

Regional Seminar Series

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AF Speeds Up Time To Solution

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About AF





Who: Asle Frantzen

What: Software Engineer

Where: Norway

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Amitec is a Value Added Reseller (VAR) for OSIsoft, and has been a partner since 1996



Experiences from Project



- Customer in the Oil & Gas sector
 - Offshore operation North Sea
 - Company's first operatorship
- Building everything from scratch
 - New organization / people
 - New Oil/Gas rig
 - Cooperation with experienced oil field developer

Asset Management



- Customer uses a system called COMOS
 - Life Cycle Asset Information Management system

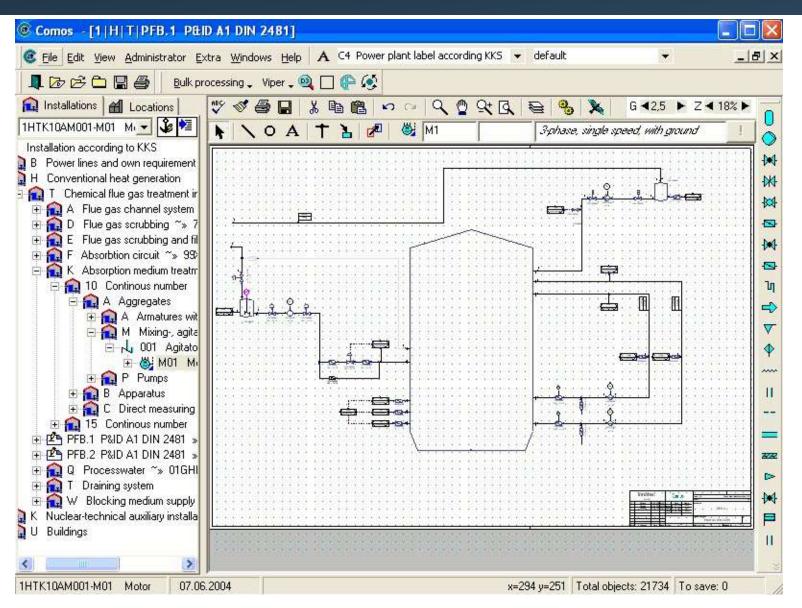
Instruments, gauges, valves, etc. (production)

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- Heaters, fire extinguishers, etc. (living quarters)

