Engineering Note

ACT350

PROFINET PLC

METTLER TOLEDO

Contents

1. Overview

This Engineering Note is based on integration of Mettler Toledo's Industrial Weighing Transmitter ACT350 with a Profinet PLC. Go to www.mt.com/ind-act350-downloads to download all the necessary files and documents.

Figure 1-1：ACT350 download page

Note: The configuration used in this sample code is based on the default settings：

Siemens TIA Portal V14 SP1

SAI data format: 2-Block format

Device Name: (empty); IP Address: (empty)

ACT350 device firmware version：1.05.0012_4.3.0.5;

GSDML file for ACT350 1-port version：GSDML-V2.33-MT-ACT350 1P-20170822.xml;

GSDML file for ACT350 2-port version：GSDML-V2.33-MT-ACT350 2P-20170626.xml;

1-port basic version　　2-port premium version

Figure 1-2：ACT350 1-port and 2-port versions

It is recommended to integrate one ACT350 POWERCELL into the PLC Profinet network and go through the sample code to understand the functionality of each Function Block. To add more ACT350 POWERCELL into the Profinet network, follow the steps listed in Chapter 6. Steps to Add New ACT350s.

2. Setup of Project Development Environment

2.1. Hardware Integration

To use the LLDP function, connect the Ethernet cable from PLC Ethernet port 1 to ACT350 network port 1 (on a 2-port version, there are labels NW1 and NW2, NW1 being port 1).

2.2. LLDP Function

LLDP (Link Layer Discovery Protocol) is a protocol used for topology discovery in the Siemens Profinet IO systems. It provides the option of communicating data between neighboring devices (e.g. device name, port, MAC address). ACT350 Profinet model supports this protocol.

With LLDP, the downtime for ACT350 replacement can be minimized. There is no need to reconfigure the device's IP Address and Device Name, as long as the new device is connected to the Profinet network via the same physical network port as the previous device.

2.3. Open the Sample Code

To open and use this sample code "ACT350_POWERCELL_PN.ap14", you need to use Siemens TIA Portal version 14 SP1 or higher. All the required GSDML files will be installed automatically when opening the sample code.

2.4. Switching Project Languages

Under Tools -> Project Languages -> Editing Language, choose the preferred language for your project. Selections are English (United States) and Chinese (People's Republic of China).

Figure 2-1：Switching Project Languages between English and Chinese

2.5. Select the correct controller model

There are six projects included in one sample code, each project uses different Siemens PLC model:

1. "1Port_S7-300" uses S7-300 series PLC with ACT350 1-port version;
2. "1Port_S7-1200" uses S7-1200 series PLC with ACT350 1-port version;
3. "1Port_S7-1500" uses S7-1500 series PLC with ACT350 1-port version;
4. "2Port_S7-300" uses S7-300 series PLC with ACT350 2-port version;
5. "2Port_S7-1200" uses S7-1200 series PLC with ACT350 2-port version;
6. "2Port_S7-1500" uses S7-1500 series PLC with ACT350 2-port version;

Choose the most relevant project according to your PLC type to download into the PLC.

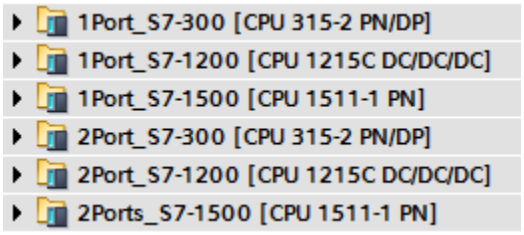

Figure 2-2：Six projects included in one sample code

To change the PLC model: Go to Device Configuration under the project folder, right click on the current controller, select "Change Device" and choose the new controller as well as its firmware version.

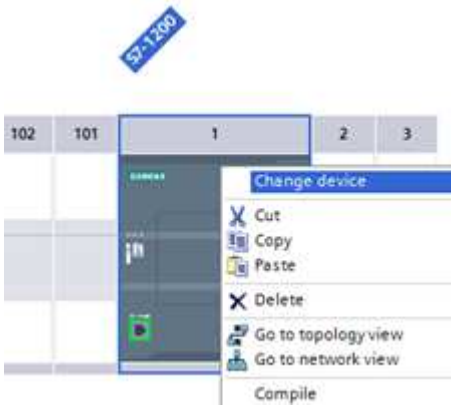

Figure 2-3: Change the controller type

Compile and download the project into the controller.

With the LLDP function, the PLC configures the ACT350 POWERCELL Device Name as "act350_powercell" and IP Address as "192.168.0.35". As for the PLC, its Device Name will be assigned according to its model while its IP Address is "192.168.0.10".

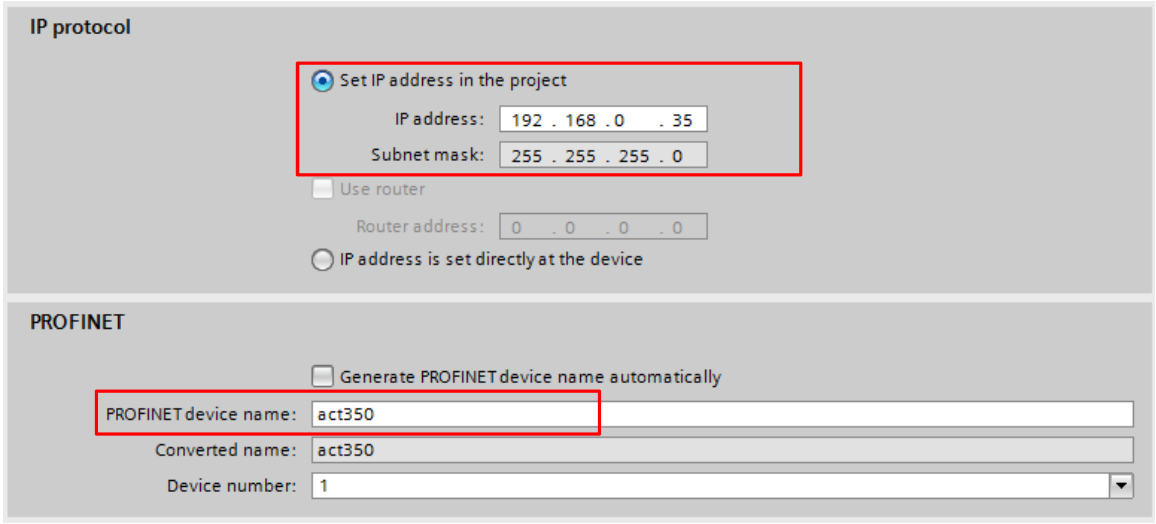

Figure 2-4: ACT350 Device Properties

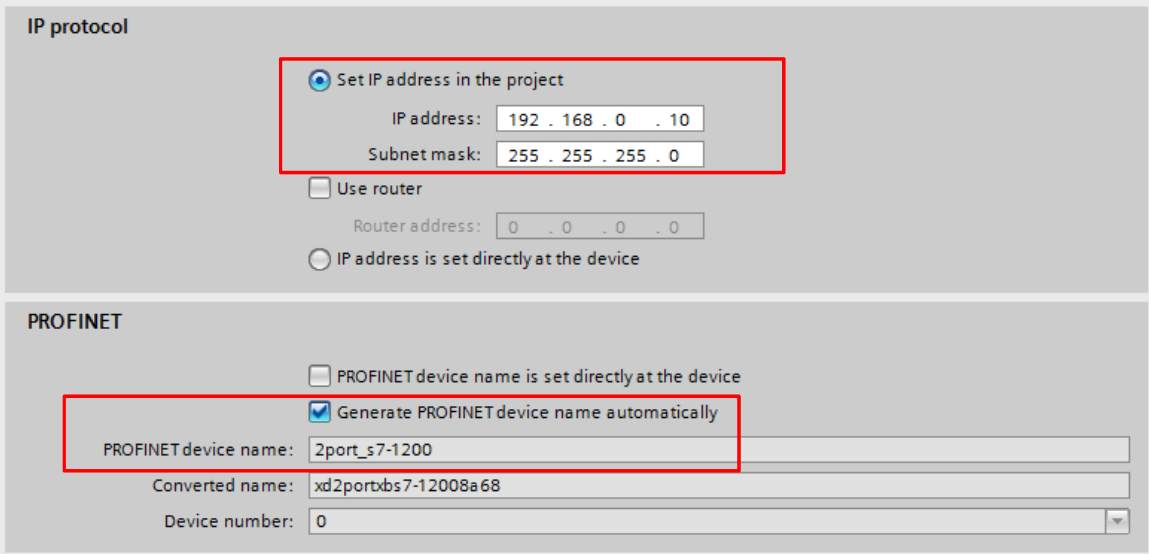

Figure 2-5: PLC Device Properties

Select the "MT_ACT_Application" program, click on "Go Online" button to start using the sample code.

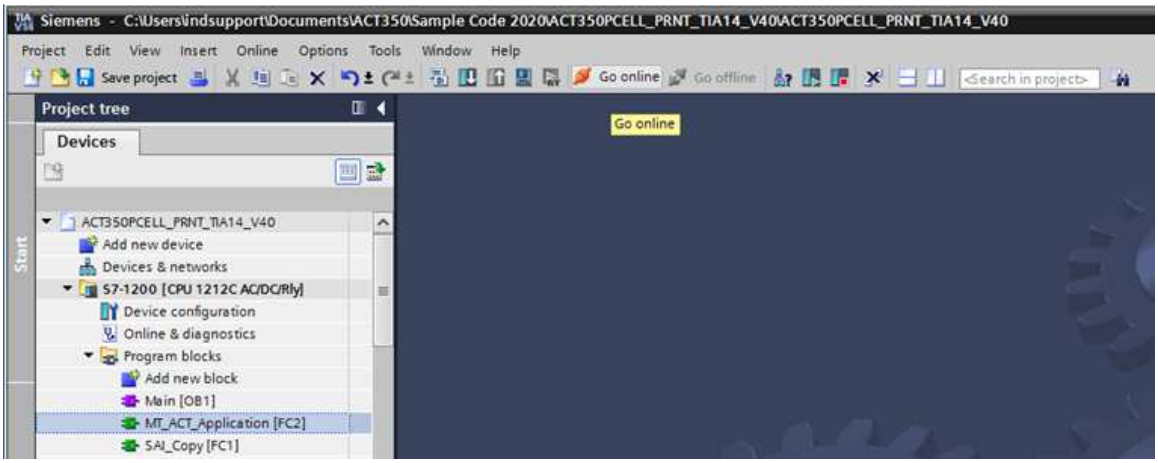

Figure 2-6: go online with MT_ACT350_Application

3. SAI Data Structure in Device Overview

In the Device Overview, the SAI input and output data structure has been assigned with the respective I and Q addresses as shown below. For more details on SAI data structure, please refer to the User Manual: Standard Automation Interface - ACT350 Transmitters English, which is downloadable from the ACT350 Download Page.

