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TwinCAT 2 | PLC Library: COMlibRK512BC





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# 1 Foreword

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##### **Risk of injury!**

Failure to follow the safety instructions associated with this symbol endangers the life and health of persons.

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##### **Personal injuries!**

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## 2 Overview

The TwinCAT PLC library COMlib supplies function blocks and data structures for serial data communication. COMlib supports the Beckhoff KL6xxx serial bus terminals.

The COMlib3964RBC communication library extends COMlib to implement an error-protected protocol for the transmission of any type of data. A checksum in combination with repetition of data telegrams in the event of an error are used for error protection.

The RK512 protocol is used to transmit data blocks such as are used in Siemens controllers. The COMlibRK512BC communication library uses the 3964R protocol for this purpose, and handles the telegram traffic that it requires. The user only has to parameterize the RK512 function block.

The "Serial Communication RK512" communication package contains all the necessary libraries. It supports the transmission of data blocks with a length of up to 128 data words.

The documentation for the PLC-Library Serial Communication [COMlibBC](#) provides a basis for understanding this communication process.



### 3 Installation

Installation is performed by copying the following library files into the TwinCAT directory TwinCAT\PLC\LIB.

- COMlibBC5B.LB6
- COMlib3964RBC.LB6
- COMlibRK512BC.LB6

The associated test program should be copied to any project directory of your choice, e.g. to TwinCAT\PLC.

- <https://infosys.beckhoff.com/content/1033/tcplclibrk512bc/Resources/zip/12263897099.zip>

## 4 Functional description

### 4.1 Data Block Configuration

The RK512 function block has two operating modes [► 11]. In passive mode it receives data and request telegrams from a communication partner who is addressing data blocks by means of its data block number. Numbered data blocks are not known to IEC-1131, and therefore initially also not to TwinCAT. In TwinCAT, data blocks are variables of various types such as arrays or data structures (STRUCT).

In order to define a numbered data block, the method DBconfig belonging to the RK512 function block is called with all the necessary parameters during the initialization phase. The method is called once for each data block that is to be addressed by communication partners. This configuration is not needed for the active operating mode (send and fetch).

In the active operating mode variable contents can be sent to or fetched from communication partners, independently of this data block configuration. In active mode the data block number refers to the partner device, and only needs to be known there.

#### Parameters

##### DbAdr

*DbAdr* is the memory address of a PLC variable that is to be defined as a data block. The address is determined using the ADR function.

e.g.: `DbAdr := ADR( PLCvar );`

The PLC variable can be of any type. An ARRAY OF WORD, for example, or a STRUCT data structure would be suitable.

##### DbSize

*DbSize* is the size of the PLC variable at *DbAdr* in bytes, determined by the SIZEOF function.

e.g.: `DbSize := SIZEOF( PLCvar );`

##### RemoteDbNr

*RemoteDbNr* contains the number of the data block at the communication partner.

##### TxBuffer

The send data buffer *TxBuffer* is of type COMbuffer. This parameter is not needed by the configuration, but must however be passed as an IN\_OUT parameter.

##### RxBuffer

The receive data buffer *RxBuffer* is of type COMbuffer. This parameter is not needed by the configuration, but must however be passed as an IN\_OUT parameter.

#### Sample

```
VAR
  (* declare some DB
  (* the type of data doesn't matter but the
  (* size shouldn't be larger than 128 bytes
  (**)
  DB1 : ARRAY[1..64] OF WORD; (* exemplary type of db *)
  DB5 : ARRAY[1..64] OF WORD; (* exemplary type of db *)
  DB10 : ARRAY[1..64] OF WORD; (* exemplary type of db *)
```

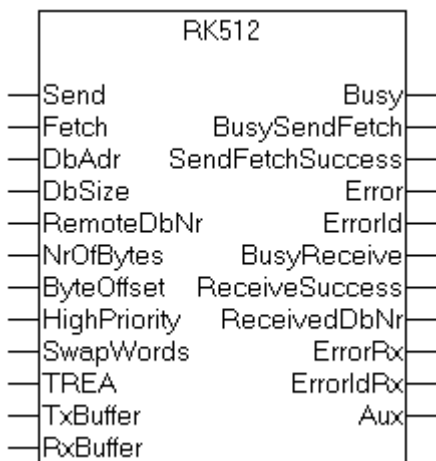
```
(* input and output data for the RK512 function block *)
RK512com : RK512;

  initialized : BOOL;
END_VAR

IF NOT initialized THEN
  RK512com.DBconfig( RemoteDbNr:=5, DbAdr:=ADR(DB5), DbSize:=SIZEOF(DB5), TxBuffer:=TxBuffer, RxBuffer:=RxBuffer );
  RK512com.DBconfig( RemoteDbNr:=10, DbAdr:=ADR(DB10), DbSize:=SIZEOF(DB10), TxBuffer:=TxBuffer, RxBuffer:=RxBuffer );
  initialized := TRUE;
END_IF
```

The initialization in this sample has the effect that the communication partner may read or write data blocks 5 and 10. Any attempt to access another data block is considered as an error and is refused.

