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SCADA State of the Union

Where we've come from and where we're going

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Introductions



Venezuela, 2001



Mexico, 2004



Egypt, 2008

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SCADA in the Past

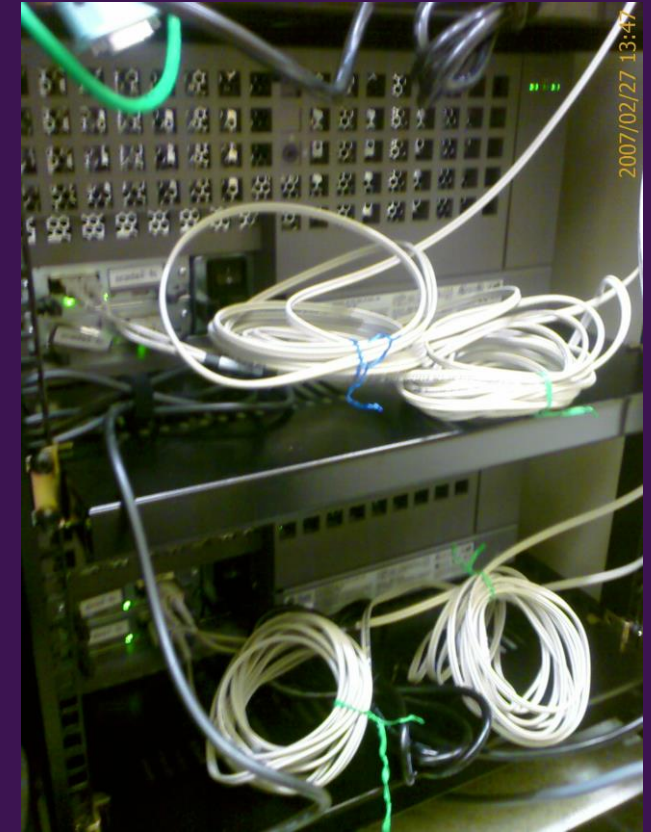
A trip down memory lane



SCADA: Mainframe to PC

A brief history

- Everything was on bare metal
 - UNIX was dominant
 - As computing power increased, so did the capability of the SCADA mainframe
- Early adopters of new technology
 - SCSI → Fiber Channel → iSCSI
 - Internal storage → External SCSI RAID → NAS/SAN
- Enterprise SCADA (formally OASyS) was one of the first to transition to Windows.



SCADA: Communications

A brief history

- Serial communications
 - Pre-internet, this was the only way to communicate
 - Multi-drop serial lines were a cost-effective way to extend the use of the infrastructure
- Large infrastructure investments
 - Needed if no leased line or dial-up available
 - Build and maintain microwave and P2MP radio networks
- Redundancy was crucial
 - Digital bridges & dual terminal servers
 - Required specialised software to drive it all
- TCP/IP and VSAT came later
 - TCP/IP revolutionised the server room
 - As it rolled out to the field, the complexity of the solution reduced



SCADA: Protocols

A brief history

- Very few standardised protocols
 - Most were reverse engineered
- Developers needed hardware expertise
 - Having a Computer Systems Engineering degree came in very helpful

Beware the programmer that carries a screw driver. Or in this case, a Dremel



SCADA: Scaling up

A brief history

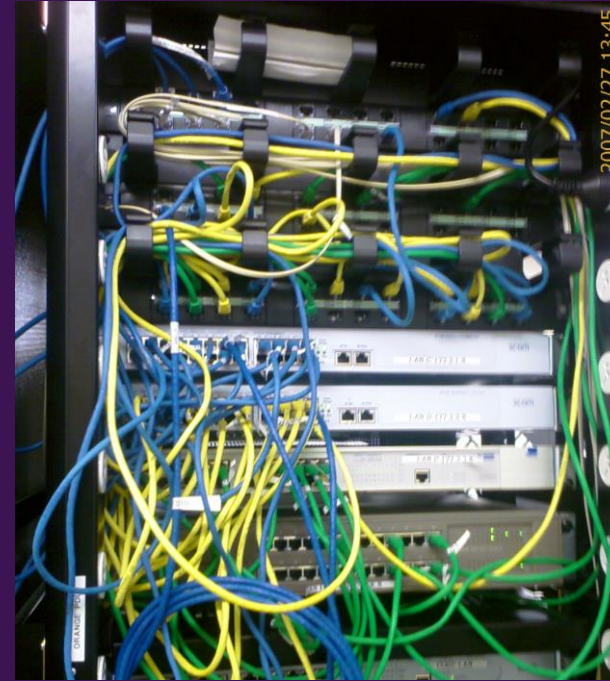
- Just add more servers!
- Growing desire to keep everything centralised
- Software had to evolve to keep them all in sync



SCADA: Change Management

A brief history

- Wasn't important, or so we thought
 - Embraced the improvisational mind-set
 - Experts adapting to evolving needs on the fly
- Get the customer back up at all costs
 - Going back to pretty things up was seen as a luxury
- Relied on having experts that could go anywhere any time
- Hard to achieve 5x9's



SCADA: Change Management

A brief history

- New assets require new SCADA configuration
- Manual process, high risk
 - Obtain entire PLC read out, hope it's the latest version
 - Go through and pick what the control room needs
 - Argue with PLC programmers about 0-based registers
 - Develop SCADA configuration
 - Hand enter it all, or bulk load if you're lucky
- Point 2 point commissioning was essential
 - Would find many issues
 - Off by one
 - Inverted bits
 - Incorrect number conversions



SCADA: OT Scope

A brief history

- IT versus OT
 - SCADA was at full speed before computers appeared on everyone's desk
 - The OT group were self sufficient
 - IT didn't always understand mission-critical systems
 - OT treated SCADA like a giant PLC
- Turn-key projects
 - Large scale projects were common
 - Started with buildings and power
 - High risk, low margins



Repairing a UPS at 3am with help from my driver.
Egypt, 2007

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System Design

Industry Trends



Project Trends

Increased IT involvement

- Customers have their own O/S images
- Customer's IT review system design
- Customer's IT involved in deployments