Figure 3-1: the SAI User Manual on the ACT350 Download page

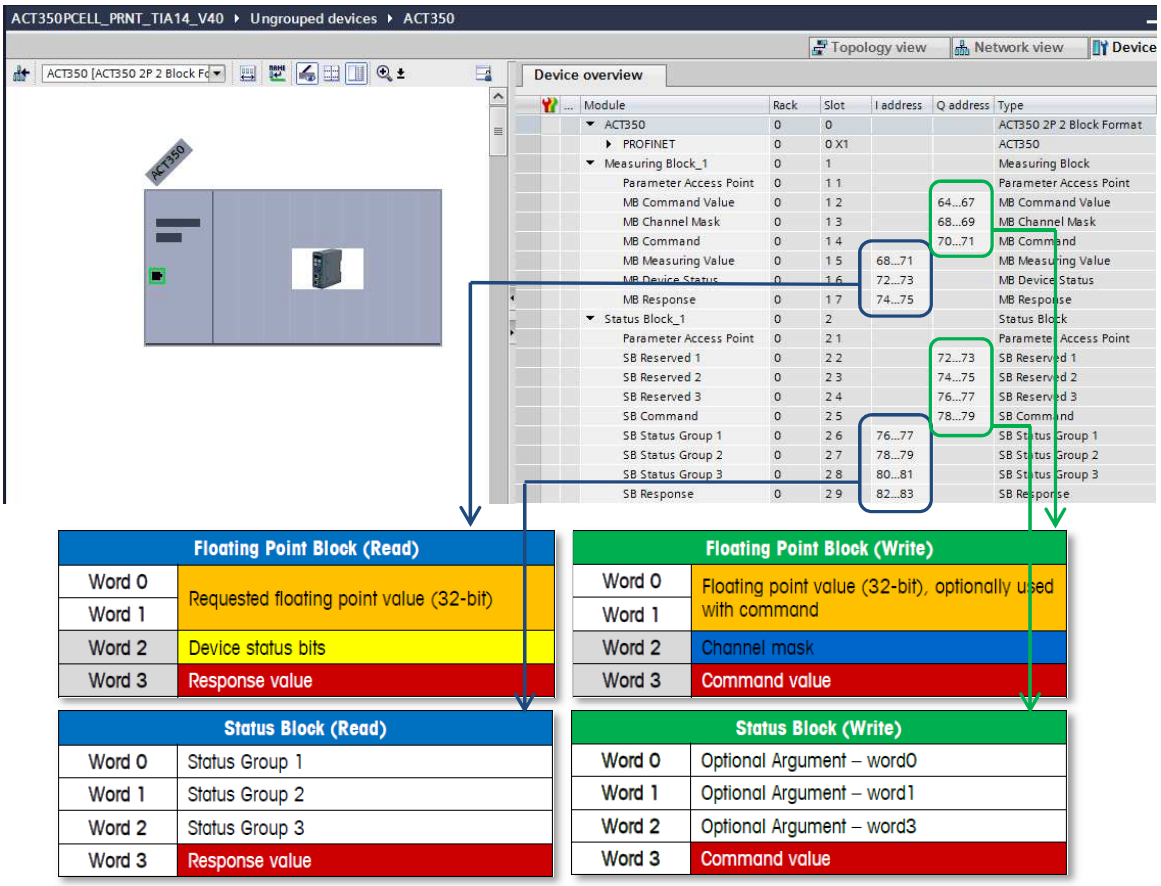

Figure 3-2: SAI Data Structure as shown in the Device Overview

These I and Q addresses shown above will be used as input parameters in 4. Function Blocks

4. Function Blocks

About the "ID" input parameter for all the acyclic communication function blocks:

For all the function blocks which involve acyclic communication between the PLC and the weighing transmitter, the "ID" input parameter is required. Examples of function block with acyclic communication are zero adjustment, span adjustment and condition monitoring etc.

For an S7-300, ID can be found under the Device overview -> Diagnostics Address of Rack 0, Slot 0. In the example below the ID is "2042".

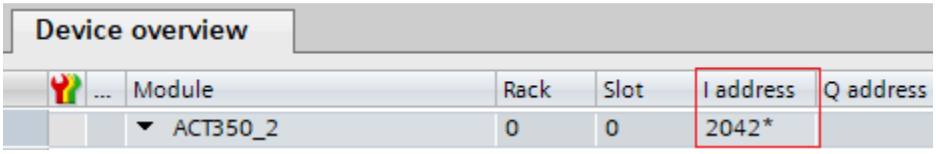

Figure 4-1: the ID parameter for S7-300

For S7-1200 and S7-1500 PLCs, the ID is the Hardware Identifier which can be identified as "(Device name)~Head".

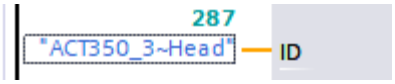

Figure 4-2: the ID parameter for S7-1200 and 1500

4.1. Cyclic Weight Data Processing

This function block reads in all the important real-time, cyclical weighing data such as weight value, Data OK bit, Motion bit, Net mode bit and critical alarm bit.

Set the scale command bit one at a time to trigger different commands such as tare stable, zero stable, tare immediate, zero immediate, preset tare and clear tare. A successful execution of a scale command will set the Done bit on, else the Error bit will be set on instead.

The cyclic weight data can be reported automatically right after any scale command. The type of weight data (gross, net, or tare) being reported depends on the setting for WeightCmd. By default, the WeightCmd is decimal "3" and the function block will return a net weight value every time after any scale command such as tare or zero. Similarly, if the WeightCmd parameter is configured as decimal "0" or "1" the function block will then return a gross weight after any scale command.

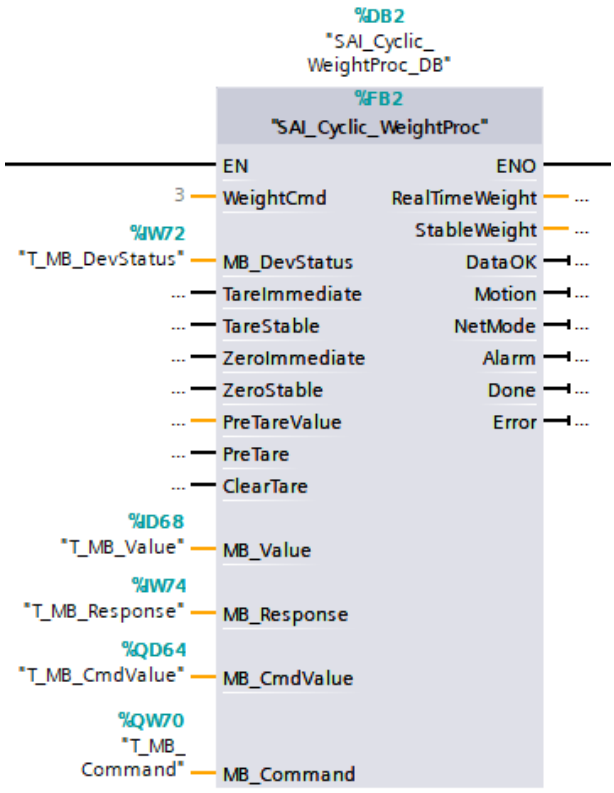

Figure 4-3: SAI_ACTPCELL_WeightProc Function Block

Table 4-1: SAI_ACTPCELL_WeightProc Function Block Parameters

Input Parameters	Data Type	Values	Description
WeightCmd	Word	0, 1	Report gross weight value
		2	Report tare weight value
		3 (default)	**Report net weight value**
		5	Report gross weight value (with internal resolution)
		6	Report tare weight value (with internal resolution)
		7	Report net weight value (with internal resolution)
MB_DevStatus	Word		Refer to Device Overview, input address of MB Device Status
TareImmediate	Bool		Trigger this bit to perform immediate tare command. This tare command doesn't check for stability criteria. Upon completion of this command, the input bit will be reset.
TareStable	Bool		Trigger this bit to perform stable tare command. This tare command requires the weight value to remain stable within the stability criteria (+-1d within 0.3 second) for a predefined timeout range (3 seconds by default), failing which, the command will return an error. Upon completion of this command, the input bit will be reset.
ZeroImmediate	Bool		Trigger this bit to perform immediate zero command. The zero command can only be executed when the weight value is within the zero range (+-2% by default). Else, the command will return an error. Upon completion of this command, the input bit will be

			reset.
ZeroStable	Bool		Trigger this bit to perform a stable zero command. This zero command requires the weight value to remain stable within the stability criteria (+-1d within 0.3 second) for a predefined timeout range (3 seconds by default). Furthermore the weight value has to be in the zero range to trigger this command, failing either condition; the command will return an error. Upon completion of this command, the input bit will be reset.
PreTareValue	Real		The preset tare value which has to be configured before issuing the PreTare command. Valid PreTare value is between scale's zero point up to maximum capacity.
PreTare	Bool		Trigger this bit to perform a preset tare command. The PreTareValue has to be configured prior to issuing this PreTare command. Upon completion of this command, the input bit will be reset.
ClearTare	Bool		Trigger this bit to perform a clear tare command. This command removes the tare and brings the scale into gross mode. Upon completion of this command, the input bit will be reset.
MB_Value	Real		Refer to Device Overview, input address of MB Measuring Value
MB_Response	Word		Refer to Device Overview, input address of MB Response
MB_CmdValue	Real		Refer to Device Overview, output address of MB Command Value
MB_Command	Word		Refer to Device Overview, output address of MB Command
Output Parameters	Data Type	Values	Description
RealTimeWeight	Real		Real-time weight value, can be gross, tare or net weight
StableWeight	Real		Stable weight value, the last real-time weight during Motion = 0
DataOK	Bool	0	This bit gets set to 0 when the device is still operational but the value being reported cannot be guaranteed to be valid. The following conditions cause the Data Okay bit to be set to 0: • Device is powering up • Device is in setup mode • Device is in test mode • Over capacity condition occurs - When the A/D converter is at its limit - Product dependent over capacity that occurs when the device determines it cannot trust the weight • Under capacity condition occurs - When the A/D converter is at its limit - Product dependent under capacity that occurs when the device determines it cannot trust the weight
		1	Weight data is normal, valid
Motion	Bool	0	Weight value is stable
		1	Weight value is in motion
NetMode	Bool	0	Weighing is in gross mode
		1	Weighing is in net mode
Alarm	Bool	0	No alarm
		1	Also called the RedAlert alarm. If this bit is true it is an indication that the control device should stop until the source of the alarm is evaluated and corrected. The control system should use a Field Value command or evaluate the RedAlert status block to determine the nature of the alarm.
Done	Bool	0	Zero, tare or clear tare command is in process, or failed
		1	Zero, tare or clear tare command is successful

Error	Bool	0	Zero, tare or clear tare command is in process, or succeeded
		1	Zero, tare or clear tare command is not completed due to error

4.2. Device Heart Beat Monitoring

This function block monitors the Heart Beat bit of the weighing transmitter and outputs an "Alive" flag.

