The core platform for Yokogawa VigilantPlant® Solutions.
Designed to empower all members in the production value chain
to See Clearly, Know in Advance, and Act with Agility
Redefining VigilantPlant

For years, Yokogawa has used the word "VigilantPlant" as our vision for operational excellence. What this meant was bringing out the best in your plant and people through visibility of information, predictability of process, and agility of business.

We now believe VigilantPlant means much more than just what goes on in your plant.

Yokogawa is committed to sustaining your business, the environment, and the society that we all are a part of. We are doing this by developing more energy-efficient technology, helping operations produce a smaller carbon footprint, and building rock solid products that protect our environment from contaminants. Sustainability is not just a job for Yokogawa but for all industry.

Will you join in embracing a new VigilantPlant?
The CENTUM VP advantages
CENTUM VP ushers in an operating environment that keeps everyone fully aware, well informed, and ready to face the next challenge.

**Information visibility**

**CENTUM VP** makes critical plant information visible in a meaningful and actionable manner.

CENTUM VP captures plant-wide data in real time and delivers the right information to the right people at the right time. Reducing blind spots while preventing information overload, CENTUM VP keeps people’s attention firmly focused on operational targets and business goals.

**Performance foresight**

**CENTUM VP** delivers the knowledge necessary to anticipate changes and to make fast, informed decisions.

CENTUM VP enables quick synthesis of analytic insights from the historical, real-time, and future-predictive perspectives. Allowing people to make fast intelligent decisions every day, CENTUM VP helps your business avoid costly surprises.

**Operational agility**

**CENTUM VP** helps to implement decisions throughout the value chain in real time.

CENTUM VP speeds up task coordination and navigation, enhancing the flexibility of production and adaptability of business. Constantly systemizing and automating operational best practices, CENTUM VP prevents delays and preempts bottlenecks.

**Operations**

Safe and unified plant operations
Common interface for control, safety, and asset intelligence
Embedded mechanisms to prevent information overload
Non-stop improvement
Continuous systemization of operational best practices and context specific operational advisories

**Maintenance**

Continuous evolution without compromising asset availability
Evergreen evolution with online upgrades and modifications
Most reliable platform with no single point of failure
Long-term investment protection
Step-by-step phased migration paths incorporated before any new release. We have nearly 40 years of backward compatibility.

**Production Management**

Faster Plan, Do, Check, and Act cycle for agile adaptation
MES and enterprise system integration using S95 and B2MML standards
Secure and standard-based information integration
Built-in certified control network security

**Project**

Faster project execution with fewer integration risks
Single-source integrated solutions for:
- Control system (DCS)
- Safety instrumented system (SIS)
- Plant information management system (PIMS)
- Intelligent RTU & SCADA
- Turbine controller

**SEE CLEARLY**

**KNOW IN ADVANCE**

**ACT WITH AGILITY**
A simple & common architecture covers a variety of plant sizes & industries

CENTUM VP has a simple & common architecture consisting of human machine interfaces, field control stations, and a control network. These three basic components provide for scalability from small scale to very large and complex facilities.

Human Interface Station (HIS)
Windows based operating system, commercial-off-the-shelf PC hardware, and optional specialized operator keyboard for a large variety of operator consoles.

Engineering Station (ENG)
With the same PC features mentioned above, this includes a comprehensive engineering package for all the CENTUM VP components and applications.

Field Control Station (FCS)
100% Yokogawa manufactured. This is the core of CENTUM VP’s high availability/reliability, continuing the CENTUM heritage.

UGS/GSGW
Unified Gateway Station (UGS) serves as a gateway to interface CENTUM VP with STARDOM or the third-party subsystems. Generic Subsystem Gateway (GSGW) is a controller for operating and monitoring subsystems connected to CENTUM VP.

Bus Converter (BCV)
Interface hardware that connects multiple control network domains. It also connects previous CENTUM series systems to CENTUM VP.

Control Network (Vnet/IP)
Vnet/IP, an IEEE802.3 Ethernet compliant redundant network operating at 1 Gbps, incorporates Yokogawa’s technology, achieving deterministic, reliable, and secure communications.

Digital Fieldnetworks
CENTUM VP supports FOUNDATION™ fieldbus, HART, PROFIBUS-DP, DeviceNet, Modbus, Modbus/TCP, and EtherNet/IP.

Safety Control Station (SCS) - ProSafe-RS
ProSafe-RS is Yokogawa’s TÜV SIL3 certified premier safety instrumented system. It incorporates Yokogawa’s own Pair & Spare and Vnet/IP technologies and offers unprecedented synergy with CENTUM VP.

Network-based Control System - STARDOM
Yokogawa’s intelligent-hybrid remote telecommunication controllers are ideal for the oil and gas upstream market. They can be seamlessly integrated, via the UGS, to CENTUM VP.

