

Special Issue

Programmable Logic Controllers

Message from the Guest Editors

Programmable logic controllers (PLCs) form an important technological basis for manufacturing automation. In the era of the fourth Industrial revolution (Industry 4.0), PLCs must fulfill a range of requirements, resulting from new production conditions. However, programmable logic controllers will continue to be required to a considerable extent for the production of tomorrow in order to cut production costs, increase quality, etc. Programmable technology with multiprocessor systems-on-a-chip (MPSoC) brings new possibilities for constructing new PLCs, central processing units, function blocks, application-specific blocks, and others. The purpose of this Special Issue is to provide a possibility for scientists and practitioners related to programmable logic controller to present their research.

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