COURSE OVERVIEW IE0150

Distributed Control System (DCS) Applications, Selection & Troubleshooting

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Course Date/Venue
October 12-16, 2025/TBA Meeting Room, City Centre Rotana Doha, Doha, Qatar

Course Reference
IE0150

Course Duration/Credits
Five days/3.0 CEUs/30 PDHs

Course Description

This practical and highly-interactive course includes various practical sessions and exercises. Theory learnt will be applied using one of our state-of-the-art simulators.

Since its inception, the concept of Distributed Control Systems has swept alternative control technologies from the field. The substantial growth in grass-roots construction of plants in the traditional heavy process industries, such as power generation, refining, oil and gas, water and petrochemicals are driving significant growth in the utilization of Distributed Control Systems (DCS). The broad architecture of a solution involves either a direct connection to physical equipment, such as switches, pumps and valves or connection via a fieldbus communication system.

With the advent of high-speed data highways and locally collected plant information, Distributed Control Systems are being used to reduce cabling costs, as well as the implementation of advanced control strategies. The course will cover the practical applications of Distributed Control Systems. The course is based on a selection of subjects that either have had a strong impact on distributed systems today, or explore novel ideas which may be important in the future. Other subjects cover important aspects of distributed systems such as data communications, SCADA and Safety Instrumented Systems plus PLC applications.

The evolution of computer control systems is discussed in this course and the architecture of contemporary DCS offerings is described in general terms. The course covers hardware, configuration, data communications, user interfaces and I/O devices. In addition, the course introduces the general maintenance requirements of the DCS. It covers troubleshooting techniques using DCS self-diagnostics and the various diagnostic displays available to the engineers and technicians as well as safe and proper component replacement procedures for cards, modules and power supplies.

The course also looks at the different methods of tuning three term controllers using the various Zeigler- Nichols approaches.

Course Objectives

Upon the successful completion of this course, each participant will be able to: -

- Apply an in-depth knowledge and skills in DCS systems and implement systematic principles, applications, selection and troubleshooting techniques and methods
- Identify the DCS hardware & software particularly the traditional process controllers, programming, execution time, configuration, etc
- List the parts and configuration of the SCADA system and determine its basic architecture and levels of hierarchy
- Differentiate DCS from PLC and SCADA and discuss their features and functions
- Determine the types of DCS used in petroleum refining processes and explain their specific function in each process
- Employ the concepts of alarm management system including its types, features, architecture and functions
- Discuss the concepts of humans in control and identify the factors that contribute in the following concept
- Recognize the safety considerations involved in DCS such as intrinsic safety, explosion, approval standards, oxygen, etc
- Identify types of redundancy and recognize how it works
- Appreciate the principles analogue and digital field communications and discuss its transmitter classifications, intrinsic safety, fieldbus communications & technologies, etc
- Discuss the concepts of safety instrumented systems and explain its functions, integration and hazard and risk analysis
- Explain the maintenance considerations of DCS and identify the various types of failures and faults
- Select the proper DCS system for each application and determine the system specification, its functional description and diagrams

Exclusive Smart Training Kit - H-STK®

*Participants of this course will receive the exclusive "Haward Smart Training Kit" (**H-STK®**). The **H-STK®** consists of a comprehensive set of technical content which includes **electronic version** of the course materials conveniently saved in a **Tablet PC**.*

Who Should Attend

This course provides an overview of all significant aspects and considerations of distributed control system for managers, engineers and other technical staff who are responsible for the selection, application, implementation and troubleshooting of distributed control systems (DCS). Personnel in technical positions who want to know more about distributed control systems will also benefit from the practical approach of this course.

Course Certificate(s)

Internationally recognized certificates will be issued to all participants of the course who completed a minimum of 80% of the total tuition hours.

