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SCADA
Made Simple

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What is SCADA?

- Various types of SCADA systems
- Differences between systems
- How SCADA applies to Water and Wastewater
- Mission's Managed SCADA
- Questions and Answers

SCADA

- *Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition*
- SCADA systems were first used in the 1960's
  - Coming from Telemetry that was first used in the 1830's
  - Samuel Morse, Leonard Gale and Alfred Vail
- Monolithic (Large independent Mainframe)
- Distributed (WAN, LAN….Security Issues)
- Networked (Very Secure with todays Standards and Protocols)

What is SCADA *cont.*

- SCADA systems are used to monitor and control plant or equipment in industries such as:
  - Telecommunications
  - Energy, oil and gas refining
  - Transportation
  - *Water and Wastewater monitoring and control*
- SCADA systems can be relatively simple, such as ones that monitor environmental conditions of a small office building, or very complex, such as systems that monitor the activity in a nuclear power plant or *control a municipality's water system.*

What is SCADA *cont.*

- SCADA systems gather information such as:
  - Pump Runtimes
  - Water Levels
  - Amperage
  - Total/Free Chlorine
  - Flow
  - Pressure
  - Temperature
- …and transfer the information back to a central site (computer) where it is stored for alarming and reporting purposes

What is SCADA *cont.*

SCADA systems can monitor specific conditions such as:

- High or Low Level
- Pump Failure
- Intrusion
- Power Loss
- Generator Running
- Phase Loss
- High Temperature
- Excess Pump Starts
- Analog Thresholds

Thresholds can be set to cause alarms when readings are out of the norm

Types of SCADA Systems
Used in the Water and Wastewater Industry

- Auto Dialers
- LEO Satellite Systems
- Cellular Systems
- Client/ Server (traditional)
- Mission's Managed SCADA

Differences Between Systems

- Method of transmitting data
- How often the data is transmitted
- Amount of data transmitted
- Where data is stored
- On going maintenance & support
- Cost!!!

Remember These Five Parts

Five Parts of Any Telemetry System

1. **RTU –** Radio Terminal Unit
   - **Custom or Standardized**
2. **Communications Link**
   - **Phone Line**
     - **Leased Or Dialup**
   - **Wireless**
     - **Cellular, spread spectrum, satellite**
3. **MTU -** Master Terminal Unit
   - **Software and Programming**
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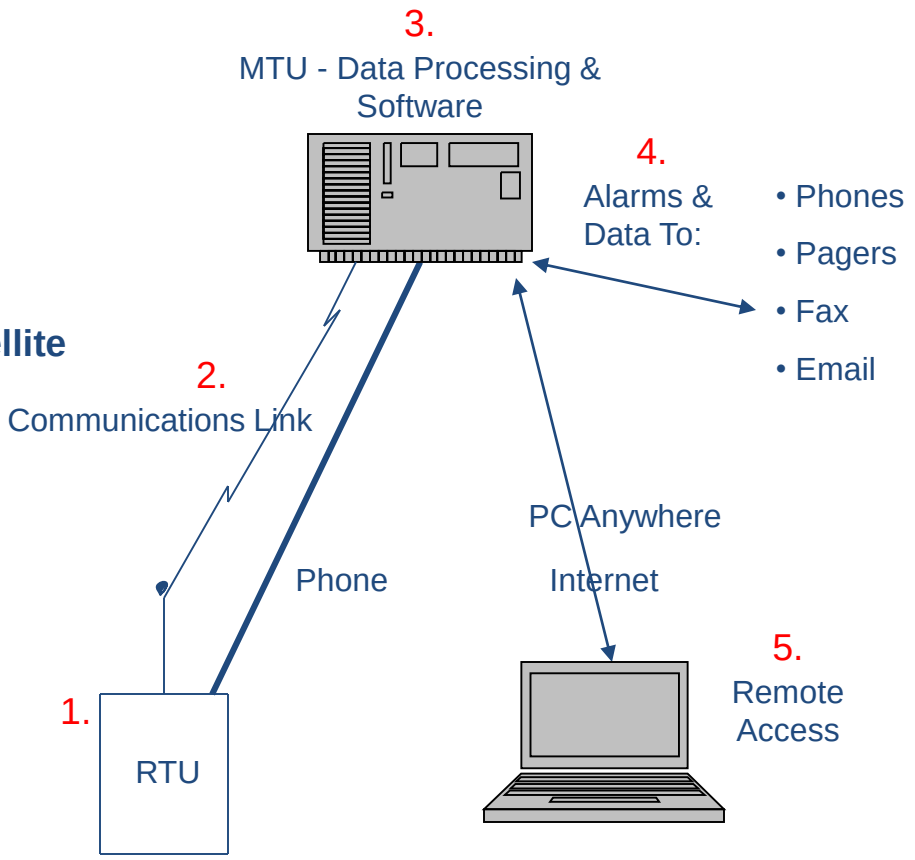
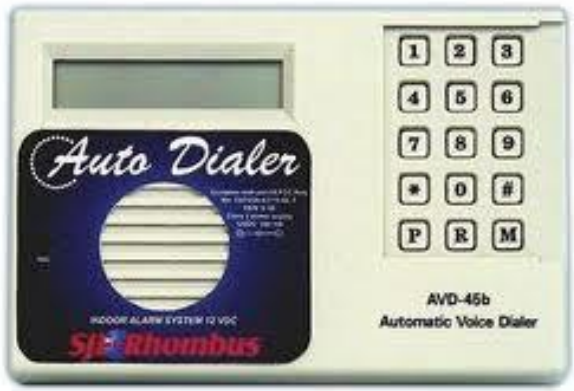
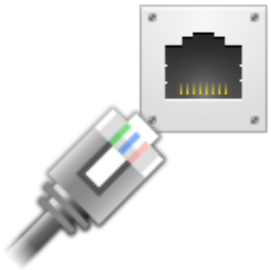


Auto Dialers/Chatterbox

- Auto Dialer
  - Basic System
  - Easy installation
  - Requires a phone line
  - Local programming



- Leased line
  - Requires a dedicated phone line
  - Modem’s
  - Unlicensed

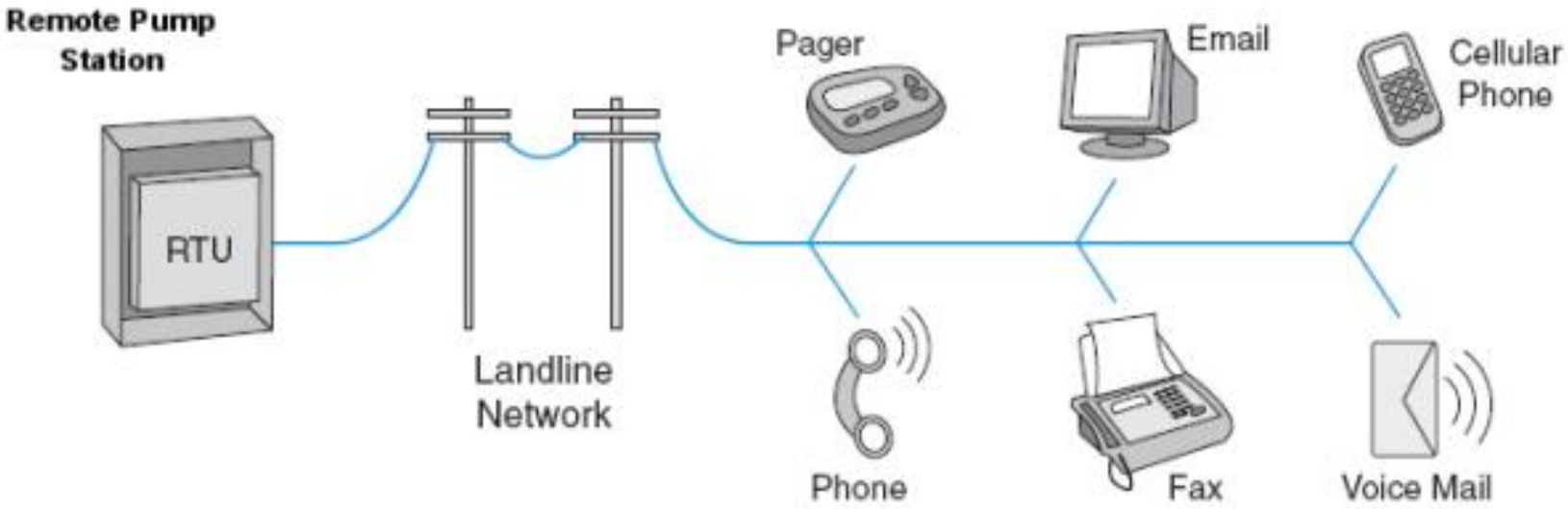


Auto Dialers/Chatterbox

- Good solution for basic alarms
- Need a dedicated phone line
  - You have to deal with the phone company if you want to move it!
  - Cost of the phone line $30-$60 per month
  - Lengthy time to re-establish service when natural disasters occur
- Minimal data storage for reporting purposes
- Limited features and functionality

