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Promoting digital health of the process by enabling decisions with the AVEVA[™] InTouch HMI web client

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Company History

- Armstrong's history dates back more than 160 years. The company began in a tiny two-man cork-cutting shop in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, when America's national frontier barely reached beyond the Rocky Mountains.
- Thomas Armstrong started Armstrong Cork Company in 1860. Four years later, he was
 putting his name on every bag of Armstrong corks with a written guarantee tucked inside –
 branding his product and standing behind it. That philosophy has always been to operate with
 trust and integrity: "Let the Buyer Have Faith."





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A graduate of the British Army school of electronic and aeronautical engineering with a 34-year career progressing through various roles in military, automotive (Tier 1 OEM supply into Fiat, Toyota, Lamborghini, Nissan), wood processing, system integration and ceiling tile manufacture.

Integrating control systems and lean manufacturing into Armstrong manufacturing plants with an instrumental role in leading the development and deployment of digital shop floor systems where he is passionate about process improvement and changing the way operations view the processes they control giving insights into previously hidden operational data.

Armstrong World Industries reduces downtime and scrap across multiple production lines.

- Lack of visibility into operational data at the locations that need to see it.
- Cost and time to deploy across the business.
- Needed to bring IT and OT sources into same solution.
- To improve manufacturing line performance at a faster rate with sustained results.
- Deployed AVEVA[™] InTouch HMI web client for production line live status and summary reports across all our mineral fiber manufacturing sites.
- Deployed webclient across 15 production operations in 6 plants, one line saw a changeover reduction time of 21%
- Faster real time information of scrap causes and counter measure effectiveness resulted in a scrap reduction of around 0.25%



We no longer needed to wait for a production summary each hour to know if any changes had been successful, we now know within 5 minutes."

Joe Alba, Value Stream Manager, Armstrong World Industries





Getting relevant information where it matters most

Several hurdles need addressing to achieve this

- 1. HMI/SCADA screens show if the equipment is running, it doesn't show how it is running.
- 2. Summary data reviewed after product runs are completed shows how you ran, too late to make any changes to performance.
- 3. Disparate systems are used to get the full picture, no view of these lineside.
- 4. No true live status of what's happening at point of operation.

Dashboard Layout

Requirement:

Key information to the operator of current conditions

In a clear manner that's easy to read & understand

so decisions can be made in real time.

Automotive is a prime example of this.

Dashboard Layout

70+ Years between them, same key information displayed.







Traditional SCADA/HMI layout





Conveyors/Equipment running or not.

Summary product counts.

BOARD COUNTS BY SHIFT SET SHIFT END TIMES Current Previous Reset Shift Shift Current Shift Count Boards Sq. Ft. **Roards** Sq. Ft. Reset Reset

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P & I Line	6	136							
Lay-In/Tegular Line	11	171							
Finish/Packaging Line	12	135							
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Fissuring Rd	112229	Reset							
Cortega Ro	324436	Reset							
Fissuring Tegular Ro	25777	Reset							
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Maintenance screens added – (this shows blade life for cutting operations). Weekly team review, any identified as end of life will have new blades staged at machine ready for changing at next opportunity.



Simple to understand but with all the information needed



Schedule – are we ready for the next product(s)?

Current Item – Where are we in the planned run?

Paint storage details – Do we have enough?

Are key product flow metrics green? And how well are we running those assets?

Where have there been issues in this area?

How are the quality checks for this item?

AVEVA

Simple to understand but with all the information needed





Health of the Dust collection systems.



Immediate comparison between items for common cause issues.

Line performance metrics: Rate, Orientation, scrap causes all live.



"Data lakes are wonderful things but for those of us dealing with siloed information, as long as AVEVA™ InTouch can reach it, getting the information into a single user interface is simple."





Getting disparate information into a single interface





Implementation Details

- Create the industrial graphics in Windowmaker
- Folder and graphics names are carried across to web client
- Run Windowviewer (web client needs this to operate)
 - It can be set to Run as a Service.
- Open a browser, select the server running InTouch HMI Windowviewer
- Additional security permissions can be configured for Read/Write access



Implementation Details

Google Chrome Browser

AVEVA InTouch HMI WindowMaker



Impact & Benefits

Web client assists in reducing Production line changeover times by an average of 20%

Challenge

Changeovers on our most technically complicated line were taking too long, there
was no clear indication when it started or where you were against target so
supervisors didn't readily know where to focus resources.

Solution

• Item specific target changeover time read into AVEVA InTouch HMI, a running countdown timer prominently displayed around the line.

Results

- Average changeover reduction from 19.76 minutes to 15.66 minutes
- Typical 80 to 100 Changeovers a month, over 6 hours additional capacity generated.

Item Changeover Time





Impact & Benefits

Web client gives immediate feedback of running status.

Challenge

• Local HMIs mounted on equipment throughout the production line are used for control, no higher-level monitoring existed. No one on the line could easily see how the equipment they were responsible for was performing.

Solution

 Including personnel who work in the area as part of the screen layout and content development process enabled new displays to be deployed using AVEVA web client to be beneficial from start and allowed reactions to problems that were originally hidden.

Results

The information displayed (trend) assisted maintenance with troubleshooting and rectifying the root problem (valve). The result was a thruput gain of approx.
 7,500ft² per hour.



We were losing rate that we simply weren't aware of, the new screen showed it clearly and we were able to get the problem investigated and fixed."

Scott Martin, Value Stream specialist, Armstrong World Industries



Impact & Benefits

Web client was instrumental in getting information displayed at a remote line.

Challenge

 A production lines had no local HMI screens so there was no view of how the equipment was performing, the challenge was to add local monitoring with the ability to perform new item selection at a low cost.

Solution

 Deployed AVEVA InTouch HMI web client screens for running status and changeover product selection.

Results

- Screen was developed and deployed within 1 day
- Key information displayed to all operators in the area via a 75" TV.
- Item changeovers via webclient screen.



We had wanted this in the lamination area for years but costs were restrictive, the speed which this was operational to us was impressive. It really helps the workers in the area."

S. Campbell, Electrical Engineer. Armstrong World Industries



Summary & benefits





Webclient Health of the Process Benefits

- Live streaming of PLC & connected system information
- Low cost of deployment (TV, Access device, power & network access)
- Rapid development
- Scalable
- Multi level applicable (Operator, Supervisor, Maintenance)
- Culture change focus on the now instead of the then
- Health of the Process allows proactive action before an emerging issue becomes a downtime event

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