OSISOFT ASIA TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE 2007



Universal Platform, Infinite Possibilities

MCN Health Monitor

The finger on the pulse of your critical systems

David Tayler – Service Engineer, OSISoft

MCN Health Monitor

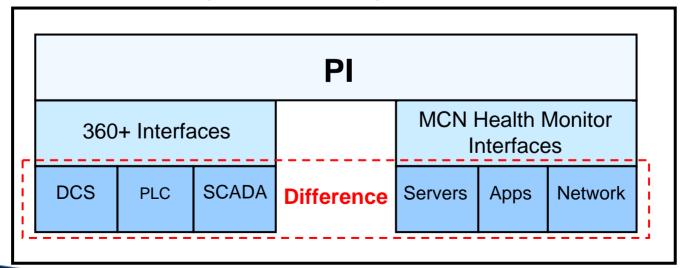
- Today's presentation
 - Introduction
 - Description
 - Interfaces
 - Tag Builders
 - Client tools
 - Benefits

MCN Health Monitor - Description

- What is it?
 - Manufacturing Control Network Health Monitor
- Interfaces
 - Ping, TCP Response, Perfmon & SNMP
- Client Tools
 - IT Organizer, Tag Builders & IT Overview (ProcessBook Display Builder)

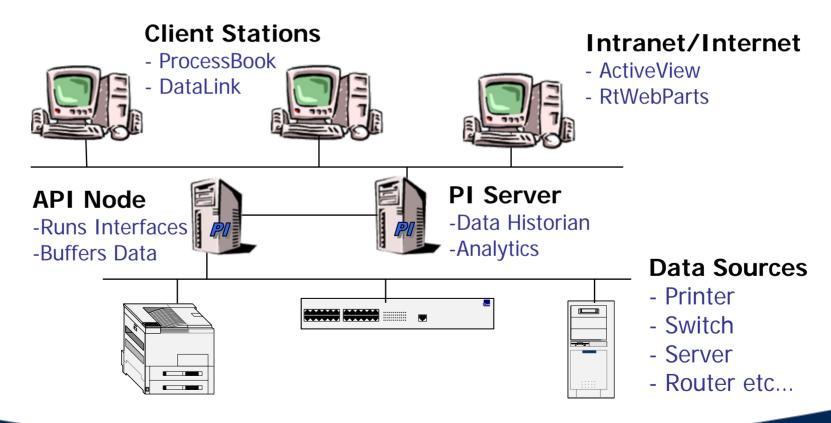
MCN Health Monitor and Pl

- MCN Health Monitor includes a set of four interfaces designed specifically to monitor your IT & T infrastructure
- This includes your PI system!



MCN Health Monitor and PI

Where does it fit in with your PI system?



MCN Health Monitor - Benefits

- Leverage existing infrastructure
- Pinpoint problems
 - Analyse historical data to find problems
 - Predict impending issues using baselines and history
 - Uncover network bottlenecks
- Less downtime = money savings
- Monitor your critical systems
 - Switches, routers, servers, applications, network

MCN Health Monitor - Pre Requisite Knowledge

- If you already use a PI system then you will be familiar with it's use!
- MCN Health monitor leverages existing PI infrastructure
- Client tools are intuitive and make light work of setting up monitoring
- RtWebParts can be utilized for viewing displays created with the Display builder

MCN Health Monitor - Uses

- Monitor your PI system
 - PI server software
 - PI server hardware
 - Network connections
 - Switching devices
- Monitor critical IT systems
 - Servers
 - Switches
 - Routers
 - Applications
- Monitor other devices like network printers and many more!

