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Introduction

In the age of industrial digitization and operational excellence, mastering Process Automation and Distributed Control System DCS Configuration is essential for improving plant efficiency, safety, and scalability.
This hands-on training program equips engineers, technicians, and operations managers with the critical knowledge and practical experience needed to design, implement, and optimize modern control systems. Participants will gain a deep understanding of system architecture, control strategies, field device integration, and advanced engineering tools. The course also emphasizes practical skills in Control Loop tuning, HMI Design, and SCADA integration, preparing attendees to take on real-world automation challenges across various industrial sectors.

Course Objectives

By the end of this program, participants will be able to:

- Understand the fundamentals of Process Automation and control system architectures.
- Identify and describe the components and structure of a modern Distributed Control System DCS.
- Configure core and advanced DCS functions using engineering software.
- Integrate field instrumentation and I/O modules within a DCS platform.
- Tune PID Control Loops for optimal system responsiveness.
- Design interactive Human-Machine Interfaces HMI for operational visibility.
- Perform troubleshooting and apply maintenance best practices.
- Connect DCS platforms with SCADA systems and Manufacturing Execution Systems MES.
- Enhance overall system performance and reliability through System Optimization.

Course Outlines

Day 1: Fundamentals of Process Automation

- Introduction to Industrial Automation and its impact on modern industry.
- Overview of control system types: PLCs, SCADA, and DCS.
- Architecture and key components of a DCS.
- Open-loop vs. Closed-loop control strategies.
- Introduction to Proportional-Integral-Derivative PID control and tuning concepts.



Day 2: DCS Architecture and Hardware Overview

- Core hardware components: controllers, HMIs, I/O modules.
- Redundancy, failover mechanisms, and industrial network topologies.
- Comparing DCS and PLC systems: use cases and decision-making.
- Communication protocols: Modbus, Profibus, OPC, and others.
- Hardware installation practices and industrial cabling standards.

Day 3: DCS Configuration and Engineering Tools

- Navigating and using DCS configuration software.
- Creating and managing control strategies and loops.
- Setting up alarms, notifications, and event triggers.
- Designing graphical operator displays HMI Design for real-time monitoring.
- Tagging conventions and organizing control data structures.

Day 4: Advanced Configuration and System Integration

- Programming sequential and batch control applications.
- Interfacing with smart field devices e.g., HART, FOUNDATION Fieldbus.
- Overview of Safety Instrumented Systems SIS.
- Configuring historical data logging and trending capabilities.
- Integrating with SCADA systems and MES platforms.

Day 5: Maintenance, Troubleshooting & Case Studies

- Preventive and corrective maintenance planning.
- Diagnosing common DCS issues and fault isolation.
- System backup, recovery procedures, and configuration audits.
- Practical exercises and real-life case study reviews.
- Final review session, Q&A, and participant assessment.

Why Attend this Course: Wins & Losses!

- Gain in-depth knowledge of Process Automation principles and DCS operation.
- Apply hands-on configuration skills for system architecture and control logic.
- Improve plant efficiency through better Control Loop tuning and optimization.
- Learn to design intuitive and functional HMI interfaces for operators.
- Understand how to integrate field-level devices with control platforms.
- Leverage advanced diagnostics to reduce downtime.
- Improve your qualifications with relevant, in-demand technical expertise.
- Collaborate and exchange insights with professionals from multiple industries.



Conclusion

This comprehensive training on Process Automation and DCS Configuration is designed to elevate the skills of professionals who aim to modernize and optimize their industrial environments.
From configuring Control Loops and designing HMI systems, to integrating with SCADA platforms and troubleshooting complex systems, this program offers both strategic insight and technical depth.
Investing in such training will not only enhance your individual capabilities but will also contribute to your organization’s drive toward efficiency, safety, and digital transformation.

Whether you're a rising engineer, seasoned technician, or operational decision-maker, this course will provide practical tools to meet today’s and tomorrow’s industrial challenges.