## 4.2 RK512



```
VAR_INPUT
  Send : BOOL;
  Fetch : BOOL;
  DbAdr : POINTER TO BYTE;
  DbSize : UINT;
  RemoteDbNr : BYTE;
  NrOfBytes : UINT;
  ByteOffset : UINT;
  HighPriority : BOOL;
  SwapWords : BOOL;
  TREA : TIME;
END_VAR
VAR_OUTPUT
  Busy : BOOL;
  BusySendFetch : BOOL;
  SendFetchSuccess : BOOL;
  Error : BOOL;
  ErrorId : INT;
  BusyReceive : BOOL;
  ReceiveSuccess : BOOL;
  ReceivedDbNr : BYTE;
  ErrorRx : BOOL;
  ErrorIdRx : INT;
  Aux : RK512_Auxiliary_t;
END_VAR
VAR_IN_OUT
  TxBuffer : ComBuffer;
  RxBuffer : ComBuffer;
END_VAR
```

## Operation modes

The RK512 function block distinguishes two quite different operating modes, passive and active operation.

In the passive mode the function block waits for and answers data telegram from the communication partner. The communication partner can send the data blocks to the local controller, or can fetch data from it. In order for the RK512 function block to be able to accept data blocks or to return data that has been requested, it must previously be configured for passive operation by [DBconfig \[► 10\]](#).

In active mode, the RK512 function block either sends data blocks to the communication partner (SEND) or fetches them from it (FETCH).

As long as neither of the function block's *Send* or *Fetch* inputs switch it into active operation it waits for telegrams from communication partners, changing when appropriate into passive mode. The two operating modes can be mixed. In that case the RK512 function block attempts to synchronize the telegram traffic. Since mixed mode operation can introduce delays into the flow of data, it should be avoided if possible.

One instance of the RK512 function block serves just one serial interface. It is not possible for multiple instances to handle data traffic over the same serial interface at the same time.

## Input and Output Parameters

### Send

With a positive edge at the *Send* input, data from the variable at the *DbAdr* input is sent to the communication partner where it is saved in the data block whose number is given at *RemoteDbNr*. Send and fetch cannot be executed at the same time.

### Fetch

With a positive edge at the *Fetch* input, data from the data block *RemoteDbNr* is requested from the communication partner and stored in the variable at input *DbAdr*. Send and fetch cannot be executed at the same time.

### DbAdr

*DbAdr* is the memory address of a PLC variable determined by the ADR function.

e.g.: `DbAdr := ADR( PLCvar );`

The PLC variable can be of any type. An ARRAY OF WORD, for example, or a STRUCT data structure would be suitable.

Data from this variable is transmitted to the communication partner with a send command, and is fetched and stored in this variable with a fetch command.

### DbSize

*DbSize* is the size of the PLC variable at *DbAdr* in bytes, determined by the SIZEOF function.

e.g.: `DbSize := SIZEOF( PLCvar );`

### RemoteDbNr

*RemoteDbNr* contains the number of the data block at the communication partner to which the data is to be sent or from which it is to be fetched.

### NrOfBytes

*NrOfBytes* contains the number of data bytes to be transferred. The number can be less than or equal to the variable size *DbSize*.

### ByteOffset

The *ByteOffset* indicates the data byte within the communication partner's data block from where the data is to be fetched or where it is to be stored.

### HighPriority

The priority is relevant to the 3964R protocol. The two communication partners should have different priorities. If it happens that the two partners transmit at the same time, there is a collision. This collision is resolved by the partner with the lower priority switching to receive mode, allowing the higher priority partner to transmit again.

### SwapWords

Data blocks are usually organized by words. Depending on how the data words are stored in the memory, it may be necessary to swap data bytes within the transmitted words. If *SwapWords* is TRUE, the data bytes of each word in all the data telegrams are swapped.

### TREA

Every telegram from a communication partner is acknowledged by an answer telegram. The time required for this acknowledgement is monitored with respect to the *TREA* timeout period. *TREA* might be about 15 seconds.