Methods of Transmitting Auto Dialers

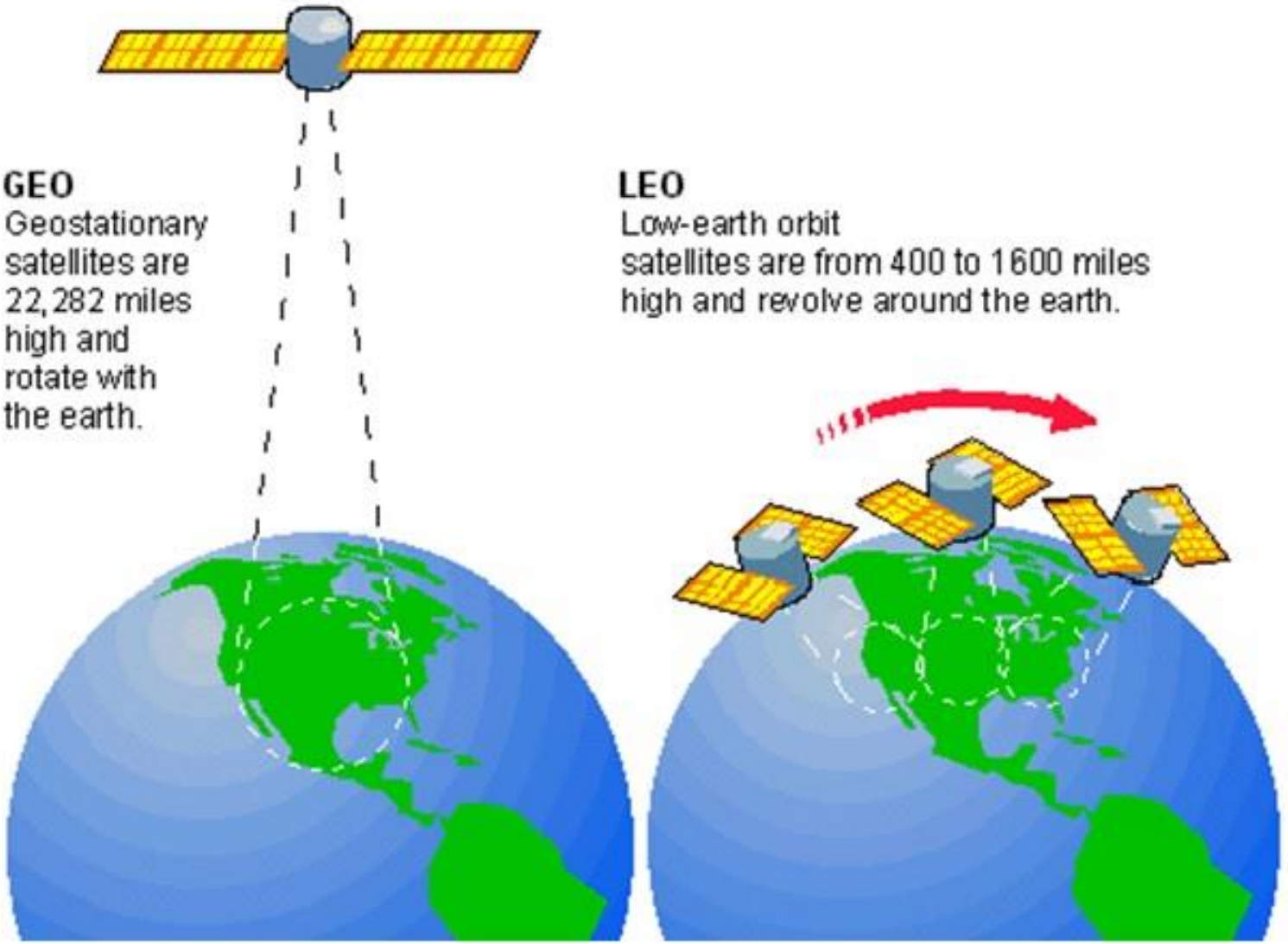
- Simple (Phone lines or Modems)
- No redundancy or watchdog for communication failures
- Have to rely on the phone company to reestablish connections
- Most still use (POTS) lines.


Remote Pump Station
RTU
Landline Network
Pager
Email
Cellular Phone
Phone
Fax
Voice Mail

LEO Satellite

- Several managed SCADA providers have chosen ORBCOMM as their data transmission partner.
  - ORBCOMM service has worldwide coverage
  - ORBCOMM is designed for very short messages.
  - ORBCOMM hardware is inexpensive
  - ORBCOMM antennas are unobtrusive
- Sounds great. Why would someone not use this? Why does Mission use cellular data?

LEO/GEO


GEO
Geostationary satellites are 22,282 miles high and rotate with the earth.
LEO
Low-earth orbit satellites are from 400 to 1600 miles high and revolve around the earth.

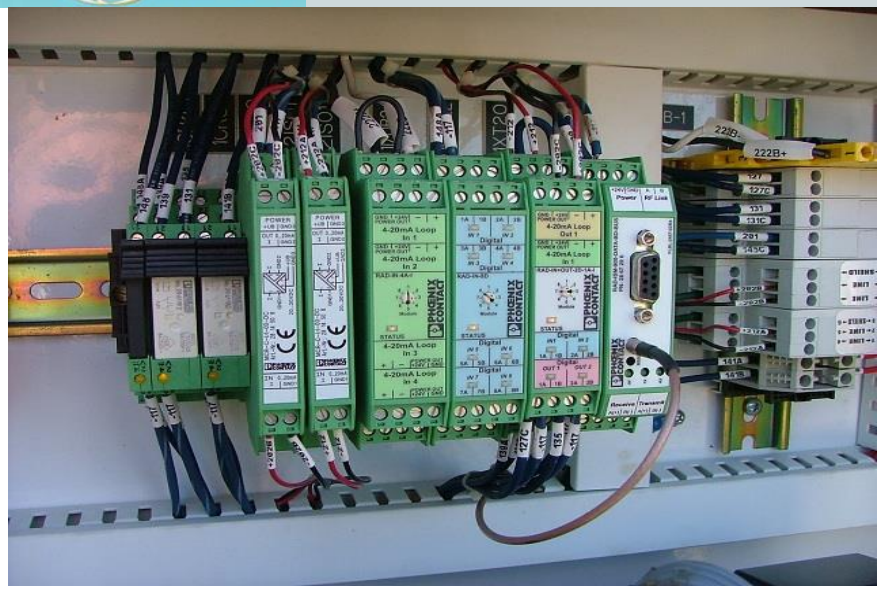
Cellular SCADA

- Server hardware and software maintained by 3rd party (M2M, Kore Technology)
- Data is accessed on an unsecure website
- Say they can operate water systems
- Multiple vendors for hardware, cellular connectivity and the presentation of the data
- New features?
- Hardware has to be returned to the manufacturer to change radio technology
- Radio upgrades cost the customer


REMOTE TERMINAL UNIT
STATUS
ANTENNA
Model RT-1
ETHERNET


OFF / ON
MIC
SPK
GSM RTU
King Pigeon Hi-Tech.Co.,Ltd.
AD input
Rly drivable output
Switching input
RS232
DC9-28V


