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Extending AVEVA™ PI System™ with cloud data integrations

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Agenda

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- Flint Hills Resources (FHR) Background
- FHR Data Pipeline Background
- Modern Cloud Data Integrations
- "Poseidon"



Flint Hills Resources (FHR) Background

A subsidiary of Koch Industries

- FHR Background
- 2 refineries
- - ~4000 miles of pipeline
- -~20 terminals
- OSIsoft/AVEVA customer for 30+ years
- AVEVA Solutions Deployed
- 11 AVEVA PI Server collectives (~7.43MM PI Points)
- 11 AVEVA PI Server asset framework instances
- 9 AVEVA PI Vision instances
- 100+ PI Interfaces & Connectors
- 3 AVEVA (Wonderware) Historians
- AVEVA Enterprise SCADA (Oasys)





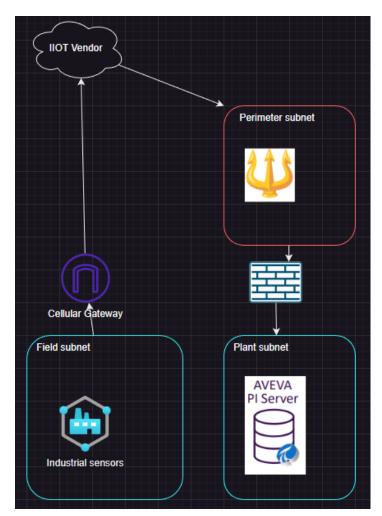
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FHR Data Pipeline Background



What is FHR's Data Pipeline

- Data Pipeline collection of reliable and repeatable systems for data acquisition, contextualization, and storage
- Primarily focused on data "within the fence line"
- Many vendors adopting cloud first solutions, requiring "hair pinning" the data back to us
- Ingress opportunities can be a pull (interact with vendor endpoint) or a push (vendor send to our endpoint)
- Data egress opportunities mirror these strategies (e.g sending historian data to AI/ML)
- Publicly available data sources: weather, prices, USGS, utilities, etc.





How does FHR think of data ingress and egress?

- Functional requirements for data platform:
 - Contextualization
 - Be able to continue using AVEVA PI Server asset framework structures for analytics (avoid rework)
 - FHR naming standards
 - Scheduling
 - Authorization
 - Data monitoring and quality
- AVEVA products with similar or complementary functionality:
 - O AVEVA Data Hub
 - AVEVA Adapters
 - AVEVA Open Message Framework (OMF), a PI Web API
 - PI (USL) Connectors & PI Interfaces

"Poseidon" is the tool that handles these constraints and uses the PI Web API to deliver data that flows through FHR's Data Pipeline









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Solution

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 PI System, retaining contextualization and analytics based on PI Server AF data structures.
- Design resuable interfaces for future expansion of data sources.



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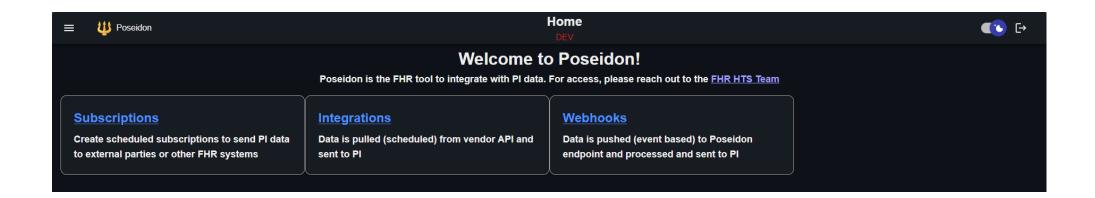
Building FHR's "Poseidon"



Role of Poseidon

A modern cloud data infrastructure

- Extension of our Data Pipeline for cloud-based data
- Utilizes PI Web API to interact with AVEVA PI System
- Modularly built for reusability and configurability
 - Code for ingress/egress is always going to be the same, just different settings (i.e. interpolated vs. recorded, etc.)





