

8 | Bar Code

This chapter provides a basic explanation of the operation of the "Bar Code" on the GP-Pro EX.

Please read For more information, see “8.1 Settings Menu” on page 8-2., and skip to the required explanations.

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8.1 Settings Menu

Barcode readers are one of the most widespread ID system for books, CDs, information devices, etc.

You can use a bar code reader with the COM1 or USB interface supplied with the GP series main unit.

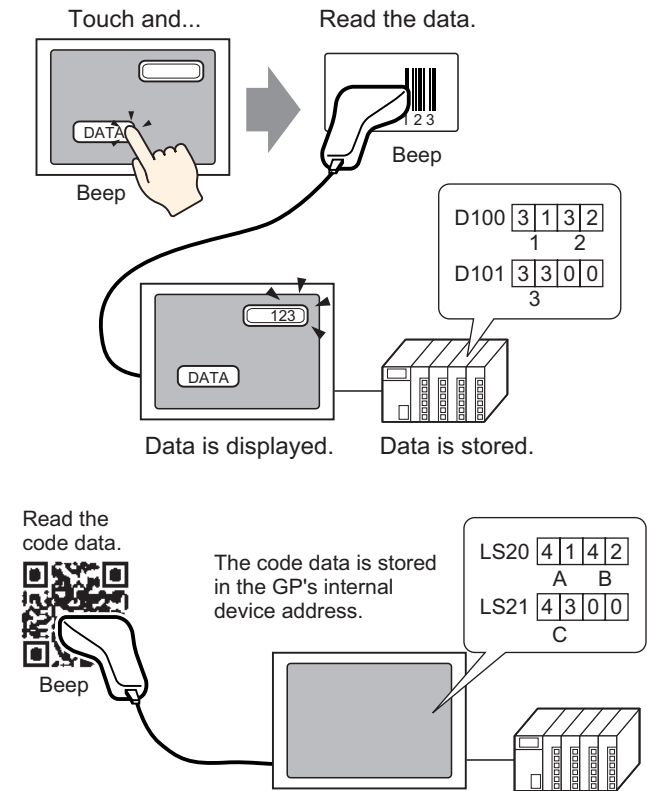
NOTE

- One bar code reader can be connected to each the COM1 and USB port, but when connecting two bar code readers at the same time and storing the code data in the Data Display parts or the internal device from both bar codes, the system may not work properly. Set the Data Display part to one bar code reader and the internal device to the other as a storage location.
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Connecting a Barcode/Two-dimensional Code Reader

The code data read from a bar code/two-dimensional code reader can be stored in a device/PLC's device address using Data Display parts or can be stored in the GP's Internal Device address.

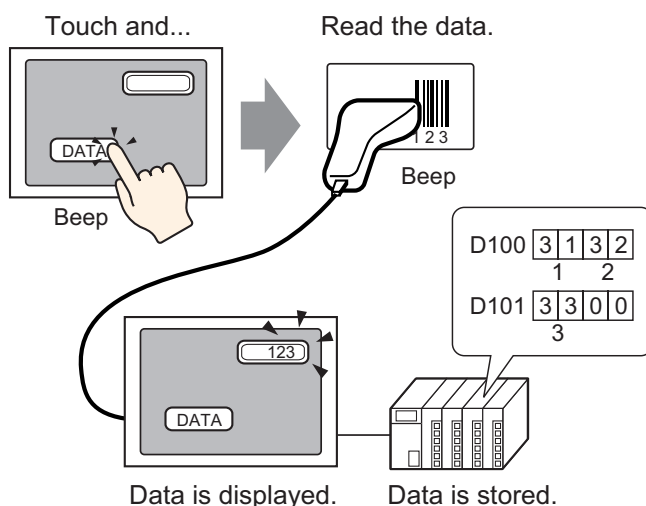
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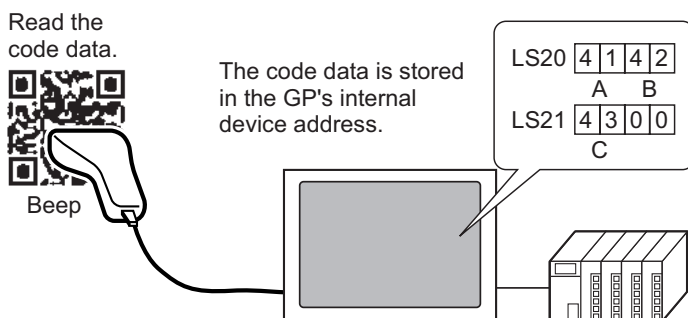
8.2 Connecting a Barcode/Two-dimensional Code Reader

8.2.1 Introduction

The code data read from a bar code reader can be stored in a device/PLC's device address using Data Display parts or can be stored in the GP's internal device address.



The code data read from a two-dimensional code reader can be stored in a device/PLC's device address through data display parts or can be stored in the GP's internal device address.