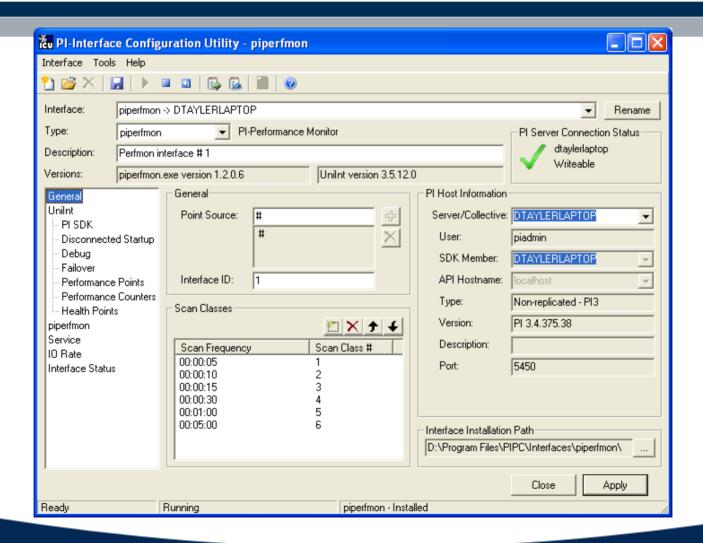
MCN Health Monitor - Interfaces

- TCP Response, Perfmon, Ping, SNMP
 - These interfaces are enough to provide the necessary basic monitoring of any IT & T network
- Basic versions of ping, perfmon and SNMP are already installed on a PI server but are limited!
- Full versions can be deployed on a dedicated interface node and have no limitations
- Licensed to run on as many interface nodes as required to meet performance goals

MCN Health Monitor - Interfaces

- Interface Configuration
 - Interfaces can be configured to either run interactively or as a windows service
 - Interfaces can be configured and maintained in two ways:
 - Graphically using the PI-ICU:
 - Import configuration file, configure parameters, configure service
 - Manually
 - Using a command window to install the interface as a service
 - Editing the *.bat file to change the interface configuration parameters

MCN Health Monitor - Interfaces

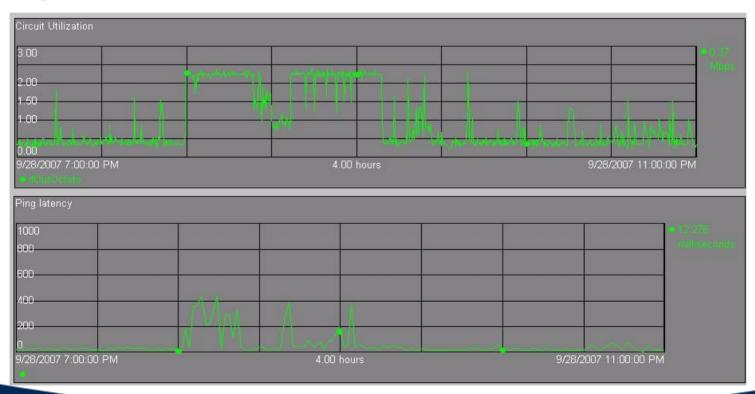


MCN Health Monitor – PING Interface

- Measures the latency of network connections
- Use this interface to record a history of ping response times for a device
 - Use this information to see network response times and troubleshoot slow / broken connections
 - Check whether a certain machine is responsive

MCN Health Monitor – PING Interface

 Example of network congestion visible using ping response times



MCN Health Monitor – PING Interface

- OSIsoft recommends you to configure a PI Ping tag for each:
 - Data Acquisition Node
 - Major network equipment (Switches, routers,...)
 - Internal application server (mail server, ERP server, RDBMS,...)
 - External (Mail destination addresses, Internet sites, Remote offices,...)

MCN Health Monitor – TCP Response Interface

- Use this to measure and archive the response times of certain services and applications on a TCP/IP network
 - Services: FTP, Web, Mail etc...
 - Ports: 161 for SNMP, 23 for Telnet
- Similar to ping but it connects to a particular TCP port on the target machine
 - Sends a connection request to a particular port
 - Waits for an appropriate response from the service

MCN Health Monitor – TCP Response Interface

- PI TCPResponse allows you to determine the response times of
 - HTTP (Web) servers;
 - SMTP, POP3, and IMAP (mail) servers;
 - FTP servers;
 - DNS servers;
 - Microsoft Windows Terminal Servers;
 - OSIsoft's PI Servers;
 - Any TCP application that exclusively uses a specific port number.

