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Overview of this manual

About this manual

This manual contains information about the RobotWare options MultiMove Independent and MultiMove Coordinated. The latter includes some extended functionality. Unless something else is specified, MultiMove refers to both these options.



Note

It is the responsibility of the integrator to provide safety and user guides for the robot system.

Usage

This manual can be used either as a brief description to find out if MultiMove is the right choice for solving a problem, or as a description of how to use it. This manual provides information about system parameters and RAPID components related to MultiMove, and many examples of how to use them. The details regarding syntax for RAPID components, and similar, are not described here, but can be found in the respective reference manual.

Who should read this manual?

This manual is mainly intended for robot programmers.

Prerequisites

The reader should...

- be familiar with industrial robots and their terminology.
- be familiar with the RAPID programming language.
- be familiar with system parameters and how to configure them.
- be familiar with the option Multitasking.



Note

Before any work on or with the robot is performed, the safety information in the product manual for the controller and robot/manipulator must be read.

References

| Reference | Document ID |
|--|----------------|
| <i>Technical reference manual - RAPID Overview</i> | 3HAC065040-001 |
| <i>Technical reference manual - RAPID Instructions, Functions and Data types</i> | 3HAC065038-001 |
| <i>Technical reference manual - RAPID kernel</i> | 3HAC065039-001 |
| <i>Operating manual - OmniCore</i> | 3HAC065036-001 |
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| <i>Product manual - OmniCore V250XT Type B</i> | <i>3HAC087112-001</i> |
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| <i>Technical reference manual - System parameters</i> | <i>3HAC065041-001</i> |
| <i>Application manual - Controller software OmniCore</i> | <i>3HAC066554-001</i> |
| <i>Application manual - Functional safety and SafeMove</i> | <i>3HAC066559-001</i> |
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1 Introduction

1.1 About MultiMove

Purpose

The purpose of MultiMove is to let one robot controller handle several mechanical units. This allows advanced coordination.

A MultiMove option can consist of:

- Up to three cabinets, each powering one manipulator, and up to in total six additional axes, that is, max 24 axes.
- Up to seven motion tasks

Some examples of applications:

- Several robots can work synchronized on the same work object.
 - One robot can move a work object while other manipulators work on it.
 - Several robots can cooperate to lift heavy objects.
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Included functionality

MultiMove allows up to 7 tasks to be motion tasks (RAPID task that is allowed to execute movement instructions). One controller can handle up to 3 manipulators. Additional axes can be handled by separate tasks.

The option *MultiMove Independent* allows:

- Independent movements (see [About independent movements on page 42](#))
- Semi-coordinated movements (see [About semi coordinated movements on page 45](#))

The option *MultiMove Coordinated* allows:

- Coordinated synchronized movements (see [About coordinated synchronized movements on page 53](#))
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Included options

The MultiMove option includes the following options:

- Multitasking
 - Multiple Axis Positioner (for the option MultiMove Coordinated)
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Basic approach

This is the approach for a basic MultiMove configuration.

- 1 Install hardware and software (see [Installation on page 15](#)).
 - 2 Configure system parameters (see [Configuration on page 19](#)).
 - 3 Calibrate coordinate systems (see [Calibration on page 27](#)).
 - 4 Write RAPID program for each task (see [Programming on page 37](#)).
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1 Introduction

1.1 About MultiMove

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MultiMove and ISO 10218-1:2011

MultiMove is an option allowing up to three manipulators to be controlled from a single controller. In the context of ISO 10218-1, the ABB MultiMove configuration is considered to be one robot.

A risk assessment, as outlined in ISO 10218-2, shall always be performed on the robot cell.

1.2 Terminology

About these terms

Some words have a specific meaning when used in this manual. It is important to understand exactly what is meant by these words. This manual's definition of these words are listed below.

Term list

| Term | Explanation |
|-----------------|--|
| Coordination | A robot that is coordinated to a work object will follow the movements of that work object. |
| Synchronization | Movements that are simultaneous. Synchronization refers to a similarity in time, not in room coordinates. |
| Positioner | A mechanical unit without tool center point, which can only handle joint movements. A positioner is a mechanical unit, with one or several axes, that holds and moves a work object. |
| Robot | Manipulator(s), controller, and teach pendant. A manipulator is a mechanical unit with tool center point, and often referred to as a robot. |
| Robot system | Robot with application equipment forming a complete application. |
| Task program | The same as a program. It is just a way of specifying that it is a program for one specific task. |

1 Introduction

1.3.1 About the example applications

1.3 Example applications

1.3.1 About the example applications

Consistent examples

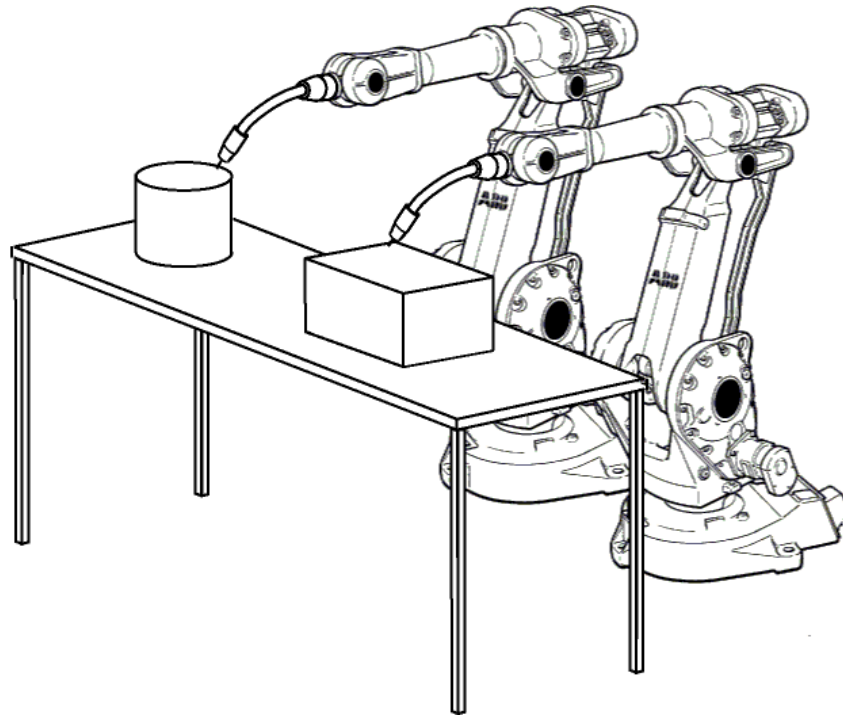
In this manual there are examples for configuration, RAPID code etc. The first example shows unsynchronized movements and the second shows synchronized movements. Both can be applied for various process applications.

1.3.2 Example with unsynchronized movements

About the example

In this example, two robots work independently on one work piece for each robot. They do not cooperate in any way and do not have to wait for each other.

Illustration



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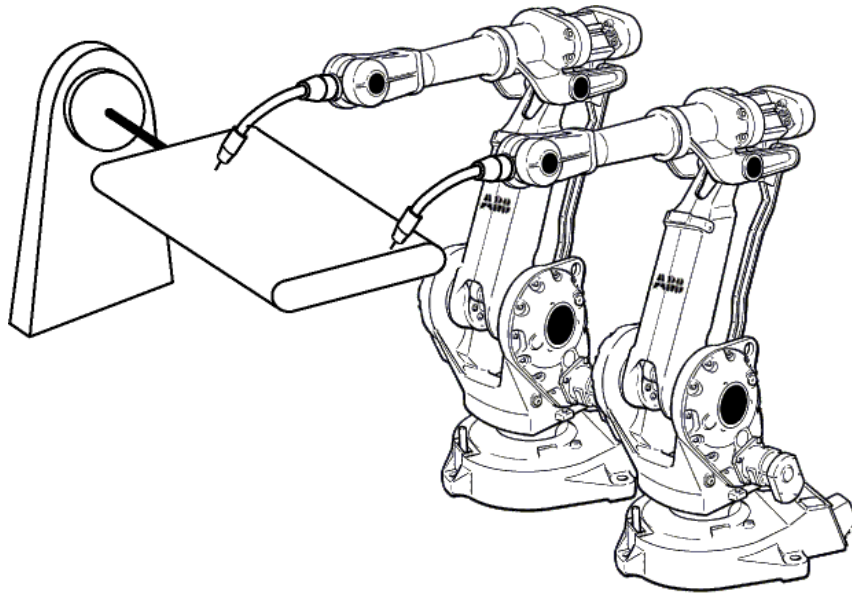
1.3.3 Example with synchronized movements

1.3.3 Example with synchronized movements

About the example

In this example, two robots cooperate on the same work piece. The work object is rotated by a positioner. If the positioner stands still during the robot's operation on the work piece, they are operating semi-coordinated. If the piece is moved together with the robots, the system is synchronized.

Illustration



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2 Installation

2.1 Hardware installation

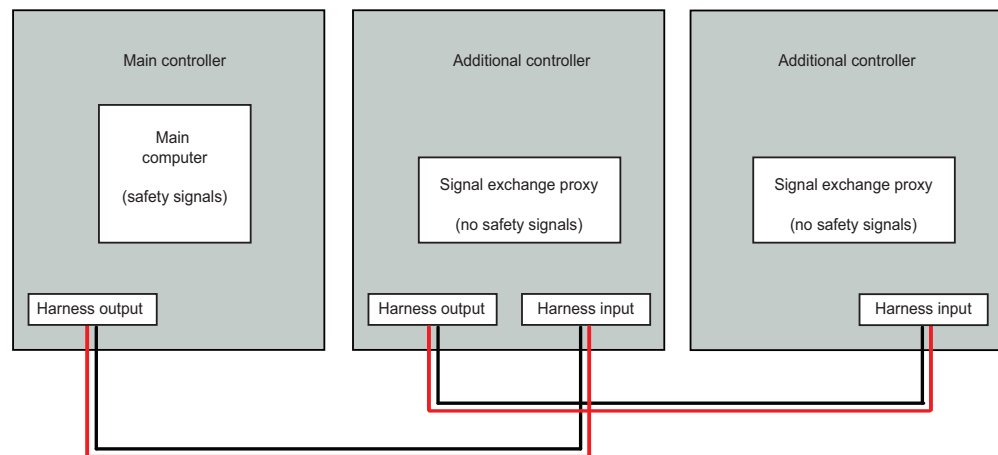
Main controller and additional controller

The option MultiMove enables one controller to handle several mechanical units. The main controller can be connected to up to two additional controllers. The ABB MultiMove configuration is considered to be one robot. This means that all axes are running in the same operating mode.



Note

This manual only describes the principles for a MultiMove installation. For details about installation of the controllers and connecting them, see the product manual for the robot controller, listed in [References on page 7](#).



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The main computer in the main controller is used for all manipulators in the MultiMove configuration. The additional controller does not have a main computer, but a robot signal exchange proxy that handles the communication with the main computer in the main controller.

The safety signals are connected to the main controller.



Note

When switching on the power to the controllers, turn on the main controller last. When switching off the power to the controllers, turn off the main controller first.

Cabling

Each controller has its own mains power cable and floor cable to its manipulator.

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2 Installation

2.1 Hardware installation

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The communication between the controllers is handled with Ethernet and EtherCAT cables, combined in one harness. Ethernet is used for auxiliary functions, while EtherCAT is used for the drive system and safety signals.



CAUTION

The cables between the controllers shall be considered in the security analysis of the installation, see *Operating manual - Integrator's guide OmniCore* for general guidance.



CAUTION

Before commencing service work on a controller in a MultiMove installation, ensure that the main power has been switched off for all MultiMove controllers. When switching off the power to the controllers, turn off the main controller first.

Safety data

The safety data for the respective controller is described in their respective product manual. For the option MultiMove, the safety data for all controllers in the MultiMove robot must be calculated. The principle is the same for all OmniCore controllers.

V line

When the main controller is a V line controller, use the following procedure to calculate the safety data for the option MultiMove.

- 1 For each additional controller, increase the PFH value by 8,58E-08.
- 2 For each additional drive unit, increase the PFH value by 4,29E-08.

Visual identification

In a MultiMove robot, it is extra important to mark each mechanical unit, manipulator, controller, cables, and other equipment so that they are easy to identify.

Related information

See the product manual for the respective controller, listed in [References on page 7](#).

2.2 Software installation

RobotWare system

On delivery, the main robot is configured in the main controller. This robot system must be updated with the additional robots using the **Modify Installation** functionality in RobotStudio.

The system options are selected on the main controller. Then each additional controller is configured individually.

If positioners, track motions, or ABB MUGU products are included, then these add-ins must be installed and configured.

