

Practical Situational Awareness to Improve Safety & Reliability in Operations

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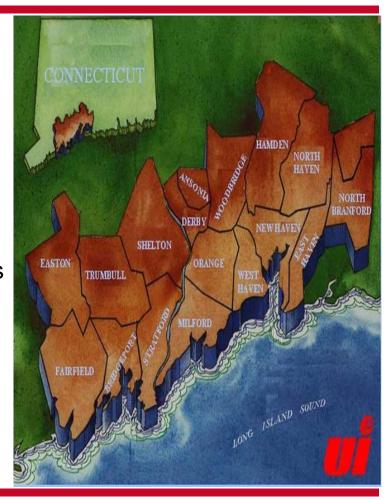
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United Illuminating

- UIL Parent Company
- T&D Company
- Serves Greater Bridgeport and Greater New Haven Areas
 - 17 Cities and Towns
 - Mainly urban and suburban areas
 - 335 miles² (931 km²)
 - 320000 Customers
 - System Peak Load:1456 MW







Objectives

Transmission

- 115 kV and 345 kV
- 129 miles (215 km)

Distribution

- 3250 miles (5416 km)
- 13.8, 4.16, 2.4 kV
- 92% of Distribution System is 13.8 kV

Substations

- 26 stations
- 115/13.8 kV

Underground Networks

- Bridgeport
- New Haven







Justification for Funding

- We reached our real time viewing capacity
 - Current and Future Expansion Hindered
 - Cards for current wall not available
- Developed a need and strategy
 - Continuous view of the status and health of our system
 - Give Operators the information they need
 - Need real time status at all times (view momentary events)
 - Limited space so video cubes were not an option
 - Test platform for our new Operations Center (2012)
 - We could reuse some of the equipment
 - Expandable and flexible to meet our future needs
 - Maintain the same video footprint of our old wall





Why P-Tech?

- Benefits for ease of implementation
 - Allowed the use of less projectors (6 down to 4)
 - Lowered our on-going maintenance costs
 - Minimal time for internal person to gain a good overall operational knowledge of the system
 - Allowed creation of the display from an existing CAD file
 - Other option was to create from scratch via SCADA System
- Benefits gained for the Operators
 - Allowed the use of animation to attract operators attention
 - Substation access, fire alarms, station occupied etc.
 - Line shading/coloring to indicate abnormal condition or response needed





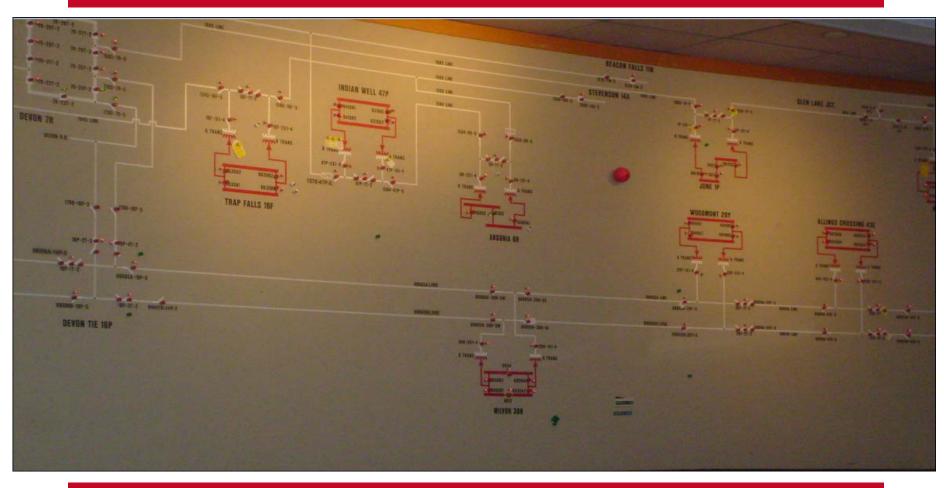


- Increased our overall Situational Awareness
 - Produced a video wall that highlights the abnormal
- Provides real time information
- Software is managed internally
 - We can create rules as needed to address business needs
- Allowed our current space to be utilized to the fullest