DPI 400
TONS
A1 A2 A3 C Tx Rx
Digital Process Indicator


4-20mA Loop
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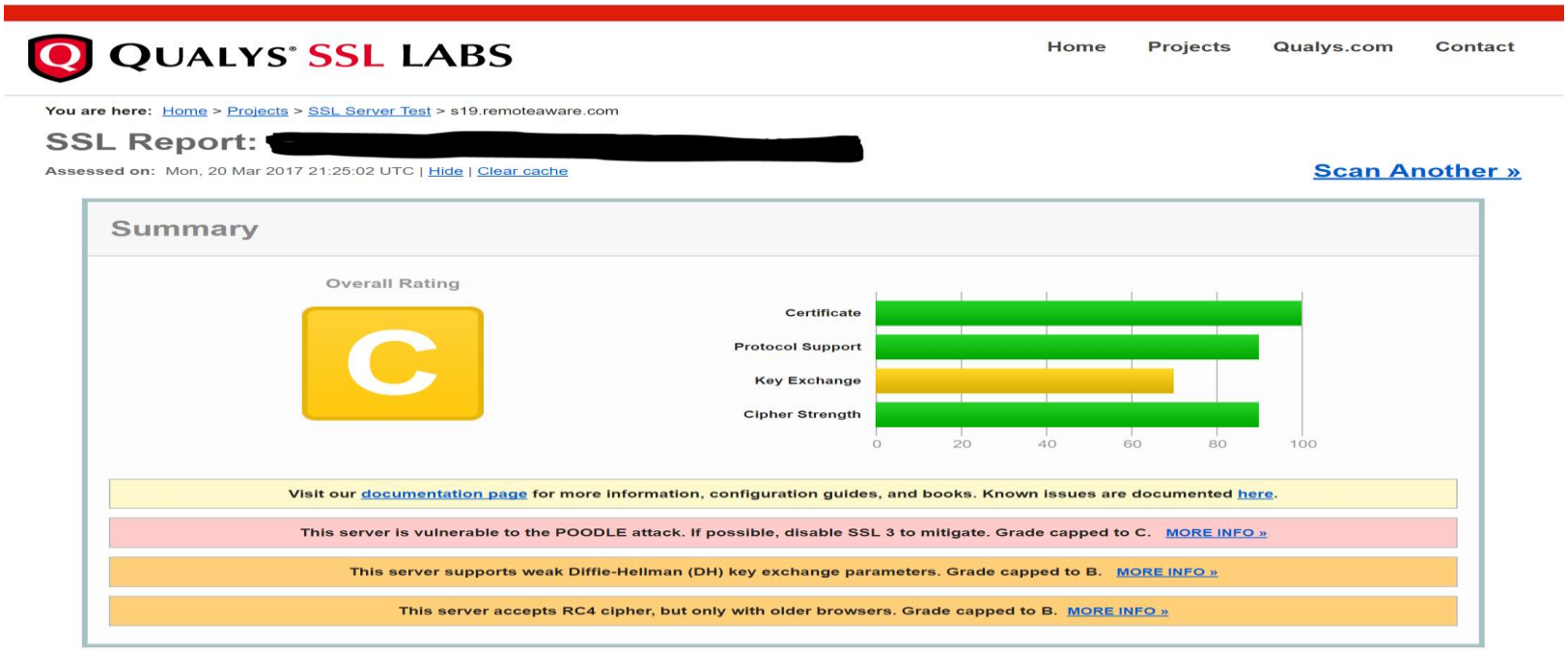
Methods of Transmitting
Cellular Systems

  - AWWA and Homeland Security minimum 1024-Bit SSL
- Mostly GSM some still CDMA/3G ($ adder) Sunset are coming!
  - Sprint “December 2021”
  - ATT GSM “3G 2/22/22”
  - Verizon CDMA “December 2022”
  - National coverage ???
- Several are Not on 4G/LTE/IoT
- Uses UDP (User Datagram Protocol)
- Doesn’t use “Socket Connections”
- Not an option for Control….Missed Data!!!

Methods of Transmitting Cellular Systems

- Unsecure website access
  - Most don't offer this!
  - URL= http:



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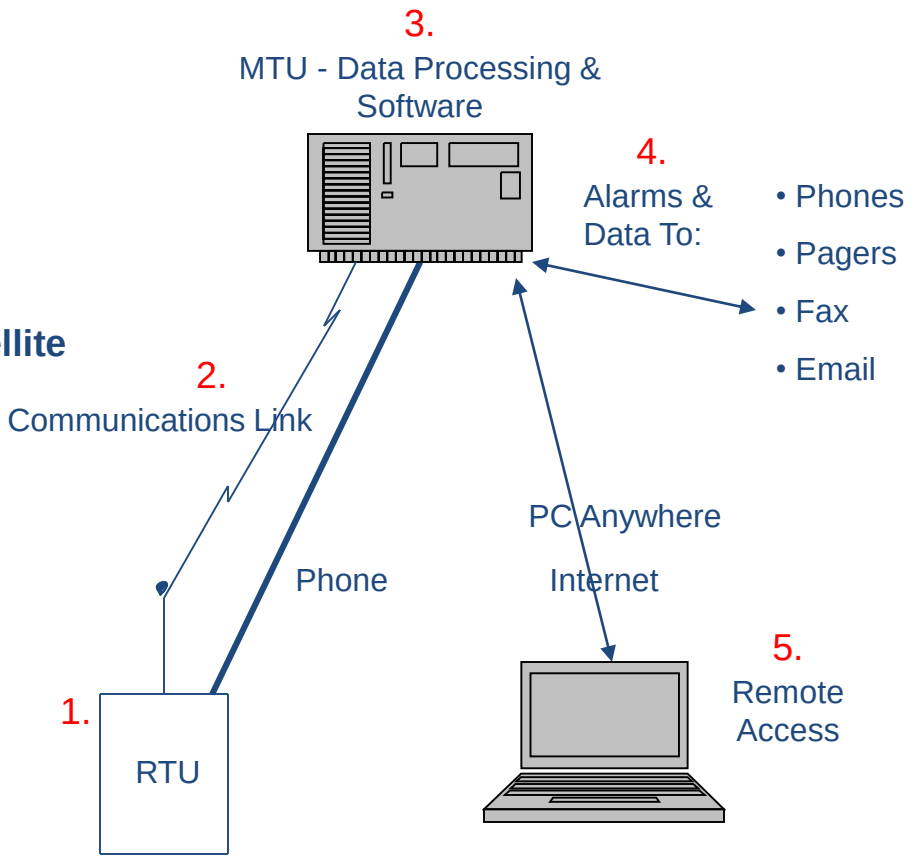


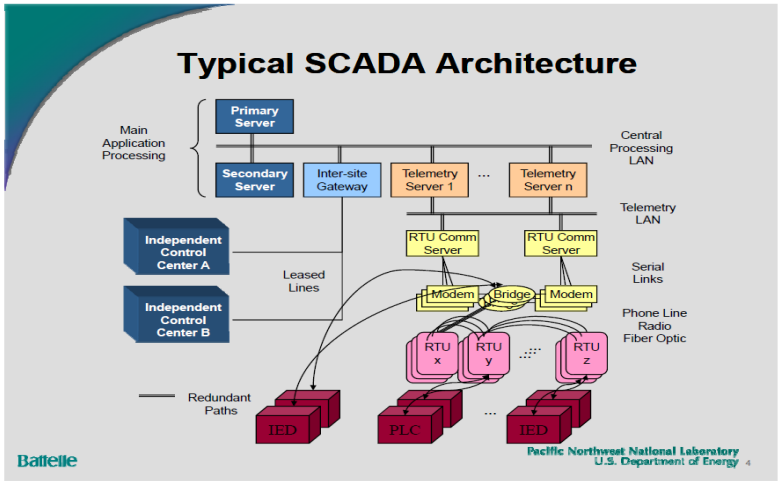
Methods of Transmitting Client/ Server

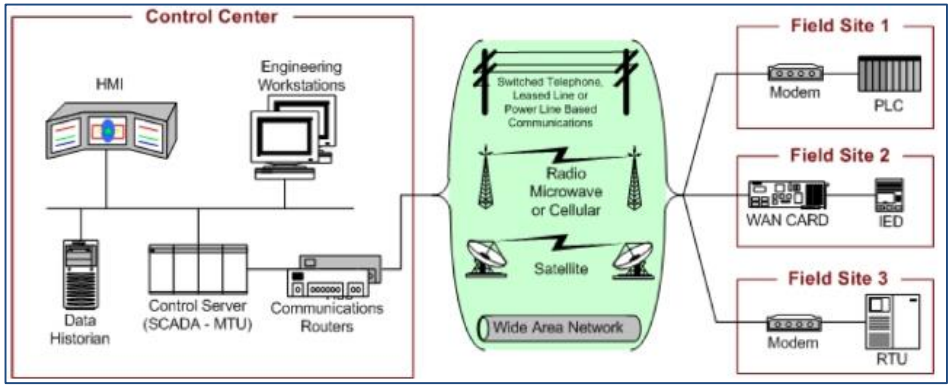
- Often proprietary software installed on user work-stations (servers/clients)
- Can be hard-wired between server and monitored location (Ethernet Radio, Serial, RTU)
- Optimal for advanced applications, i.e. oil, gas, electric, certain controlling applications
- IT department generally maintains servers
- Highly customizable but slow and costly to deploy
- 900MHz bleed over from other industries!

