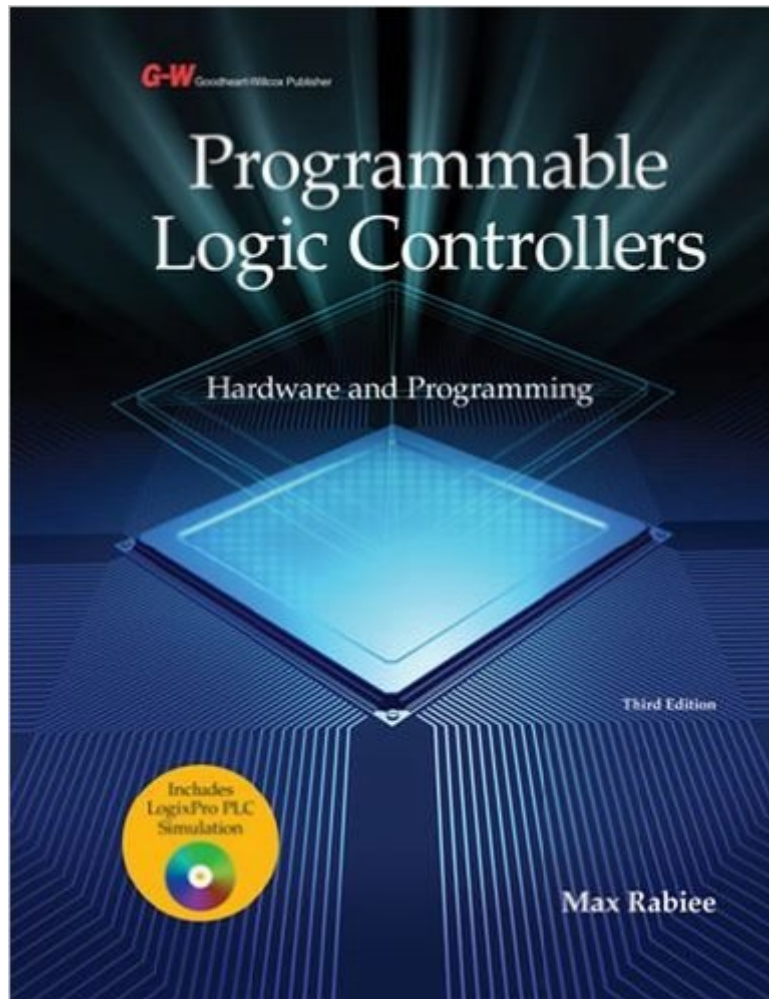


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# Programmable Logic Controllers: Hardware And Programming



## Synopsis

Programmable Logic Controllers begins by covering the hardware and architecture of the Allen-Bradley Small Logic Controller (SLC 500) series of PLCs. I/O devices and motor controls are also covered as well as commonly used number systems, such as binary and BCD. PLC programming is introduced by reviewing and creating examples of relay ladder diagrams. In the following chapter, students are given guidelines and examples for creating PLC ladder diagrams based on relay ladder diagrams. Throughout the rest of the textbook, the most common PLC functions are presented, and practical examples are given based on the Allen-Bradley RSLogix programming software. The Laboratory Manual provides LogixPro activities that help students practice and hone their PLC programming skills. Included in the textbook is a CD-ROM containing LogixPro simulation software. The software allows students to practice and develop their programming skills when and where they want. LogixPro is not a replacement for RSLogix, nor is there support for file exchange or communication with actual Allen-Bradley products. LogixPro provides a complete software-based training solution, eliminating the need for expensive PLC equipment.

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the book is ok. If you need it for a class though and need the logix pro program, mine came with a cd with the full license on it. No trial cd, the full one. The book is ok teaching about plc's. If it's not required for a class though, get a different one.

This book is great if you know absolutely nothing about PLCs or programming them. It's often used in high school CTE classes or in vocational programs at community colleges. The LogixPro CD that comes with it is nice, because it's almost impossible to get access to actual industrial vendors' proprietary software, and the LogixPro emulates Allen Bradley's RMS Logix software to some extent. However, even if you're working on your own outside of a class, you will pretty quickly outgrow this basic entry level book. And the LogixPro software is also available directly from the company that supplies it for only \$45 as well. So I highly recommend it as your first toe to dip in the water of PLCs, but don't think that what's in this book is everything. The most basic stuff is covered well, and that's usually really beginner stuff that's assumed that you know in most other books. But you will definitely need further study in other books to make yourself employable as a PLC tech. And if you already know a little somethin' about PLCs, you probably already know everything in this book.

Very good book. Although it says it often uses Allen-Bradley SLC500 series, this is actually a general textbook that doesn't really depend on any specific PLC product. This book is similar to Petruzella's book. Both books are excellent. I don't really have strong preference on any of those two. Both books have clear explanations, many figures, and many programming examples. I like Rabiee more, because the physical size of book is smaller.

There is a fair amount of useful information in this book for beginners but there are several typos in the book as well. Most all of the ladder logic and relay logic diagrams are drawn wrong and will not work in typical PLCs. Also there are many chapter review questions that are not covered in the chapter which is being reviewed. I would recommend the author hire a technical editor and proof reader prior to publishing another edition of this book. This book is definitely not worth its price.

This book is good for one who wants to know what is PLC, how it works and how to design / program it. PLC's specialties are you do not need to design hardware ( circuit board ) and program it in assembly or C when you use it for most engineering control projects. What you need to do is to understand its graphical ( ladder ) design language which is much easier to learn and use. Thus, you can save a lot of time in hardware/software development and only choose a suitable PLC device according to your control requirements and program it to do what you want it to do. I like this book because I feel it is good for beginner, even designer. But I also think the book can be even better if it

can be written in little more detailed each time when a new concept / functionality is introduced. The attached CD is helpful for reader to fully understand the book and build skill for real, complex designs.

I know I am going out on a limb here, but, since I didn't have the money for the class, I thought I would take a chance on the text book and the lab manual. I am glad I did. Max does a great job of keeping his explanations simple and easy to understand the principle he is trying to explain. Great book. I am now saving to take the class.

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