Architecture of Poseidon

Cost efficient infrastructure, easily expandable

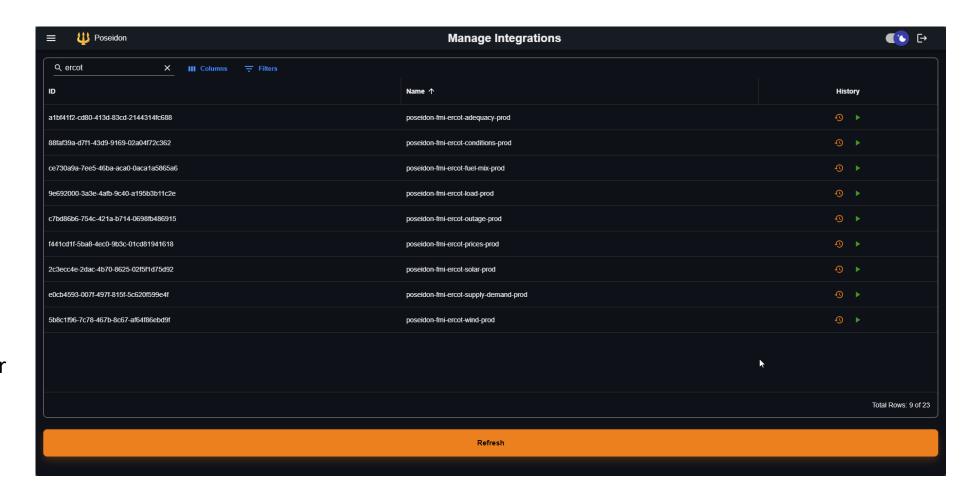
- Built on AWS infrastructure:
 - API Gateway & CloudFront for API/front end
 - Lambda for backend
 - DynamoDB for backend database storage
 - Simple Queue Service (SQS) for queuing and retry logic
 - S3 bucket for data storage

- Egress LMIs (Last mile integrations) for subscription flows (different modules)
- Ingress FMIs (First mile integrations) for integration flows
- Ingress Webhooks (HTTP endpoint) for event based integration flows



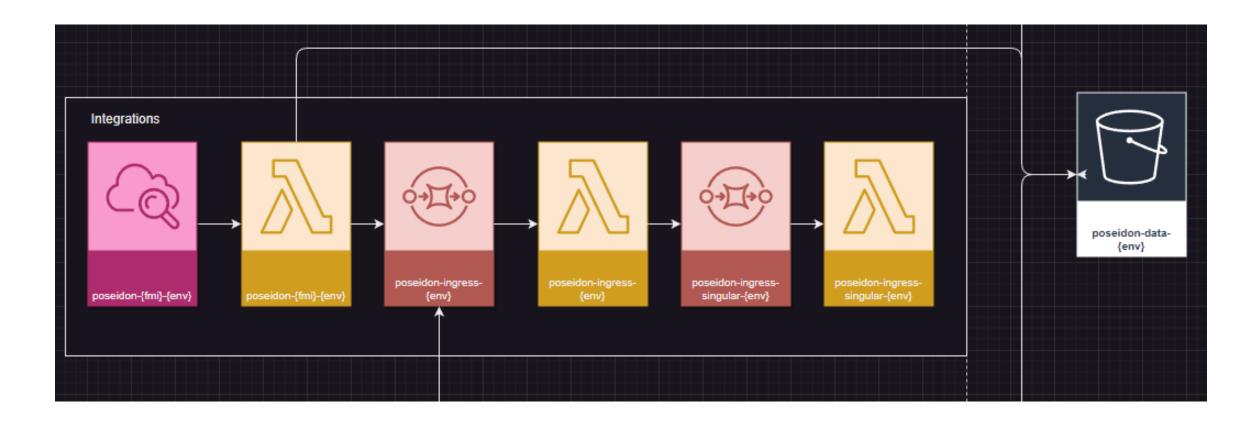
Data ingress/integrations

- Inverse of data subscriptions
- Run on schedule determined by business
- When off-the-shelf interface is not available, can write code to reach out to API endpoints and contextualize that data
- Reusable process pulls data into AVEVA PI Server





Integrations data flow





Data ingress/integration examples

- Weather data (publicly available)
- Weather data (on site weather transmitters)
- Energy pricing data (publicly available)
- Sample testing vendor
- Natural gas pricing data (publicly available)
- ...and more!



