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Architecture and Best Practices for PI Systems

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Topics

Upgrading to PI System 2012

- Why Upgrade
- How to Upgrade

Architecture

- Hardware and System Sizing
- Virtualization

Best Practices

- PI Data Archive
- Interfaces
- AF



Upgrading to PI System 2012

What's New in PI Server 2012?

Performance & Scalability

- More efficient use of RAM
- More efficient use of archive space
- Better management of connections

Manageability

- Auto recovery of corrupted queues
- Streamlined backfilling process (hours, not weeks)

PI Server 2012 Performance



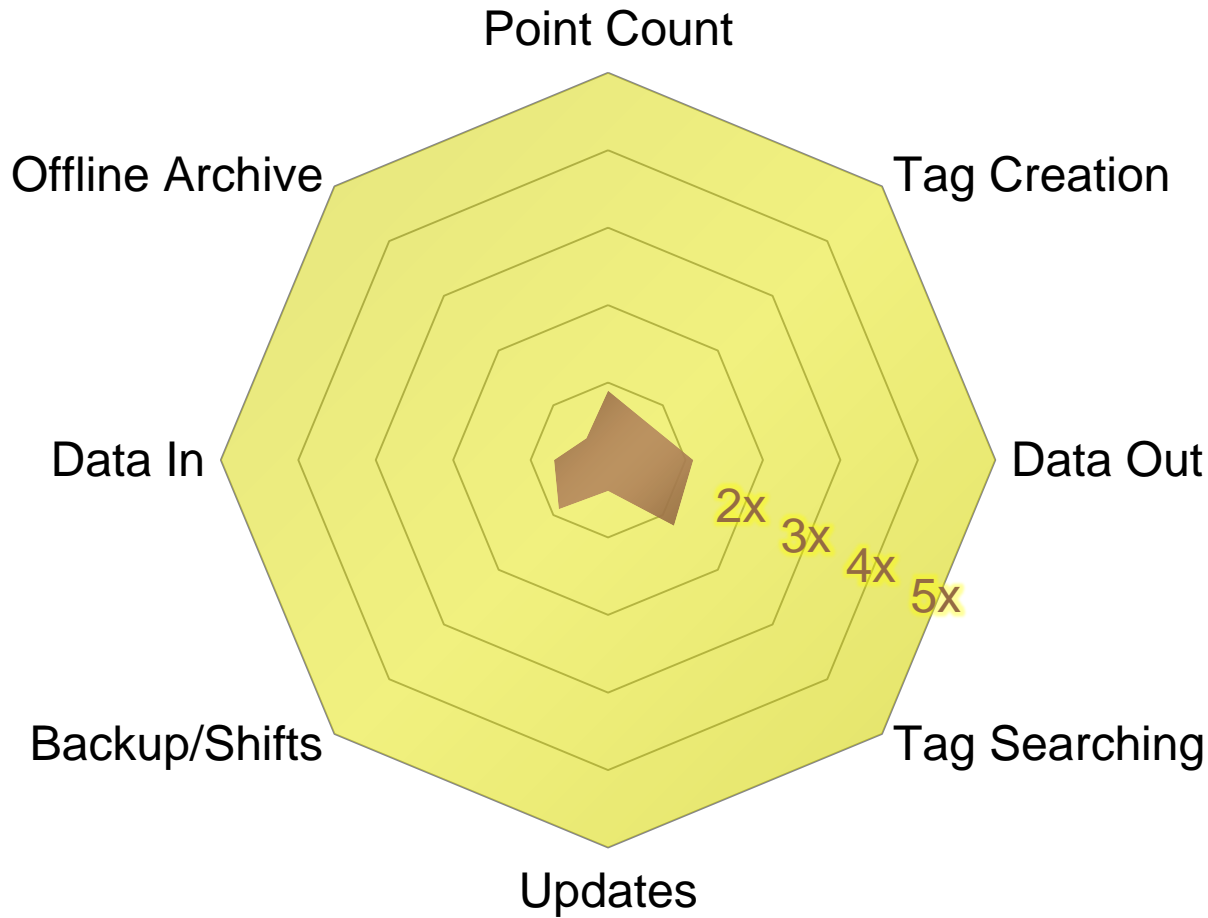
2010 R3

■	Max Point Count	2M+ tags
■	Max Data In Rate	<100K ev/sec
■	Max Data Out Rate	<5M ev/sec
■	Online Archives	2-5K files
■	Real-time Updates	200K signups
■	Point Changes	<10 pt/sec
■	Startup Time	>20 minutes



2012

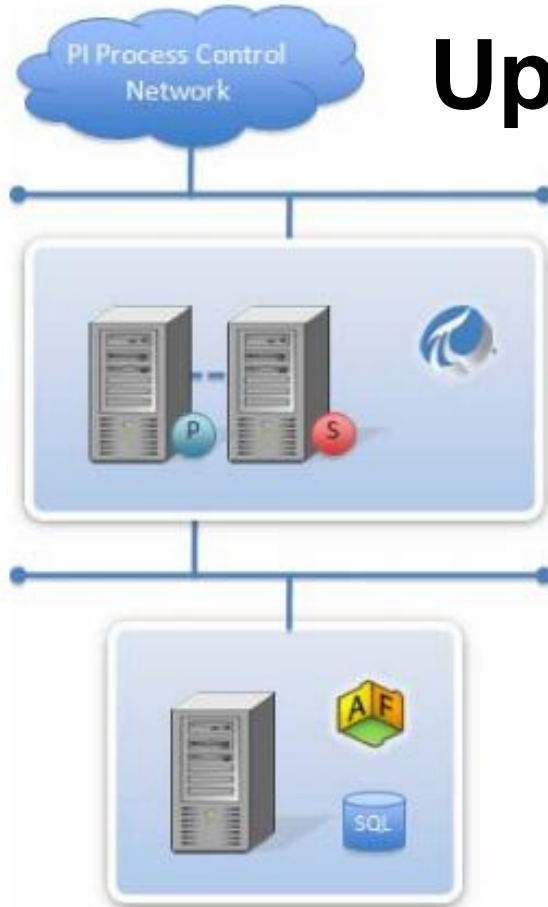
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■	Online Archives	>10K files
■	Real-time Updates	>3M signups
■	Point Changes	>500 pt/sec
■	Startup Time	<2 minutes



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- PI Server 2012
- PI Server 2010

Upgrading to PI System 2012



- PI Asset Framework is a required component since PI Server 2010

 Primary server of a collective

 Secondary server

SQL Server License:	<input type="checkbox"/> Express
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enterprise

I want to upgrade to PI System 2012
but...

...my current PI
Server is 32-bit

...I don't have
AF

...on 64-bit
OS

...on 32-bit
OS

...for a
small PI
System

...for a
large PI
System

Why 64-bit?

Use All
Your RAM

32-bit OS only
makes use of
~4GB

Larger File
System
Cache

32-bit OS FSC
is 960MB
64-bit OS can
use all the RAM

...My Current PI Server is 32-bit

KB Article KB00530: Upgrading to 64-bit PI Server while moving to 64-bit hardware

...my current server runs on
64-bit OS

Uninstall and reinstall PI Server

Note: Likely an older PI Server. (v3.4.380 and newer do not allow 32-bit install on 64-bit OS.)
Time for new hardware???