Certificate Accreditations

Haward's certificates are accredited by the following international accreditation organizations:

- British Accreditation Council (BAC)

  Haward Technology is accredited by the **British Accreditation Council** for **Independent Further and Higher Education** as an **International Centre**. Haward's certificates are internationally recognized and accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC). BAC is the British accrediting body responsible for setting standards within independent further and higher education sector in the UK and overseas. As a BAC-accredited international centre, Haward Technology meets all of the international higher education criteria and standards set by BAC.

- The International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET - USA)

  Haward Technology is an Authorized Training Provider by the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), 2201 Cooperative Way, Suite 600, Herndon, VA 20171, USA. In obtaining this authority, Haward Technology has demonstrated that it complies with the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard** which is widely recognized as the standard of good practice internationally. As a result of our Authorized Provider membership status, Haward Technology is authorized to offer IACET CEUs for its programs that qualify under the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard**.

  Haward Technology's courses meet the professional certification and continuing education requirements for participants seeking **Continuing Education Units** (CEUs) in accordance with the rules & regulations of the International Accreditors for Continuing Education & Training (IACET). IACET is an international authority that evaluates programs according to strict, research-based criteria and guidelines. The CEU is an internationally accepted uniform unit of measurement in qualified courses of continuing education.

  Haward Technology Middle East will award **3.0 CEUs** (Continuing Education Units) or **30 PDHs** (Professional Development Hours) for participants who completed the total tuition hours of this program. One CEU is equivalent to ten Professional Development Hours (PDHs) or ten contact hours of the participation in and completion of Haward Technology programs. A permanent record of a participant's involvement and awarding of CEU will be maintained by Haward Technology. Haward Technology will provide a copy of the participant's CEU and PDH Transcript of Records upon request.

Course Instructor(s)

This course will be conducted by the following instructor(s). However, we have the right to change the course instructor(s) prior to the course date and inform participants accordingly:

Mr. Barry Pretorius is a **Senior Electrical & Instrumentation Engineer** with almost **30** years of extensive experience within the **Oil**, **Gas**, **Petrochemical**, **Refinery** & **Power** industries. His expertise widely covers in the areas of Distributed Control System (**DCS**), **DCS** Operations & Techniques, **Plant Control** and Protection Systems, **Process Control & Instrumentation**, **Liquid & Gas Flowmetering**, **Custody Measurement**, **Ultrasonic Flowmetering**, **Loss Control**, **Loss Control** & **Multiphase Flowmetering**, **Custody Measurement** & **Loss Control**, **Gas Measurement**, **Cascade Control Loops**, **Split-Range Control Loops**, **Capacity Control** & Other Advanced Control Schemes, **Safety Instrumented Systems**, **Plant Automation** Operations & Maintenance, Programmable Logic Controller (**PLC**), **Siemens PLC** Simatic S7-400/S7-300/S7-200, **PLC & SCADA** for Automation & Process Control, **Artificial Intelligence**, **Allen Bradley PLC** Programing and Hardware Trouble Shooting, Schneider **SCADA System**, **Wonder Ware**, **Emerson**, **Honeywell**, **Honeywell** Safety Manager PLC, **Yokogawa**, Advanced **DCS Yokogawa**, **Endress & Hauser**, Field Commissioning and Start up Testing Pre Operations, **Fire & Gas Detection** System, System Factory Acceptance Test (**FAT**), FactoryLink ECS, Modicon 484, Rockwell Automation, System Site Acceptance Test (**SAT**), **SCADA HMI & PLC** Control Logic, **Cyber Security** Practitioner, **Cyber Security** of Industrial Control System, **IT Cyber Security** Best Practices, **Cybersecurity** Fundamentals, **Ethical Hacking & Penetration Testing**, **Cybersecurity** Risk Management, **Cybersecurity** Threat Intelligence, **OT Whitelisting** for Better Industrial Control System Defense, **NESA** Standard and Compliance Workshop, **OT**, **Cyber Attacks** Awareness - Malware/Ransom Ware / Virus /Trojan/ Philsing, **Information Security Manager**, **Security System** Installation and Maintenance, Implementation, Systems Testing, Commissioning and Startup, **Foxboro DCS & Triconics**, **SIS** Systems, Advanced **DC Drives**, Motion Control, **Hydraulics**, **Pneumatics and Control Systems** Engineering, **Electrical & Automation Control Systems**, **HV/MV Switchgear**, **LV & MV** Switchgears & Circuit Breakers, **High Voltage Electrical Safety**, **LV & HV Electrical System**, **HV Equipment** Inspection & Maintenance, **LV Distribution Switchgear & Equipment**, **Electrical Safety**, **Electrical** Maintenance, **Transformers**, **Medium & High Voltage Equipment**, **Circuit Breakers**, **Cable & Overhead Line** Troubleshooting & Maintenance, **Electrical Drawing & Schematics**, **Voltage Distribution**, **Power Distribution**, **Filters**, **Automation System**, **Electrical Variable Speed Drives**, **Power** Systems, **Power Generation**, **Diesel Generators**, **Power Stations**, Uninterruptible Power Systems (**UPS**), **Battery Chargers**, **AC & DC Transmission**, **CCTV** Installation, **Data & Fire Alarm** System, **Evacuation** Systems and **Electrical Motors & Variable Speed Drives**, & Control of Electrical and Electronic devices.