Operational Excellence Software Suite
A software suite for the Windows platform that supports plant operations and maintenance improvement, such as plant safety, plant asset management, production management, and optimization.
Intuitive human machine interface for plant operation

CENTUM VP has a HMI (human machine interface) that makes information access quicker and more intuitive.

Easy to operate with clear visibility

Yokogawa offers intuitive and easy-to-understand HMI environment for plant operation and monitoring, which is the result of adopting the latest look & feel and the accumulation and refinement through functions of the past generations of CENTUM systems. Flexibility in displaying operation windows and monitors can provide adaptation to various aspects of operation needs. CENTUM VP provides easy-to-understand graphics based on the ergonomics and knowledge engineering. For instance, data displays are provided with high visibility that enables intuitive awareness for situation, use of colors considering the best contrast and environments of the central control room. Configuration of the displays integrates the know-how of experienced operators. With all these functions, CENTUM VP enables operators quick and accurate decisions during operations and contributes to improve operation efficiencies.

True Integration of Safety Excellence, Asset Excellence, and Production Excellence

CENTUM VP achieves the operational excellence that is the focus of Yokogawa’s Safety Excellence, Asset Excellence, and Production Excellence initiatives. It offers integrated viewing and data handling functions. For example, alarms from the ProSafe-RS Safety Instrumented System and Plant Resource Manager, Yokogawa’s Asset Management product, can be seen and handled seamlessly in the HIS. All plant process data, device data, and others documents are handled by CENTUM VP.

No Single Point of Failure

The HIS runs on Microsoft Windows operating systems platforms and offers customers the convenience of using commercial-off-the-shelf hardware. Although the reliability of a PC is relatively low, it does not affect the total reliability of the process operator function. As the HIS is not server-client dependent, multiple HISs provide independent backup such that there is no single point of failure. CENTUM VP supports multiple operator console configurations: desktop, open-bay console, hardened enclosed-bay console, and custom consoles providing flexibility in control room design.

Various Display Types

CENTUM VP supports both wide (16:10) and standard (4:3) size monitors. Multiple operation windows can be displayed on a single monitor. And, multiple monitors can be configured to display operation windows. With a click of a mouse, those operation windows can be moved from one to another monitor providing the operator with fast and easy navigation and viewing of the process.

EEMUA Guidelines for Alarm System Design

Based on the latest edition of the EEMUA* #191 guidelines, Yokogawa has developed a Consolidated Alarm Management Software for the process operator in the HIS.

* Engineering Equipment & Materials Users’ Association

Dedicated Operation Keyboard

Optimized allocations of the function keys and buttons enable operators to call up or switch graphics and control loops by pressing a single key. Two types, a single-loop and an eight-loop simultaneous operation keyboards, are provided giving users the ability to react quickly to process conditions.
Safety and reliability are the core fundamentals of all production activities

All field control stations (FCSs) in the CENTUM series, including software and hardware, have been developed by Yokogawa. We know every single bit of software and hardware to maintain a 99.99999% availability service record.

The state-of-the-art
Field Control Station (FCS)

For nearly 40 years, Yokogawa has been delivering stable, high quality CENTUM systems. The CENTUM VP controller features outstanding processing performance and a large application storage capacity, yet inherits the same quality and stability that are the hallmark of the CENTUM series. It has been optimized to take full advantage of advances in field digital technology that will help plants operate with increased efficiency and stability.

Compact Design

Compact components reduce the overall “footprint” of the control system, allowing savings from smaller equipment rooms. For convenience, both the FCS and its I/O node units can be placed in remote classified locations (IEC Zone2/Class I Div. 2), providing installation savings.

Online Maintenance

FCS applications can be modified without interrupting process control from the engineering station.

Unit Supervision

Unit Supervision provides for the definition, operation and monitoring of process equipment as a single entity rather than as individual loops and measurements. Unit supervision can be applied to batch processes and continuous control processes that require complex management, simplifying overall plant operation.

Function Blocks

The CENTUM VP provides function blocks for monitoring, control, manipulations, calculations, logic functions, and sequence control. Not only regulatory control but also advanced control, complicated sequence control, and batch control are all executed in a redundant, secure, and reliable controller environment. Plant systems can be flexibly designed, ranging from small- to large-scale, through the combination of these control blocks.

Subsystem Integration and Digital Fieldnetworks Support

To meet the growing need for communication with manufacturing equipment including variable speed drives, PLCs, and “smart” motor protection relays for operation and monitoring, as well as with analyzers, weighing machines, smart instruments, and other instruments used for product inspection, CENTUM VP supports a wide variety of communication interfaces and digital fieldnetworks such as FOUNDATION™ fieldbus, PROFIBUS-DP, Modbus RTU, Modbus TCP/IP, and DeviceNet.

