

# BMS BASICS



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# Objectives

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- Define a BMS
- Recognize different types of inputs and outputs
- Review controller types and network topologies
- Discuss BMS protocols and understand how they affect BMS and equipment
- Learn about software and advanced functionality
- Value of data, visualization, and analytics (Live Demo)



# Controls – What is a BMS?

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A **Building Management System (BMS)** is a computer-based control system installed in buildings that controls and monitors the building's mechanical and electrical equipment

The (insert your preferred acronym here: BMS, BAS, ATC, BACS, EMS, etc.) is typically involved with HVAC and energy but can interface with other systems such as:

- Power
- Lighting
- Shades
- Fire
- Security
- Other (Maintenance Management, Booking, A/V)...



# Controls – What Makes up a BMS?

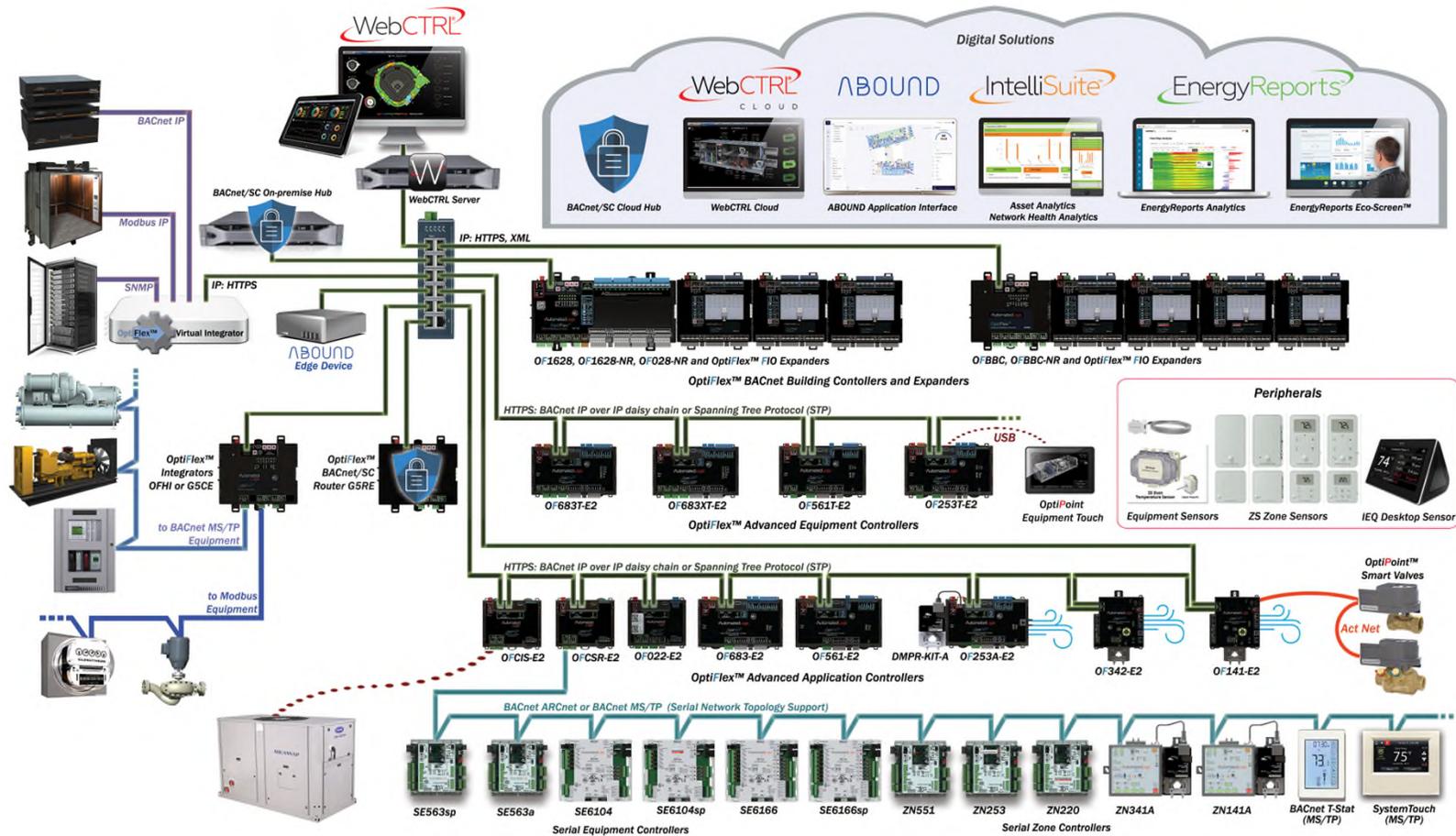
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A **Building Management System (BMS)** is composed of both hardware and software

- Input devices such as sensors and switches
- Output devices such as relays and actuators
- Distributed system of hardware (controllers)
- Software (front end/operator workstation)
- Often integrated to other systems
- Lines are blurring



# Controls – A More Advanced Network



# Controls – What Does a BMS do?

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- Occupant comfort
- Energy efficiency
- Remote monitoring
- Facilitates maintenance
- Protects owner investment
- Reporting
- Optimization



# POINTS – INPUTS AND OUTPUTS



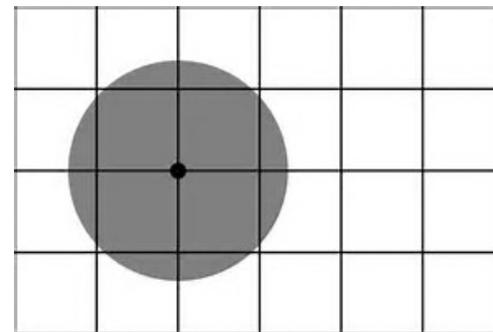
# Points – a Good Starting Point

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A point is simply a digital representation of a value or signal

- Can be real or virtual
- Analog or digital (binary)

Since a BMS utilizes direct digital control (DDC), all information must be converted into digital format which is a series of 1's and 0's



# Control Basics – Common Input Point Types

Inputs	
Analog	Digital
Temperature	Status – on/off
Humidity	Status – open/closed
Pressure	Alarm, fault, etc.
Airflow	Leak