### Busy

*Busy* becomes TRUE as soon as the function block switches into either active or passive mode, i.e. as soon as it leaves the idle state. It cannot accept a new command as long as *Busy* remains TRUE.

### BusySendFetch

*BusySendFetch* becomes TRUE as soon as a positive edge at the *Send* or *Fetch* input switches the function block into active mode. Once *BusySendFetch* has become FALSE the transmission has been completed, and either the *SendFetchSuccess* or the *Error* output is set.

### SendFetchSuccess

*SendFetchSuccess* indicates that a data transmission triggered by *Send* or *Fetch* has been successfully completed.

### Error

*Error* becomes TRUE if an error occurs during a data transmission triggered by *Send* or *Fetch*.

### ErrorId

*ErrorId* provides an [error number](#) [► 14] if an error occurs.

### BusyReceive

*BusyReceive* indicates that the RK512 function block is in receive mode, i.e. in the passive operation mode. The function block changes automatically into passive mode from the idle state (*Busy* is FALSE) as soon as a telegram is received from the communication partner. With falling edge at *BusyReceive* either *ReceiveSuccess* or *ErrorRx* is set.

### ReceiveSuccess

*ReceiveSuccess* is set to TRUE after a data block has been successfully received from the communication partner. This signal is only relevant to passive operation. In other words, *ReceiveSuccess* is not set to TRUE if a data block has been actively fetched from the communication partner with *Fetch*.

**ReceivedDbNr**

As soon as `ReceiveSuccess` becomes TRUE, `ReceivedDbNr` indicates the number of the data block that has been received.

**ErrorRx**

The `ErrorRx` signal indicates that an error has occurred during data reception in passive mode

**ErrorIdRx**

If an error occurs in passive mode, `ErrorIdRx` indicates the [error number](#) [► 14].

**Aux**

`Aux` is a data structure containing additional error messages for diagnostic purposes.

**TxBuffer**

The send data buffer `TxBuffer` is of type `COMbuffer`. This buffer is used by the RK512 function block, and is not changed by the user.

**RxBuffer**

The receive data buffer `RxBuffer` is of type `COMbuffer`. This buffer is used by the RK512 function block, and is not changed by the user.

## 4.3 Error Codes

No.	No. (hex)	Error constant	Description
4	16#04	RK512ERR_P3964ER R_ZVZ	The character delay time was exceeded. ZVZ = 220 ms. The character delay time is the maximum time interval between the transmission of two succeeding characters.
5	16#05	RK512ERR_P3964ER R_QVZ	The acknowledgement delay time was exceeded. The other end sent an acknowledgement character (DLE = 10H) twice as the telegram was being handled. QVZ = 2 s. The first acknowledgement was expected at the start of the transmission. The output <code>ErrorState</code> when an error initially occurs is "Wait_DLE_TXstart". The cause might lie with a faulty physical connection or an incorrect interface parameter. The second acknowledgement is expected after the user data has been transmitted. If an error occurs, the <code>ErrorState</code> is "Wait_DLE_TXend". In this case the cause might, for instance, be data loss, data corruption or data bytes of a data word that have become swapped (see the <code>SwapWords</code> input).
6	16#06	RK512ERR_P3964ER R_WVZ	The repeat delay time was exceeded. WVZ = 4 s. A telegram is repeated if an error occurs. If the telegram is not repeated by the other device, the 3964R function block reports this error.
7	16#07	RK512ERR_P3964ER R_WRONGBCC	Checksum error during data reception. Each telegram is provided with a checksum. When the data is received, the calculated checksum is compared with the checksum that has been received.
9	16#09	RK512ERR_P3964ER R_COMERRTX	Interface error when transmitting
10	16#0A	RK512ERR_P3964ER R_COMERRRX	Interface error when receiving