Less Custom Design

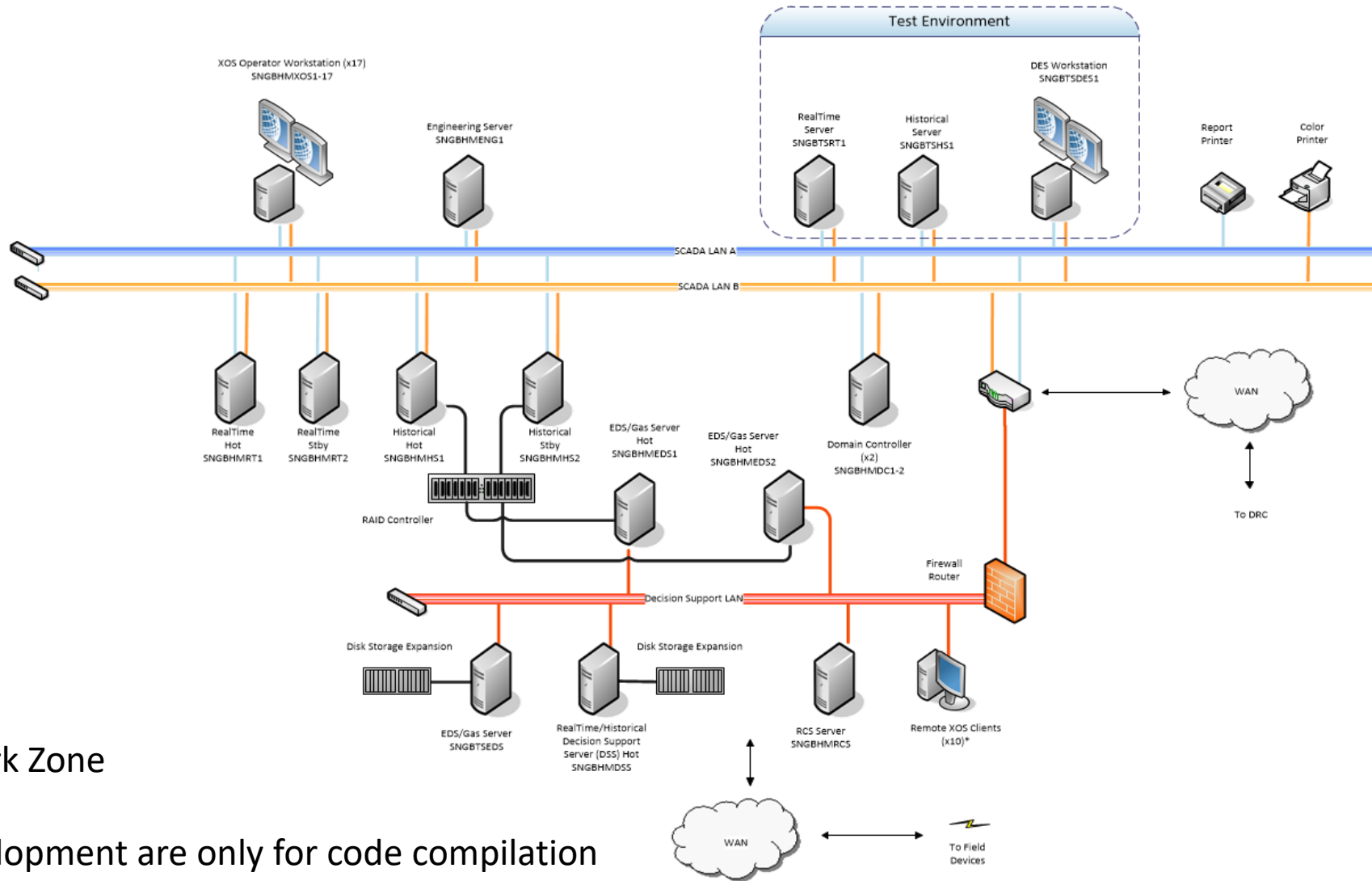
- With more functionality in the product, the need for design documents has been greatly reduced
- Almost all protocols are product extensions and not altered on project

Security

- Product has eliminated non-domain usernames and passwords
- Product fully complies with higher security zones initiating connections
- Proactive security assessments are surfacing

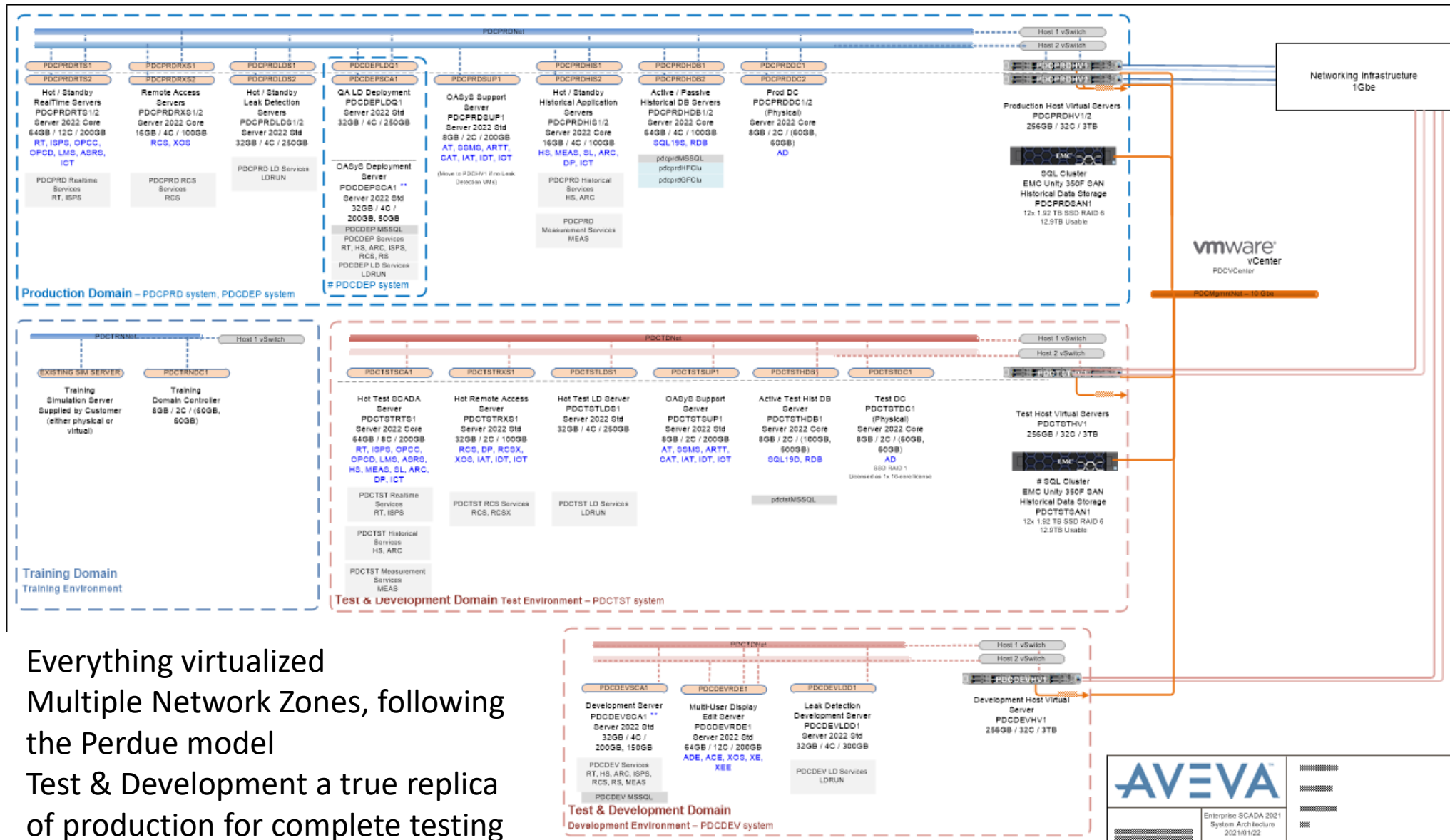


Architecture then



- One Network Zone
- Bare Metal
- Test & Development are only for code compilation

Architecture now



- Everything virtualized
- Multiple Network Zones, following the Perdue model
- Test & Development a true replica of production for complete testing

