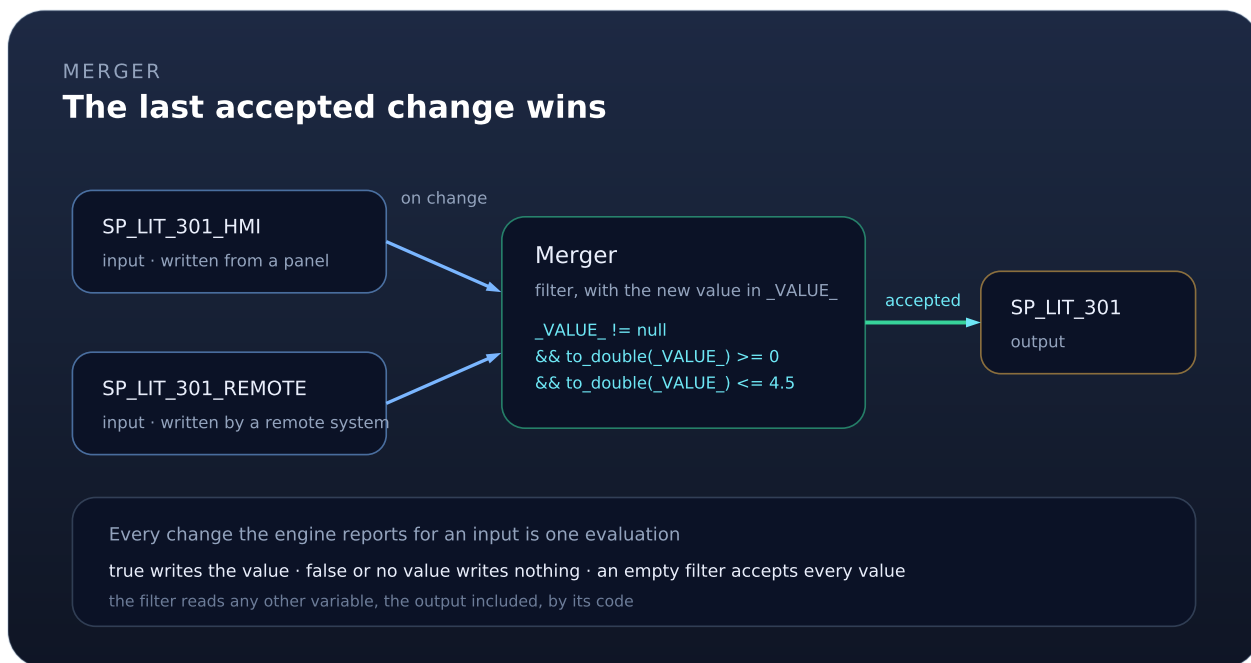


Logic Modules

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Some modules never talk to the outside world. They work on the variables inside an instance, doing what a formula cannot. This guide covers them: what each one is for, how to configure it, and what to watch out for.

Module	What it does	Typical use
Merger	Writes to one output the value of whichever input changed last, when a filter accepts it	A setpoint written from several places; redundant meters; the latest of several messages

Merger

A formula recomputes from all of the variables it reads whenever one of them changes, but it never learns which one changed. "Take the value of whichever input changed last" therefore cannot be written as a formula. The `MERGER` module does exactly that: the engine tells it which of its inputs changed, it asks its filter about the new value, and when the filter accepts it, the value is written to the output.

Key	Setting	Type	Default	Meaning
<code>inputs</code>	Inputs	variable codes, separated by commas	empty	The variables whose changes the merger takes
<code>filter</code>	Filter	expression	empty	An expression that decides whether a change is taken. Empty means every change is taken
<code>output</code>	Output	variable code	empty	The variable that receives the accepted values



A merger also has the settings every module has: whether it is enabled, its name, and its status and message variables. They are described once, in [Settings every module shares](#).

The filter

While the filter runs, the new value of the input that changed is available as `_VALUE_`. Every other variable is read by its own code, the output included, so a filter can compare the new value with the current output or depend on a mode variable.