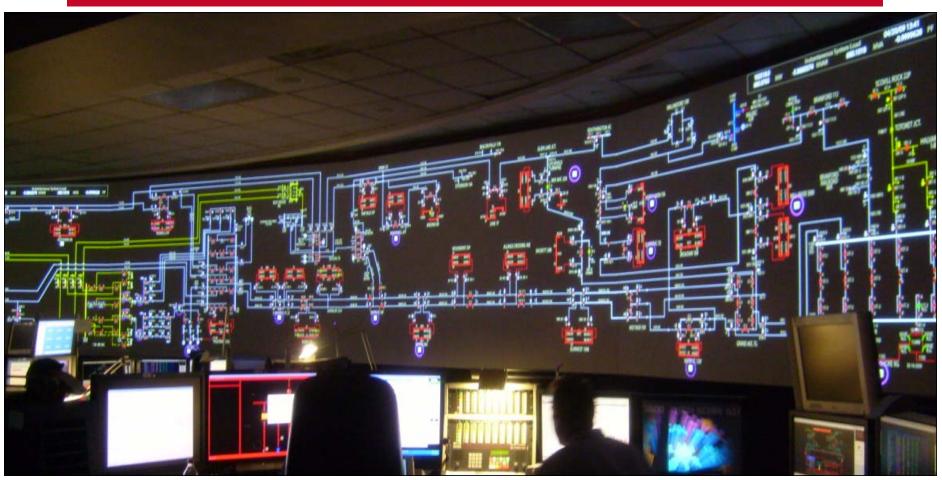
Replaced MAPBOARD







Results







Primate Technologies

- Our corporate mission is:
 - To improve wide area situational awareness in control rooms
- Our software products achieve this by:
 - Monitoring mission-critical systems
 - Aggregating real-time information
 - Generating personalized alerts/notifications
 - Automating administrative tasks
 - Maintaining system independence for visualization
 - Rendering state-of-the-art displays
- Our primary customers are:
 - Dispatchers and Operators of electric systems
 - Engineering staff at control centers
 - Remote managers and stakeholders requiring real-time information from control centers





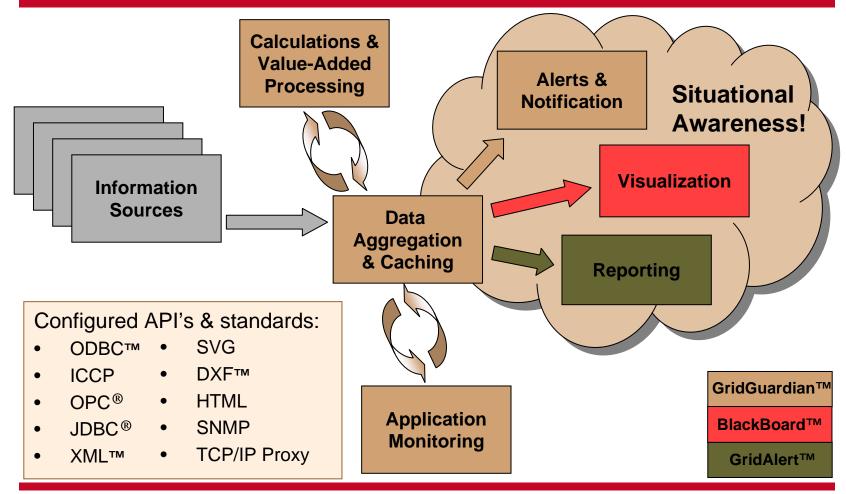
Business Overview

- Founded in 2001
- Leaders with 20+ years industry experience
- Privately-held, employee-owned company
- Headquartered in Melbourne, FL
- Additional offices: Savannah, GA
- 26 Customers in the electric utility industry
- A portfolio of 6 software products
- Training operators on Situational Awareness for continuing education hours at APDA meetings
- Stellar industry reputation





Technology Overview



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Data Collection

Asset Management

- **Power System**
- Telecom
- Relay
- Plant
- Substation

Internet Data

- HTML API
- Screen Scraping

Security Systems

- Alarms
- Logs

Corporate Systems

- Maintenance Records
- **Financial Systems**

Real-time Data

- SCADA
- **Energy Management**
- **Distribution Management**
- **Generation Management**
- **Outage Management**
- **Trouble Call**
- **Automatic Meter Reading**
- Plant System Information

GridGuardian™



Real-time Backup

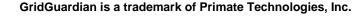
- **Neighboring Utilities**
- **Critical Substations**
- **Alternate Systems**