Event-based ingress/integrations (webhooks)

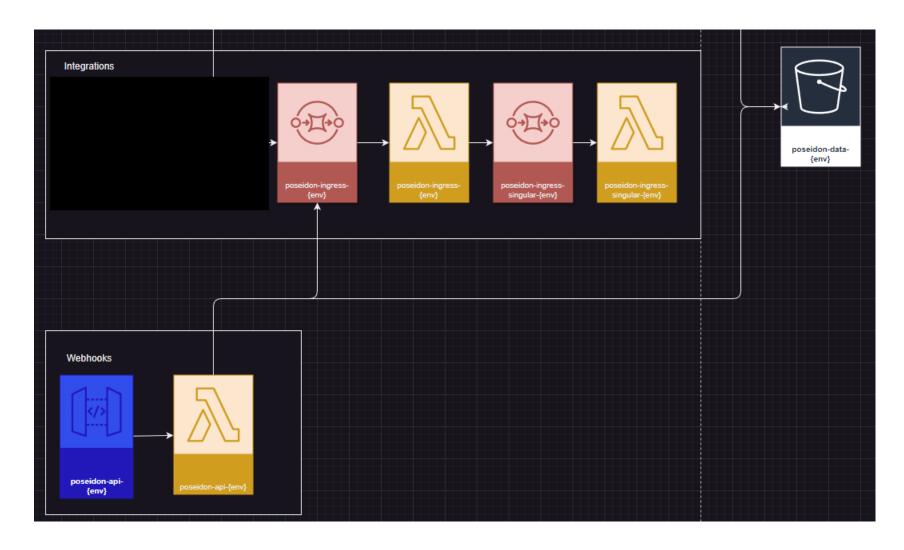
- Pushed instead of pulled
- Specific code to translate the webhook and contextualize that data
- Sends to reusable process to ingest into PI
- Event based

Practical example: Valve position sensors

- LoRaWAN sensors at plant that measure valve positions
- Data is sent to vendor's cloud platform
- Can view data on their dashboards
- Need to get that data back, they POST to our API



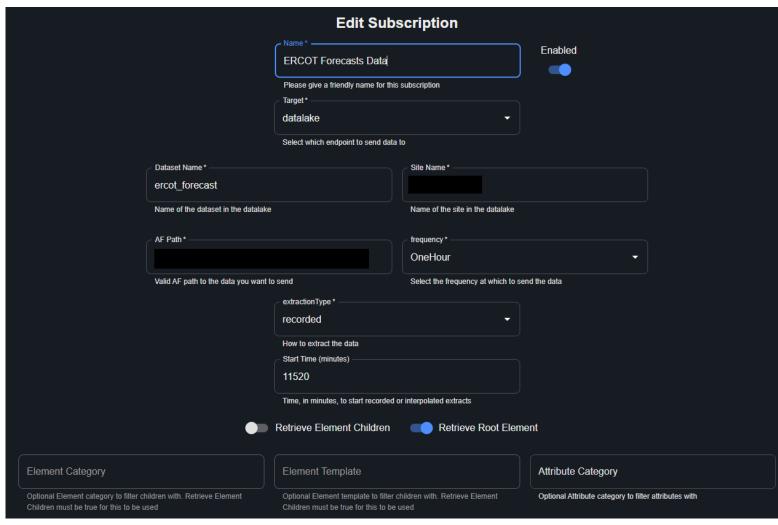
Webhooks data flow





Data egress via subscriptions

- Create subscriptions to send PI data
 - Externally to vendors for advanced analytics
 - Internally to other FHR applications
- Specify target, AF path, frequency, and extraction type
- Optionally filter by categories/ templates
 - Provides performance enhancements over PI Web APIs
- Validations occur to ensure path/categories/templates are all valid





