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Web Studio HMI Uses XML to Acquire and Display Data From Many Different Systems

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA — March 13, 2000 — InduSoft Ltd. announces the release of InduSoft Web Studio, an HMI software system that can display information from any control or data acquisition system that conforms to Microsoft's DNA architecture. It works on any standalone Windows-based PC or on a server/client system that uses thin client workstations.

Web Studio allows the use of popular Web browsers such as Netscape or Windows Explorer to display real-time, dynamic and animated graphic screens, trends, alarms, reports, and recipes for industrial automation. The Web Studio environment is based on Microsoft's DNA architecture, which includes DDE, COM, DCOM, OLE2, ODBC, and Web-enabling ActiveX and XML technology.

"InduSoft Web Studio allows users to display data from any system simply by opening a Web browser," said E. T. Roland, CEO and President of InduSoft. "It is a powerful system that can synthesize data from multiple data sources and SCADA packages, and display the data in one browser."

Web Studio imports and exports recipes, reports, and real-time data using XML format. This brings XML support to the plant floor, allowing for dynamic, autonomous, and automated data exchange between applications.



It includes an object-oriented database that takes advantage of the Microsoft SQL environment for storing and retrieving information from most popular databases. It also includes math functions, report generation, archiving, alarms, batch recipes, and interfaces for OPC, PLCs, remote I/O, serial links, and TCP/IP networking.

It uses ActiveX to display data and supplies Java applets that provide a seamless integration between a Java program and the InduSoft database. Applications written in the Java language can exchange data in real time via TCP/IP with data servers, in a manner that is transparent to the user. Web Studio provides automatic error checking, and allows the dynamic fields of a display to check automatically and transparently for communication integrity.

"The growing popularity of thin clients on the plant floor is the reason we believe that customers will rapidly adopt InduSoft Web Studio as an integral part of their strategy for using Internet technology in automation," said Ernest Roland. "By using Web Studio with thin clients, information access becomes easier and globally accessible."

About InduSoft

Founded in 1997, InduSoft provides a powerful family of industrial automation software products for developing applications in process supervision, automation, and control for Windows 2000, Windows NT, Windows 95/98, and Windows CE. For more information about InduSoft and its industrial automation solutions, contact us at 843-842-6668 or visit the company's web site at www.indusoft.com.