During Mr. Pretorius's career life, he has gained his practical experience through several significant positions and dedication as the **Technical Director**, **Automation System's Software Manager**, **Site Manager**, **Senior Lead Technical Analyst**, **Project Team Leader**, **Automation Team Leader**, **Automation System's Senior Project Engineer**, **Senior Project & Commissioning Engineer**, **Senior Instrumentation & Control Engineer**, **Electrical Engineer**, **Project Engineer**, **Pre-Operations Startup Engineer**, **PLC Specialist**, **Radio Technician**, **A.T.E Technician** and **Senior Instructor/Trainer** from various companies like the ADNOC Sour Gas, Ras Al Khair Aluminum Smelter, Johnson Matthey Pty. Ltd, Craigcor Engineering, Unitronics South Africa Pty (Ltd), Bridgestone/Firestone South Africa Pty (Ltd) and South African Defense Force.

Mr. Pretorius's has a **Bachelor** of **Technology** in **Electrical Engineering** (**Heavy Current**). Further, he is a **Certified Instructor/Trainer**, a **Certified Internal Verifier/Assessor/Trainer** by the **Institute of Leadership & Management** (**ILM**), received numerous awards from various institutions and delivered numerous trainings, courses, workshops, seminars and conferences internationally.

Training Methodology

All our Courses are including **Hands-on Practical Sessions** using equipment, State-of-the-Art Simulators, Drawings, Case Studies, Videos and Exercises. The courses include the following training methodologies as a percentage of the total tuition hours:-

30% Lectures
20% Practical Workshops & Work Presentations
30% Hands-on Practical Exercises & Case Studies
20% Simulators (Hardware & Software) & Videos

In an unlikely event, the course instructor may modify the above training methodology before or during the course for technical reasons.

Course Fee

US$ 6,000 per Delegate. This rate includes H-STK® (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.

Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the course fees. However, any accommodation required can be arranged at the time of booking.

Course Program

The following program is planned for this course. However, the course instructor(s) may modify this program before or during the course for technical reasons with no prior notice to participants. Nevertheless, the course objectives will always be met:

Day 1: ***Sunday, 12th of October 2025***

0730 – 0800	*Registration & Coffee*
0800 – 0815	*Welcome & Introduction*
0815 – 0830	***PRE-TEST***
0830 – 0845	***Review of Course*** *Objectives of Course ● Timetables*
0845 – 0900	***Basic Control Concepts*** *Definitions ● Variables ● Basic Elements ● Manual Control ● Feedback Control ● System Responses ● ON – OFF Control ● Three Term Control*
0900 – 0930	***Video Presentation*** *Three Term Control*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1200	***Introduction to Control Systems*** *History ● Direct Digital Control ● Centralised Computer Control ● Distributed Control Systems ● Programmable Logic Controllers*
1200 – 1230	***Video Presentation*** *Distributed Control Systems*
1230 – 1245	*Break*
1245 – 1400	***Modes of Control*** *Stability ● Ultimate Gain ● Tuning Methods ● Quarter Decay Ratio ● Ratio Control ● Application Examples*
1400 – 1420	***Video Presentation*** *Advanced Process Control*
1420 – 1430	***Recap*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow*
1430	*Lunch & End of Day One*