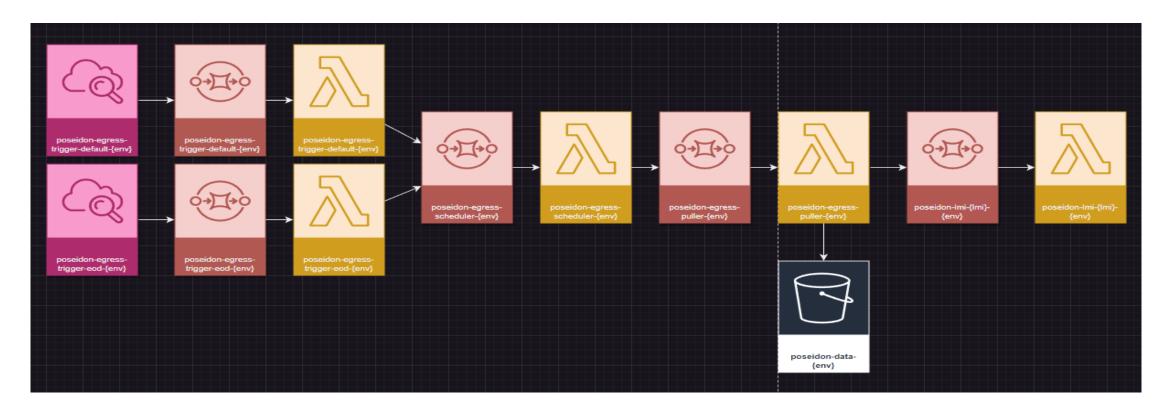
Data egress/subscription examples

- FHR's internal data lake
- FHR's internal work order platform
- Email with .CSV attachment
- Environmental reporting vendor
- Coker drum analytics vendor
- Water quality analytics vendor
- Python calcs (more later!)
- ...and more!



Data subscription flow

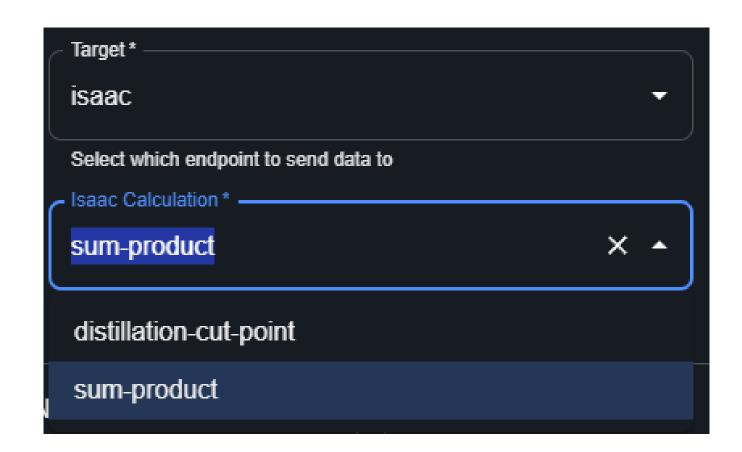
- AWS Schedule runs every minute (special EOD logic) to determines which subscriptions need to run
- Data is extracted (puller) and dropped into S3 bucket, the LMI handles the special logic for the specific endpoint