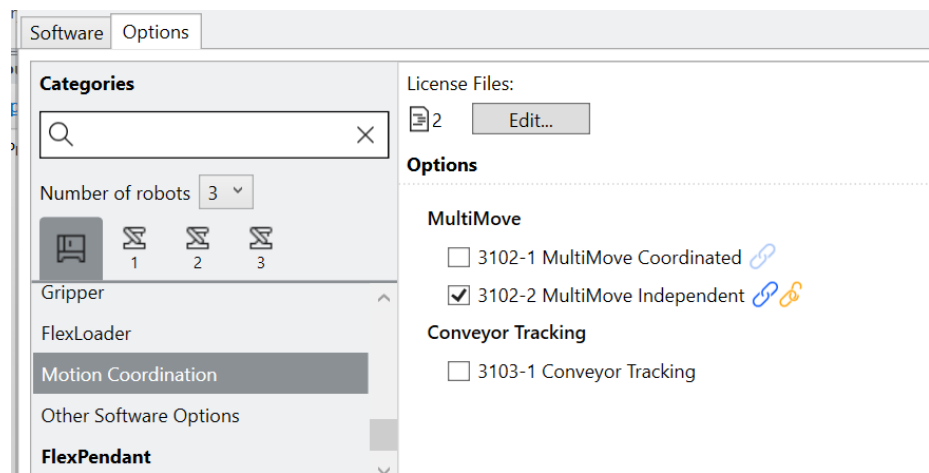
Modify the MultiMove software system

A full description of the **Modify Installation** dialog is described in *Operating manual - Integrator's guide OmniCore*.

Use this procedure to modify a MultiMove system.

- 1 Open the **Modify Installation** dialog.
- 2 In the tab **Options**, click **Motion Coordination** and then select one of the MultiMove options.

This enables a new dropdown list and tabs for each manipulator. The controller and manipulator options are moved to these new tabs.



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- 3 Select number of manipulators in the dropdown list to display tabs for the selected number of manipulators.
- 4 Modify all system options in the first tab (with controller icon).
- 5 Configure the controllers on each manipulator tab. Select the variant of the controller and the manipulator respectively.
- 6 A positioner or other additional axis is configured as part of the robot configuration.

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2 Installation

2.2 Software installation

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Configure SafeMove

If SafeMove is used, each manipulator should be configured as described in *Application manual - Functional safety and SafeMove*. If needed, a mechanical unit can be disabled, using the function *Safe Disable of Drive Unit*.

Automatic configuration

Some configurations (system parameters) are automatically set up according to the installed licenses. For each manipulator, the following are configured:

- Task
- Mechanical Unit Group
- Mechanical Unit
- Motion Planner

For more information about these system parameter types, see [System parameters on page 20](#).



CAUTION

A motion planner (type Motion Planner), created by the installation process, is configured to optimize the movement for its specific robot. If the default configuration is changed so that a robot uses the wrong motion planner, the robot motion will be affected.

Related information

See also:

- *Operating manual - Integrator's guide OmniCore*
- *Operating manual - OmniCore*
- *Application manual - Additional axes*

3 Configuration

3.1 Configuration overview

About the system parameters

This chapter contains a brief description of each parameter that is specific for the option MultiMove. For more information about system parameters not specific for the MultiMove options, see *Technical reference manual - System parameters*.

The system parameters are configured using the **Configuration Editor** in RobotStudio, see *Operating manual - RobotStudio*.

About the examples

The examples cover the topics *Controller* and *Motion*, since these are related to the number of manipulators, physical constellation, of the robot. The last example covers the topic *I/O System*.

3 Configuration

3.2.1 Controller topic

3.2 System parameters

3.2.1 Controller topic

Task

These parameters belong to the type *Task* in the topic *Controller*:

| Parameter | Description |
|---------------------------|---|
| Task | The name of the task. Note that the name of the task must be unique. This means that it cannot have the same name as the mechanical unit, and no variable in the RAPID program can have the same name. |
| Type | Controls the start/stop and system restart behavior: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NORMAL - The task program is manually started and stopped (e.g. from the FlexPendant). The task stops at emergency stop.• STATIC - At a restart the task program continues from where it was. The task program cannot be stopped from the FlexPendant or by emergency stop.• SEMISTATIC - The task program starts from the beginning at restart. The task program cannot be stopped from the FlexPendant or by emergency stop. A task that controls a mechanical unit must be of the type NORMAL . |
| MotionTask | Indicates whether the task program can control a mechanical unit with RAPID move instructions. |
| Use Mechanical Unit Group | Defines which mechanical unit group is used for the task. <i>Use Mechanical Unit Group</i> refers to the parameter <i>Name</i> for the type <i>Mechanical Unit Group</i> . A motion task (<i>MotionTask</i> set to Yes) controls the mechanical units in the mechanical unit group. A non-motion task (<i>MotionTask</i> set to No) will still be able to read values (e.g. the TCP position) for the active mechanical units in the mechanical unit group. Note that <i>Use Mechanical Unit Group</i> must be defined for all tasks, even if the task does not control any mechanical unit. |

Mechanical Unit Group

A mechanical unit group must contain at least one mechanical unit, robot or other mechanical unit (i.e. both *Robot* and *Mech Unit 1* cannot be left empty).

These parameters belong to the type *Mechanical Unit Group* in the topic *Controller*:

| Parameter | Description |
|-------------|--|
| Name | The name of the mechanical unit group. |
| Robot | Specifies the robot (with TCP), if there is any, in the mechanical unit group. <i>Robot</i> refers to the parameter <i>Name</i> for the type <i>Mechanical Unit</i> in the topic <i>Motion</i> . |
| Mech Unit 1 | Specifies a mechanical unit without TCP, if there is any, in the mechanical unit group. <i>Mech Unit 1</i> refers to the parameter <i>Name</i> for the type <i>Mechanical Unit</i> in the topic <i>Motion</i> . |
| Mech Unit 2 | Specifies the second mechanical unit without TCP, if there are more than one, in the mechanical unit group. <i>Mech Unit 2</i> refers to the parameter <i>Name</i> for the type <i>Mechanical Unit</i> in the topic <i>Motion</i> . |

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| Parameter | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| Mech Unit 3 | Specifies the third mechanical unit without TCP, if there are more than two, in the mechanical unit group. <i>Mech Unit 3</i> refers to the parameter <i>Name</i> for the type <i>Mechanical Unit</i> in the topic <i>Motion</i> . |
| Mech Unit 4 | Specifies the fourth mechanical unit without TCP, if there are more than three, in the mechanical unit group. <i>Mech Unit 4</i> refers to the parameter <i>Name</i> for the type <i>Mechanical Unit</i> in the topic <i>Motion</i> . |
| Mech Unit 5 | Specifies the fifth mechanical unit without TCP, if there are more than four, in the mechanical unit group. <i>Mech Unit 5</i> refers to the parameter <i>Name</i> for the type <i>Mechanical Unit</i> in the topic <i>Motion</i> . |
| Mech Unit 6 | Specifies the sixth mechanical unit without TCP, if there are more than five, in the mechanical unit group. <i>Mech Unit 6</i> refers to the parameter <i>Name</i> for the type <i>Mechanical Unit</i> in the topic <i>Motion</i> . |
| Use Motion Planner | Defines which motion planner is used for calculating the movements of this mechanical unit group. <i>Use Motion Planner</i> refers to the parameter <i>Name</i> for the type <i>Motion Planner</i> in the topic <i>Motion</i> . |

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3.2.2 Motion topic

3.2.2 Motion topic

Mechanical Unit

These parameters belong to the type *Mechanical Unit* in the topic *Motion*:

| Parameter | Description |
|--------------------------|---|
| Name | The name of the mechanical unit. |
| Allow move of user frame | The parameter defines if the mechanical unit is allowed to move user frames. |
| Activate at Start Up | The parameter defines if the mechanical unit shall be active when the controller starts up. |
| Deactivation Forbidden | The parameter defines if it is allowed to deactivate the mechanical unit. |

Motion Planner

A motion planner calculates the movements of a mechanical unit group. When several tasks are in synchronized movement mode they use the same motion planner (the first of the involved motion planners), see pictures in the following examples.

At installation a *Motion Planner* is set up for each robot. The *Motion Planner* is configured to optimize the motion for that specific robot. Do not change connection between robot and *Motion Planner*.

Motion System

This parameter belongs to the type *Motion System* in the topic *Motion*.

| Parameter | Description |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Ind collision stop without brake | This parameter is only valid for systems using the MultiMove option. If this parameter is set to TRUE, detected collisions will be handled independently in RAPID tasks that are executed independently. |

3.3 Configuration examples

3.3.1 Configuration for example with unsynchronized movements

About this example

This is an example of how to configure the example with unsynchronized movements, two independent robots. The robots are handled by one task each.

Task

| Task | Type | MotionTask | Use Mechanical Unit Group |
|--------|--------|------------|---------------------------|
| T_ROB1 | NORMAL | Yes | rob1 |
| T_ROB2 | NORMAL | Yes | rob2 |

Mechanical Unit Group

| Name | Robot | Mech Unit 1 | Use Motion Planner |
|------|-------|-------------|--------------------|
| rob1 | ROB_1 | | motion_planner_1 |
| rob2 | ROB_2 | | motion_planner_2 |

Motion Planner

| Name | Speed Control Warning |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| motion_planner_1 | No |
| motion_planner_2 | No |

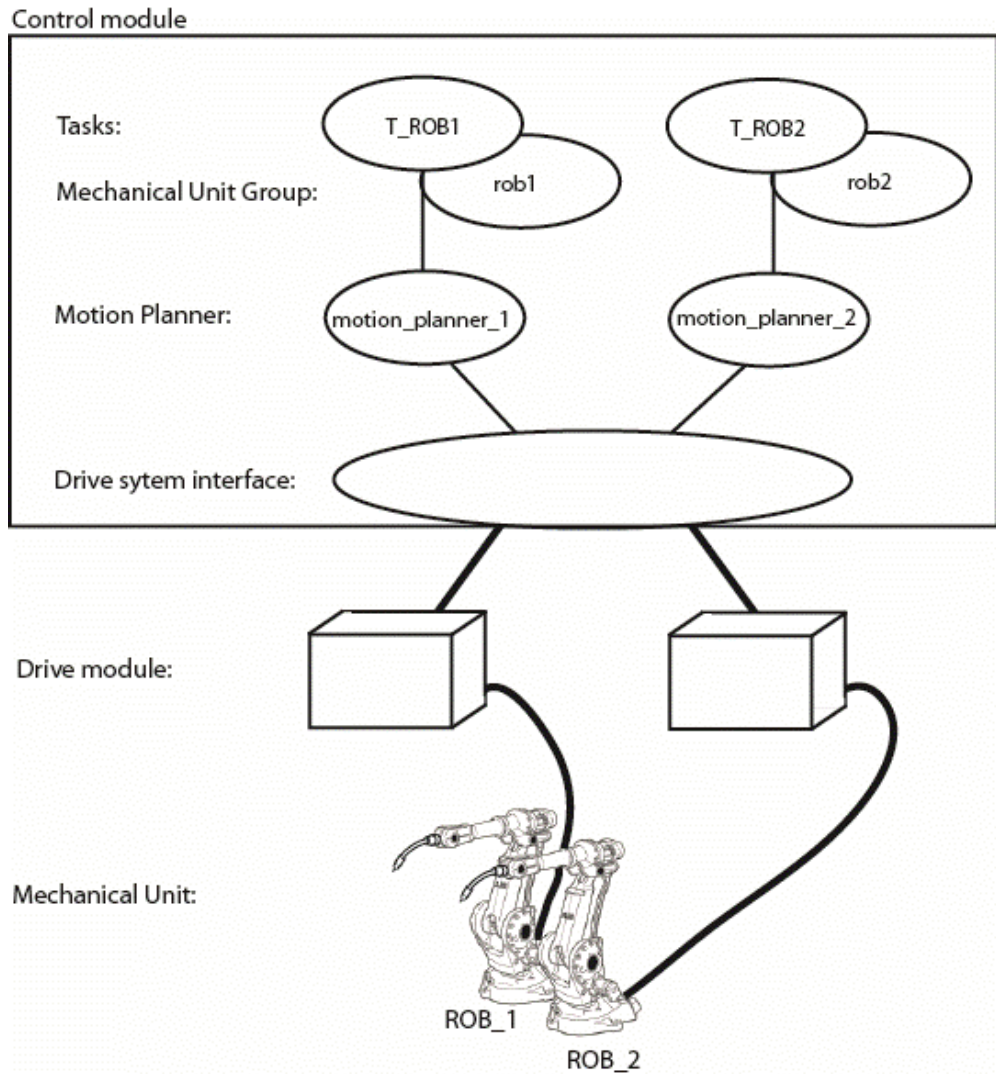
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3.3.1 Configuration for example with unsynchronized movements

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Illustration



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3.3.2 Configuration for example with synchronized movements

About this example

This is an example of how to configure the example with synchronized movements, two robots and a positioner. These three mechanical units are handled by one task each.