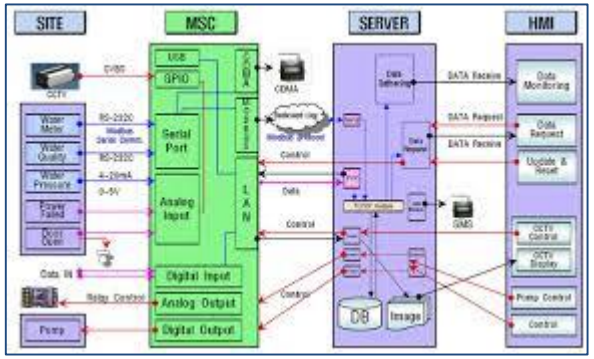
Client/ Server (traditional)

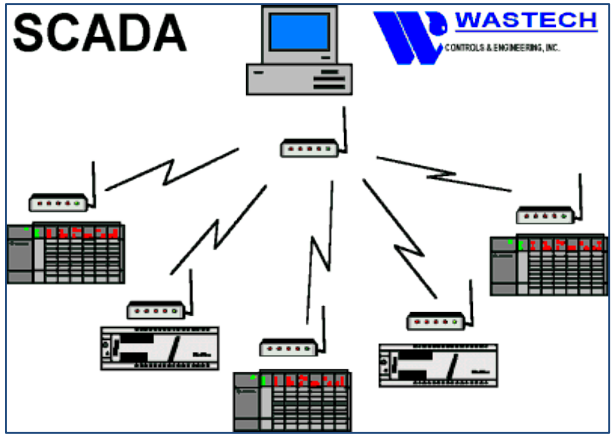
- Optimal for advanced applications, i.e. oil, gas, electric, certain controlling applications
- High number of inputs and outputs
- Generally custom designed
- Costly software
- Setup is time-consuming and requires specialized skills
- Reliability is dependent on private towers, or physical connections
- On going maintenance costs