COMOS

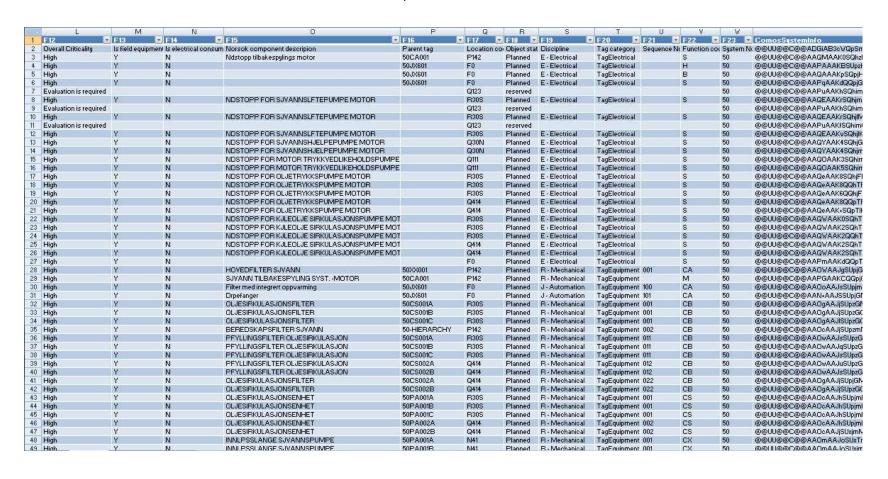




Looking at the Data



- Multiple MS Access .MDB files
 - Over 100.000 records, with 23 attributes each



Ways of Importing Data into AF

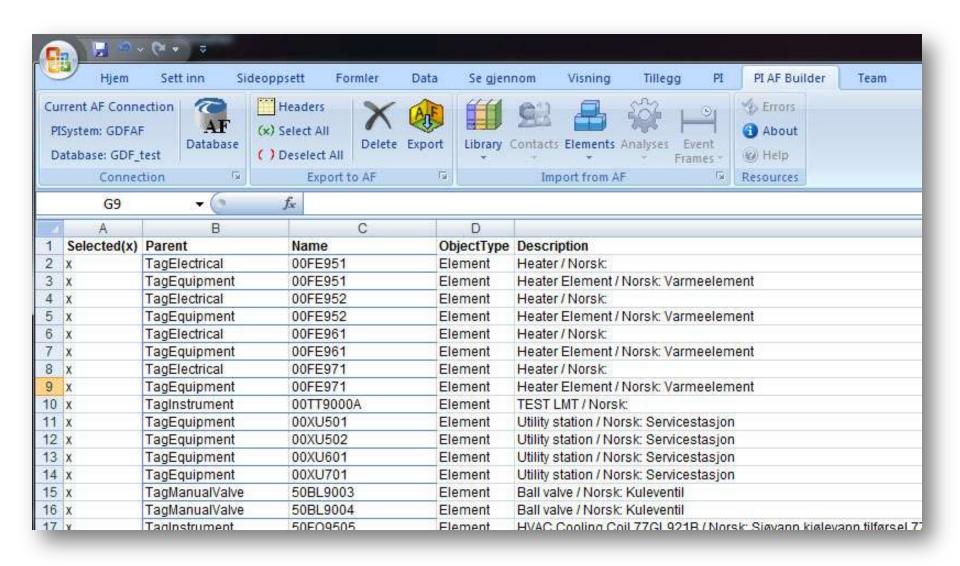


- Using the AFBuilder plugin for Excel
 - Requires configuration (GUI)

- Using the AFImport command line tool
 - Requires data preparation
- Using the AF SDK
 - Requires coding

AFBuilder Plugin for Excel





AFBuilder Plugin for Excel



Testing the performance:

Amount of records: 13.500

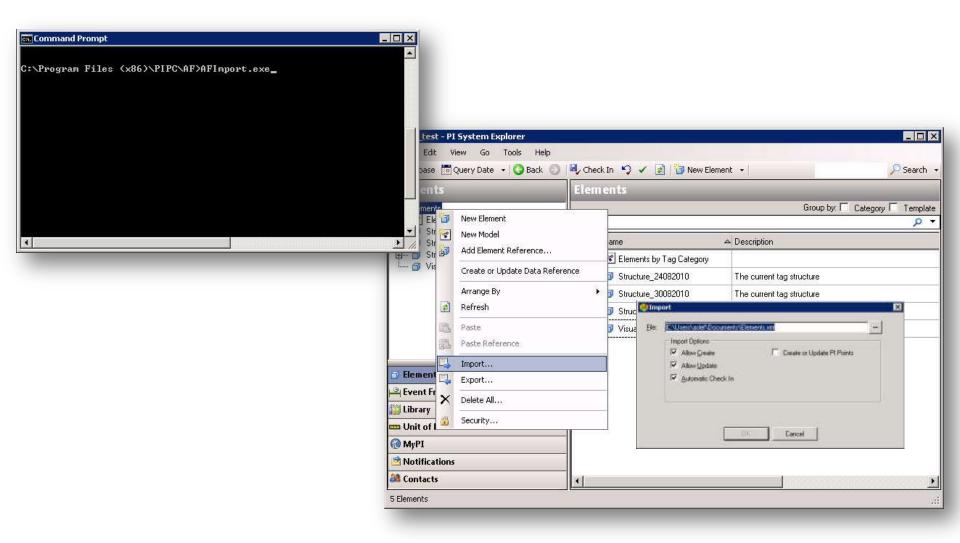
Time spent: 314 minutes (5 hrs 14 mins)

Avg: 43 elements / minute

AFImport Command Line Tool



(Same as importing in PI System Explorer)



AFImport Command Line Tool



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- Testing the performance:
 - Amount of records: 13.500
 - Time spent: 20 minutes 52 seconds
 - Avg: 647 elements / minute

AF SDK in Visual Studio



Testing the performance:

