A solution for advanced factories of the future
Reduce Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) with e-f@ctory while streamlining production operations.

Making maximum use of shopfloor data is a vital issue, given the increasing complexity of the manufacturing industry today.

Mitsubishi Electric, as a leading FA systems manufacturer, proposes e-f@ctory which has been developed with the aim of reducing production costs across the board, from development and manufacturing to maintenance. Utilizing highly advanced information technologies to optimize factories and support production systems of the future.
Mitsubishi Electric’s e-F@ctory concept will offer a solution for your “challenges” and “concerns” by making your plant truly “visible.”

Mitsubishi Electric boasts an extensive lineup of FA products, which has been continually improved upon over the years. Such as Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs), which is dominant in Asia, Human-Machine Interfaces (HMIs), Inverters, AC servo systems, Electrical Discharge Machines (EDM), and industrial robots, to name a few.

However, to further achieve increase in productivity, the manufacturing industry has leaned towards new FA Integrated solution concepts that are capable of identifying and solving potential issues directly on the shopfloor.

In response to this trend, Mitsubishi Electric has developed the e-F@ctory concept, which utilizes advanced technologies to directly link the shop floor to an IT system.

In addition to making plant processes “visible,” e-F@ctory achieves the optimization of production efficiently by reducing the total cost of the production process with high performance/optimization of production equipment, shortening of development/commissioning times, and reduction of operation/maintenance cost, etc. It furthermore supports energy conservation in the plant by providing “visible energy management.”
How “visible” is your plant? Overcome obstacles with e-F@ctory.

Overcoming common challenges in manufacturing!
The followings are commonly encountered issues in a "invisible" plant.
"Visualization" is a keyword for a solution to the issues facing the manufacturing industry.
To turn "invisible" into "visible", that is, the visualization of manufacturing information is the first step for the solution.
The visibility enables you to catch the present production status in real time even in the place distant from the shop floor.

Two aspects of a visible factory of the future.

Increased operating rate
Low operating rate!
Production plan difficult to create!
Expense energy costs!

Prompt delivery notice
When can you finish the products for Company A?

Optimum production planning
All according to plan!

Before

Production management according to schedule
Delivery data/Work in progress

After

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Reduced lead-time
Improved operating rate

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Key to a

Factory in the company
- Increased operating rate
- Improved production quality
- Flexible to changes
- Employee and equipment safety

Improved production

Monitoring of production, quality, equipment

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Production “visibility”
In the future, factories will need to "increase production value" while "living in coexistence with society / environment." Mitsubishi Electric’s extensive FA product lineup and key partnerships will effectively address these issues. By collecting and analyzing production data, factories will be able to make "visible" the processes needed to increase productivity, reduce waste / emissions, and maintain safety. Mitsubishi Electric provides a total solution for greater improvements.
The steps toward creating an e-F@ctory effectively results in fa

An “e-F@ctory-based plant” incorporates a system that is capable of addressing various issues by collecting shop floor data such as production performance, operating performance and quality information from production equipment and devices “directly” and in “real time,” and directly interfacing with enterprise database’s. In other words, the e-F@ctory platform substantially improves quality, work schedules, and productivity, by having significant vertical data integration from shop floor to enterprise.

**FA-IT Information Interface Products**

MES Interface products are the core of the e-F@ctory information communication technology. They connect production equipment directly to an MES (manufacturing execution system) without the need for PCs or other communication gateways. Information can be shared between the production equipment and the MES easily, and with minimum cost.

**The Mitsubishi difference!**
Extensive lineup of control products
Sharing of individual device information

**Shop floor optimizing solution**

**iQ Platform**

Increased production data, short production cycles, sudden changes in production volume—if these issues are not addressed, the time it takes from the development of equipment components to commencing the production line will become longer, and it will become difficult to maintain stable quality. iQ Platform addresses such issues from the TCO* perspective.
Energy saving solution

Energy saving solution offers an aggressive energy conservation plan, which achieves not only the reduction of costs through energy saving but also close management for every production equipment or line and the reduction of production life cycle cost.
Mitsubishi Electric’s advanced FA and IT data communication technologies will draw out the full potential of your plant.