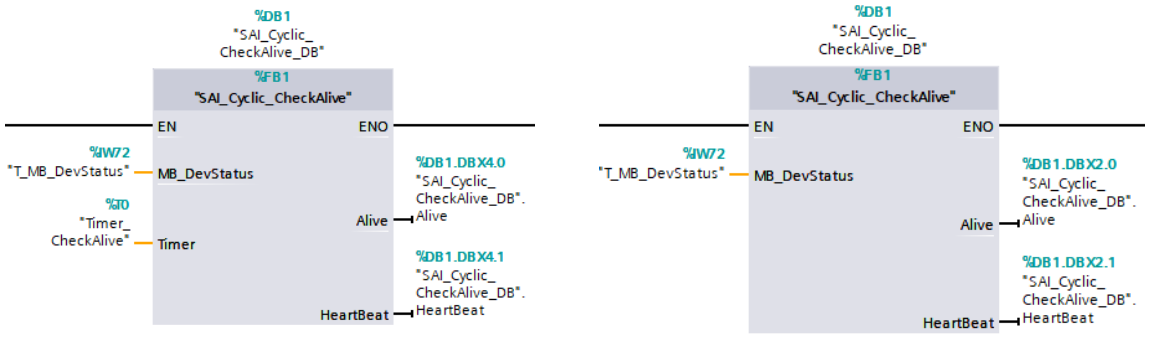

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Figure 4-4: SAI_Cyclic_CheckAlive Function Block

Table 4-2: SAI_CyclicCheckAlive Function Block Parameters

Input Parameters	Data Type	Values	Description
MB_DevStatus	Word		Refer to Device Overview, input address of MB Device Status
Timer (S7-300)	Timer		Timer, use independent timer for each function block, do not replicate.
Output Parameters	Data Type	Values	Description
Alive	Bool	0	Device has lost communication
		1	Device is communicating OK
HeartBeat	Bool		To insure that the device is working as expected and updating data in Words 0, 1 and 2, this heart beat bit is toggled between off and on states. The frequency is dependent on the specific device's ability to cycle this bit. For example, a 1 second heart beat would be sufficient for most applications.

4.3. Read Scale Adjustment Settings

This function block reads the current scale capacity and increment values from the connected weighing transmitter. Set the "Read" input parameter on to start the reading process. Upon completion of the read process, this "Read" bit will be reset.

It is useful to know the current scale settings before performing any scale adjustment procedure.

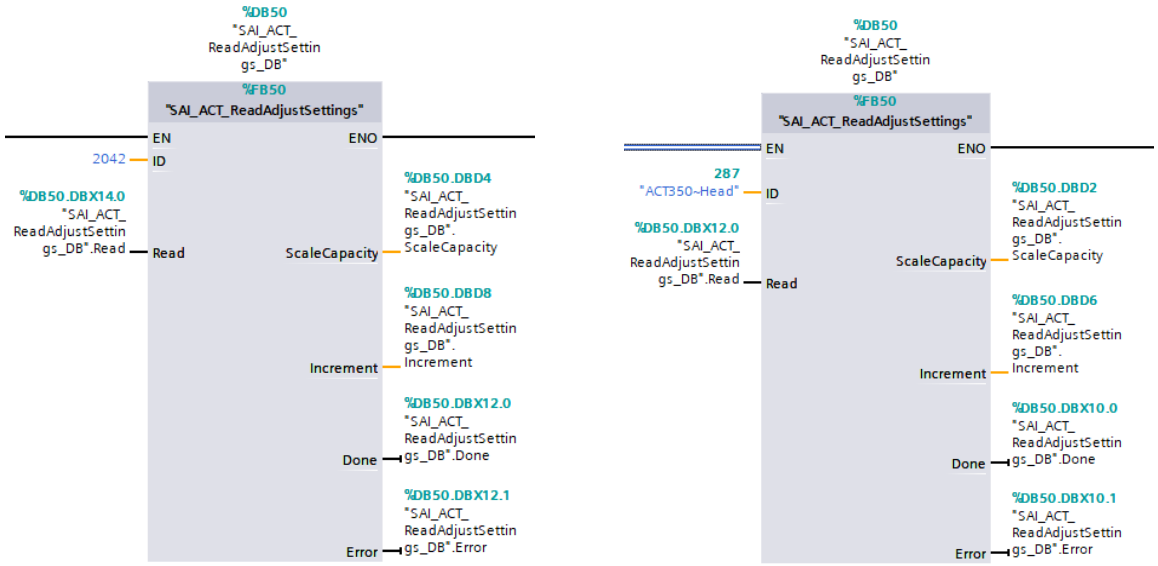

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Figure 4-5: SAI_ACT_ReadAdjustSettings Function Block

Table 4-3: SAI_ACT_ReadAdjustSettings parameter descriptions

Input Parameters	Data Type	Values	Description
ID (for S7-1200 and S7-1500)	HW_IO	Example: "ACT350~Head"	ID parameter to select the module for which a data record is to be written. Use only the hardware identifier (HW ID) of the module for the ID parameter. In this sample program, the ID parameter of the device can be found under Device Properties > Slot 0 Hardware Identifier.
ID (S7-300)	DWORD	"2042"	
Read	Bool	1, 0	Trigger this input bit to start the reading process.
Output Parameters	**Data Type**	**Values**	**Description**
ScaleCapacity	REAL (32 bits)	Example: "3000.0"	Current scale capacity value
Increment	REAL (32 bits)	Example: "0.1"	Current scale increment value
Done	Bool	1	Read process is completed successfully
		0	Read process is not completed
Error	Bool	1	An error has occurred during the read process
		0	No error

4.4. Write Scale Adjustment Settings

This Function Block configures the new settings of scale capacity and increment value onto the weighing transmitter. Even though all ACT350 weighing transmitters now support scale configuration through its built-in web browser, the PLC can also overwrite these scale settings.
The scale resolution (scale capacity/ increment) has to be within the range of 500 – 100 000.

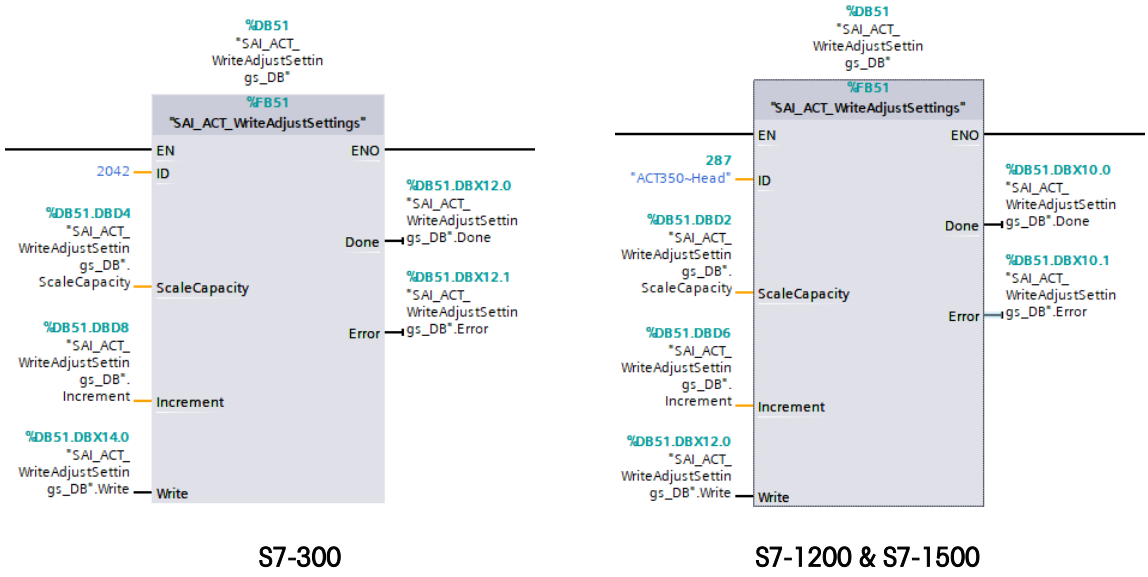

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Figure 4-6: SAI_ACT_WriteAdjustSettings Function Block

Table 4-4: SAI_ACT_WriteAdjustSettings parameter descriptions

Input Parameters	Data Type	Values	Description
ID (for S7-1200 and S7-1500)	HW_IO	Example: "ACT350~Head"	ID parameter to select the module for which a data record is to be written. Use only the hardware identifier (HW ID) of the module for the ID parameter. In this sample program, the ID parameter of the device can be found under Device Properties > Slot 0 Hardware Identifier.
ID (S7-300)	DWORD	"2042"	
ScaleCapacity	REAL (32 bits)	Example: "3000.0"	New scale capacity value
Increment	REAL (32 bits)	Example: "0.1"	New scale increment value
Write	Bool	1, 0	Trigger this input bit to start the writing process.
Output Parameters	**Data Type**	**Values**	**Description**
Done	Bool	1	Write process is completed successfully
		0	Write process is not completed
Error	Bool	1	An error has occurred during the write process
		0	No error

4.5. Zero Adjustment

Zero calibration has to be performed first before CalFree+ or span calibration. Make sure the scale is empty before starting this zero calibration procedure.

Trigger the "Start" input bit to start the zero adjustment process. Upon completion of the adjustment process, this "Start" bit will be reset.

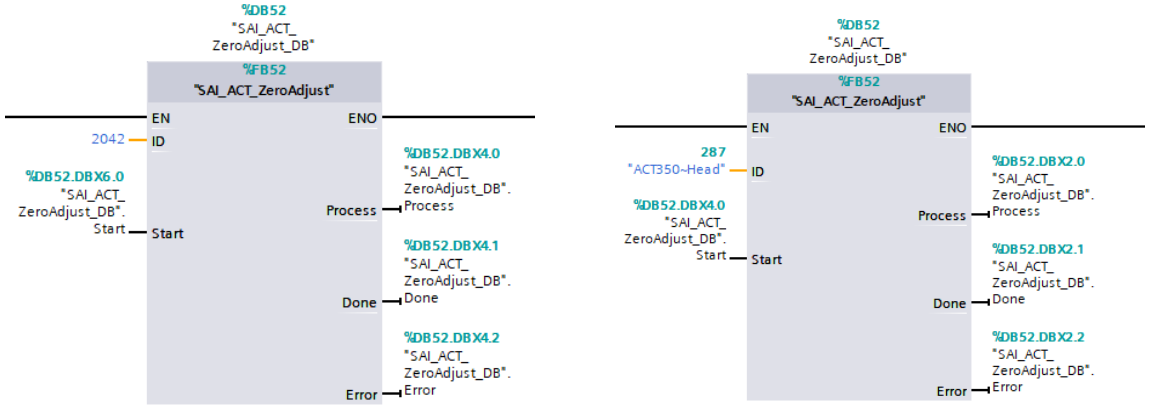

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Figure 4-7: SAI_ACT_ZeroAdjust Function Block

Table 4-5: SAI_ACT_ZeroAdjust Function Block Parameters

Input Parameters	Data Type	Values	Description
ID (for S7-1200 and S7-1500)	HW_IO	Example: "ACT350~Head"	ID parameter to select the module for which a data record is to be written. Use only the hardware identifier (HW ID) of the module for the ID parameter. In this sample program, the ID parameter of the device can be found under Device Properties > Slot 0 Hardware Identifier.
ID (S7-300)	DWORD	"2042"	
Start	Bool	1, 0	Trigger this input bit to start the calibration process.
Output Parameters	**Data Type**	**Values**	**Description**
Process	Bool	1	Adjustment is started and in process
		0	Adjustment is not started
Done	Bool	1	Adjustment is completed successfully
		0	Adjustment is in process or in error state
Error	Bool	1	Adjustment failed due to error
		0	No error

4.6. Span Adjustment

Perform this linearity span adjustment after the zero adjustment.

