GENERAL

CENTUM VP manages Field Control Station (FCS) and Human Interface Station (HIS) engineering data created in System Generation Function on a project basis. Multiple Project Connection is a function to perform integrated operation and monitoring of multiple projects. This function allows the Operation and Monitoring Function of the CENTUM VP HIS to integratively monitor multiple CENTUM VP, CS 3000, and CS projects without having to modify the names of the tags, projects, and plant hierarchies, as well as the common resources (e.g. engineering unit symbols and operation marks) that are duplicated in different projects.

Multiple Project Connection can be used in the following cases:

- To perform distributed engineering for each project on a large-scale plant, and yet operate and monitor the projects integratively.
- To operate and monitor multiple existing projects integratively.

VP6E5450 Multiple Project Connection Builder is an optional software package used on the engineering computer (ENG) where Standard Builder Function is installed. VP6H4450 Multiple Project Connection Package is an optional software package used on the HIS computer where Standard Operation and Monitoring Function is installed.
FUNCTIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

By defining the CENTUM VP projects as upper-level projects, project defined as lower-level project can be operated and monitored from the Standard Operation and Monitoring Function (HIS) that is defined as an upper-level project. Project of the following systems can be defined as a lower-level project.

- CENTUM VP
- CENTUM CS 3000
- CENTUM CS

The following shows the project connection patterns and main functions using the Multiple Project Connection.

● Project Connection Patterns

Hierarchical Connection

A lower-level project can be operated and monitored from the upper-level CENTUM VP project HIS. The Multiple Project Connection Package (*1) is only required for the upper-level CENTUM VP project. The upper-level CENTUM VP project cannot be operated and monitored from the lower-level project. A number of upper-level projects cannot connect with an identical lower-level project.

The following shows the available hierarchical connections.

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*2: The lower-level project is the CENTUM VP R6, CENTUM VP R5 or CENTUM VP R4 project.

Bi-directional Connection

Connected upper- and lower-level projects can operate and monitor each other. Bi-directional Connection can only be applied to the connection between CENTUM VP projects or between CENTUM VP and CENTUM CS 3000 projects. To enable Bi-directional Connection, the Multiple Connection Package (*1) is required for both projects.

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Functional Differences between Projects

There are functional differences among CENTUM VP R6, CENTUM VP R5, CENTUM VP R4, CENTUM CS 3000, and CENTUM CS. When multiple projects are connected, only functions supported by both projects will be available.

For example, if the CENTUM VP R5 project is defined as an upper-level project and the CENTUM VP R6 project as a lower-level project in Bi-direction Connection, the lower-level CENTUM VP R6 project can be operated and monitored in the functional range of CENTUM VP R5.
Main Functions

Multiple Project Operation and Monitoring
Multiple Project Operation and Monitoring allows a project to operate and monitor the other project that was connected using the Multiple Project Connection. When multiple projects are connected in the bi-directional ways the projects can operate and monitor each other. When multiple projects are connected in the hierarchically, the upper-level project can operate and monitor the lower-level project, but the lower-level project cannot operate and monitor the upper-level project.

Multiple Project Operation and Monitoring can also display the Sequence Table, SEBOL, SFC, Control Drawing, and Logic Chart status of the other project.

Note: FCS maintenance operations (FCS Start, FCS Stop, IOM Download, and Tuning Parameter Save) of the other project cannot be performed.

Accessing Data of Other Project
Data of the lower-level project can be accessed from the upper-level project.

- Graphic View
  The tag name of the lower-level project can be specified from the upper-level project.
- Station Interconnection
  Stations in the upper-level and lower-level project function blocks can be interconnected from the upper-level project function block.
- SEBOL
  Data of the lower-level project function block can be accessed from the upper-level project SEBOL.
- Other Station Trend Collection
  The HIS of the other project can be registered as the reference destination of the other station trend collection.
- Global Switch
  The upper-level project FCS can refer to the global switch value of the lower-level project FCS.

Avoiding Duplicate Names
When multiple projects are connected, some “names” such as tag and station names may be duplicated. Duplication in names can be solved as follows.

- Duplicate Project Names
  Duplication in project names can be solved by defining on the upper-level project side the alias for the project name and the project ID for the lower-level project.
- Duplicate Station Names (Only applicable when connecting to a CENTUM CS project)
  Duplication in station names can be solved by defining the alias for the station name in the upper-level project.
- Duplicate Tag Names
  Duplication in tag names in the connected projects can be solved by adding the project ID to the tag name as a suffix.
    - “Tag Name” + “@” + “Project ID”
    (Example) FIC100@P1
  Note: When there are duplicate tag names, display tag name hierarchies and sheet-link can not be used.
- Plant Hierarchy Name
  When multiple projects are connected, add a project ID as the suffix of the plant hierarchy name.
    - “Plant Hierarchy Name” + “@” + “Project ID”
    (Example) CELL-1@P1
- CENTUM CS Plant Name
  To call a function block/element located in the station with a plant name attached to it in the lower-level project from the upper-level project, add a tag name suffix in place of the plant name. If there are stations with a plant name attached to them in the lower-level CENTUM CS project, create new stations as the other project’s stations that replace all the stations with a plant name attached to them. Also define the tag name suffix that replaces the plant name.
    - “Tag Name” + “@” + “Tag name suffix”
    (Example) FIC100@S1

Handling of Common Resources
Common resources (engineering unit symbols, plant hierarchy, switch position labels, operation marks, alarm processing tables, alarm priority, alarm status character string, block status character string, status change command character string, and state transition matrix) are handled not as common resources for all the projects but as project-specific resources.

