

# How to get process data onto your desktop: or Connectivity for your analog devices with a glimpse of the future: The Industrial Internet of Things IIoT

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#### Where are we today?

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#### Where are we today?

- Lots of analog sensors and switches
  - Thermocouples/RTDs
  - Pressure transmitters
  - Flow meters
  - Level transmitters
  - Humidity/moisture sensors
- Rugged, conditioned industrial outputs
  - 4-20mA
  - 0-5V
  - Modbus







#### Where are we today?

- If you already have a DCS or a Fieldbus, you'd be looking at the data on your desktop HMI
  - Profibus
  - Foundation Fieldbus
  - Ethernet/IP



• But, you're tuned in here because you don't



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#### Where are we today?

- PCs are 30-35 years old now
- But PCs don't natively handle process (analog or switch) data.
- Stumbling blocks
  - It isn't USB or Ethernet
  - No universal protocol to interpret the USB or Ethernet data
  - Software package needed to interpret/display the data
  - A driver needed to let software talk to the device





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#### Where are we today?

- You sit at your desktop and want to see what's happening in the process or to get an alarm when the switch trips
- How can you get process data onto your desktop?





- From an article, OPC UA, seen through the eyes of users
  - by Randy Kondor, published 2009, OPC Foundation
- Since the 1990's, the industrial world benefitted from OPC DA
- OPC DA (now 'Classic OPC") revolutionized connectivity of instruments/controls-to-HMI software
  - OPC is an industrial Communications Specification (set of rules)
  - Client Server
    - HMI Software is an OPC client
    - Instruments/devices talk to an OPC server
    - OPC server talks to OPC server
  - Uses the Windows component, DCOM restricted to a Windows environment
    - For instance, an OPC server runs as a Windows service
    - Use of OPC tracked the spread of Windows PCs into the industrial world



- Who uses OPC DA?
  - Anyone running an HMI software program less than 15 years old.
  - OPC Foundation estimates that 80% of OPC end-users do not even know they're using it
  - Allen Bradley's communications program, RSLinx, is based on OPC
- By any measure extremely widespread and successful why?
  - Visible System integrators could talk to more devices more easily
  - Invisible Eliminated the need for "driver development" by the HMI vendors; OPC server vendors concentrate on connectivity on the low side
    - Analogous to Windows handling printer drivers, rather than each DOS application needing a custom printer driver
- 20 years later, OPC DA seems limited given evolution of PC, the internet and wireless communications (cell phone)



- 2010 or thereabouts OPC Foundation announces the successor: OPC UA (Unified Architecture)
- OPC UA is a total restructuring of OPC connectivity, not necessarily limited to higher end instrumentation/devices
  - Includes self-recognizing, auto-populating device-to-client operation
  - Includes 'analytics', whatever that means
- OPC UA is the kernel of Industrial Internet of Things
  - Abbreviated IoT or IIot



### What's the Industrial Internet of Things ?

• Painted as the True Panacea - all devices will be recognized and communicate with host software





### What's the Internet of Things ?

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- OPC UA will not be Windows dependent
  - means OPC UA will be able to be 'embedded' in non-Windows devices
  - O/S independent





### What's the Internet of Things ?

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- OPC DA is typically found between Level 2 & Level 3.
- OPC UA promises to exchange data between the Level 2/3 and the business (Level 4) network.





- OPC UA abandons Windows and is web services based
  - Upside O/S independence
  - Downside security
- "OPC UA is the Modbus of the new century"
  - Modbus is arguably the most widely used industrial communications protocol



#### What's the Internet of Things ?

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- Evolution of smart cell phone connectivity is pushing development of apps for remote monitoring of industrial devices
- OPC is not a replacement for low-level field device communication standards such as 4-20 mA, HART, PROFIBUS, or Foundation Fieldbus.





### What's the Internet of Things ?

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### What's the Industrial Internet of Things ?

In summary

- Up to now, a marketing promise (trust me . . .)
- OPC UA is coming.
- Our vendors tell us it's on the way
- But, to date, Lesman has one device wireless gateway with OPC UA
- Was it Xerox or IBM that in 1990 promised the "paperless office" by year 2000?
- Let's pause for a reality check
- Is it here yet? Not really
- Is it coming? Definitely



Data on the Desktop

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### Until OPC UA arrives . . .