– Avg: 42 elements / minute *

* Quick test done without any form of code optimization

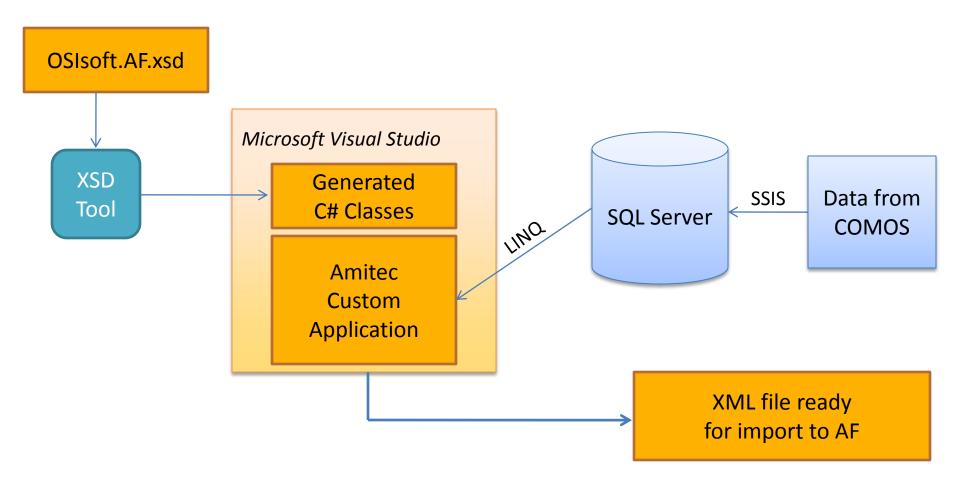
Our Preferred Way?



AFImport command line tool

Preparing the Data





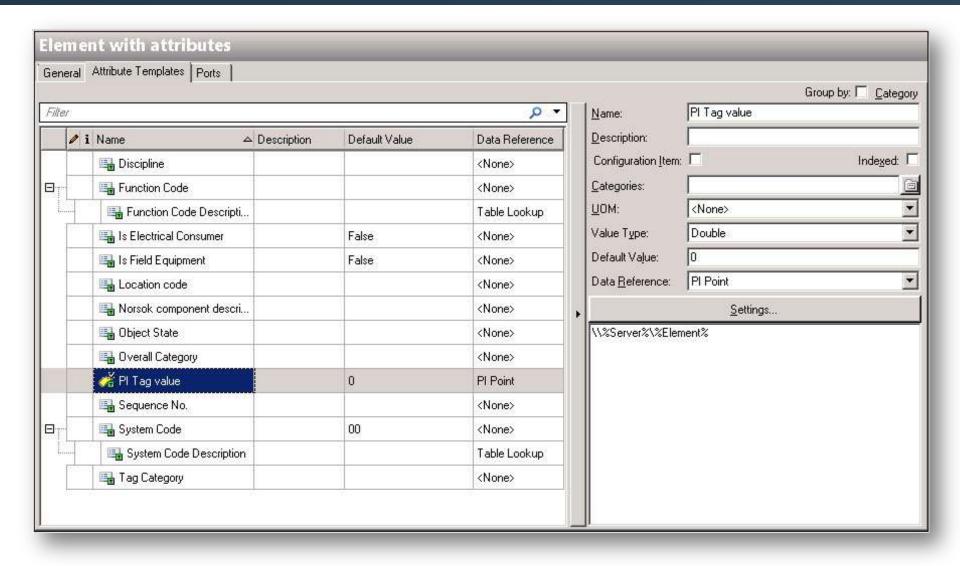
Generating the Data



- First attempt:
 - Generated XML file in appr. 30 seconds
 - 7.2 Million lines / 256 MB
 - 133.430 elements, with 5-10 attributes each
 - Imported to AF:
 - Total time of 245 minutes (4 hrs 5 mins)
 - Avg: 544 elements / minute

Optimizing Speed with Templates





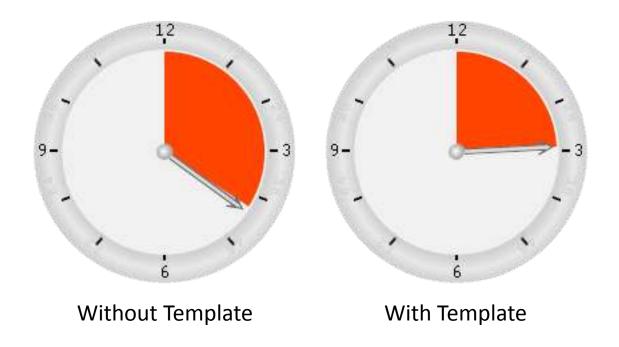
Generating the Data



- Second attempt using Element Template:
 - Generated XML file in appr. 25 seconds
 - 5.5 Million lines / 190 MB
 - 133.430 elements based on an Element Template
 - Imported to AF:
 - Total time of 175 minutes (2 hrs 55 mins)
 - Avg: 762 elements / minute