...my current server runs on
32-bit OS

Move current version of PI Server
to new machine with 64-bit OS

Then upgrade to PI Server 2012.

Upgrading to 64-bit PI Server while moving to 64-bit hardware

Product:	PI Server
Version(s):	32-bit to 64-bit PI Server 2010
Platform:	Windows All

Issue

You currently have an old, 32-bit version of the PI Server installed on the old hardware. You then upgrade to the latest PI Server version. The 32-bit version on the old hardware. Upgrades will move the PI Server to the old version in case something unexpected happens.

Review the following factors prior to upgrading:

- Except as noted in the table below, when moving the PI Server from 32-bit to 64-bit hardware, as was on the original hardware before moving, you must first install the PI Server on the original hardware, you must move it to the new hardware.
- Because you will need to install an old PI Server version on the original hardware, contact Technical Support to get the old installation files for the PI Server; however, most older installation files are not available.
- Upgrading to PI Server 2010 or later may require you to update the PI Asset Framework (PI AF) 2010 and its security settings on the PI AF and PI Server.
- Before upgrading to PI Server 2010 or later, you must first upgrade the PI Server.
- If you are moving a PI Server collective, refer to known issue [236340S18](#) for a detailed description.

Solution

Upgrade Table for Moving from 32-bit Hardware to 64-bit Hardware

Source 32-bit server	Actions on target 64-bit machine
Any 32-bit PI Server version between 3.2.357.8 and 3.4.375.38.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install PI Server 3.4.375.99 64-bit on target machine • Move PI Server. • Upgrade to latest PI Server version <p>Note: Moving from an old PI Server version (between 3.2.357.8 and 3.4.375.38) directly to 3.4.375.99 is the exception to the rule. Under other circumstances, you should move PI Server database files on the old hardware to the new hardware between exact same versions of the PI Server.</p>
PI Server 3.4.375.80 32-bit or 3.4.375.99 32-bit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install PI Server 3.4.375 64-bit on target machine. Use the same version of the PI Server that was installed on the 32-bit PI Server machine. (For example, if 3.4.375.80 32-bit was installed on the source PI Server, you should install 3.4.375.80 64-bit on the target PI Server. If 3.4.375.99 32-bit was installed on the source PI Server machine, you should install 3.4.375.99 64-bit on the target PI Server.) • Move PI Server.

...I don't have AF

...small
system

Install SQL
Server
Express on
the PI Server
machine

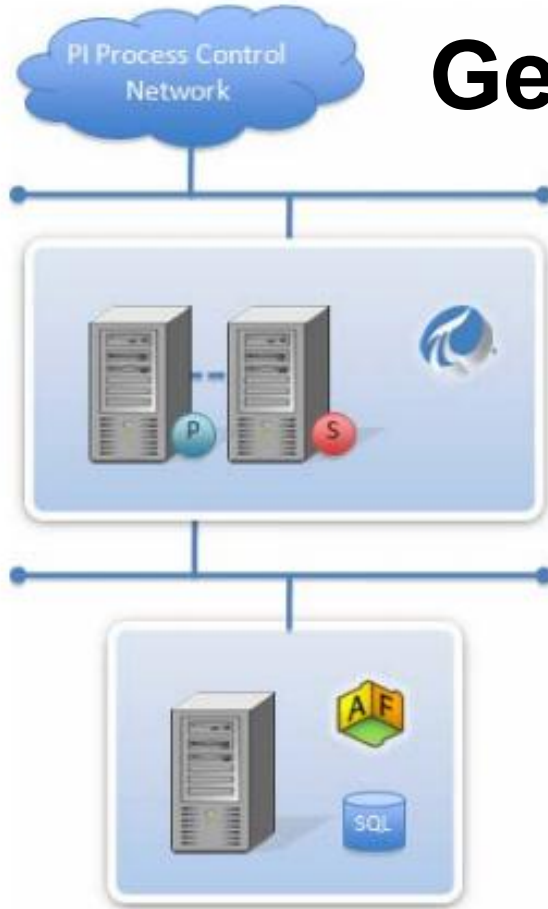
Install PI AF
on the same
machine

...large
system

Enterprise
grade SQL
Server
installation


Devote a
machine (or
several) to AF

Get AF



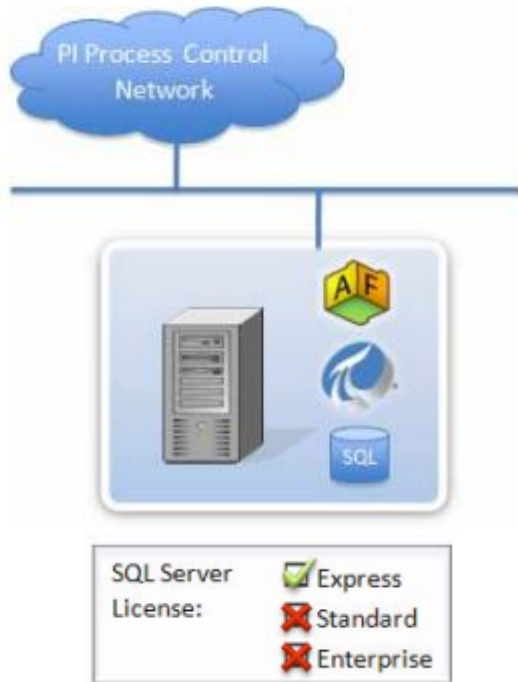
- PI AF has two components
 - AF Server
 - SQL Server Database

 Primary server of a collective

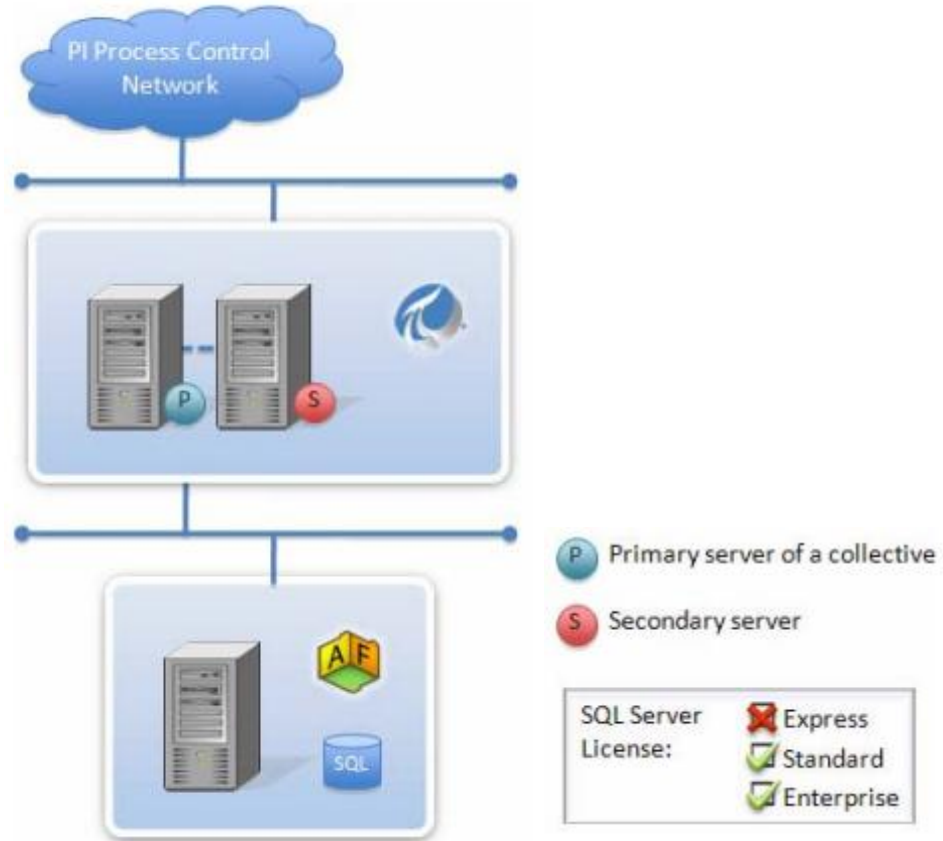
 Secondary server

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Small AF (<10k Assets)



Larger AF (>10k Assets)



Help!!!