**FA-IT** Information Interface Products

Flexible to changes, operating rate increase, lead-time reduction, quality improvement, cost reduction - the issues of the manufacturing industry need to be addressed by utilizing all available shop floor data.

FA-IT information interface products are innovative products that embody the e-F@ctory system. They connect production equipment directly to an MES (manufacturing execution system) and further on to a higher IT system.
FA-IT information interface products create a seamless flow of information between production equipment and information systems in response to diverse needs in manufacturing plants.

MES Interface allows information sharing between production equipment and the MES.
MES Interface IT provides direct connections between the shop floor and information systems in a wide variety of platforms.
The High-speed Data Logger collects various measurement data directly from production equipment, without installing a dedicated data logging unit.
From higher information systems to equipment management systems.
FA-IT information interface products deliver factory-wide optimization.
A broad lineup of MES Interface products provides direct connections between production equipment and an MES with minimum fuss and at minimum cost.

The MES Interface products enable direct connection between the MES (Manufacturing Execution System) database and shop floor equipment, without a communication gateway such as PC required. In addition to this, information from shop floor devices and 3rd party controllers can be linked by the GOT1000 MES Interface embedded functionality. This product series provides a cost effective solution for visualizing data directly from process devices on the manufacturing floor.

The MES Interface : The key to realizing a visual platform e-F@ctory.
- Provides accurate information in real-time through direct utilization of internal device information
- Simplifies system configuration by directly connecting to databases
- Significantly reduce costs by eliminating the need for PCs and programs
- Improves reliability by eliminating office type products with industrial, i.e. gateway PC changed to MES Interface

System construction cost is reduced by more than 65% *The figure is an estimation based on the elimination of PCs and programs from a conventional system.

MES Interface features and benefits
- Automatically generate SQL based on simple settings that do not require a program, and facilitate the connection of production equipment to an MES database
- Reduce information system loads by transmitting event driven equipment information
- Receive production instructions from the MES and transmits/receives time-stamped data
- Ensure data reliability by enabling a data buffering function in the event of a communication error
The diverse functions of FA-IT information interface products ensure a seamless flow of information between production equipment and information systems.

Diverse range of cutting-edge functionality ensuring data reliability!
- Temporary buffering of time-stamped data into CF card when communication or server response errors occur.
- Ensuring zero data loss during transmission maintaining the communication integrity.
- SNTP functionality providing time synchronization between the information system and production equipment, resulting in real-time synchronous data exchange.
- Communication error logging to track even errors, and utilize in reporting tools etc.

Simple, database connection using intuitive utility setup software!
System development costs can be substantially reduced by using this simple utility software for configuring the connection to database systems. No requirements for running stand alone proprietary executables or having knowledge of difficult database query language needed.

The incorporation of MES Template Package allows assessment and examination of investment effect and performance using a test line, for easy application to the entire plant upon verification of effectiveness.

MES Template Package offers templates of all general functions of the MES system to provide easy production management, traceability, and preparation of Gantt charts.
It will also facilitate the future transition of data to a large-scale database system.

| Excel® macros | Extracts data from the sample database and displays Excel® macros traceability information and Gantt charts |
| Sample database | Database tables and sample data for production management, traceability, and Gantt charts |
| MES Interface project | Delivers production management data to the PLC and sends collected performance data to the sample database |

*MES Template Package can be downloaded from the MELFANS website (http://www2.mitsubishielectric.co.jp/melfans/en/english/index.html).*
MELSEC-Q PLC MES Interface

PLCs are connected directly to the MES without the use of gateway PCs or communication programs.

- Comprehensive plant information, including production, equipment, quality, and energy data, are collected and managed via a seamless network.
- Even the most detailed equipment-level information can be collected via an extensive field network.
- Machine tools and equipment that utilize third-party PLCs can be easily configured into the open network.

GOT1000 HMI MES Interface

The GOT1000 HMI collects and sends data from connected FA products to the MES.