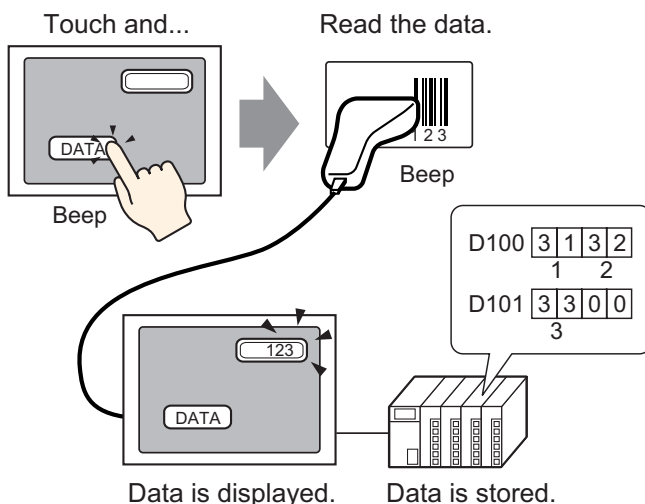
8.2.2 Setup Procedure

■ Barcode

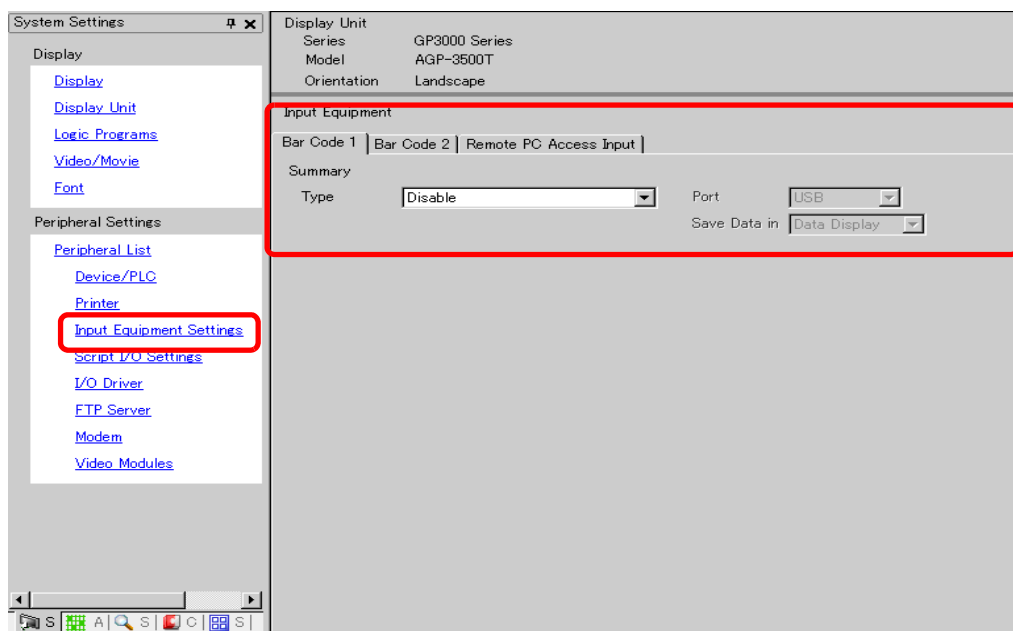
NOTE

- For more details, refer to the settings guide.
- ☞ For more information, see “14.11 Data Display Settings Guide” on page 14-42.
- ☞ For more information, see “8.4.1 [Input Equipment Settings] Settings Guide” on page 8-21.

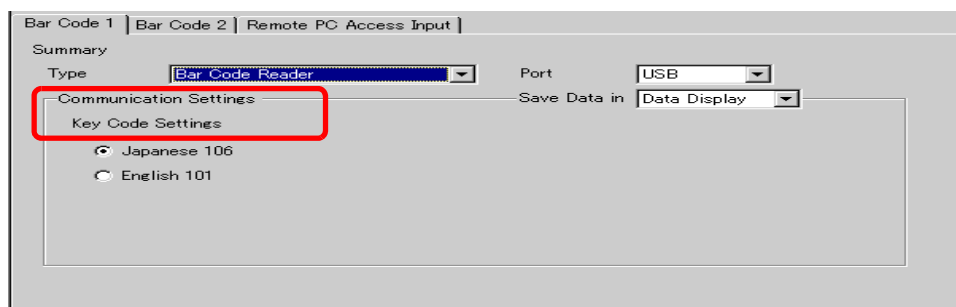
Configure settings to display the code data read from a bar code reader in Data Display parts and store it starting from the device/PLC's D100 address.



1. From the [Project (F)] menu, point to [System Settings (C)] or click  and click the [Input Equipment Settings] in [System Settings]. The [Input Equipment Settings] screen appears.



2. From the [Type] drop-down list, select [Bar Code Reader].



3. In the [Port] drop-down list, select the port to which you want to connect.

The screenshot shows the 'Bar Code 1' tab of the GP-Pro EX configuration window. The 'Summary' section has 'Type' set to 'Bar Code Reader'. The 'Port' dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box and shows 'COM1' selected, with a red warning icon to its right. Below this, the 'Communication Settings' section is visible, showing 'Speed' at 9600, 'Data Length' at 8 Bit, 'Parity' at None, 'Stop Bit' at 1 Bit, 'Flow Control' at RTS/CTS, and '5V Power Supply' at Disable. The 'Save Data in' dropdown is set to 'Data Display'.

NOTE

- If the port is also used for other devices/PLCs,  is displayed to the right of the [Port].

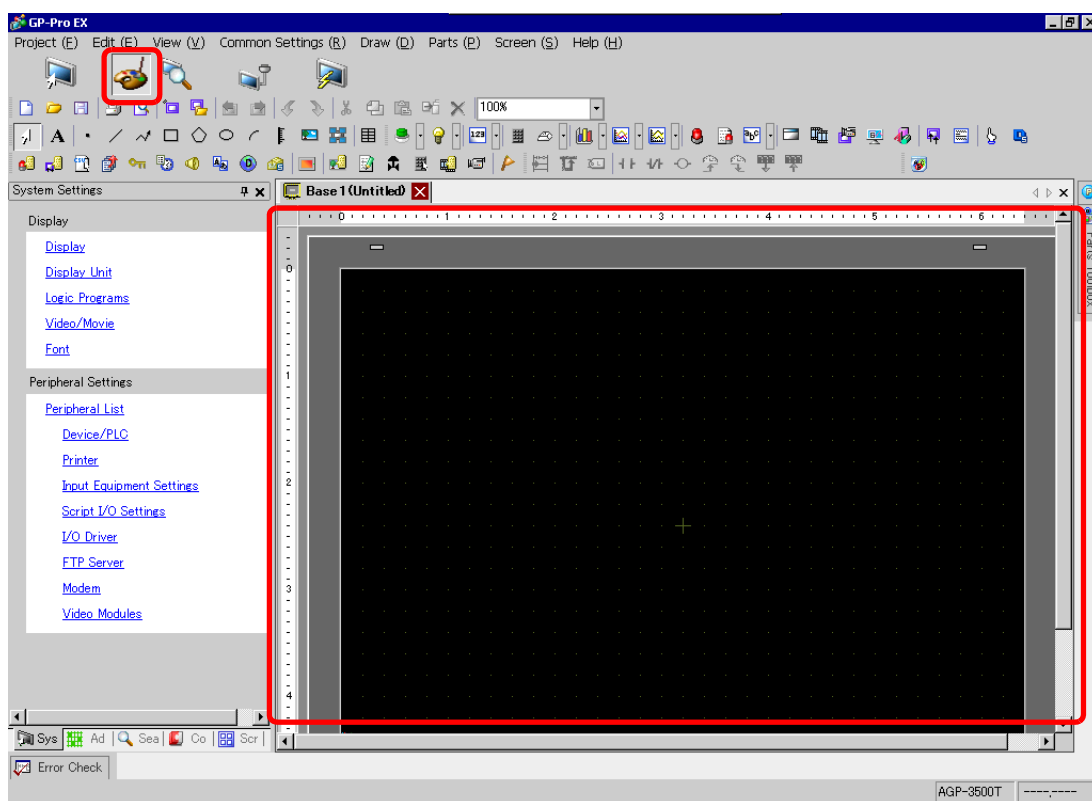
4. In [Communication Settings], set each option.