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- On-site or remote service. Typically a 4 day job.

Public Classes

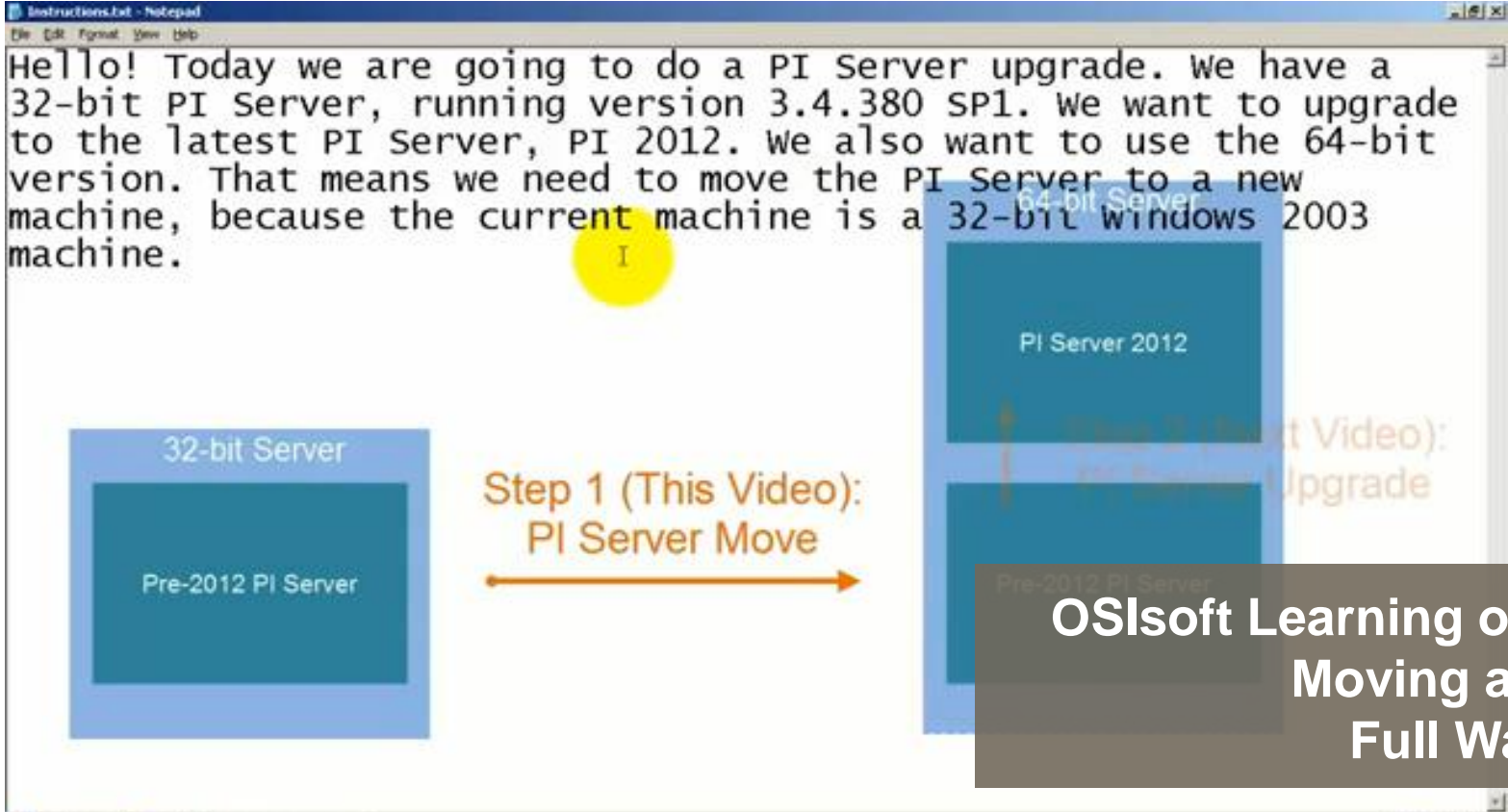
- Practice with the product in a controlled environment.

YouTube Walkthroughs

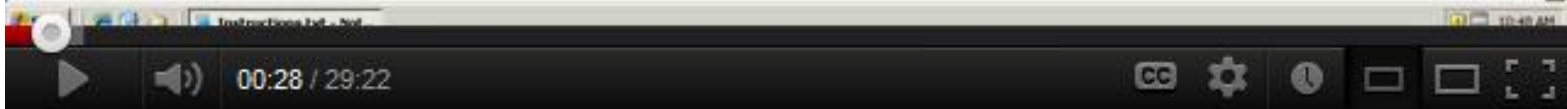
- Step-by-step walkthrough. (Not a substitute for documentation)