- Collects data from existing equipment and other equipment that utilize third-party PLCs.
- Supports operators’ tasks by providing access to a barcode reader, document viewer, or other such tools.
- Provides detailed information management functions that are only available in an HMI, including historical trending and logging, management of alarm histories such as equipment alarms and production history, and management of operators’ operational history.
MES Interface IT for MELSEC-Q PLCs

Greater compatibility with diverse platforms and databases ensures direct connections between the shop floor and information systems.

- Eliminates the need for communication gateway PCs and programs, and provides a simple information collection system at low cost
- Supports a variety of communication protocols to provide direct connections with a wide range of information systems and compatibility with large-scale IT platforms
- Simple tools ensure easy setup and easy mapping of data from PLCs and information systems

Main differences between MES Interface and MES Interface IT

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<td>Compatible databases</td>
<td>MS SQL Server, MS Access, Oracle, Wonderware, Historian</td>
<td>DB2, MS SQL, Oracle</td>
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<td>Message communication and other communication programs</td>
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<td>Message communication programs: WMQ, JMS, Microsoft MQ Other communication programs: TCP, e-Mail</td>
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<tr>
<td>Information system platforms</td>
<td>Windows</td>
<td>UNIX systems, LINUX, Windows (compatible with all types of information system platforms)</td>
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High-speed Data Logger Module for MELSEC-Q PLCs

Designed specifically for MELSEC-Q Series PLCs, the new data logging module can be easily installed in the PLC CPU and set up to provide efficient data logging solutions.

Various measurement data are directly collected by the data logger to provide high-speed, easy, and low-cost data logging solutions with greater precision than conventional modules. Because there is no need to install PCs or dedicated devices on the shop floor, using the data logger contributes to minimizing system costs and improving system reliability.

- Records data at high speed and with high precision, in synchronization with sequence scanning, which is the smallest time unit of control.
- An Assistant Wizard helps set up the appropriate logging method for the intended use, and the Viewer Utility generates trend graphs to facilitate data monitoring and analyses.
- Since no PC or protocol converter is needed to collect data, initial costs can be kept extremely low.

Graphical displays of daily reports, business logs, reports, and other such materials are automatically generated, as needed.

Sample data collection screen

Sample data display screen
New High-speed Data Logger provides solutions to all types of data logging needs without a PC.

Data is recorded in synchronization with sequence scanning!

The High-speed Data Sampling Function synchronizes the data logging task with sequence scanning, which is the smallest time unit of control, to ensure high-speed, high-precision data logging.

The sampled data can be used not only to analyze machine performance, but also to identify the cause of errors when they occur, because the data logger records even the smallest change in control values.

Prompt analysis of a problem when an error occurs

The Trigger Logging Function records data before, during and after a specified trigger, so that when an error occurs, the data can provide important information for prompt identification of cause and quick recovery.

Furthermore, when potential causes of errors are specified as triggers, the data logger only saves data close to the trigger occurrence, so CompactFlash card memory can be used efficiently.

Data sampling by the High-speed Data Logger
(High-speed sampling interval: 1ms at the fastest)

Typical data sampling using a PC or other externally-connected device (100ms intervals)

Causes of errors that might be missed by conventional data logging systems

The cause of errors cannot be detected in the logging data

Data close to Trigger occurrence

Logging only of data close to the trigger occurrence

Prompt identification of cause and quick recovery is possible, because only data needed for analysis is saved.

CompactFlash card memory can be used efficiently, because only minimum data is saved in the card.

