

Configuring Data Variables for an M580 BMEH58•040 Hot Standby Application

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Introduction

BMEH58•040 Hot Standby CPUs support the following data attributes:

Attribute	CPU	
	BMEH582040 / BMEH584040	BMEH586040
Exchange On STBY	X	X
Retain	–	X
X: Supports the attribute.		
–: Does not include the attribute, because all data is retained.		

For information on how to use the Unity Pro **Data Editor**, and display the **Retain** and **Exchange On STBY** attributes, refer to the [Unity Pro Operating Modes](#) manual.

Retain

The BMEH586040 Hot Standby CPU presents the **Retain** variable attribute. This attribute determines whether the variable value will persist after a warm start of the CPU. If the attribute is:

- Selected: Variable data persists and is applied to the variable after a warm start.
- De-selected: Variable data is lost after a warm start; the variable value is reset.

NOTE: In the event of a cold start of the CPU, both retained and non-retained data is reset.

The amount of [maximum configurable retained data](#) varies, depending on the CPU.

The **Retain** variable attribute is editable only for the BMEH586040 CPU. It is pre-selected and read-only for the BMEH582040 and BMEH584040 CPUs.

For the BMEH586040 CPU, you cannot edit the **Retain** attribute for a variable that existed at CPU start-up. When a variable is created online as part of a CCOTF change, you can edit the **Retain** attribute, which remains modifiable until the first build change is performed.

NOTE: The amount of retained data is presented as saved data in the **Memory Usage** window.

Exchange On STBY

Before each scan in a Hot Standby system, the primary Hot Standby CPU exchanges data with the standby CPU. It exchanges only that data with the **Exchange On STBY** attribute set to **YES**.

NOTE:

- When a reference is initialized inside the **Data Editor**, the initialization variable needs to be part of the same task as the reference. Otherwise, a detected error message will be included in the **Output Window** when the project is analyzed.
- The **Exchange On STBY** attribute is not editable for all variables.

You cannot edit the **Exchange On STBY** attribute for a variable that existed at CPU start-up. When a variable is created online as part of a CCOTF change, you can edit the **Exchange On STBY** attribute, which remains modifiable until the first build change is performed.

The amount of [maximum configurable Hot Standby transfer data](#) varies, depending on the CPU.

Each variable that is included in the Hot Standby exchange also presents a read-only **Task** attribute. The setting of the **Task** attribute is auto-generated by Unity Pro for each variable included in the Hot Standby exchange.