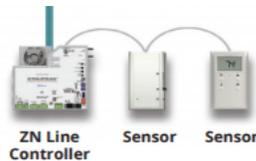
# Control Basics – Common Input Signals



Inputs	
Analog	Digital
RTD, Thermistor	Dry contact
0-10 VDC	Pulse
4-20 mA	



## Smart Sensors



# Control Basics – Common Output Point Types



## Outputs

Analog

Digital

Valve Control

Valve Command

Damper Control

Damper Command

Motor Speed Control

Motor Start/Stop



# Control Basics – Common Output Signals



Outputs	
Analog	Digital
0-10 VDC	Contact Closure
4-20 mA	Relay
Floating/Triac	



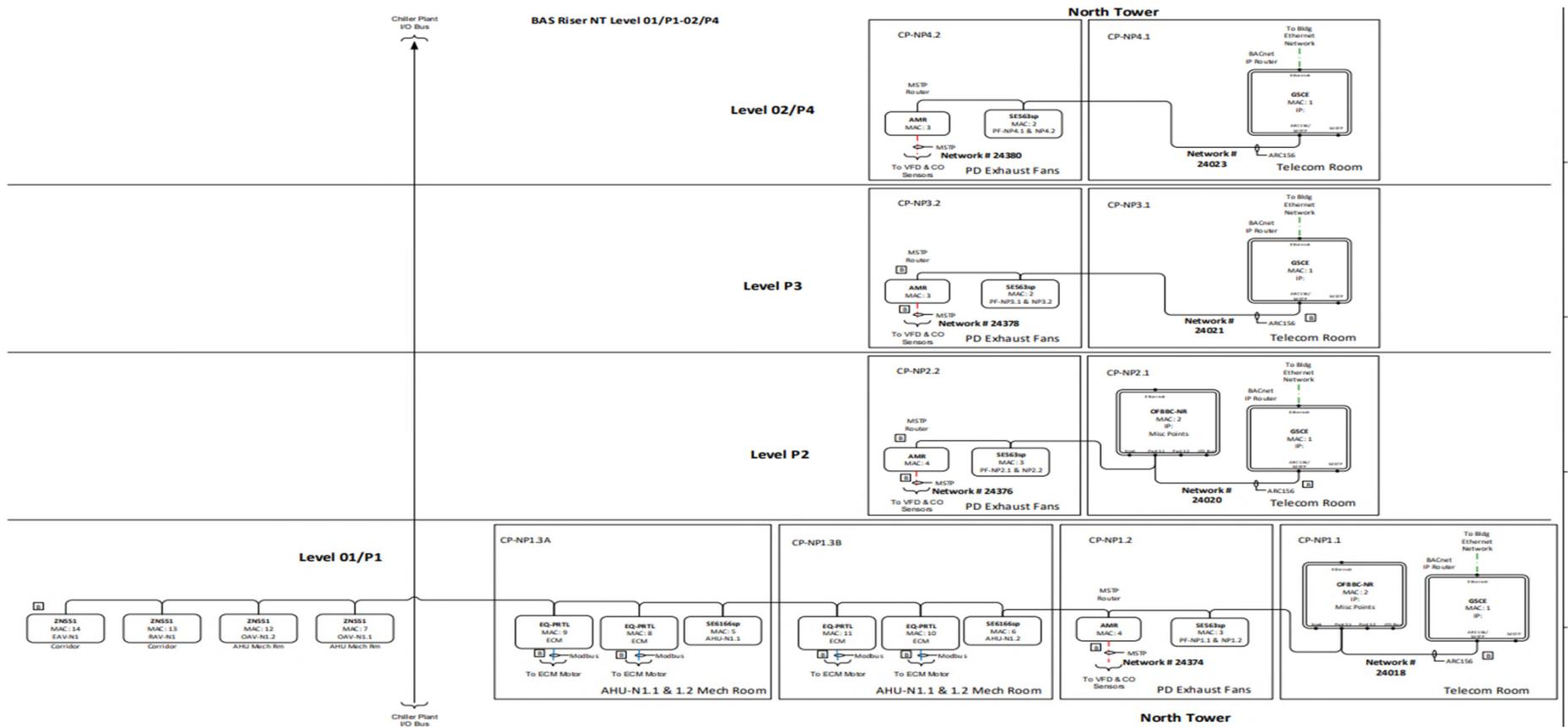
# Points and Design Documents

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What should you show and why?



# Submittal Review – Network Riser



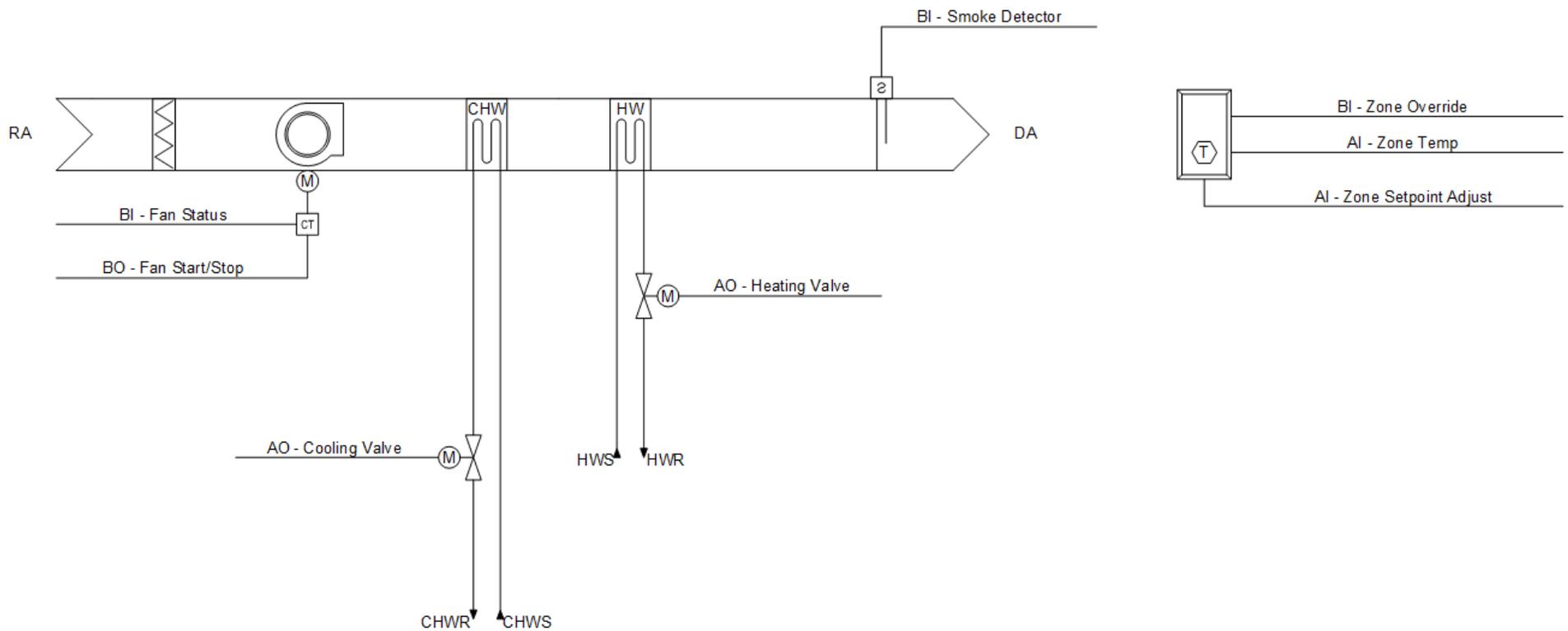
# Points and Design Documents

## Points List:

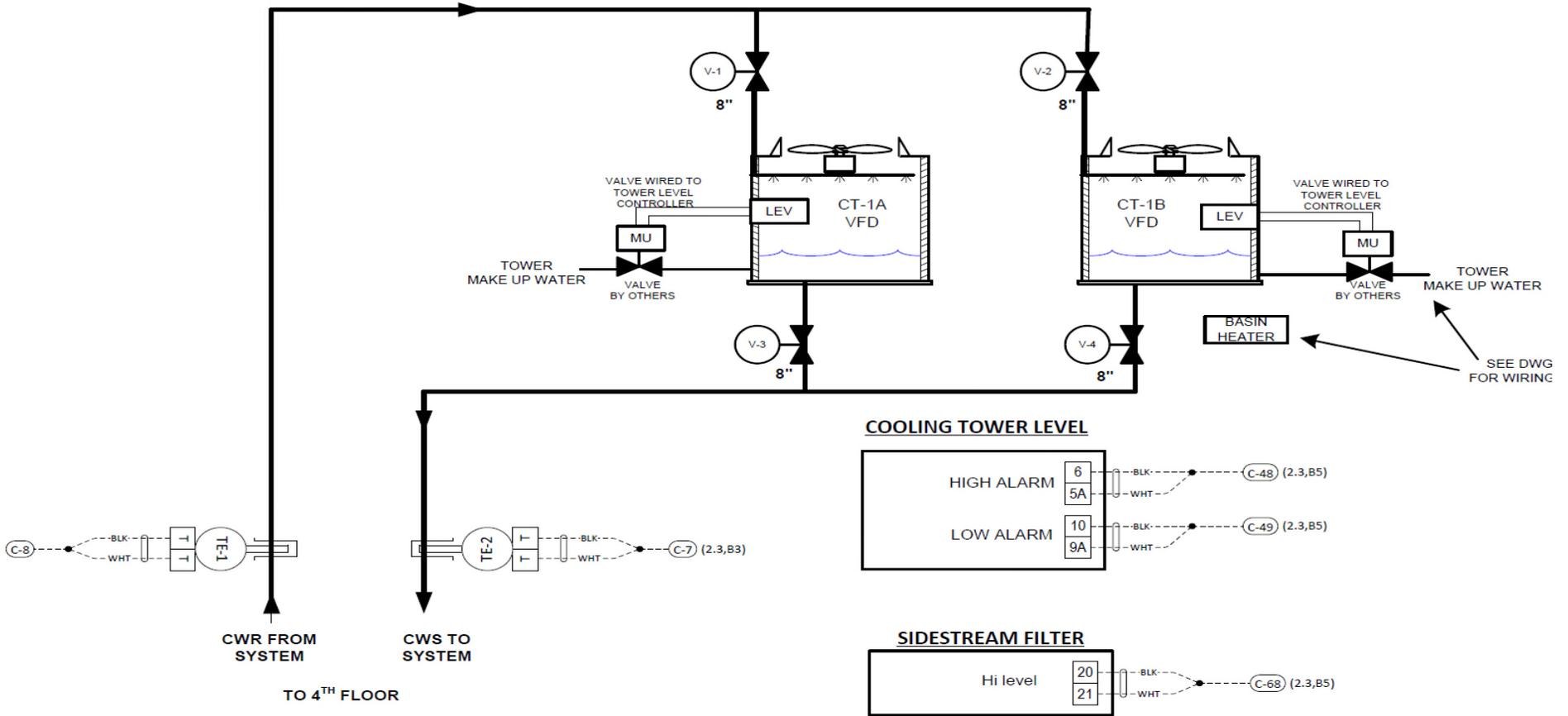
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	AI	AO	BI	BO	AV	BV	Loop	Sched	Trend	Alarm	Show On Graphic
Chilled Water Bypass Valve		x							x		x
Chilled Water Supply Temp Setpoint Reset		x							x		x
Chiller Chilled Water Differential Pressure	x								x		x
Chiller Chilled Water Differential Pressure Setpoint					x				x		x
Chiller Enable				x							x
Chiller Failure						x				x	
Chiller Running in Hand						x				x	
Chiller Runtime Exceeded						x				x	
Chiller Status			x						x		X
Heat Exchanger Isolation Valve Command (Each)				x							X
Heat Exchanger Isolation Valve End Switch Open & Closed Status (Each)			x								X
Heat Exchanger Isolation Valve Failure						x				x	