MCN Health Monitor - SNMP Interface

- Simple Network Management Protocol
- Retrieves performance information from any SNMP enabled device by querying it's SNMP agent
 - The interface acts as the SNMP client which requests information from the SNMP agent on the monitored device
 - The interface obtains information from device by accessing the Object Identifier (OID)
 - Communicates with SNMP agent using MIB (Management Information Base) which is a description of the objects
- Use this to monitor just about any network hardware as well as many applications
 - Routers, switches, printers, operating systems, relational databases etc...

MCN Health Monitor – Perfmon Interface

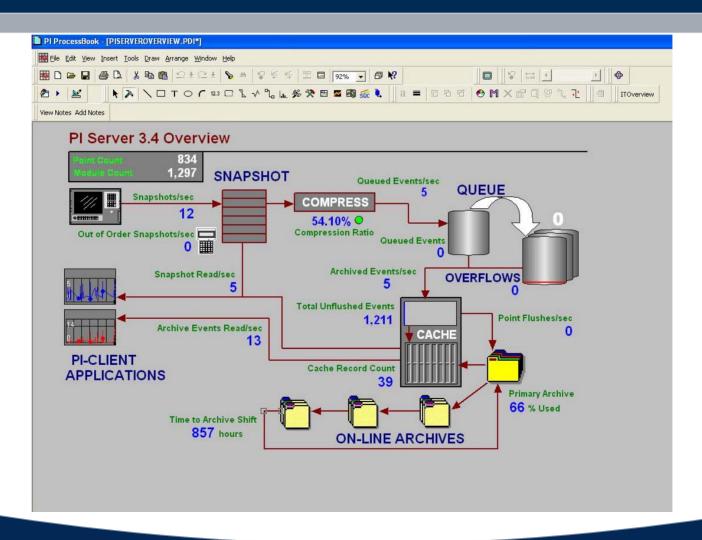
- Windows performance counters
 - Computer Statistics: CPU, HD free space, memory, network, etc.
 - PI Statistics: archiving rate, snapshot rate, compression ratio, number of connections to a server, etc.
 - Application Statistics: SQL, Pl...
- Can read performance counters from a local or a remote machine

MCN Health Monitor – Perfmon Pl counters

- PI Base Subsystem
 - Module Count
 - Point Count
 - Point Accesses/sec
- PI Archive Subsystem
 - Archived Events/sec
 - Out of Order Events/sec
 - Time to Archive Shift
- PI Snapshot Subsystem
 - Snapshots/sec
 - OutOfOrderSnapshots/sec

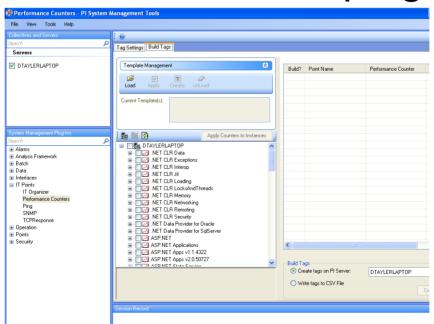
- PI Network Manager
 - Connections
 - Bytes [Sent|Received]/sec
- PI Update-Manager
 - Pending Events
 - New Events/sec
 - Lost Events/sec
- PI Message Subsystem
 - Sent Messages/sec
 - Retrieved Messages/sec
 - Inserted Messages/sec
- PI Performance Equation Scheduler
 - NumberOfPEs
 - TotalEvaluations/sec

MCN Health Monitor – Perfmon Pl Server Overview



Tag Builders

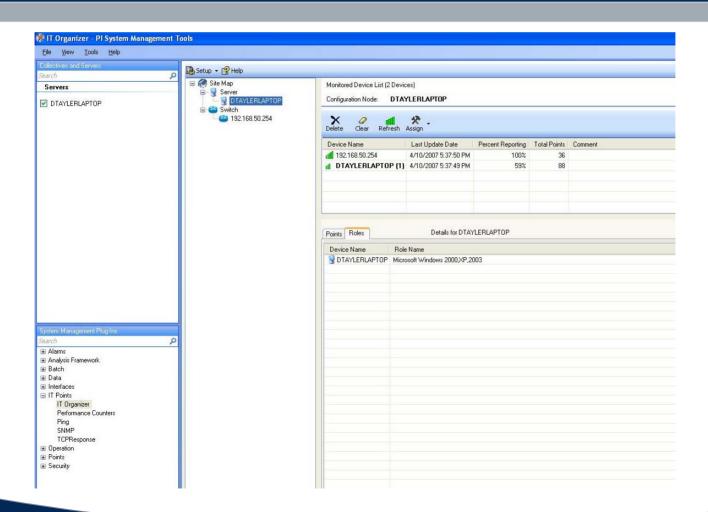
- Tag builders are available for each interface to make configuration easier
- The tag builders are SMT3 plug-ins