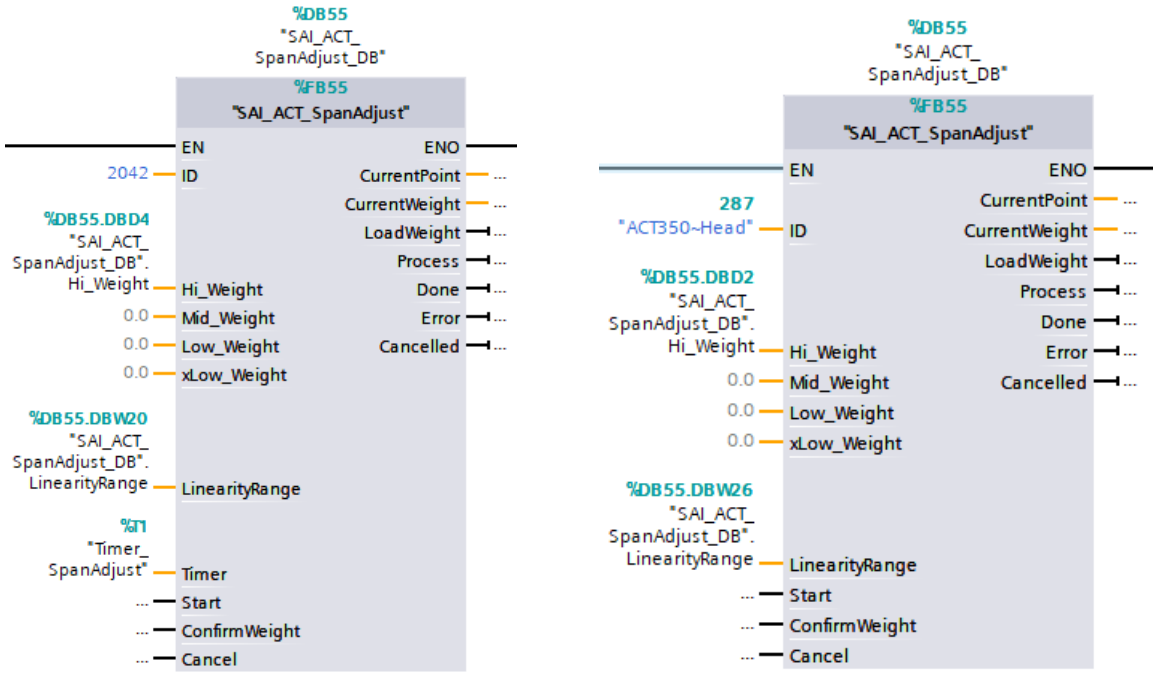

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Figure 4-8: SAI_ACT_SpanAdjust Function Block

If only 2 points adjustment (zero, span) is required, only configure the highest reference weight (span) into this Function Block. In this case, the span is the second linearity point. The first reference point is always the zero reference which has to be adjusted prior to this.

If linearity adjustment is required, up to 4 points can be set-up. The table below shows all the possible selection of linearity adjustment and the required input parameters for this Function Block.

LinearityRange settings:	Required reference weight(s), cannot be zero:
"0", 2-point (zero, span)	Hi_Weight
"1", 3-point linearity	Hi_Weight, Mid_Weight
"2", 4-point linearity	Hi_Weight, Mid_Weight, Low_Weight
"3", 5-point linearity	Hi_Weight, Mid_Weight, Low_Weight, xLow_Weight

Table 4-6: SAI_ACT_SpanAdjust Linearity Range Settings

Notes:

- The Function Block will return an error if the reference weights are not configured according to the linearity range setting.
- The Function Block will return an error if the required reference weight(s) is zero or not in the correct ascending order when starting the adjustment process.

The flow chart below explains the linearity adjustment process flow according to different selection of linearity range:

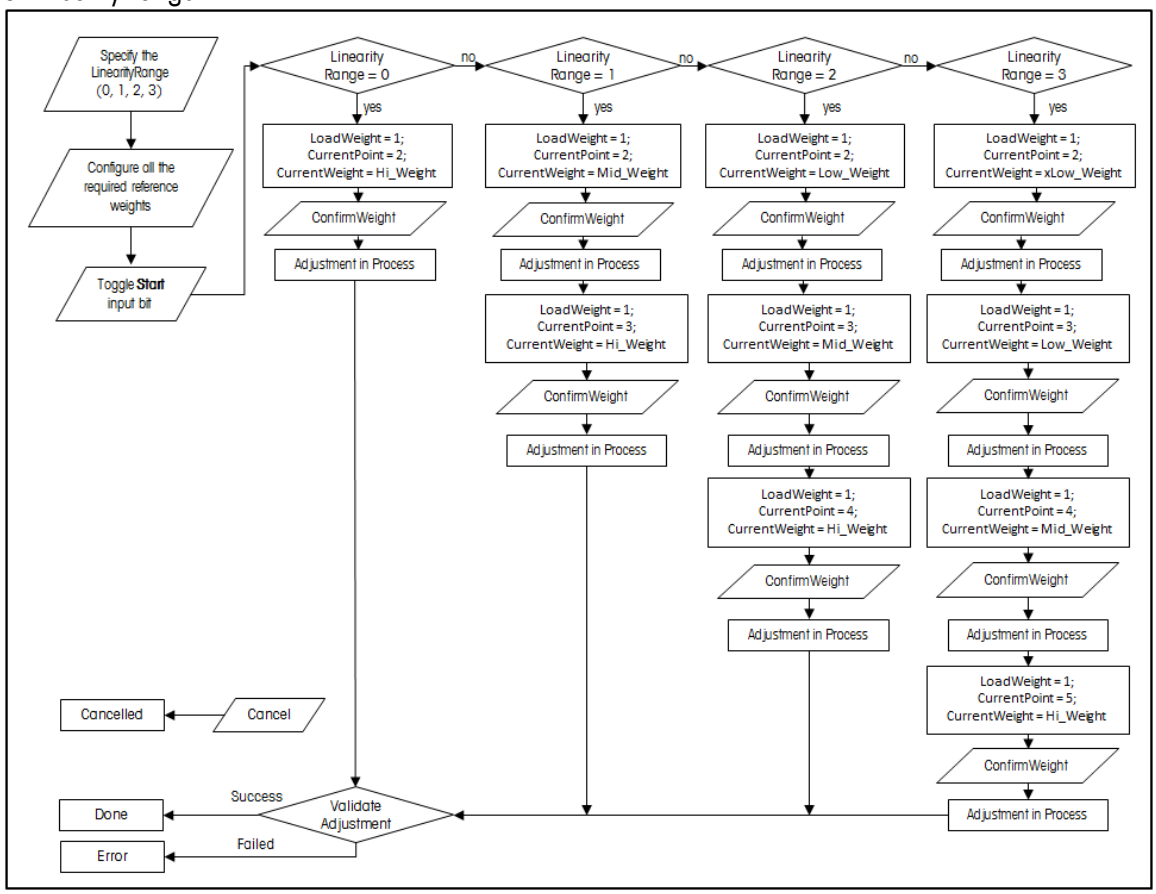

Figure 4-9: SAI_ACT_SpanAdjust Flow Chart

Configure the required Linearity Range and all the respective reference weights. Trigger the Start bit to run the adjustment process. Wait for the LoadWeight output bit to turn on and then load the reference weight according to CurrentWeight value. After the new reference weight has been loaded, set the ConfirmWeight bit on to proceed with adjustment. Repeat the same sequence for the rest of the reference weights until the adjustment process is completed. The adjustment process can be cancelled at any point of time after started.

Table 4-7: SAI_ACT_SpanAdjust Function Block Parameters

Input Parameters	Data Type	Values	Description
ID (for S7-1200 and S7-1500)	HW_IO	Example: "ACT350~Head"	ID parameter to select the module for which a data record is to be written. Use only the hardware identifier (HW ID) of the module for the ID parameter. In this sample program, the ID parameter of the device can be found under Device Properties > Slot 0 Hardware Identifier.
ID (S7-300)	DWORD	"2042"	
Hi_Weight	REAL (32 bits)	Example: "800.00"	The highest reference weight in linearity calibration. For a 2-point calibration, this is the span value.
Mid_Weight	REAL	Example:	For a 5-point calibration, this is the 4th reference point. For

	(32 bits)	"600.00"	a 3-point calibration, this is the 2nd reference point.
Low_Weight	REAL (32 bits)	Example: "400.00"	For a 5-point calibration, this is the 3rd reference point. For a 4-point calibration, this is the 2nd reference point.
xLow_Weight	REAL (32 bits)	Example: "200.00"	The lowest reference weight value in linearity calibration. Only used when the linearity range is configured to "3" – 5-point linearity.
LinearityRange	INT	0, 1, 2, 3	Decimal "0" – 2-point; Decimal "1" – 3-point; Decimal "2" – 4-point; Decimal "3" – 5-point
Start	Bool	1, 0	Trigger this input bit to start the calibration process.
ConfirmWeight	Bool	1, 0	User has to trigger this input bit after loading the "CurrentWeight" onto the scale. This bit serves as an acknowledgement flag for the Function Block to proceed to next steps. The Function Block will reset this bit automatically.
Cancel	Bool	1, 0	Trigger this input bit to cancel/ abort the calibration process after being started.
Output Parameters	Data Type	Values	Description
CurrentPoint	INT	Example: "2"	The Function Block updates the current reference point here.
CurrentWeight	REAL (32 bits)	Example: "400.00"	The Function Block updates the required reference weight here.
LoadWeight	Bool	1	User has to load a new reference weight according to the value displayed in CurrentWeight.
		0	No action required from the user
Process	Bool	1	Adjustment is started and in process
		0	Adjustment is not started
Done	Bool	1	Adjustment is completed successfully
		0	Adjustment is in process or in error state
Error	Bool	1	Adjustment failed due to error
		0	No error
Cancelled	Bool	1	Adjustment is cancelled successfully
		0	No cancellation

4.7. CalFree

The ACT350 weighing transmitter provides a method to calibrate a scale without using test weights. This is based on the annual entry of total load cell rated capacity and performance data from the load cell. This method can be used for initial check-out and testing of systems or when a large structure is used as the weighing vessel and it is not possible to apply test weights to the structure.