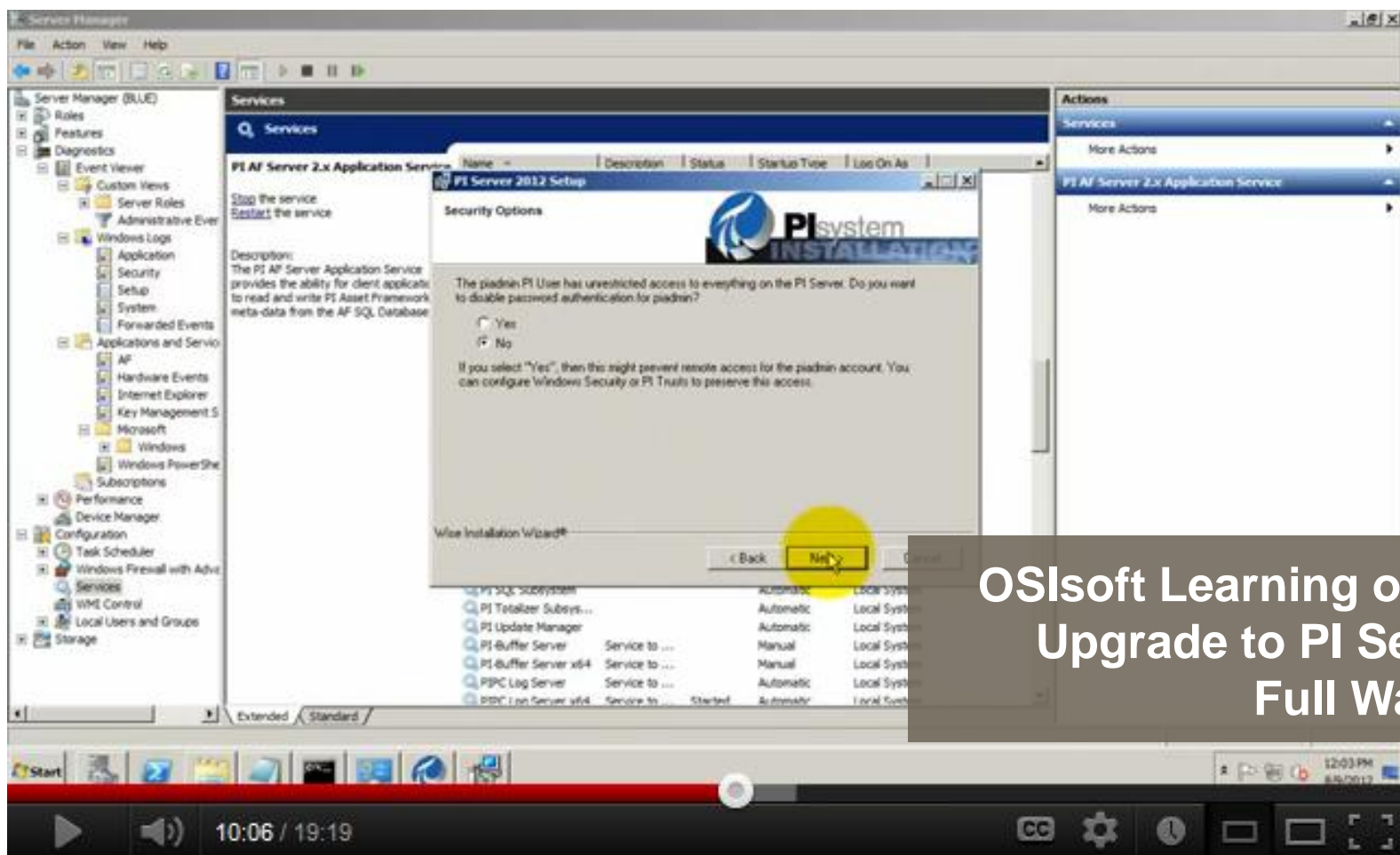
OSIsoft Technical Support

- If there are problems during the upgrade.



OSIsoft Learning on YouTube Moving a PI Server: Full Walkthrough





OSIsoft Learning on YouTube Upgrade to PI Server 2012: Full Walkthrough



Hardware and System Sizing

Basic Hardware Guidelines

- 0. Windows ⇒ Latest OS (64 bits)
- 1. Memory ⇒ most bang/\$
- 2. Storage ⇒ latency (IOPS)
- 3. Network ⇒ latency (RTT)
- 4. Computing ⇒ client workload

	RAM	Disk IO/s	Network	CPU Cores
Minimum	15KB per PI Point	Rate of Archived Events/50	100Mbps LAN	4 + Active Client Connections/5
Recommended	Enough to fit 2 full archives in RAM (file system cache)	Rate of Archived Events/10 + Read Workload (based on desired client response time)	1-10Gbps LAN (end-to-end latency is most critical)	4 + Active Client Connections/2 (more with multi-threaded clients)

PI Data Archive Hardware Sizing

PI Server *PI Data Archive Hardware Sizing*

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Please review and adjust values in the first 6 rows. Recommendations are shown in the white-text cells underneath.
 Note: using lower numbers may affect performance and reliability, please contact OSIsoft Customer Services for help.

Expected Point Count	50,000 points
PI Interface Nodes	2 nodes
PI Interface Scan Rate	5.00000 sec (0.2 Hz)
Measurement Data Type	float32 (6-digit precision)
Average Data Compression	50 % (2:1)
Online Data Time Range	120 months
Estimated Snapshot Rate	10,000 events/sec
Estimated Event Size (on Disk)	6 bytes
Estimated Archiving Rate	5,000 events/sec

PI Collective Nodes	1 node (no HA)
Estimated Bandwidth per Interface Node	146 KB/sec
Active Client Applications	10 applications
Average Query In	
Average Query Ra	
Average Points pe	
Estimated	

STORAGE	
Minimum Archive Size	100 MB
Recommended Archive Size	256 MB
Required Online Disk Space	8,813 GB
Estimated Archive Count	3,525 files/year
Estimated Archive Volume	103 MB/hour
(per server node)	73 GB/month

DISK I/O	
Minimum Disk Bandwidth	1 MB/sec
Minimum Disk Throughput	100 IO/sec*
Recommended Disk Bandwidth	10 MB/sec
Recommended Disk Throughput	200 IO/sec*

(* See "KB Article #xxxxx" for details on how to evaluate IO operations/sec

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Estimated Snapshot Rate		Enter the desired number of months to keep historical data available online. Typical ranges are 7 years (84 months), 10 year
Estimated Event Size (on Disk)		
Estimated Archiving Rate		

Better Performance on Old Hardware



2012

■	Max Point Count	10K+ tags
■	Max Data In Rate	>40K ev/sec
■	Max Data Out Rate	>100K ev/sec
■	Online Archives	>1K files
■	Real-time Updates	>5K signups
■	Point Changes	>50 pt/sec
■	Startup Time	<1 minutes



Dell OptiPlex
SX-260

- 32-bit Architecture
- Pentium 4 3GHz
(1 CPU Core)
- 1GB 266MHz DDR RAM
- 40GB 5.4K IDE HDD

eBay ~ \$30



2012

Max Point Count	20M+ tags
Max Data In Rate	1M ev/sec
Max Data Out Rate	>10M ev/sec
Online Archives	>50K files
Real-time Updates	10M+ signups
Point Changes	2,000 pt/sec
Startup Time	<10 minutes