Task

| Task | Type | MotionTask | Use Mechanical Unit Group |
|--------|--------|------------|---------------------------|
| T_ROB1 | NORMAL | Yes | rob1 |
| T_ROB2 | NORMAL | Yes | rob2 |
| T_STN1 | NORMAL | Yes | stn1 |

Mechanical Unit Group

| Name | Robot | Mech Unit 1 | Use Motion Planner |
|------|-------|-------------|--------------------|
| rob1 | ROB_1 | | motion_planner_1 |
| rob2 | ROB_2 | | motion_planner_2 |
| stn1 | | STN_1 | motion_planner_3 |

Motion Planner

| Name | Speed Control Warning | Speed Control Percent |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| motion_planner_1 | Yes | 90 |
| motion_planner_2 | Yes | 90 |
| motion_planner_3 | No | |

Mechanical Unit

| Name | Allow move of user frame | Activate at Start Up | Deactivation Forbidden |
|-------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| ROB_1 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| ROB_2 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| STN_1 | Yes | Yes | No |

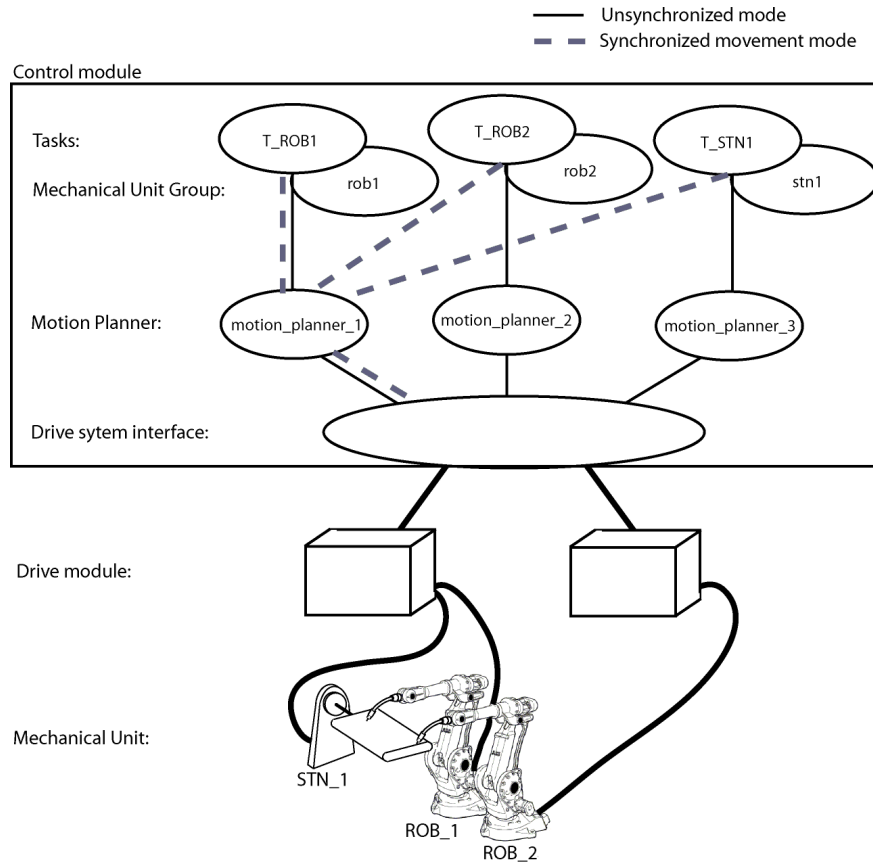
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3 Configuration

3.3.2 Configuration for example with synchronized movements

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Illustration



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4 Calibration

4.1 Calibration overview

Two types of calibration

There are two types of calibration that must be done for a MultiMove configuration:

- 1 Joint calibration ensures that all axes are in correct position. Normally this is done before delivery of a new robot and only requires recalibration after repairing the robot. For more information, see the product manual for the respective robot.
- 2 Calibration of coordinate systems must be made when the robot is in place. A brief description of what coordinate systems to calibrate and in which order is presented below.

Calibrate coordinate systems

First of all you must decide what coordinate systems to use and how to place their origins and directions. For examples of suitable coordinate systems, see [Examples of coordinate systems on page 31](#).

The coordinate systems are then calibrated in the following order:

| | Action |
|---|---|
| 1 | Calibrate the tool. This includes calibration of TCP and load data. For description of how to calibrate the tool, see <i>Operating manual - Integrator's guide OmniCore</i> . |
| 2 | Calibrate the base coordinate system, relative to the world coordinate system, for all the robots. For description of how to calibrate the base coordinate system for a robot, see <i>Operating manual - Integrator's guide OmniCore</i> . If one robot already has a calibrated base coordinate system, the base coordinate system for another robot can be calibrated by letting the TCPs of the two robots meet at several points. This method is described in Relative calibration on page 28 . This relative calibration is required if all the robots in a MultiMove system shall perform coordinated movements. |
| 3 | Calibrate the base coordinate systems, relative to the world coordinate system, for the positioners. For description of how to calibrate the base coordinate system for a positioner, see <i>Application manual - Additional axes</i> . |
| 4 | Calibrate a user coordinate system, relative to the world coordinate system. For description of how to calibrate a user coordinate system, see <i>Operating manual - Integrator's guide OmniCore</i> . |
| 5 | Calibrate an object coordinate system, relative to the user coordinate system. For description of how to calibrate an object coordinate system, see <i>Operating manual - Integrator's guide OmniCore</i> . |

4 Calibration

4.2 Relative calibration

4.2 Relative calibration


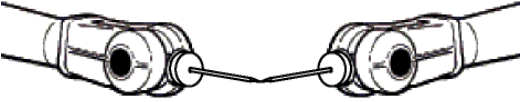
What is relative calibration

Relative calibration is used to calibrate the base coordinate system of one robot, using a robot that is already calibrated. This calibration method can only be used for a MultiMove system where two robots are placed close enough to have some part of their working areas in common.

If one robot has a base coordinate system that is identical with the world coordinate system, this robot can be used as a reference for another robot. If no robot has a base coordinate system that is identical with the world coordinate system, the base coordinate system for one robot must be calibrated first. For information about other calibration methods, see *Operating manual - Integrator's guide OmniCore*.

How to perform relative calibration

The tools for both robots must be correctly calibrated before using relative calibration, and those tools must be active during calibration.

| | Action | Info/illustration |
|----|--|---|
| 1 | Open the app Calibrate and tap on the robot to calibrate. | |
| 2 | If present, tap Manual Method (Advanced) . | |
| 3 | Tap Define Base Frame . | |
| 4 | Tap Relative n points . | The 4 Points XZ method is described in <i>Operating manual - Integrator's guide OmniCore</i> . |
| 5 | If you have more than two robots, you must select which robot to use as reference. If you only have two robots, this step is skipped. | |
| 6 | The calibration can be performed with between 3 and 10 points. Select how many you want to use in the drop-down menu. To get adequate accuracy, at least 5 points is recommended. |  Note It is also possible to load the positions. Tap Positions and select Load . After loading the controller, restart the controller. |
| 7 | Select Point 1 . | |
| 8 | Jog the robot you want to calibrate and the reference robot so that both TCPs are in the same point. |  xx0400000785 |
| 9 | Tap Modify . | The point is modified and the next point is automatically selected. |
| 10 | Repeat for all the points. Make sure that the points are spread out in both x, y and z coordinates. If, for example, all points are at the same height, the z coordinate will be poorly calibrated. | The calibration result is shown. |

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| | Action | Info/illustration |
|----|--|--|
| 11 | Tap Next to accept the calibration. | The calibration cannot be completed until all points are modified. |
| 12 | Restart the controller. | |

4 Calibration

4.3 Calibration chains

4.3 Calibration chains

Avoid long chains of calibrations

If a robot that is calibrated with relative calibration acts as reference in the next calibration, the inaccuracies in the calibrations are added for the last robot.

4.4 Examples of coordinate systems

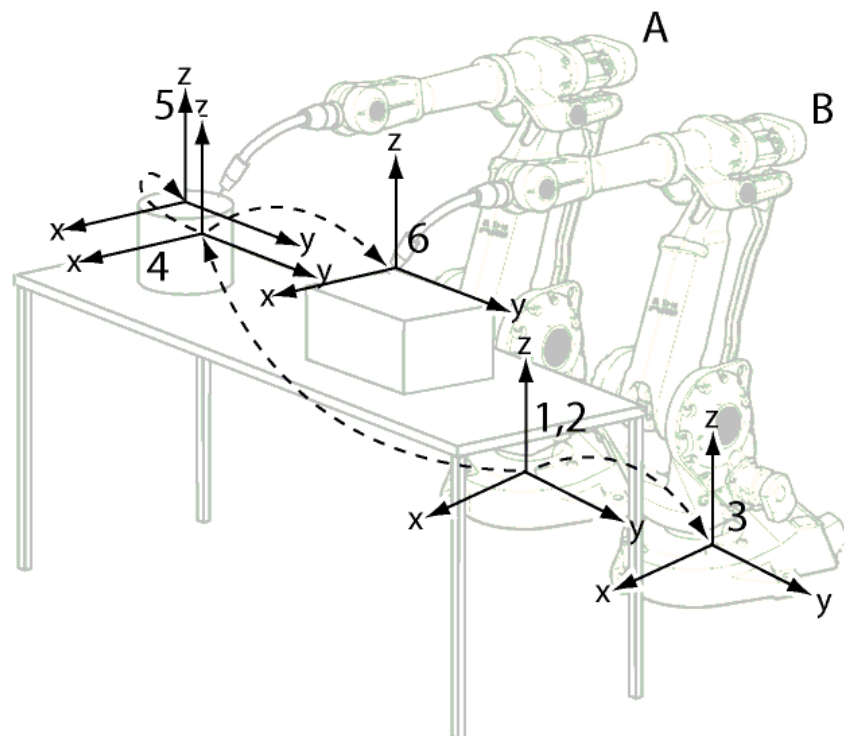
4.4.1 Example with unsynchronized movements

About this example

In this example, the world coordinate system and the base coordinate system for robot 1 (A) are identical.

The base coordinate system for robot 2 (B) is defined. Both robots have a user coordinate system with the origin in a table corner. An object coordinate system is defined for each robot's work object.

Illustration



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Coordinate systems

| Item | Description |
|------|--|
| A | Robot 1 |
| B | Robot 2 |
| 1 | World coordinate system |
| 2 | Base coordinate system for robot 1 |
| 3 | Base coordinate system for robot 2 |
| 4 | User coordinate system for both robots |
| 5 | Object coordinate system for robot 1 |
| 6 | Object coordinate system for robot 2 |

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4.4.2 Example with synchronized movements

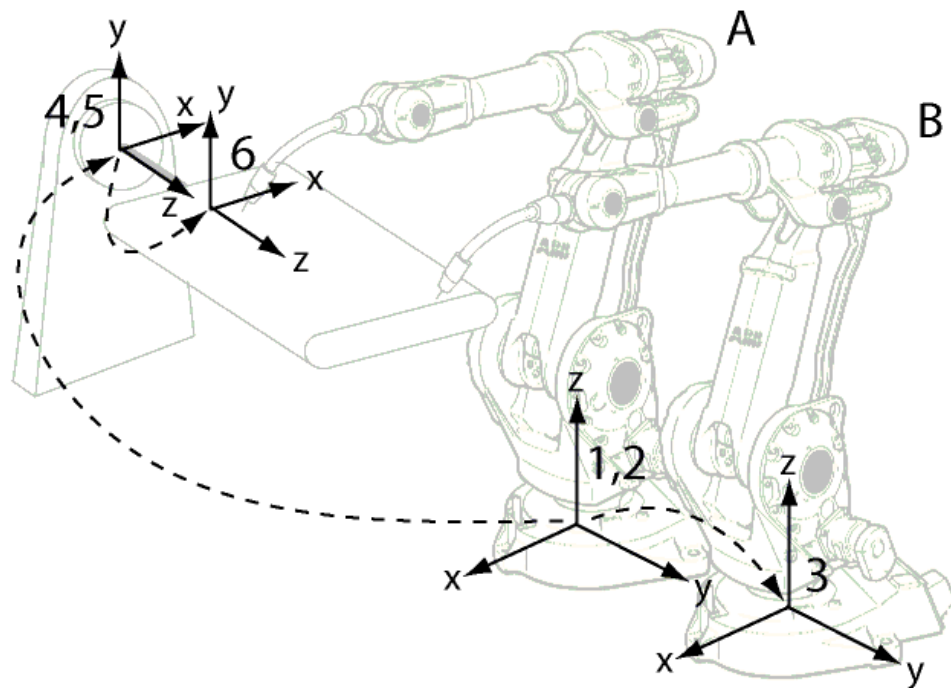
4.4.2 Example with synchronized movements

About this example

In this example, the world coordinate system and the base coordinate system for robot 1 (A) are identical.

The base coordinate system for robot 2 (B) is defined. A user coordinate system is defined to be connected to the rotating axis of the positioner. An object coordinate system is defined to be fixed to the work object held by the positioner.