Data saved in CSV file format

Generation of trend graph using Viewer Utility

High-speed Data Logger Viewer Utility
### MES Interface Functions

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<td>DB Interface</td>
<td>Executes access to the target database in units of jobs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tag information collection</td>
<td>Assigns a tag element name to equipment information (controller memory address) and collects information in units of tags.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trigger monitoring</td>
<td>Monitors time, tag and other values, and activates a job according to trigger conditions.</td>
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<tr>
<td>SQL message transmission</td>
<td>Automatically generates SQL messages and communicates with the database.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Arithmetic processing</td>
<td>Calculates the value of tag elements.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Database buffering</td>
<td>Buffers SQL messages that could not be transmitted due to network disconnection or failure of the database server PC into internal CF card. After recovery, the buffered SQL messages are automatically resent to the database (manual operation is also possible).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Remote operation</td>
<td>Executes remote operation requests in the form of XML messages from user applications.</td>
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<td>Time synchronization</td>
<td>Synchronizes the time data used in sending and receiving data with a network SNTP server or PLC CPU (internal clock, in the case of GOT and MELQIC).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Message communication</td>
<td>Sends and receives message data with higher information systems.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Security</td>
<td>Specifies the information that can be accessed and functions that can be used by each user. Secures a proper level of security when configuring systems between different departments or different companies.</td>
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### MES Interface Specifications

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<td>Supported databases</td>
<td>Oracle 8.9</td>
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<td>Oracle 10g</td>
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<td>Oracle 11g</td>
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<td>SQL server 2000 and higher</td>
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<td>Local database (within module)</td>
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<td>WebSphere Historian 9.0</td>
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<td>Trigger conditions</td>
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<td>Other events</td>
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<td>Job</td>
<td>Allowable number of actions</td>
<td>10 per job</td>
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<td>Allowable number of arithmetic actions</td>
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<td>Types of SQL actions</td>
<td>4 types</td>
<td>Select - Update - Insert - Delete</td>
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<td>Arithmetic action operators</td>
<td>6 types (four arithmetic operations, residue calculation, character string connection)</td>
<td>20 types (four arithmetic operations, trigonometric functions, maximum/minimum average, etc.)</td>
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<td>Device tag</td>
<td>Number of tags</td>
<td>64 per project</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Number of elements</td>
<td>256 per job, 4096 per project</td>
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<td>Database buffering</td>
<td>Unlimited (depends on CF memory)</td>
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### MELSEC-Q PLC MES Interface module

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<td>MES Interface function executing board</td>
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<td>CompactFlash card</td>
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### MELSEC-Q PLC MES Interface IT (Hardware)

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<td>C language controller</td>
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### GOT1000 MES Interface function

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<td>GT1000</td>
<td>GT16E-□□□□□□□□</td>
<td>GT16 series GOT module</td>
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<td>Optional function board</td>
<td>GT16-MESB</td>
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### MELQIC MES Interface function

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<td>Intelligent inspection unit</td>
<td>IU2-□□□□□□□□</td>
<td>IU2 series MELQIC module</td>
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<td>MES Interface board</td>
<td>IU2-IEMES</td>
<td>MES Interface function executing board</td>
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<td>CompactFlash card</td>
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### High-speed Data Logger Functions

**High-speed data sampling**
Samples data at high speed, in synchronization with sequence scanning (1ms at the fastest).

**Data logging**
Records data continuously or when a trigger occurs.

**Event logging**
Chronologically records the occurrence of a specified event.

**FTP server**
Allows PC-based FTP client software to retrieve and delete files stored in the High-speed Data Logger.

**FTP client**
Allows files stored in the High-speed Data Logger to be transferred to a PC-based FTP server.

**E-mail transmission**
Sends event notices and stored files to a PC or other external unit by e-mail.

**Excel file storage**
Stores the collected data in Excel format (report function).

**CSV file storage**
Stores the collected data in CSV format.

**Time synchronization**
Synchronizes the time data used in sampling data with a network SNTP server or PLC CPU (internal clock, in the case of GOT and MELSEC).

### High-speed Data Logger Specifications

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#### Type of logging modes

- Continuous logging
- Trigger logging

#### File format

- CSV file (extension: CSV)
- Binary file (extension: BIN)
- Excel file (extension: XLS, *Report function*)

#### Duration

- Data conditions: Bit on/off, comparison of data with constant value, comparison of data with data range: Specify month and day of starting/stopping logging
- Time range: Specify hour, minute, and second of starting/stopping logging
- Day-of-week/week-of-month conditions: Specify day of week or week of month
- AND/OR operations of the above: Up to 7 conditions