Major Differences



Domains

- Each zone (DSS, test, prod, development) has its own domain

Virtualization

- Domain Controllers are still physical
- VMware or Hyper-V

Management of Change

- Deployment server in production
- Test servers and development servers

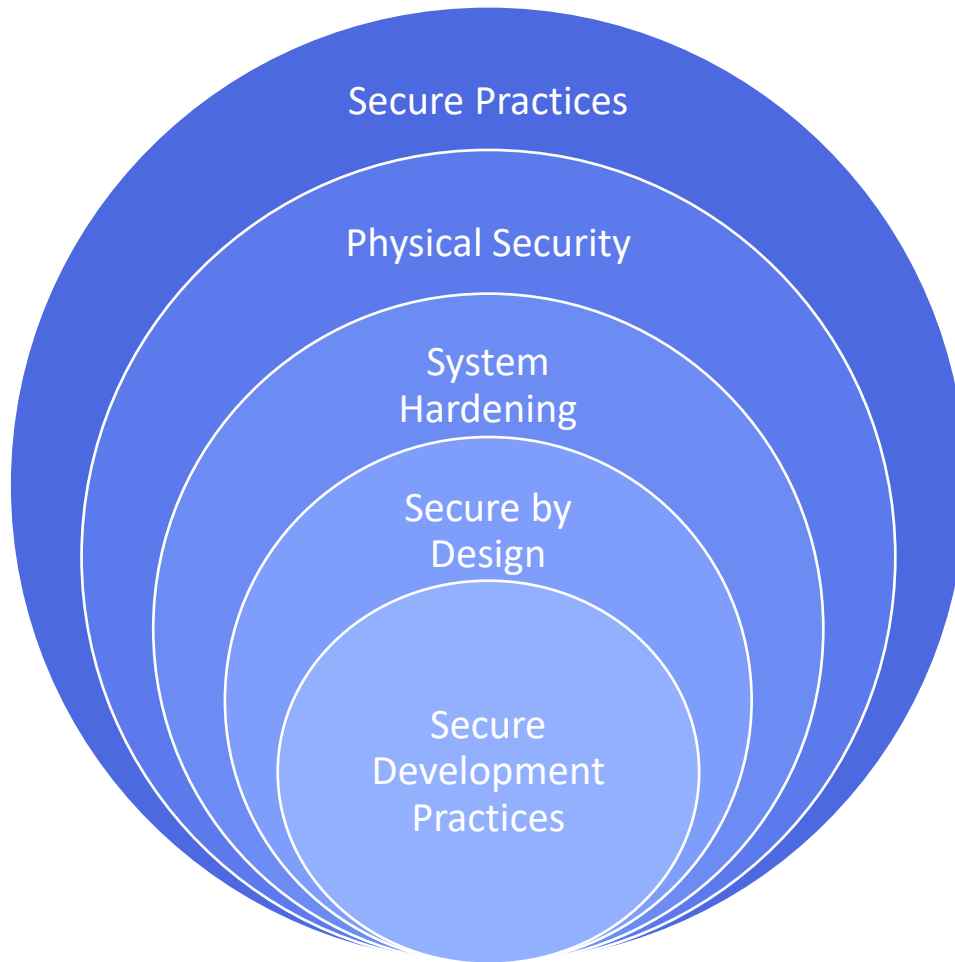
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Security

Developing the secure mind-set



Security in Depth



Secure Practices

- Constant monitoring of the system for Intrusion Detection
- Business continuity plans in the event of an attack
- Employee security training
- Many third-party audits

No system is secure forever!

Physical Security

- Building access restrictions: Control Room, Server Room etc.
- Remote access via VPN and VDI

Some standards require camera monitoring

Deployed System Design

- Secure networking that follows the Purdue model
- Group Policy (GPOs) - lock down over 1200 settings
- Disable non-needed services and default accounts
- Firewall deny by default. System designed to reduce open ports

Deployed solution includes more than just our product

Product is Secured by Design

- Security is the first thought, not an after thought
- Leverage Active Directory
- Kerberos authentication for SSO
- User authority asserted from end to end

Active Directory enables 2-Factor Auth, centralized management

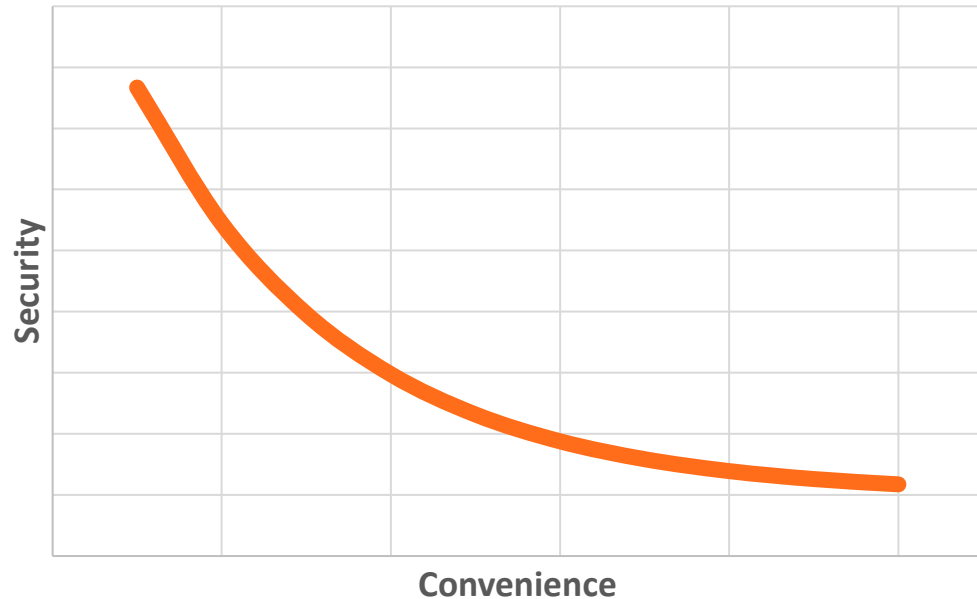
Security Development Lifecycle (SDL)

- AVEVA ISASecure® SDLA Certified Process
- Aligned with IEC 62443 standard
- Integrated into our Agile/Lean development practices
- Dedicated Security Advisors

Prevent exploits before they happen

Security versus Convenience

Find the right balance, or your users will do it for you



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If you access corporate email on a personal device that can be unlocked with FaceID, you must change your face at least once every sixty days.

You may not reuse any of the most recent 12 faces.

[#infosec](#) [#PasswordExpiration](#) [#BYOD](#)

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48 Boosts 1 Favourite

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HMI

The ASM revolution

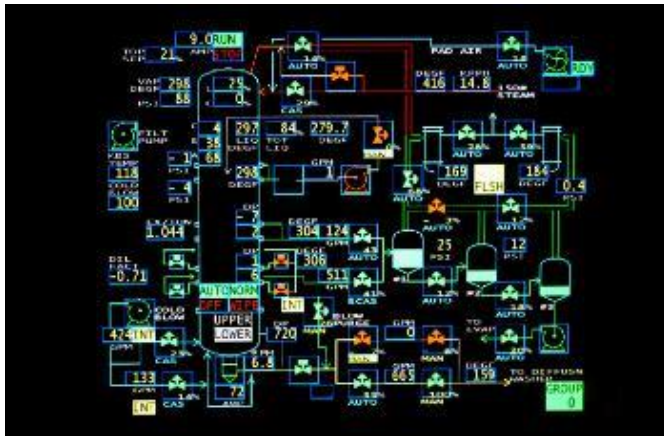
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SCADA: HMI

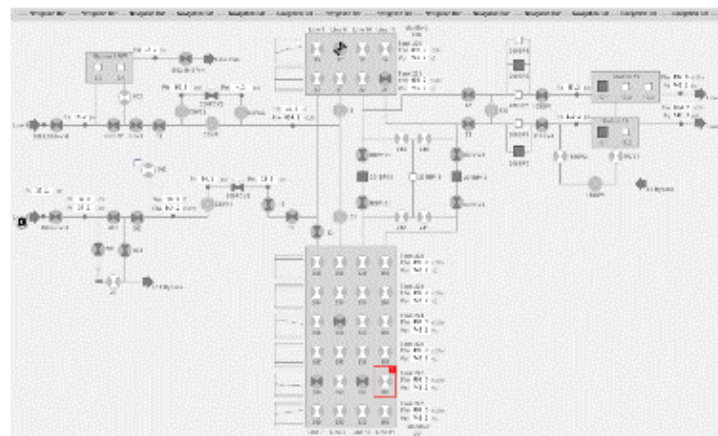
Increasing information density

- Control room is skewing younger
- Off the street more common than from the field
- Younger folks trust the computer and expect more from it
- Maintaining accurate schematics is expensive
- Template and object driven display creation reduces ongoing cost.