# Points and Design Documents

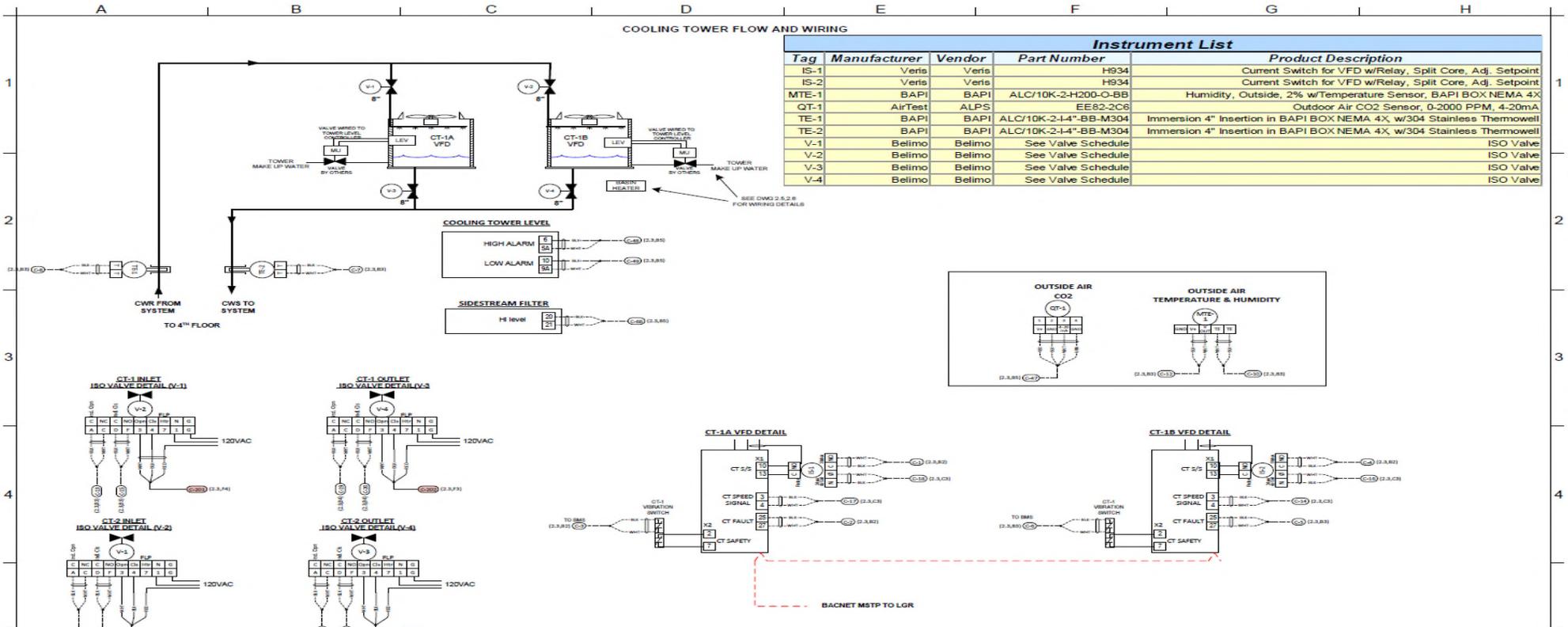
## Control Diagram:



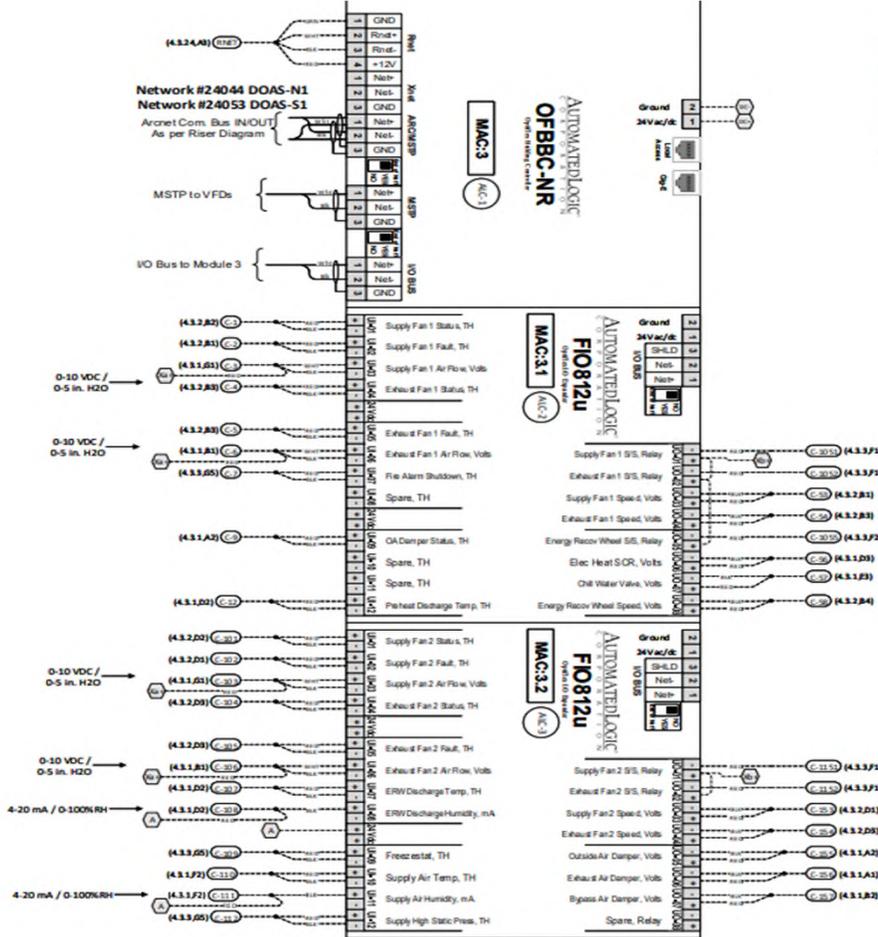
# Submittal Review – Flow Diagram



# Submittal Review



# Submittal Review – Wiring Diagram



# CONTROLLERS

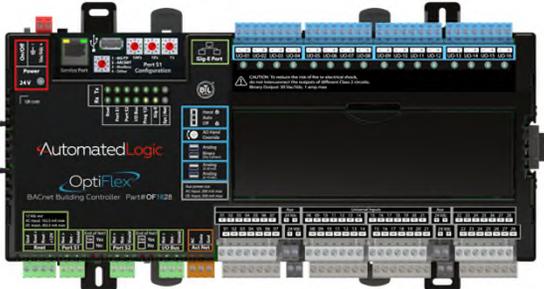


# Control Basic - Hardware



A **controller** resides on the distributed network and provides control of the mechanical equipment

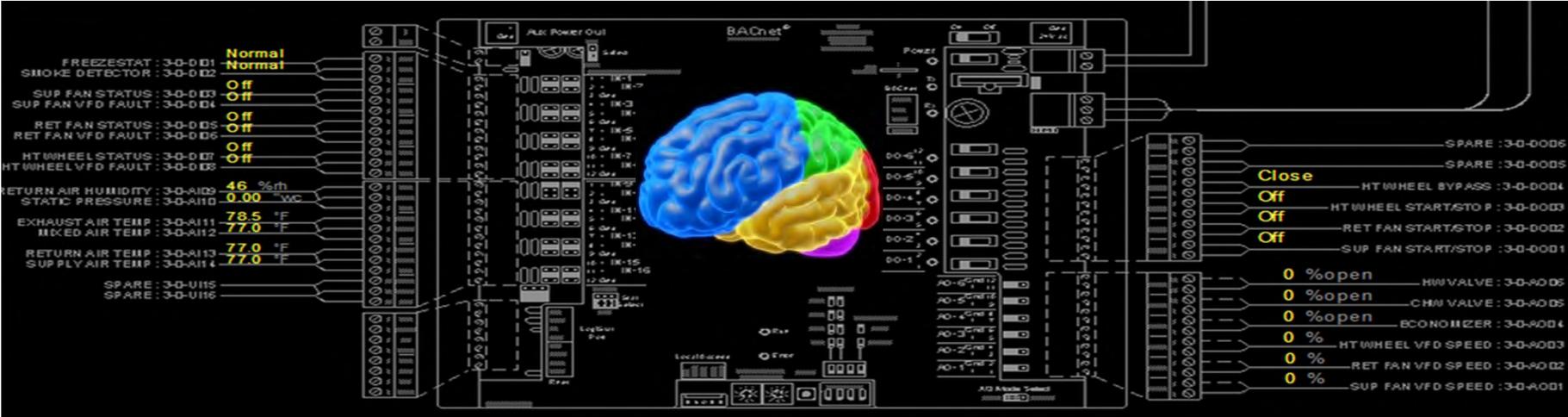
- Connects to I/O
- Contains control program (algorithm)