This screenshot focuses on the 'Communication Settings' section of the configuration window. It shows the following settings: 'Speed' is 9600; 'Data Length' is 8 Bit; 'Parity' is None; 'Stop Bit' is 1 Bit; 'Flow Control' is RTS/CTS; and '5V Power Supply' is Disable. The 'Save Data in' dropdown is set to 'Data Display'.

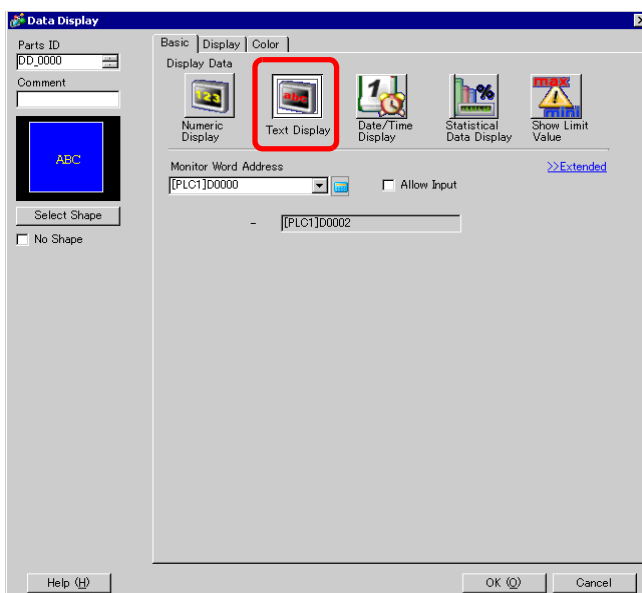
5. From the [Save Data In] drop-down list, select a data storage location. The settings to communicate with the bar code are complete.

This screenshot shows the full configuration window with the 'Save Data in' dropdown highlighted by a red box. It is set to 'Data Display'. The 'Port' dropdown is also highlighted with a red box and shows a warning icon. All other settings from the previous steps are visible and unchanged.

- Set the Data Display part to display the data read from the bar code. Click  to display the following editing screen.

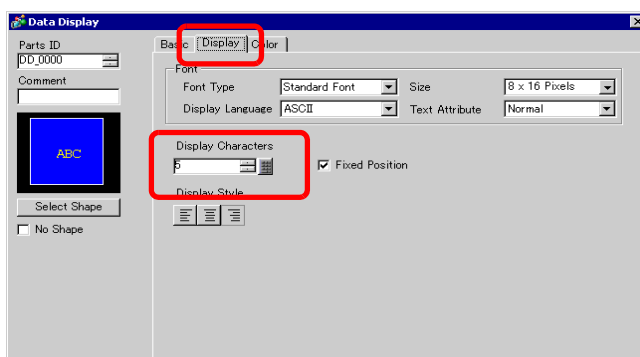


- From the [Parts (P)] menu, point to [Data Display (D)] and select [Text Display (S)], or click  to place a Data Display part on the screen.
- Click the Data Display Part and the following dialog box appears. Click [Text Display (S)].

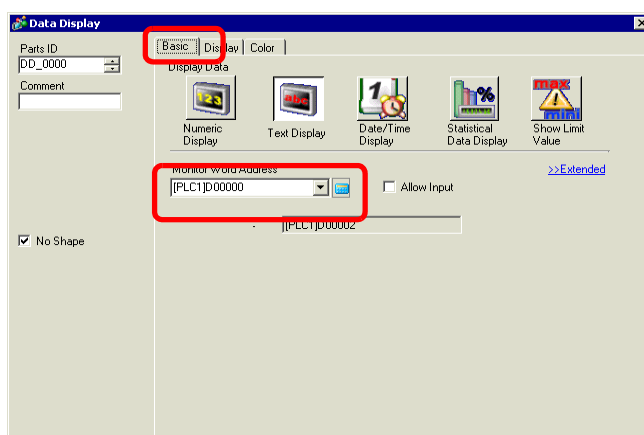


- Click the [Select Shape] button. Select the Data Display shape.

- Click the [Display] tab. In the [Display Characters] field, set the value from 1 to 100 for the number of single-byte characters. For double-byte characters, when the number of display characters is two, it corresponds to one double-byte character.

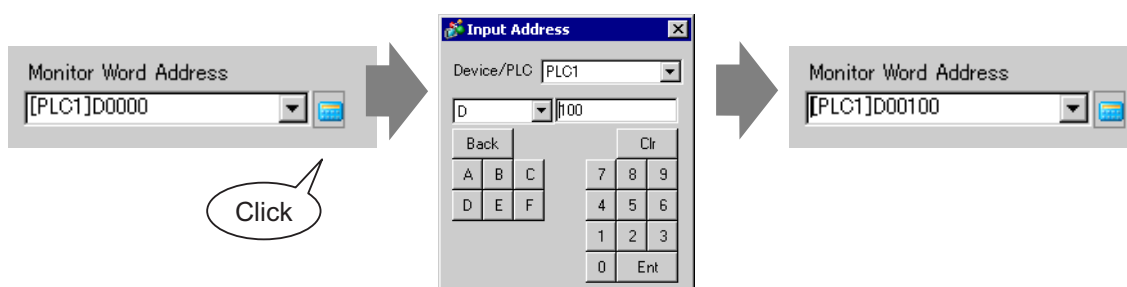


- Click the [Basic] tab. In the [Monitor Word Address] field, set the address for where the value read from a bar code reader is stored.

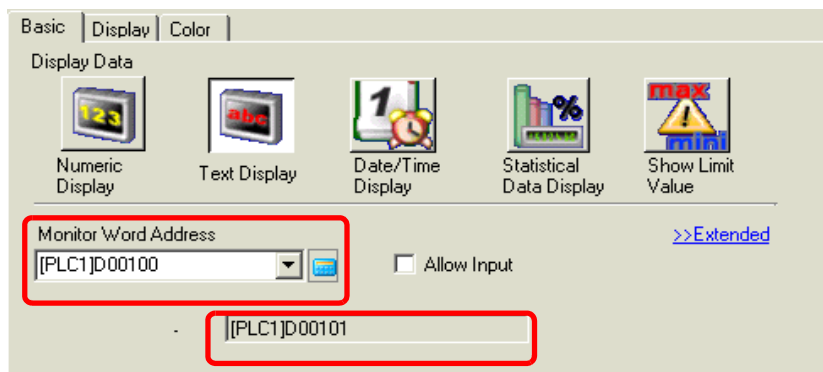


Click the icon to display an address input keypad.

