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Standards-Based Open-Source PLC Diagnostics Monitoring

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What are your PLCs up to when you're not home ?

- I/O Performance issues ?
- Intermittent cycle time issues ?
- Maintenance flags ?
- Unreported diagnostic messages ?



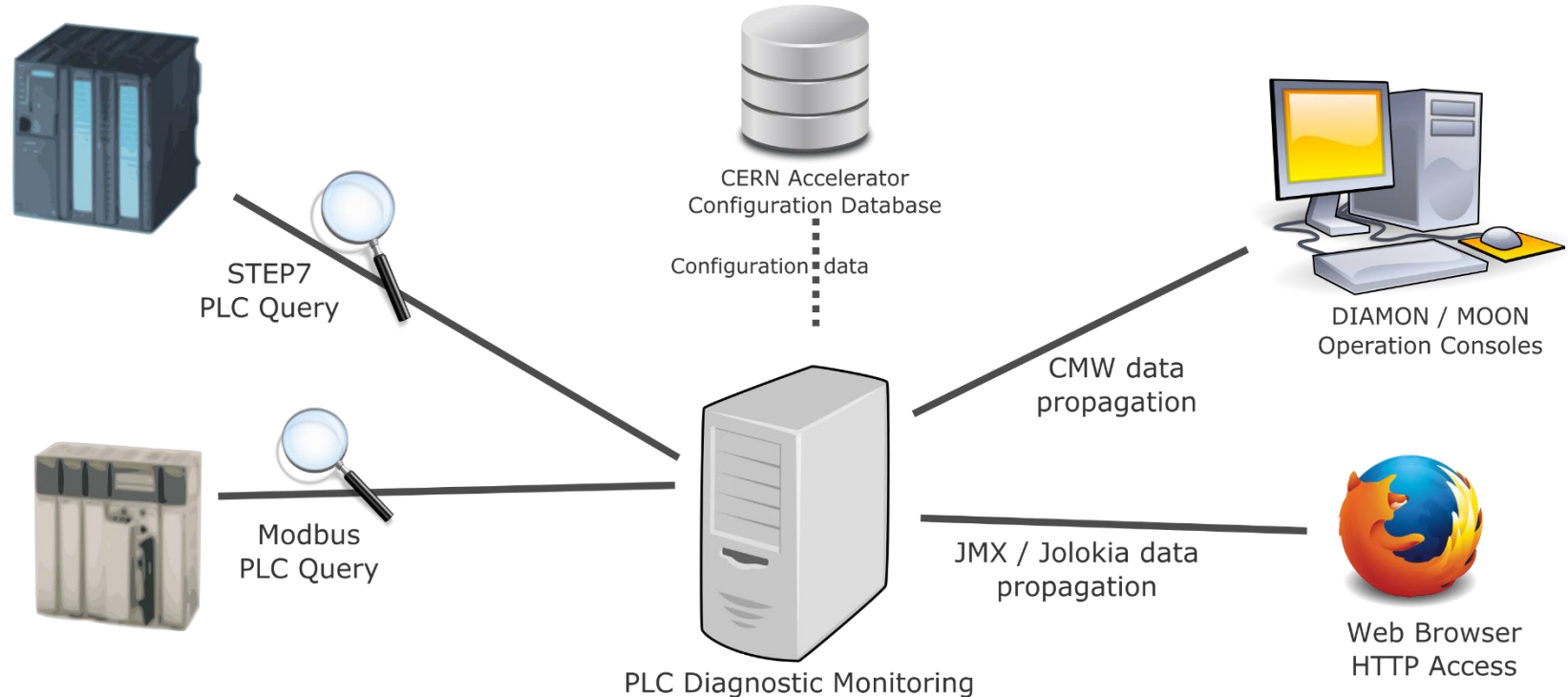


Collecting diagnostics information from PLC devices ?

- Proprietary access to diagnostics data, how to get to it ?
- Mixed brands and models of devices, how to manage your inventory ?
- Where to aggregate this information ?
- How to impact as little as possible process management ?



PLC Diagnostics Agent





Open-source diagnostics solutions

- CERN employs primarily two brands of PLCs :
 - Schneider Electric Unity series
 - SIEMENS Step7 series
- Schneider equipment supports diagnostics via plain Modbus
- SIEMENS equipment supports diagnostics via Step7
 - LIBNODAVE is an open-source Step7 client library that allows the retrieval of internal diagnostics.



Collecting and propagating metrics

- The PLC Diagnostics Agent queries diagnostics information regularly :
 - Propagates the resulting information through Publisher modules (DIM, CMW but also JMX and HTTP/JSON for third-party compatibility)
 - Publishes its own heartbeat for continuous availability
 - Provides metadata about the PLC monitoring process itself (probe count, number of devices under monitoring, last known replies etc...)