Performing calculations outside asset framework

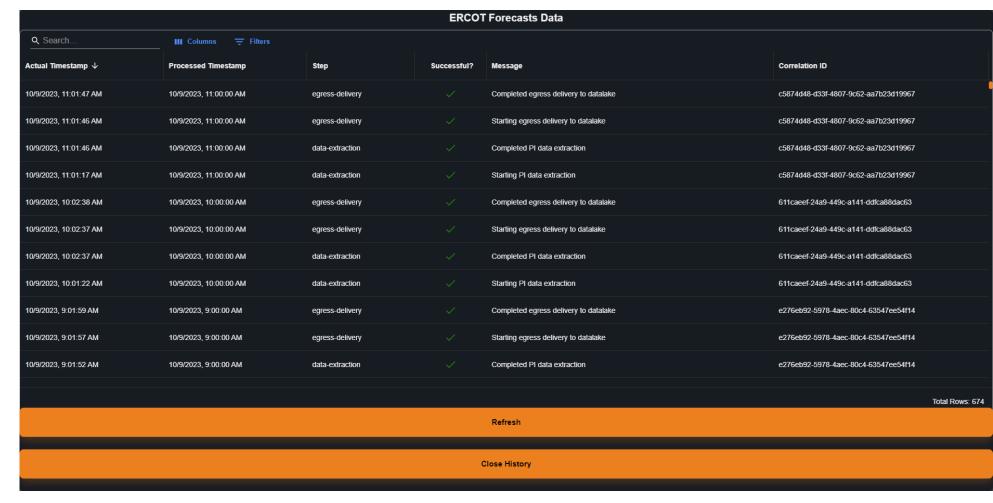
- LMIs don't always have to be sending data externally
- Some calculations go beyond what is possible with asset framework analytics
- Python can do these calcs quite easily (i.e. array calcs, linear regressions, etc.)
- Business sponsors helped write python calcs
- Poseidon handles these on a scheduled basis no different than built-in analyses





Platform transparency strengthens security

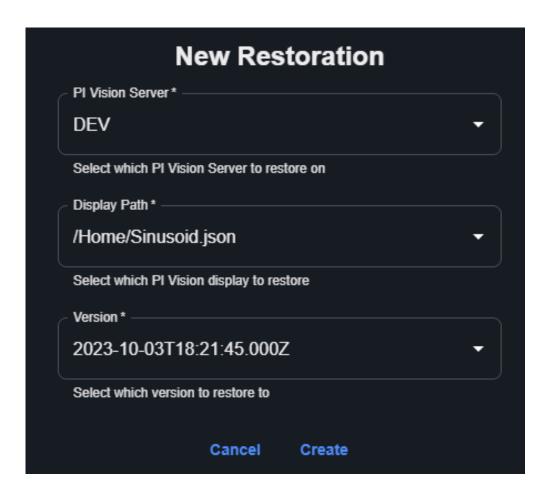
 Surfaced logs to the front end to be better self serviced by business users and not always IT





Potential Poseidon enhancement

- Use AVEVA PI Vision to help admins migrate displays between environments:
 - When an environment doesn't support scheduled syncs
 - When you need to restore displays from a SQL backup
- With AVEVA PI Vision 2022 release, we can automate:
 - Sync of displays between environments (changing AF servers / PI servers), with persistent folder structures
 - Back-up of displays on a regular cadence (daily)
 - Restoration of individual displays





Summary

- Data infrastructure must easily integrate multi-vendor data and deliver data to multiple endpoints (tools, analysis platforms and business applications) -- particularly those that are **cloud-based**. Examples below.
- With reusable processes, new integrations & endpoints can be stood up in hours instead of days.
- Data infrastructure must handle the required context, standards, and synch scheduling that business desires.







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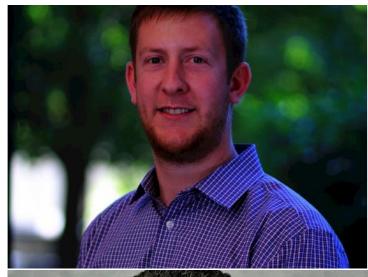
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Results

- Support for these interfaces is way easier than one off scripts.
- All integrations in one place, making support easier.
- Leverageable platform for other Koch companies to use.
- New integrations use reusable code and can be created in hours instead of days.







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