Select device "D", input "100" as the address, and press the "Ent" key.



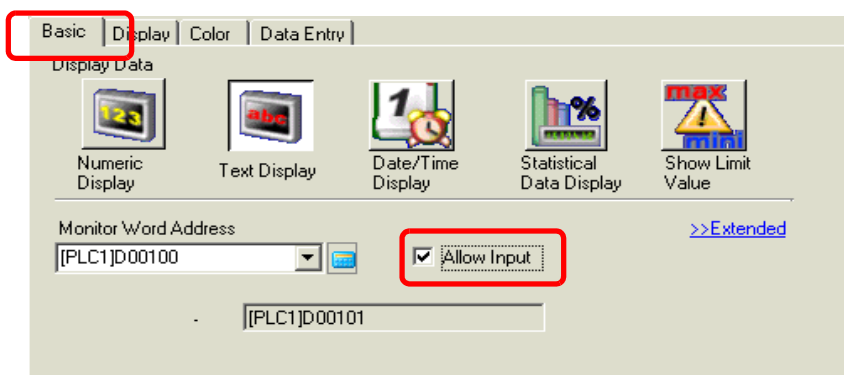
12. The address from the [Monitor Word Address] is displayed.



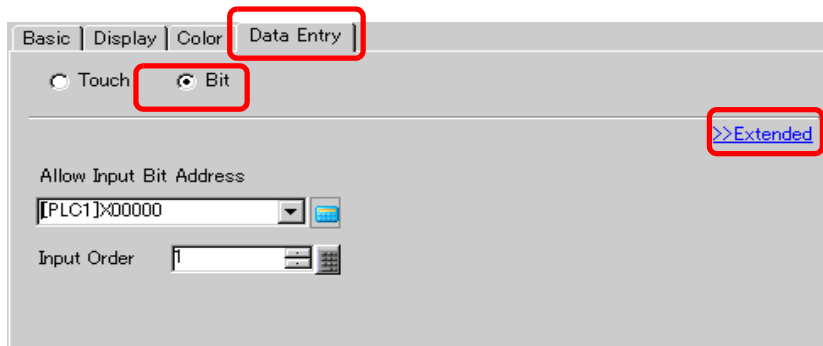
NOTE

- One word is used for two single-byte alphanumeric characters or for one double-byte character. In the above example, two words will be used because "3" single-byte characters are set to the [Display Characters] in Step 10.

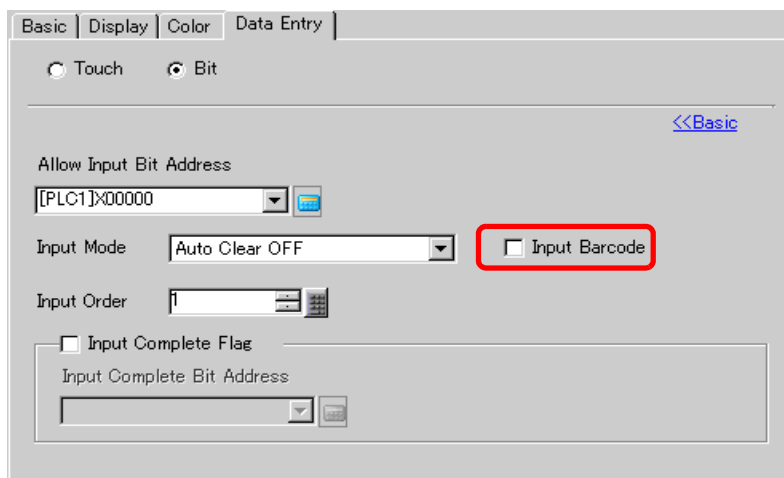
13. To allow text data input, select the [Allow Input] check box.



14. Click the [Data Entry] tab, select [Bit] for the input method, and click [Extended].

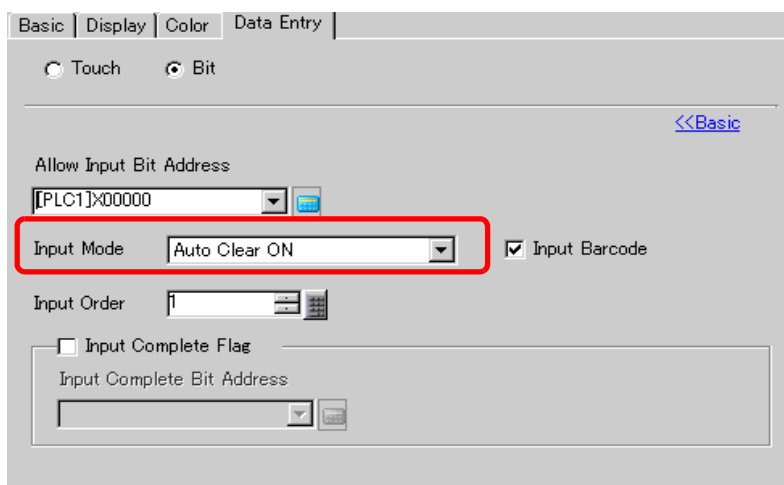


15. Select the [Input Barcode] check box.



The screenshot shows the 'Data Entry' tab of the GP-Pro EX software interface. The 'Bit' radio button is selected. The 'Allow Input Bit Address' field is set to '[PLC1]X00000'. The 'Input Mode' dropdown is set to 'Auto Clear OFF'. The 'Input Barcode' checkbox is highlighted with a red box and is currently unchecked. The 'Input Order' field is set to '1'. The 'Input Complete Flag' checkbox is unchecked, and the 'Input Complete Bit Address' field is empty. A '<<Basic' link is visible in the top right corner.

16. From the [Input Mode] drop-down list, select the processing method to overwrite the read code data.



The screenshot shows the 'Data Entry' tab of the GP-Pro EX software interface. The 'Input Barcode' checkbox is now checked. The 'Input Mode' dropdown is highlighted with a red box and is set to 'Auto Clear ON'. The 'Input Order' field is set to '1'. The 'Input Complete Flag' checkbox is unchecked, and the 'Input Complete Bit Address' field is empty. A '<<Basic' link is visible in the top right corner.