Importing the Data





Importing the Data

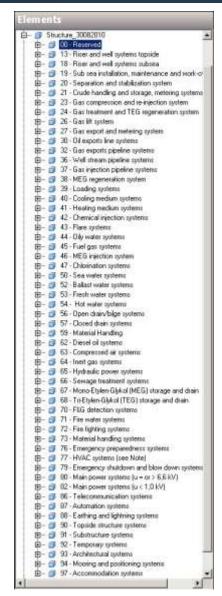


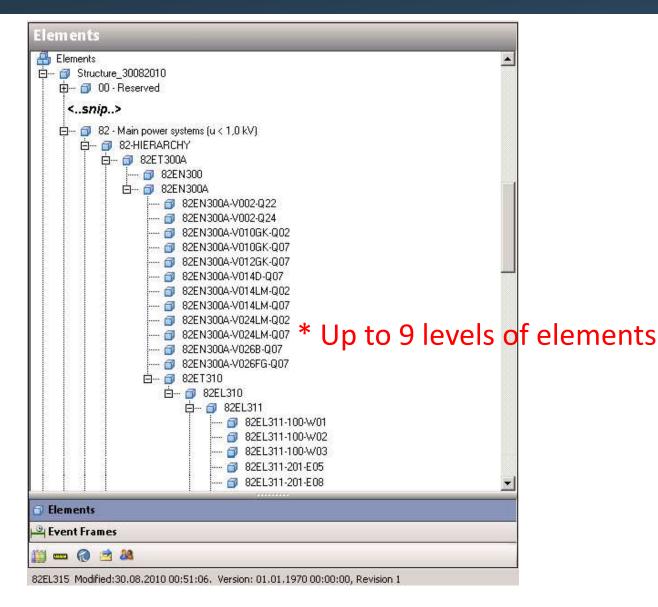
- Upgrading to AF Server 2010
 - Major improvement in time
 - Over 130.000 elements now imported in 8 mins. 45 secs.
 - Avg: >15000 elements / minute

