# **Optimizing SmartPlant Instrumentation Resources**

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# **Optimizing Manpower Utilization**

- Current Engineering and Design industries are faced with a critical manpower shortage
- The manpower shortage has also resulted in a technology gap for experienced Engineers and Designers
- SPI offers a way to reduce man-hours but only when it is used in such a way as to optimize manpower
- The Question "How much time can will SPI save me?" must be answered "None!"
- The Work Processes determine if SPI and other software are being Optimized for Manpower Utilization





### Incorporate new techniques in your Work Practices for better Manpower Utilization

Automation saves time by reducing the number of hours it takes to perform a task

*Work Sharing* saves money by reducing the total cost per hour to perform a task

**Specialization** saves time by optimizing the use of skilled specialists to perform complex tasks

Simplification saves time by using "out of the box" reports and SPI project deliverables

*Integration* saves time by sharing data and allowing data to move electronically between applications





### **Automation Opportunities**

- SPI can facilitate Automated tasks for both Engineering Construction and Owner Operator companies
- SPI can be used as a simple data repository and loop generator or it can be used as an "Automation Tool"
- Automation reduces the amount of manual manipulation required to perform given SPI tasks
- The degree of Automation in SPI is defined by the Following:
  - Work Processes that include Automation
  - Users trained to use SPI Automation functions
  - Project requirements and schedule



# **Primary Automation Function**

#### Instrument Type Profile Table

- Wiring Presets include Control System Tag Auto-create
  - Panel Name
  - Cable Name
  - Connection Type
- Specsheet Name
  - Default Data
  - Multi-Item Form
- Dimensional Data Group
- Primary Hookup
- I/O Type
- Location
- Loop Creation and Process
  Data Workflow



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- New Tag Instrument Type Profile Data expansion
- Duplicating data from Tag to Tag or Loop to Loop
- Batch creation of Loops from Loop Patterns
- Browse Automation
- Spec Sheet generate from Profile
- Process data generate from Profile
- Control Systems Tag Create
- Device Wiring Create
- Report Generation from View
- Copy and Paste Buffer

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# **Spec Sheet Automation Functions**









- New Tag Profile Process Data expansion
- Propagation of data from Lines or other Tags
- Unit Conversion
- Global Revisions
- Data Exchange
  - Spec Sheets
  - Calculations
  - External Editor
  - Legacy Systems
  - Simulators
- Base Conditions

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# **Calculation Automation Functions**

- Automatic results population of Spec Sheets
- Batch Calculations for CV, PSV, FE and TW
- Unit Conversion
- Global Revisions
- Data Exchange
  - Spec Sheets
  - Process

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# **Wiring Automation Functions**

- Use Default Panels and Cables
- Duplicate Panels and Cables
- Auto-Wiring Routing Utility
- Junction Box Pre-assignment
- Automatic Cross Wiring
- Cable Router and Spooler
- Automatic Cable Schedule
- Global Revisions

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- Automatic Report forms for all browse Views
- Global Revisions for Deliverable Documents
- Batch Printing of most common reports
- Enhanced Reports for Loops and Wiring Drawings
- All Reports Export ODBC or DXF
- Automatic Drawing Generation in:
  - Enhanced SmartLoop
  - AutoCAD
  - Microstation







## **Sequence of Automation**

- Educate users for the Automation Function you wish to use
- Prepare the rule base or trigger data before launching the Automation Function
- Test the Automation Function to see if you are getting expected results
- Launch the Automation Function on the complete task
- Check the results of the Automation Function carefully

# **Do Not Misuse Automation**

- Match the tool to the task. Select the Automation Function carefully.
- Clean bad data from the rule base or bad trigger data from the database.
- Validate data before and after running an Automated Function.
- Don't try and do too much with one Automated Function.
- Know the limits of automation and do not try to do complex tasks with Automated Functions

If the only tool you know how to use is a hammer; everything look like a nail.







# **Work Sharing Opportunities**

## Improved Work Sharing will increase efficiency and productivity

- High Value Resources
  - Extending SPI access to low cost centers using terminal server technology can reduce need for some expensive local manpower
- Around to clock operations
  - Global Work Sharing allows 24-7 utilization of hardware and software resources
- Extend utilization of SPI experts
  - Allow experts to access SPI in from different locations to optimize highly trained talent
- Bring more resources to a project
  - Involve Vendors and Service companies in your work processes with Work Sharing





# **Work Sharing High Value Resources**

- High Value Work Centers
- Main Automation Contractors
- Clients access for approval cycle
- Expert Resources for specialized tasks
- Support Centers for technical assistance
- Equipment Vendors for sizing and selection
- Spread Projects across multiple EPC companies
- Collaboration across disciplines and departments





- Operations extend to 24 hours a day
- Better hardware utilization
- Better use of Licenses
- Shorten Schedules
- Faster Response
- Offset Overtime

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- Allow your Specialized Users to work across several projects
- Use Vendor Experts
- Share Super Users
- Hosting Services
- MAC Options
- Integrators