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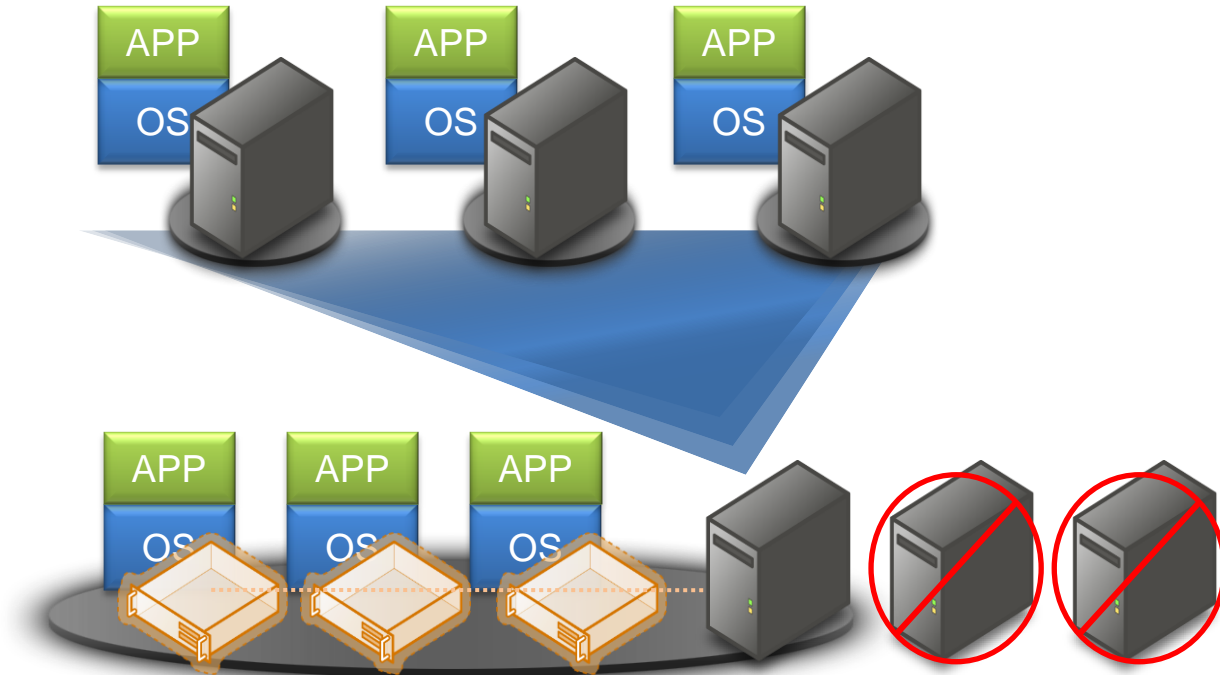


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Hardware Virtualization



Operating System Virtualization

Why are OS/soft customers using virtualization?

- Server consolidation
- Improved availability and provisioning

OS/soft supports virtualization

- OS/soft Knowledge Base article 3062OSI8
- Consider shared resources implications

Operating System Virtualization*

Treat virtual machines as if they were physical machines

Invest in enterprise-level hardware and software

Do not mix virtual and physical on the same host

Use qualified virtualization support personnel

Test on the target platform

* OSISOft Center of Excellence



PI Data Archive Best Practices

PI Server High Availability

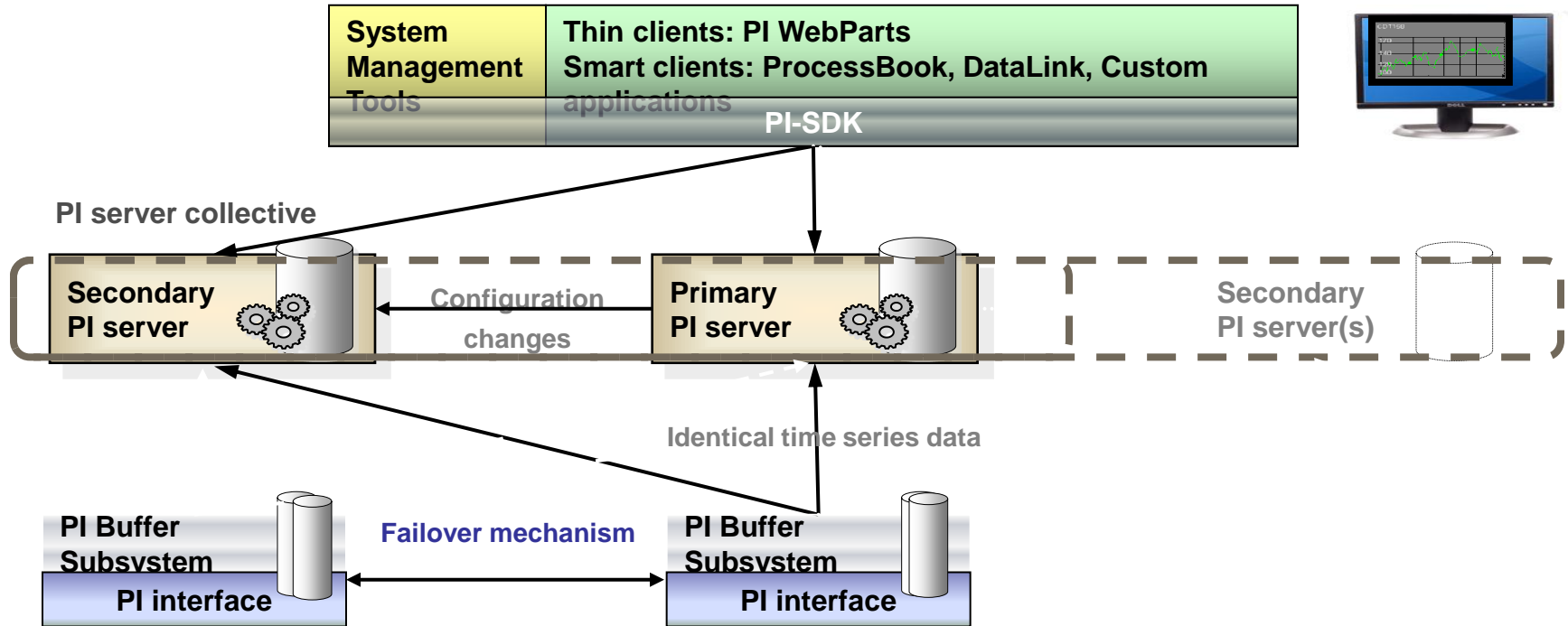
Create a PI Server Collective

- Maximize data access for clients. Maintain availability during outages.
- Load balance by connecting clients to closest Collective member

Best Practices

- Implement PI Server High Availability
- No more support for Microsoft clusters in PI Server 2012

High Availability Architecture



Windows Integrated Security (WIS)

PI Server 3.4.380.36 (2009) introduced support for WIS



Use Microsoft Active Directory (AD) for PI Server Authentication



Map AD Principles to PI Identities



PI Identities are roles on the PI Server
e.g. PIAdmins, PIReaders, PIInterfaces

What Does WIS Do for Me?