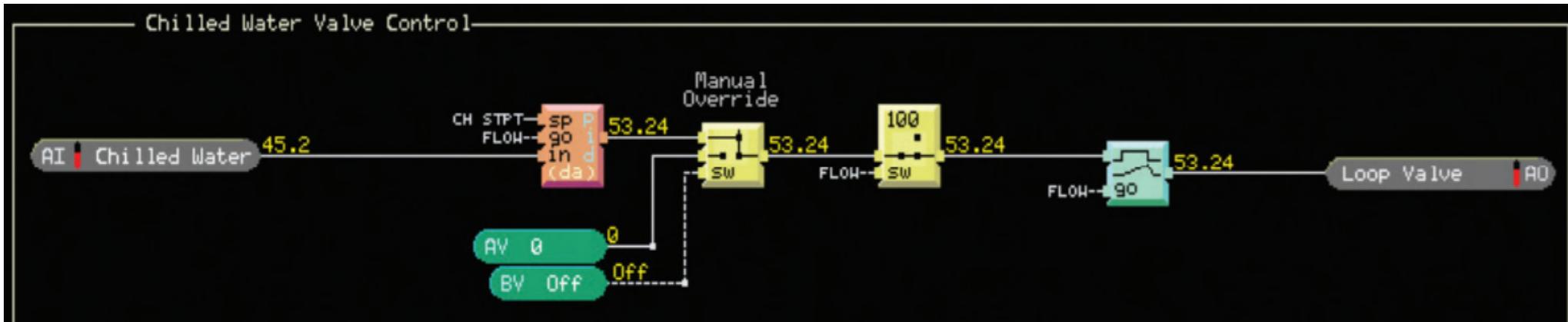
Inputs indicate conditions

Control program drives process

Outputs drive equipment



# Control Basic - Programming



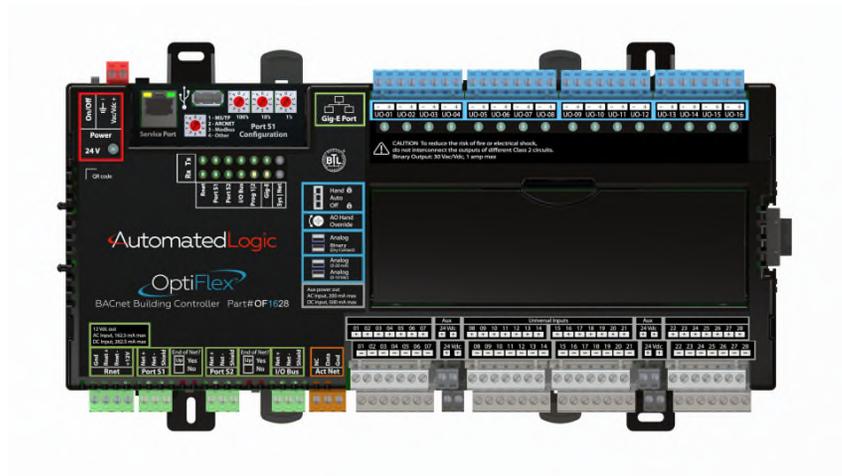
Programming is either graphical or line based depending on the manufacturer

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10 A=(TEMP;AI)-(PID;SP)
20 IF A<5 THEN 30 ELSE 80
30 IF A<-5 THEN 40 ELSE 80
40 (PID;PI)=0
50 (PID;PE)=0
60 (PID;RP)=(PID;DP)
70 GOTO 20
80 B=A*(PID;DP)/100
90 IF (PID;DP)>=100 THEN 120 ELSE 100
100 IF (PID;DP)<=0 THEN 120 ELSE 110
110 (PID;PI)=A+(PID;PE)/
2*(PID;IC)+(PID;PI)
120 C=(PID;PI)/100
130 (PIC;PE)=A
140 A=(PIC;RP)+B+C
150 IF A>=0 THEN 170 ELSE 160
160 A=0
170 IF A<=100 THEN 190 ELSE 180
180 A=100
190 IF (SAFETY;BV)==1 THEN 200 ELSE 210
200 A=0
210 (PID;DP)=A
220 SWAIT 1
230 GOTO 10
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# Control Basic - Hardware

In addition to providing the actual control, a DDC controller also provides the following functionality

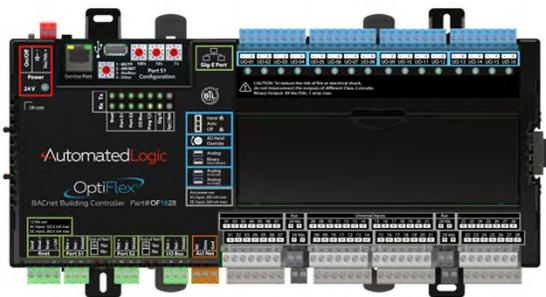
- Data Transfer
- Scheduling
- Alarming
- Trending



# Types of Controllers

Different designations by manufacturer but some common terms are:

- Network / Supervisory
- Field / Equipment/ Terminal
- Modular / Fixed I/O



# Types of Controllers



## Building Controller

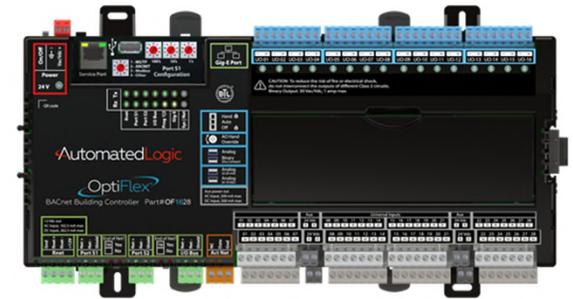
- Global Sequences
- Data Transfer/Management
- Possibly Equipment Control

## Advanced Application Controller

- Control of advanced systems/equipment
- Alarming, trending, scheduling

## Application Specific Controller

- Control of simpler systems/equipment
- Alarming, trending, scheduling



# Controller – Factory vs Field

## Factory mounted controls:

- Can be lower initial cost
- Manufacturer expertise
- System integration
- Black box
- Difficult to change in field
- Lower complexity systems?

Factory mounted



## Field applied controls:

- Higher initial cost
- Customizable
- Does not require integration
- Can be field programmed
- Higher complexity systems?
- More knowledgeable facility staff?