17. If necessary, set the Data Display part's color in the [Color] tab or text in the [Display] tab, and click [OK].

NOTE

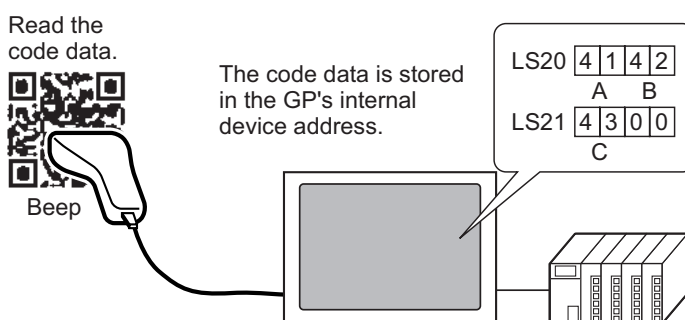
- You have to set the bit switch to permit input for Data Display parts.
- ☞ For more information, see “11.3 Inverting a Bit ON/OFF” on page 11-6.
- One bar code reader can be connected to each the COM1 and USB port, but when connecting two bar code readers at the same time and storing the code data in the Data Display parts or the internal device from both bar codes, the system may not work properly. Set the Data Display part to one bar code reader and the internal device to the other as a storage location.
- If [Input Barcode] is not set in the [Data Entry] tab for the Data Display part, the read code data is not written to the Data Display part.
- If the number of the read code data exceeds the [Display Characters] set for a Data Display part, the data cannot be properly displayed on the Data Display part. The maximum number of display characters that can be set in a Data Display part is 100 (single-byte) characters.

■ Two-dimensional Code Reader

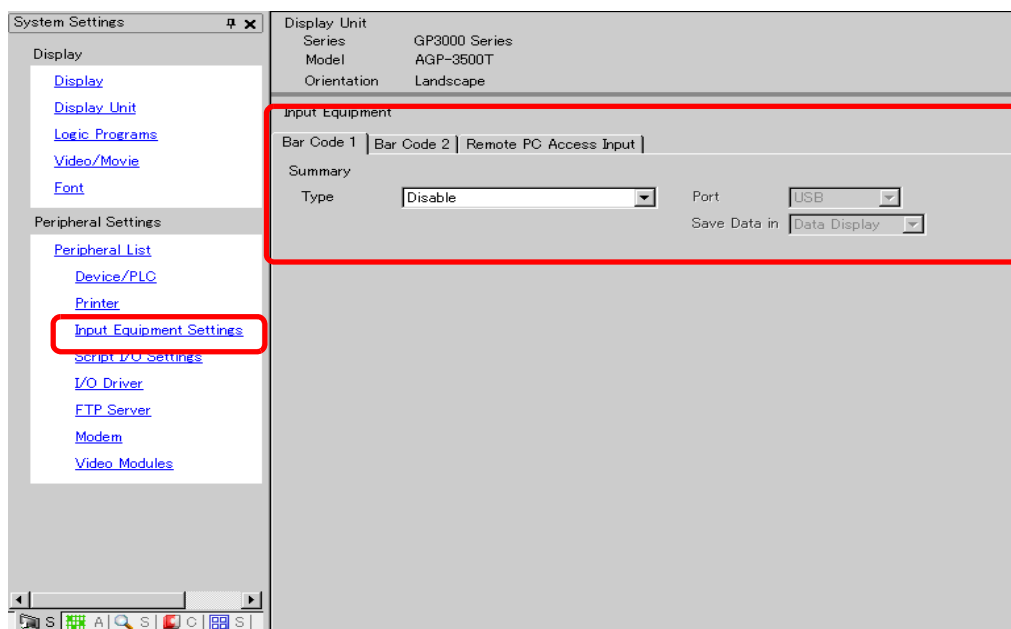
Configure settings to store the code data read from a two-dimensional code reader from LS20 in the GP.

NOTE

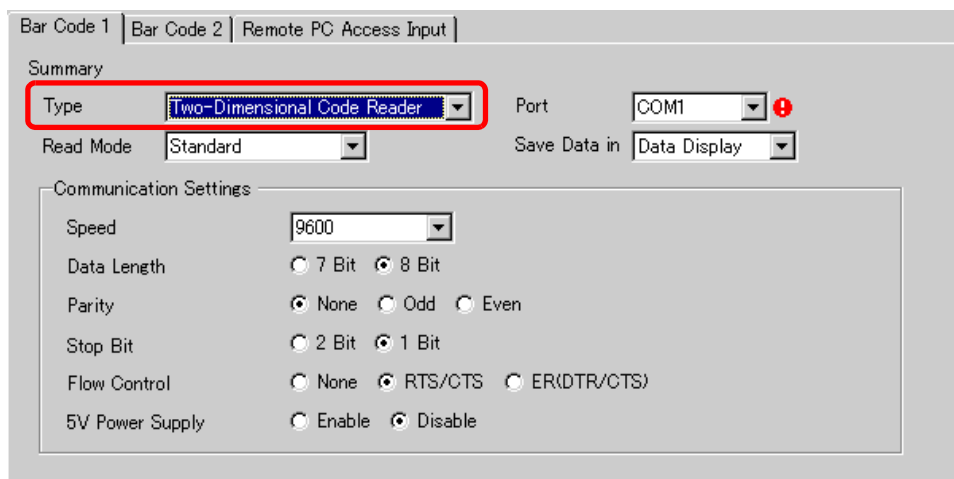
- For more details, refer to the settings guide.
- ☞ For more information, see “8.4.1 [Input Equipment Settings] Settings Guide” on page 8-21.



1. From the [Project (F)] menu, point to [System Settings (C)] or click  , and click the [Input Equipment Settings] in [System Settings]. The [Input Equipment Settings] screen appears.



2. From the [Type] drop-down list, select [Two-dimensional Code Reader].



3. In the [Port] drop-down list, select the port to which you want to connect.

Bar Code 1 | Bar Code 2 | Remote PC Access Input |

Summary

Type: Two-Dimensional Code Reader

Read Mode: Standard

Port: COM1

Save Data in: Data Display

Communication Settings

Speed: 9600

Data Length: ☐ 7 Bit ☒ 8 Bit

Parity: ☒ None ☐ Odd ☐ Even

Stop Bit: ☐ 2 Bit ☒ 1 Bit

Flow Control: ☐ None ☒ RTS/CTS ☐ ER(DTR/CTS)

5V Power Supply: ☐ Enable ☒ Disable

NOTE

- If the port is also used for other devices/PLCs,  is displayed to the right of the [Port].
- A two-dimensional code reader can be set only to COM1.

