New & Improved Online Resource for Automation Integrators

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Press Release Summary: Online technology resource now available for automation integrators looking for information on how to use and integrate OPC technology into their manufacturing process. Resources include multimedia tutorials, whitepapers, product reviews, webcasts and software downloads.

Press Release Body: The OPC Training Institute (OPCTI) recently launched an online resource center focused on standards-based OPC technology used in process control and manufacturing automation. The center caters to automation personnel, integrators, process control engineers, IT architects and others involved in industrial data connectivity.

The purpose of the online center is to support those who want to use and integrate OPC Technology. The online center offers a breadth of free OPC resources including multimedia tutorials, whitepapers, product reviews, webcasts and software downloads.

The resource center can be found on the OPC Training Institute website atwww.opcti.com.

What differentiates the OPCTI resource center from others is the focus on technology integration - not technology development. OPCTI is the only vendor-neutral company that offers information for integrators. Other similar organizations tend to focus primarily on the programming and development of OPC applications or the sale of OPC products. OPCTI does not develop or sell products, which leaves them to focus 100% on education and the integration of OPC technology.

"There is something for everyone," says **Randy Kondor**, founder of the OPC Training Institute. *"Whether you're new to OPC and are looking for an introduction, or are an experienced integrator faced with a specific error message, our goal is to provide answers."*

Kondor goes on to say, *"much of the content is provided by OPCTI's professional instructors. We also work with OPC vendors to find out about their individual offerings and refer people to their technology solutions. For example, if you're looking for a specific software application, we'll tell you what is available on the market and provide you with a link to instantly download the product to test it out. Our resource center grows daily."*

Since its inception in 1996, OPC has grown and is used extensively throughout the world today. As OPC gains in popularity, so does the demand from integrators for information. OPCTI offers resources covering many aspects of OPC technology including security, DCOM configuration, sharing data between control systems, troubleshooting and industry best practices.

About OPC Technology
OPC technology is the fastest growing industrial connectivity standard among automation professionals with well over 15,000 available OPC applications supported by over 3,000 companies. OPC is a global industrial connectivity standard that enables process control and manufacturing applications to communicate with each other using an interoperable, reliable and secure connection. OPC enables manufacturing environments to host a multitude of applications created by a variety of vendors.

About the OPC Training Institute
OPCTI is a global OPC training company with workshops in the Americas, Europe, and Asia-Pacific. Unlike other companies that offer vendor-biased information, OPCTI focuses strictly on training and does not sell its own products. OPCTI is the only company endorsed by OPC Foundation member companies to award the Certified OPC Professional (COP) designation.

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