METTLER TOLEDO highly recommends that the test weights or RapidCal™ method be used whenever possible as these methods provide the most accurate calibration accuracy.

Set the Start bit on to run the CalFree adjustment. Upon completion of the adjustment process, this Start bit will be reset.

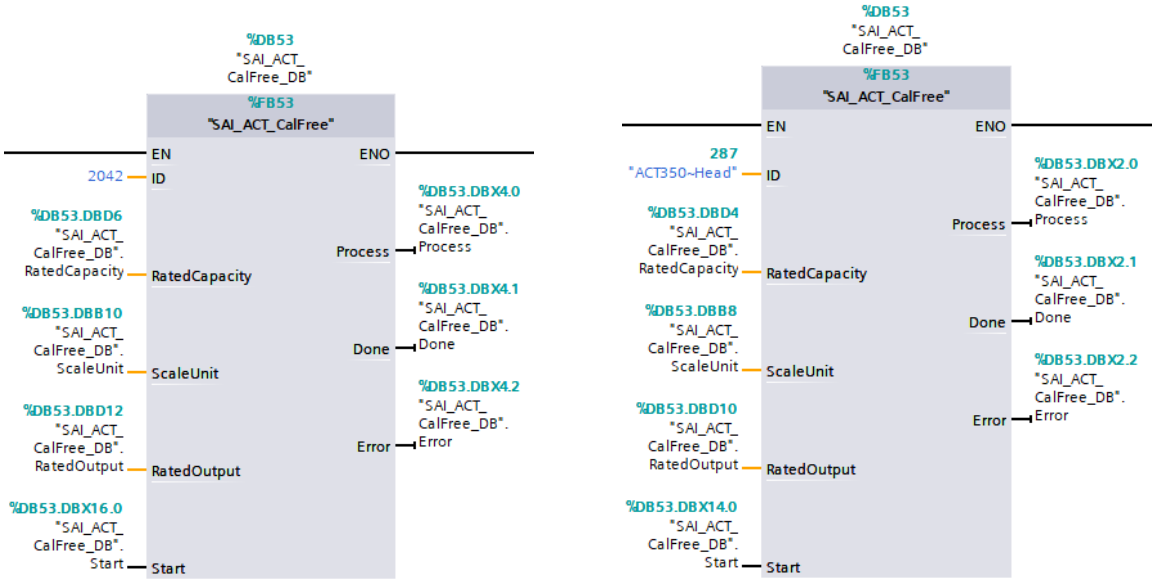

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Figure 4-10: SAI_ACT_CalFreePlus Function Block

Table 4-8: SAI_ACT_CalFreePlus Function Block Parameters

Input Parameters	Data Type	Values	Description
ID (for S7-1200 and S7-1500)	HW_IO	Example: "ACT350~Head"	ID parameter to select the module for which a data record is to be written. Use only the hardware identifier (HW ID) of the module for the ID parameter. In this sample program, the ID parameter of the device can be found under Device Properties > Slot 0 Hardware Identifier.
ID (S7-300)	DWORD	"2042"	
RatedCapacity	REAL (32 bits)		This is the total load cell rated capacity. For example, for a tank scale with three 2200 kg load cells, the total load cell rated capacity would be 3 x 2200kg = 6600kg.
Unit	Short Integer	0	Unit gram
		1 (default)	**Unit kg**

	(8 bits)	2	Unit lbs
RatedOutput	REAL (32 bits)		The load cell rated output (mV/V) can be found in the load cell calibration certificate issued by the factory. If multiple load cells are used, the average output of all cells should be entered here. The average output is determined by adding the output values (mV/V) of all cells together and dividing the sum by the number of cells.
Start	Bool		Trigger this input bit to start the calibration process.
Output Parameters	Data Type	Values	Description
Process	Bool	1	Adjustment is started and in process
		0	Adjustment is not started
Done	Bool	1	Adjustment is completed successfully
		0	Adjustment is in process or in error state
Error	Bool	1	Adjustment failed due to error
		0	No error

4.8. Digital Output Control

Discrete output is only available on the ACT350 2-port version; not on the ACT350 1-port version.

Toggle the Output 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 to true then trigger the Write input bit to control the ACT350's discrete outputs.

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Figure 4-5: SAI_ACT_WriteDigitalOutputs Function Block

Table 4-3: SAI_ACT_WriteDigitalOutputs Function Block Parameters

Input Parameters	Data Type	Values	Description
ID (for S7-1200 and S7-1500)	HW_IO	Example: "ACT350~Head"	ID parameter to select the module for which a data record is to be written. Use only the hardware identifier (HW ID) of the module for the ID parameter. In this sample program, the ID parameter of the device can be found under Device Properties > Slot 0 Hardware Identifier.
ID (S7-300)	DWORD	"2042"	
Output1	Bool	0	Digital output 1 off
		1	Digital output 1 on
Output2	Bool	0	Digital output 2 off
		1	Digital output 2 on
Output3	Bool	0	Digital output 3 off
		1	Digital output 3 on
Output4	Bool	0	Digital output 4 off
		1	Digital output 4 on
Output5	Bool	0	Digital output 5 off
		1	Digital output 5 on
Write	Bool		Trigger this bit to set the selected digital output(s) to on. This bit will be reset after execution of this command.
Output Parameters	Data Type	Values	Description
Done	Bool	1	Write process is completed successfully
		0	Write process is not completed
Error	Bool	1	An error has occurred during the write process
		0	No error

5. Sample Code Migration

5.1. Hardware Configurations

1) Under Devices & networks > Network view, add (or drag over) a new ACT350 2P 2 Block Format. If an ACT350 1-port version is required, add a new ACT350 1P 2 Block Format instead.

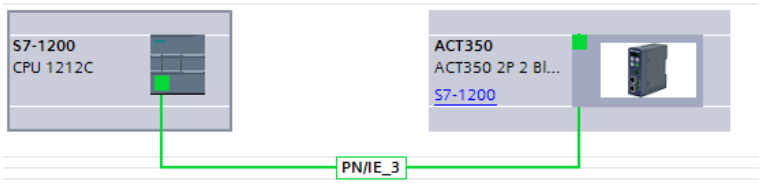

Figure 5-1: Add a Profinet device in the Network view

2) Assign the independent Profinet device name and IP address for the new device.

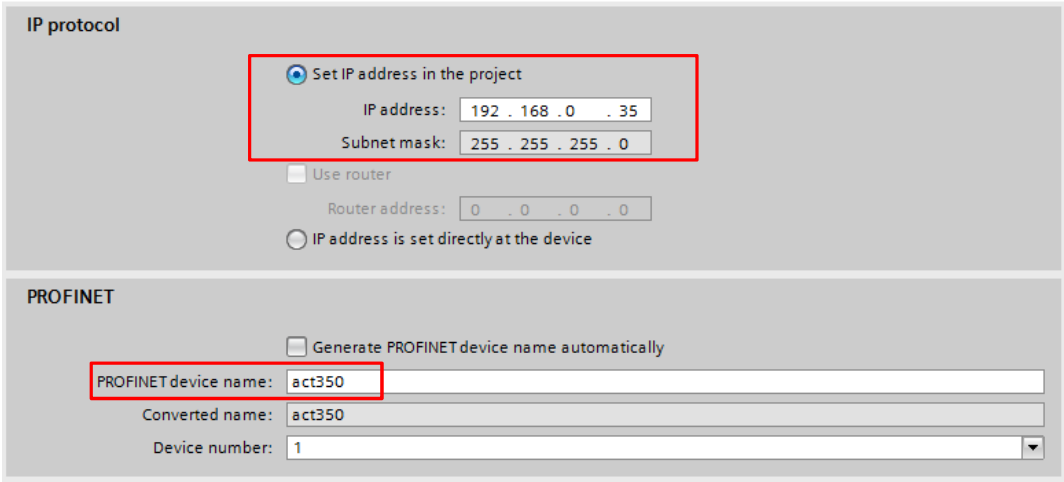

Figure 5-2: Profinet device name and IP address

3) Under Devices & networks -> Topology view, link up the PLC and the ACT350 2-port version's network port 1 (left, NW1).

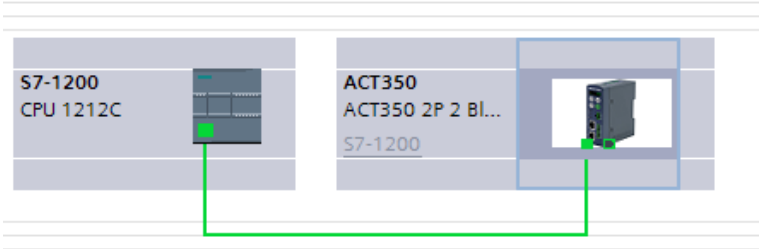

Figure 5-3: Devices & networks, Topology view

4) The sample code is following the default I and Q addresses assignment as shown below. To minimize the modification to the code, consider sticking to the same I and Q address assignment.

Device overview

Module	Rack	Slot	I address	Q address	Type
ACT350	0	0			ACT350 2P 2 Block Format
PROFINET	0	0 X1			ACT350
Measuring Block_1	0	1			Measuring Block
Parameter Access Point	0	1 1			Parameter Access Point
MB Command Value	0	1 2		64...67	MB Command Value
MB Channel Mask	0	1 3		68...69	MB Channel Mask
MB Command	0	1 4		70...71	MB Command
MB Measuring Value	0	1 5	68...71		MB Measuring Value
MB Device Status	0	1 6	72...73		MB Device Status
MB Response	0	1 7	74...75		MB Response
Status Block_1	0	2			Status Block
Parameter Access Point	0	2 1			Parameter Access Point
SB Reserved 1	0	2 2		72...73	SB Reserved 1
SB Reserved 2	0	2 3		74...75	SB Reserved 2
SB Reserved 3	0	2 4		76...77	SB Reserved 3
SB Command	0	2 5		78...79	SB Command
SB Status Group 1	0	2 6	76...77		SB Status Group 1
SB Status Group 2	0	2 7	78...79		SB Status Group 2
SB Status Group 3	0	2 8	80...81		SB Status Group 3
SB Response	0	2 9	82...83		SB Response

Figure 5-4: Device I and Q addresses

5.2. PLC Settings

1) Under the PLC device properties -> Advanced options, tick the following two options to support LLDP feature.