Operation Group
As with the operation and monitoring in the same project, operation and monitoring can be performed across the multiple connected projects on an operation group basis.

- Function to enable operation and monitoring on an operation group basis
  It is possible to link operation messages, acknowledge and delete operator guide messages and system alarms, and call up the panel set (*1) and remote window on an operation group basis.
  *1: The panel set name is handled as a common resource for all projects with the same operation group ID attached to them.
Stopping Alarm Buzzer
As with the operation and monitoring in the same project, acknowledging and resetting the buzzer on the HIS in one of the connected projects resets the buzzer on the HIS in the other project where the same buzzer ACK ID is set.

Equalization of CAMS for HIS Engineering Information
It is possible to equalize the engineering information of the lower-level and upper-level projects.

Note: Some system generation functions cannot equalize engineering data automatically. In that case, engineering tasks must be performed in the upper-level project according to the information of the lower-level project.

Time Synchronization among Projects
Time can be synchronized even in a system in which multiple projects are connected.

Importing/Exporting Definition Content
The content defined in Multiple Project Connection Builder can be imported and exported. This function is useful for bi-directional connections where the definition content must be identical in the two projects.

• Relation between Multiple Project Connection and Other Functions

Batch Function
If Batch Management is present in each of the connected projects, the recipe in the lower-level project can be monitored from the upper-level project.

Test Functions
All test functions are carried out within the project.

Fieldbus
It is possible to operate and monitor the FCS of the other project.
Both the field bus engineering and the operation of device management tools are performed on a project basis.

Exaopc OPC Interface Package (for HIS)
The other project can be accessed by installing the Multiple Project Connection Package on an HIS with an Exaopc OPC Interface Package (for HIS).

ProSafe-RS/ProSafe-PLC/ProSafe-SLS
The ProSafe-RS/ProSafe-PLC/ProSafe-SLS connected to the other CENTUM VP or CENTUM CS 3000 project can be operated and monitored from the CENTUM VP HIS.

• Restrictions on Communication between Stations
For communication between stations (FCSs) in different projects, the following restrictions apply:
  • A tag name with suffix cannot be used for a tag generic name in Unit Block.
  • A tag name with suffix cannot be used to describe the transition condition for a unit procedure.
CONTROL NETWORK CONNECTION (Vnet/IP)

Stations within a Vnet/IP domain are connected using layer 2 switches (L2SWs). Vnet/IP domains are connected using layer 3 switches (L3SWs). Also, a system using Vnet/IP can be connected to another system using Vnet or VL net using a Vnet router.

The available connections are shown below.

- Connecting CENTUM VP (Vnet/IP) and CENTUM VP/CS 3000 (Vnet/IP)
  
  Connection in Same Vnet/IP Domain without Using Layer 3 Switch
  
  The Vnet/IP domain number should be the same in both projects.
  
  Station numbers on the Vnet/IP must be unique.

  ![Connection diagram](image1)

  Connection Using Layer 3 Switches
  
  The Vnet/IP domain numbers must be unique.
  
  Station numbers on the Vnet/IP must be unique in the domain.

  ![Connection diagram](image2)

- Connecting CENTUM VP (Vnet/IP) and CENTUM VP/CS 3000 (V net)

  Connection Using Vnet Router
  
  A Vnet/IP system and a Vnet system can be connected using a Vnet router.
  
  The Vnet/IP domain number must be different from the Vnet domain number.
  
  Station numbers on the Vnet/IP and station numbers on the Vnet must be unique in the domain.

  ![Connection diagram](image3)
Connecting CENTUM VP (Vnet/IP) and CENTUM CS (V net)

Connection Using V net Router
A CENTUM VP Vnet/IP system and a CENTUM CS V net system can be connected using a V net router.
The Vnet/IP domain number must be different from the V net domain number.
Station numbers on the Vnet/IP and station numbers on the V net must be unique in the domain.
The V net router must be engineered in the upper-level CENTUM VP project.

INFORMATION NETWORK CONNECTION (Common to Vnet/IP and V net)
The available connections are shown below.

Connecting CENTUM VP and CENTUM VP/CS 3000
Connection via Ethernet
IP addresses must be unique for all stations.

Connecting CENTUM VP and CENTUM CS (V net)
CENTUM CS has two types of information networks: E net and Ethernet.
The information network of CENTUM VP is connected to the information network where the CENTUM CS EWS is connected. In that case, the network must be separated into two segments using a router or bridge to prevent unnecessary traffic to the information network of CENTUM CS.