Day 2: **Monday, 13th of October 2025**

0730 – 0830	***DCS Hardware & Software*** *Traditional Process Controllers ● Architecture of Controllers ● Software ● Programming ● Execution Time ● Programming vs Configuration ● Function Blocks ● Connections to the Controller*
0830 – 0930	***Video Presentation*** *Kent Freelance 800F*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1030	***SCADA Systems*** *Basic Architecture ● Levels of Hierarchy ● Communication Systems ● SCADA Configuration*
1030 – 1100	***Video Presentation*** *SCADA Case Study*
1100 – 1230	***DCS vs PLC vs SCADA*** *General ● Distributed Control Systems ● Programmable Logic Controllers ● SCADA Systems ● Major Differences ● Hybrid Systems ● Summary*
1230 – 1245	*Break*
1245 – 1300	***DCS in Petroleum Refining*** *Distillation/Fractionation ● Cracking ● Treatment ● Reforming ● Oil & Gas Applications ● Case Study*
1300 – 1420	***DCS Types*** *Main Concepts – General ● Honeywell Experion PKS ● Emerson Delta V ● Yokogawa CENTUM ● FoxboroI/A*
1420 – 1430	***Recap*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow*
1430	*Lunch & End of Day Two*

Day 3: **Tuesday, 14th of October 2025**

0730 – 0900	***Alarm Management*** *Introduction ● Architecture ● Update Times ● Speed of Response ● Operator Considerations ● Alarm Types ● Alarm Displays ● Alarm Priorities ● Alarm Functions ● Hierarchies ● Summaries ● Seven Steps to Alarm Management*
0900 – 0930	***Video Presentation*** *Explosion at BP Refinery, Texas City*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1100	***Humans in Control*** *The Process of Control ● Touring the Plant with all the Senses ● Control Panel Considerations ● Work Stations ● Look & Feel ● Displays*
1100 – 1230	***Safety Considerations*** *Intrinsic Safety ● Explosion–proof Standard ● Approval Standards ● Oxygen*
1230 – 1245	*Break*
1245 – 1400	***Redundancy*** *General ● How Does It Work? ● Device Redundancy ● Network Redundancy ● Port Redundancy ● System Redundancy ● Power Supply Redundancy ● Cable Reliability*
1400 – 1420	***Video Presentation*** *PLC Redundancy*
1420 – 1430	***Recap*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow*
1430	*Lunch & End of Day Three*

Day 4: Wednesday, 15th of October 2025

0730 – 0930	***Analogue Field Communications*** *Introduction ● Transmitter Classifications ● Intrinsic Safety ● HART & 4 – 2-mA ● Driving the Circuit*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1030	***Smart Measurement*** *Introduction ● Features ● Brief Specification ● Overview ● Application ● Multi-variable Transmitter*
1030 – 1130	***Digital Field Communications*** *Data Highway ● Fieldbus Communications ● Advantages of Fieldbus ● Fieldbus Technologies ● HART ● Foundation Fieldbus ● Profibus*
1130 – 1230	***Video Presentation*** *HART Protocol*
1230 – 1245	*Break*
1245 – 1420	***Safety Instrumented Systems*** *Preview ● Concept ● Safety Instrumented Function (SIF) ● Safety Instrumented Systems (SIS) ● Safety Integrity Level (SIL) ● Hazard & Risk Analysis ● Safety PLC ● General Notes*
1420 – 1430	***Recap*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Topics that were Discussed Today & Advise Them of the Topics to be Discussed Tomorrow*
1430	*Lunch & End of Day Four*