Ensuring the Highest Availability and Reliability

CENTUM VP contributes to the long-term stability of plant operations and reduces total cost of ownership.

Designed for High Availability

Yokogawa’s CENTUM series achieves high availability thanks to a dual-redundant design, online maintenance capability, and other advanced features. The FCS processor module, power supply, I/O modules, and I/O networks are all dual redundant. Active and stand-by processor modules work in synchronization: even if a failure occurs, control switches over seamlessly to the stand-by module and the FCS continues running. Failed modules can be replaced online, ensuring that not even a hardware failure will interfere with the process control. CENTUM : the DCS solution with an incredibly high 99.99999% availability!

Designed for Stable Process Control and Increased Plant Productivity

The CENTUM series employs a pair & spare architecture that improves the stability of process control. Each processor module has redundant CPUs that execute the same computations simultaneously. Their outputs are constantly compared and a bump-less switchover to the stand-by processor module is initiated if any anomalies caused by electronic noise or other phenomena are detected. This minimizes the likelihood that CPU hardware faults will have any impact on process control.

All of these technologies help make CENTUM VP the most reliable solution for enhanced safety in plant operations.

Wide Area Network Connection

CENTUM VP can expand its control network by connecting with a wide area network. System integration and monitoring of remote or isolated locations are enabled using a public or satellite network, with no loss in reliability or security.
How does CENTUM VP employ “openness” in a control system?

The technological innovation achieves the world fastest, open, reliable, and real-time communication. Customer centric mindset maintains the true interoperability.

Global Host Interoperability Support Test (HIST) Network

For FOUNDATION™ fieldbus, manufacturers are continually bringing new devices to market. Therefore, interoperability has always been a key interest with Yokogawa. To facilitate project management on a global basis, Yokogawa has formed a global HIST network. Test sites in Japan, the Netherlands, Houston (USA), and Singapore ensure the interoperability between Yokogawa systems and non-Yokogawa devices. All test results are reported to Japan. This information is disclosed at http://www.yokogawa.com/fbs/Interoperability/fbs-hist-en.htm

1Gbit, World’s Fastest Open Control Network

Yokogawa’s Vnet/IP provides open, reliable, and real-time broadband communications, which enables the use of commercial off-the-shelf technology that help reduce costs. The open communication does not affect process control data communications nor does it impact the performance and security aspect of the control communications. The Yokogawa system guarantees data updates every second in the HIS, regardless of project size or complexity. Plant reliability is in no way compromised by dedicated protocol and redundant configuration. The security robustness of Vnet/IP and communications to the CENTUM VP FCS is certified.

True Interoperability

Interoperability of Yokogawa CENTUM systems with the “outside world” begins with OPC. CENTUM VP utilizes an OPC server that meets the demands of information flow, advanced control, and alarm/event management. Our customers enjoy solid performance and wide flexibility of our OPC server for their integration projects. Yokogawa maintains interoperability with all intelligent instrumentation and deployed fieldbuses.
Operational Excellence Software Suite

CENTUM VP simple and common architecture covers not only continuous and batch applications but also manufacturing operations management. The Operational Excellence Software Suite operates on Windows PCs that are directly connected to the Vnet/IP network. Single-source seamless integration eliminates redundant engineering between control system engineering and Operational Excellence Software Suite engineering. For example, once you configure the function blocks in the FCS, the information of the function blocks is available in the plant information management engineering tool. This software suite integrates with third-party information systems through OPC interfaces.

- **Plant Information Management**
  All plant information such as process and batch data, alarms and events, and plant resource and diagnosis data are handled by plant information management. This gathers data directly from the system. Thanks to Vnet/IP functionalities, data availability and gathering is dramatically improved compared to an OPC interface. Plant information management supports the OPC interface for third-party control system integration.

- **Consolidated Alarm Management**
  Consolidated alarm management supports Six Sigma DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, Control) for alarm management based on the latest EEMUA #191 alarm management guideline. It provides additional useful tools such as graphical historical data analysis and automatic alarm reduction. Sequence of event management functions are also included.

- **Operation Navigator**
  Operation Navigator is an operation support tool that assists quick and accurate decision-making and operation. Operation Navigator automates standard operating procedures (SOPs) and provides early detection of process and device abnormalities. Operation Navigator also provides easy to use tools that allow operators to create and automate their own operating procedures.

- **Consolidated Alarm Management**
  True interoperability is the policy of CENTUM VP’s OPC development. This is compliant with the OPC standard and enables upper-level applications to access data from the production control system. Incorporating data access (DA), alarm and event (AE), and historical data access (HDA) services, OPC provides for high throughput access to OPC clients.