- WEB Terminal Server Technology
- Connect using WAN & LAN
- SmartPlant Foundation
- Use Remote Access
- Import / Export
- SPI Modules

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Using Specialized Users can improve SPI data quality and increase productivity

- Creating Specialists Train selected users in specialized tasks to allow them to be knowledge resources
- Existing Specialists Collaborate with existing experts using net meetings and forums better utilize their abilities
- Outside Specialists Use outside experts from vendors or service companies to fill gaps in resources





### Make Your Own Specialists

- Create SPI Administration Specialists for configuring and implementing SPI
- Create SPI Specialists to train and support other SPI users
- Create Specialists for SPI modules and tasks that are not day to day activities
- Create SPI Specialists for tasks that are Complex or Require special knowledge
- Create Specialists to use Interfaces with Legacy Systems or External Applications
- Create IT Specialists that are familiar with installing and operating SPI, Oracle, MS SQL, Citrix
- Create Specialists for other SmartPlant Application interfaces and work processes





# **Using Existing Specialists**

- Within most companies you have people who have particular talents that can be applied to SPI related tasks
  - Users with Excel or Access knowledge can assist with custom reports and deliverables
  - Specialty Engineers that work with only Control Valves or other Engineered items can use SPI directly to do their engineering
  - Process Engineers can use SPI to enter their process data directly into the SPI database for Control System
  - Material Managers can use the SPI Hookup module to control instrument material requirements and do Material Takeoffs
  - 3D PDS Designers can use the SPI DDP module to facilitate the loading of instrument inline data into the 3D model
  - Project Schedulers can access the SPI database to define work packages and cost systems to track progress





# **Using Outside SPI Specialist**

#### Using external resources can fill gaps in in-house capabilities

- Use vendor or suppliers to do sizing calculations and selection of engineering commodities
- Use Main Automation Contractors to specify, load, configure the DCS and SIS control systems
- Use Mechanical Equipment Vendors to populate instrument spec sheets for instruments provided with their equipment
- Use Owner Operator representatives to assist in populating Operations and Maintenance data in the SPI database
- Use external IT suppliers to host and maintain the SPI Oracle, MS SQL and Citrix servers
- Use Intergraph or OSI to provide merging and data migration services





# **Simplification Opportunities**

Streamlining your work methods can give better utilization of SPI resources

- Data Reduction Careful evaluation of required data can reduce size and content of SPI database
- Streamline Deliverables The generation of deliverables can be very time consuming and inefficient
- Simplify Work Processes Work Process need to address the capabilities of the tool to be effective
- Minimize Staffing Efficient use of personnel can optimize the use of SPI





# **Simplify Data Reduction**

#### Do not fill all data fields in all tables

- Use only required data
- Simplify the content of fields
- Don't use "--" or "n/a" to show empty data fields
- Give meaning to data (don't use "Yes" / "No" data
- Do not repeat data from one table in another
- Do not create complex or lengthy naming conventions
- Keep User Defined fields and tables to a minimum







# **Simplify Deliverables**

- Use electronic deliverables instead of paper
  - Spreadsheets instead of printed indexes
  - ODBC files can replace most paper documents
  - Acrobat PDF files can replace paper Spec sheets
- Use SPI "Out of the Box" reports
  - Don't create custom reports to emulate existing documents
- Use Enhanced Loops instead of CAD loops
- Don't try to create complex loops in SPI
- Allow construction and client access to database so they can generate their own documents





# **Simplify Work Processes**

- Don't try to use manual work processes with SPI
- Include other disciplines in your SPI work processes
- Look at how SPI operates to develop effective Work Processes
  - Use the proper module to load and edit data specific to that module
  - Leave data in it's parent table for reports and deliverables
  - Provide for Parallel work processes instead of Sequential schedule driven work processes
  - Make Automation part of the work process!





# **Simplify SPI Staffing**

- Use of Super Users can reduce the required number of inexperienced personnel
- Work Share the SPI user base across multiple offices for minimal staffing costs and numbers
- Use SPI Automation functions for mass loading of data and redundant tasks
- Allow SPI Specialists to work across several projects to optimize their abilities
- Rely on external SPI Experts to offset reduced staffing levels





# **Integration Opportunities**

# Integrating SPI to other applications will extend the capabilities of the tool

- SmartPlant Foundation Integration with SPF can optimize the utilization of SPI data across other Intergraph products
- Vendor Applications Integration to vendor control valve sizing and DCS configuration software will maximize the SPI data
- External Editor Using the SPI External Editor can allow mechanical vendors load some of your Spec data for you
- PDS 3D model database The SPI DDP module will integrate the SPI inline sizing data with the 3D model
- SmartPlant P&ID and Electrical The built-in SP P&ID and SPEL interfaces allow data transfer if your work processes are designed to utilize the shared data
- Import Export The ability to import and export data to and from other applications will extend your Integration capabilities





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