No.	No. (hex)	Error constant	Description
11	16#0B	RK512ERR_P3964ERR_NOTXDATA	Parameterization error. The number of bytes that are to be sent, TxCount, is zero.
120	16#78	RK512ERR_P3964ERR_NAK	A telegram was refused by the other device with a negative acknowledgement (NAK). This error can occur in the following transmission states (ErrorState), amongst others:  Wait_DLE_TXstart: the local PLC begins a telegram with a start character. The other device refuses the telegram with NAK.  Wait_DLE_TXend: the other device refuses the telegram with NAK after the user data has been transmitted. In this case the cause can, for example, be a checksum error at the other device.
12	16#0C	RK512ERR_INVALIDDATA TYPE	Invalid data type A telegram has been received whose data type identifier is not supported. Only data blocks with the identifier 'D' can be handled.
16	16#10	RK512ERR_ERRORPROTOCOLHEADER	Faulty protocol header The header of a data telegram is not in accordance with the RK512 specification
20	16#14	RK512ERR_DBNOTAVAILABLE	Data block not available. A data block that is not available has been transmitted or requested. Data blocks that are accessed by the partner device must first be registered for this purpose with the DBconfig method.
22	16#16	RK512ERR_INVALIDCOMMAND	Invalid command A telegram with an invalid command identifier (SEND / FETCH) has been received.
52	16#34	RK512ERR_INVALIDSIZE	Invalid length quoted Either the DbSize or the NrOfBytes parameter is invalid, or a data telegram that is too long has been received.
53	16#35	RK512ERR_INVALIDDATAADDRESS	Invalid data block address The data block address DbAdr is invalid.
54	16#36	RK512ERR_SYNCERROR	Synchronization error A synchronization error can occur if both communication partners start to transmit at the same time.
257	16#101	RK512ERR_TIMEOUT	Timeout on the RK512 telegram level An expected reaction telegram has not been received within the waiting time TREA.
258	16#102	RK512ERR_ERRORINREACTIONTELEGRAM	Error in the reaction telegram An error was reported in the communication partner's reaction telegram. The error number can be read from the additional error information in AUX.
259	16#103	RK512ERR_INVALIDLENGTHINREACTIONTELEGRAM	The communication partner's reaction telegram has an incorrect length
260	16#104	RK512ERR_TIMEOUTWHENREPEATINGSENDORFETCH	Timeout when transmitting In spite of a number of repetitions, a send or fetch telegram could not be transmitted.
261	16#105	RK512ERR_3964ERROR	Error on the 3964R protocol level Predictable errors on this level are not reported as a general RK512ERR_3964ERROR error, but with a detailed error number.

No.	No. (hex)	Error constant	Description
262	16#106	RK512ERR_3964NOT BUSYNOTREADY	The transmission of a telegram has been finished without having been successfully completed.