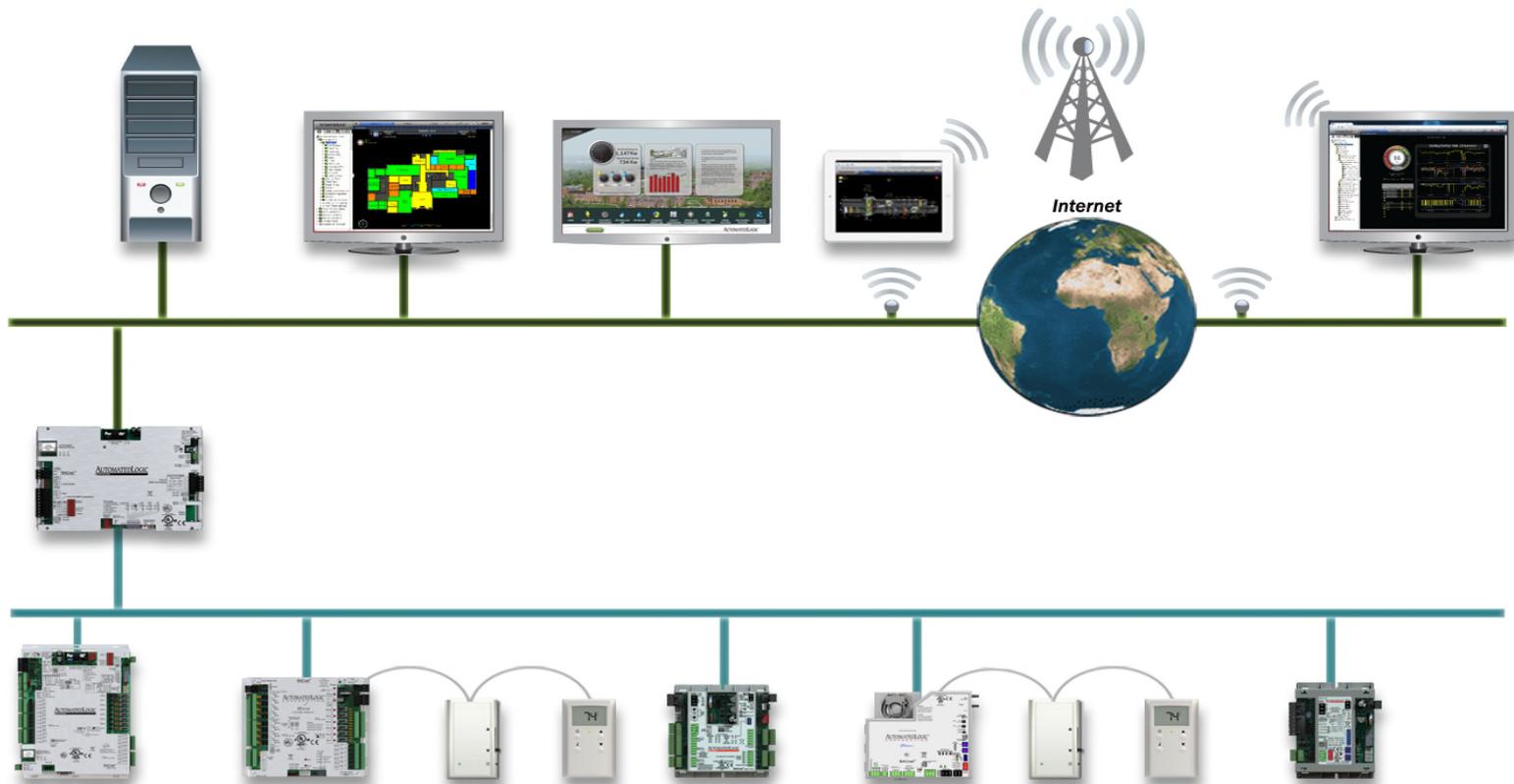
Field Applied



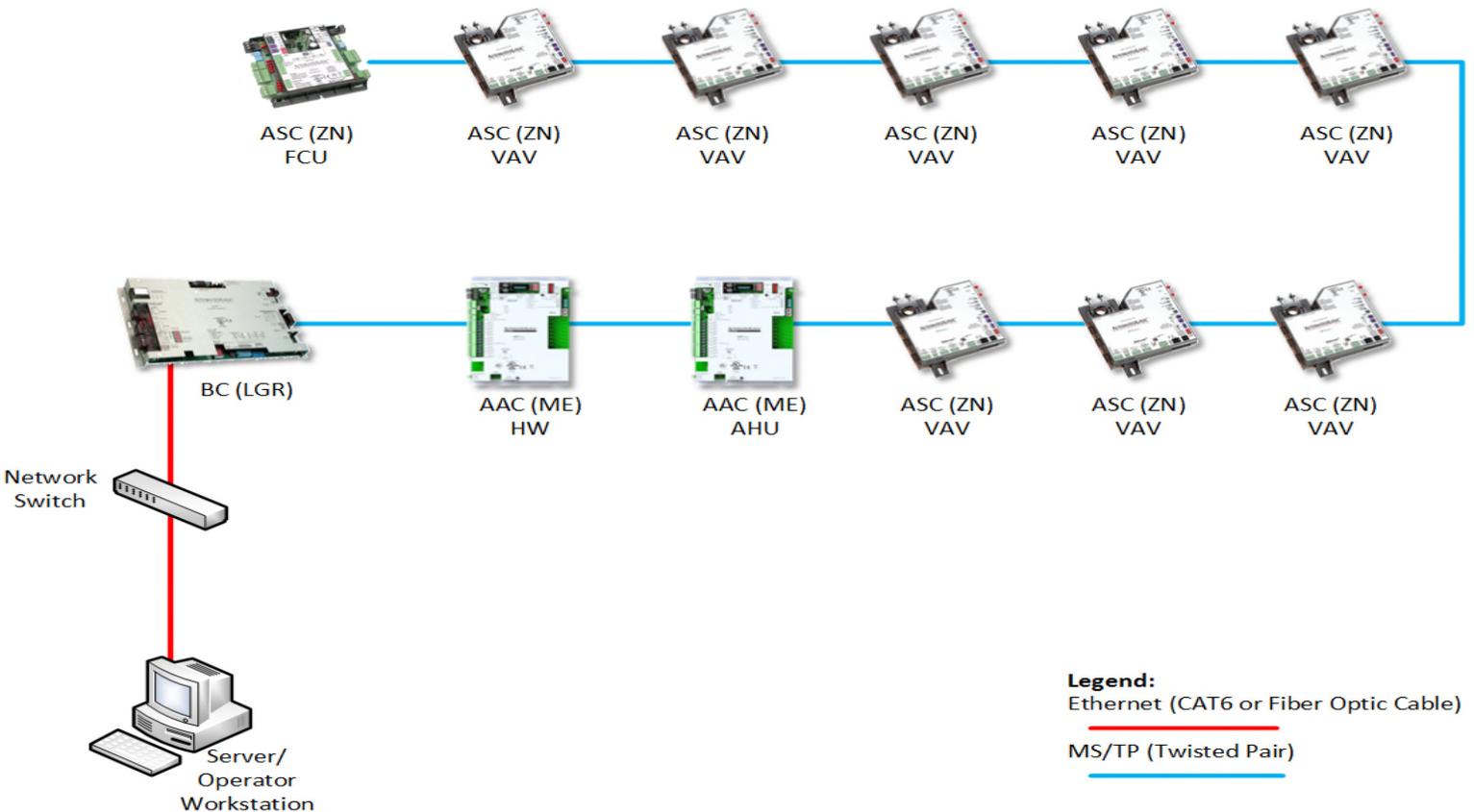
# BMS NETWORK



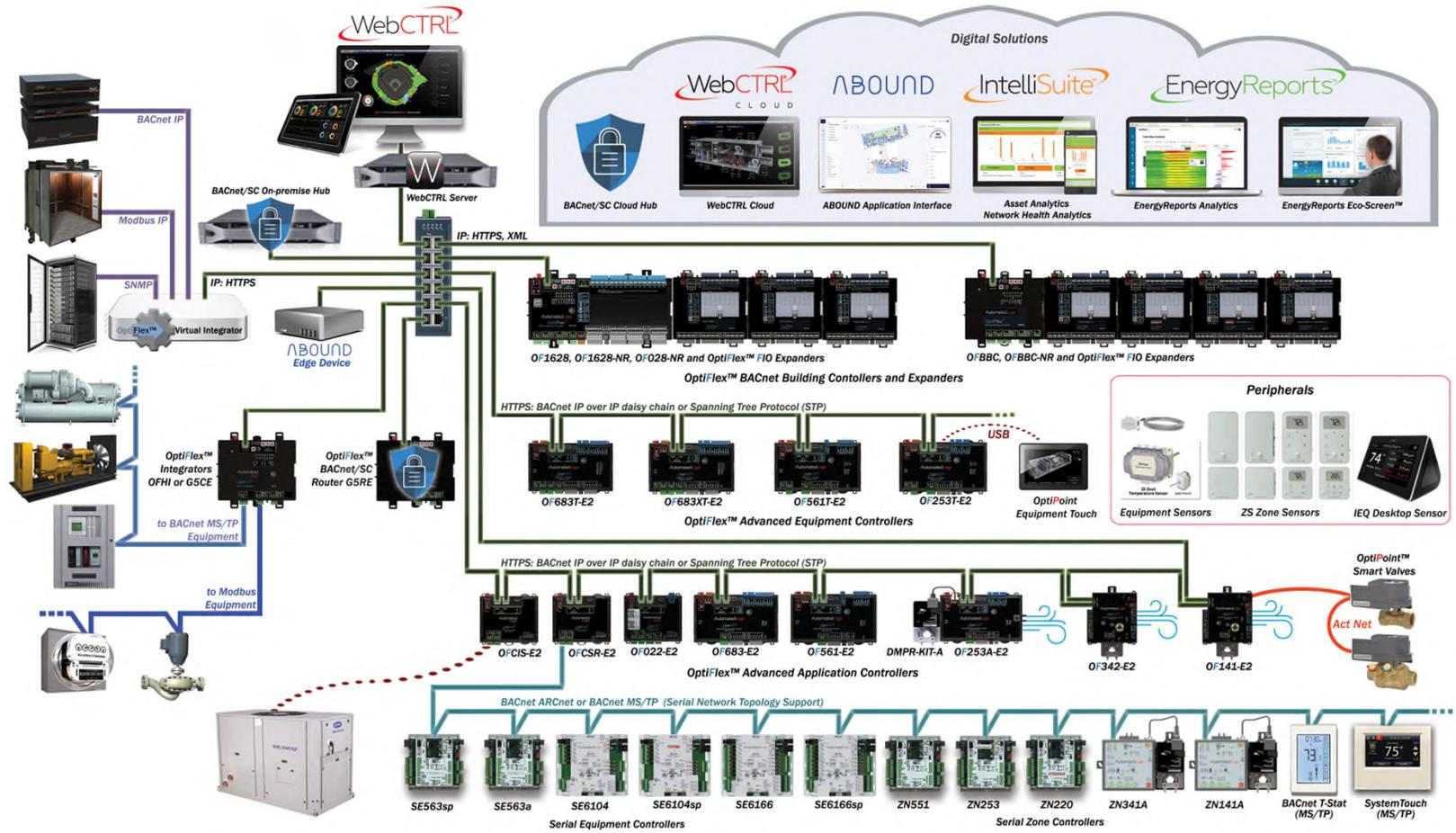
