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IE80 - Meeting Customer and Regulatory Data Compliance Through Automated Data Collection

Collecting inspection data is critical to monitoring manufacturing processes and supporting product and process parameters, including both automotive and HACCP inspections and documentation. This session demonstrates how Automation & Orchestration and Plex QMS enable data to be captured directly at the point of measurement and securely stored to deliver traceability, integrity and clear ownership.

PS15 - How McGard Turned Elastic MES Into a Strategic Advantage

Explore how McGard, a high-volume manufacturer of mechanical anti-theft devices, replaced their customized AS400-based system with an Elastic MES powered by Plex. Learn how to stabilize a complex implementation to enable automated EDI ordering, dynamic address creation, subcontract routing flexibility, and real-time costing. Attendees will discover strategies for achieving end-to-end inventory visibility across OEM, aftermarket, and direct-to-consumer channels.

PS11 - Multi-Partner Integration of QMS and HMI for Significant Quality Improvement

Explore how Control+M Solutions, Van Meter, and Interstates collaborated to integrate Plex QMS and FactoryTalk Optix for Gelita, a collagen peptides manufacturer. Learn how the solution enables real-time quality data, automated SPC, and rapid deviation management. Attendees will discover how HMI-based systems improve quality tracking, compliance, and efficiency while enabling near real-time reporting and analysis for greater precision and transparency.

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IE77 - Digitizing the Last Mile of Execution: Plex – Digital Work Instructions as a Smart Manufacturing Enabler

Modern manufacturers invest in connected machines, analytics and automation, yet the final mile of execution still relies on paper instructions, historical knowledge and inconsistent practices. This session examines how Plex Digital Work Instructions convert operational knowledge into digital, standardized, intelligent & context-aware guidance embedded within manufacturing workflows. This session explains how Plex DWIs operationalize smart manufacturing through validated, traceable and tool-integrated instructions embedded within Plex MES workflows.

IE76 - Factory of the Future with MES: Building a Connected Factory Across the Rockwell Automation Ecosystem

The Factory of the Future is built on connectivity – from planning to production to quality and the plant edge. This session shows how manufacturers position MES as the system of record in a connected factory and integrate it with broader Rockwell Automation Ecosystem capabilities to close the loop from insight to action. Learn an integration mindset, key architectural decision points, and how to sequence a roadmap that delivers value in phases while scaling digital maturity.

IE87 - Safety That Supports Production: An Operations-first Approach to Functional Machine Safety

Operations teams are under constant pressure to maximize uptime, maintain throughput and safely adapt to changing production demands. This session explores how an operations-led approach to functional machine safety helps manufacturers reduce unplanned stops, manage risk without over-engineering and keep equipment running as processes evolve.

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From Zero Trust to Operational Trust: Securing Intelligent Industrial Operations

As AI and analytics move closer to the plant floor, trust becomes the limiting factor—not technology. In response, Rockwell Automation has recently reinforced its cybersecurity vision with offerings like its SecureOT™ solution suite—bringing together an OT-focused platform, services, and managed capabilities—alongside Security Monitoring & Response for 24/7 OT threat detection and expert-led incident response. Building on that direction, this session explores how manufacturers can securely operationalize intelligence across converged IT/OT environments without increasing risk. Attendees will learn how to extend zero trust from identities and networks to the full “operational trust” stack—assets, data, models, and decisions—so teams can enable resilient, adaptive operations while protecting safety, availability, and intellectual property.

IE45 - From Fragmented Automation to Connected Operations With High-value AMR Workflows

If you're responsible for driving manufacturing process improvements, your role is essential in turning goals into results. Many manufacturers turn to autonomous mobile robots (AMRs) to transform fragmented automation into coordinated operations, but knowing where to start is critical. In this session, learn how to align AMRs with your operational goals, identify and prioritize high-impact workflows, and build a scalable business case that supports long-term success.

IE01 - What's New and What's Next from Rockwell Automation

Don't miss this fast-paced session exploring what's new (and what's next) across the Allen Bradley®, FactoryTalk® and LifecycleIQ™ portfolios. From control and drives to visualization, safety, and security — plus software, services and solutions — you'll see the latest releases designed to boost performance, flexibility, and productivity on your next project.

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Modernizing Legacy OT Systems with AI: The MARS PLC Upgrade Case

Industrial obsolescence is a growing business risk, with aging OT systems increasing downtime, engineering effort, and maintenance costs. This session shows how MARS modernized a legacy control environment by replacing an outdated third-party PLC with a Rockwell ControlLogix PLC and using AI to accelerate the process. The result was faster delivery, reduced production disruption, better code quality, and greater predictability across the modernization journey.

The challenges to achieve adequate mapping to reach digitization

Responsible for digitalization and operational efficiency across Latin America, he has spearheaded projects throughout the region, including virtualizing servers and deploying them at IDCs. He has also led the deployment of the Solution of AssetCentre strategy across the region. In addition, he is driving the modernization of controllers to enable industrial networks, laying the groundwork for digitalization and data analytics.

Improving OT and Cyber Resilience with Infrastructure Managed Services: An Eli Lilly Case Study

In this session, Eli Lilly explains how bundling Rockwell Automation Infrastructure Managed Services transformed OT cybersecurity and operations. Discover how standardized Industrial Data Centers and a managed firewall program improved availability, reduced cyber risk and simplified global operations. Learn why Lilly is moving to FortiGate firewalls, how 24/7 managed services scale protection and what's next on their road to a resilient OT environment.

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