Day 5: Thursday, 16th of October 2025

0730 – 0930	***Maintenance Considerations*** *Mean Time Between Failures ● Spare Parts ● Types of Failures ● Types of Faults ● Diagnostics*
0930 – 0945	*Break*
0945 – 1030	***System Specification*** *Functional Description ● Process Diagrams ● P & ID's ● Loop Diagrams ● HAZOP ● Instrument Index*
1030 – 1230	***New Trends Wireless Technology*** *Introduction ● Application ● Installation ● Network Architecture ● System Integrity ● Wireless in Oil & Gas ● Wireless Transmitters*
1230 – 1245	*Break*
1245 – 1300	***Review***
1300 – 1345	***Wrap-up Session***
1345 - 1400	***Course Conclusion*** *Using this Course Overview, the Instructor(s) will Brief Participants about the Course Topics that were Covered During the Course*
1400 – 1415	***POST-TEST***
1415 – 1430	*Presentation of Course Certificates*
1430	*Lunch & End of Course*

Simulator (Hands-on Practical Sessions)

Practical sessions will be organized during the course for delegates to practice the theory learnt. Delegates will be provided with an opportunity to carryout various exercises using one of our state-of-the-art simulators "Allen Bradley SLC 500", "AB Micrologix 1000 (Digital or Analog)", "AB SLC5/03", "AB WS5610 PLC", "Siemens S7-1200", Siemens S7-400" "Siemens SIMATIC S7-300", "Siemens S7-200" "GE Fanuc Series 90-30 PLC", "Siemens SIMATIC Step 7 Professional Software", "RSLogix 5000", "Logix5555", "Schneider Electric Magelis HMISTU", "Automation Simulator", "Siemens S7-1500" and "HMI SCADA".

Allen Bradley SLC 500 Simulator

Allen Bradley Micrologix 1000 Simulator (Digital)

Allen Bradley Micrologix 1000 Simulator (Analog)

Allen Bradley SLC 5/03

Allen Bradley WS5610 PLC Simulator PLC5

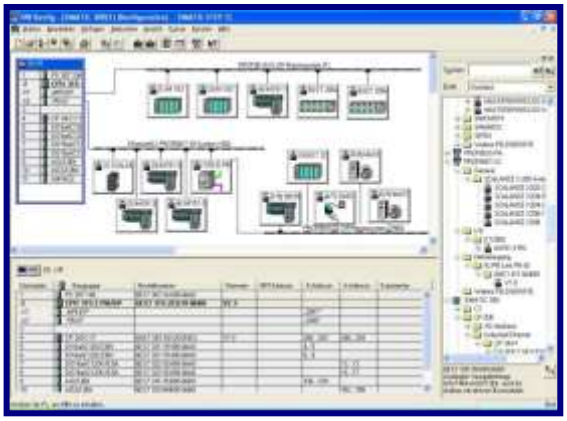
Siemens S7-1200 Simulator

Siemens S7-400 Simulator

Siemens SIMATIC S7-300

Siemens S7-200 Simulator

GE Fanuc Series 90-30 PLC Simulator



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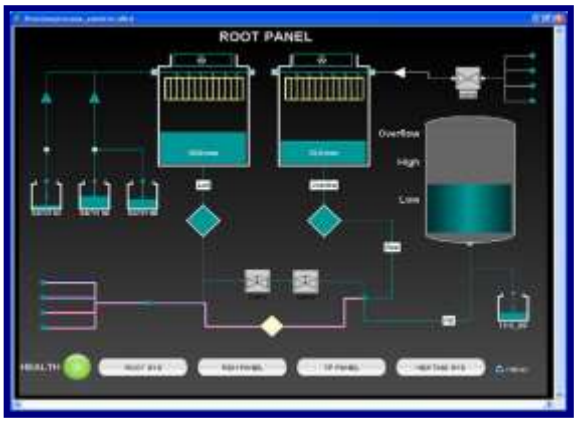

