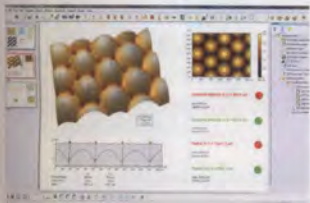


Free software trial

Digital Surf, provider of surface metrology software, has made a new free trial version of its recently released MountainsMap 6 software available for download at www.digitalsurf.com.

MountainsMap 6 provides modular surface imaging and analysis solutions dedicated to instrument families including confocal microscopes, white light interferometers, scanning probe microscopes, and 2D/3D profilometers. There is also a universal solution for sites with instruments belonging to more than one family.

The software includes everything needed to visualise and analyse measured surfaces in 3D and to create detailed surface metrology reports in accordance with the latest standards and methods, including the new ISO 25178 standard on 3D areal surface texture.



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Oiling the wheels

Provider of software and services to the process industries, **Aspen Technology**, has signed a multimillion dollar contract with international oil and gas facilities service provider, Petrofac. The deal will result in aspenONE Engineering being deployed across Petrofac's global operations. Many of Petrofac's customers also use AspenTech software.

The flexibility of the token-based aspenONE Licensing Model allows AspenTech customers to deploy software more easily across multiple locations.

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Hampshire-based Corintec, an electronic product design and manufacturing subcontractor, was previously using an ageing DOS-based system. There was no connectivity to Microsoft Office or emails and the company was still printing documents in triplicate on tractor-fed dot matrix printers.

Since implementing a 123insight end-to-end solution, the company reports several benefits. Some

Corintec halves lead times through ERP replacement

departments have been able to go completely paperless, as invoices and order acknowledgments are now generated in PDF format and emailed – overall the company has seen a 40% reduction in paper usage. Leadtimes have been halved.

Corintec is also able to make full use of 123insight's multi company database structure. The company shares a manufacturing facility with its sister company Lascar in Hong Kong. The remote location connects via CITRIX to Corintec's servers in the UK. It now has its own database within 123insight, allowing the company to sell to its customer base in China.

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Realtime manufacturing solution

Parsec Automation Corp has launched LITETrak, a productivity solution for manufacturers. Available in the UK through **Cimlogic**, LITETrak incorporates the power of TrakSYS into a package that is rapidly set up and deployed without programming, infrastructure changes or production disruption.

Users are able to collect accurate line stoppages and productivity data in real time, encouraging plant floor interaction and operator engagement in productivity improvements. Valuable metrics and reports can be utilised to expose and rank opportunities for measurable

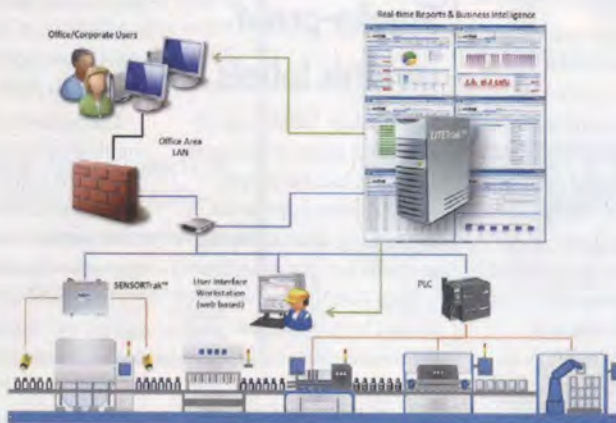
improvement.

Web based reports are generated in real-time and historically with no development or configuration.

They system calculates and reports on many out-of-the-box KPIs including OEE, time analysis, MTBF and downtime, and enables comparison by line or product to directly aid business intelligence.

Users can identify reasons for downtime, focus on reducing production losses and understand the root causes of equipment failure to improve preventative maintenance.

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Sweet success

Autodesk has named Germany's Ritter Sport – producer of the square chocolate bar of the same name – as Autodesk Inventor of the Month for November. The renowned company uses Autodesk software to more quickly change its candy bar designs.

While the company's famous chocolate square remains an unchanging staple of its product lineup, Ritter Sport consistently responds to consumer demand for new shapes and sizes. Autodesk Inventor software helps the company create new designs 30% faster than previously to more quickly respond to market trends.

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Self-certification

Honeywell has implemented key enhancements to its suite of training software used to help operators at industrial facilities run their plants more safely and efficiently.

UniSim R400 includes new tools that allow industrial process manufacturers to more easily certify their operators on processes used in their facilities. It also features new virtualised capabilities that allow operators to train from any location, increasing the exposure to a broader student population and significantly driving down the cost of training per student.

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