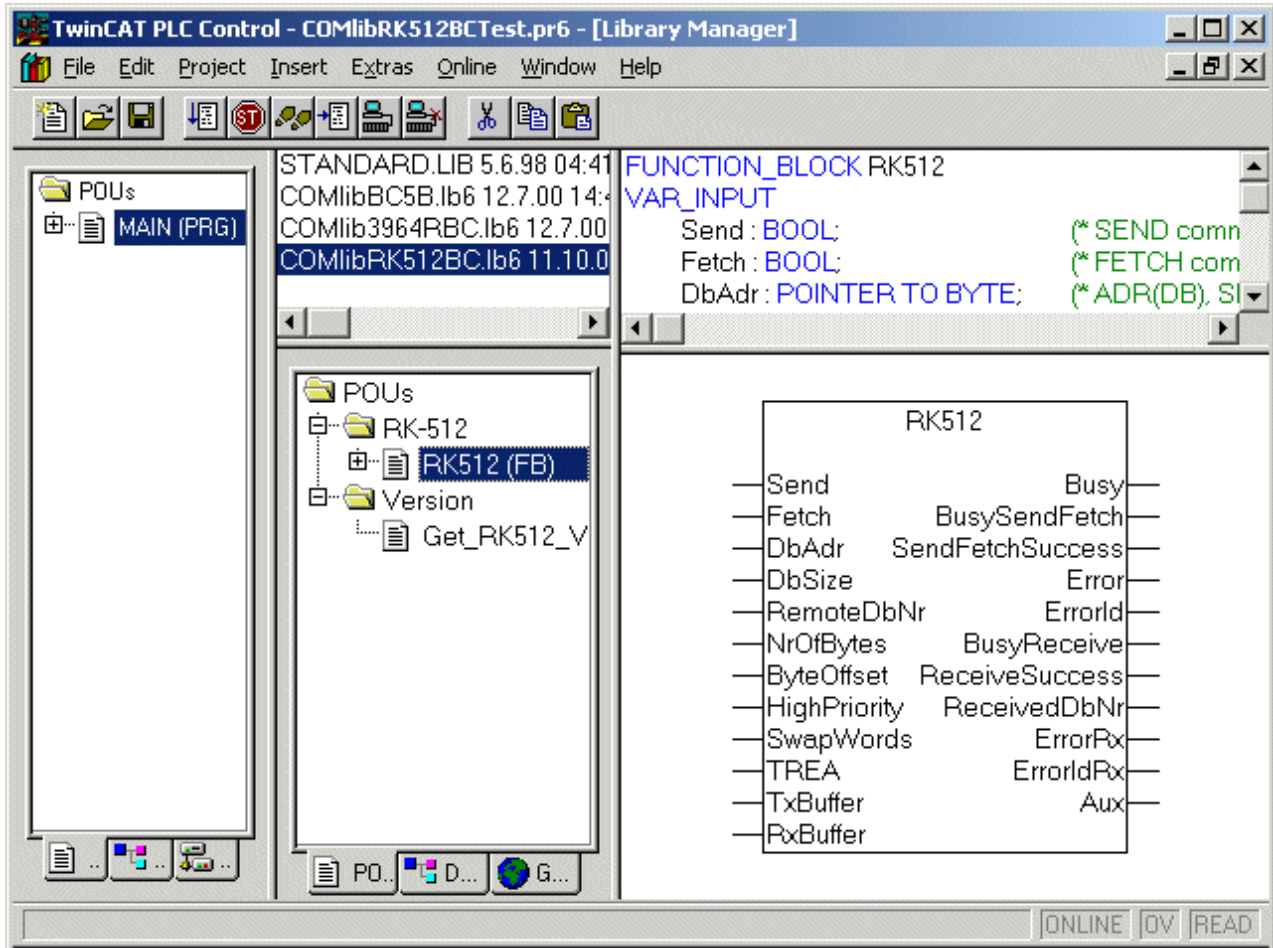


## 5 Linking into a PLC Program

### 5.1 Link Libraries

Create a new PLC project with TwinCAT PLC Control in order to perform the library linking.

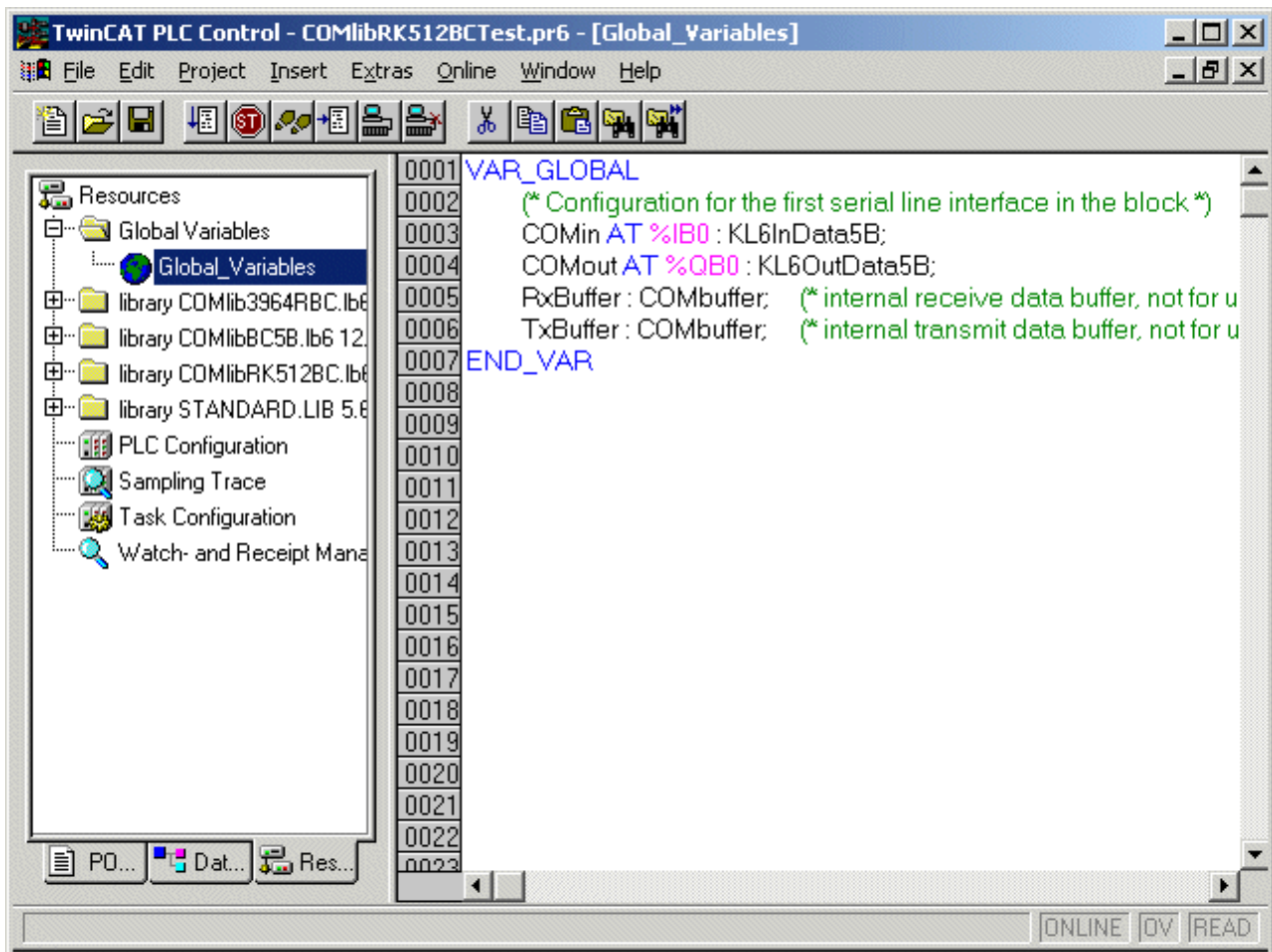
Go to Library Management and add the libraries ComLibBC5B.LIB, ComLib3964RBC.LIB and ComLibRK512BC.LIB.



