

Development Roadmap

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What is a Roadmap?

- From American Heritage Dictionary:
 - “A map, especially one for motorists, showing and designating the roads of a region.”
 - “A set of guidelines, instructions, or explanations.”



Technology we Adopted

- DEC VAX
- Windows 3.11 (16-bit)
- Visual Basic for Applications (VBA)
- Windows NT and UNIX
- OPC



Technology we Avoided

- DOS
- Macintosh
- “Dial-up” PI API
- Hardware emulation
- IPX networking
- PI3 on VMS
- Push Technology

OSIsoft Roadmap

- Preparing for the Enterprise
 - Security
 - Remote Management
 - Fault Tolerance
 - Replication
- Current Product Highlights



Preparing for the Enterprise

- Deploying a system throughout a corporation is what adds value
- NOT federation of all data into a single pool
- Best to think of an enterprise as a bunch of separate companies



What does “Enterprise” *really* mean?



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Enterprise Software Mindset

- Deploy easily from one installation to another
- Be centrally or remotely maintained
- Expose performance information so that software health can be monitored
- Deliver usage statistics for auditing and licensing purposes
- Have a useful presence in appropriate user environments and transition between them
- Deploy easily to the desktop
- Integrate seamlessly with existing security models
- Have an appropriate roadmap that adopts appropriate technology from OS/soft, Microsoft, or others as it emerges
- Have a toolkit
- Store, replicate, or roll-up important information to a central server
- Apply to more than just real-time data
- Be scalable enough
- Fits with a Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA)

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Enterprise Security

- Secure access to Windows and PI
- Secure access to the network
- Electronic signature (ESIG)
- Deliberately obscure data
 - Example: purchase a subsidiary that is not allowed to share data with existing sites

Windows Integrated Login

- Login to Windows domain == Login to PI
 - includes Windows domain groups
 - usernames written to PI Audit Database will be Windows names
- Likely include native Windows ACLs
 - you can be specific on allowing and disallowing access to data

Windows Integrated Login

- Still need to determine which domain users can be PI users
- We will not force sites to adopt Windows security
 - choice at install/upgrade time
 - identical to Microsoft SQL Server



Windows Integrated Login

- Doing very well right now with Pltrust
 - Mapping Windows user to like-named PI user is very powerful
- Newest PI SDK-based applications use this:
 - PI SMT 3.0
 - ProcessBook 3.0
 - Datalink 3.0

Securing a PI Server

- White Paper:
 - “PI Server Security Best Practices”
 - <http://support.osisoft.com/piserver>
- EPRI Report on PI Security
 - Independent audit performed by security firm
 - Most concerns addressed by locking down PI files
 - adding this to PI Server installation

Securing Access to the Network

- Microsoft Active Directory
 - Windows 2000 Server and later
 - replaces Windows NT 4.0 Domain Controller



Security APIs

- PI uses Win32 API routines:
 - PI SDK obtains logged-in user credentials
 - PI Server validates them against Domain
- Works against Windows NT 4.0 domains and Active Directory
- does NOT work for LDAP-based network operating systems

Securing Access to the Network

- LDAP-based systems
 - “Lightweight Directory Access Protocol”
 - Enables communication with more Network Operating Systems (NOS)



Lightweight Directory Access Protocol

- Generic API for communicating with security databases
- Used natively by Novell
 - Seems to be the leading Network Operating System (NOS) at SAP sites
- Option for Microsoft Active Directory



Microsoft ADAM

- “Active Directory Application Mode”
 - “private” implementation of Active Directory
 - specific to application, not computer
 - replicates to other computers
 - cache for more than user database

Electronic Signature (ESIG)

- Emulated by re-prompting for password, writing note to string tag
- Strict definition:
 - digital certificate uniquely defining user
 - name of operation being performed
 - checksum on data being signed
 - notification upon retrieval if data have been changed
- Support for multiple ESIGs required

Licensing

- Lack of license controls is a problem with:
 - software bundles
 - piracy
 - accidental violations
 - change in licensed features requires new download
- Licenses will assist with your internal software distributions

Licensing

- Server features
- Client application usage
- Interface connectivity
- License Reporting



Why no licenses until now?