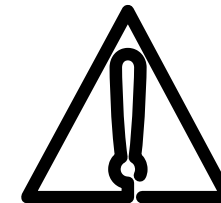
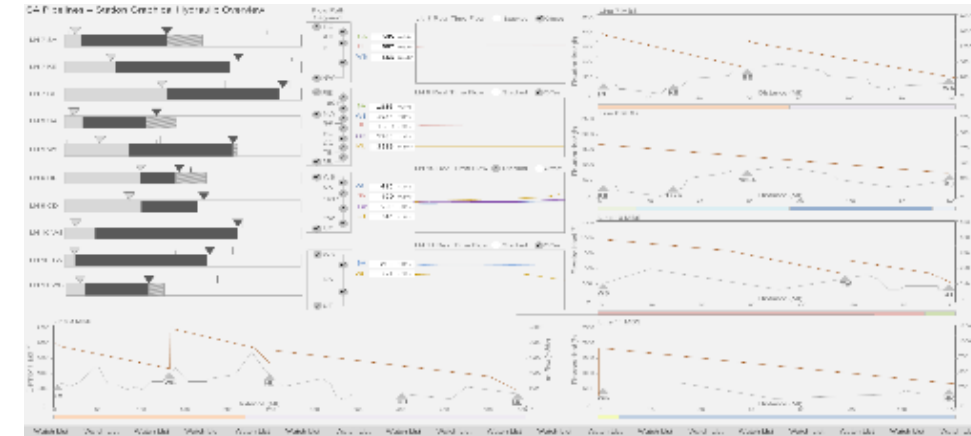
Level 1: schematics



Level 3: station overview



API 1165 Abnormal Situation Monitoring

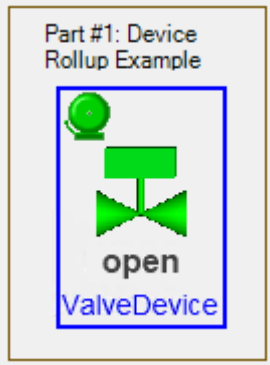


Going from high cost, high density to lower cost, lower density, to true ASM style displays

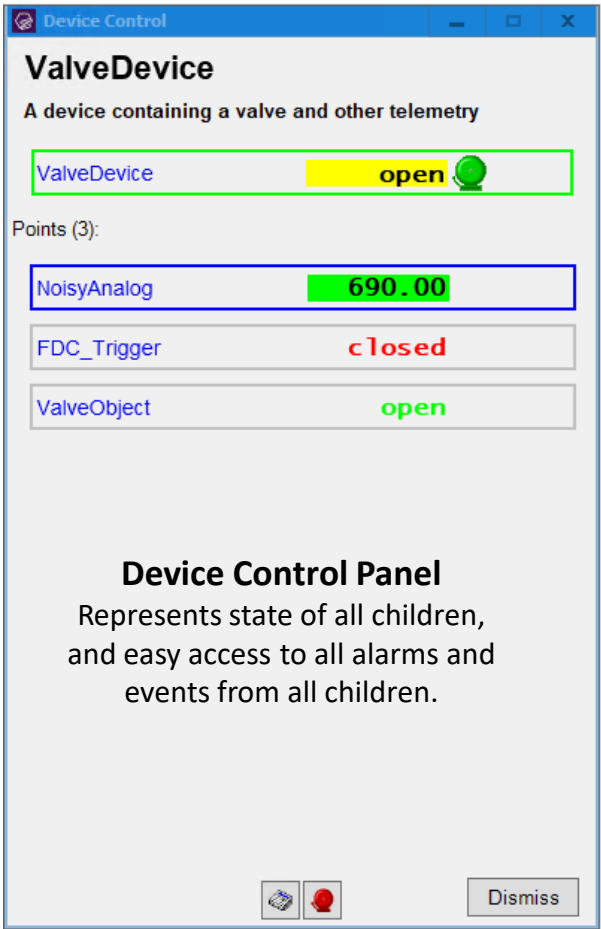
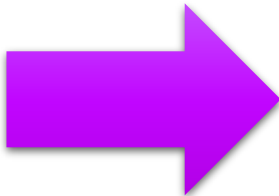
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HMI: Abnormal Situation Monitoring (ASM)

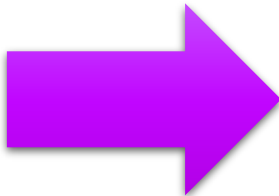
Increase information density and reduce clutter



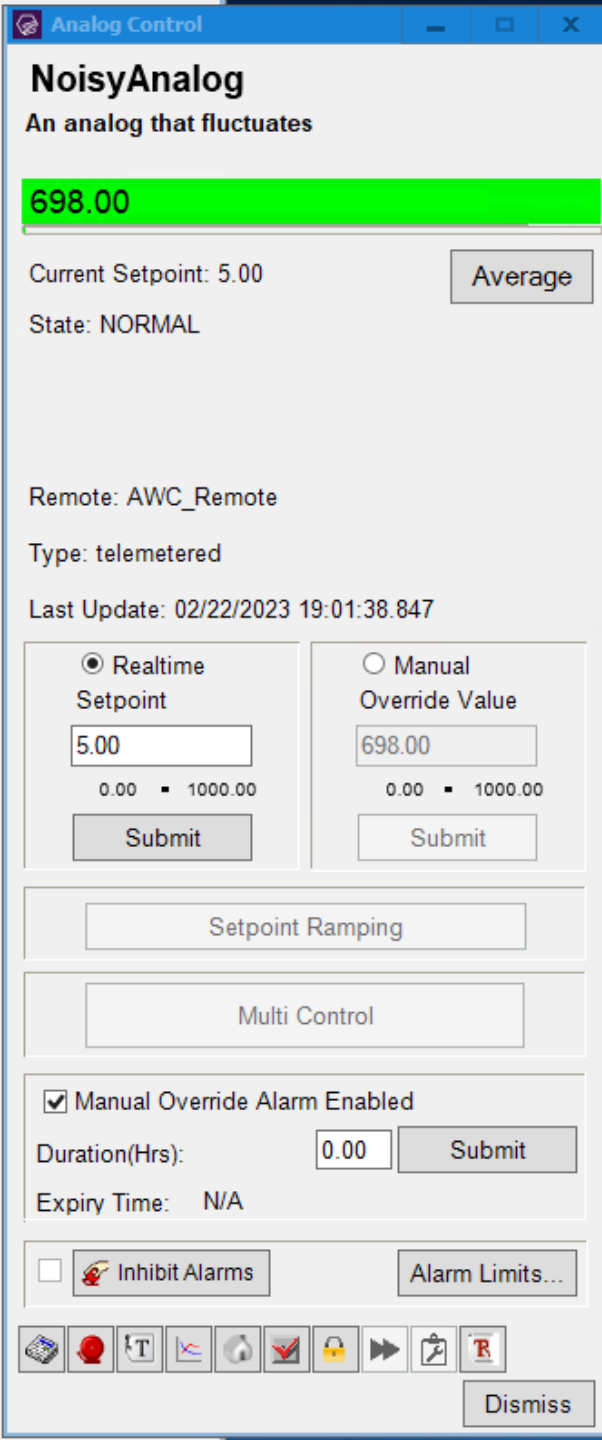
Flexible Device Object
Represents current state of the master point, and any other abnormality from the other child point.