The filter returns	What happens
<code>true</code>	The value is written to the output
<code>false</code> , or no value	Nothing is written
Anything else	Nothing is written, and a warning is logged
An error	Nothing is written, and a warning is logged

A filter that reads a variable which has never held a value fails, as a formula would. Give such a variable an initial value.

Rules

- **Every change is evaluated.** Each change the engine reports for an input runs the filter once. A Modbus slave that rewrites a register with the value it already held is reported too; writing that same value to the output changes nothing further.
- **The last accepted change wins.** Changes are handled on the thread that reports them. Two inputs that change at the same instant from different sources, for example a panel and a Modbus poll, may reach the output in either order.
- **Nothing is written at start.** The output keeps its value (persistent or initial) until the first accepted change.
- **The output keeps its type.** An accepted value is converted to the output's declared type. A value that cannot be converted is not written, and a warning names it.
- **Only the inputs run the merger.** A change to a variable the filter reads, but which is not an input, does not run it.

Messages

A merger reports its problems the way every module does: through its status variable and its three message variables — see [Status and messages](#). A problem is written once and rewritten only when its text changes, and the next notification handled cleanly clears it. All texts are in English; the full list is in [Module Messages](#).

When	Level	Text
Start: the merger does not run	ERROR	No inputs
	ERROR	No output
	ERROR	Input {input} is not a variable
	ERROR	Output {output} is not a variable
	ERROR	Filter does not compile: {reason}
Start: the merger runs	WARNING	Variable {name} has the name of the bound value, so the filter cannot read it
	WARNING	Input {input} ({from}) cannot be assigned to output {output} ({to})
While running	WARNING	Filter failed for {input}: {reason}
	WARNING	Filter returned {type}, not a boolean
	WARNING	Output {output} refused {value}: {reason}
	WARNING	Writing output {output} failed: {reason}
	WARNING	Notification failed: processing {input}: {reason}

{name} is always `_VALUE_`, the name the filter reads the new value by: the warning means a variable of that name exists.
 {from} and {to} are the input's and the output's types.

A merger that cannot run never stops the engine: the other modules start as usual.

Warning

A merger has no loop protection. A loop that writes the same value back ends by itself, because an unchanged value goes no further. A loop that changes the value on the way, such as a formula `SP + 1` feeding one of the merger's own inputs, never ends. Check that the output does not lead back to an input.

Also keep in mind:

- **Renaming.** When an import renames variables, the inputs, the output and the names the filter reads follow the rename. A code written inside quotes in the filter, such as `"SP_LIT_301_HMI"`, is text and is not renamed.
- **List inputs.** Use inputs that hold single values. A Modbus slave's register bank is one list that the slave changes in place, so once written to the output, the output holds that same list. Read the register you need through a formula, such as `HR[0]`, and use the formula as the input.

Example. A level setpoint written from a panel and by a remote system, taken only when it is within the tank's limits:

```
Inputs  SP_LIT_301_HMI, SP_LIT_301_REMOTE
Filter  _VALUE_ != null && to_double(_VALUE_) >= 0 && to_double(_VALUE_) <= 4.5
Output  SP_LIT_301
```

Writing 2.0 from the panel sets `SP_LIT_301` to 2.0. A remote 5.0 is out of range and changes nothing; a remote 3.5 then sets it to 3.5.

Example. Two redundant flow meters, keeping only plausible readings:

```
Inputs    FIT_501_A, FIT_501_B
Filter    _VALUE_ != null && to_double(_VALUE_) >= 0 && to_double(_VALUE_) < 500
Output    FIT_501
```

Example. The latest error from several modules, ignoring a message that was cleared:

```
Inputs    PLC1_ERROR, OPCUA_ERROR, PUSH_ERROR
Filter    _VALUE_ != null && _VALUE_ != ""
Output    LAST_MODULE_ERROR
```

Example. A pump command from a local switch or from the SCADA, through the OPC UA server, where the last one given wins:

```
Inputs    CMD_LOCAL, CMD_SCADA
Filter    (empty)
Output    CMD_PUMP_1
```

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