- Needs unique machine signature
- Needs Internet communication with OSIssoft
- Needs accurate customer database
- We must make this unobtrusive for you



Installation

- OS/soft focus is on bundles
- Single, integrated installation kit
 - model is MS Office install
- License controls enable bundling



System Management Server (SMS)

- Manages enterprise software distributions
 - Place install kit on SMS Server
 - Clients made aware of new kits
 - “Can have” vs. “Must have”
- SMS System administrator can read versions from clients

System Management Server

- Supports “silent” installation
- How to handle (inevitable) reboot?
 - Forced
 - Prompt user at next login
 - no support by SMS
- OS/soft will provide “pre-install” kit

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Remote Management Initiative

- Centralized management of PI Servers *and interfaces*
- System Management Tools 3.0 represent *considerable* progress
- Objectives:
 - close whatever gap remains
 - No on-site PI System Manager

Remote Management Initiative

- Manage PI Servers, interface nodes and interfaces remotely
- Provide access to diagnostics
- On-line backup
 - Windows Volume Shadow Services (VSS)



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Fault Tolerance Initiative

- Objective: No data loss
- Guaranteed delivery of data
 - from remote OS/soft interface
 - to PI Server archive file
- Currently exposed when data are in memory-based caches
- Approach:
 - interface node to hold data until PI Server confirms flush to archive

Replication

- Wide spectrum of models exist
 - Hot Spare through Server “Farm”
- Two through “n” partners
- Clusters vs. Wide-Area Partners
- Point/Module Edits
- High rates of incoming data
 - Perhaps solution is with interface nodes?

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Current Product Highlights

- BatchView
- Analysis Framework
- ProcessPoint
- Technical Support Website



OSIssoft Cycling

- Maximum heart rate
- Simple formula

$$HR_{\max} = 220 - \text{Age}$$



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Maximum Heart Rate

Bike Ride Search

- Select

Find:

Include: Riding Ridden All Rides

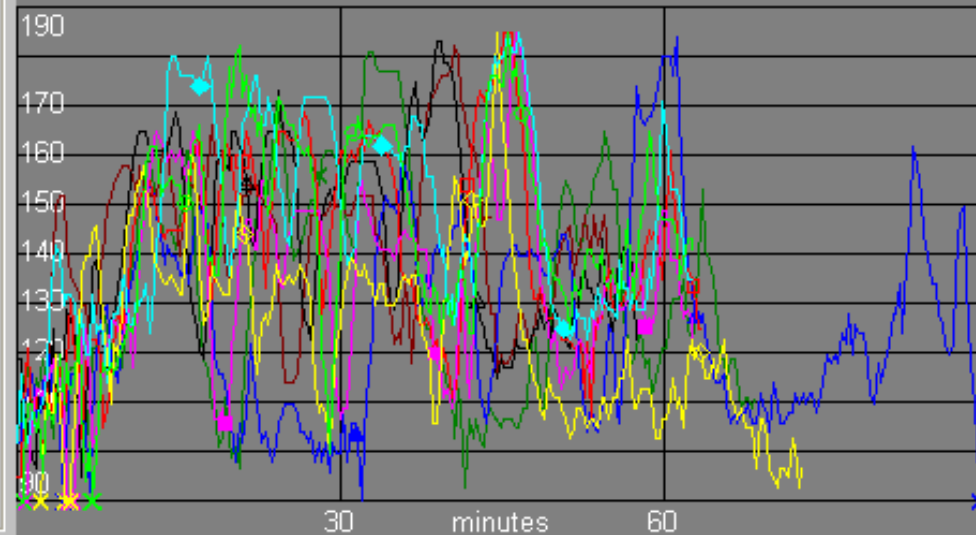
- Attributes

Ride Name:

- Filter

For Period: and

Heart Rate (bpm)