#### Activation conditions

- Data conditions: Bit on/off, comparison of data with constant value, comparison of data with data range: Specify month and day of starting/stopping logging
- Change in data
- Fixed cycle: 1 to 86400 sec
- Specified time: Specify month, day, hour, minute, second
- AND/OR operations of the above: Up to 8 conditions
- Number of conditions to be met: 3
- Order of conditions to be met (order and time): Up to 4

#### Number of logging lines

- Trigger logging: 0 - 32767 lines before, 1 - 32767 after trigger occurrence
- Continuous logging, trigger logging

#### File switching timing

- Specified number of lines (number of records): 100 to 65535
- Specified file size: 10 to 16384KB
- Fixed cycle: 1 to 86400 sec
- Specified time: Specify month, day, hour, minute, second
- At startup of module
- At each trigger logging

#### Name of stored files

- Serial number (hexadecimal 8-digit numbers)
- The following options may also be specified in addition to the above: Fixed character string, time (year, month, day, hour, minute, second), data value (up to 20 characters)

#### Allowable number of stored files

- 1 to 65535

#### Automatic deletion of stored files

- Specify by number of stored files or by the amount of free space in the CompactFlash card

#### FTP server

- Action-confirmed FTP client software: Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0/7.0
- Number of sessions: 10

#### FTP client

- Action-confirmed FTP server: Microsoft Internet Information Service

#### E-mail transmission

- Type: Transmission of event notices, stored files
- Attachment type: MIME1.0
- Port number: 25, 587, others (1 to 65535)
- Authentication: No authentication, SMTP-AUTH (PLAIN, LOGIN, DIGEST-MD5)
- Destination address: Up to 16 groups
- Action-confirmed mail client software: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.0, Microsoft Windows Mail 6.0

### MELSEC-Q PLC High Speed Data Logger Module

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<td>High-speed data logger module <em>Requires a CompactFlash card</em></td>
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<td>CompactFlash card</td>
<td>QD81MEM-512MB</td>
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### MELSEC-Q PLC High Speed Data Logger Module Viewer Utility

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* See High Speed Data Logger Module catalog for details.

* Technical support may be provided by the MELFANS website for displaying and analyzing sampled data. * May be downloaded free from the MELFANS website.
Applying e-F@ctory to various different types of applications, su

**Application example**  Production management system

Manages operational performance data (production volume, cycle time, etc.).

This system provides a means of efficiently managing production process status (production quantity, cycle time) and checking the error history of different aspects of the line. Device data is easily collected from various controllers via the controller network and communicated directly to a database server via MES Interface.

**Installation effects**
- Efficiently manage production performances.
- Effectively realize quick recovery and intelligent preventative maintenance measures by proper management of real-time errors and historical data.

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**Application example**  Alarm information management system

Collects error information and in case of an error, information can be input/sent from HMI.

By having an alarm management system incorporated into the production line, various detailed information such as process, error description, cause, etc., can be efficiently collected and managed. This system reads a recipe information such as operator, error description, etc. when it starts up and detailed information in the event of an error can be input and sent from HMI.

**Installation effects**
- Automated alarm management provides accurate and fast analysis of errors.
- Equipment maintenance procedures are improved substantially by managing detailed information within the server.
  - Input screen is automatically displayed once an error occurs.
  - Detailed error information is multiple-choice entry (achieve uniformity in the entry).
  - Specific information are retrieved from the database and displayed on screen.
Application example  Traceability system

Ensuring accumulative collection of production process data such as process number, operation history, and quality directly from the shop floor.

Critical data such as equipment number, operation history, and quality data are collected from each individual process or machining point and fed directly to the database server. The serial number of each machining process (engine), processing history, and inspection history are sent to the database after completion.

[Installation effects]

- Traceability data can be used to respond promptly to production down situations and quality faults.
- Trends in operation status and quality information are closely monitored, highlighting production quality variances effectively in real-time.

Application example  Ingredient ratio management system

Allows management of ingredient ratio data by PC, to ensure smooth changes in ingredient ratios per product.