4. Set the [Read Mode].

Bar Code 1 | Bar Code 2 | Remote PC Access Input |

Summary

Type: Two-Dimensional Code Reader

Read Mode: Standard

Port: COM1

Save Data in: Data Display

Communication Settings

Speed: 9600

Data Length: ☐ 7 Bit ☒ 8 Bit

Parity: ☒ None ☐ Odd ☐ Even

Stop Bit: ☐ 2 Bit ☒ 1 Bit

Flow Control: ☐ None ☒ RTS/CTS ☐ ER(DTR/CTS)

5V Power Supply: ☐ Enable ☒ Disable

5. In [Communication Settings], set each option.

The screenshot shows the 'Bar Code 1' tab of the GP-Pro EX configuration window. The 'Summary' section has 'Type' set to 'Two-Dimensional Code Reader', 'Port' set to 'COM1' (with a red warning icon), 'Read Mode' set to 'Standard', and 'Save Data in' set to 'Data Display'. The 'Communication Settings' section is highlighted with a red rectangular box. It contains the following options:

- Speed: 9600
- Data Length: ☐ 7 Bit ☒ 8 Bit
- Parity: ☒ None ☐ Odd ☐ Even
- Stop Bit: ☐ 2 Bit ☒ 1 Bit
- Flow Control: ☐ None ☒ RTS/CTS ☐ ER(DTR/CTS)
- 5V Power Supply: ☐ Enable ☒ Disable

6. From the [Save Data in] drop-down list, select a data storage location.

The screenshot shows the same GP-Pro EX configuration window. The 'Port' dropdown is now set to 'COM1' and is highlighted with a red rectangular box. The 'Save Data in' dropdown is now set to 'Internal Device'. The 'Communication Settings' section remains visible below. The 'Internal Device Settings' section is now visible at the bottom, showing 'Internal Device Storage Start Address' set to '[#INTERNAL]LS0020' with a 'Extended' link to its right.

- From the [Internal Device Storage Start Address] drop-down list, set the data storage internal device's start address.

Bar Code 1 | Bar Code 2 | Remote PC Access Input

Summary

Type: Two-Dimensional Code Reader Port: COM1

Read Mode: Standard Save Data in: Internal Device

Communication Settings

Speed: 9600

Data Length: ☐ 7 Bit ☒ 8 Bit

Parity: ☒ None ☐ Odd ☐ Even

Stop Bit: ☐ 2 Bit ☒ 1 Bit

Flow Control: ☐ None ☒ RTS/CTS ☐ ER(DTR/CTS)

5V Power Supply: ☐ Enable ☒ Disable

Internal Device Settings

Internal Device Storage Start Address: [#INTERNAL]LS0020 [Extended](#)

Click the icon to display an address input keypad.



Input Address

Device/PLC: #INTERNAL

LS 20

Back Ctr

7	8	9
4	5	6
1	2	3
0	Ent	

Select the device "LS", input "20" in the address, and press the "Ent" key.

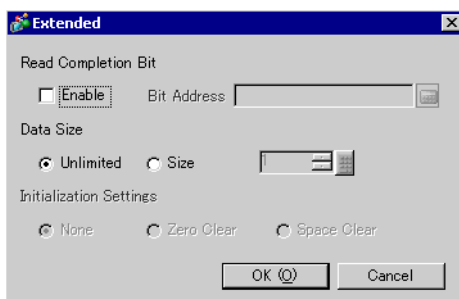


Internal Device Storage Start Address: [#INTERNAL]LS0020

NOTE

- For the internal device's address setting range, refer to “8.3 Structure ■ Storing Code Data in the GP Internal Device Address ◆ The Range of Internal Device Addresses” (page 8-20).

8. Click [Extended] to configure the [Read Completion Bit], [Data Size] and [Initialization Settings].



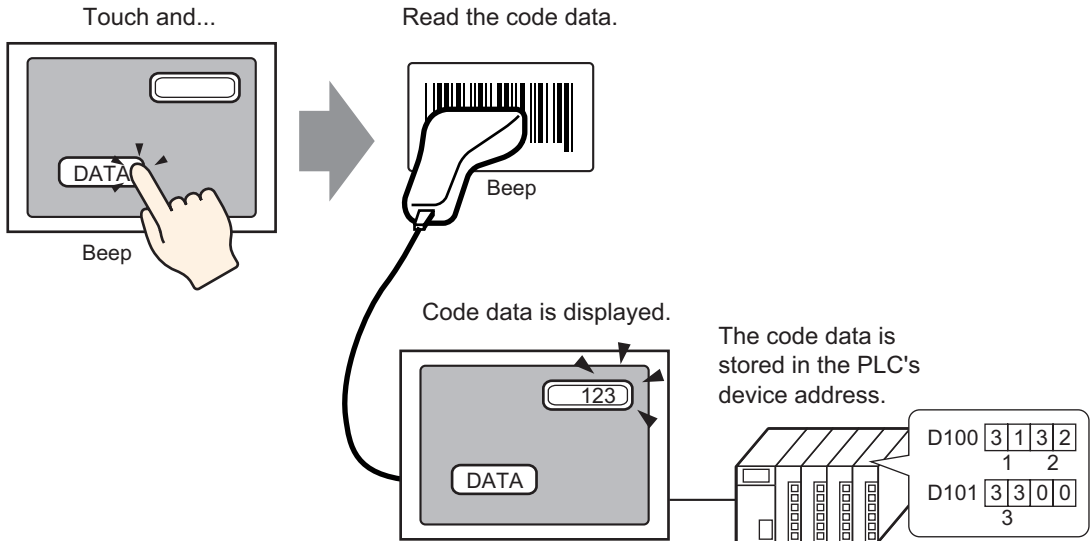
NOTE

- When [Read Completion Bit] is not set, when data is read continuously the data gets overwritten.
 - If [Read Completion Bit] is set, turn OFF the [Read Completion Bit] when input is complete. If the bit is not set to OFF, the GP cannot read the next code data.
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8.3 Structure

■ Storing Code Data in the Connected Device's Address

You can store the data read from the bar code in the Display Part [Monitor Word Address] field.

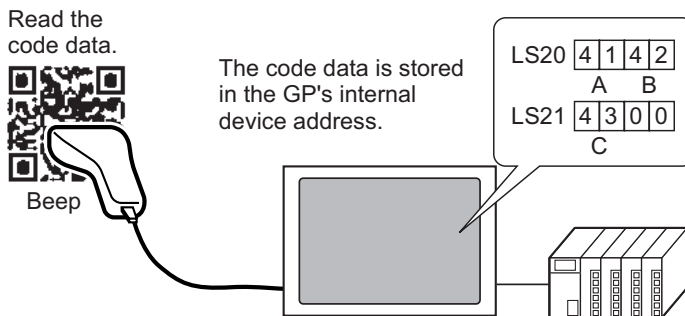


NOTE

- If [Input Barcode] in [Allow Input] has not been set for the data display parts, the data display parts cannot be written even though the code data is read.

