Part 1 SCADA Technology Update

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Brief Historical Overview of SCADA Landmarks (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) Today Y2K 1990's 1980's 1970's 1940's 1950's 1860-1920

#1 Fiber optic network replaces copper pairs

- Buried conduit issues
 - Water infiltration leads to corrosion
 - Copper pairs damaged during installation
 - Space required
- In room conduits
 - High humidity and corrosion
 - Airborne corrosive dust and chemicals
- Addressable hubs for control and troubleshooting
- Redundant pairs for reliability
- Bi-directional vs. uni-directional
 - Self healing reliability

#1 Fiber optics replaces copper

Pro's

- Life cycle cost
- Life cycle reliability
- Fast
- Networked devises and panels
- RJ-45 or coax connector is plug and play connectivity to media convertor

• Con's

- Potentially higher initial cost but flexible fiber has helped
- Actual fiber installation and repair requires a specialist

#2 Redundant processors and store and forward

- Focus on critical facilities
 - Processors are essentially computers and will fail at the least convenient time
 - Term redundant processor is loosely used
 - Parallel, parallel and redundant, fully redundant are not all the same capability
 - Bottom line is the degree of seamless control. If everything shuts down until the "redundant" processor assumes control, process issues can occur, pump start limitations can be created
 - Remote sites will loose connectivity at times, count on it
 - Store and forward architecture holds the data that is still being generated at the remote site like water quality and uploads it as soon as communications is restored.

#3 What is proprietary hardware, and why is that an issue?

- All processor and I/O hardware is fundamentally "proprietary"
 - Major brand PLC's are not interchangeable and do not share I/O cards
 - Major brand DCS are not interchangeable and do not share I/O cards
 - Issue is not the hardware but application and support
- Connectivity to the processor is interchangeable at different system price points
 - Industry standard communication protocols
 - Modbus
 - Profibus
 - TCP-IP
 - Serial
 - Addressability
 - Get the basic data from a device, send a command to the device
 - Communicate and control a device seamlessly

#3 What is proprietary hardware, and why is that an issue?

- Key point is to always specify a developer license in the spec so that you or a instrumentation tech can modify and create new code, screens, alarms etc.
- Anyone who is comfortable programing on Platform A can quickly get up to speed on Platform B. Major manufacturers all offer significant training opportunities and some offer college credits for the training.

- A bit of full cycle
 - 1960's to ~1980's virtually all systems came from 4-5 major vendors
 - Complexity; military, industrial, power, very large municipal
 - Component manufacturing limits
 - Technical repairs
 - Late 1970's into 1980's
 - Spin off companies found niche markets like smaller muni plants
 - Printed circuit board technology costs came down
 - Early "small" processors
 - Mid to late 1980's to Y2K
 - Early PC's, grass roots programmers, birth of "integrators"
 - Reduced component manufacturing
 - Y2K illustrated challenges for smaller manufactures and integrators using off the shelf computers and software

- Integrators...are independent businesses
 - Buy and resell proprietary processors, I/O cards, support devices like PC's from a manufacturer
 - Selects and buy proprietary software from the processor,
 MMI and PC manufacturer
 - Provides engineering, programming, testing, startup, post sale support with their employees or subcontractors

- System suppliers...are manufacturers
 - Design, manufacturer and sell proprietary processors, I/O cards and support devices develops proprietary software for the processor, MMI
 - Selects and supplies support PC's; manufacturer or purchase and resell
 - Provides engineering, programming, testing, startup, post sale support with their own employees

Differentiation points:

- Depth
 - Most integrators are small independent businesses, 5-10 employees
 - Loss of a key engineer or tech can decimate the company or reputation
 - Unexpected success or problems can stretch resources
 - Major system manufactures are large multinational players
 - Employ market specialists
 - Regional engineering teams
 - Regional and national technical support
 - Dedicated training facilities

Differentiation points:

- Experience
 - Integrators tend to know their core market and preferred product family, may or may not be on top on new methods, materials etc.
 - System manufactures participate in multiple industries, multiple markets and are forced to keep up with newest trends and expectations to survive
- Life cycle support
 - Integrators are at the mercy of the vendors they rep
 - Integrators incur costs to continue support legacy equipment or to migrate forward can cost \$\$\$ bucks, Costs can lead to cut and paste issues
 - Manufacturers can design migration into products and map out phase outs and end of lifecycle support like exchange stock

Differentiation points:

