mySCADA



Automotive industry

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INTRODUCTION

The Vibracoustic company (a manufacturer of car components) showed an interest in modernizing its production hall. The company started to look for a visualization system that would overview the production and help to decrease the costs to be even more competitive to their automotive "rivals". The most suitable solution was mySCADA, which offers visualization software placed in an operator's panel.



About the company

Vibracoustic is an exclusive supplier of components preventing the vibrations in automotive industry. The company produces and delivers bearings, handles, insulators, and shock absorbers all around the world for producers of all kind of vehicles. The manufacturing plant near Prague is specialized in producing products for gearboxes and engines.

PROJECT

The need of implementation arose primarily due to two reasons. The company was looking for an online system that was able to log the production data to **tables** as well as in **graphic** form.



Picture 1 - The operator panel placed in a production hall



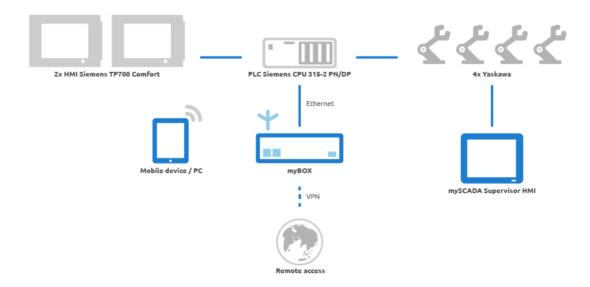
"We chose mySCADA because they were able to customize their software to our requirements. The other advantage for us seems to be a high stability of the system"

says Michal Pavlu (the Plant Process Engineer in Vibracoustic).

Project assignment

- 1. Predefined data collection.
- 2. Predefined parameters display (e.g. hourly performance of the production line, a graphical representation of the most important parameters, displaying of the current production statuses or displaying of additional documentation).
- 3. Program selection and recording of the interventions to the production line (the overview of the changes in production).
- 4. User hierarchy the overview of the access rights for users and the ability to see any changes made by each user. (All changes have to be approved by a competent person in this case by a technologist.)

Connection scheme



PROJECT - VISUALIZATION

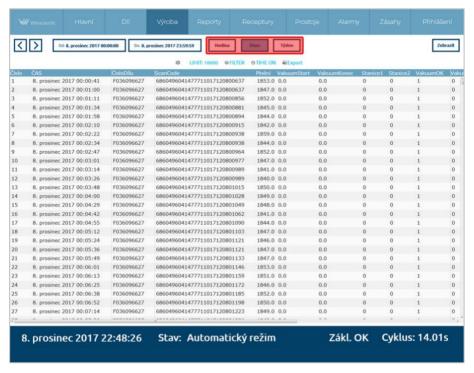
The operators track the performance of the line while checking the documentation for the manufactured part on the next monitor. When a change in production has to be made, the operator uses the panel for the item selection and loading to the line. The technologist controls the processes and is able to efficiently react to the current situation.

The visualization and the line were set and optimized to the extent that, in these days, there is almost no need for system adjustment. The management team is able to see and control the performance of the production line, view how efficient the production line is, and determine if any time delays are happening.



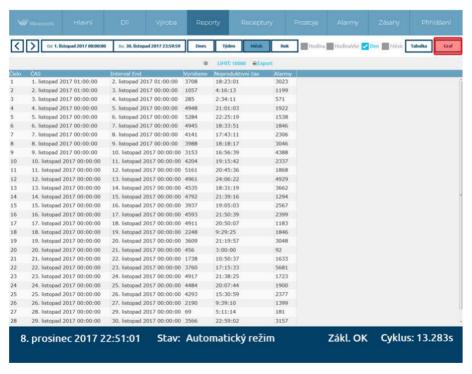
Screens

On this screen you can see the data available for each manufactured component. There is the greatly appreciated ability to choose just the data you need (per hour/day/week) – in red box.



Picture 2 - The overview of production for each component

The section Report is an important tool for data evaluation. Each column describes which component is currently being made, how many of them have already been made, what was the time duration – for better control, the data is also available in graphical form.



Picture 3 - Production report for certain time period

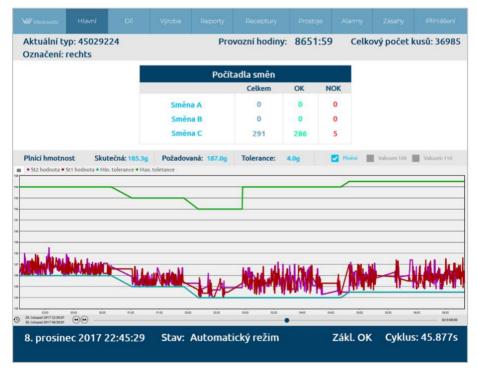


In this section, all recipes are saved. If a new order shows, maintenance adds a new parameter to the table, connects it to the PLC and the production line is ready to create this new component. This change is obviously written to the section Zásahy (user actions).



Picture 4 - Recipe setting for a specific component

The status of the production line, the production cycle, the amount of manufactured OK/NOK components are seen in this screen. The most important parameter should be the stability of the system (red graph).



Picture 5 – Main page



The list of alarms shows where the problem was. This data is easily analysed and that helps to optimize the production.



Picture 6 – Alarm system

Currently, the access to the system is granted to approximately 25 employees. Each of them have specific and limited options to change the settings or to influence the production elsewhere.

THE ADDED VALUE

"Our the biggest success is definitely the average time reduction in production of one piece by 12 % while increasing productivity of the line by 10 % (from 75 to 85 %). In the amount we produce each hour, it is an enormous saving "commends the technical director – Michal Pavlu.



The cooperation of both companies was very flexible and fast. The project was ordered in April 2017, the first data was collected and evaluated within 4 months of the project assignment.

CONCLUSION

The deployment of the mySCADA visualization in the operator's panel brings huge time and money savings as well as increasing the productivity (by 10 %). The manufacturing company plans to implement this controlling and visualization system in other production lines throughout 2018. Based on the time presumption, the implementation will take approximately 1 month for all chosen lines.