# Controls – A Typical System



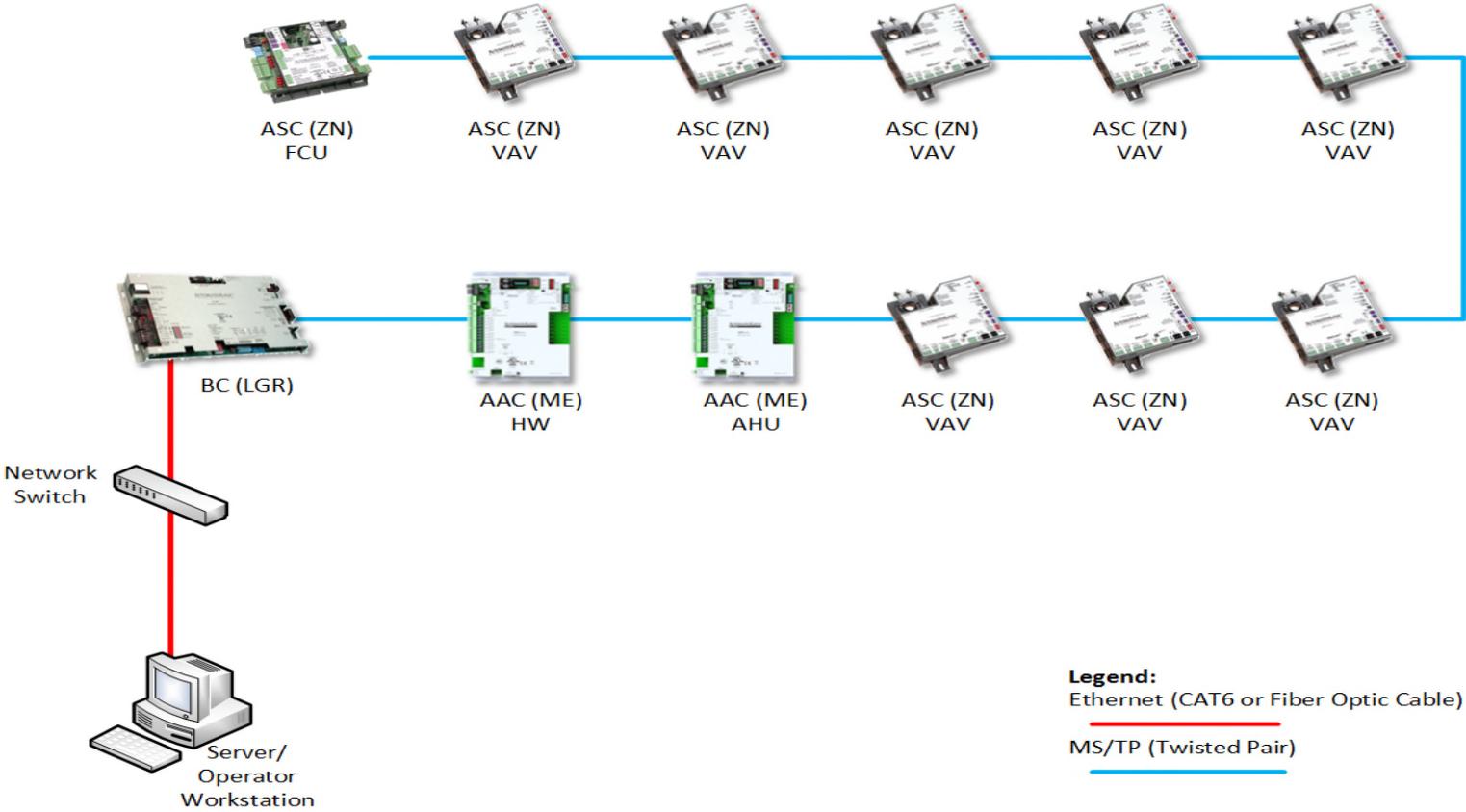
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# Controls – A More Advanced Network