- Security
 - Water sector approach to security varies widely
 - Close the new gate to encrypted padlock keys
 - Post it note passwords to rolling code devices



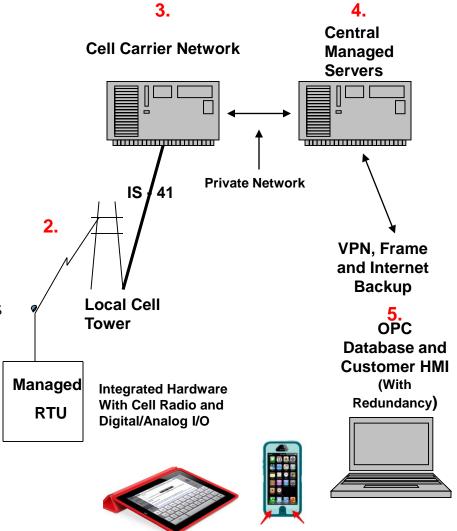
- Integrator approach to overall security varies greatly
 - Employee screening
 - Employee training
 - Overall security and backup practices, office and field; the guy
 YOU know and trust may or may not be the problem
- System suppliers driven by the highest risk industry they serve; military, nuclear, chemical, pharmaceutical, water
 - All employees screened and trained
 - All systems and practices documented

#5 Managed Cellular Data SCADA

How Does Work?

Has 5 Parts:

- 1. Field RTU
 - Standardized
 - Power supply, radio, I/O
 - Cell tower
 - Data cellular... not voice
 - 4G Data: GPRS & CDMA
 - Available on all 3 types of cell data
- 2. National, wireless data networks
 - Private "pipes", increased security
 - Flexibility for permanent connections
- 3. Managed Central Servers
 - All carrier issues/data managed
 - Flat fees
- 4. OPC Database at customer MMI
 - MMI scans RTU tags
 - Redundant servers can retrieve data



#5 Managed Cellular Data SCADA

- Pro's
 - Affordable
 - Distributed design and engineering
 - Minimal customization
 - Flat rate annual services and support contracts
 - Reliable
 - Shared infrastructure costs
 - Fast to ship and install, often installed by the operator
 - Access from any WEB enabled device
- Con's
 - Distributed design and engineering
 - Minimal customization
 - Technology too accessible, leads to uneven product performance
 - Limited control capability

#5 Managed Cellular Data SCADA

- Secret Weapons: Distributed design and engineering
 - Traditional SCADA systems are ala'carte and every feature and function carries a cost, average is about \$1000 per applied point.
 Managed SCADA is typically 1/3 that cost per point Traditional modern SCADA resides on multiple Windows based PC's that require upgrades every 4-8 years.
 - Windows updates may drive replacement of otherwise nonobsolete hardware. Managed SCADA processing and data storage occurs on shared, secured service and main frames maintained by the supplier, data is accessed from any WEB enabled device.
 - All subscribers receive all updates and enhancements as part of the annual contract. Costs are shared across 1000's of units.

- Best of both worlds!
 - Power for process control and customization possible with traditional SCADA
 - Affordable pre-engineered managed SCADA for redundancy and remote sites with limited or no control
 - Consolidated control room presentation using secure OPC/VPN connection to the MMI screens
 - Substantial potential savings
 - Major public water company standard PLC based pump station RTU \$55,000 typically
 - Managed SCADA RTU with connectivity to plant SCADA essentially the same data and control ~\$3,500
 - NOT identical, but close enough?

Tuscaloosa Alabama

- 100+ Water and Waste Water Sites
- Original Quotes Were \$6 million +
- CH2M Hill mixed managed cellular in at 35% of the sites and winning bid was approx. \$4.5 million

Why Data Cellular SCADA:

- Usability
 - Very Simple & Flexible
- Reliability
 - End To End Uptime: Can Be 99.7+%. Dependency by public safety agencies and lost billing revenue results fast repairs
- Cell carriers provide tower sites and maintenance, no tower rentals, construction or repeaters

- Survivability
 - Proven In Hurricanes And Severe Storms
- Security
 - Meets AWWA & Homeland Security Standards with 128 bit encryption automatically. Leading "real time" units use secure socket connections the same as banks and ATM's

Some New Ways It Can Help:

- Use it for:
 - Stand alone sites where this is all you need
 - Backup to existing SCADA sites using PC based alarm software
 - Fill-in for hard to reach or lower priority sites which might take an expensive tower and or repeater