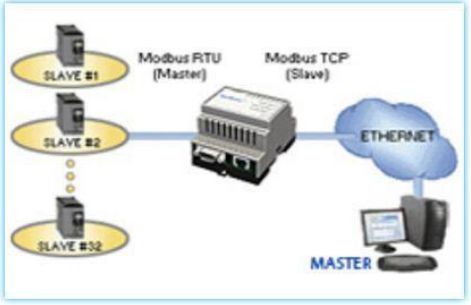
SCADA Architecture Matters

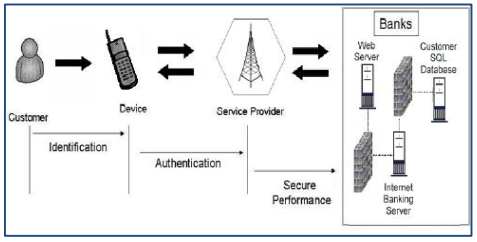




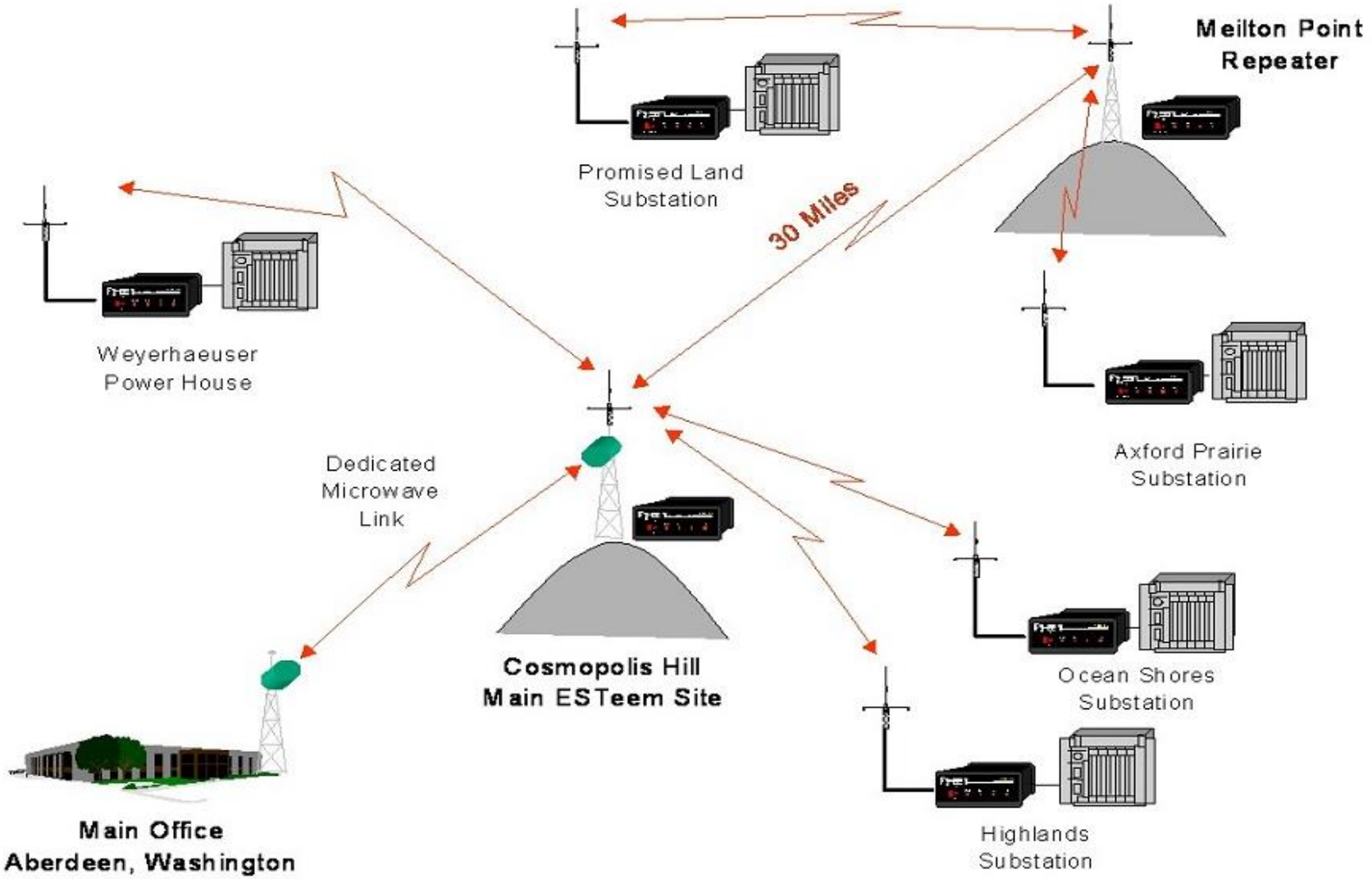








Complex systems with more penetration points can be more vulnerable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Main Office
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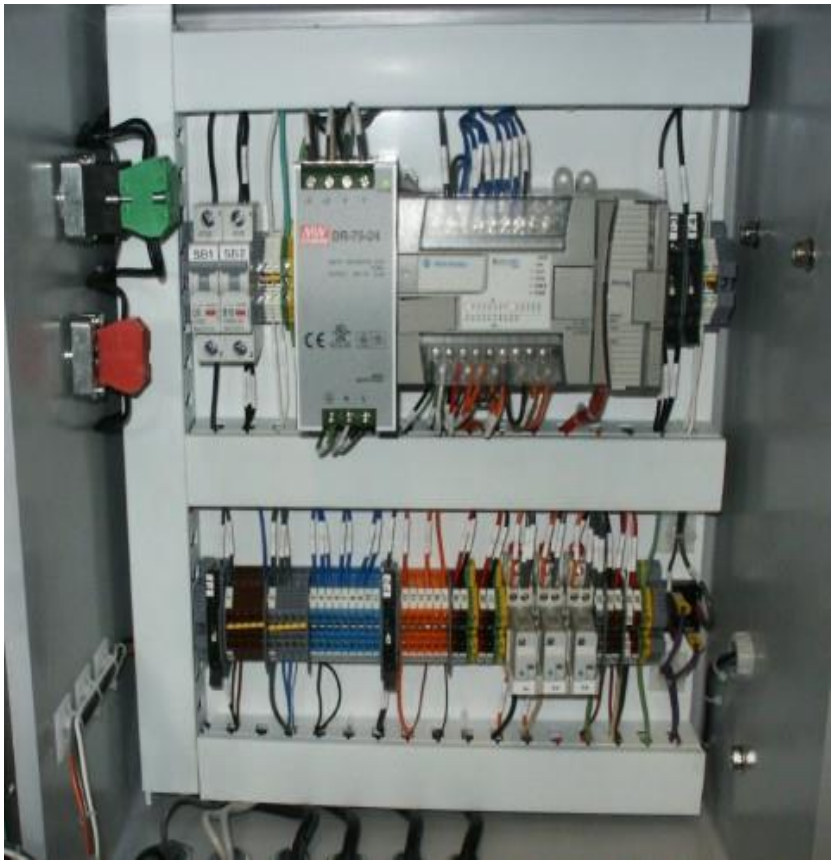
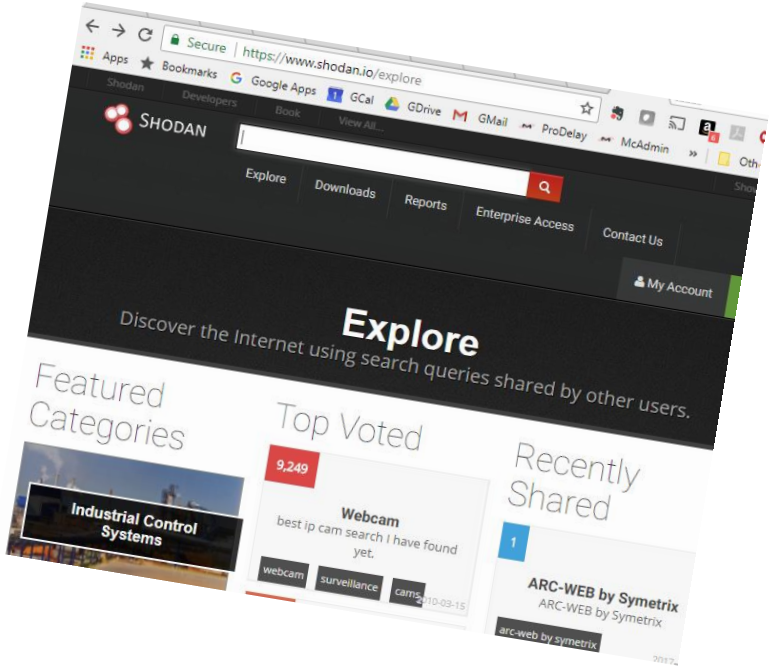
Highlands
Substation

PLC-Programmable Logic Controller



Why Do PLCs get a Bad Rap?

- Date back to before cyber-security was an issue
- Last a long time
  - Source code, or passcode unavailable
- Extremely flexible/powerful
  - Perhaps too much so for some applications
- “Programmable”
  - Different vendors
  - Different staff
  - Different times in life cycle
- Showdan.io exposes some that weren’t programmed securely!



Methods of Transmitting Mission's Way

- Website is 2048-Bit SSL certificates
  - URL= https:
  - SOC 2 Compliant
  - FedRamp Compliant
- 256-Bit AES (Advanced Encryption Standard)
  - Continuous "Socket Connections"
  - (MFA) Multi Factor Authentication
- National coverage (GSM- HSPA+ (4G)
- 3G, 4G or LTE
- Uses TCP IP (Transmission Control Protocol)
  - The only option for Control….Missed Data…..No Way!!!

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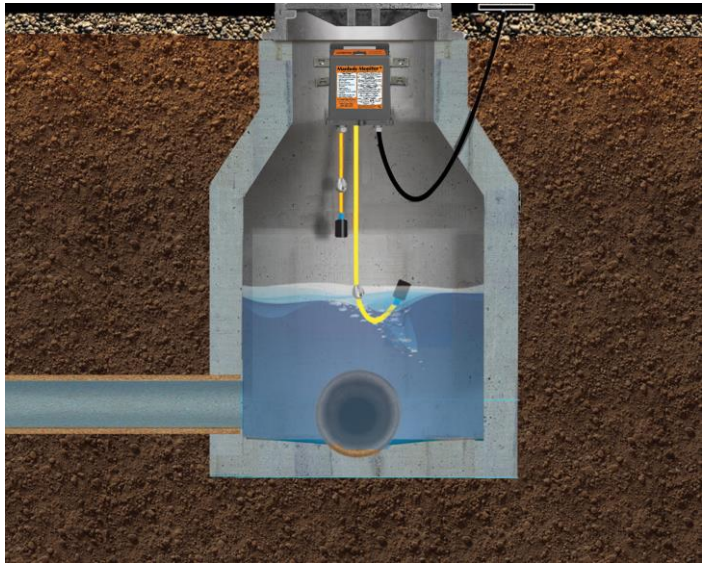
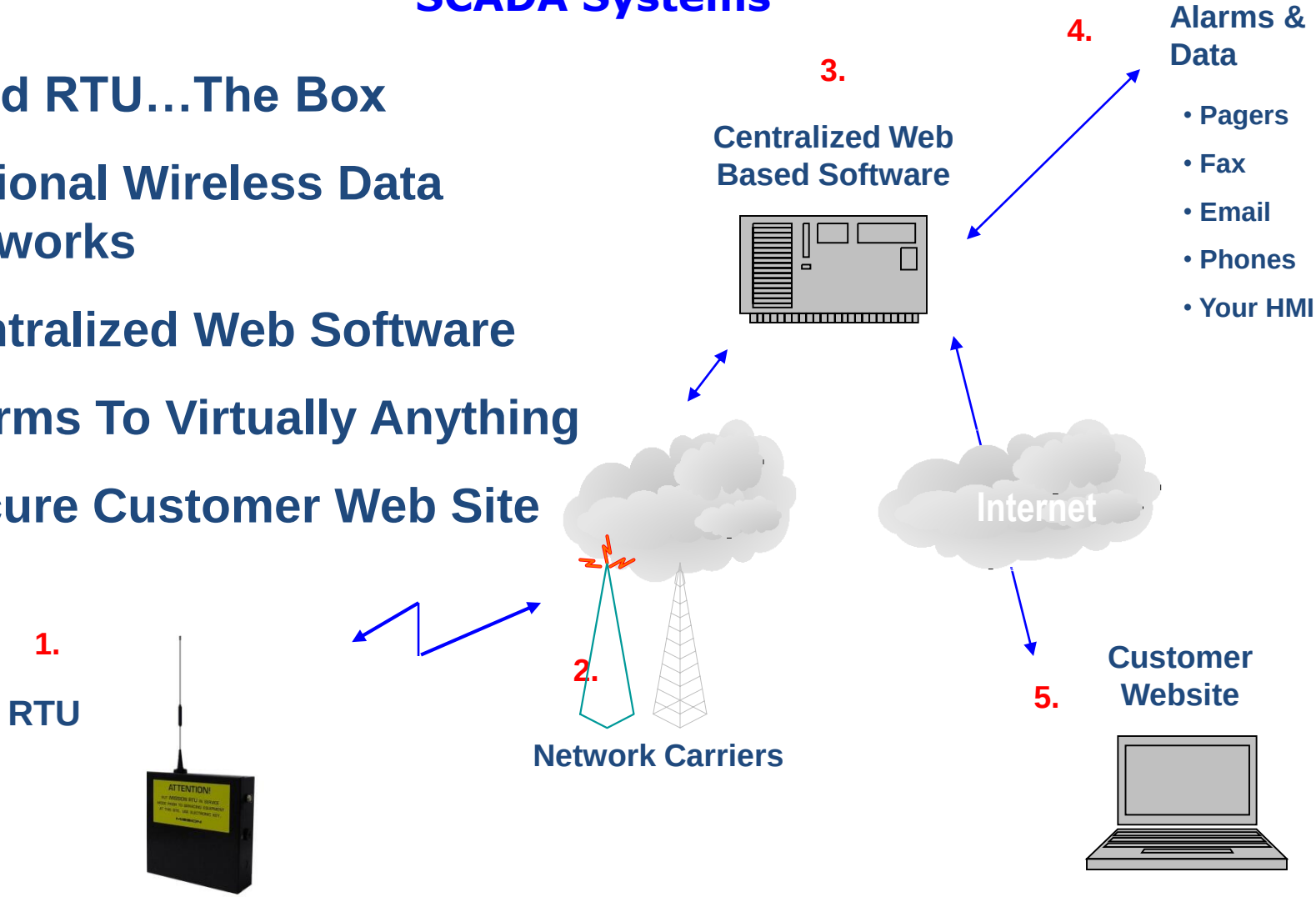
Mission RTUs