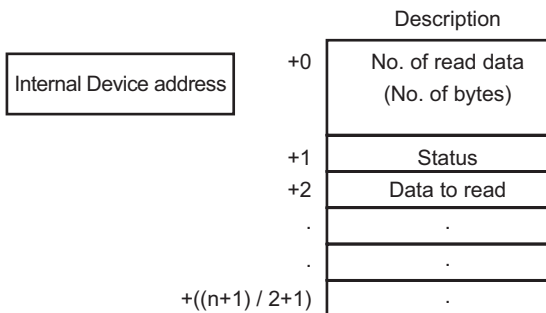
■ Storing Code Data in the GP Internal Device Address

Sets the [Internal Device Storage Start Address] and stores the bar code data.



◆ Internal Device Storage Start Address

The bar code data is stored in the [Internal Device Storage Start Address] in the following order.



Number of Read Data (Number of Bytes) : The number of bytes to read.

Status : If the data is not read normally or is not written to the internal device address, an error code is stored.

Error Contents

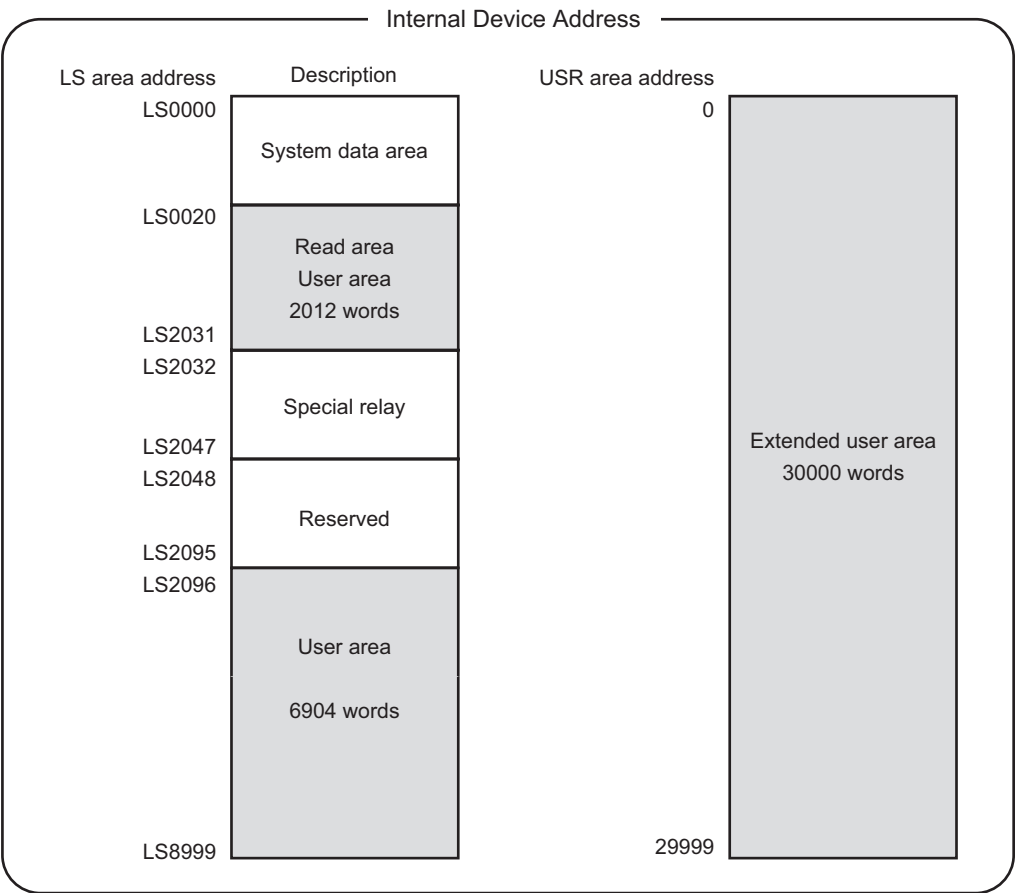
0000h	-
0001h	Read normally.
0002h	Code data read error. Not stored in internal device address.
0003h	Received code data exceeding the maximum number of bytes. The bytes of code data set in the [Extended] - [Data Size] - [Assigned Size], in this case the read completion bit address (when Yes is set) turns ON. The portion of data exceeding the range is not written to the internal device address.

NOTE

- The read two-dimensional code data is stored according to the [Text Data Mode] set in the GP.

☞ “5.14.6 [System Settings] Setting Guide ■ [Device/PLC] Setting Guide” (page 5-140)

◆ The Range of Internal Device Addresses



NOTE

- If the data size is out of range, the data within the shaded range is written to the internal device address. However, the status is 0003h (Received code data exceeding the maximum number of bytes allowed for LS storage).

8.4 Settings Guide

8.4.1 [Input Equipment Settings] Settings Guide

Input Equipment

Bar Code 1

Bar Code 2

Remote PC Access Input

Summary

Type

Disable

Port

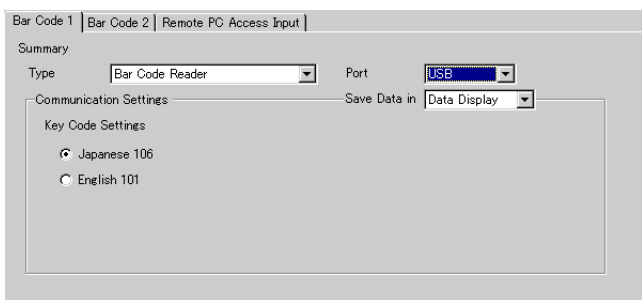
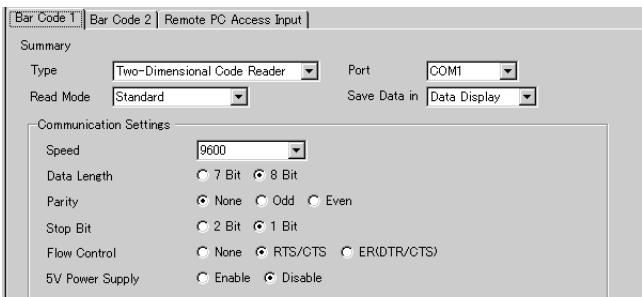
USB