The ingredient ratio data for each product is managed as a recipe file by a personal computer. Using the FTP server function, the recipe files are stored on the CompactFlash card of the High-speed Data Logger Module. When changing products on the production line, a dedicated command retrieves the relevant recipe file needed for production.

[Installation effects]

- Shortens the time needed to change products.
- Prevents human errors when setting parameters for product changes.
Reduce Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) with

iQ Platform

Mitsubishi Electric not only offers vertical integration with its MES Interfaces, but also offers horizontal hardware integration of all its automation products on the shop floor.

This is achieved and designed around the iQ Platform, which is a consolidated automation platform bringing all aspects of automation onto one main programmable automation controller.

The design highlights the integration of controllers, CNCs, Robots, HMIs, engineering environment, and networking, hence resulting in reduced TCO.
iQ Platform opens up the future of automation, by integrating, optimizing, and innovating the shop floor, resulting in reduced TCO.

Controller & HMI
- PLCs
  - Motion controllers
  - Production line CNCs
  - Robots
  - HMI

Engineering environment
- MELSOFT
  - PLC programming software
  - Motion controller programming software
  - GOT screen creation software

Network
- CC-Link IE, MELSECNET
- SSCNET
- CC-Link, CC-Link/LT

iQ Platform controller and HMI
- High-speed, large-volume communication between MELSEC-Q series multiple CPUs (approx. 8 times faster communication speed, 3.5 times larger shared memory)
- Dramatic increase in logic processing capacity and memory (3.5 times greater basic command processing performance, 6 times larger file register)
- High-speed motion processing (2 times greater basic performance), shorter device and equipment cycle time, compact MELSEC-Q size, diverse product lineup
- Fully compatible with production line CNCs and robots

iQ Platform engineering environments
- Supporting all stages of the project, from start to finish
- PLC, motion controller, and GOT engineering environments
- Intuitive development environment providing an efficient method for systems design and implantation, resulting in significant reduction of overall engineering costs

iQ Platform networking
- High-speed and large data volume communication based on cutting-edge gigabit Ethernet technology
- Significant cost reduction with the use of standard Ethernet-based cables and connectors
- High end performance through cyclic network shared memory
- 256Kbyte network shared memory (cyclic data) on a single network
iQ Platform controller and HMI achieve multiple CPU high-speed

The effective coordination of high-speed communication between multiple CPUs provides even higher speed control. The iQ platform consists of a ultra high speed multi CPU main base unit, realizing high speed communication across the backplane between high-speed and high-capacity PLC CPUs, and high-speed and high-precision motion controllers. Compatibility of sequence control and drive control has improved drastically, and complicated machine control can be performed high-speed and easily. By adding the GOT1000 range of high function HMI s, the iQ platform provides a true integrated automation platform from all aspects of the application. Production line CNCs and robots are also supported.

![iQ Platform PLC](image1)

**Achieve ultra high speeds of nano order and large data handling functionality**

- Reduced operation times with higher processing performance
  
  Basic command processing time (LD command) of 9.5ns is realized.

- High-speed, high-precision real data processing
  
  Substantial fast processing speeds for Real number (floating point), realize speeds for add operation instruction of 0.05 $\mu$s.

- Easy handling of large-volume data
  
  Standard RAM has been increased, used as a file register for storing data.

![iQ Platform motion controller](image2)

**New algorithm provides higher speed, higher precision.**

- High-speed bus between multiple CPUs
  
  MAX. of 14k words can be converted per 0.88ms. Communication cycle synchronizes with motion control.

- High speed high precision motion control
  
  Motion basic performance is improved to approx. 2 times, and motion SFC processing time is reduced to approx. 1/4.

- Program data read/write time substantially reduced
  
  Program data read/write time is reduced to about approx. 1/3, with fault diagnostics functionality also improved.

![iQ Platform MOTION CONTROL](image3)

**Realizing the factory of the future with high end controllers.**

- Development cost reduction
  
  Reduction in equipment design time

- Production cost reduction
  
  Shorter cycle and operation times
  Integration with higher information systems

Cutting edge technology with flexibility in application needs.
Production line CNCs well suited for the automotive industry.

