to Format Selections		
F6	Move to Format Selections		
Shft+F9	Write Value to PLC		
Ctrl+Insert	Copy into Clipboard		
Shft+Insert	Paste Clipboard into View		
Insert	Insert Row		
Project Browser			
Ctrl+C	Copy into Clipboard		
Ctrl+V	Copy Clipboard into View		
Ctrl+X	Cut into Clipboard		
Ctrl+Delete	Cut into Clipboard		
Delete	Delete		
Ctrl+Insert	Copy into Clipboard		
Shft+Insert	Paste Clipboard into View		
Insert	Open Create New Code-Block dialog		
Rung Comment Editor			
Ctrl+A	Select All		
Ctrl+F	Goto Comment for Rung		
Ctrl+G	Goto Comment for Rung		
Ctrl+End	Goto Last Rung in Code Block		
Ctrl+Home	Goto First Rung in Code-Block		
Ctrl+Page Down	Go 5 Rungs Forward		
Ctrl+Page Up	Go 5 Rungs Back		
Cross Reference View			
Ctrl+F	Open Find Dialog		
Ctrl+Shft+F	Find Next		
Ctrl+P	Print Current View		
Trend View			
F2	Open Add / Remove Elements dialog		
Element Documentation Editor			
Ctrl+C	Copy into Clipboard		
Ctrl+F	Open Find Dialog		
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Keyboard Shortcuts (continued)		
Class	Description	
Ctrl+Shft+F	Find Next	
Ctrl+P	Print Current View	
Ctrl+V	Copy Clipboard into View	
Ctrl+X	Cut into Clipboard	
Ctrl+Delete	Cut into Clipboard	
Delete	Delete	
Ctrl+Insert	Copy into Clipboard	
Shft+Insert	Paste Clipboard into View	
Change Value Dialo	g	
Ctrl+F9	Read Value from PLC	
Shft+F9	Write Value to PLC	
Print Preview		
Page Down	Next Page	
Page Up	Previous Page	

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