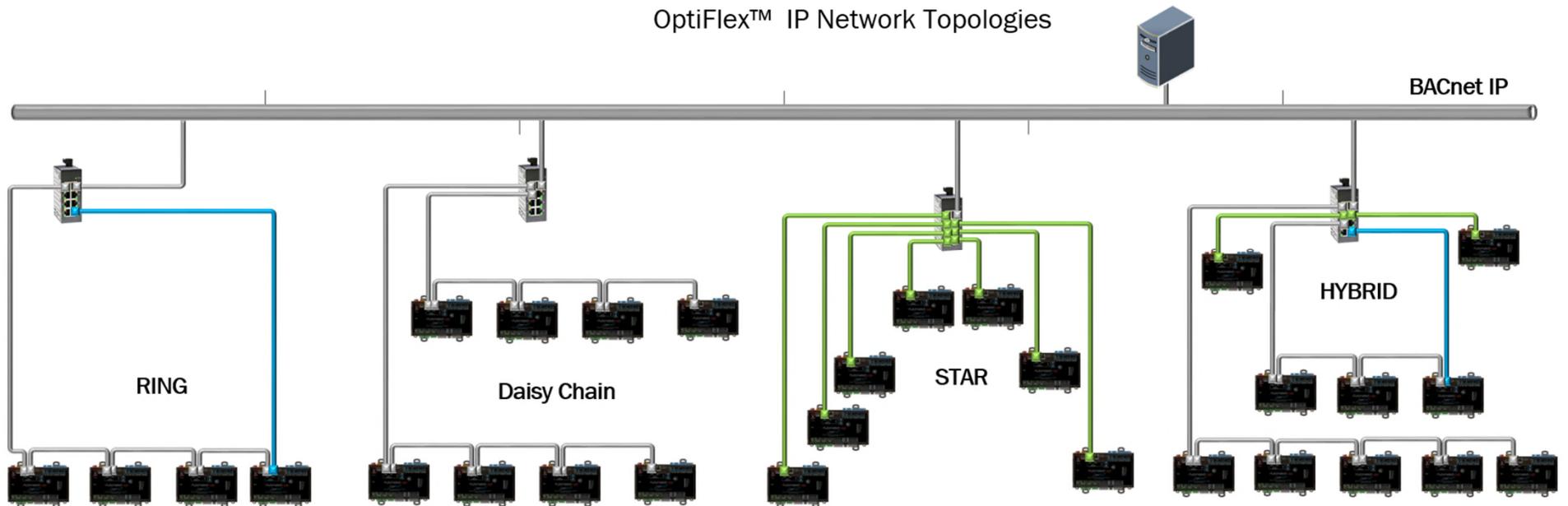


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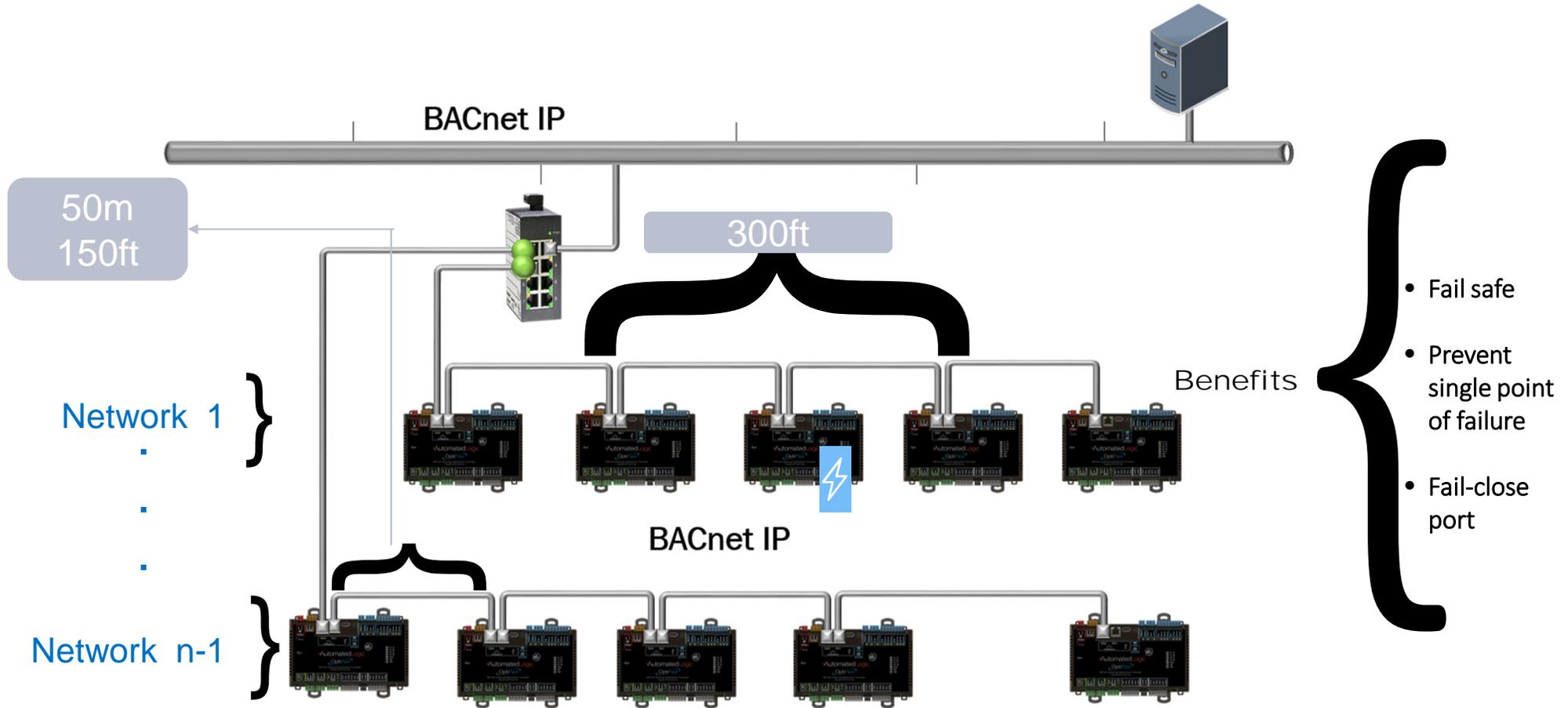


# IT and BAS topologies

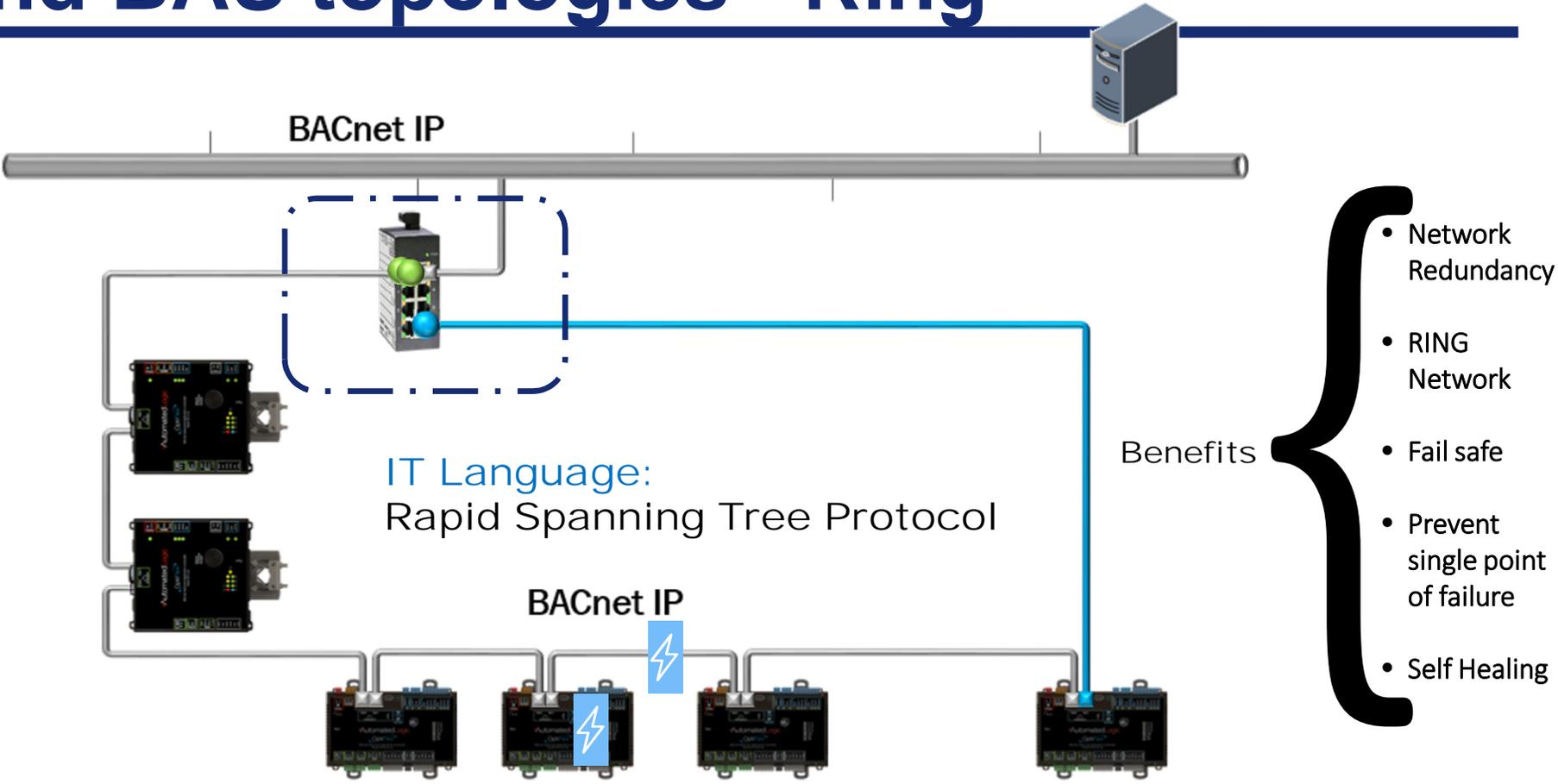
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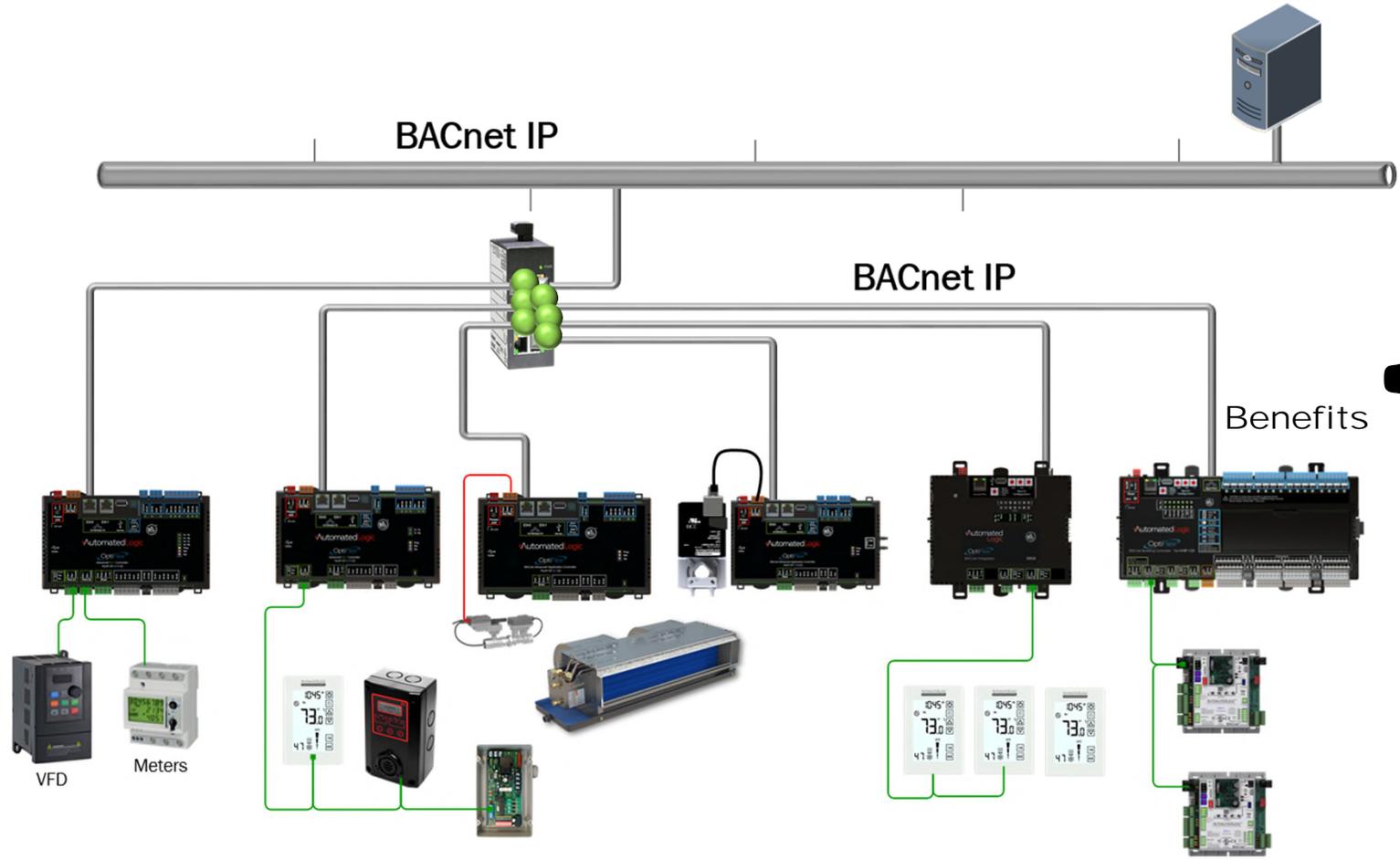
# IT and BAS topologies – IP Daisy Chain