Application Monitoring

- **Task Monitoring**
- **Device Failure**
- **Equipment Performance**

Smart Grid

- **Smart Meters**
- **Advanced Sensors**
- Home Automation Networks
- Self-Healing Devices







GridGuardian™ – "The Brains"

The United Illuminating Company

Major Features:

- Harvests real-time data from disparate systems
- Monitors the health of mission-critical system(s) at an application level
- Uses rules to analyze diverse data
- Performs personalized notifications to people & systems based on system events & escalates situations as appropriate
- Provides intelligent alarming
- Serves data to other applications:
 - GridAlert™ (reporting)
 - BlackBoard™ (visualization)





BlackBoard™ - Visualization

The United Illuminating Company

- Improved displays
 - Scalable for various wall & window sizes using SVG
 - Proportional text size (without stepping between available font sizes)
 - Technologies employed to view massive amounts of real-time data
 - Integrated view of data from multiple systems, regardless of source
 - Displays that can adapt with changing system conditions
- Robust editor that works efficiently with large and complex displays
- Focused on VIEWING information, not controlling
 - Safe distribution of real-time information outside of control room
- Incorporates display content from a variety of sources
 - SCADA displays, engineering drawings, GIS systems, etc.
- Visualization techniques designed for large video walls





UI Project Phases

Initiation:

- Review proposal
- Clarify/finalize visualization objectives

Discovery:

- Audit available data & display sources
- Discuss industry best practices for visualization

Implementation:

- Formalize display design
- Finalize system architecture / procure equipment
- Import/transform display content
- Identify/map dynamic display content
- Implement & remotely test MultiSpeak interface
- Develop rules to support visualization objectives

On-site:

- Test static display on video wall (and refine based on feedback)
- Test real-time interface (values & pedigree)
- Test & commission the real-time display
- Train users and support team
- Factory / Site acceptance test

Warranty

Annual maintenance, support, and upgrades (with enhancements)





Interoperability

Experience with SCADA

- ABB
- ACS
- Areva
- GE
- Harris
- OSI
- Siemens

Geospatial Viewers

- Google Earth Mapping Services
- Microsoft Virtual Earth

Wall Management Controllers

- Activu®
- Barco
- Jupiter

Display Wall Manufacturers

- Barco
- Christie®
- Clarity
- Mitsubishi
- Planar®

Other environments:

- GIS
- Historians
- Drawing Tools





P-Tech Solutions:

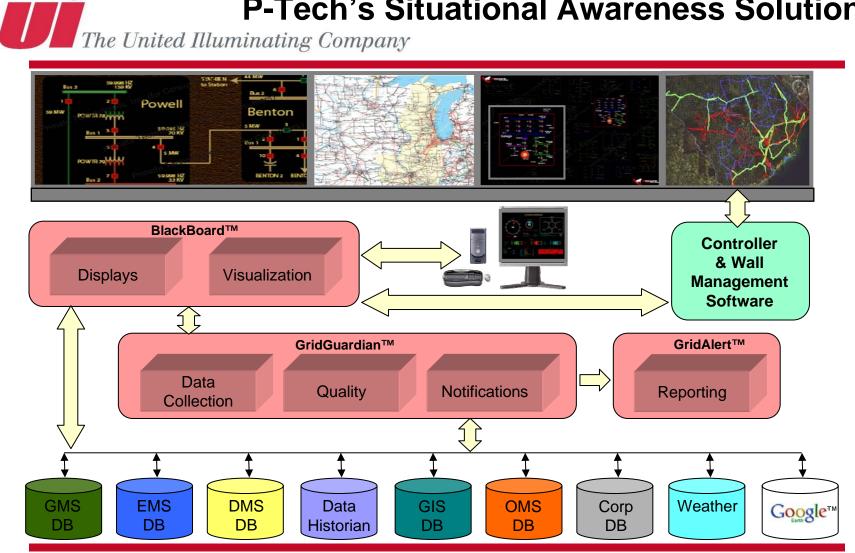
- Secure data access & retrieval for all interfaces to systems
- Authentication for sign-on and communications, with security at a data level
- Session timeouts for desktop users
- Encryption for message transfers between clients and server
- Encryption for password storage
- Audit trails for system and user actions
- View only in order to prevent modification
- Independent source

Benefits:

- Improve reliability
- Improve security
- Improve grid operating efficiency
- Single, integrated view instead of an integrated collection of displays



P-Tech's Situational Awareness Solution



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Questions?

