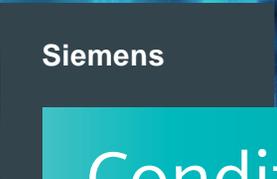




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Condition monitoring for manufacturing plants and machines

Solution brief



Use MindSphere out-of-the-box capabilities to enhance your business

Understanding where to find new value

Staying competitive in modern manufacturing requires businesses to not only offer the highest quality product, but also to maximize operational efficiencies across a global value chain. A constant challenge that pressures profitability in the manufacturing industry is unplanned downtime due to critical asset failure. This challenge stems from the lack of transparency into machine performance on the factory floor to predict and prevent asset failures. One way that companies can minimize the risk of unplanned asset failure and damage is condition monitoring. Condition monitoring is the process of monitoring a specific asset's parameters, including alarms and notifications on key performance indicators (KPIs) for anomalies from defined

control ranges to provide performance transparency and inform when assets need to be inspected. Monitoring requires accurate and continuous input data from a wide variety of sensors and parameters in real time or near real time.

Expanding performance, visibility and insights with MindSphere

With newly available Internet of Things (IoT) sensor data, condition monitoring can alert plant operators not only when irregularities occur, but also before they happen, to prevent failure on the factory floor across multiple facilities. As a cloud-based, open IoT operating system, MindSphere offers use-case specific applications and solutions using sensor data to provide condition monitoring. With MindSphere, your information technology (IT) teams and developers don't need to program IoT solutions from scratch. The proven sophisticated features and capabilities delivered with MindSphere can be easily extended to meet company needs.

Challenges

- Maximize operational efficiencies across value chains
- Minimize unplanned downtime of critical assets
- Increase transparency into machine performance

Solutions

- Use condition monitoring to provide performance transparency
- Use MindConnect to transfer data to MindSphere
- Use Fleet Manager to provide an overview of assets

Results

- Provide a centralized view of operational performance
- Deliver a live stream of IoT data
- Connect, collect and analyze operational data in MindSphere

Solution focus

Tackling the IoT connectivity challenge

With the MindSphere end-to-end solution, companies can hit the ground running with minimal or no infrastructure investment, and no existing resource disruption or operational downtime. To begin your IoT journey, MindConnect (a device for collecting and transferring data to MindSphere) provides secure connectivity layer linking machines, products, plants and systems to MindSphere. MindConnect offers flexible, open connectivity solutions, including software and hardware options for connecting both Siemens and non-Siemens assets to MindSphere. You can begin immediate condition monitoring – even with legacy equipment. Many field protocols are supported out-of-the-box, and a wide range of hardware connectivity agents bridges the gap for other protocols.

Immediate monitoring of machines

As part of the MindSphere core offering, Fleet Manager provides an overview of assets configured in MindSphere so users can quickly search for all assets and focus on relevant issues based on user-defined parameters. Companies can also configure rules to automatically monitor assets and create follow-up requests, such as email notifications, when the operating parameters of a machine or fleet of machines reach a predefined state. To complement Fleet Manager, the Visual Analyzer option in MindSphere provides rich data visualizations and complex algorithmic tools integrated in one user interface.

Scale analytics as your business grows

Manufacturers have unique data sets, operational processes and business drivers that require rapid access to actionable results. MindSphere provides the flexibility to expand capabilities over time. The MindSphere global partner ecosystem is ready to drive and support your IoT strategy. MindSphere applications are available from the MindSphere store for download and use with an expanding library of offerings.

When needed, MindSphere provides your development team or third-party partners with a dedicated development space for flexibly developing, testing and operating applications. Using scalable and cost-effective cloud infrastructure based on Cloud Foundry along with native cloud accessibility, developers can leverage re-usable services and components, including parsing, analytic and visualization to accelerate deployment by accessing the open MindSphere application programming interfaces (APIs).

Solving real-world problems with condition monitoring

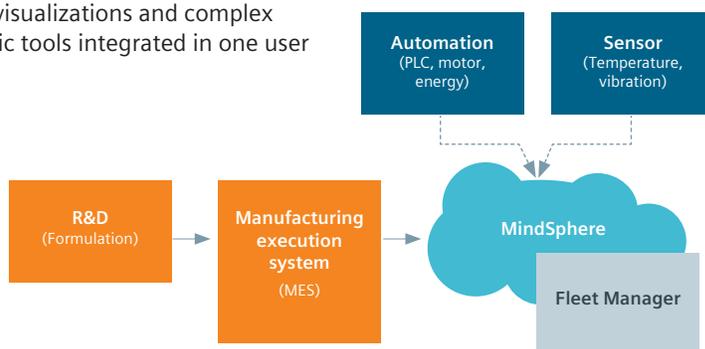
MindSphere tackles the condition monitoring challenge for manufacturers by enabling a cost-effective solution that connects automation and production assets to collect operational data that can be analyzed and visualized in MindSphere. This solution enables transparency into operational performance via alarms and notifications on KPIs in a browser-based dashboard.

Consider the case of a major food manufacturer that sought to improve the quality of mass-produced items with the help of MindSphere. In addition to improved quality, the company wanted

fewer redraws (scrap), faster iterations and a better understanding of the correlation between production and research and development (R&D). MindSphere enabled this customer to start with a scalable setup option at a low cost to immediately begin monitoring its machines. With MindSphere, the company monitors machines, collects data across multiple systems and compares product definition against manufacturing execution system (MES) results. With device connectivity through MindConnect software and hardware solutions, the customer has a live stream of IoT data flowing into MindSphere. Fleet Manager, as part of the MindSphere core offering, enables the customer to view metrics, alarms and notifications on KPIs in a user-friendly dashboard. Alarms will notify when defined production metrics are going astray, such as a production run with a large amount of scrap. MindSphere not only provides condition monitoring, but also gives plant operators and maintenance staff a centralized view of operational performance.

Summary

The trend toward digitalization of the world's industrial plant facilities is already in motion, and companies must get started quickly to remain profitable and competitive. Now operators can connect, collect and analyze data from aging as well as current infrastructures to immediately monitor machines in one centralized location. To benefit from increased operational transparency and machine uptime, contact your local Siemens representative or global partner, or visit the Siemens MindSphere website to learn more.



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