Illustration



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Coordinate systems

| Item | Description |
|------|--|
| A | Robot 1 |
| B | Robot 2 |
| 1 | World coordinate system |
| 2 | Base coordinate system for robot 1 |
| 3 | Base coordinate system for robot 2 |
| 4 | Base coordinate system for positioner |
| 5 | User coordinate system for both robots |
| 6 | Object coordinate system for both robots |

5 User interface specific for MultiMove

5.1 FlexPendant for MultiMove configuration

About FlexPendant for MultiMove

Working with the FlexPendant in a MultiMove configuration is similar to when using a single manipulator. This chapter will explain a few things that are specific for a MultiMove configuration. For general information about the FlexPendant, see *Operating manual - OmniCore*.

What is specific for MultiMove?

Some things that are specific for MultiMove are:

- The status bar shows which robots (and additional axes) are coordinated.
- When opening the **Code** app, you must select a task.
- The **Operate** app contains tabs for different tasks.
- The mechanical unit menus can contain several robots.
- You can select which tasks to execute at start. See [Select which tasks to start with START button on page 35](#).
- There is an additional method for calibrating a robot base frame, relative calibration. See [Relative calibration on page 28](#).

5 User interface specific for MultiMove

5.2 FlexPendant apps

5.2 FlexPendant apps

Code

When opening the app **Code** for a system with more than one task, a list of all the tasks will be displayed. By tapping the task you want, the program code for that task is displayed.

For a system with only one task, this list is never shown. The program code is shown directly.

Operate

In a system with more than one motion task there will be one tab for each motion task. By tapping a tab, you can see the program code for that task and where the program pointer and motion pointer are in that task.

If you tap **Move PP To Main**, the program pointer will be moved to main for all motion task programs.

QuickSet, Mechanical units menu

In the QuickSet menu, tap the Mechanical unit menu button. All mechanical units will be shown.

The selected mechanical unit is highlighted with a frame around it.

Any mechanical unit that is coordinated with the selected unit will be indicated with a flashing frame and the text **Coord**.

Jogging coordinated or uncoordinated

Jogging a mechanical unit will automatically move all units that are coordinated with it.

5.3 Select which tasks to start with START button

Background

The default behavior is that the programs of all NORMAL tasks are started simultaneously when pressing the START button. However, not all NORMAL task programs need to run at the same time. It is possible to select which of the NORMAL task programs will start when pressing the START button.

If **All Tasks** is selected in the **Task Panel Settings**, the programs of all STATIC and SEMISTATIC tasks with *TrustLevel* set to NoSafety can be selected to be started with the START button, forward stepped with the FWD button, backward stepped with the BWD button, and stopped with the STOP button.

If **Task Panel Settings** is set to **Only Normal tasks**, all STATIC and SEMISTATIC tasks are greyed out and cannot be selected in the task panel, Quickset menu (see *Operating manual - OmniCore*, section *Quickset menu*). All STATIC and SEMISTATIC tasks will be started if the start button is pressed.

If **Task Panel Settings** is set to **All tasks**, STATIC and SEMISTATIC tasks with *TrustLevel/NoSafety* can be selected in the task panel. All selected STATIC and SEMISTATIC tasks can be stopped, stepped, and started. .

A STATIC or SEMISTATIC task, not selected in the task panel, can still be executing. This is not possible for a NORMAL task.

Run Mode is always continuous for STATIC and SEMISTATIC tasks. The Run Mode setting in the Quickset menu is only applicable for NORMAL tasks (see *Operating manual - OmniCore*, section *Quickset menu*).

This will only work in manual mode, no STATIC or SEMISTATIC task can be started, stepped, or stopped in auto mode.

Task Panel Settings

To start the **Task Panel Settings**, tap the ABB menu, and then **Control Panel, FlexPendant and Task Panel Settings**.

Selecting tasks

Use this procedure to select which of the tasks are to be started with the START button.

| | Action |
|---|--|
| 1 | Set the controller to manual mode. |
| 2 | On the FlexPendant, tap the QuickSet button and then the tasks panel button to show all tasks. If Task Panel Settings is set to Only Normal tasks , all STATIC and SEMISTATIC tasks are greyed out and cannot be selected. If Task Panel Settings is set to All tasks , STATIC and SEMISTATIC tasks with <i>TrustLevel/NoSafety</i> can be selected, while STATIC and SEMISTATIC tasks with <i>TrustLevel</i> set to other values are grayed out and cannot be selected. |
| 3 | Select the check boxes for the tasks whose program should be started by the START button. |

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5.3 Select which tasks to start with START button

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Resetting debug settings in manual mode

Use this procedure to resume normal execution manual mode.

| | Action |
|---|---|
| 1 | Select Only Normal tasks in the Task Panel Settings . |
| 2 | Press START button. All STATIC and SEMISTATIC will run continuously and not be stopped by the STOP button or emergency stop. |

Switching to auto mode

When switching to auto mode, all STATIC and SEMISTATIC tasks will be deselected from the tasks panel. The stopped STATIC and SEMISTATIC tasks will start next time any of the START, FWD or BWD button are pressed. These tasks will then run continuously forward and not be stopped by the STOP button or emergency stop.

What happens with NORMAL tasks that has been deselected in the tasks panel depends on the system parameter *Reset* in type *Auto Condition Reset* in topic *Controller*. If *Reset* is set to Yes, all NORMAL tasks will be selected in the tasks panel and be started with the START button. If *Reset* is set to No, only those NORMAL tasks selected in tasks panel will be started by the START button.



Note

Note that changing the value of the system parameter *Reset* will affect all the debug resettings (for example speed override and simulated I/O). For more information, see *Technical reference manual - System parameters*, section *Auto Condition Reset*.

Restarting the controller

If the controller is restarted, all NORMAL tasks will keep their status while all STATIC and SEMISTATIC tasks will be deselected from the tasks panel. As the controller starts up all STATIC and SEMISTATIC tasks will be started and then run continuously.

Deselect task in synchronized mode

If a task is in a synchronized mode, that is program pointer between `SyncMoveOn` and `SyncMoveOff`, the task can be deselected but not reselected. The task cannot be selected until the synchronization is terminated. If the execution continues, the synchronization will eventually be terminated for the other tasks, but not for the deselected task. The synchronization can be terminated for this task by moving the program pointer to main or to a routine.

If the system parameter *Reset* is set to Yes, any attempt to change to Auto mode will fail while a deselected task is in synchronized mode. Changing to Auto mode should make all NORMAL tasks selected, and when this is not possible it is not possible to change to Auto mode.

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6.1 RAPID components

Data types

This is a brief description of each data type in MultiMove. For more information, see the respective data type in *Technical reference manual - RAPID Instructions, Functions and Data types*.

| Data type | Description |
|-----------|--|
| syncident | <p>A variable of the data type <code>syncident</code> is used to identify which <code>WaitSyncTask</code>, <code>SyncMoveOn</code> or <code>SyncMoveOff</code> instructions, in the different task programs, should be synchronized with each other.</p> <p>The name of the <code>syncident</code> variable must be the same in all task programs.</p> <p>Declare <code>syncident</code> variables globally in each task. Do not reuse a <code>syncident</code> variable (each <code>WaitSyncTask</code>, <code>SyncMoveOn</code> and <code>SyncMoveOff</code> in a task program should have a unique <code>syncident</code>).</p> |
| tasks | <p>A persistent variable of the data type <code>tasks</code> contains names of the tasks that will be synchronized with <code>WaitSyncTask</code> or <code>SyncMoveOn</code>.</p> <p>The <code>tasks</code> variable must be declared as system global (persistent) variable, with the same name and the same content in all task programs.</p> |
| identno | <p>A numeric value or a variable of type <code>identno</code> is used in the argument ID of any move instructions executed between the <code>SyncMoveOn</code> and <code>SyncMoveOff</code> instructions.</p> |

System data

System data is predefined, internal data of the robot. A system data can be read, but not changed, from a RAPID program. For more information, see *Technical reference manual - RAPID Instructions, Functions and Data types*.

| System data | Description |
|-------------|--|
| ROB_ID | <p>Reference to the robot (if any) controlled by the task.</p> <p>If used from a task that does not control a robot, an error will occur. Always use <code>TaskRunRob()</code> to check this before using <code>ROB_ID</code>.</p> |

Instructions

This is a brief description of each instruction in MultiMove. For more information, see the respective instruction in *Technical reference manual - RAPID Instructions, Functions and Data types*.

| Instruction | Description |
|--------------|---|
| WaitSyncTask | <p><code>WaitSyncTask</code> is used to synchronize several task programs at a special point in the program.</p> <p>A <code>WaitSyncTask</code> instruction will wait for the other task programs. When all task programs have reached the <code>WaitSyncTask</code> instruction, they will continue their execution.</p> |

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6.1 RAPID components

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| Instruction | Description |
|--------------|--|
| SyncMoveOn | <p>SyncMoveOn is used to start synchronized movement mode.</p> <p>A SyncMoveOn instruction will wait for the other task programs. When all task programs have reached the SyncMoveOn, they will continue their execution in synchronized movement mode. The move instructions in the different task programs are executed simultaneously, until the instruction SyncMoveOff is executed.</p> <p>A stop point must be programmed before the SyncMoveOn instruction.</p> |
| SyncMoveOff | <p>SyncMoveOff is used to end synchronized movement mode.</p> <p>A SyncMoveOff instruction will wait for the other task programs. When all task programs have reached the SyncMoveOff, they will continue their execution in unsynchronized mode.</p> <p>A stop point must be programmed before the SyncMoveOff instruction.</p> |
| SyncMoveUndo | <p>SyncMoveUndo is used to turn off synchronized movements, even if not all the other task programs execute the SyncMoveUndo instruction.</p> <p>SyncMoveUndo is intended for UNDO handlers. When the program pointer is moved from the procedure, SyncMoveUndo is used to turn off the synchronization.</p> |
| MoveExtJ | <p>MoveExtJ (Move External Joints) moves one or several mechanical units without TCP.</p> <p>MoveExtJ is used to move additional axes, in a task without any robot.</p> |

Functions

This is a brief description of each function in MultiMove. For more information, see the respective function in *Technical reference manual - RAPID Instructions, Functions and Data types*.

| Function | Description |
|--------------|--|
| IsSyncMoveOn | <p>IsSyncMoveOn is used to tell if the mechanical unit group is in synchronized movement mode.</p> <p>A task that does not control any mechanical unit can find out if the mechanical units defined in the parameter <i>Use Mechanical Unit Group</i> are in synchronized movement mode.</p> |
| RobName | <p>RobName is used to get the name of the robot controlled by the task. It returns the mechanical unit name as a string. If called from a task that does not control a robot, an empty string is returned.</p> |

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Synchronizing argument

This is a brief description of the arguments used by move instructions to facilitate the synchronization between tasks. For more information, see any move instruction in *Technical reference manual - RAPID Instructions, Functions and Data types*.

| Argument | Description |
|----------|---|
| ID | <p>All move instructions executed between the <code>SyncMoveOn</code> and <code>SyncMoveOff</code> instructions must have the argument <code>ID</code> specified. The <code>ID</code> argument must be the same for all the move instructions (in each task program) that should execute simultaneously.</p> <p>The <code>ID</code> argument can be a numeric value or a <code>syncident</code> variable.</p> <p>The purpose of <code>ID</code> is to support the operator by making it easier to see which move instructions that are synchronized with each other. Make sure an <code>ID</code> value is not used for more than one move instruction, between the same <code>SyncMoveOn</code> and <code>SyncMoveOff</code> instructions. It is also helpful for the operator if the <code>ID</code> values are ascending for consecutive move instructions (e.g. 10, 20, 30, ...).</p> <p>Move instructions that are not between the <code>SyncMoveOn</code> and <code>SyncMoveOff</code> instructions must not have the argument <code>ID</code>.</p> |

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6.2 Tasks and programming techniques

6.2 Tasks and programming techniques

Different tasks

Each task program can handle the movements for one robot and up to 6 additional axes. Several tasks can be used, each containing a program quite similar to the program of the main task in a single robot application. For more information about the tasks, see the section about Multitasking in *Application manual - Controller software OmniCore*.

One task program per robot

Each task program can only handle one TCP. This means that you must have one task for each robot.

Additional axes in separate tasks

Additional axes that move a work object can be handled by the same task program as one of the robots. However, if the additional axes should be able to move independent of the robots, it is best to let a separate task program handle the additional axes.

6.3 Coordinated work objects

About work objects

This section will only describe how to make a work object coordinated with a mechanical unit. For a detailed description of work objects, see *wobjdata - Work object data* in *Technical reference manual - RAPID Instructions, Functions and Data types*.

What determines coordination?