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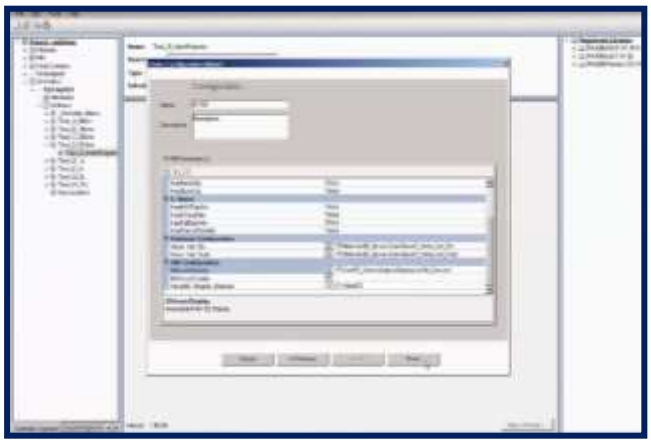

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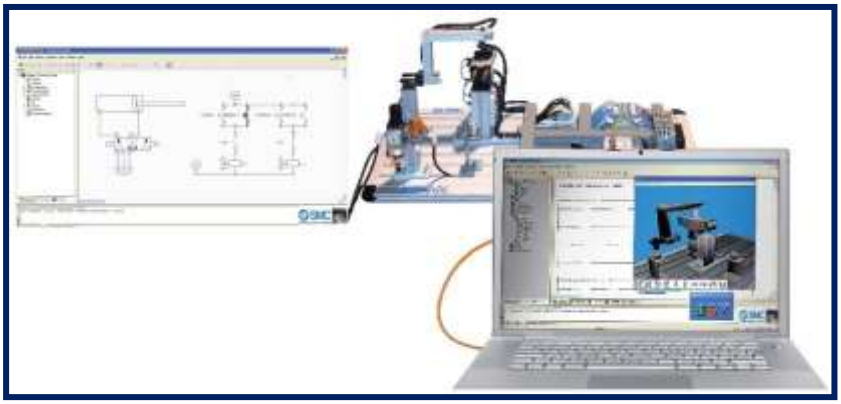

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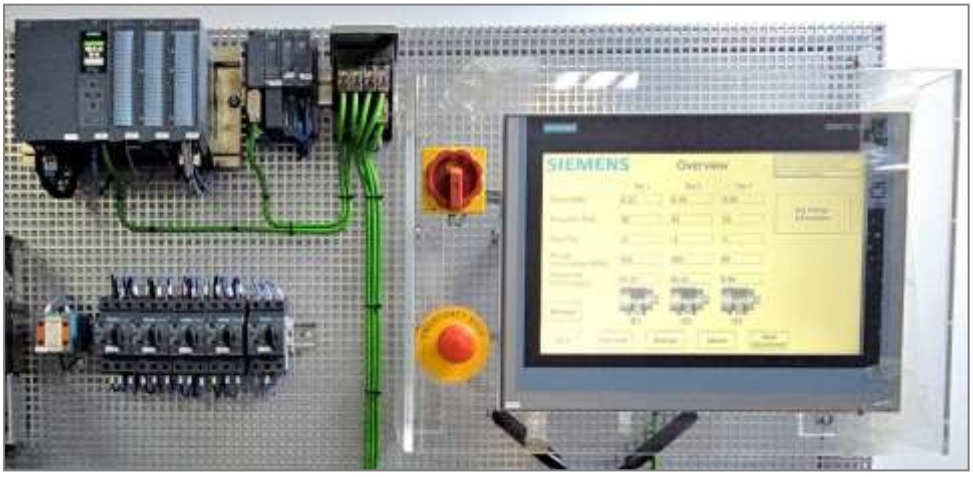
Siemens S7-1500



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