### 5.2 Global Variable

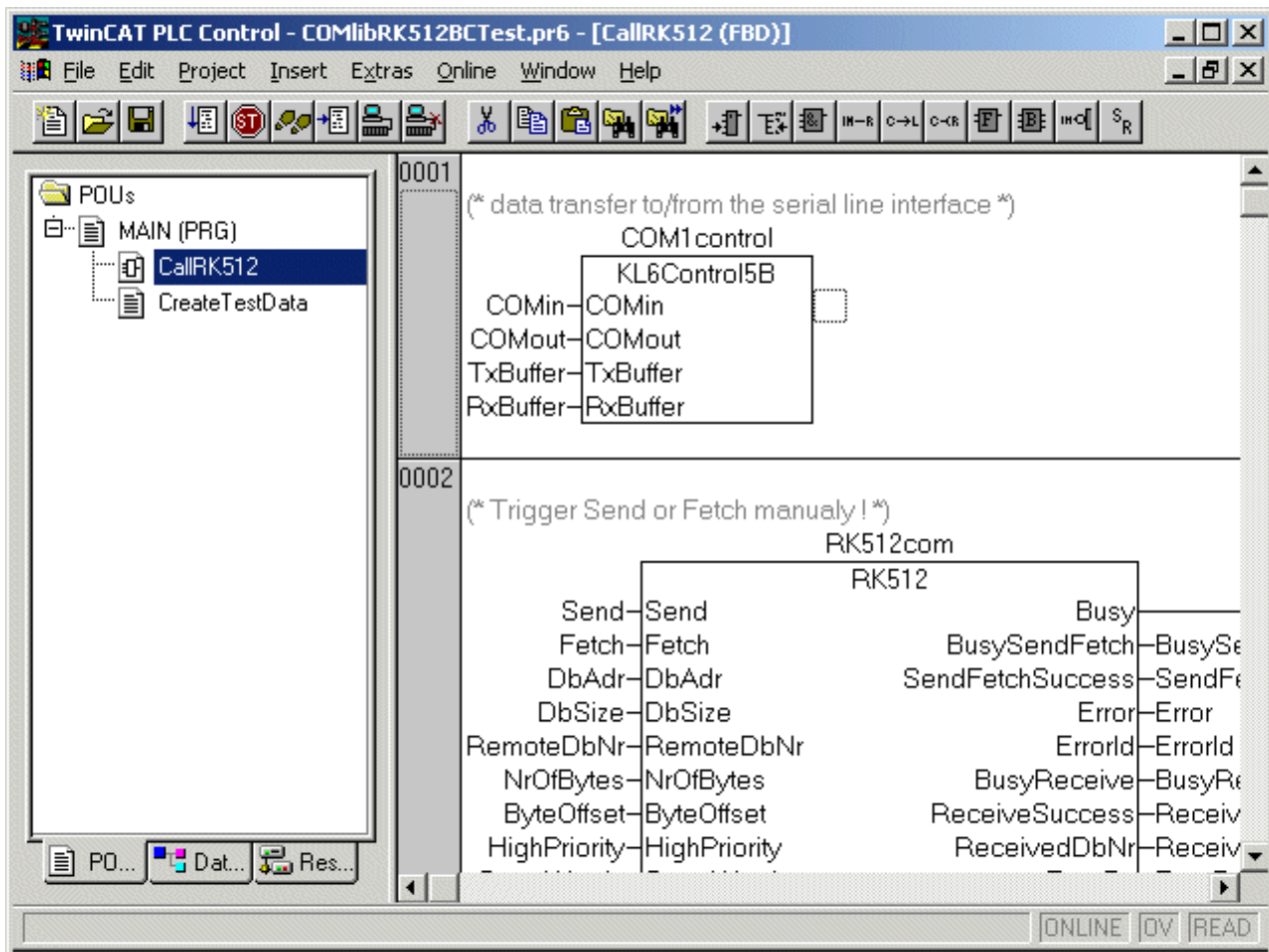
Four global data structures are needed to access a serial interface. Two provide the connection to the hardware in the send and receive directions. Two data buffers are also necessary for intermediate storage.