When declaring a work object, the second attribute (`ufprog`) and the third attribute (`ufmec`) determine if the work object is coordinated to any mechanical unit.

robhold

`robhold` defines if the work object is held by the robot in this task.
`robhold` is normally set to `FALSE`. The task of the robot that holds the work object (where `robhold` would be set to `TRUE`) does not have to declare it unless a stationary tool is used.

ufprog

If the work object is stationary, `ufprog` is set to `TRUE`.
 If the work object can be moved by any mechanical unit, `ufprog` is set to `FALSE`.

ufmec

`ufmec` is set to the name of the mechanical unit that moves the work object.
 If `ufprog` is set to `TRUE`, `ufmec` can be left as an empty string (no mechanical unit can move the work object).

Example 1

This is an example of a work object that can be moved by a mechanical unit with the name `STN_1`:

```
PERS wobjdata wobj_stn1 := [FALSE, FALSE, "STN_1",
  [[0,0,0],[1,0,0,0]], [[0,0,250],[1,0,0,0]]];
```

Example 2

Robot `ROB_1` is welding a part that is hold by robot `ROB_2`. The workobject is moved by robot `ROB_2`.

When declaring the work object in `ROB_1`, the `robhold` argument must be set to `FALSE`, since `robhold TRUE` is only used for stationary tools. For `ROB_2`, any work object can be active since it is only the joint angles of `ROB_2` that coordinates the work object for `ROB_1`.

```
PERS wobjdata wobj_rob1 := [FALSE, FALSE, "ROB_2",
  [[0,0,0],[1,0,0,0]], [[0,0,250],[1,0,0,0]]];
```

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6.4.1 About independent movements

6.4 Independent movements

6.4.1 About independent movements

What is independent movements

If the motion tasks to control the manipulators are to work independently, no synchronization or coordination is needed. Each motion task is then written as for a single manipulator.

Other dependencies than movements

Sometimes, even if the movements do not need to be coordinated, the task programs can have dependencies. For example, if one robot leaves an object that a second robot will pick up, the first robot must finish with the object before the second robot can grab it.

These interactions can be solved with:

- the instruction `WaitSyncTask`
- I/O signals
- persistent variables together with `WaitUntil`

See the section about Multitasking in *Application manual - Controller software OmniCore*.

6.4.2 Example with independent movements

Program description

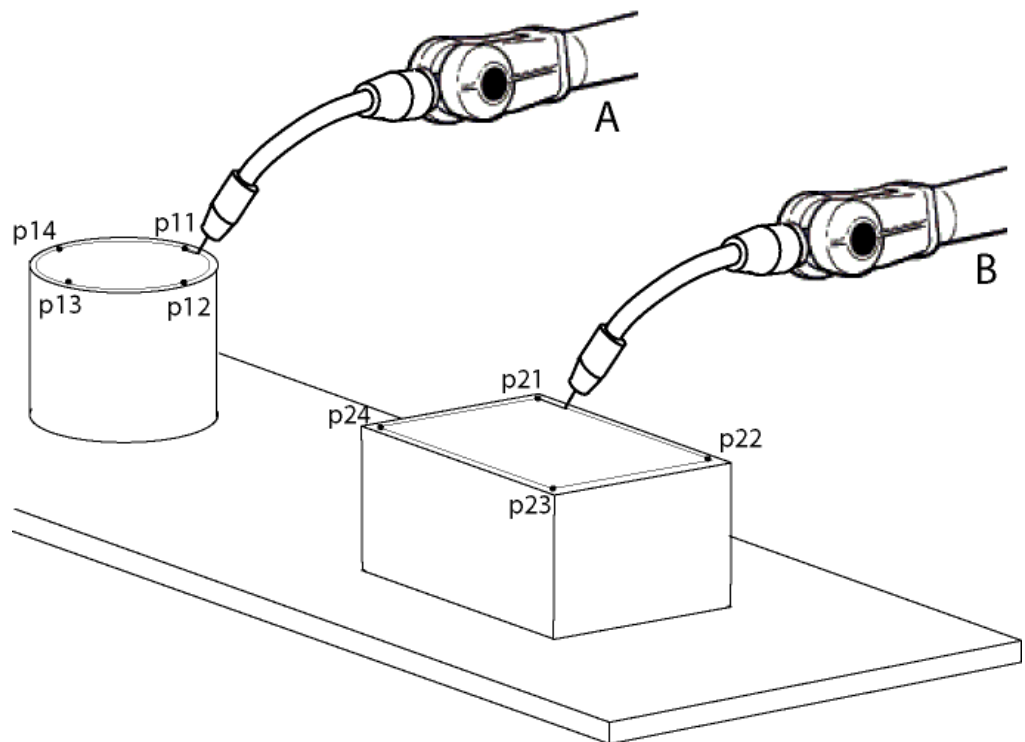
In this example, one robot welds a circle on one object while the other robot welds a square on another object.



Note

To make the example simple and general, ordinary move instructions (e.g. `MoveL`) are used instead of weld instructions (e.g. `ArcL`). For more information about arc welding, see *Application manual - ArcWare for OmniCore*.

Illustration



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| | |
|---|---------|
| A | Robot 1 |
| B | Robot 2 |

T_ROB1 task program

```

MODULE module1
  TASK PERS wobjdata wobj1 :=
    [ FALSE, TRUE, "",
      [ [500, -200, 1000], [1, 0, 0, 0] ],
      [ [100, 200, 100], [1, 0, 0, 0] ] ];
  TASK PERS tooldata tool1 := ...
  CONST robtargt p11 := ...
  ...

```

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6.4.2 Example with independent movements

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```
CONST robtarget p14 := ...

PROC main()
  ...
  IndependentMove;
  ...
ENDPROC

PROC IndependentMove()
  MoveL p11, v500, fine, tool1\WObj:=wobj1;
  MoveC p12, p13, v500, z10, tool1\WObj:=wobj1;
  MoveC p14, p11, v500, fine, tool1\WObj:=wobj1;
ENDPROC
ENDMODULE
```

T_ROB2 task program

```
MODULE module2
  TASK PERS wobjdata wobj2 :=
    [ FALSE, TRUE, "",
      [ [500, -200, 1000], [1, 0, 0, 0] ],
      [ [100, 1200, 100], [1, 0, 0, 0] ] ];
  TASK PERS tooldata tool2 := ...
  CONST robtarget p21 := ...
  ...
  CONST robtarget p24 := ...

  PROC main()
    ...
    IndependentMove;
    ...
  ENDPROC

  PROC IndependentMove()
    MoveL p21, v500, fine, tool2\WObj:=wobj2;
    MoveL p22, v500, z10, tool2\WObj:=wobj2;
    MoveL p23, v500, z10, tool2\WObj:=wobj2;
    MoveL p24, v500, z10, tool2\WObj:=wobj2;
    MoveL p21, v500, fine, tool2\WObj:=wobj2;
  ENDPROC
ENDMODULE
```

6.5 Semi coordinated movements

6.5.1 About semi coordinated movements

What is semi coordinated movements

Several robots can work with the same work object, without synchronized movements, as long as the work object is not moving.

A positioner can move the work object when the robots are not coordinated to it, and the robots can be coordinated to the work object when it is not moving.

Switching between moving the object and coordinating the robots is called semi coordinated movements.

Implementation

Semi coordinated movements require some synchronization between the task programs (e.g. a *WaitSyncTask* instruction). The positioner must know when the work object can be moved, and the robots must know when they can work on the work object. However, it is not required that every move instruction is synchronized.

Advantages

The advantage is that each robot can work independently with the work object. If the different robots perform very different assignments, this may save cycle time compared to letting all the robot movements be synchronized.

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6.5.2 Example with semi coordinated movements

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Program description

In this example, we want to accomplish the welding of a small square and a long line on one side of the object. On another side of the object we want to make a square and a circle.

The positioner will first position the work object with the first side up, while the robots wait. Robot 1 will then weld a line at the same time as robot 2 welds a square.

When the robots are done with the first welding operations, they wait while the positioner turns the work object so the second side is upwards. Robot 1 will then weld a circle at the same time as robot 2 welds a square.



WARNING

If the movement of the work object and the robot is not separated with `WaitSyncTask` and stop points the following can occur:

- the mechanical units controlled by the different tasks can collide
- the robot is stepping backwards in the wrong direction
- the movement or restart instruction can be blocked.

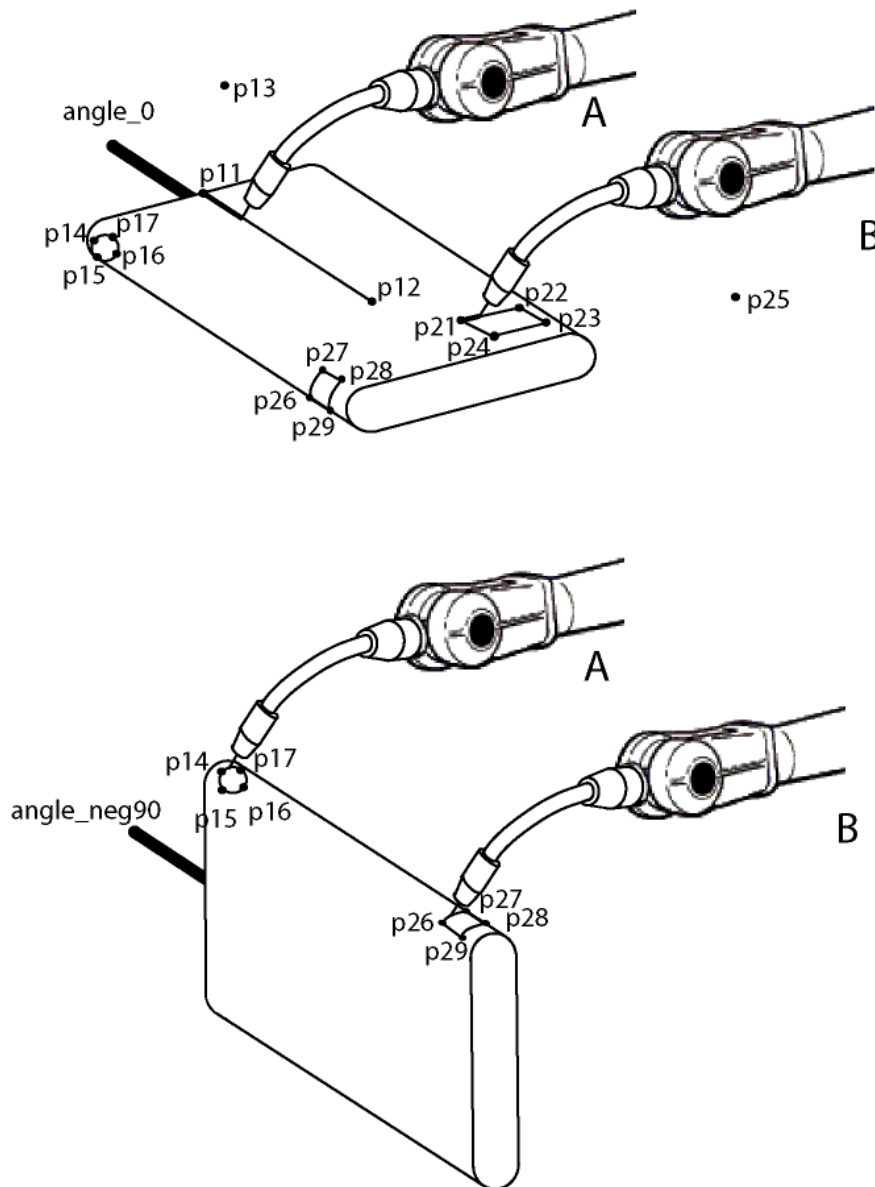


Note

To make the example simple and general, ordinary move instructions (e.g. `MoveL`) are used instead of weld instructions (e.g. `ArcL`). For more information about arc welding, see *Application manual - ArcWare for OmniCore*.

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Illustration



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| | |
|---|---------|
| A | Robot 1 |
| B | Robot 2 |

T_ROB1 task program

```

MODULE module1
  VAR syncident sync1;
  VAR syncident sync2;
  VAR syncident sync3;
  VAR syncident sync4;
  PERS tasks all_tasks{3} := [{"T_ROB1"}, {"T_ROB2"}, {"T_STN1"}];
  PERS wobjdata wobj_stn1 := [ FALSE, FALSE, "STN_1", [ [0, 0, 0],
    [1, 0, 0, 0] ], [ [0, 0, 250], [1, 0, 0, 0] ] ];
  TASK PERS tooldata tool1 := ...

```

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6.5.2 Example with semi coordinated movements

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```
CONST robtarget p11 := ...
...
CONST robtarget p17 := ...

PROC main()
...
  SemiSyncMove;
...
ENDPROC

PROC SemiSyncMove()
  ! Wait for the positioner
  WaitSyncTask sync1, all_tasks;
  MoveL p11, v1000, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
  MoveL p12, v300, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
  ! Move away from the object
  MoveL p13, v1000, fine, tool1;
  ! Sync to let positioner move
  WaitSyncTask sync2, all_tasks;
  ! Wait for the positioner
  WaitSyncTask sync3, all_tasks;
  MoveL p14, v1000, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
  MoveC p15, p16, v300, z10, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
  MoveC p17, p14, v300, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
  WaitSyncTask sync4, all_tasks;
  MoveL p13, v1000, fine, tool1;
ENDPROC
ENDMODULE
```

