

Ladder Logic Functions



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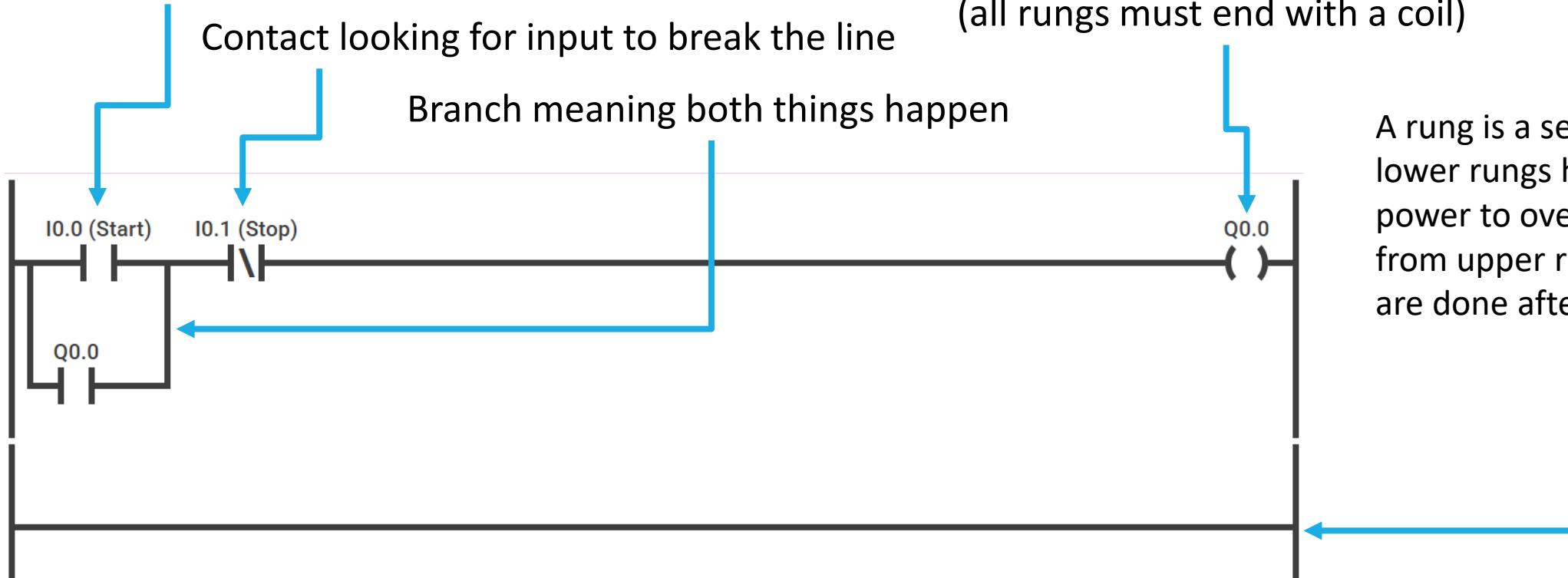
Parts of a ladder logic circuit

Contact checking for input to complete the line

Contact looking for input to break the line

Branch meaning both things happen

Coil which outputs to a variable
(all rungs must end with a coil)



A rung is a section of code;
lower rungs have the
power to overwrite values
from upper rungs as they
are done afterwards

Latching

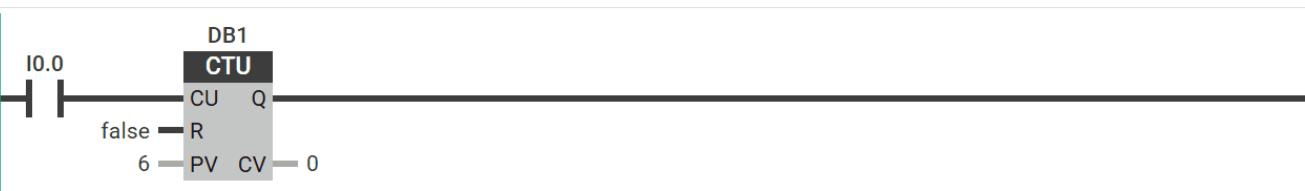
- Latching allows us to take a pulse input (like the press of a button) and turn it into a continuous on
- It does this using an output value which is then also assigned to a contact on a separate branch



Counters

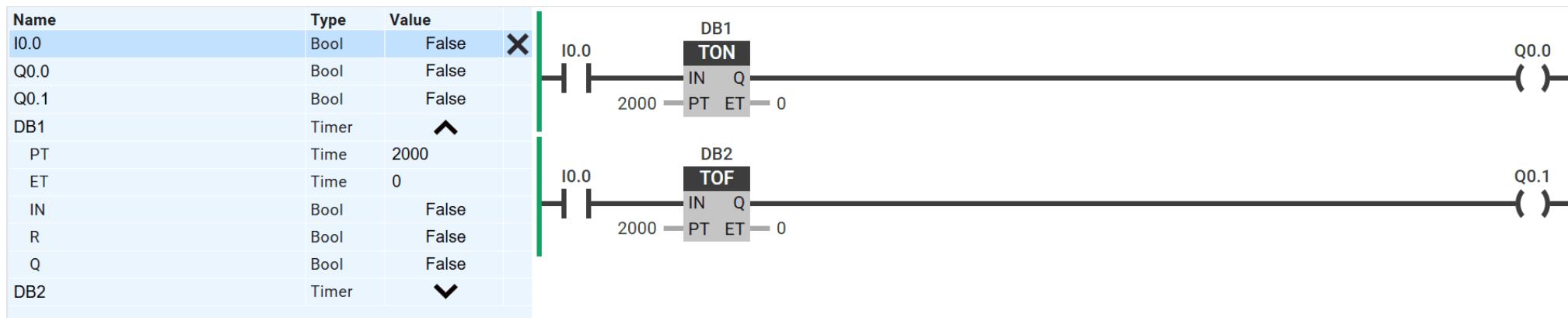
- Counters allow us to count pulses
- There are two variables to do with Counters:
 - CV is the control variable or in this term the counter
 - PV is the process variable or in this term the value which the counter will activate when above
- There are 2 main types of counters:
 - CTU increases by 1 every pulse and completes the line when above PV
 - CTD decreases by 1 every pulse and completes the line at 0

Name	Type	Value
I0.0	Bool	False
DB1	Counter	▲
PV	Number	6
CV	Number	0
CU	Bool	False
CD	Bool	False
R	Bool	False
LD	Bool	False
QU	Bool	False
QD	Bool	True



Timers

- Timers allow us to delay an action happening
- There are two variables to do with Counters (both in milliseconds):
 - ET is the elapsed time (the time since the timer was activated)
 - PT is the preset time (the value after which the timer will activate)
- There are 2 main types of counters:
 - TON turns on after a set time and turns off instantly when it loses input
 - TOF turns on instantly then turns off after a set time when it loses power



Pulse Clock

- Typically, a pulse or clock would be determined by the scan cycle or the sensors on an external component
- However, if you wish to make an artificial pulse for the purpose of simulating something you can use a TON alongside some contacts to make a pulse

