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New Automation Technology for Process Industries

Even though innovative automation technologies are available in the market, end-users are worried about how to integrate them into their plant and create a value-added solution.

The upcoming trends of modular process automation will especially help in reducing the integration effort at the end-users site. At the same time, they enable specialized suppliers to create best-in-class products with a single interface to any DCS system. This will reduce costs for greenfield plants and drive innovation for further increases in efficiency and profitability of brownfield plants.

Open automation platforms will create the necessary backbone to ensure that innovation will migrate into process plants while minimizing the integration effort.

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