- Multiple CPU high speed communication
  Cycle/operation time is reduced by multiple CPU high speed data exchange. Existing modules can also be utilized.

- High-performance CNC CPU
  CNC CPU performance is also increased by double. High speed communications from the NC control processing to sequence control and host communications.

- Cycle time is greatly reduced
  Scan time and M-code processing time substantially reduced resulting in shorter operation times on the shop floor.

Robots and PLCs are directly connected by iQ Automation.

- Control performance is greatly enhanced
  I/O processing time is greatly reduced by high speed communication between PLC and robot.

- System cost is also reduced
  Peripheral devices can be reduced by the expansion of I/O points with 1024 words between PLC and robot.

- Reduced wiring connections
  Less wiring is realized by the direct connection with PLC. Construction time and costs are substantially reduced.

Realize high end HMI functionality, with unique project back-up/restore functionality.

- Utilize "Backup/Restore Function" with ease
  Backup project data such as sequence program or parameters of PLC CPU to GOT's CF card.

- FA transparent function provides easy modification at shop floor
  Programming, startup and adjustment of FA equipment can be performed from the GOT by connecting GOT with a PC.
iQ Platform engineering environment, which integrates the functions required in each phase of development.

Data, communications, operability... An engineering environment beyond the boundaries of FA Components is expanding.

iQ Platform engineering environment is a development environment that can share design information among all phases from system design, programming, and commissioning to operation/maintenance.

In addition, it integrates various programming software tools such as PLC, motion controller, and GOT, which were separated conventionally.

This excellent engineering is the iQ revolution.

Integrating various software tools such as PLC, motion controller, and GOT.

This engineering is the iQ revolution.
Ethernet Open Network  
**CC-Link IE**

Offers seamless connection, from higher information systems to lower field systems, for optimum networking needs and applications.

### CC-Link IE Field

#### All-around, Flexible Network Topology

CC-Link IE Field is an all-around field network that integrally provides distributed control, I/O control, safety control, and motion control*1. Network connections can be made in star, line, or ring topologies, in correspondence with diverse lines, devices, and equipment layouts. Furthermore, a safe communication function allows exchanges of safety information among multiple safety PLCs.

Logo for the CC-Link IE Field Network safe communication function

### CC-Link IE Control

#### High Speed, High Capacity & High Reliability

CC-Link IE Control is a high-reliability controller network that integrates various controls with diverse functions, including optical double loops and external power supplies. A maximum link capacity of 128K words ensures more than sufficient control of ever-increasing recipe files and traceability data.

### CC-Link Safety CC-Link/LT

Open field networks that are compatible with the more than 1,000 types of partner products are available, from wireless devices to safety equipment.

A high-speed, high-reliability synchronous motion network.
A plant with increased "visualization" is also a plant with increased "energy saving".

Energy Save

In the plant where severe cost management is required, an even greater effort for energy reduction is essential. Energy-saving solution of e-F@ctory offers an "aggressive energy conservation", which not only reduces the costs through energy saving but also assesses it totally to pump into new investment.

e&eco-F@ctory proposes precise management of every production equipment or production line and energy conservation plan based on the life cycle cost of production.
Comprehensively "visualize" energy is realized with e&eco-F@ctory.

Mitsubishi electric visualizes activities to improve productivity with standard data management, and strongly supports energy conservation activity.

"Measurement/diagnosis", "measures", and "management" are assessed as a total life cycle, while each abundant result and know-how are linked to achieve an effect.

Energy-saving solution of e-F@ctory will be used for future management strategy more effectively.

Generally, 10 to 30% of reduction effect is expectable by operation improvement with standard data management.
Fukuyama Works makes aggressive energy conservation efforts through "visible management."

Mitsubishi Electric’s Fukuyama Works (Fukuyama City, Hiroshima Prefecture) adopted "visible management" in 1997, and now practices aggressive energy conservation efforts.

It has realized an economical and ecological eco-factory, and uses its eco expertise to engage in the energy conservation business.