	Ride ID	⌚	Start Time	Ride Name	Distance	Duration	Ride HR Max ▾	HR avg
○	04TH078	⌚	3/18/2004 11:40:00 AM	Short ride	11.6 mi	01:02:47	185	143.4
◆	04TH015	⌚	1/15/2004 12:21:00 PM	Short ride	11.7 mi	01:02:53	185	148.0
◇	03FR346	⌚	12/12/2003 11:47:00 AM	Short ride	11.5 mi	01:12:58	185	122.4
■	03WE309	⌚	11/5/2003 12:04:00 PM	Short ride	11.5 mi	01:02:48	185	133.9
□	03FR255	⌚	9/12/2003 11:40:00 AM	Short ride	11.5 mi	01:03:36	185	140.9
▲	03TU336	⌚	12/2/2003 12:08:00 PM	Short ride	11.6 mi	01:30:04	184	125.3
△	03WE274	⌚	10/1/2003 12:15:00 PM	Short ride	11.4 mi	00:57:43	183	141.6
+	04WE063	⌚	3/3/2004 12:02:00 PM	Short ride	11.5 mi	00:55:29	182	140.2
×	03FR206	⌚	7/25/2003 11:44:00 AM	Short ride	11.4 mi	01:08:30	181	132.2

Fastest Ride

Bike Ride Search

- Select

Find:

Include: Riding Ridden All Rides

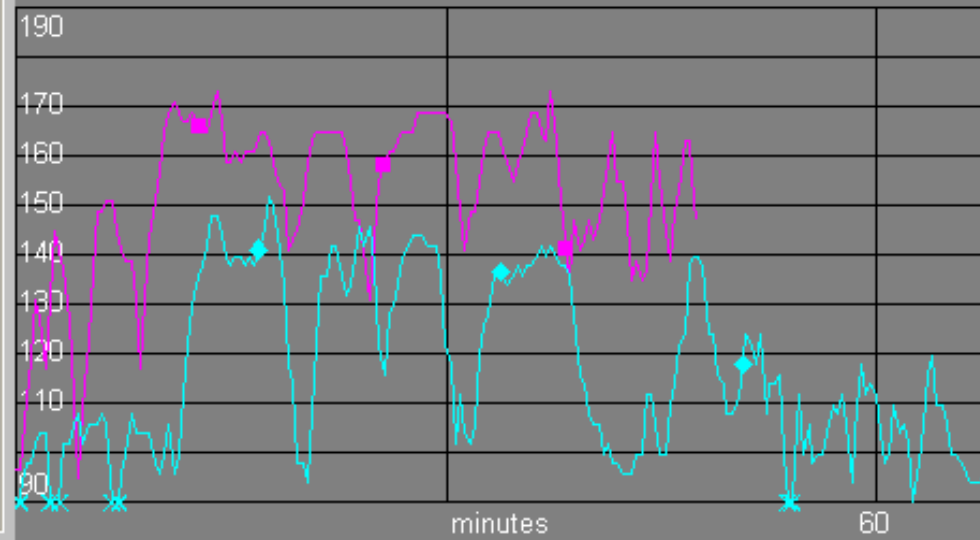
- Attributes

Ride Name:

- Filter

For Period: and

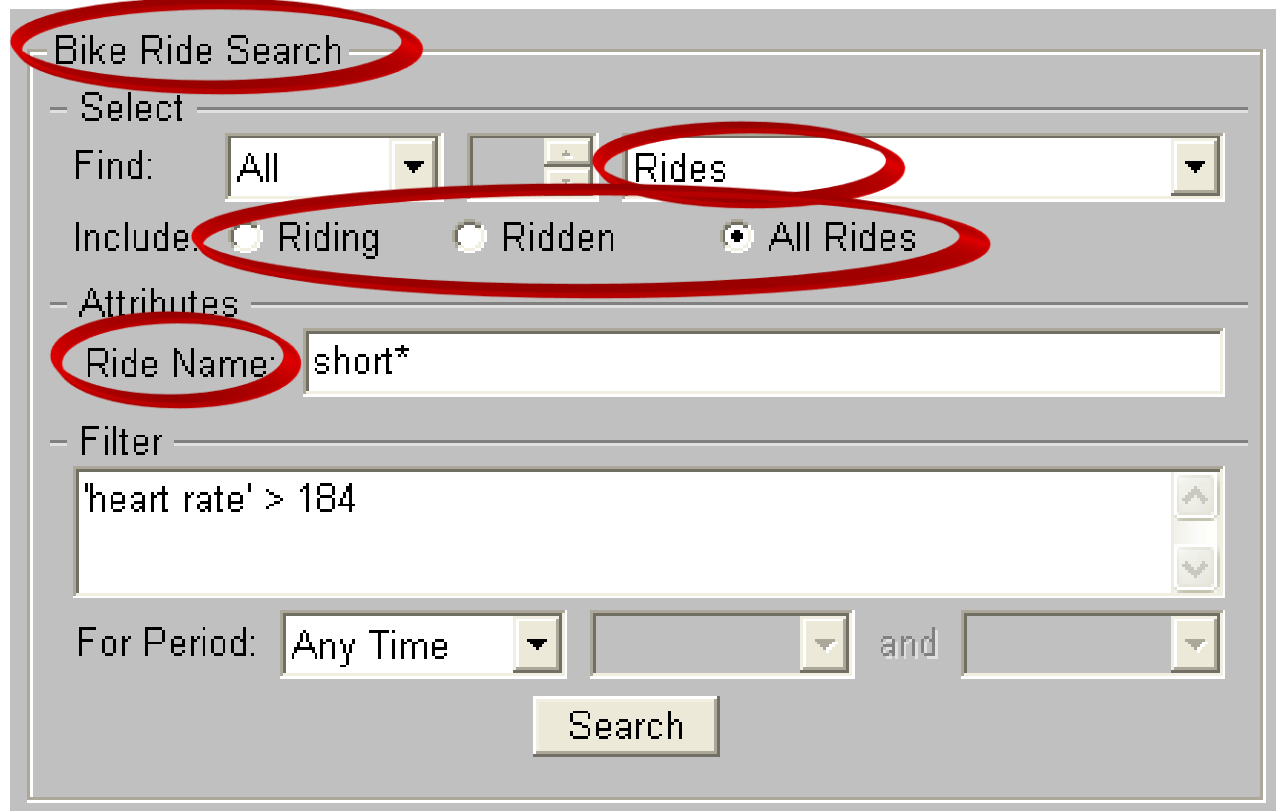
Heart Rate (bpm)