Device Control Panel
Represents state of all children, and easy access to all alarms and events from all children.



Analog Control Panel
Represents the current state of an analog point. This is the lowest level of information available to the operator.



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SCADA Software

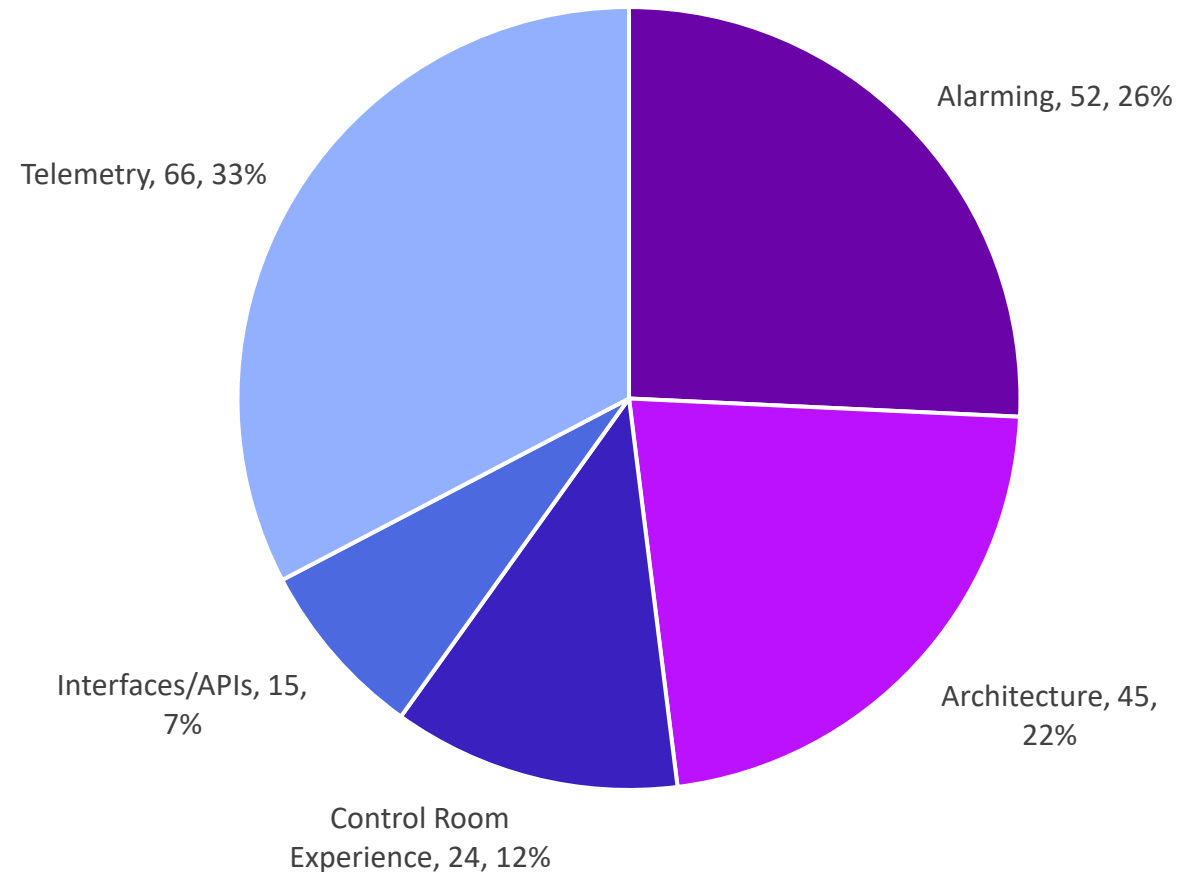
More than just telemetry



New Enterprise SCADA Features

Over 200 new features that have quickly become the new standard

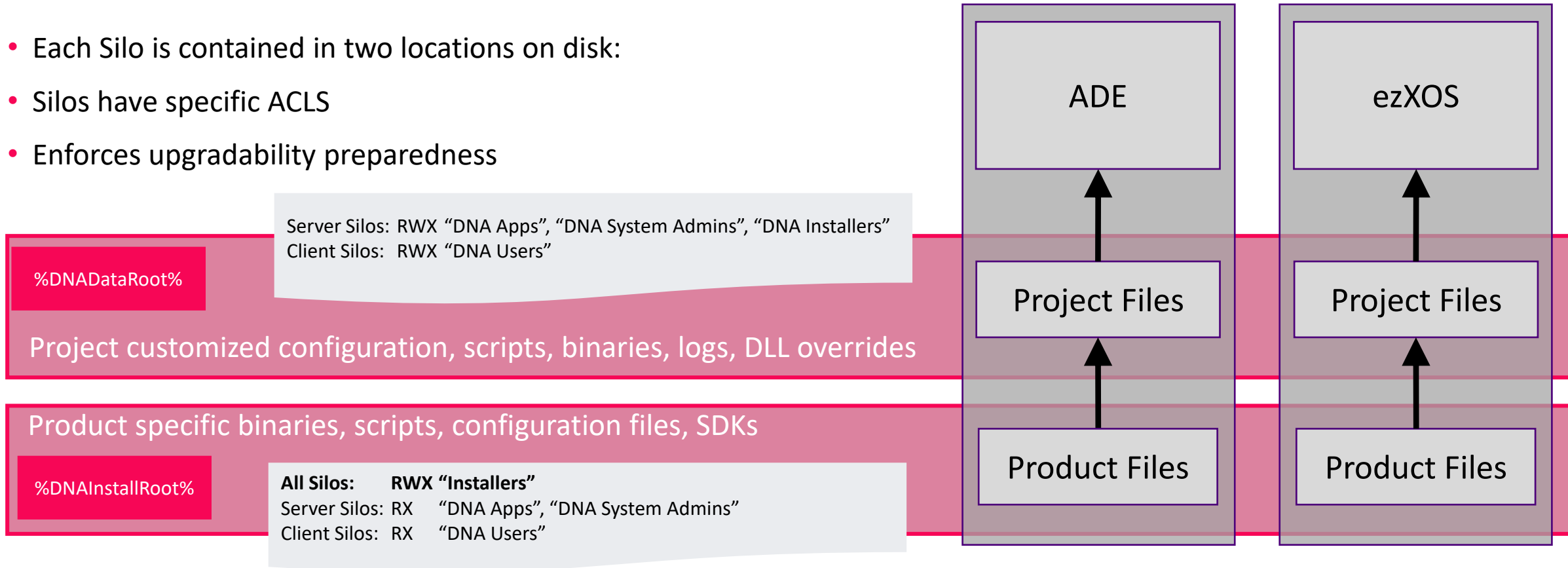
- Large emphasis on alarm handling and control room experience
 - Support for new HMI objects
 - Productization of many years of project custom code to a single baseline
- Subtle architecture changes to enable big features
 - Live upgradability and binary release
 - Continuous security improvements
- Platform focused
 - New and improved interfaces
 - Creation of new developer documentation



Separating Project Configuration and Extensions from Product

Upgradability, Preserving Project Customizations

- Each Silo is contained in two locations on disk:
- Silos have specific ACLS
- Enforces upgradability preparedness



Control Room Management Enhancements

Alarm Handling

- Alarm Parking
- Alerts and Alert Paging
- Alarm Summary Filtering Enhancements
 - Page ack ignore safety/critical
- Alarm Audit Tables