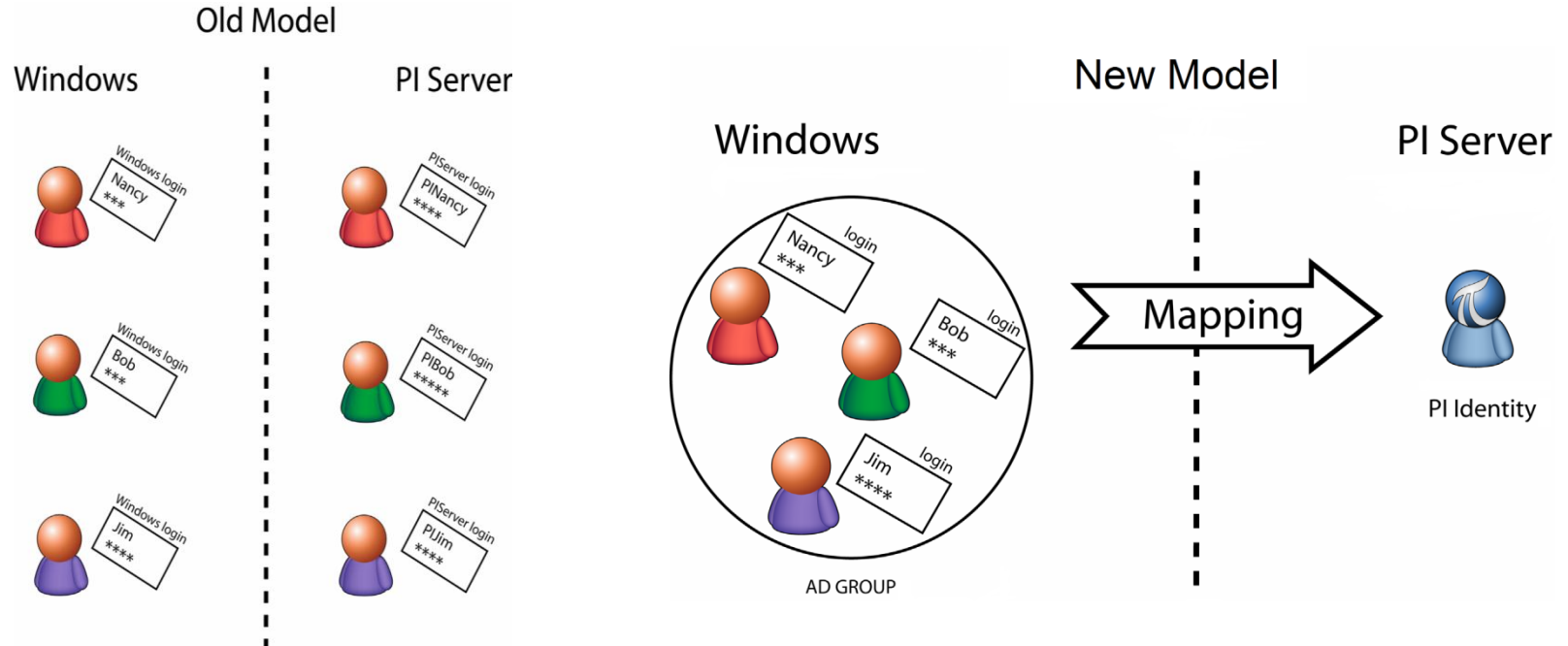
More
secure than
trusts and
explicit
login

Seamless
user login
experience.
No login
box.

No more PI
Users to
maintain

No more
piadmin
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on sticky-
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Comparing PI Users and PI Identities

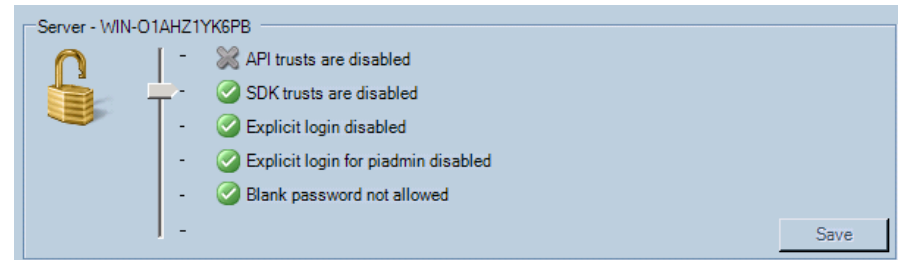


PI Identity Planning with AD

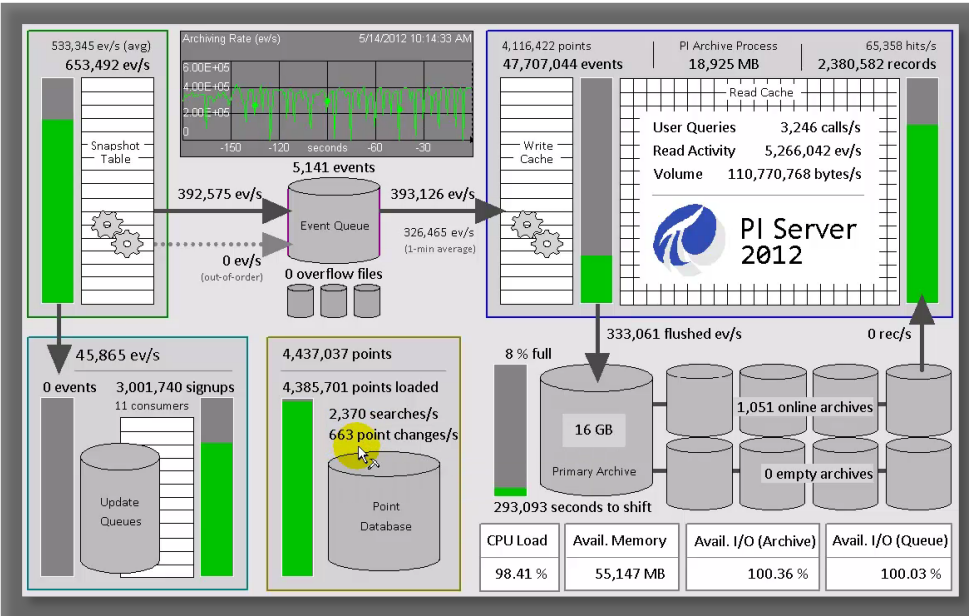
- Develop a PI Identity Scheme for your Organization
 - Who uses PI data?
 - Who writes to PI data?
 - Who needs Admin access?
- Who manages the AD Security?
 - Map identities and or groups directly
 - Add AD users to local groups that are mapped

How to Tighten Security

1. Physical and OS security are the first line of defense
2. Use the new Security Tool to help secure your PI Server
3. Do not use the PIADMIN account in trusts or mappings
4. Disable PI password authentication (explicit logins) (see KB00304)
5. Retire PI SDK-based Trusts
6. Use Windows Integrated Security



PI Server Best Practices



Look at the Logs

Use the Security Features

Monitor PI System Health with PI PerfMon

Automatic Archive Creation

Check Your Backups and Know How to Use Them



PI Interface Buffering and Failover

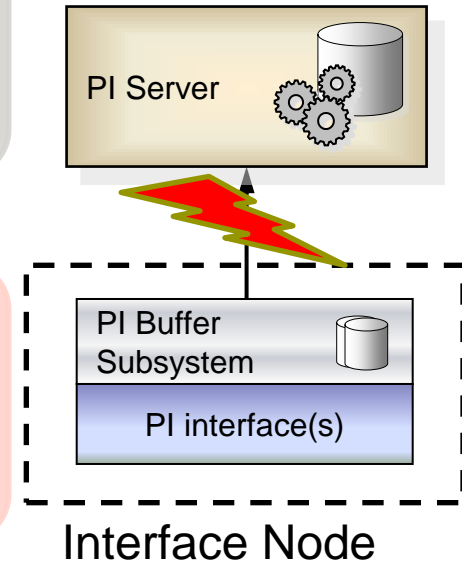
Interface Buffering

Prevent
Data
Loss

- Stores data in the event of disconnection from PI Server(s)