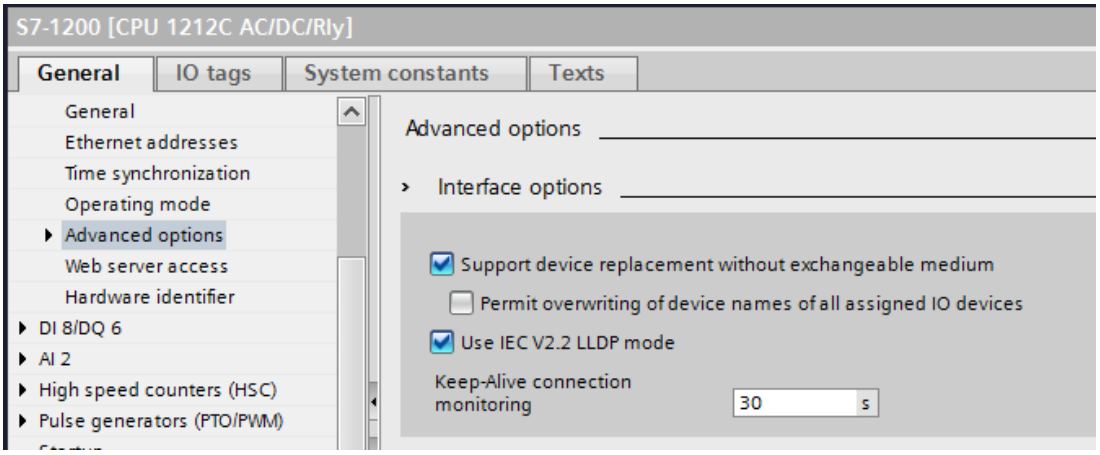

Figure 5-5: the LLDP feature

2) Under the PLC device properties -> System and clock memory, tick "Enable the use of system memory byte" (this feature is not available in the S7-300 series PLC).

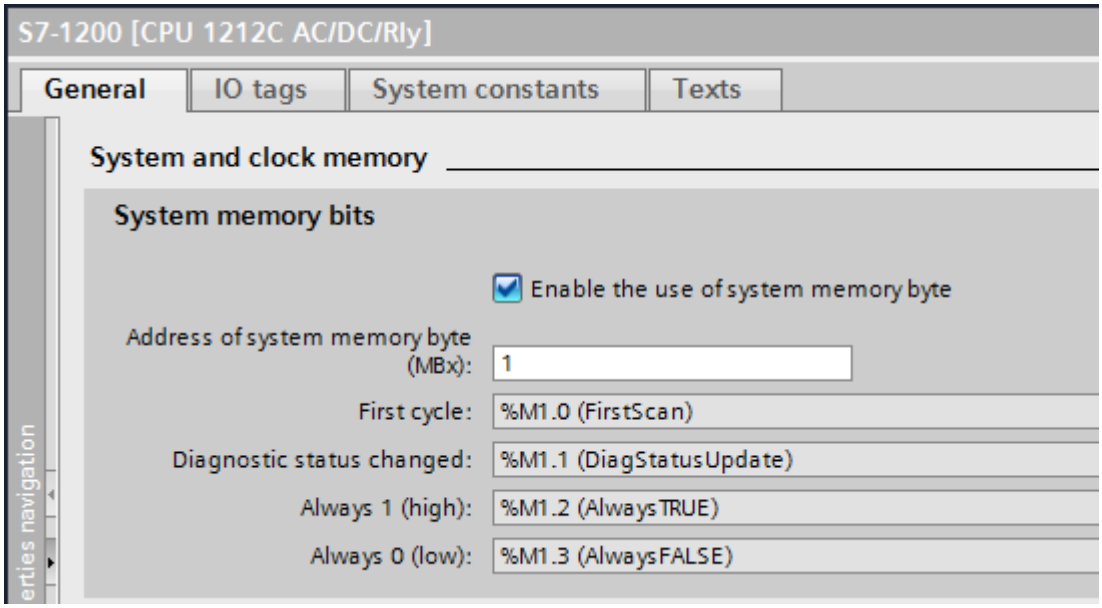

Figure 5-6: Enable system memory byte

5.3. Duplicate Programming Files

1) The required program blocks:

   a) MT_ACT_Application(FC)

   b) SAI_Copy(FC)（for S7-1200 and S7-1500，not for S7-300）

   c) SAI_ACTPCELL_WeightProc(FB), SAI_ACTPCELL_WeightProc_DB

   d) SAI_ACT_CheckAlive(FB), SAI_ACT_CheckAlive_DB

   e) SAI_Buffer(DB600)，**do not modify this Data Block's number as other Function Blocks are referring directly to its DB number.**

   The function blocks below are used to perform scale adjustment from the PLC. All variants of ACT350 now support scale adjustment via built-in web browser.

   a) SAI_ACT_CalFree(FB), SAI_ACT_CalFree_DB

   b) SAI_ACT_ZeroAdjust(FB), SAI_ACT_ZeroAdjust_DB

   c) SAI_ACT_SpanAdjust(FB), SAI_ACT_SpanAdjust_DB

   d) SAI_ACT_WriteAdjustSettings(FB), SAI_ACT_WriteAdjustSettings_DB

   e) SAI_ACT_ReadAdjustSettings(FB), SAI_ACT_ReadAdjustSettings_DB

   The other function blocks can be added into the programming if required.

For S7-300, need to add COMPLETE RESTART(OB100) and error handle programs as below, to support PROFINET auto reconnection feature.

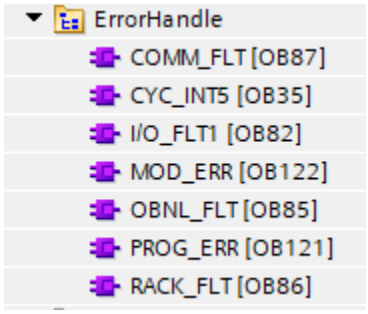

Figure 5-7: Error handle programs of S7-300

2) Delete the other unused program blocks in MT_ACT_Application.

3) Duplicate the "ACT" under the PLC tags.

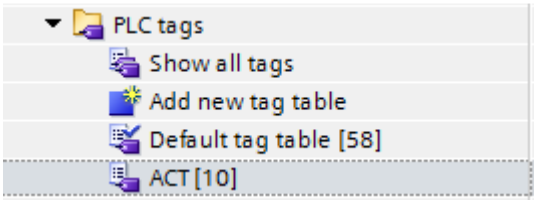

Figure 5-8: Duplicate the PLC tags

4) Duplicate all the PLC data types.

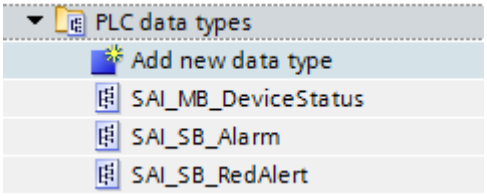

Figure 5-9: Duplicate the PLC data types

5) Lastly, in the Main (OB1) call up the function "MT_ACT_Application".

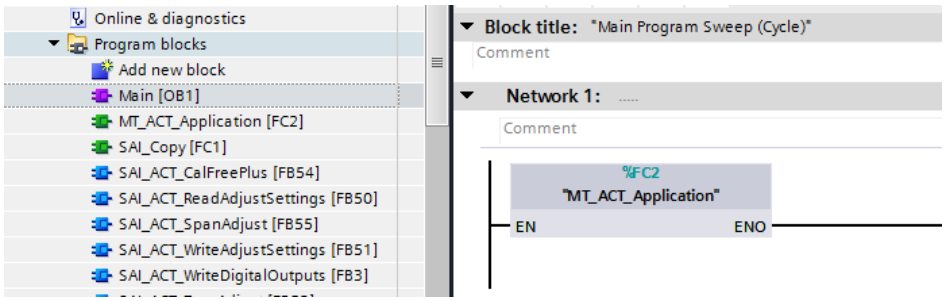

Figure 5-10: Call up "MT_ACT_Application" in the Main OB

6. Add New ACT350

In a Profinet system, each Profinet device is identified with different individual Device Name, the same rule applies to a network of multiple ACT350 POWERCELLs.

1) In Devices and networks > Network View, add another ACT350 2P 2 Block Structure. If another ACT350 1-port version is required, add a new ACT350 1P 2 Block Structure instead.

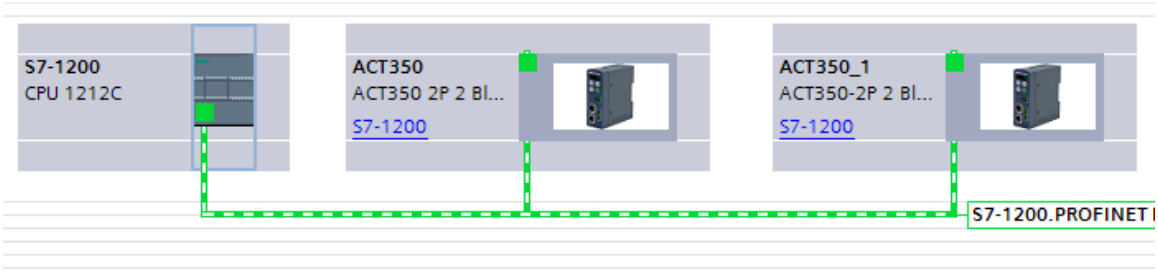

Figure 6-1: Add another ACT350 into the network

2) Configure a dedicated PROFIENT device name and IP address to the new ACT350. **Only use lower case letters for the device name**.

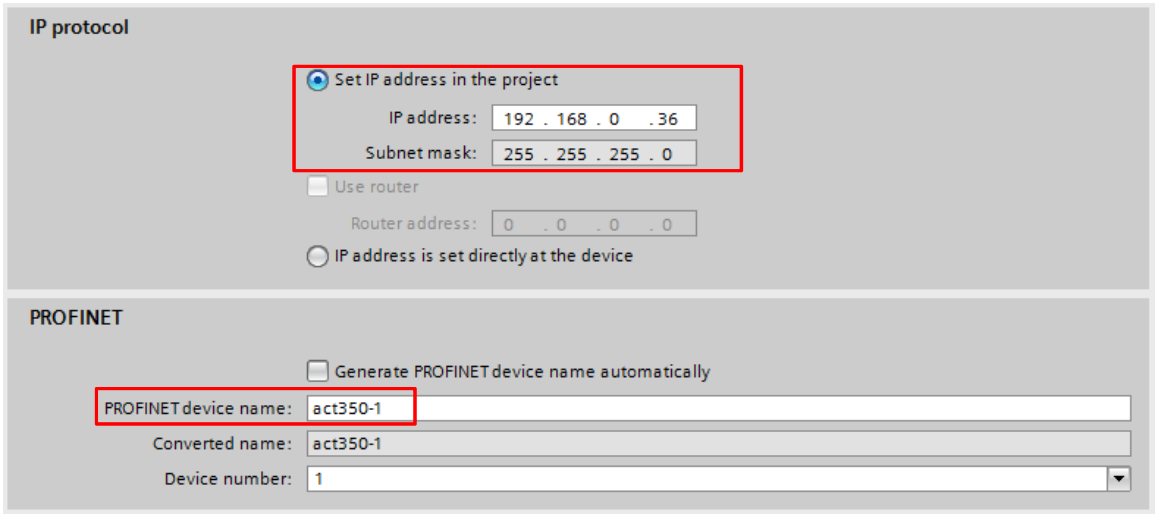

Figure 6-2: PROFINET device name and IP address

3) In Devices and networks > Network overview, connect the device ACT350' s second Ethernet port NW2 to device ACT350_1's first Ethernet port NW1. The LLDP function will then follow this topology in the future. To have LLDP functionality on ACT350 1-port version, an LLDP enabled network switch will be required.