= 95% reduction in time

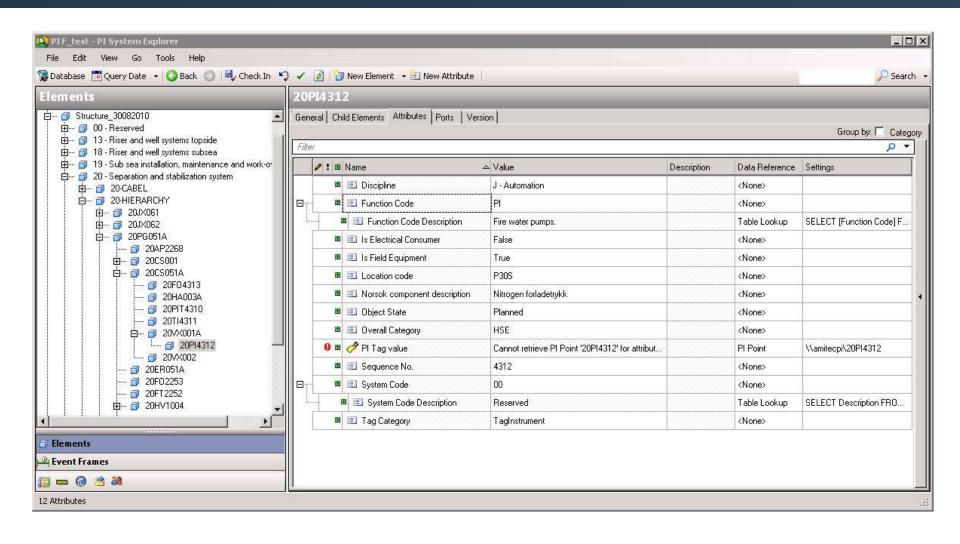
The Imported Tag Structure



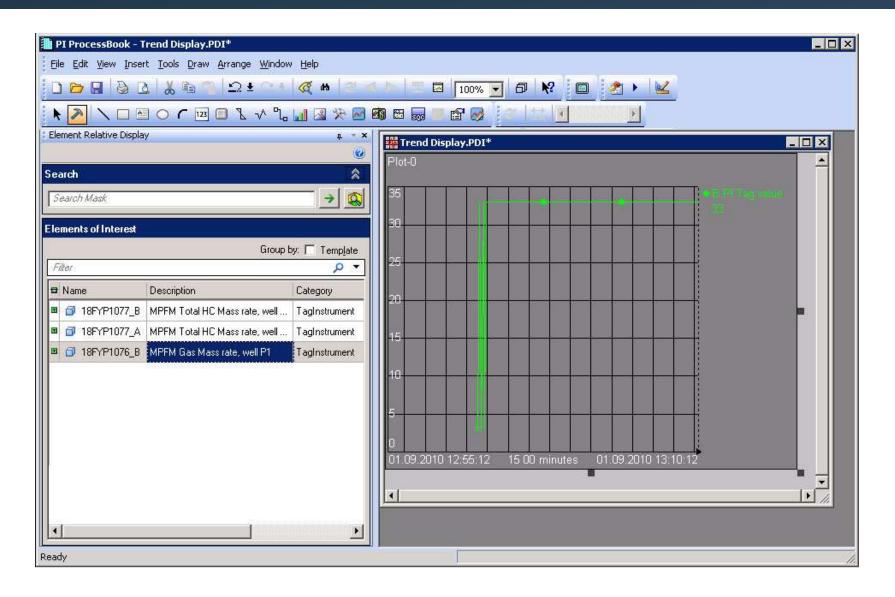




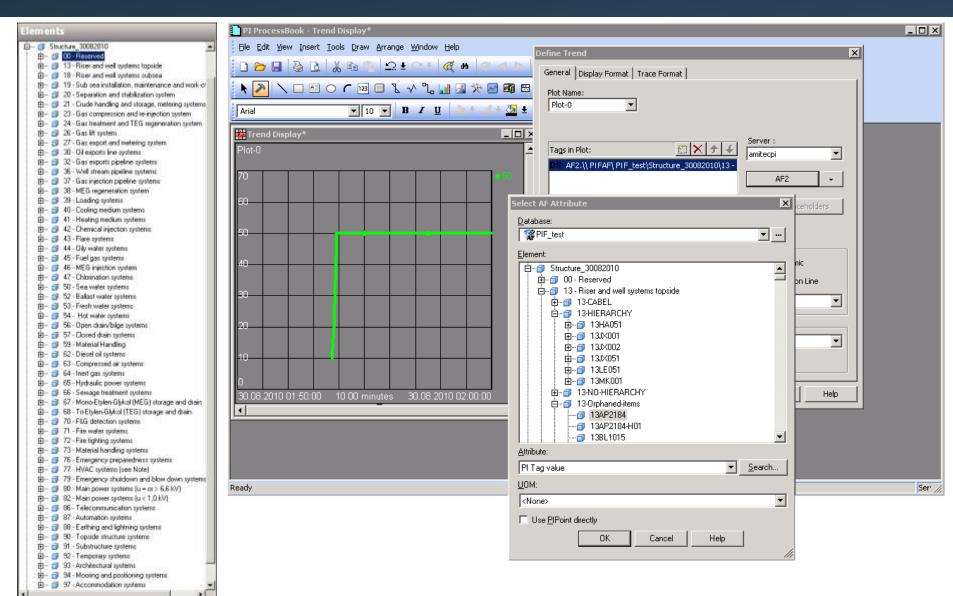




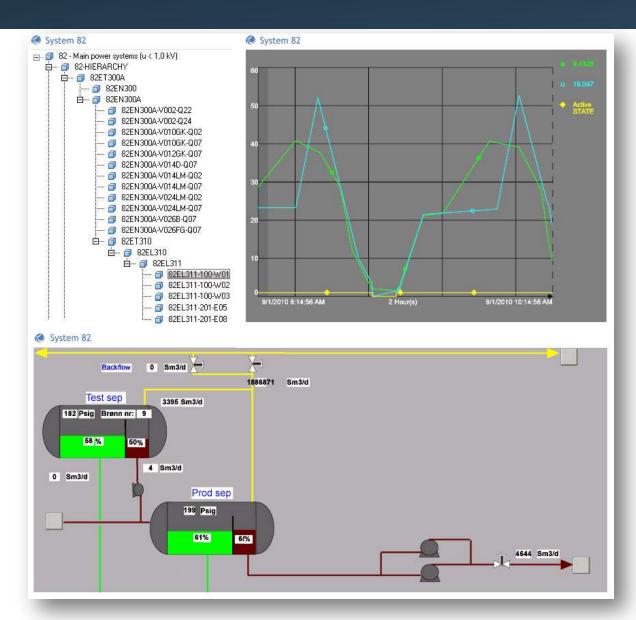












AF Technologies Used



Elements	Yes
Attributes	Yes
Models	Not yet
Categories	Yes, Element Categories
Templates	Yes, Element Templates
Enumeration Sets	Yes (no)
Tables and Table Lookup	Yes
PI Point Data Reference	Yes
Unit of Measure (UOM)	Not yet

Questions?





Thank you

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