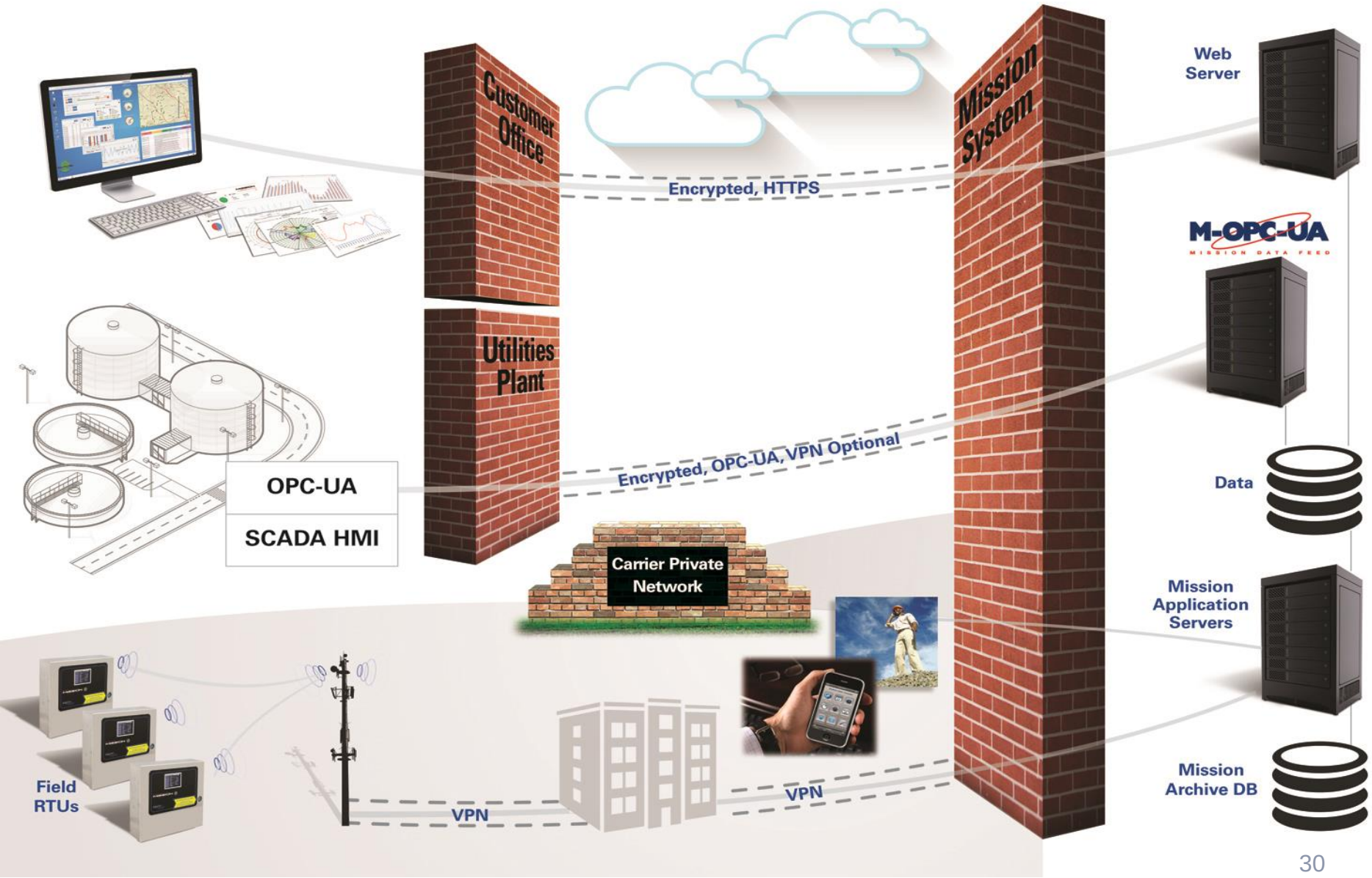


Basic Components of Internet Enabled Monitoring & SCADA Systems

1. Field RTU…The Box
2. National Wireless Data Networks
3. Centralized Web Software
4. Alarms To Virtually Anything
5. Secure Customer Web Site



Mission Architecture



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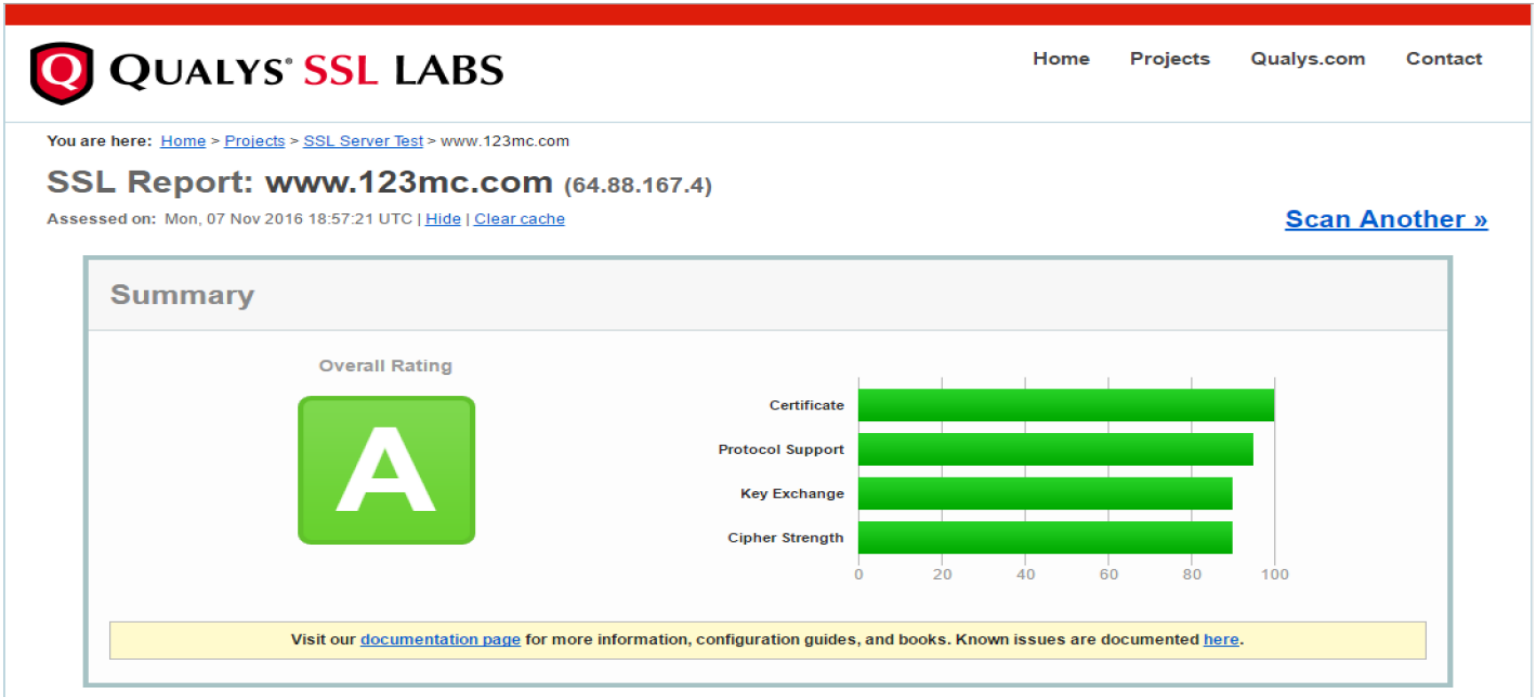

