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Digital substations

A broader view

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Digital substation?

According to IEC 61850-90-2:

A direct and seamless access from the control and maintenance centres to the IEDs of the substation automation system allows efficient data management of the overall control system

Installed base in the Netherlands

27% of HV circuits are end-of-line

Exceeding ~ 40 yrs for primary and 20 for secondary





What are digital substations about?





- A *single standard* for communication inside and outside the substation
- A common and consistent method/format for storing complete substation data (Virtualised Data Model)
- Define complete testing methodology and procedure required for the equipment which conforms to the standard (Conformance or Type Testing and Interoperability Testing)





IEC TC57 reference architecture



Engineering and Asset Management



Digital substations breaks with existing paradigms Vendor selection based upon functions is key Function oriented engineering vs signal oriented



The utility world is changing



- Increasing need for structured data from thousands of devices
- CIM and IEC 61850 modelled data
- Utilities struggle with diversity:
 - Many vendors and different views and approaches
 - Multiple communication and configuration standards
 - Many firmware updates and bug fixes
 - Microsoft Windows systems

Open standards are crucial for interoperability



Our road to a digital substation



- Substation Automation changes (merging units and sampled values)
- Primary components (e.g. switchgear, circuit breaker)
- Protection relays impact
- Telecommunication architecture (real-time communication, network recovery)
- Security (physical and cyber)
- Remote operation of the substation

Project experiences

- First half of 2016 study about concepts and potential solutions
- End of 2016 start of the PoC and to rebuild 110/150 kV substations
- 3 substations from AIS to AIS Decrease – 2 substations from AIS to GIS engineering, maintenance – 1 substation from indoor AIS to GIS and replacement time Knowledge building Specification Basic training Reduction in IEC 61850 to Design Translation of align of TotEx stakeholders basic functions Validation to IEC 61850 Development of Detailed data model training and Translation of Improve Introduction of workshops for requirements Setting up new philosophy those involved into the IEC communication and design Identify lessons in the project 61850 concept profile learned 1 or more Creation of stations to Perform faster Apply the network verify the new lessons learned upgrades and infrastructure to the new concept replacements specification and designs For internal use only

Project experiences

- Wind park owners work with many contractors to design/construct/maintain
- Over the years many architectures have been used:
 - Every contractor has it's own view
 - problems and adjusted philosophies and configurations
 - Technical lifetime is getting shorter
 - Proprietary versus open standards
- WPO is looking for a long-term specs for future wind parks
 - Alarms/HMI
 - IEC 61850 modelling and communication (PROFILE)
 - CS104 communication (PID)
 - Network (LAN) architecture



Project experiences



Testing of components



Conclusions

- Digital substations require paradigm changes and teamwork
- IEC 61850 need to get out of the substation
- OT/IT integration in terms of data needed
- Enabling new use cases

- Conformance is based on testing of specific versions of the standard (IEC 61850, Edition 1 or 2)
- Functional/application testing is based on profiles
- Using an IEC 61850 model increases data quality and reduces engineering efforts
- Utilities should require conformance tested IEDs but also certified SCL Engineering tools

Let's digitalize together!

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