Alarm Suppression

- Remote Alarm Holdoff
- Remote and Connection Alarm Hiding
- Parent/Child, State & Command
- Timed Single and Group

Alarm Configuration

- Alternate Alarm Limits & Bracketing
- Alarm Message Format
- State Specific Safety Alarms
- Measurement Alarm Override
- Absolute Alarming
- High/Low Cutoff
- On / Off Alarm Delay
- Poll Time Exceeded
- Timed Alarm Inhibit
- Separate High / Low Alarms
- Setpoint Creep Alarms
- Tag Expiry
- State Specific Alarm Inhibits

Operator Functionality

- User Unit Conversion
- Operator Notes
- Operator Reminders & One-shot alarms
- Point to Point Verification
- Compressor Performance Monitoring
- Setpoint Ramping
- Manual Override Time Expired

Data Acquisition and Processing Enhancements

Operation

- Control Interlock
- Deviation Limits Reset on setpoint
- Remote Offscan Preservation
- RTU Test Mode

Processing

- Deadband Performance Optimizations
- Enhance Rate of Change
- Sub-Remote Status Indicator, incl. RBE
- Telemetry Last Change Time
- Jitter Smoothing
- Raw Data Storage

Functionality

- Telemetered Strings with historization
- Pass-Through Interface
- SWANA Translator Plugins
- Station & Device Rollups
- Station Demand Polling
- Alarm Limit Upload and Download
- Data Payload Processor (DPP) & Configural Gas Load (CGL) (select protocols)
- Socket Server Relay Service
- Field Device Trend History
- TCP Listener
- Download by List (select protocols)
- Flatline Watchdog & Device Heartbeats
- Single and Multiple output register bitmasks

Protocols

- | | |
|------------|-------------------------|
| • AB CIP | • Fisher ROC/ROC+ & CGL |
| • AB DF1 | • Mercury |
| • DNP3 | • Totalflow |
| • GE | • XML Protocol |
| • PCCC | • Xmodbus |
| • SNMP | • APSI (via MQTT) |
| • BSAP-CGL | • SuperFlo |

Configuration

- Configurable Point and Station Types
- Point History after Rename
- Status and Multistate I/O Configuration
- Status Output Message Set
- Asset ID field

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Telemetry

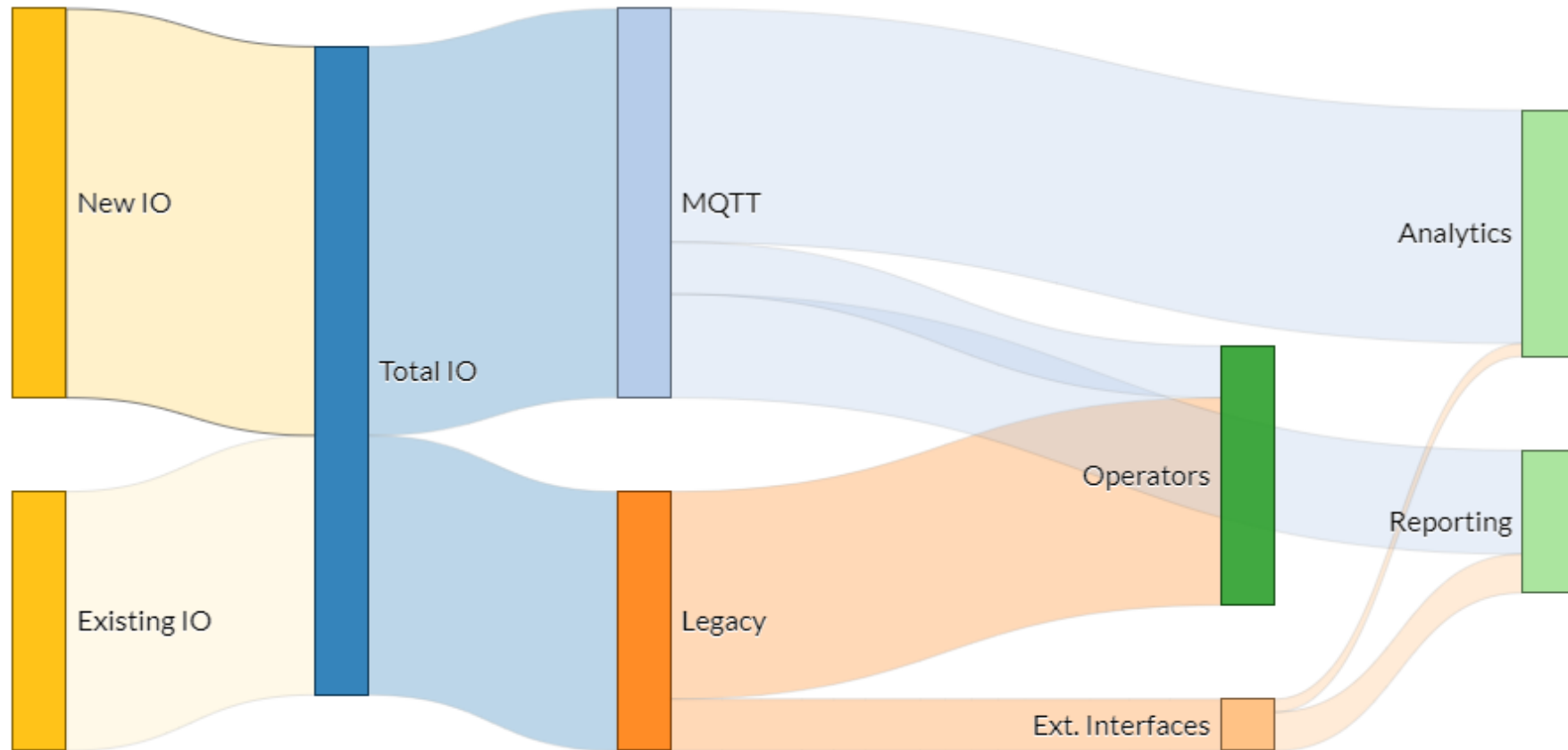
Re-thinking SCADA in the IIoT world



The Future of Telemetry

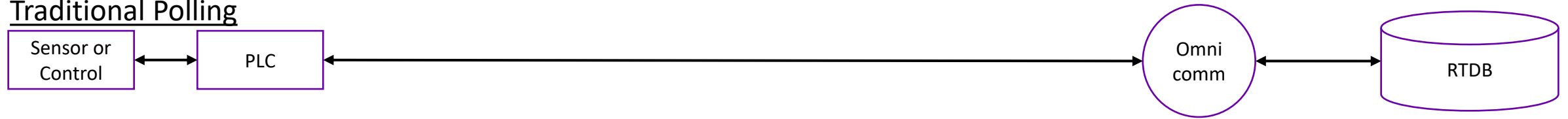
Getting SCADA out of the middleware business

- When the telemetry pipe was small, we had to be selective on how much to bring back via SCADA
- Focused on what the operator needed
- Things like TCP/IP and MQTT make it possible to bring back 100% of these stranded data islands
- But, no need to bring that all through SCADA.