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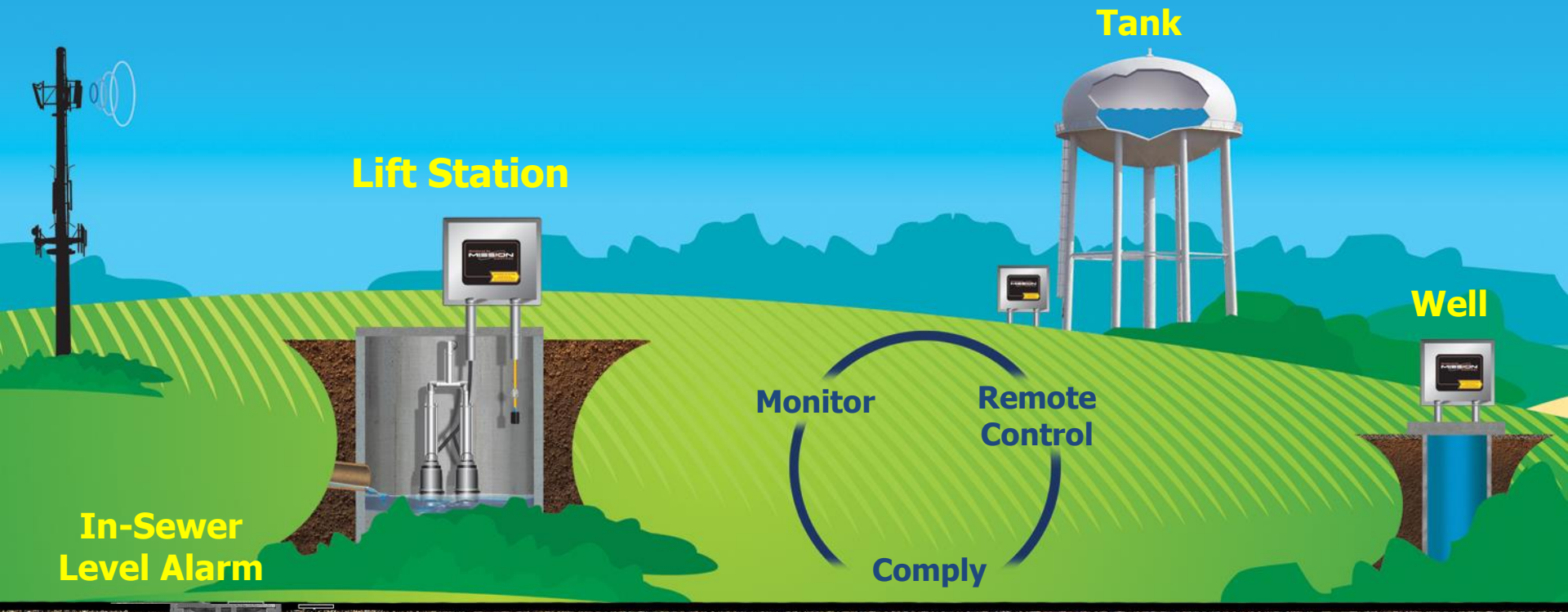
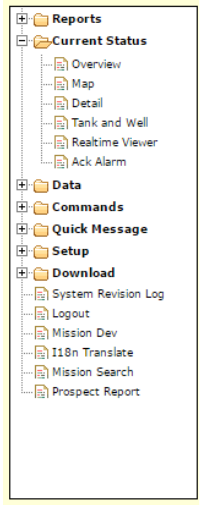
The Primary Applications



Conserve Resources With Managed SCADA

Details With Each Click…



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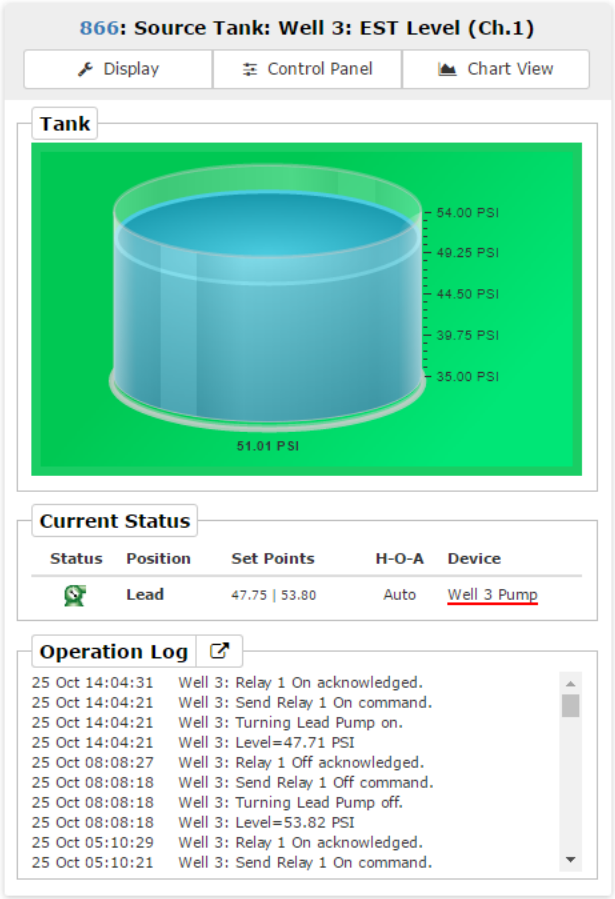
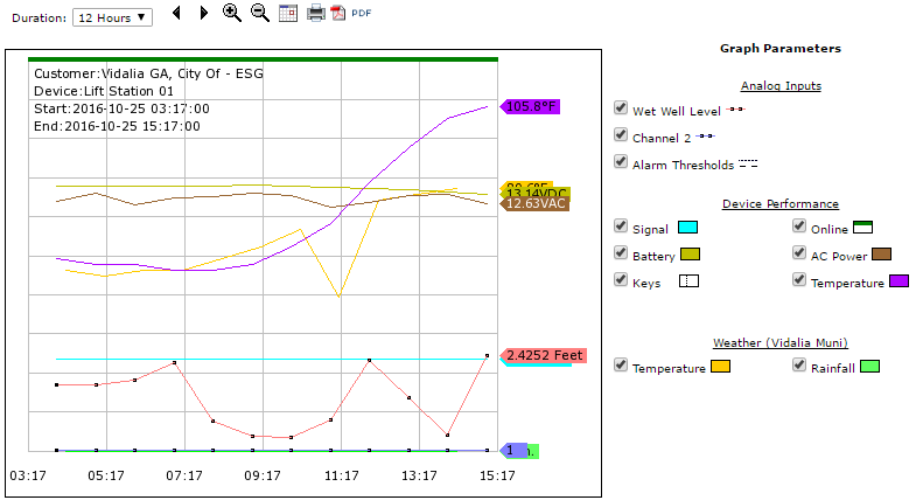
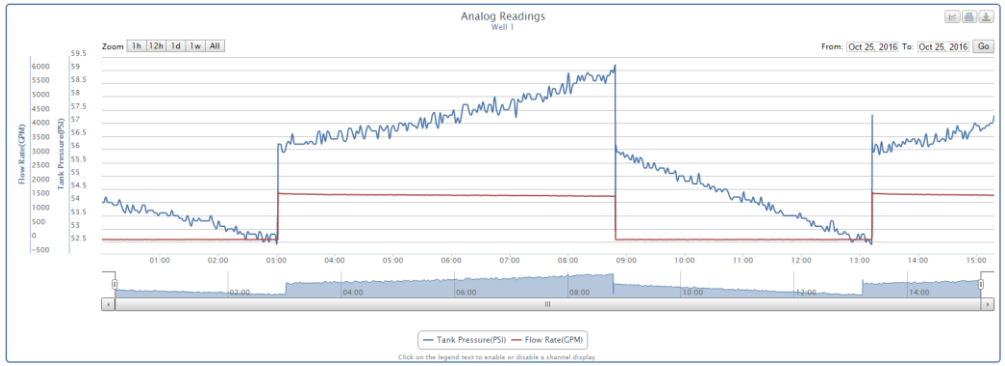