T_ROB2 task program

```
MODULE module2
  VAR syncident sync1;
  VAR syncident sync2;
  VAR syncident sync3;
  VAR syncident sync4;
  PERS tasks all_tasks{3} := [{"T_ROB1"}, {"T_ROB2"}, {"T_STN1"}];
  PERS wobjdata wobj_stn1 := [ FALSE, FALSE, "STN_1", [ [0, 0, 0],
    [1, 0, 0, 0] ], [ [0, 0, 250], [1, 0, 0, 0] ] ];
  TASK PERS tooldata tool2 := ...
  CONST robtarget p21 := ...
  ...
  CONST robtarget p29 := ...

  PROC main()
    ...
    SemiSyncMove;
    ...
  ENDPROC

  PROC SemiSyncMove()
    ! Wait for the positioner
```

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```

WaitSyncTask sync1, all_tasks;
MoveL p21, v1000, fine, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
MoveL p22, v300, z10, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
MoveL p23, v300, z10, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
MoveL p24, v300, z10, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
MoveL p21, v300, fine, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
! Move away from the object
MoveL p25, v1000, fine, tool2;
! Sync to let positioner move
WaitSyncTask sync2, all_tasks;
! Wait for the positioner
WaitSyncTask sync3, all_tasks;
MoveL p26, v1000, fine, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
MoveL p27, v300, z10, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
MoveL p28, v300, z10, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
MoveL p29, v300, z10, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
MoveL p26, v300, fine, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
WaitSyncTask sync4, all_tasks;
MoveL p25, v1000, fine, tool2;
ENDPROC
ENDMODULE

```

T_STN1 task program

```

MODULE module3
VAR syncident sync1;
VAR syncident sync2;
VAR syncident sync3;
VAR syncident sync4;
PERS tasks all_tasks{3} := [{"T_ROB1"}, {"T_ROB2"}, {"T_STN1"}];
CONST jointtarget angle_0 := [ [ 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9 ],
[ 0, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9 ] ];
CONST jointtarget angle_neg90 := [ [ 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9,
9E9 ], [ -90, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9 ] ];

PROC main()
...
SemiSyncMove;
...
ENDPROC

PROC SemiSyncMove()
! Move to the wanted frame position. A movement of the
! positioner is always required before the first semi-
! coordinated movement.
MoveExtJ angle_0, vrot50, fine;
! Sync to let the robots move
WaitSyncTask sync1, all_tasks;
! Wait for the robots
WaitSyncTask sync2, all_tasks;
MoveExtJ angle_neg90, vrot50, fine;
WaitSyncTask sync3, all_tasks;

```

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6.5.2 Example with semi coordinated movements

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```
        WaitSyncTask sync4, all_tasks;  
    ENDPROC  
ENDMODULE
```

6.5.3 Considerations and limitations when using semi coordinated movements

Stand still in known position

The unit that controls the frame must stand still in a known position. To get a known position, order a movement to a finepoint.

Activate task

The unit that controls the frame must be activated in the task selection panel on the FlexPendant (see [Selecting tasks on page 35](#)).

Finepoints and WaitSyncTask before and after semi coordinated movement

The semi coordinated movement shall be separated with finepoints and WaitSyncTask instructions before and after the movement.

Dealing with a lost path

When any of the instructions listed below is used, it is not possible to continue program execution right away.

- ActUnit
- DeactUnit
- ClearPath
- SyncMoveOn
- SyncMoveoff
- SyncMoveSuspend
- SyncMoveResume

After any of these instructions, order a movement to a wanted position for the unit that controls the frame and insert a WaitSyncTask instruction before the semicoordinated movement.

Before changing to synchronized movement with SyncMoveOn or SyncMoveResume, the semi coordinated movement must be ended with a finepoint and a WaitSyncTask.

Example with semi coordinated and coordinated movement

```
!Example with semicoordinated and synchronized movement
!Program example in task T_ROB1
PERS tasks task_list{2} := [ ["T_ROB1"], ["T_ROB2"] ];
PERS wobjdata rob2_obj:= [FALSE,FALSE,"ROB_2",
  [[0,0,0],[1,0,0,0]],[[155.241,-51.5938,57.6297],
  [0.493981,0.506191,-0.501597,0.49815]]];
VAR syncident sync0;
VAR syncident sync1;
VAR syncident sync2;
VAR syncident sync3;
VAR syncident sync4;

PROC main()
  ...
  WaitSyncTask sync0, task_list;
```

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6.5.3 Considerations and limitations when using semi coordinated movements

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```
MoveL p1_90, v100, fine, tcp1 \WObj:= rob2_obj;
WaitSyncTask sync1, task_list;
SyncMoveOn sync2, task_list;
MoveL p1_100 \ID:=10, v100, fine, tcp1 \WObj:= rob2_obj;
SyncMoveOff sync3;
!Wait until the movement has been finished in T_ROB2
WaitSyncTask sync3, task_list;
!Now a semicoordinated movement can be performed
MoveL p1_120, v100, z10, tcp1 \WObj:= rob2_obj;
MoveL p1_130, v100, fine, tcp1 \WObj:= rob2_obj;
WaitSyncTask sync4, task_list;
...
ENDPROC

!Program example in task T_ROB2
PERS tasks task_list{2} := [ ["T_ROB1"], ["T_ROB2"] ];
VAR syncident sync0;
VAR syncident sync1;
VAR syncident sync2;
VAR syncident sync3;
VAR syncident sync4;

PROC main()
...
MoveL p_fine, v1000, fine, tcp2;
WaitSyncTask sync0, task_list;
!Wait until the movement in T_ROB1 task is finished
WaitSyncTask sync1, task_list;
SyncMoveOn sync2, task_list;
MoveL p2_100 \ID:=10, v100, fine, tcp2;
SyncMoveOff sync3;
!The path has been removed at SyncMoveOff
!Perform a movement to wanted position for the object to
!make the position available for other tasks
MoveL p2_100, v100, fine, tcp2;
WaitSyncTask sync3, task_list;
WaitSyncTask sync4, task_list;
MoveL p2_110, v100, z10, tcp2;
...
ENDPROC
```

When switching between semicoordinated to synchronized movement, a WaitSyncTask is needed (when using identity sync1).

When switching between synchronized to semicoordinated movement, the task that move the work object (rob2_obj) needs to move to the desired position. After that a WaitSyncTask is needed (identity sync3) before the semicoordinated movement can be performed.

6.6 Coordinated synchronized movements

6.6.1 About coordinated synchronized movements

What is coordinated synchronized movements

Several robots can work with the same moving work object.

The positioner or robot that holds the work object and the robots that work with the work object must have synchronized movements. This means that the RAPID task programs, that handle one mechanical unit each, execute their move instructions simultaneously.

Implementation

The synchronized movement mode is started by executing a `SyncMoveOn` instruction in each task program. The synchronized movement mode is ended by executing a `SyncMoveOff` instruction in each task program. The number of executed move instruction between `SyncMoveOn` and `SyncMoveOff` has to be the same for all task programs.

Advantages

Coordinated synchronized movements usually save cycle time since the robots do not have to wait while the work object is being moved. It also allows robots to cooperate in ways that would otherwise be difficult or impossible to achieve.

Limitations

Coordinated synchronized movements can only be used if you have the RobotWare option MultiMove Coordinated.

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6.6.2 Example with coordinated synchronized movements

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Program description

In this example, we want both robots to weld all the way around the object.

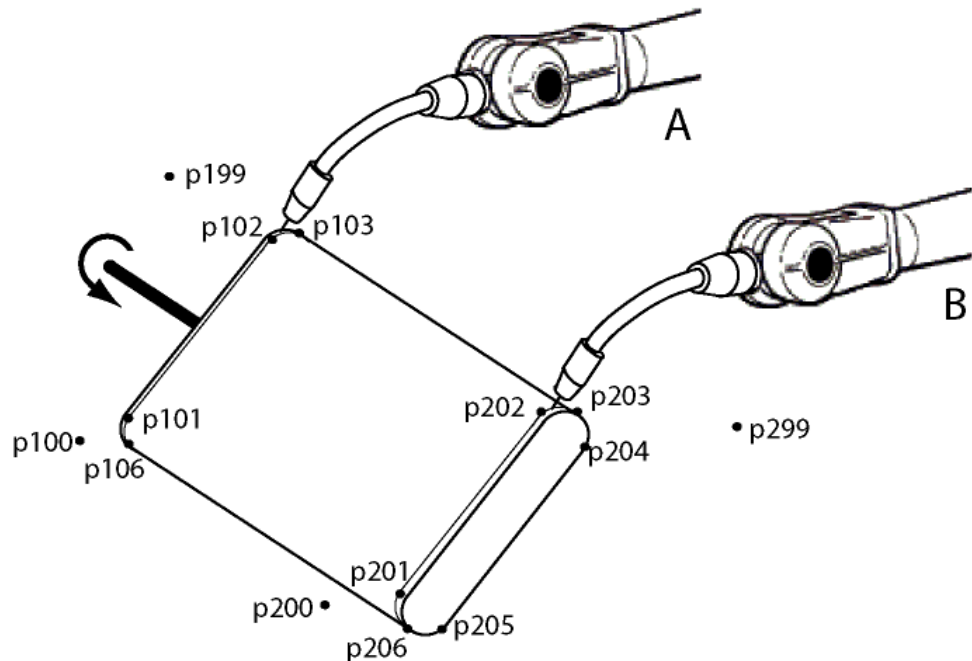
The robot TCPs are programmed to make circular paths relative to the work object. However, since the work object is rotating, the robots will almost stand still while the work object is turning.



Note

To make the example simple and general, ordinary move instructions (e.g. `MoveL`) are used instead of weld instructions (e.g. `ArcL`). For more information about arc welding, see *Application manual - ArcWare for OmniCore*.

Illustration



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| | |
|---|---------|
| A | Robot 1 |
| B | Robot 2 |

T_ROB1 task program

```
MODULE module1
  VAR syncident sync1;
  VAR syncident sync2;
  VAR syncident sync3;
  PERS tasks all_tasks{3} := [{"T_ROB1"}, {"T_ROB2"}, {"T_STN1"}];
  PERS wobjdata wobj_stn1 := [ FALSE, FALSE, "STN_1", [ [0, 0, 0],
    [1, 0, 0, 0] ], [ [0, 0, 250], [1, 0, 0, 0] ] ];
  TASK PERS tooldata tool1 := ...
```

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```

CONST robtarget p100 := ...
...
CONST robtarget p199 := ...

PROC main()
...
  SyncMove;
...
ENDPROC

PROC SyncMove()
  MoveJ p100, v1000, z50, tool1;
  WaitSyncTask sync1, all_tasks;
  MoveL p101, v500, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
  SyncMoveOn sync2, all_tasks;
  MoveL p102\ID:=10, v300, z10, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
  MoveC p103, p104\ID:=20, v300, z10, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
  MoveL p105\ID:=30, v300, z10, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
  MoveC p106, p101\ID:=40, v300, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
  SyncMoveOff sync3;
  MoveL p199, v1000, fine, tool1;
UNDO
  SyncMoveUndo;
ENDPROC
ENDMODULE

```

T_ROB2 task program

```

MODULE module2
  VAR syncident sync1;
  VAR syncident sync2;
  VAR syncident sync3;
  PERS tasks all_tasks{3} := [{"T_ROB1"}, {"T_ROB2"}, {"T_STN1"}];
  PERS wobjdata wobj_stn1 := [ FALSE, FALSE, "STN_1", [ [0, 0, 0],
    [1, 0, 0, 0] ], [ [0, 0, 250], [1, 0, 0, 0] ] ];
  TASK PERS tooldata tool2 := ...
  CONST robtarget p200 := ...
  ...
  CONST robtarget p299 := ...

  PROC main()
    ...
    SyncMove;
    ...
  ENDPROC

  PROC SyncMove()
    MoveJ p200, v1000, z50, tool2;
    WaitSyncTask sync1, all_tasks;
    MoveL p201, v500, fine, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
    SyncMoveOn sync2, all_tasks;
    MoveL p202\ID:=10, v300, z10, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;

```

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6.6.2 Example with coordinated synchronized movements

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```
MoveC p203, p204\ID:=20, v300, z10, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
MoveL p205\ID:=30, v300, z10, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
MoveC p206, p201\ID:=40, v300, fine, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
SyncMoveOff sync3;
MoveL p299, v1000, fine, tool2;
UNDO
  SyncMoveUndo;
ENDPROC
ENDMODULE
```

T_STN1 task program