Collecting and propagating metrics (2)

← → × <https://moon.web.cern.ch/moon/>

SBS	IceDev	IceInf	ExpCool	ExpCryo	MCS	NA62	REMUS	TE	VAC
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Overview Alarms Daily reports Long-term reports Alarm Statistics Notifications Subscriptions

- [-] SBS
 - [+] CIET
 - [+] CIRCUIT
 - [+] CRYO
 - [+] Central
 - [+] P2
 - [+] P18_182
 - [+] Supervision
 - [-] PLCs
 - CFP-BA7-QSD
 - CFP-PM18-QUI
 - CFP-PM18-QURCB
 - CFP-PM18-QURCBCC
 - CFP-SD18-COM
 - CFP-SD18-QSRB
 - CFP-SHM18-QSAB
 - CFP-SHM18-QSCB
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 - CFP-2165-FSSF18
 - CFP-3183-FSRF18
 - CFP-3183-FSST18
 - CFP-2184-USSH18

CFP-SHM18-QSAB

[LAN DB Info](#)

Manufacturer: SCHNEIDER

IP: 172.18.24.6

PLC Time: PLC CURRENT TIME: 20/10/2015 00:34:12



Collecting and propagating metrics (3)

The screenshot displays the Java Monitoring & Management Console window. The left-hand tree view shows a hierarchy of monitoring agents under 'cern.ice.plcMonitoring'. The 'Attributes' sub-tree is selected, showing a list of various PLC units. The right-hand pane displays the 'Attribute values' for the selected 'Attributes' MBean.

Name	Value
Category	GCS
Connected	false
ConnectionStatus	1
DiagString	PLC Last Stop: 17/09/2015 16:27:00 (Code 0x0004: Power outage or memory card lock operation) CPU ...
Hostname	cfp-157-gcscloud
InMonitoringError	false
InfoString	IP: 172.18.236.224Commercial version of Processor: 3.00Firmware version of Processor: 4xway address...
IpAddress	172.18.236.224
LastKnownError	
LastKnownQueryResults	{SC_CONN=1, SC_MODE_RUN=1, SC_MCB_APP=1, SC_BATT=0, SC_MCB_DAT=0, SC_IE_IO...
MetricsPrefix	SC_
ModeRun	1
Name	cfp-157-gcscloud
PlcTime	PLC Current Time: 21/10/2015 00:41:38
PlcType	DRIVER_TYPE_MODBUS
ReplyStatus	1
SleepTime	0