- How do you get desktop connectivity now?
- "Data on the Desktop"
- Example Lesman's server room
- Servers are critical for our operation
  - Email
  - VOIP phones
  - Web orders
  - Internal: accounts receivable/payable; order entry, shipping
- Servers generate a lot of heat and do not like high ambient temperatures
- Need to know when A/C is compromised and take action
- What tells us?





#### Data on the Desktop

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#### Data on the desktop

- Hang a temp sensor
- Connect sensor to a web/email/text message-enabled alarm recorder
- Configure staged alarms
  - 77 Deg F
  - 78 Deg F
  - 79 Deg F
  - 80 Deg F
  - 81 Deg F
- On alarm sends email and text message







#### Data on my phone

• On alarm - sends email and text message





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#### Data on the desktop

• From a desktop: View the temperature trend







#### Data on the Desktop

• See how long the temperature excursion lasted







#### Data on the Desktop

- Change the setpoints if need be
  - Note the log-in for making changes

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#### Data on the Desktop

• What's it like doing it 'live'?





#### Data on the Desktop

- How usable is a system like this?
- Two parts to getting it working
  - Configuration
  - Networking
- Configuration
- Recorders are configured, not programmed
- Programming starts with a blank slate
  - Usually a separate Development software package
  - Programmer defines and codes everything all sequences, all operations, etc
  - Higher skill level, testing/debugging, requires a programmer to make changes
- Configuration is menu based & selecting a parameter from a set of choices



#### Blank slate programming

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#### **Blank Slate programming**

• Honeywell's Control Designer for HC-900 Process Automation Controller





#### Blank slate programming

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#### **Blank Slate programming**

• Honeywell's Control Designer uses Function Blocks

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#### Blank slate programming

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#### **Blank Slate programming**

• PLCs/HMIs/Wonderware packages use Structured Text:

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if result then functionString = "block_2";
else functionString = "block_3";
endif;
value = System.AppDomain.CurrentDomain.GetData("fResult");
'Use SortedList to pass multi-parameters
dim params as System.Collections.SortedList;
params = new System.Collections.SortedList();
'this parameter will be passed by value
params.Add("value",value);
'this parameter will be passed by reference
params.Add("myTable",myTable);
System.AppDomain.CurrentDomain.SetData("fParams",params);
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- Whether Structured Text or Function Block programming
  - Initial and *continuing cost* of development software
  - Skill level required for blank slate programming/editing
  - Changes are billed like lawyer fees



#### **Trendview Configuration**

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### **Compare to Trendview Configuration**

- Recorders are NOT programmed from a blank slate
- Recorders use Menus. Make a selection from choices, or enter a value



Example of a recorder menu path from the Main Menu to Pen Scale configuration with clear rapid navigation



#### **Trendview Configuration**

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### **Compare to Trendview Configuration**

- With menu driven configuration, a technician with a moderate skill set can
  - Install
  - Commission
  - Make incremental changes over time
- Handle it 'in-house'





#### Networking a recorder

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#### Networking a recorder

Requires some assistance from your IT guy

- Install software at a admin level
- User and group entries
- IP address, Gateway IP
- Routing between subnets
- Connect from your home PC requires VPN access from outside the plant





#### Variety of sizes and options

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### Variety of sizes and options

- Buy only what you need
  - Screen size
  - # of inputs
  - Case style
  - Options
    - Batch
    - Modbus Master





#### Why a recorder?

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#### Why a recorder?

- Super readability for charts
  - High contrast LCD
  - Rounded, even time divisions
  - Swap between three chart speeds
- Trend data AND digital data
- Alarm Annunciation and notification
- Consolidates multiple paper recorders
- Print to a USB printer
- Batch recording
- USB bar code reader
- Easy to get data out
- Archived data saved in a database, not zillions of files that are "high maintenance" file management
- Menu Configuration, not blank slate programming
- View recorder screen remotely "Data on the desktop"





#### Cellular Visibility

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#### Cellular visibility

- They hear you.
- It's coming
- Vendors are working on it
- Until it arrives, consider a networked recorder
- If the promises about OPC UA's universal connectivity are true, then the recorder will connect as easily as anything else; it won't be obsoleted
  - OPC does not eliminate the 'front end': the AI the sensors/transmitters connect to





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