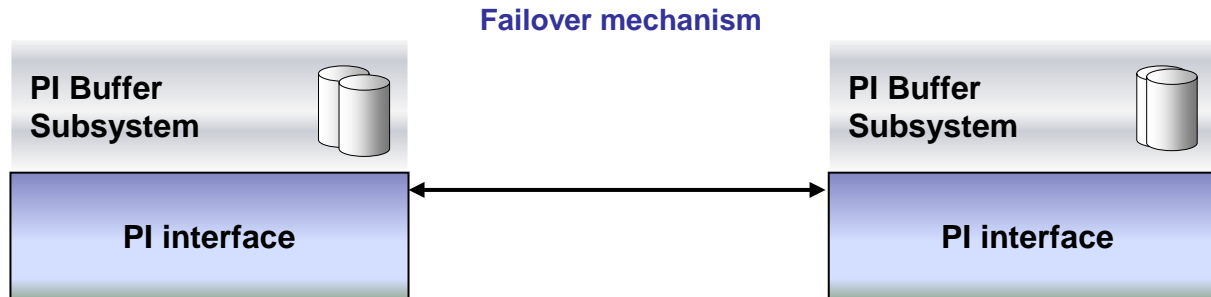
Two
Flavors

- **PI Buffer Subsystem (pibufss)**
- PI Buffer Server (bufserv)

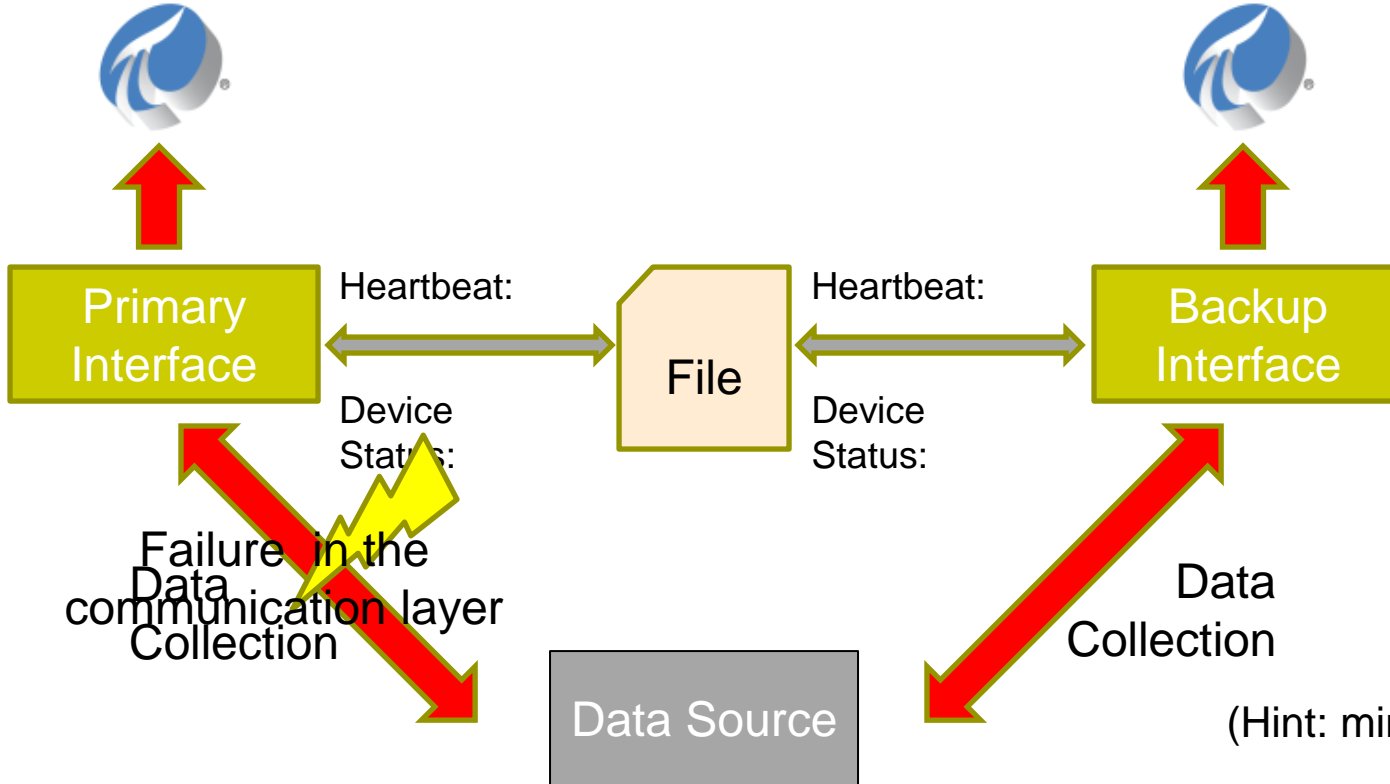


What is Interface Level Failover?

- Prevents (or minimizes) data loss if one of the interface machines fails.
- Each interface monitors the other's status and takes over if there is a problem.
- Unilnt Phase 2 Failover uses a shared file.



How does interface failover work?



Hot = No data loss

Warm = Maybe data loss

Cold = Some data lost

(Hint: minimize data loss by using disconnected startup)

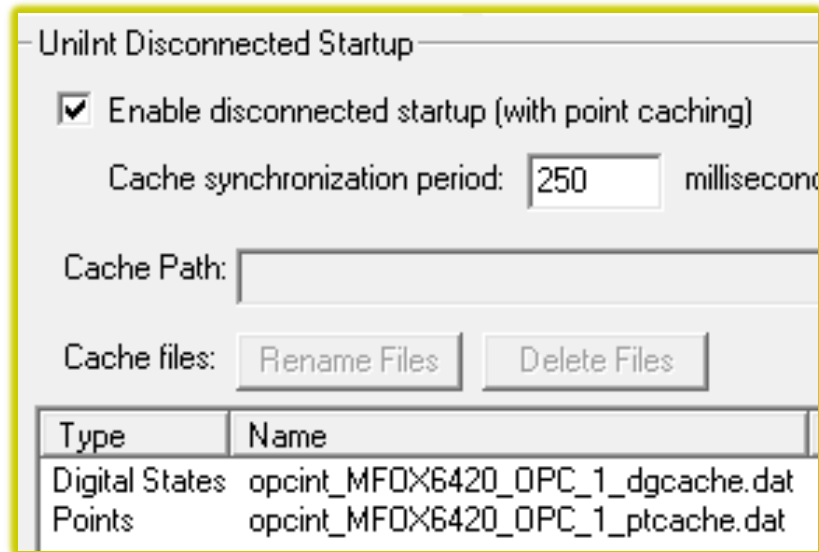
Disconnected Startup

- Previously, if the PI Server was not available, it was not possible to start the interface
- Creates a local cache of all of the tags. Now the interface can start without connecting to the PI Server

Along with buffering, you now have an interface that can operate (almost) indefinitely without the PI Server!

Bonus: We have seen impressive decreases in interface startup time when this feature is enabled

Hint: If you make a lot of changes to this interface's tags consider shutting down the interface and deleting the cache files.



Type	Name
Digital States	opcint_MFOX6420_OPC_1_dgcache.dat
Points	opcint_MFOX6420_OPC_1_ptcache.dat

PI Interfaces - Best Practices

- Configure buffering with PI Buffer Subsystem
- Consider implementing UniInt Failover
- Disconnected start-up
- Create interface health points
- Configure 2+ trusts using a limited account (not piadmin)
- Don't forget to test!