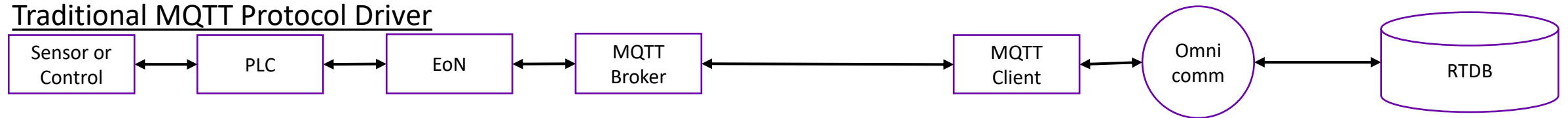


Communication Model Evolution

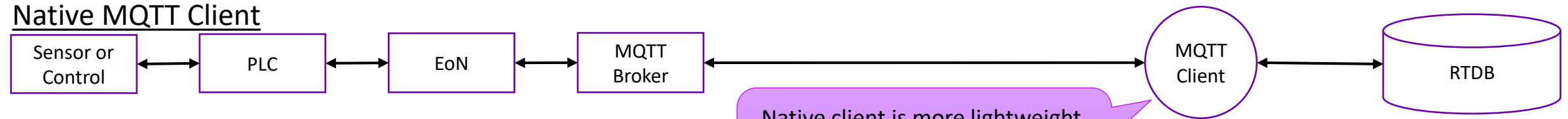
Traditional Polling



Traditional MQTT Protocol Driver



Native MQTT Client



Native client is more lightweight,
and uses less resources than the
full communication engine

SparkplugB-Enabled Devices



No need for a PLC/RTU for simple
read only devices

EoN = MQTT Edge of Network Node
RTDB = Realtime Database

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SCADA in the Cloud, and the Future of the DSS

What it means in today's technology and security landscape



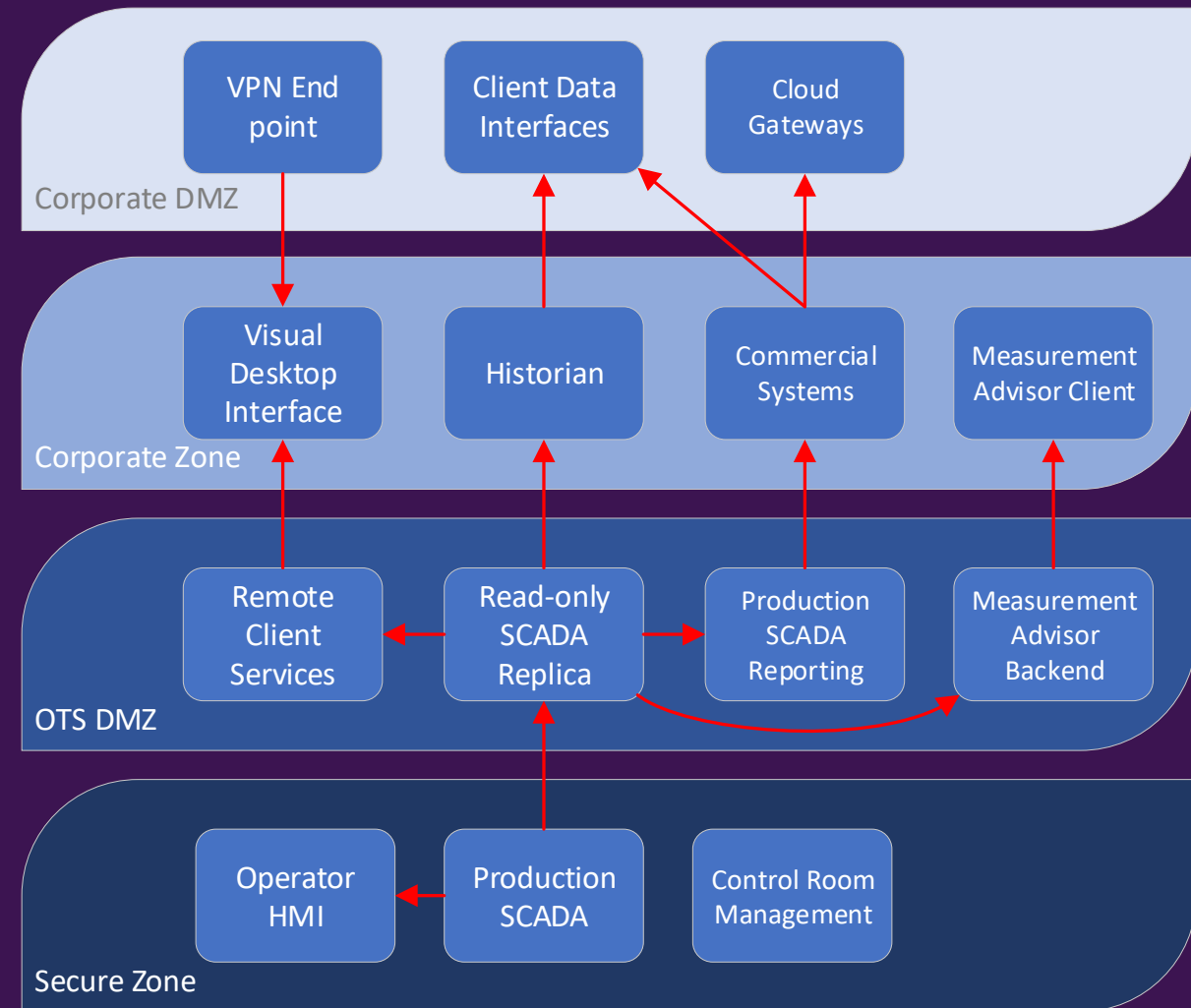
“SCADA in the Cloud”

Phase	1. On Prem	2. PaaS - Customer Colo	3. IaaS - Vendor Colo	4. SCADA as a Service *	5. Cloud Native
Infra-structure	Building, power, AC, network provided and maintained by customer or outsourced	Building, power, AC, datacenter network provided and maintained by Colo			Native cloud point of presence in multiple countries/regions
Field Comms	On-prem equipment(modems, leased lines, etc.) provided and maintained by customer	Less on-prem equipment required. VPNs into Colo.	Little to no on-prem equipment required. VPNs into Colo.	Very little equipment on-prem, if any. VPNs to site. Edge to Enterprise.	Field comms through Edge to Enterprise solutions
Hardware	Bare-metal or VM. HW provided and maintained by customer		100% VM based. HW provided and maintained by Colo	100% VM based. Some features SOA-based	100 % SOA-based
Host OS maint.	Customer OT or IT		Vendor	Reseller DevOps	Vendor DevOps
Gust OS maint.			Customer OT admin team, or SCADA Vendor		
SCADA app maint.	Customer OT admin team, or SCADA Vendor		Customer OT admin team, or SCADA Vendor	Reseller DevOps	Vendor DevOps
SCADA admin	Customer OT				Vendor DevOps
Operator Workstation	Thick Client & RCS		Thick Client, RCS, Web Native		

What is a Decision Support System?