	Ride ID			Start Time	Ride Name	Distance	Duration	Ride HR Max	HR avg
	03MO237			8/25/2003 12:15:00 PM	Short ride	11.2 mi	01:01:54	178	135.1
	03WE225			8/13/2003 11:56:00 AM	Short ride	11.5 mi	01:07:44	152	116.6
	03MO216			8/4/2003 11:53:00 AM	Short ride	11.6 mi	00:56:37	180	140.5
	03FR213			8/1/2003 12:09:00 PM	Short ride	11.4 mi	00:47:27	173	152.0



PI BatchView – Custom Naming



The screenshot shows the 'Bike Ride Search' interface. Red circles highlight the following elements:

- The title 'Bike Ride Search'.
- The 'Find:' dropdown menu set to 'Rides'.
- The 'Include:' radio buttons, with 'All Rides' selected.
- The 'Ride Name:' text input field containing 'short*'.

The interface also includes a 'Filter' section with the text 'heart rate' > 184, a 'For Period:' section with 'Any Time' selected, and a 'Search' button.

A Batch Is...

An event that has a start and an end.

- Traditional batch industries (**Lot #**)
- Discrete manufacturing (**Widgets**)
- Fixed time periods (**Day, Shift**)
- Equipment startups and shutdowns
- Downtime, excursion events
- Bike rides

Custom Naming lets you decide the terminology of these events



Analysis Framework (AF) 1.0

- Released!
- Environment for building **models** in order to perform **analyses** on them
- Infrastructure of Sigmafine 4.0



See Analysis Framework

- Presentations
 - Sigmafine 4.0
 - Cisco
 - RtAnalytics
- Demo Table



ProcessPoint role within RtPM

- Real-time
 - Being able to evaluate information
 - Quickly
 - Over any timeframe
 - ProcessPoint supports current and historical intent
- Performance
 - Actual vs. intent
 - PI supplies the actual
 - ProcessPoint supplies the intent
- Management
 - Actionable data
 - Put into context, data can easily drive decisions, action
 - ProcessPoint supplies context of “what should happen”

ProcessPoint Demonstration



New Techsupport Website

- New look and feel
- On demand product downloads
- One login to access all info
- Google search
 - Solutions, Punchlists, Support Web
- Restricted to customers on TSA
- Available this summer



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Release Announcements

- [PI Network Manager 3.3.362.63 patch for UNIX fixes pinetmar crash](#)
- [PI BatchView 3.0.2.3 patch released](#)
- [PI BatchView 2.1.1.2 patch released](#)
- [ControlMonitor 2.16 released](#)
- [PIPE2ACE patch released](#)

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Support Bulletins

- [PI ProcessBook 2.3 vertical axis scale plotted incorrectly](#)
- [PIBaGen crashes during point edits](#)
- [PI 2 incompatible with Alpha OpenVMS 7.3](#)
- ["Compile error in hidden module" error when starting Microsoft Excel](#)
- ["-1h" time expression evaluated incorrectly](#)

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PI SDK

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Current Version: 1.3.1.237

Release Date: 16-Dec-2004

What is the PI-SDK?