```
MODULE module3
  VAR syncident sync1;
  VAR syncident sync2;
  VAR syncident sync3;
  PERS tasks all_tasks{3} := [{"T_ROB1"}, {"T_ROB2"}, {"T_STN1"}];
  CONST jointtarget angle_neg20 := [ [ 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9,
    9E9], [ -20, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9] ];
  ...
  CONST jointtarget angle_340 := [ [ 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9],
    [ 340, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9, 9E9] ];

  PROC main()
    ...
    SyncMove;
    ...
  ENDPROC

  PROC SyncMove()
    MoveExtJ angle_neg20, vrot50, fine;
    WaitSyncTask sync1, all_tasks;
    ! Wait for the robots
    SyncMoveOn sync2, all_tasks;
    MoveExtJ angle_20\ID:=10, vrot100, z10;
    MoveExtJ angle_160\ID:=20, vrot100, z10;
    MoveExtJ angle_200\ID:=30, vrot100, z10;
    MoveExtJ angle_340\ID:=40, vrot100, fine;
    SyncMoveOff sync3;
  UNDO
    SyncMoveUndo;
  ENDPROC
ENDMODULE
```


6.7 Program execution

6.7.1 Corner zones

Corner zones and WaitSyncTask

Corner zones can be used when synchronizing several task programs with `WaitSyncTask`.

Corner zones and synchronized movements

Finepoints must be used both before starting the synchronized movements with `SyncMoveOn` and before ending it with `SyncMoveOff`. All other move instructions between `SyncMoveOn` and `SyncMoveOff` can, on the other hand, use corner zones.

Dependences between synchronized instructions

In synchronized movements mode, all or none of the simultaneous move instructions must be programmed with corner zones. This means that the move instructions with the same ID must either all have corner zones, or all have finepoints. If a move instruction with a corner zone and a move instruction with a finepoint are synchronously executed in their respective task program, an error will occur.

Synchronously executed move instructions can have corner zones of different sizes (e.g. one use z10 and one use z50).

See [Motion principles on page 61](#).

Corner zones converted to finepoints

A corner zone will become a finepoint if the task program has to wait for another task program. This can happen if `WaitSyncTask` is executed in a corner zone, but one task program reaches this instruction later than the others.

Example with corner zones

Given the RAPID code below, the following will happen:

- If robot1 reaches p11 at approximately the same time as robot2 reaches p21, both robots will be synchronized in corner zones (p11 and p21).
- If robot1 reaches p11 before robot2 reaches p21, p11 will become a finepoint.
- If robot2 reaches p21 before robot1 reaches p11, p21 will become a finepoint.

Note that both move instructions with corner zones and move instructions with finepoints can be used in each task. You just have to make sure that the instructions with the same ID in both task programs are of the same type. The instructions before `SyncMoveOn` and `SyncMoveOff` must have stop points.

Part of T_ROB1 task program:

```
MoveL p11, v500, z50, tool1;
WaitSyncTask sync1, all_tasks;
MoveL p12, v500, fine, tool1;
SyncMoveOn sync2, all_tasks;
MoveL p13\ID:=10, v500, z50, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
```

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6.7.1 Corner zones

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```
MoveL p14\ID:=20, v500, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;  
SyncMoveOff sync3;  
MoveL p15, v500, fine, tool1;
```

Part of T_ROB2 task program:

```
MoveL p21, v500, z50, tool2;  
WaitSyncTask sync1, all_tasks;  
MoveL p22, v500, fine, tool2;  
SyncMoveOn sync2, all_tasks;  
MoveL p23\ID:=10, v500, z10, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;  
MoveL p24\ID:=20, v500, fine, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;  
SyncMoveOff sync3;  
MoveL p25, v500, fine, tool2;
```

6.7.2 Synchronization behavior

Synchronization point

When one task program reaches a synchronization point, it will wait until all task programs have reached the same synchronization point.

Synchronization points are:

- all `WaitSyncTask` instructions
- all `SyncMoveOn` instructions
- all `SyncMoveOff` instructions
- all move instructions between `SyncMoveOn` and `SyncMoveOff`

When one task program reaches a `WaitSyncTask`, `SyncMoveOn` or `SyncMoveOff` instruction, it will wait until all task programs have reached the instruction with the same `syncident` variable.

All move instructions between `SyncMoveOn` and `SyncMoveOff` must use the argument `ID`. When a task program reaches such a move instruction, it will wait until all task programs have reached the move instruction with the `ID` argument set to the same value.

Other instructions than movements

All synchronized task programs must execute the same number of move instructions between the `SyncMoveOn` and `SyncMoveOff` instructions. This does not affect functions or other instructions than move instructions. It is possible to have any number of functions and instructions that are not move instructions.

Example

In this example both task programs execute two move instructions, but one of the tasks executes other instructions and functions.

Robot 2 will wait and not move to p21 until robot 1 starts to move towards p11.

Since `SyncMoveOff` is a synchronization point, both tasks will wait for `di1` to become 1 before executing `SyncMoveOff`.

Part of T_ROB2 task program:

```
SyncMoveOn sync1, all_tasks;
time := CTime();
Write log, "Synchronization started "\NoNewLine;
Write log, time;
MoveL p11\ID:=10, v500, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
Set di1;
MoveC p12, p13\ID:=20, v500, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
WaitDI di1, 1;
SyncMoveOff sync2;
```

Part of T_ROB2 task program:

```
SyncMoveOn sync1, all_tasks;
MoveJ p21\ID:=10, v500, fine, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
MoveL p22\ID:=20, v500, fine, tool2 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
SyncMoveOff sync2;
```

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6.7.3 Dummy instructions

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About dummy instructions

The same number of move instructions must be executed between `SyncMoveOn` and `SyncMoveOff` in all task programs. If a move instruction is only executed under certain circumstances, the number of move instructions may differ from the other task programs. This can be solved by adding a move instruction to the point where the robot already is (a dummy instruction) for the case where the original move instruction is not executed.

Example with dummy move instructions

In this example, the task program needs to execute two move instructions if `di1` is set to 1. If `di1` is 0, two move instructions are executed that move the robot to the position where it already is (dummy instructions).

Part of a task program

```
SyncMoveOn sync1, all_tasks;
MoveL p1\ID:=10, v500, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
IF di1=1 THEN
  ! Instructions executed under certain conditions
  MoveL p2\ID:=20, v500, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
  MoveL p1\ID:=30, v500, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
ELSE
  ! Add dummy move instructions
  MoveL p1\ID:=20, v500, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
  MoveL p1\ID:=30, v500, fine, tool1 \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
ENDIF
SyncMoveOff sync2;
```

6.7.4 Motion principles

Robot speeds

When the movements of several robots are synchronized, all robots adjust their speed to finish their movements simultaneously. This means that the robot movement that takes the longest time will determine the speed of the other robots.

Example of robot speeds

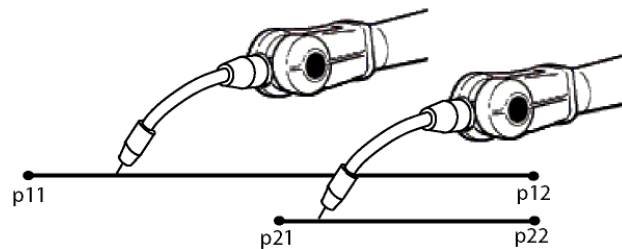
In this example, the distance between p11 and p12 is 1000 mm and the distance between p21 and p22 is 500 mm. When running the code below, robot1 will move 1000 mm at a speed of 100 mm/s. Since this will take 10 seconds, robot2 will move 500 mm in 10 seconds. The speed of robot2 will be 50 mm/s (and not 500 mm/s as programmed).

Part of T_ROB1 task program:

```
MoveJ p11, v1000, fine, tool1;  
SyncMoveOn sync1, all_tasks;  
MoveL p12\ID:=10, v100, fine, tool1;
```

Part of T_ROB2 task program:

```
MoveJ p21, v1000, fine, tool2;  
SyncMoveOn sync1, all_tasks;  
MoveL p22\ID:=10, v500, fine, tool2;
```



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6.7.5 Modify position

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About modifying positions

A programmed position can be modified from the FlexPendant apps **Operate**, **Program Data**, **Code**.

Modify position in unsynchronized mode

When the movements of the different tasks are unsynchronized, the position of each mechanical unit is modified individually.

Modify position in synchronized movement mode

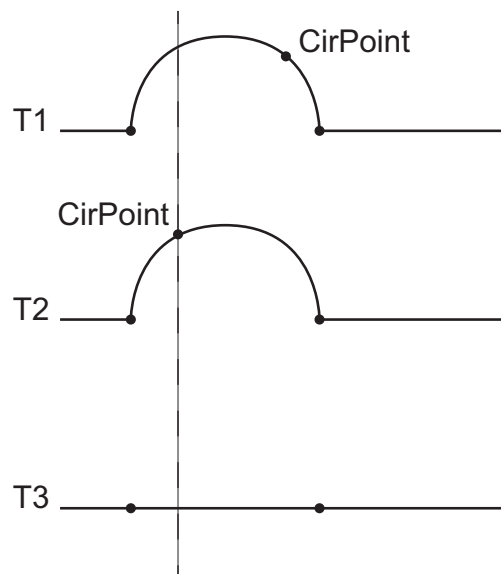
Modifying positions while in synchronized movement mode (when the execution is between a `SyncMoveOn` and `SyncMoveOff` instruction) behaves differently depending on if it is done from the Production Window or the Program Editor.

In the Production Window, the position will be modified for all tasks in synchronized movement mode. Circle points cannot be modified from the Production Window while in synchronized movement mode, thus if the marked point is a circle point, the function to modify position from the Production Window will not be enabled. In the Production Window, the position can only be modified for the current move instruction (where the motion pointer is).

In the Program Editor, the position will be modified only for the task program currently open in that editor window.

See also example on circular movement in the description of modifying positions in *Operating manual - OmniCore*.

Modify circular position in synchronized movement mode



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6.7.6 Moving a program pointer

Moving PP in unsynchronized mode

When none of the tasks are in synchronized movement mode, a program pointer in one task can be moved without affecting the other tasks.

Moving PP in synchronized movement mode

If the program pointer is moved for one task, the program pointers for all tasks in synchronized movement mode are lost. This is the case even if the task where the program pointer is moved is not in synchronized movement mode. Even if a task is inactive, moving its program pointer will affect the program pointers of all tasks in synchronized movement mode.

Example

In this example, there are three tasks. Task2 and Task3 are in synchronized movement mode, while Task1 works independently. In this situation, the user taps **Move PP to Main** for Task1.

The program pointers for Task2 and Task3 will be lost.

| Task1: | Task2: | Task3: |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| MoveL p11 ... | MoveL p21 ... | MoveL p31 ... |
| MoveL p12 ... | SyncMoveOn sync1 ... | SyncMoveOn sync1 ... |
| MoveJ p13 ... | ➡ MoveL p22 ... | ➡ MoveL p32 ... |
| MoveL p14 ... | MoveL p23 ... | MoveL p33 ... |
| ➡ MoveL p15 ... | SyncMoveOff sync2; | SyncMoveOff sync2; |
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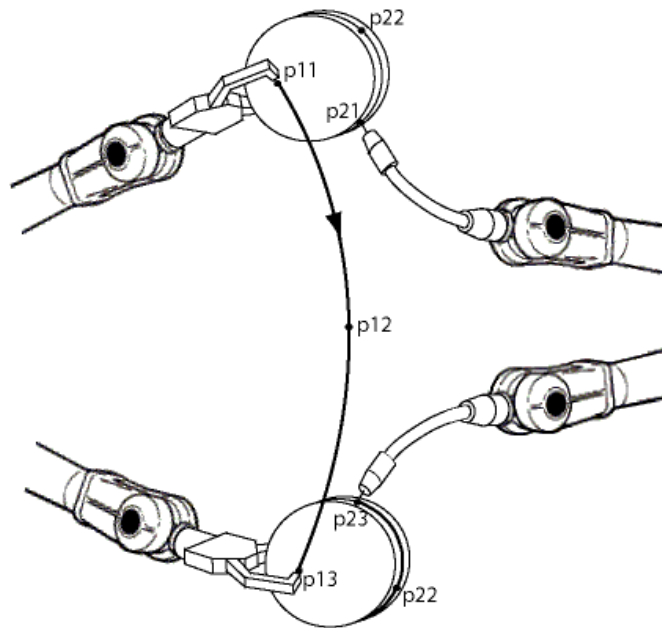
6.7.7 Tool orientation at circular movements

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Coordinated circular move instructions

There is a risk for incorrect tool orientation if two coordinated task programs both perform synchronized circular move instructions. If one robot holds a work object that another robot is working on, the circle interpolation affects both robots. The circle point should be reached at the same time for both circle paths to avoid incorrect orientation of the tool.

Example



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If p12 would be in the beginning of its circular path (closer to p11 than p13) and p22 would be in the end of its circular path (closer to p23 than p21) then the tool orientation could become wrong. If p12 and p22 are in the same relative position on the path (percentage of the path length) the tool orientation will remain correct.