Connection of CENTUM VP Ethernet and CENTUM CS Ethernet via Router/Bridge
IP addresses must be unique for all stations.
Connection of CENTUM VP Ethernet and CENTUM CS E net via Router/Bridge
IP addresses must be unique for all stations.

APPLICATION CAPACITY
The other project can be referred to from CENTUM VP within the application capacity of the CENTUM VP Standard Operation and Monitoring Function.

- HIS Operation and Monitoring Capacity
  - VP6H1100 Standard Operation and Monitoring Function
    Standard:
    Max. 100,000 tags per project
    Max. 100,000 tags per HIS
    Max. 256 stations per HIS
    When using the LHS4000 Million Tag Handling Package:
    Max. 200,000 tags per project
    Max. 1,000,000 tags per HIS
    Max. 256 stations per HIS

- Number of Projects
  Max. 16 projects (including the present project)

- Number of Stations
  Max. 256 stations per project

OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

- VP6E5450 Multiple Project Connection Builder
  Conforms to operating environment of VP6E5100 Standard Engineering Function.
  Necessary Software:
  VP6E5100 Standard Engineering Function

- VP6H4450 Multiple Project Connection Package
  Conforms to operating environment of VP6H1100 Standard Operation and Monitoring Function.
  Necessary Software:
  VP6H1100 Standard Operation and Monitoring Function

Other Requirements

- Version/Revision Requirements
  There are no restrictions on the control functions.
  As long as the Standard Operation and Monitoring Function and Standard Builder Function meet the CENTUM revision requirements below, different CENTUM versions/revisions may be used for different projects. To use functions added by upgrading the CENTUM version/revision, use the CENTUM version/revision that support those functions for the upper-level and lower-level projects. However, this requirement does not apply if the additional functions are not used.
  - CENTUM VP R5.01 or later
  - CENTUM VP R4.01 or later
  - CENTUM CS 3000 R3.01 or later
  - CENTUM CS R2.10 or later
Requirements for Upper-level Project when CENTUM VP Project is Lower-level Project

When a CENTUM VP project is the lower-level project in Bi-directional Connection, the upper-level project must meet the version/revision requirements below.

When CENTUM VP Project is Lower-level Project

The Standard Operation and Monitoring Function and Standard Builder Function in the upper-level project must be any of the following versions/revolutions.

- CENTUM VP R5.01 or later
- CENTUM VP R4.01 or later
- CENTUM CS 3000 R3.01 or later

When Control Network of CENTUM VP (Lower-level) is Vnet/IP

The Standard Operation and Monitoring Function and Standard Builder Function in the upper-level project must be any of the following versions/revolutions.

- CENTUM VP R5.01 or later
- CENTUM VP R4.01 or later
- CENTUM CS 3000 R3.05 or later

When CENTUM VP (Lower-level) Integrates ProSafe-RS

The Control Function (*1), Standard Operation and Monitoring Function, and Standard Builder Function in the upper-level project must be any of the following versions/revolutions.

- CENTUM VP R5.01 or later
- CENTUM VP R4.01 or later
- CENTUM CS 3000 R3.06 or later

*1: Applicable when accessing the SCS (Safety Control Station) data of ProSafe-RS.

When Equalizing of CAMS for HIS Engineering Information of CENTUM VP (Lower-level)

The Standard Operation and Monitoring Function and Standard Builder Function in the upper-level project must be the following version/revision.

- CENTUM VP R5.01 or later
- CENTUM VP R4.03 or later

Language Requirement

To connect multiple projects, the language must be identical for all the projects. For example, an English system project cannot be connected with a Japanese system project.

Operating System (OS) Requirement for Computer to which to Save Project Data

If the total number of computers to be connected in the system is 9 or more, a server (with a Windows Server operating system) must be used to save the project data.

The total number of computers (including console type HISs) to be connected can be calculated using the following formulas.

If CENTUM CS is used for the lower-level project, a server is not required for the lower-level project.

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Parameters in Formulas

Number of HISs:
Number of computers, including console type HISs, with Standard Operation and Monitoring Function (Model: VP6H1100 or LHS1100) installed.
Count the total number of the Standard Operation and Monitoring Function Packages in the project.

Number of ENGs:
Number of computers, including console type HISs, with Standard Engineering Function (Model: VP6E5100 or LHS5100) installed.
Count the total number of the Standard Engineering Function Packages in the project.
Count the packages separately even if they are installed on a computer with Standard Operation and Monitoring Function installed.

Number of Exaopc computers:
Number of computers with Exaopc OPC Interface Package (Model: NTPF100) installed.
Do not count the Exaopc OPC Interface Packages (Model: VP6H2411 or LHS2411or PHS2411).

α:
Number of computers, including console type HISs, with Multiple Project Connection Package (Model: VP6H4450 or LHS4450) installed in the upper-level project.

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