Often used interchangeably with DMZ

- What is the DMZ?
 - An important network buffer zone that separates the production zone from less secure zones
 - Hosts systems that are needed by the less-secure side, but depends on data from the more-secure side
 - Connections to send data into a DMZ must be initiated by the more secure side (Purdue Model)
- What goes in a DSS and who uses it?
 - Its traditional purpose was to provide a system that non-control-room users can use without risk of impacting the production control system
 - Implemented as a read-only replica of the Production System
 - It was thought that domain trusts would be used to grant access to non-control-room users, without adding additional maintenance load to the OT administrators



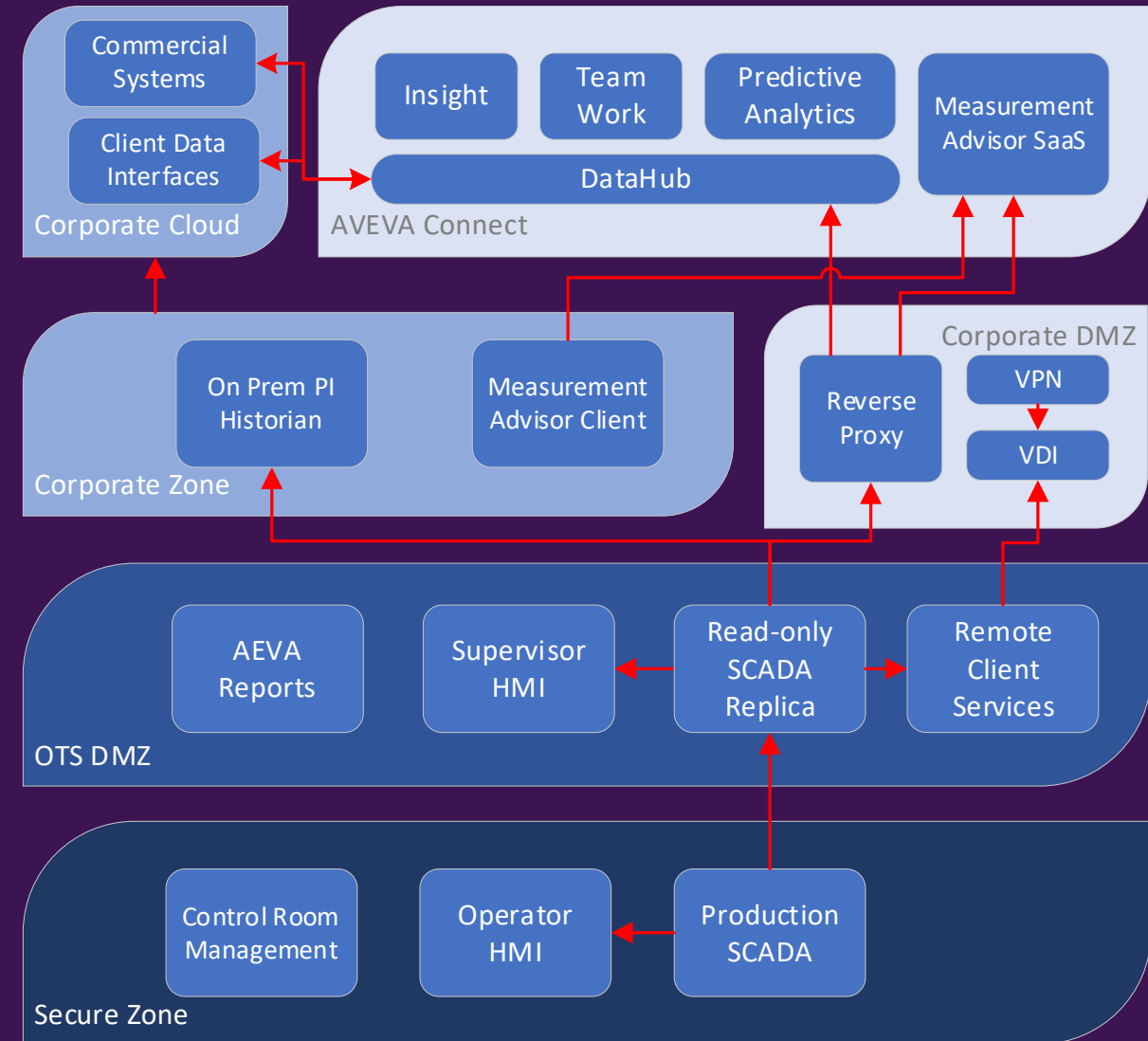
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Traditional on-prem DSS

Future of Decision Support System

The DSS becomes a dedicated OT DSS

- Zero Trust Architecture
 - Cross-domain trusts are not almost never used
 - Corporate users looking for OT data streams are rarely given access to the OT DSS, and even if they are, struggle to find and extract what they want.
- Historian
 - Moved out of the OT DMZ into the corporate zone long ago, with the next evolution being cloud-based historians like AVEVA DataHub® based on PI
- Reporting
 - Ad-hoc Operational Conditions do not need replicas of the SCADA operator screens.
 - Transition from SQL Reporting to AVEVA Reports®, AVEVA Insight®, reducing the burden on OT staff creating new reports by enabling self-serve
- Remote Operator HMI
 - Control Room Supervision via the OT DSS. Refine security model to give fine grain of controllability



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Beyond SCADA

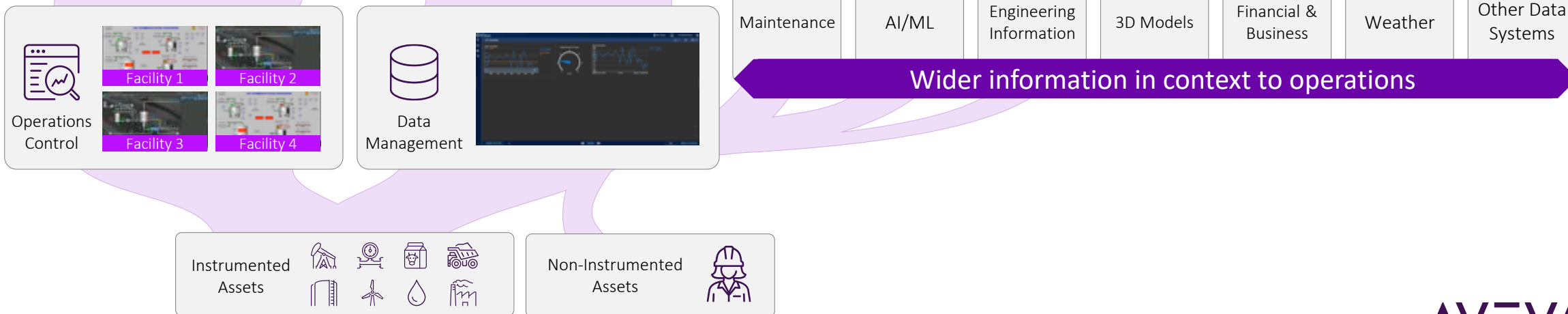
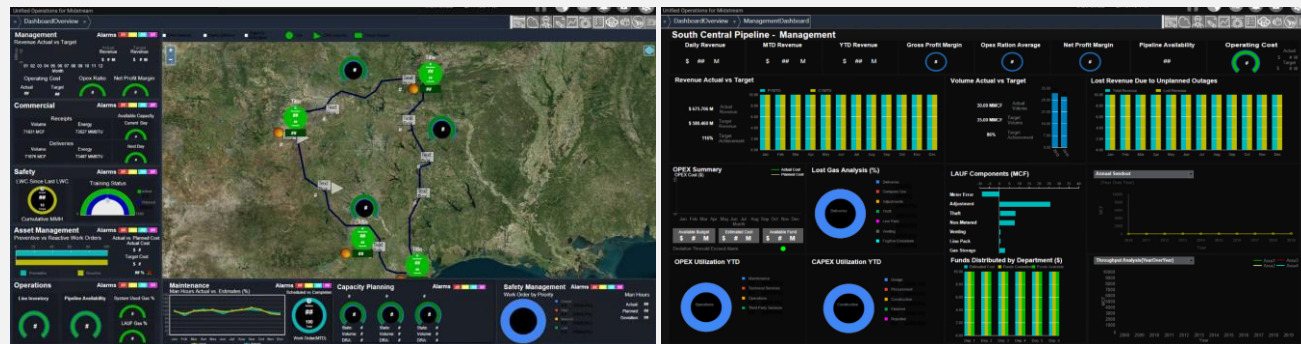
Keeping the boardroom happy

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Empowering People Across the Organization

Enterprise visualization


- High-level perspective
- Consolidated content
- Enriched data in context
- Connected workforce enablement
- Operating environment for decisions






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