The data structures of type PcComInData or PcComOutData are linked with the hardware in the TwinCAT System Manager. Please read the corresponding chapter in the COMlibBC documentation in this regard.



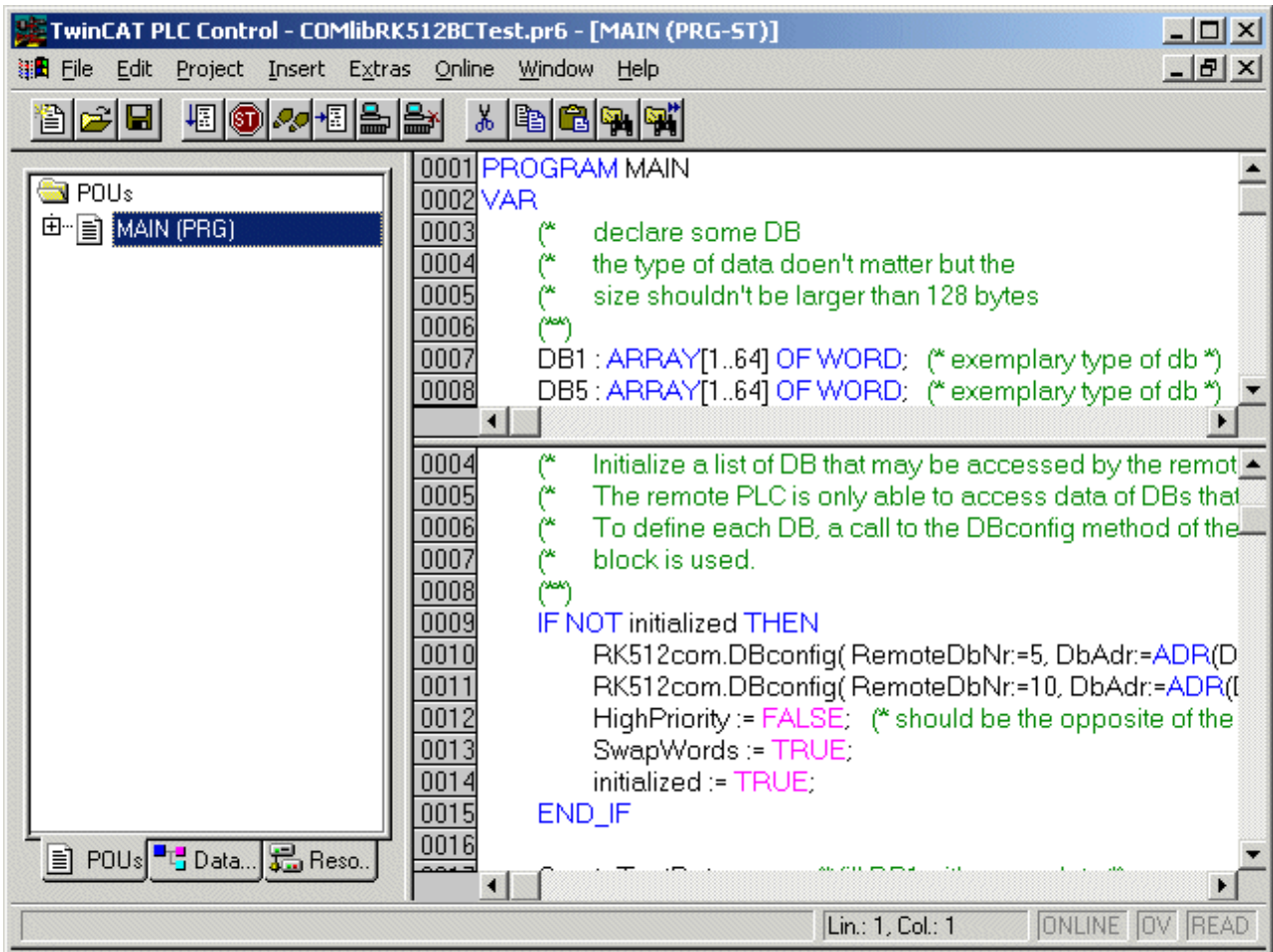
### 5.3 Background Communication

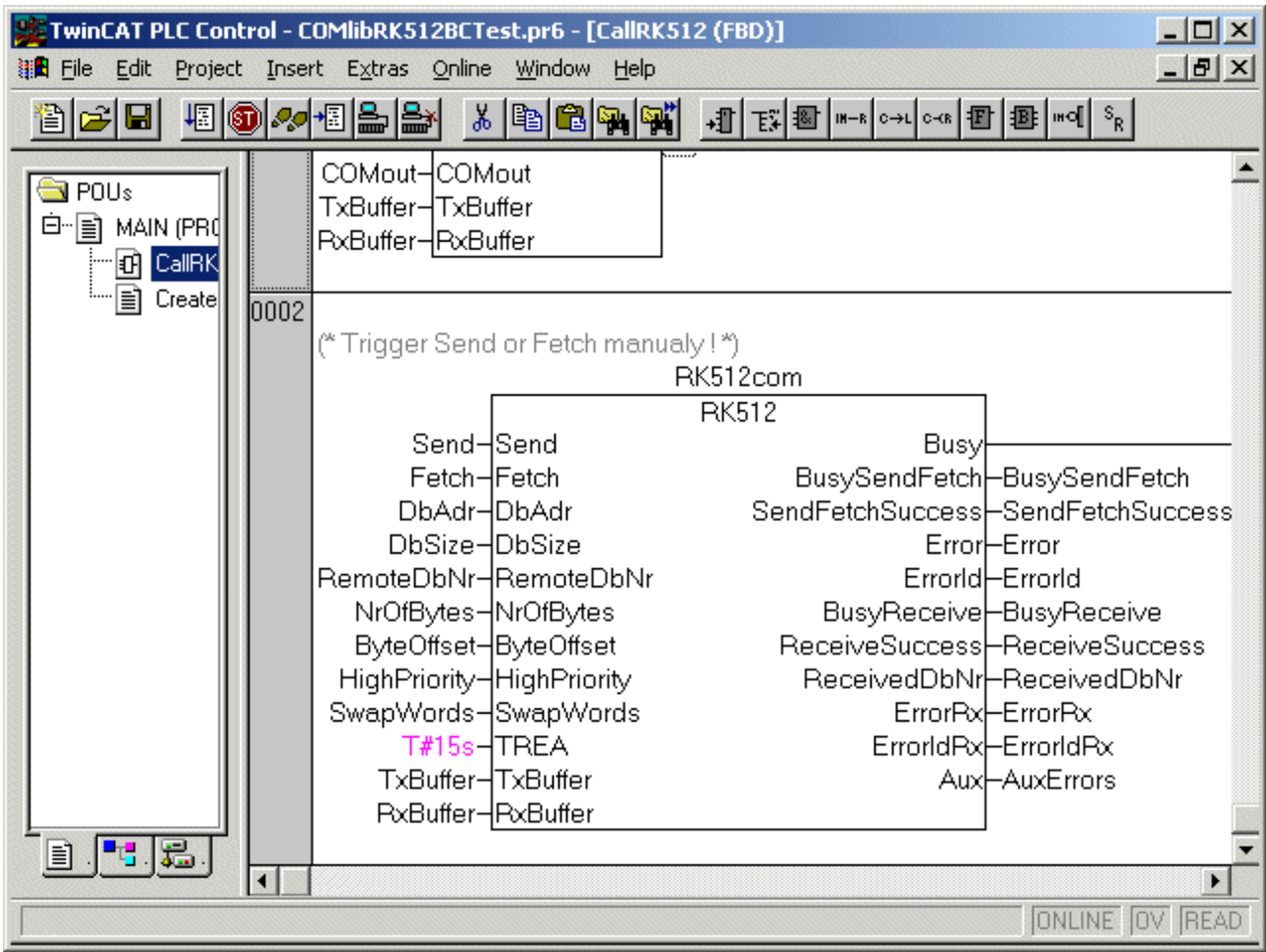
Communication between the serial hardware and the data buffer, which is of type ComBuffer, is handled by a separate function block. The general principles of this subject are described in the documentation for the [COMlibBC](#) communication library.



## 5.4 RK512 Protocol

The sample program defines three WORD arrays, in order to use them as data blocks. During initialization the data blocks 5 and 10 are registered for access by the communication partners by calling the DBconfig method. The function block RK512 behaves passively, and is ready to accept and to answer data telegrams from the partner device. The test program allows active sending or fetching of data to be initiated by writing to the *Send* or *Fetch* variables.







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