The PI Software Development Kit (PI-SDK) is a programming tool providing access to PI servers. The software consists of an ActiveX in-process server, an ActiveX control, and supporting code libraries. The kit comes with on-line documentation, example code, various support files, and tools.

The PI-SDK runs on 32-bit Windows platforms and provides access to servers on all PI platforms. Based on Microsoft's Component Object Model (COM), the PI-SDK can be used with most WIN32 programming environments. The kit is particularly well integrated with Microsoft Visual Basic providing rapid development and deployment of PI applications.

The PI-SDK provides an object-oriented approach to program interaction with PI Systems. It delivers a hierarchical model of objects and collections representing the components of PI servers. This approach provides for intuitive and efficient access.

PI SDK Information

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1. [C#APISnap](#)

This application demonstrates how to use the PISDK from Visual Studio.Net using C#. It displays a dialog box with a text box for a tag name. One button retrieves and displays the snapshot value for the tag entered. Another button brings up the Tag Search Dialog for filling in the text box.

Version:**Content:** Sample Code - .NET**Platform:****Size:** 35840 Kb

2. [MDBBDBEventsCSharp](#)

This example shows how to sign up for and retrieve events for PIModule, PIBatch, PIUnitBatch, and PITransferRecord database changes from C#.

Version:**Content:** Sample Code - .NET**Platform:****Size:** 211968 Kb

3. [MDBBDBEventsVBNet](#)

This example shows how to sign up for and retrieve events for PIModule, PIBatch, PIUnitBatch, and PITransferRecord database changes from VisualBasic.NET.

Version:**Content:** Sample Code - .NET**Platform:****Size:** 210432 Kb

Known Issues - SDK - current version 1.3.1.237

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Product: Version: Module:

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	Issue No.	Module	Found In Version	Fixed In Version	Targeted In Version	Summary
<input type="button" value="+"/>	5542OSI8	Data	1.3.1.237	1.3.1.240	(Fixed)	EventPipe.RemoveSignUp crashed when passed an ID that was...
<input type="button" value="+"/>	5537OSI8	PITimeServer	1.3.1.237	(Targeted)	1.3.1p1	Memory corruption in PITimeZoneInfos possible in...
<input type="button" value="+"/>	5497OSI8	Help	1.3.1.237	(Targeted)	1.3.2b	Some pictures are not shown in sdkintro.doc
<input type="button" value="+"/>	5492OSI8	PITimeServer	1.3.1.237	(Targeted)	1.3.1p1	0 UTC time may not display properly for loaded time zones
<input type="button" value="-"/>	5446OSI8	n/a	1.3.1.237	(Targeted)	1.3.2b	ServerTime adjustment for PI2 nodes after DST
Summary: ServerTime adjustment for PI2 nodes after DST Description: Obtaining servertime from a PI2 server that does not change after DST changes may be off by 1 hour. Workaround: n/a						
<input type="button" value="+"/>	5416OSI8	PITimeServer	1.3.1.237	1.3.1.240	(Fixed)	Mixing locale specific strings and localeindependent works...
<input type="button" value="+"/>	5376OSI8	Data	1.3.1.237	(Targeted)	1.3.1p1	Eventpipe # of events retrieved / fetch is fixed at 1000. ...
<input type="button" value="+"/>	5369OSI8	n/a	1.3.1.237	1.3.1.240	(Fixed)	Accessing ListData .Parent after releasing source PointList...
<input type="button" value="+"/>	5344OSI8	PITimeServer	1.3.1.237	1.3.1.240	(Fixed)	ParseTimeStepString does not parse German time strings
<input type="button" value="+"/>	5336OSI8	n/a	1.3.1.237	1.3.1.240	(Fixed)	Enumerations missing from the PIConstants collection

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- RtReports
- Sigmafine
- PI3
- RtPortal



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