PI ACE

PI Advanced Computing Engine

Develop calculations in Microsoft Visual Studio

- *Wizard*

Easy to manage and deploy calculations

- *Manager*

Service runs calculations

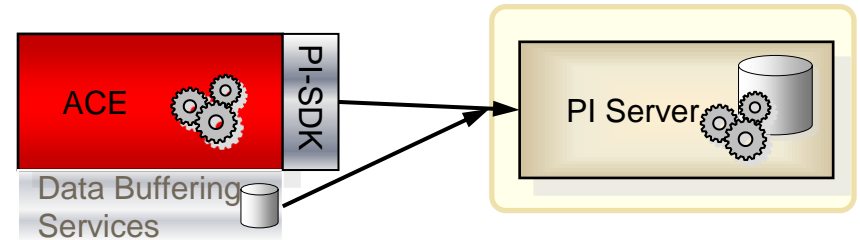
- *Scheduler*

Support for 64-bit

- *PI ACE 2010*

PI Advanced Computing Engine

- Best Practices
 - Configure buffering
 - *Buffer subsystem or buffer server*
 - Error handling
 - *Try...catch*
 - Performance Counters
 - *Calc in error, calc skipped, etc...*





PI Asset Framework and PI Notifications

PI Asset Framework Overview



- Adds context to PI data
 - Define relationships
 - Build hierarchy
 - Relate to non-PI data
- Usable
 - Provides context to end users
 - Integrated calculations and search tools
- Scalable
 - 10s of 1,000s of assets
 - Connect to multiple PI Servers & data sources
- Extensible
 - Access with PI OLEDB & PI Webservices
 - Customizable data references and plug-ins



PI AF Server - Components

- Two key components
 - AF Server
 - SQL Server database
- SQL Server
 - Express, Standard
 - Cluster or Mirror
- AF Server
 - Behind a load balancer
 - AFSDK Collective

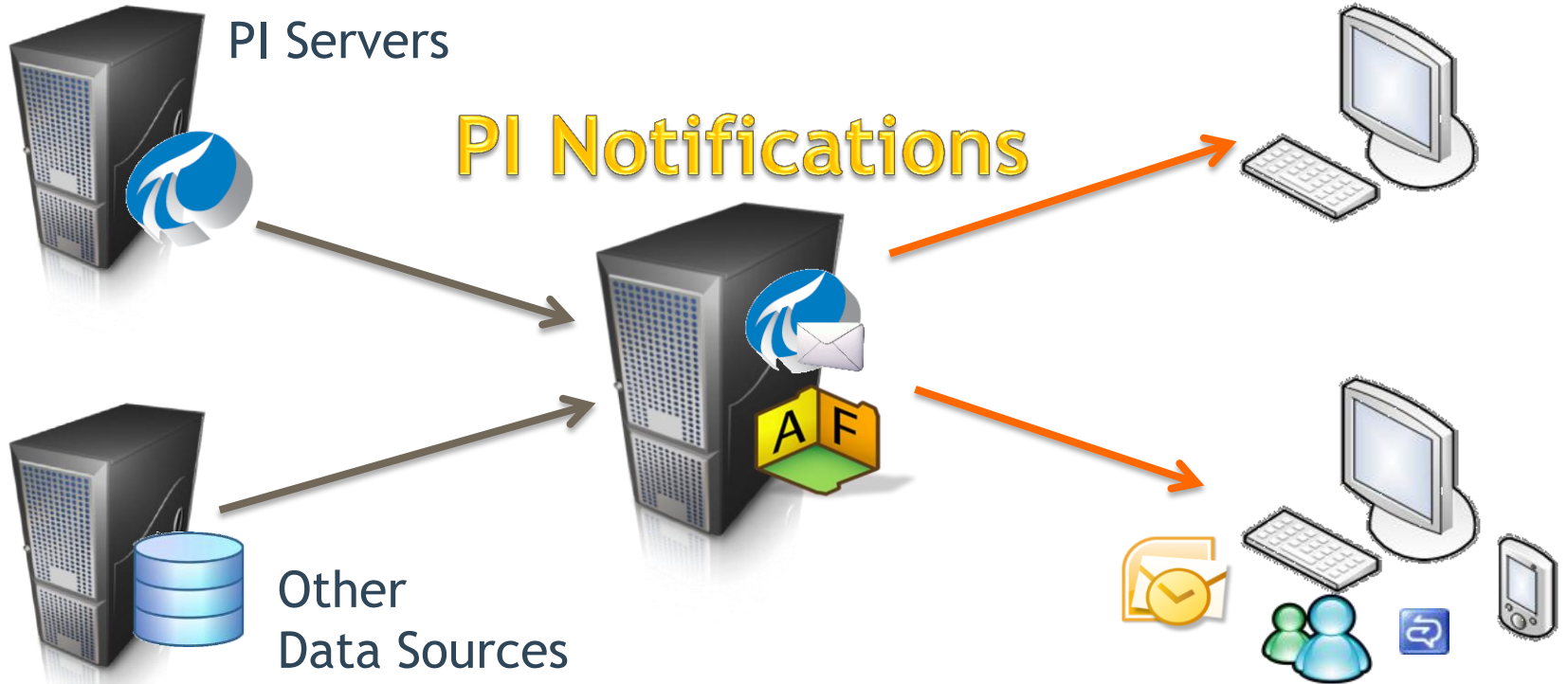


PI AF Server – Best Practices

- Configure AF backups – Backup PIFD and/or run afbackup.bat
- Monitor SQL Server health
- Do not run the SQL Server database engine as LOCALSYSTEM, admin, or domain admin.
- **DO NOT RUN** the AF Server with SysAdmin privilege (don't use SA account, LOCALSYSTEM, or admin)
 - Use a domain account

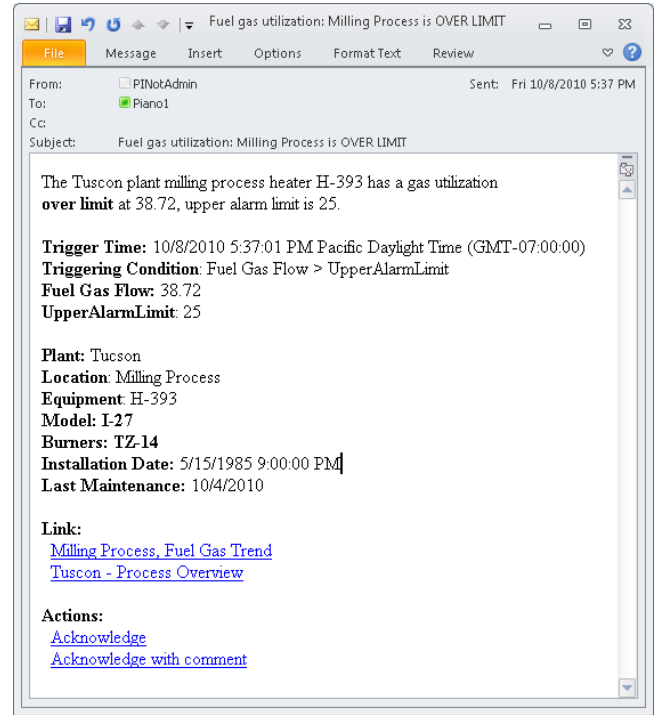
PI Notifications - Overview

PI ProcessBook
PI DataLink



PI Notifications – Best Practices

- Run PI Notifications as a domain account
- Configure PI Buffering
- Create redundant schedulers
- Monitor health with PI PerfMon tags





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