******Limitless automation with PLCnext Control**

PLCnext Control is Phoenix Contact's first open control platform product based on PLCnext Technology. The controller combines the robustness and security of a classic PLC with the openness and flexibility of the world of smart devices. With PLCnext Technology, Phoenix Contact is responding to the challenges of the world of IIoT and simplifying existing controller solutions. Automation projects can now be implemented without the limitations of proprietary systems.

As an enhancement to classical IEC 61131-compliant PLC programming, PLCnext Technology makes it possible to program controllers using high-level language ensuring PLC-typical real-time performance and data consistency for high-level languages and model-based code as well. Multiple developers can work independently in different programming languages and with the development tools they prefer. The result is significantly faster application development. Open source software and apps can also be incorporated into the system in a flexible way.

The new controller is adaptable and open to the application of future technologies. The expanded connectivity provided by open interfaces and a direct cloud connection give you more freedom of choice. In addition to its open design, PLCnext Control's high-performance CPU and large mass storage in a small housing make it a convincing alternative. This solution allows you to rethink automation as limits disappear and new possibilities for industrial automation come into view.

If you would like to learn more about the benefits of the first open controller, you will have an opportunity to do at the SPS IPC Drives 2017 in Nuremberg. Phoenix Contact will be presenting the first controller of the series to the professional community in Hall 9. A workshop area will be available at the trade fair booth, and anyone who is interested is invited to try out PLCnext Control and engage in an open conversation on today's requirements in areas such as integration, connectivity, and the performance of automation systems.

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