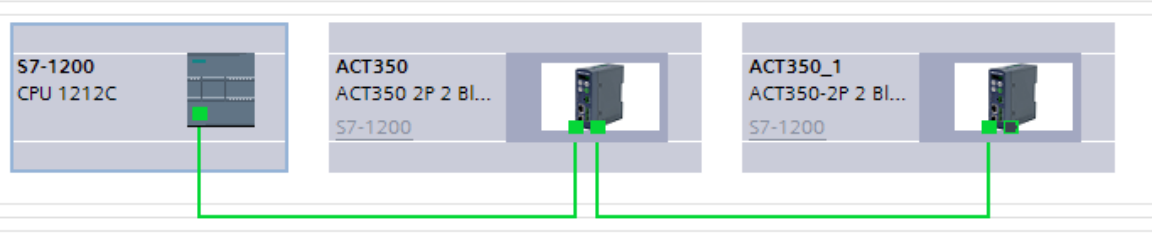

Figure 6-3: Connecting multiple ACT350 in PROFINET network

4) When necessary, edit the automatically allocated I and Q addresses of the PROFINET device.

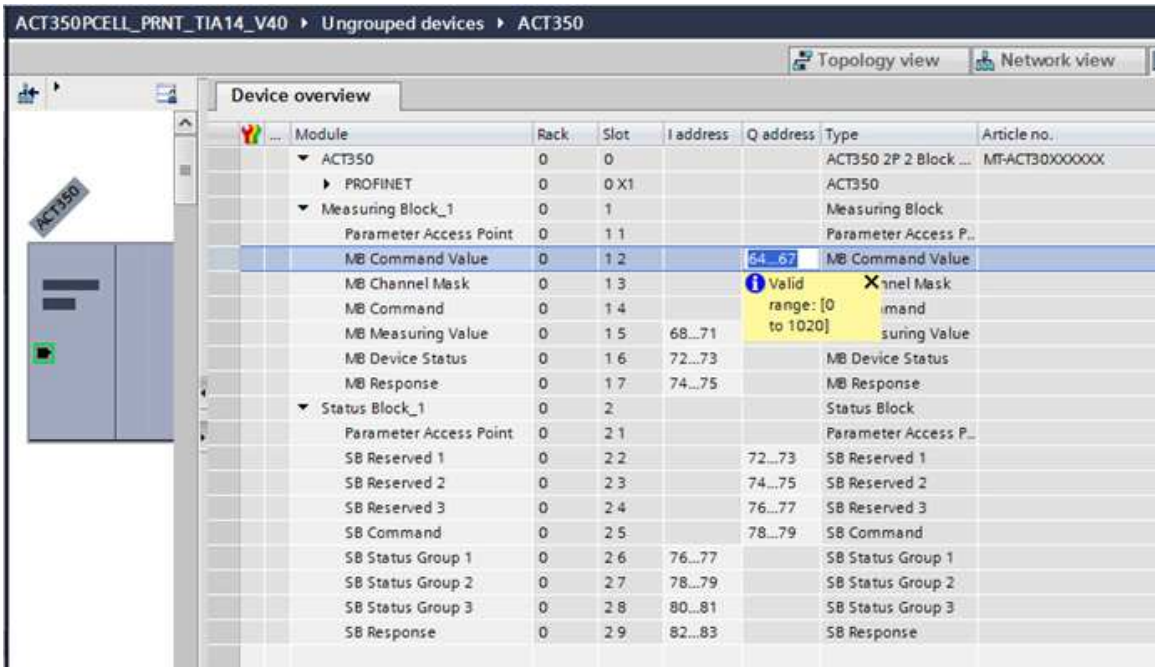

Figure 6-4: I and Q Addresses

5) Duplicate the function blocks, and configure all the required input and output parameters. Each function block FB must have an independent data block DB. As shown below, there are two SAI_ACT_WeightProc function blocks but both FBs are assigned with different DBs which are SAI_ACT_WeightProc_DB (DB2) and SAI_ACT_WeightProc_DB_1 (DB4)

A small trick can be used here to add adjacent function block, drag the function block from the Project Tree side window into the destination network.

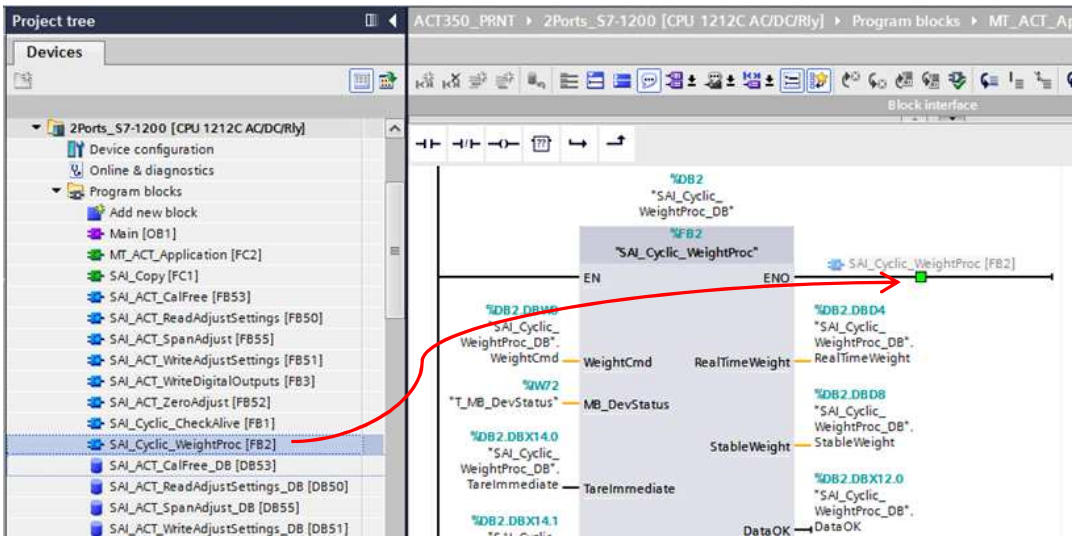

Figure 6-5: Duplicate function block for additional device

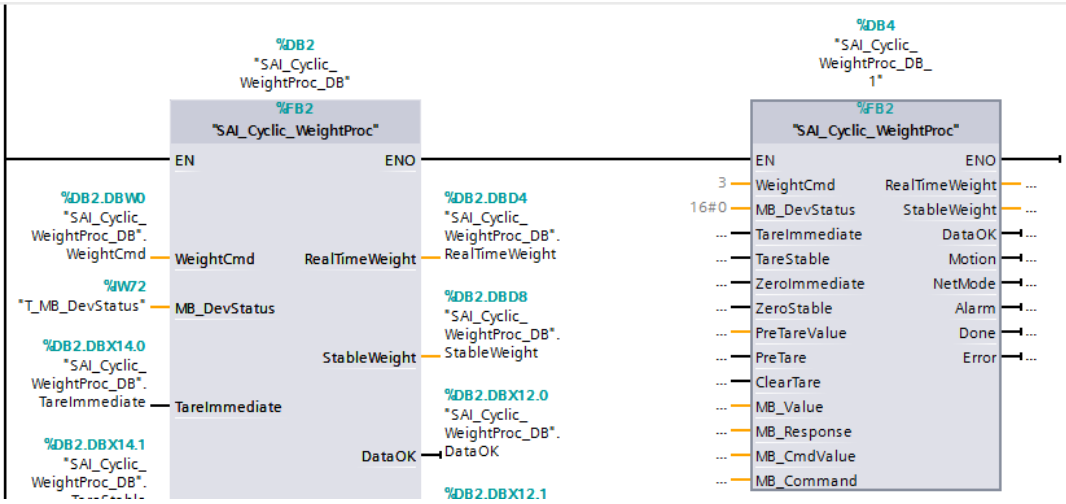

Figure 6-6: Two function blocks of the same type, but different data blocks

6) Repeat steps 1 – 5, until all the new ACT350s have been integrated into the Profinet network.

7) Download the project into the PLC. With the LLDP feature, the ACT350's device name and IP address can be automatically configured.

7. Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: I have duplicated the SAI_ACT_WeightProc function block and SAI_ACT_WeightProc_DB data block into another project, but I was not able to read the weight data.

   A: Make sure the device I and Q addresses are assigned accordingly between the Device overview and the function block assignment. If it is an S7-300 PLC, there is a need to edit the default cyclic data range (128 byte) to cover the device I and Q address range. In this sample code, the PLC's cyclic data range has been configured to 512 bytes.

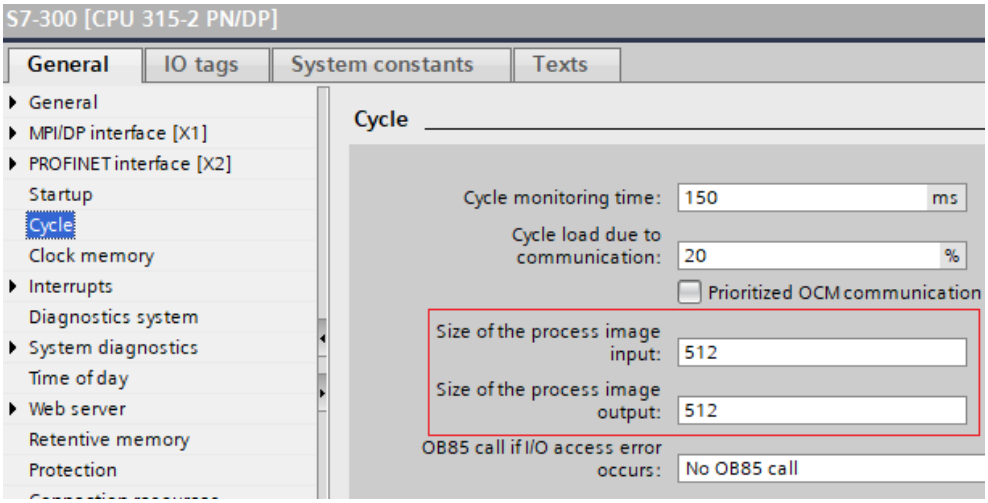

Figure 7-1: Edit the S7-300 PLC cyclic data range

2. Q: How to read the gross, tare or net weight?

   A: The PLC command to read gross weight is decimal "0" (default) or "1", decimal "2" to read tare weight and decimal "3" to read net weight. Insert one of these decimal command values into the "WeightCmd" input parameter of SAI_ACTPCELL_WeightProc function block, after a tare or zero command the function block will then return the required weight data accordingly.