- **Plant Resource Management**
  With plant resource management and intelligent field devices, operators and maintenance personnel can monitor the condition of plant assets remotely. Plant resource management’s diagnostic functions detect early signs of performance deterioration such as valve sticking and impulse line blocking. By helping curtail excessive preventive maintenance and enabling higher level predictive and proactive maintenance, plant resource management opens the way to asset predictability.

- **Advanced Process Control**
  CENTUM VP has a variety of advanced process control solutions. The Multivariable Model Predictive Control Package uses a model-based multivariable predictive control algorithm that takes various conditions among process variables into account, such as constraints and economic efficiency, in order to perform stable, economically optimal operation. The Robust Quality Estimator predicts the qualities of intermediate and final products in real time using associated process measurements such as temperature, pressure, and flow.

- **Batch**
  CENTUM VP has a batch plant information management system that follows the ISA-88 (IEC 61512) batch control standard and helps users comply with 21 CFR Part 11 regulations. The Web-based trend, report, and analysis functions allow batch process data to be evaluated in terms of productivity, equipment, and recipes.

- **OPC**
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CENTUM VP stands by its automation users over the entire plant lifecycle

CENTUM VP reduces costs down over the lifecycle of your plant.
Maintenance is less frequent, software upgrade is easy, expansion is smooth, and even revamps are speedy.

Precise Project Cost Estimation

In CENTUM VP, the FCS application load can be quickly calculated in the design stage and easily monitored when on-line. During engineering design, the precise number of FCSs required is known. As the project progresses, with engineering changes, cost changes are minimized due to the simple licensing structure incorporated into CENTUM VP. Software is licensed by the simple concept of 1 license per station and not by tag, making additions and expansions transparent and cost effective. CENTUM VP’s licensing is straightforward and applicable to small to very large architectures.

Virtual Test Function

A virtual FCS and HIS environment is available where both the control and operator functions of the CENTUM database can be tested without FCS hardware. Application testing and engineering time are dramatically reduced, accelerating project progress and reducing engineering cost. For system expansion and modification, applications can be tested and verified without any impact on the actual plant operation. Where ProfitSafe-RS is also a part of the system, then virtual testing is also available together with CENTUM VP. Our virtual test function is also a key component in building an operator training system (OTS).

Software Upgrading

As part of lifecycle cost management, Yokogawa has paid particular attention to upgrading all CENTUM systems. It is simple, quick, and direct. All PC-based CENTUM VP stations can be upgraded with one mouse click. For the FDS, if you are not using any new functions, then upgrading is not needed. Where the latest functions are desired, it takes just one mouse click to execute an FCS upgrade. In many cases, these upgrades can be done on-line such that downtime or upgrade during turnarounds can be avoided in order to enjoy the benefits of the newer functions.

Multiple System Connection

Customers are demanding different sites to be linked together so that bi-directional operation can be made more efficient. Yokogawa provides a multiple system connection function to connect several CENTUM VP sites together and link older CENTUM sites.

Migration

Yokogawa provides various tools and engineering methodologies for migration to CENTUM VP. Depending on the project type, you can retain field cables, I/O modules, controllers, and the control network in order to minimize your investment. A step-by-step migration starting with the HMI is easy to carry out. Software conversion tools are available for legacy Yokogawa and third-party DCSs.
With vast experience in maintenance technology and an extensive support structure, Yokogawa maintains the reliability and availability of the control system throughout a plant’s lifecycle. Yokogawa also provides operational solutions and optimization of the maintenance plan as well as overall cost through our three introductory steps that include Opportunity Identification Services, Solution Implementation Services and Lifecycle Effectiveness Services.

For sustainable future of customers

Yokogawa has maintained exclusive ownership of CENTUM development throughout the history of this product series. The upgrade path for each legacy system is always taken into consideration before a new version is released. Combined with the great reliability of CENTUM systems, this enables customers to make the most of their investment over the entire product lifecycle and enjoy the industry’s lowest total cost of ownership.

Almost 40 years history and the continuity

Full Lifecycle Support for Customer’s Legacy Systems

Yokogawa’s commitment

Yokogawa’s system platforms combined with proven execution experience provide the highest quality and innovative solutions for secure and optimized process automation and management. Yokogawa’s global customer centric focus together with strong local support reduces users’ business risks and provides the lowest total cost of ownership. With a long history of progressive compatibility, Yokogawa is your dependable automation partner.
CENTUM VP enables VigilantPlant Operational Excellence Model

Excellence in production, asset, and safety sustained over the life cycle of your plant.

- **Production Excellence** for operational agility and adaptability
- **Asset Excellence** for asset availability and utilization
- **Safety Excellence** for health, safety, and environmental (HSE) protection

The VigilantPlant Operational Excellence Model aims to sustain your profitable business growth by enabling excellence in three key aspects of plant operations over the life cycle of your plant.