Under its policy of "visible energy conservation," it visualizes all aspects of energy usage in the factory as it implements factory-wide energy conservation activities. The knowledge it gains through these activities is incorporated in the development of energy-saving products.

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**Fukuyama Works’ step-up example**

**System for standard data management in each work process**

- **Support for reducing standard electric energy data**
  - System improvements are made by measuring the power usage and production output of each work process and managing standard data based on those measurements.
  - "Visible management" is realized by using Intranet Web-based PCs.

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**Web-based energy conservation support system**

**Visible support of energy conservation activities**

The Eco Server I Web-based data server makes accumulated data available on the Web via the Intranet in an easy understanding manner, to promote greater energy conservation efforts.

**Electric energy management system**

**Total support of energy and labor saving efforts in the factory**

Electricity, gas, temperature, and other energy-related data in the factory is recorded and monitored in detail through a B/NET network of power distribution and control equipment.
Slots directly into the PLC for simple measurement of diverse energy information!

- PLC MELSEC-Q power measuring module

MELSEC-Q, a constant innovator in the production workplace, launches a new power measuring module. This unit makes it easy to measure current, voltage, power, power factor, effective power consumption and other information, integrating production and quality information with energy information, and leading to improved productivity, energy saving, and preventive maintenance. And, it slots directly into the PLC, saving space, wiring, and cost. It enables energy measurement for each piece of production equipment, preventive equipment maintenance based on realtime measurement, and the use of quality control indices linked to manufacturing information.

These are key e&eco-F@ctory products, achieving fusion between production and quality information, and energy information.

 Slots directly into the PLC

The power measuring module is directly attached to the PLC, so there is no need to install any other instruments or connect wiring. There is no need for any major system construction either, so it also saves space.

Measure energy consumption simply

Read the signal from the current sensor on the device breaker, to measure energy consumed by the device. It's easy to grasp power consumption for each PLC unit and manage the standard data for each individual device.

Easy comparison of power consumption

Power can be measured only when a specific output signal is on. Power over a period can be measured at two points, to find the standby power consumed while idling or compare power consumed over a certain period.

Grasp the energy consumption status of a device

Record the maximum and minimum values of demand current, voltage, demand power and power factor for each device. Equalization of energy consumption is supported, to identify devices and times of high energy consumption.

Quickly catch abnormal device status

Set two measurement factors and monitor their upper and lower limit values. That makes it possible to quickly catch abnormal device status, and to find devices which are using large amounts of energy.
Mitsubishi Electric’s model e-F@ctory plant has achieved a 190%*

Mitsubishi Electric operates a model e-F@ctory plant at Nagoya Works, to verify productivity and equipment operating rate through actual operations. Featuring a production system utilizing Mitsubishi’s information-integrating FA products and solutions of partner manufacturers, the plant has made numerous outstanding achievements, such as 190% increase in equipment operating rate, 180% increase in productivity, and 65% reduction in system construction cost.*

Assembly line quality control example: Servo motor plant (began operations in May 2005)

Real-time quality control ensures quality improvement.
The figure shows the latest example of an e-F@ctory plant. It pursues efficient operation management, real-time QC, quality control, and energy management, under the themes of “meticulousness” and “real time.” With MES Interface modules at its core, the system effectively links control systems and devices to an information system.

Increased productivity by effective utilization of production data and “visualize” plant

The application of RFID to promote automation and management of individual equipment has led to significant quality improvement.

By using RFID tags to coordinate different work processes, it has become possible to keep a historical log of quality and other factors. Furthermore, a mechanism has been established to prevent defective items (human errors) from being carried over to the next work process.

*All figures are based on the performance of the e-F@ctory plant at Mitsubishi Electric’s Nagoya Works, and on the results of eliminating PCs and programs.
High production efficiency has been achieved through detailed process control.

The e-F@ctory platform was applied to an electrical discharge machine plant in which production plans were formulated manually and no network system had yet been introduced. Shopfloor issues were made directly “visible,” by focusing on production scheduling and tool information management, and a “visible” shopfloor has led to the efficient operation of devices and equipments and the optimization of the entire production system.
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