3. Q: After I managed to integrate the ACT350 to the PLC, why is the ACT350's IP address showing 0.0.0.0?

   A: This is due to the PROFINET protocol. By choosing "Set IP address in the project", while booting up the PLC will assign the IP address to the Profinet device according to the Device name. Hence with this option, the ACT350 will not display its assigned IP address. If the second option "IP address is set directly at the device" is chosen, the PLC will not assign any IP address to the device. With this option, the ACT350 will display its own IP address (see below).

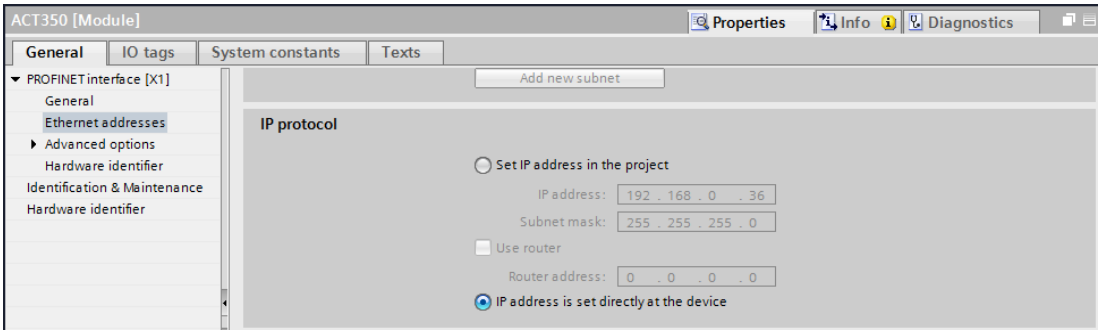

Figure 7-2: ACT350 will display its own IP address with this setting

4. Q: The PLC has activated its LLDP function, but the newly connected ACT350 POWERCELL cannot communicate automatically.

   A: Under Online access, expand the active Ethernet interface, click on Update accessible devices. Look for the newly connected ACT350's MAC address, check whether it says "Accessible device [MAC address can be found on the device label]" as shown in Image 7-3. If the new device has been assigned with Device name and IP address previously, click on Online & diagnostics, then reset the device to factory settings.

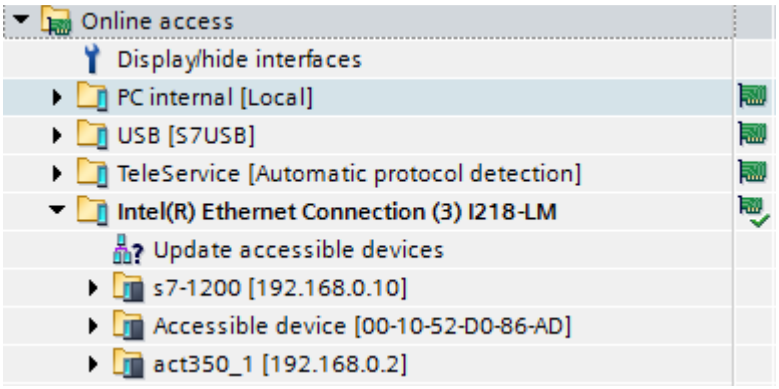

Figure 7-3: new ACT350 appears as Accessible device

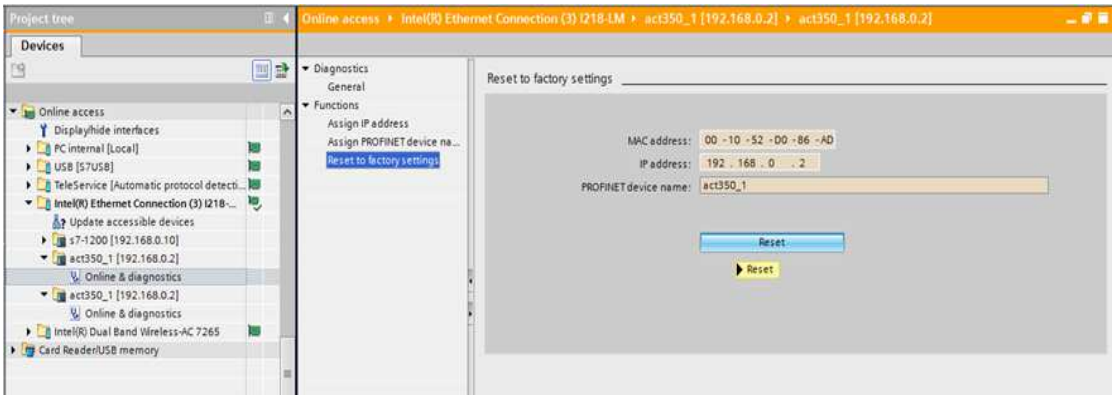

Figure 7-4: reset the ACT350 to factory settings, no Device name and IP address

5. Q: With a network switch, is the LLDP function still available?

A: The network switch has to support LLDP function. After imported the device's GSDML file, configure the Ethernet connection in Devices & networks -> Topology view.

6. Q: Some new functions are only supported by the latest firmware, how to upgrade the device firmware?

   A: Follow the steps below to upgrade the ACT350's firmware using Setup+ software.

   i. Check the existing device's firmware under the Information Recall device menu, go to S/W Version.

   ii. If the firmware version shown is older, the device needs a firmware upgrade.

   iii. Download the latest ACT350's firmware from www.mt.com/act350.

   iv. Download and install the ACT350's configuration software Setup+ from www.mt.com/act350.

   v. Open the Setup+ software, select "ACT350".

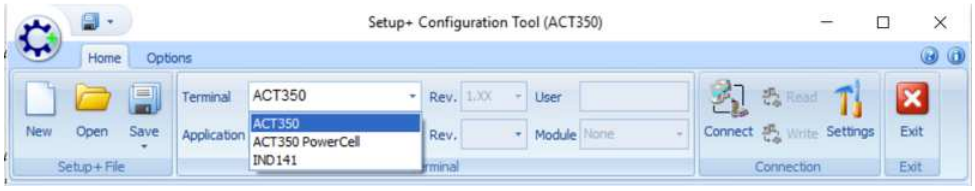

Figure 7-5: Setup+: Select ACT350

   vi. Connect a RS-232 serial communication cable in between the ACT350 and PC. In the Setup+, go to Settings to configure the serial communication. By default, the ACT350's serial communication settings are 9600 Baud, 8 data bits, no handshake, no parity bit, one stop bit.

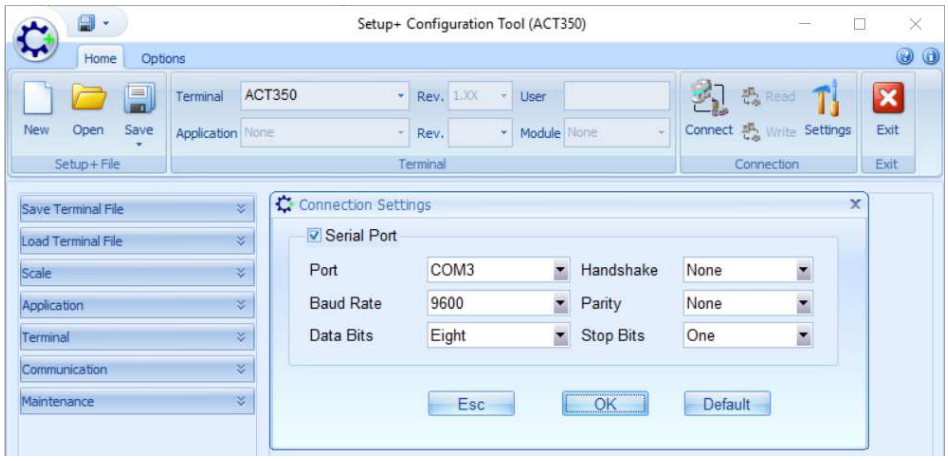

Figure 7-6: Setup+: Serial Connection Settings

   vii. Start the serial communication by clicking on Connect.

Figure 7-7: Setup+: Connect

viii. Go to the Option tab, click on Flash Download.

Figure 7-8: Setup+: Flash Download

ix. Browse for the device firmware file location by clicking "…" button. Then click Start to download the firmware.

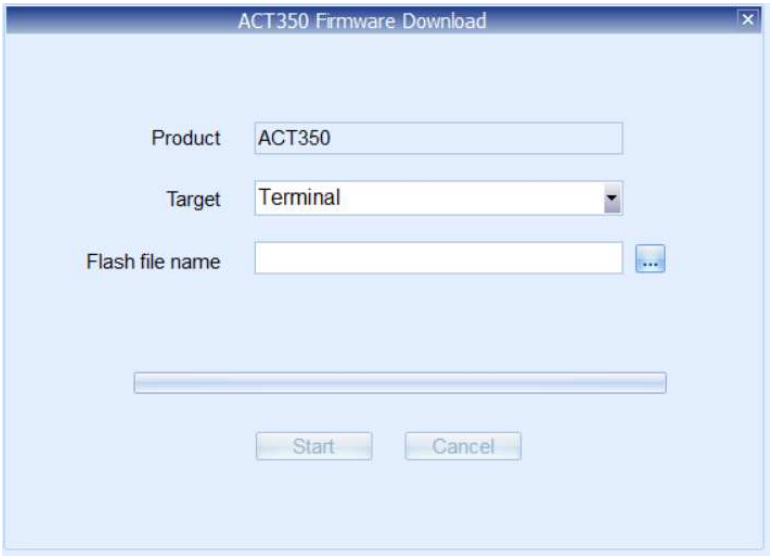

Figure 7-9: Setup+: Start Firmware Download

x. In an event of a firmware upgrade failure due to power supply cutoff, follow these steps to try re-download. While the ACT350 is still powered off, trigger the Flash

Download again in the Setup+. When the device display shows "Force Download", click on the "Yes" button to continue with the firmware download.

Note:
Don't forget to back up the device's configuration before performing the firmware upgrade. Use the save/ load functions to save and then restore the device's configurations.

The firmware upgrade process may take several minutes to complete. Do not turn off the device power supply during this procedure.

Once the firmware upgrade process is completed, the ACT350 will execute a self-reboot. After the reboot, check the new firmware version in the Information Recall menu.

7. Q: The firmware upgrade failed, the Setup+ software could not recognize the device. How shall i proceed?

   A: This is mostly due to power supply drop out during the firmware download process. Follow these steps to try re-downloading. While the ACT350 is still powered off, trigger the Flash Download again in the Setup+. When the device display shows "Force Download", click on the "Yes" button to continue with the firmware download.