MCN Health Monitor – Client Tools

- IT Organizer
- This is an SMT3 Plug-in used to organize your IT infrastructure
 - Scans the interfaces for associated points
 - Organizes groups of points into devices
 - Allows you to assign roles to a device
- Create a Module Database structure for a hierarchical model of your IT system and then use this when building displays

MCN Health Monitor – IT Organizer



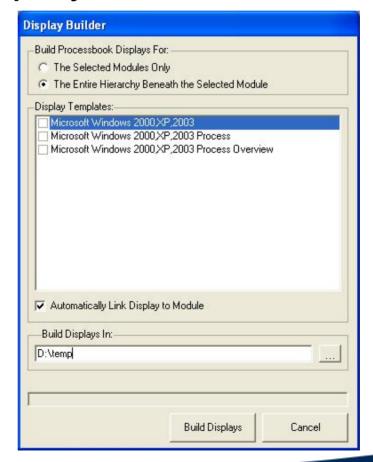
MCN Health Monitor – Client tools

- ProcessBook display builder
 - This is a ProcessBook add in that allows you to automatically build displays for devices you have organized using the IT Organizer SMT3 plug-in
 - Easily and efficiently build many displays at the click of a button!
 - Utilizes the Module Database

MCN Health Monitor – Client tools

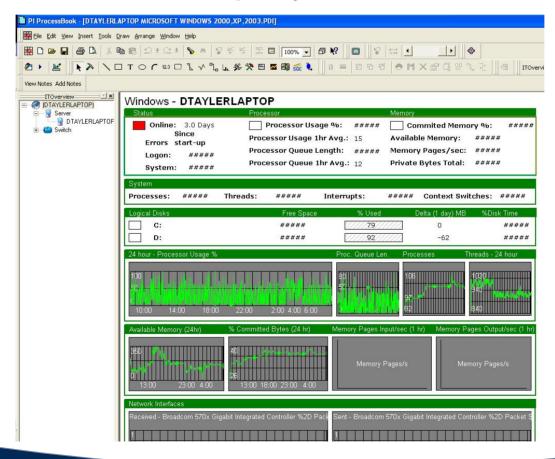
ProcessBook Display Builder Add-in





MCN Health Monitor – Client tools

ProcessBook Display builder screen



MCN Health Monitor – Steps to configure monitoring

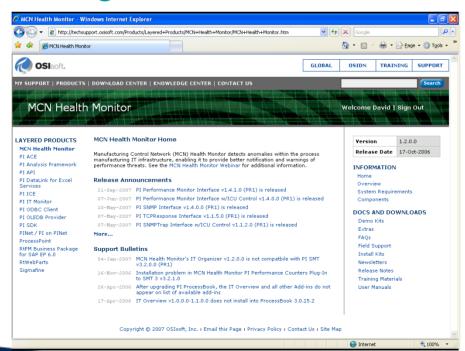
- Example: Configuring monitoring for a new windows server machine
 - Interface configuration
 - Tag building
 - IT Organizer Assign role to device
 - ProcessBook Display Builder
 - Upload SVG to SharePoint if required

MCN Health Monitor - Benefits

- Easy to use if you're already familiar with PI
- A great way to leverage existing infrastructure & investment
- Further extend the benefits of your current PI system
- Manage IT resources effectively
- Historical and real time problem analysis
- Less downtime

MCN Health Monitor

- More information...
 - http://techsupport.osisoft.com
 - http://training.osisoft.com



MCN Health Monitor

Thank You!