Analog Readings

Lift Station 01





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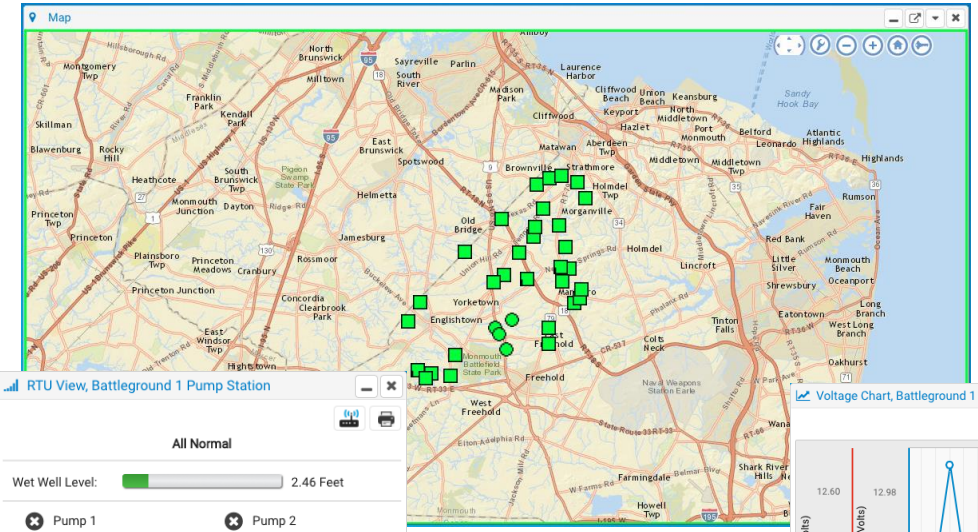
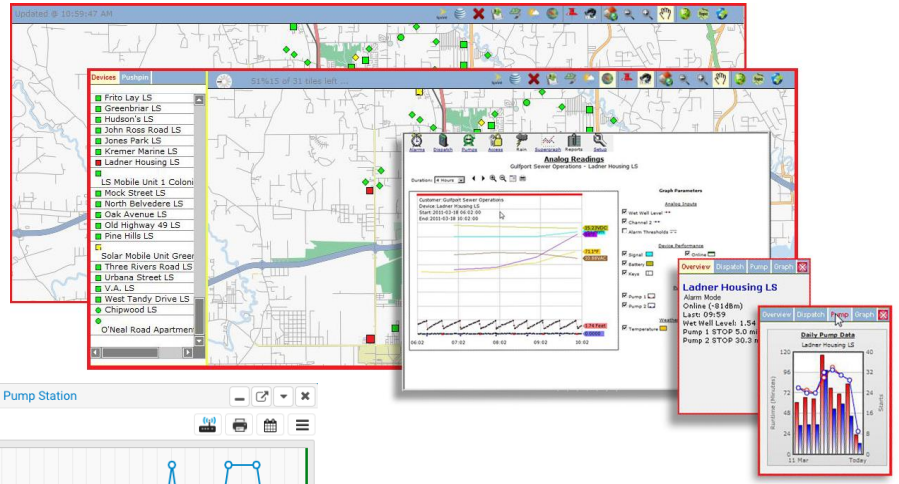
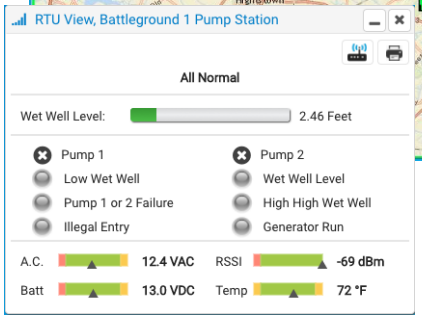
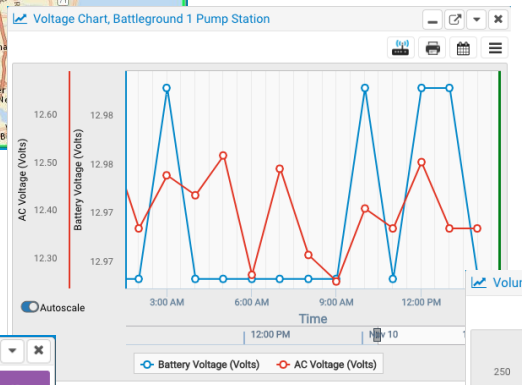
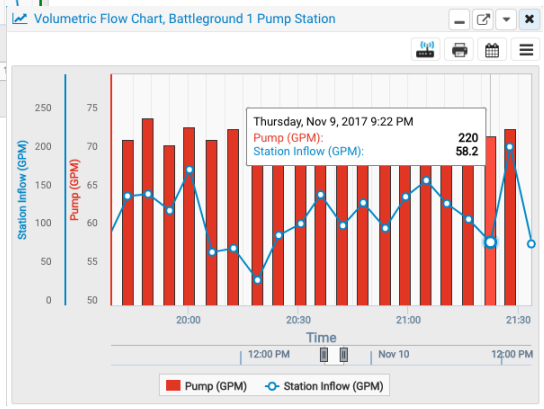
Your System Status At a Glance

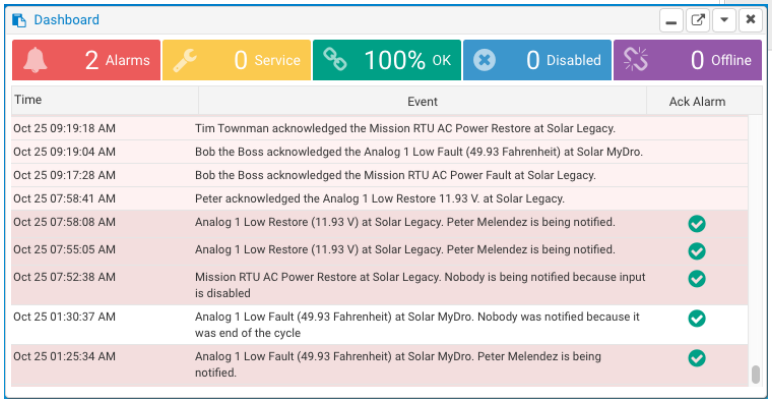












Time	Event	Ack Alarm
Oct 25 09:19:18 AM	Tim Townman acknowledged the Mission RTU AC Power Restore at Solar Legacy.	
Oct 25 09:19:04 AM	Bob the Boss acknowledged the Analog 1 Low Fault (49.93 Fahrenheit) at Solar MyDro.	
Oct 25 09:17:28 AM	Bob the Boss acknowledged the Mission RTU AC Power Fault at Solar Legacy.	
Oct 25 07:58:41 AM	Peter acknowledged the Analog 1 Low Restore 11.93 V. at Solar Legacy.	
Oct 25 07:58:08 AM	Analog 1 Low Restore (11.93 V) at Solar Legacy. Peter Melendez is being notified.	✓
Oct 25 07:55:05 AM	Analog 1 Low Restore (11.93 V) at Solar Legacy. Peter Melendez is being notified.	✓
Oct 25 07:52:38 AM	Mission RTU AC Power Restore at Solar Legacy. Nobody is being notified because input is disabled	✓
Oct 25 01:30:37 AM	Analog 1 Low Fault (49.93 Fahrenheit) at Solar MyDro. Nobody was notified because it was end of the cycle	✓
Oct 25 01:25:34 AM	Analog 1 Low Fault (49.93 Fahrenheit) at Solar MyDro. Peter Melendez is being notified.	✓

Is Cellular Reliable

- Direct relationships ATT “First Net”, Verizon, Sprint, Rogers, Tellus, Telenor
- GSM- HSPA+ (4G), Some still remain on CDMA
- Nationally maintained towers
- Radios are stationary
- Omni v. directional antennas
- Multi-Carrier Radios
- Connections monitored
- 99+% connectivity for 37,000+ RTUs and 4000 Utilities throughout the US & Canada!

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Q & A