Save Data in

Data Display

Setting			Description
Type			Select the bar code type to connect. • Disable Select when a bar code reader is not in use. • Bar Code Reader Select when using a bar code reader. • Two-Dimensional Code Reader Select when using a two-dimensional code reader.
Disable			Select when a bar code/two-dimensional code reader is not in use. Bar Code 1 Bar Code 2 Remote PC Access Input Summary Type Disable Port USB Save Data in Data Display
Bar Code Reader			Select when using a bar code reader.
Port			Select the port to connect from [COM1] or [USB].
COM1			Select when connecting to COM1. Bar Code 1 Bar Code 2 Remote PC Access Input Summary Type Bar Code Reader Port COM1 Save Data in Data Display Communication Settings Speed 9600 Data Length ☒ 7 Bit ☒ 8 Bit Parity ☒ None ☐ Odd ☐ Even Stop Bit ☐ 2 Bit ☒ 1 Bit Flow Control ☐ None ☒ RTS/CTS ☐ ER(DTR/CTS) 5V Power Supply ☐ Enable ☒ Disable

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Setting				Description	
Type	Bar Code Reader	Port	COM1	Communication Settings	Configure communication settings.
				Speed	Select the communication speed: [2400], [4800], [9600], [19200], [38400], [57600], or [115200].
				Data Length	Choose the communication data length: [7 bit] or [8 bit].
				Parity	Select the communication parity bit: [Even], [Odd] or [None].
				Stop Bit	Choose the communication stop bit length: [1 bit] or [2 bit].
				Flow Control	Select the communication control method: [None], [RTS/CTS Control], or [ER(DTR/CTS) Control].
				5V Power Supply	Designate whether or not to set the 5V power supply.
		USB		Select this when connecting to the USB port.	
					
			Communication Settings	Configure communication settings.	
			Key Code Settings	Select the text type that the barcode reader reads: [Japanese 106 Keypad] or [English 101 Keypad].	
Two-dimensional Code Reader		Select when using a two-dimensional code reader.			
	Port		Set the port to which to connect the bar code reader. A two-dimensional code reader can only use COM1.		
		COM1	Select when connecting to COM1.		
					

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Setting					Description											
Type	Two-dimensional code reader	Port	COM1	Communication Settings	Configure communication settings.											
				Speed	Select the communication speed: [2400], [4800], [9600], [19200], [38400], [57600], or [115200].											
				Data Length	Choose the communication data length: [7 bit] or [8 bit].											
				Parity Bit	Select the communication parity bit: [Even], [Odd] or [None].											
				Stop Bit	Choose the communication stop bit length: [1 bit] or [2 bit].											
				Flow Control	Select the communication control method: [None], [RTS/CTS Control], or [ER(DTR/CTS) Control].											
				5V Power Supply	Designate whether or not to set the 5V power supply.											
		Read Mode			Select the read mode. - Standard <table><tr><td>Code Data</td><td>Terminator (CR)</td></tr></table> In [Standard] mode, binary data cannot be handled. In this mode, two-dimensional code readers from other manufacturers can read data using the above setting. - DENSO <table><tr><td>Header</td><td>Code Mark</td><td>No. of Digits (4 bytes)</td><td>Code Data</td><td>Terminator</td><td>BCC</td></tr></table> STX (Fixed) Has code Has code — CR (Fixed) Has code In [DENSO] mode, binary data can be handled. But in this case, the above communication format needs to be set to a two-dimensional code reader as well. - Tohken <table><tr><td>Header</td><td>Code Data</td><td>Terminator</td></tr></table> STX (Fixed) — CR+LF (Fixed) In [Tohken] mode, the above communication format needs to be set to a two-dimensional code reader as well. Binary data cannot be handled in [Tohken] mode. Unlike DENSO's, the Tohken code reader does not check the number of digits or BBC and determines that the code data ends at the CR+LF code in the code data.	Code Data	Terminator (CR)	Header	Code Mark	No. of Digits (4 bytes)	Code Data	Terminator	BCC	Header	Code Data	Terminator
		Code Data	Terminator (CR)													
		Header	Code Mark	No. of Digits (4 bytes)	Code Data	Terminator	BCC									
Header	Code Data	Terminator														
Save Data in			Select the read code data storage location.													
Data Display			Stores the data in the [Monitor Word Address] set on the Data Display part. Save Data in Data Display													

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Setting		Description	
Save Data In	Internal Device	Store the data in the Internal Device Address. Save Data in Internal Device	
	Internal Display	Configure settings to store the read code data in the internal device. Internal Device Settings Internal Device Storage Start Address [#INTERNAL]LS0020 Extended	
	Internal Device Storage Start Address	Set the internal device address to store the read code data.	
	Extended	Extended Read Completion Bit ☐ Enable Bit Address Data Size ☒ Unlimited ☐ Size Initialization Settings ☒ None ☐ Zero Clear ☐ Space Clear OK (O) Cancel	
	Read Completion Bit	Enable	Designate whether or not to turn ON the read completion bit address if the entire data has been written to the internal device address. NOTE When [Read Completion Bit] is not set, the data is overwritten if read continuously.
		Bit Address	Set the read completion bit address. NOTE - Set this bit to OFF when input is complete. The GP will not read the next data code without turning the read completion bit OFF. - The bar code/two-dimensional code's read timing and the [Read Completion Bit Address]'s action are as follows: Barcode/ two-dimensional code read Write to Internal Device Address Read Completion Bit ON OFF GP turns ON. Turn OFF with PLC. ○ =GP turns ON. ◇ =Return the bit to OFF.

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Setting					Description
Save Data In	Internal Device	Internal Display	Extended	DataSize	Unlimited
					Set the code data size stored in the internal device address at read time to unlimited. NOTE If the read code data exceeds the enabled area, the excess data will not be written.
Save Data In	Internal Device	Internal Display	Extended	DataSize	Specified Size
					Set the code data size stored in the internal device address at the read time from 1 to 9,999. NOTE If the read code data exceeds the [Specified Size], the excess data will not be written to the internal device address.

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8.5 Restrictions

- If the [Save Data in] is set to [Internal Device] and [Read Completion Bit] is set, turn OFF the [Read Completion Bit] when input is complete. The GP will not read code data without turning the read completion bit OFF.
- When the [Parity] is [None] and the communication speed settings for the bar code reader are different from those of the GP, the system may read invalid data because it cannot detect errors. Use the same communication settings for both the devices.
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- If switching between screens while entering data, the switching process takes priority and the data being input is ignored.
- If [Input Barcode] is not set in the [Data Entry] tab for the Data Display part, the read code data is not written to the Data Display part.
- If the number of the read code data exceeds the [Display Characters] set for a Data Display part, the data cannot be properly displayed on the Data Display part. The maximum number of display characters that can be set in a Data Display part is 100 (single-byte) characters.
- One bar code reader can be connected to each the COM1 and USB port, but when connecting two bar code readers at the same time and storing the code data in the Data Display parts or the internal device from both bar codes, the system may not work properly. Set the Data Display part to one bar code reader and the internal device to the other as a storage location.