Refresh



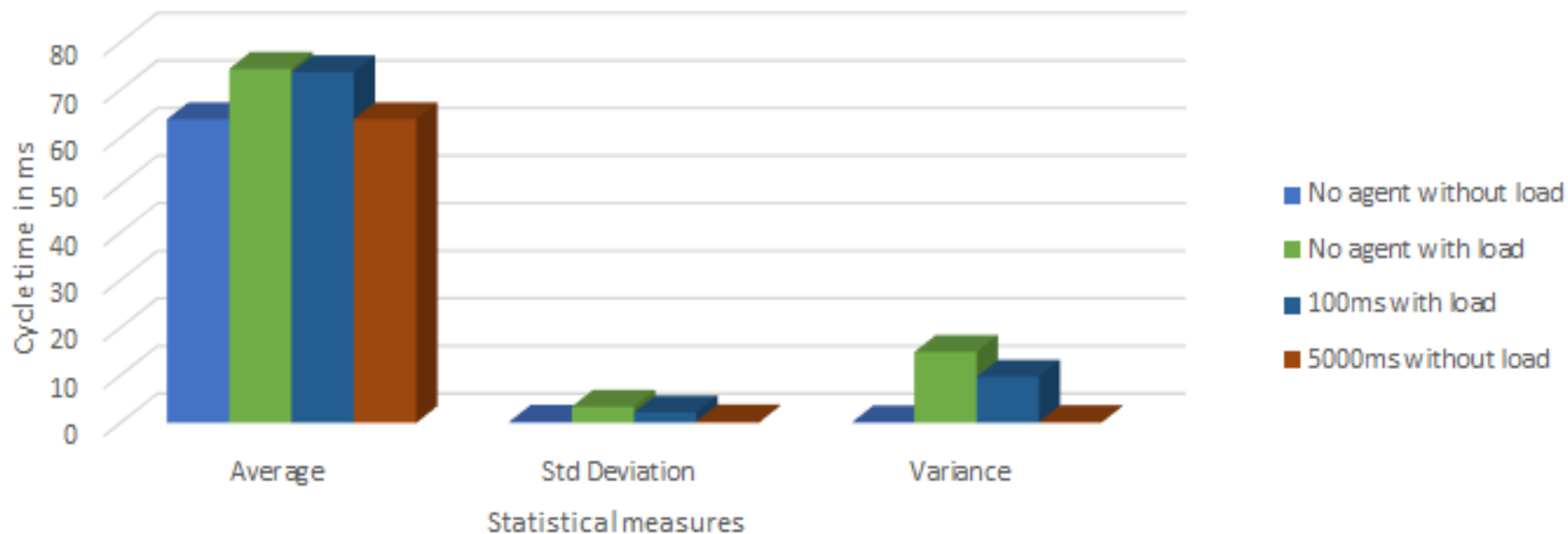
Impact on device under monitoring

- Performance measurements over 3 000 cycles :
 - Diagnostics probe cycle tested at 200 Hz and 0.2 Hz.
 - Impact is negligible on high-end devices.
 - Significant but manageable on low-end devices.
- Stability measurements over 3 000 000 cycles.
 - PLC process control was not affected.
 - Resource usage is kept to a bare minimum (one active connection, poll every 30 seconds).



Impact on device under monitoring (2)

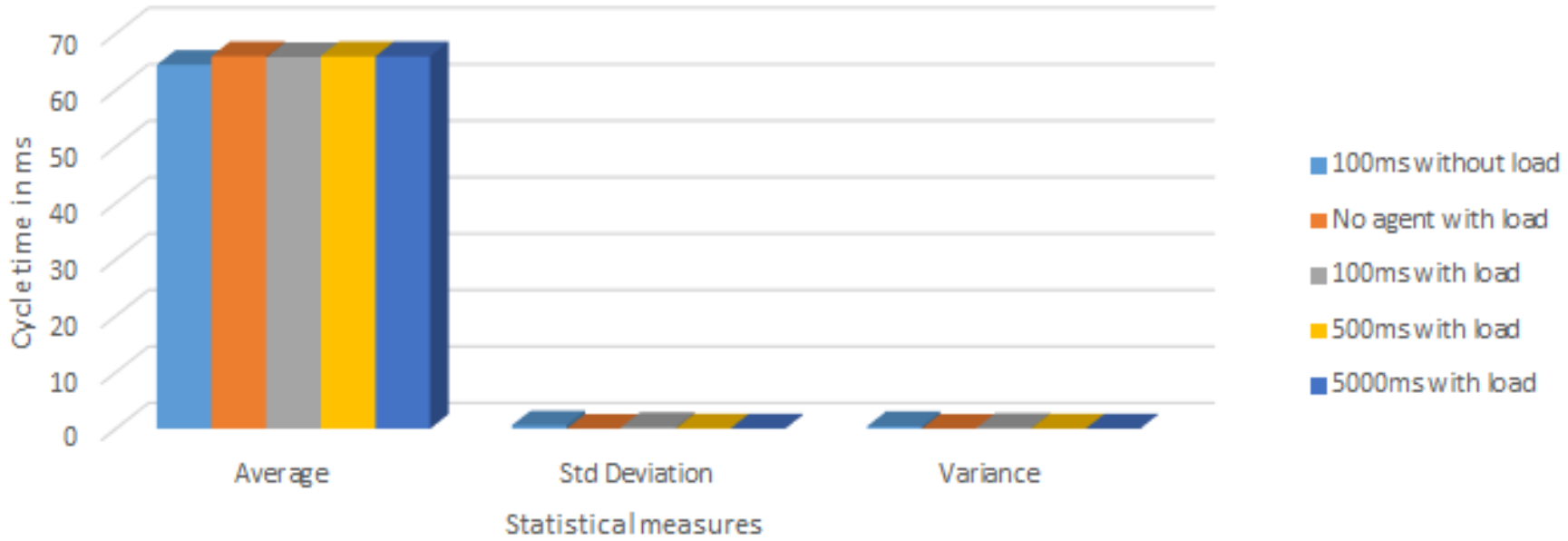
Impact of Diagnostics Monitoring on a SIEMENS PLC S7-315-2PN/DP





Impact on device under monitoring (3)

Impact of Diagnostics Monitoring on a SIEMENS PLC S7-414-2





Conclusions

PLC Diagnostics Agent can easily be integrated in your environment :

- Single Linux RPM package or DockerFile, deployable on any Linux platform.
- Device inventory configuration via local JSON or CSV files.
- Publication of diagnostics data via Java Monitoring Extensions or HTTP / JSON (via Jolokia)
 - Integration with the ELK Stack (ElasticSearch / Logstash / Kibana) for the rapid production of availability dashboards.



Questions ?

- Thank you for your attention.



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