Tip

By modifying the position for both robots circle point at the same time, you make sure the tool orientation stays correct. This means that, in the example, you should step through the program and then modify p12 and p22 at the same time.

6.7.8 Applications affected by MultiMove

Collision detection for MultiMove robots

The default behavior when a collision is detected for one robot in a MultiMove configuration is that all robots are stopped.

One reason for this behavior is that when a collision is detected, there is a big risk that it was two robots that collided. Another reason is that if one robot stops and another continues, this might cause another collision.

This behavior can be changed with the system parameter *Ind collision stop without brake*. If this parameter is set to TRUE and the robots are running in independent RAPID tasks when a collision is detected, only the robot that detected the collision will be stopped.

World Zones

A world zone declared in one task program is only valid for the mechanical units that belong to that task. For a world zone to affect all mechanical units, it must be declared in all task programs.

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6.8 Programming recommendations

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Declare syncident globally in task

By declaring all variables of the data type `syncident` globally in the task program, there is no risk of having two `syncident` with the same name in the same task program.

Do not reuse syncident

A `syncident` variable is used as an argument for all `WaitSyncTask`, `SyncMoveOn` and `SyncMoveOff` instructions, so that the operator can distinguish which instructions are executed simultaneously in the different task programs. If one `syncident` variable would be used as argument for more than one instruction per task, that instruction would no longer be uniquely identified. To make sure your program code is understandable, never reuse a `syncident` variable.

Declaring tools, work objects and payloads

Declaring a variable as `TASK PERS` will make it persistent in the task program, but not shared between tasks. By declaring tools, work objects and payloads as task persistent, you do not have to keep track of whether the variable name is used in other tasks. If tools, work objects and payloads are declared as `TASK PERS`, the names do not have to be changed if the program is copied or mirrored to another task.

A work object that is used by several task programs is preferably declared as `PERS`. A tool can be declared as `PERS` if a background task needs to read the robot position.

Changing a PERS

A globally declared `PERS` will keep its value even if a new declaration of the same `PERS` is loaded. The value of the `PERS` that was first loaded will be preserved as long as there is any reference to that `PERS`.

If you want to replace all the task programs with new programs where the values of the `PERS` is different, remove all task programs first and then load all the new task programs. That way the old value of the `PERS` will be lost when all declarations of it are removed.

Changing the value of a `PERS` from the **Data Variable** view on the FlexPendant and saving the program, will update the `PERS` in a correct way.

Use SyncMoveUndo

Always use an `UNDO` handler with a `SyncMoveUndo` instruction in any procedure that has synchronized movements (i.e. that has a `SyncMoveOn` instruction).

After a `SyncMoveOn` instruction, the movements in the task program are synchronized with movements in other task programs. If the program pointer is then manually moved before the `SyncMoveOff` instruction is executed, the movements will still be synchronized. This can be avoided by having an `UNDO` handler that includes a `SyncMoveUndo` instruction.

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When the program pointer is manually moved out of a procedure, the `UNDO` handler for that procedure is called. The `SyncMoveUndo` instruction will end the synchronization if the movements currently are synchronized. If the movements are not synchronized when the program pointer is moved, `SyncMoveUndo` will do nothing. It is, in other words, never any disadvantage in using `SyncMoveUndo`, but very useful if the program pointer is moved.

For more information about `UNDO` handlers, see *Technical reference manual - RAPID Overview*.

Coordinating against a work object

Coordinating against a work object moved by a mechanical unit in another task can be done in two ways:

- All move instructions coordinated with the work object must be executed when the work object is standing still. See [About semi coordinated movements on page 45](#).
- The robot that is coordinated with the work object and the mechanical unit that moves the work object must be in synchronized movement mode. See [About coordinated synchronized movements on page 53](#).

It is not possible to coordinate against a moving work object, controlled from another task, without being in synchronized movement mode.

Common work area

If two robots use the same work area, without being in synchronized movement mode, precautions must be taken to avoid collisions. Make sure that only one of the robots is in the common area at a time by using one of the following:

- `WaitSyncTask`
- World Zones
- I/O signal

Disabling mechanical units

Depending on the use of the option `MultiMove`, the safety function *Safe Disable of Drive unit* can be used to avoid the risk for unexpected start-up of a mechanical unit.

See *Application manual - Functional safety and SafeMove*.

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7 RAPID error recovery

7.1 Error recovery for MultiMove

Error in unsynchronized mode

If an error occurs during unsynchronized mode, no other task program is affected by the error.

Error in synchronized movement mode

If an error occurs during synchronized movement mode, the task program with the error will stop with an error code. Because of the synchronization, the other tasks will not continue to move. When the error has been resolved the movement can continue in all task programs.

The semi-coordinated movement mode is considered the same as coordinated movement mode.

7 RAPID error recovery

7.2 Simple error recovery example

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About this example

In this example, a division with zero causes an error during synchronized movement mode. Since the error handler can resolve the error without any motion instructions, the error handler does not have to consider the synchronization. The synchronized movement mode is active the whole time and the second move instruction is started for both robots as soon as the error handler has finished. If no other error can occur, the T_HANDLEROB task program does not need to have an error handler.

T_PROCROB task program

```
...
SyncMoveOn, sync1, motion_tasks;
MoveL p101\ID:=10, v100, z10, gun2 \WObj:=wobj_handlerob;
a:=3;
b:=0;
c:=a/b;
MoveL p102\ID:=20, v100, fine, gun2 \WObj:=wobj_handlerob;
SyncMoveOff sync2;
...
ERROR
  IF ERRNO = ERR_DIVZERO THEN
    b:=1;
    RETRY;
  ENDIF
```

T_HANDLEROB task program

```
...
SyncMoveOn, sync1, motion_tasks;
MoveL p201\ID:=10, v100, z10, gripl;
MoveL p202\ID:=20, v100, fine, gripl;
SyncMoveOff sync2;
...
```

7.3 Asynchronously raised errors

What is an asynchronously raised error

Asynchronously raised errors can be raised by another instruction than the instruction where the program pointer is. This means that an asynchronous error can be raised while the robot is in the middle of a path movement. For more information about asynchronously raised errors, see *Technical reference manual - RAPID kernel*.

The technique with asynchronously raised errors allows a failing instruction in one task program to raise an error in all other task programs with synchronized movements.

How to raise an asynchronous error

The instruction `ProcErrRecovery` will raise the error `ERR_PATH_STOP` and stop the movement for all task programs with synchronized movements.

Asynchronous errors can also be raised by process instructions (e.g. `ArcL`). These can raise one error code (describing the cause of the error) in the task program where the error occurred, and raise the error `ERR_PATH_STOP` in the other task programs with synchronized movements.

The task programs without errors

If two task programs run synchronized move instructions and one of them raises an asynchronous error, the movements will stop for both tasks. The task program where nothing went wrong will then get the error `ERR_PATH_STOP`. This error must be handled by an error handler. The error handler can handle `ERR_PATH_STOP` by just waiting for the other task to solve its problems and then resume the movements.

By using the instruction `StartMoveRetry`, the execution will continue when all tasks reach this instruction.

Independent movements in the error handler

If the error handler in one task program needs to execute a move instruction, the synchronization must be suspended first.

The synchronization is automatically suspended by the `StorePath` instruction. All tasks with synchronized movements must execute a `StorePath` instruction before the synchronization is turned off and the execution can continue.

The instruction `RestoPath` will restore synchronization to the mode it had before `StorePath`. All task programs with synchronized movements must execute the `RestoPath` instruction in their error handlers before the synchronization is resumed and the execution can continue.

Between the instructions `StorePath` and `RestoPath`, the failing task program can move independently to solve its problem. Since `RestoPath` works as a synchronization point, the other task programs will wait at this point until the problem has been resolved.

If the task program is not in synchronized movements mode, `StorePath` and `RestoPath` act just like without the `MultiMove` option. This means that the same

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7.3 Asynchronously raised errors

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error handler code can handle errors that occur both in synchronized movements mode and unsynchronized mode.

`StorePath` and `RestoPath` require the option *Path Recovery*. For more information about `StorePath` and `RestoPath`, see *Application manual - Controller software OmniCore*.

7.4 Example of creating asynchronously raised error

About this example

In this example, a process is started by setting `do_myproc` to 1. The process is then supervised and the signal `di_proc_sup` is set to 1 if the process fails.

If a process failure occurs during a robot movement, an interrupt calls a trap routine. The instruction `ProcerrRecovery` will stop the movement and raise the error `ERR_PATH_STOP` in all task programs with synchronized movements.

The `T_HANDLEROB` task program must have an error handler that restarts the movement when the error has been resolved in the `T_PROCROB` task program. This only requires one instruction, `StartMoveRetry`.

T_PROCROB task program

```

VAR intnum proc_sup_int;

PROC main()
  ...
  SyncMoveOn, sync1, motion_tasks;
  my_proc_on;
  MoveL p101\ID:=10, v100, z10, gun1 \WObj:=wobj_handlerob;
  MoveL p102\ID:=20, v100, fine, gun1 \WObj:=wobj_handlerob;
  my_proc_off;
  SyncMoveOff sync2;
  ...

  ERROR
  IF ERRNO = ERR_PATH_STOP THEN
    my_proc_on;
    StartMoveRetry;
  ENDIF
ENDPROC

TRAP iprocfail
  my_proc_off;
  ProcerrRecovery \SyncLastMoveInst;
  RETURN;
ENDTRAP

PROC my_proc_on()
  SetDO do_myproc, 1;
  CONNECT proc_sup_int WITH iprocfail;
  ISignalDI di_proc_sup, 1, proc_sup_int;
ENDPROC

PROC my_proc_off()
  SetDO do_myproc, 0;
  IDelete proc_sup_int;
ENDPROC

```

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7.4 Example of creating asynchronously raised error

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T_HANDLEROB task program

```
PROC main()
  ...
  SyncMoveOn, sync1, motion_tasks;
  MoveL p201\ID:=10, v100, z10, gripl;
  MoveL p202\ID:=20, v100, fine, gripl;
  SyncMoveOff sync2;
  ...

  ERROR
  IF ERRNO = ERR_PATH_STOP THEN
    StartMoveRetry;
  ENDIF
ENDPROC
```

7.5 Example with movements in error handler

About this example

In this example, an asynchronous error can occur that requires the robot to move to another position to resolve the error. The synchronization is suspended by using `StorePath` in all tasks with synchronized movements, and restored by using `RestoPath`.

The instruction `ArcL` is used in this example. This instruction handles the process for arc welding as well as acts as a move instruction. To understand this example, all you need to know is that it is a move instruction (similar to `MoveL`) which can result in asynchronous process errors. For more information about `ArcL`, see *Application manual - ArcWare for OmniCore* and *Technical reference manual - RAPID Instructions, Functions and Data types*.



Note

Note that the `T_STN1` task program must have the instructions `StorePath` and `RestoPath`, even if there is no code between these instructions. No task program continues to execute its error handler until all task programs execute the `StorePath` instruction.

T_ROB1 task program

```

...
SyncMoveOn, sync1, all_tasks;
ArcL p101\ID:=10, v100, seam1, weld1, weave1, z10, gun1
  \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
...
ERROR
  IF ERRNO=AW_WELD_ERR OR ERRNO=ERR_PATH_STOP THEN
    StorePath;
    IF ERRNO=AW_WELD_ERR THEN
      gun_cleaning;
    ENDIF
    RestoPath;
    StartMoveRetry;
  ENDIF
...
PROC gun_cleaning()
  VAR robtargt p199;
  p199 := CRobT(\Tool:=gun1 \WObj:=wobj0);
  MoveL pclean, v100, fine, gun1;
  ...
  MoveL p199, v100, fine, gun1;
ENDPROC

```

T_ROB2 task program

```

...
SyncMoveOn, sync1, all_tasks;

```

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7.5 Example with movements in error handler

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```
ArcL p201\ID:=10, v100, seam2, weld2, weave2, z10, gun2
  \WObj:=wobj_stn1;
...
ERROR
  IF ERRNO=AW_WELD_ERR OR ERRNO=ERR_PATH_STOP THEN
    StorePath;
    IF ERRNO=AW_WELD_ERR THEN
      gun_cleaning;
    ENDIF
    RestoPath;
    StartMoveRetry;
  ENDIF
...
PROC gun_cleaning()
  VAR robtarg p299;
  p299 := CRobT(\Tool:=gun2 \WObj:=wobj0);
  MoveL pclean, v100, fine, gun2;
  ...
  MoveL p299, v100, fine, gun2;
ENDPROC
```

T_STN1 task program

```
...
SyncMoveOn, sync1, all_tasks;
MoveExtJ angle_20\ID:=10, vrot50, z10;
...
ERROR
  IF ERRNO=ERR_PATH_STOP THEN
    StorePath;
    RestoPath;
    StartMoveRetry;
  ENDIF
...

```

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