# IT and BAS topologies - Ring



# IT and BAS topologies – Star Topology

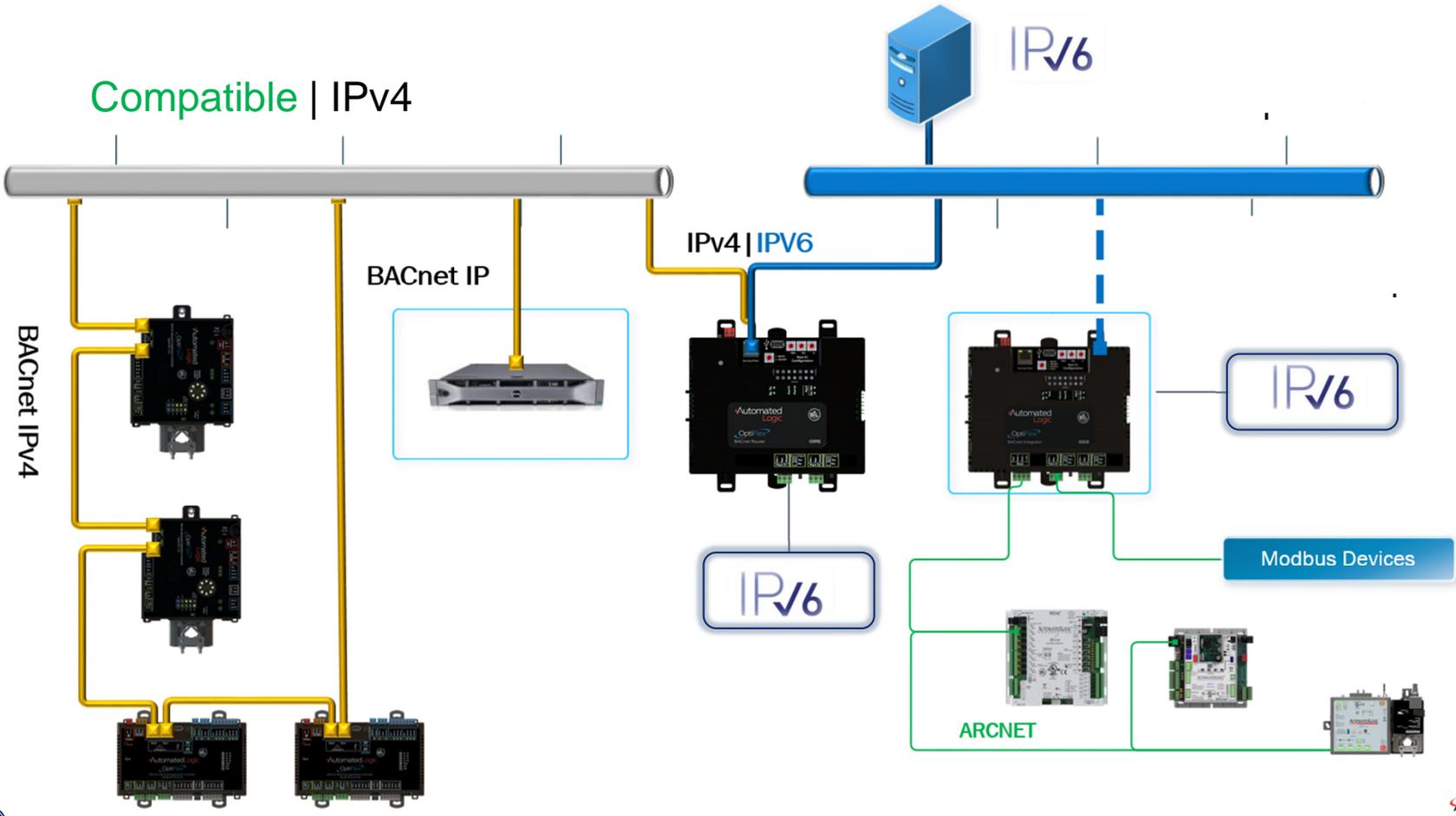


- Benefits
- Low latency
  - Less points of failure
  - Easy to manage

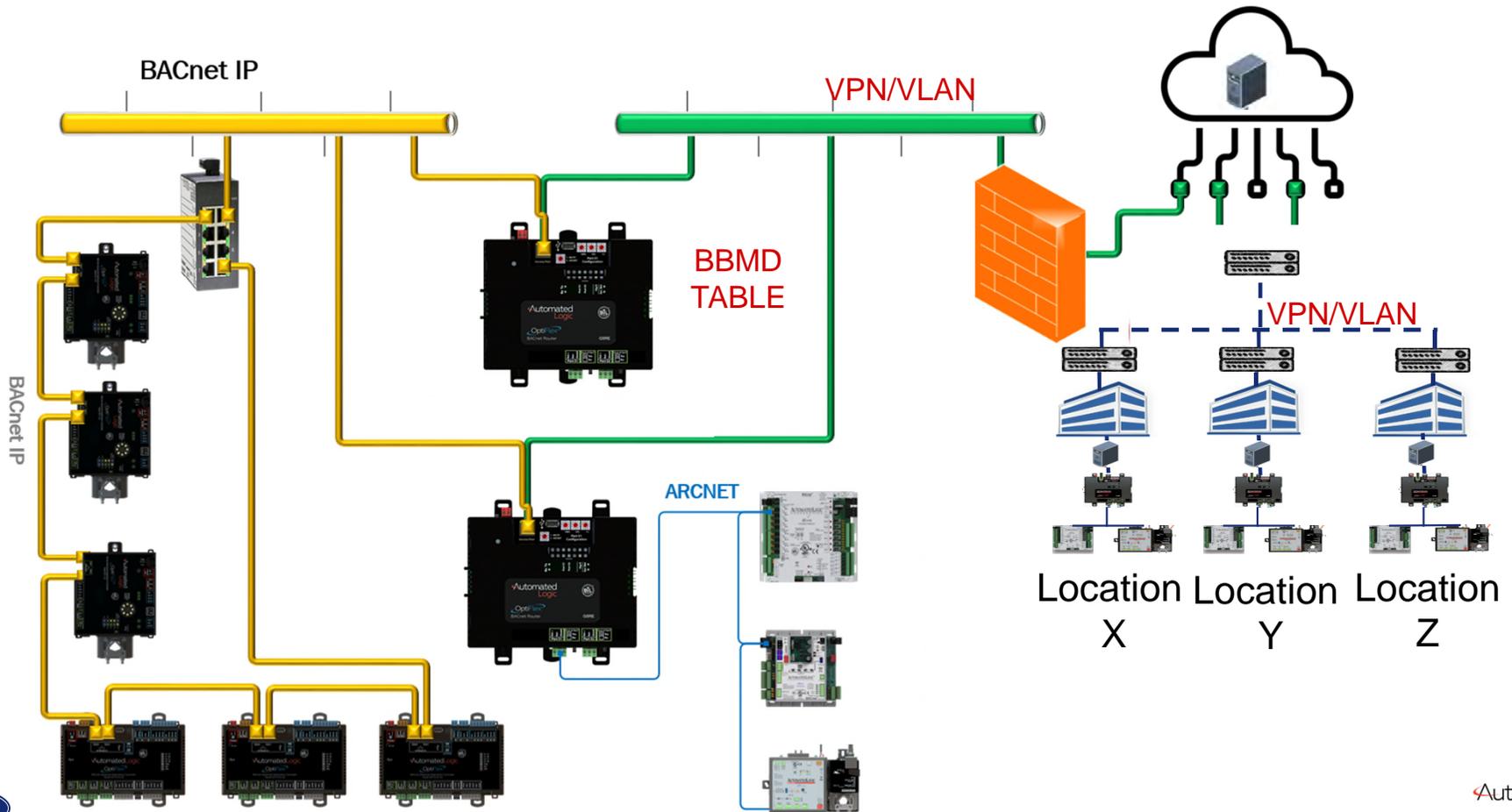
# LATEST BAS TOPOLOGIES



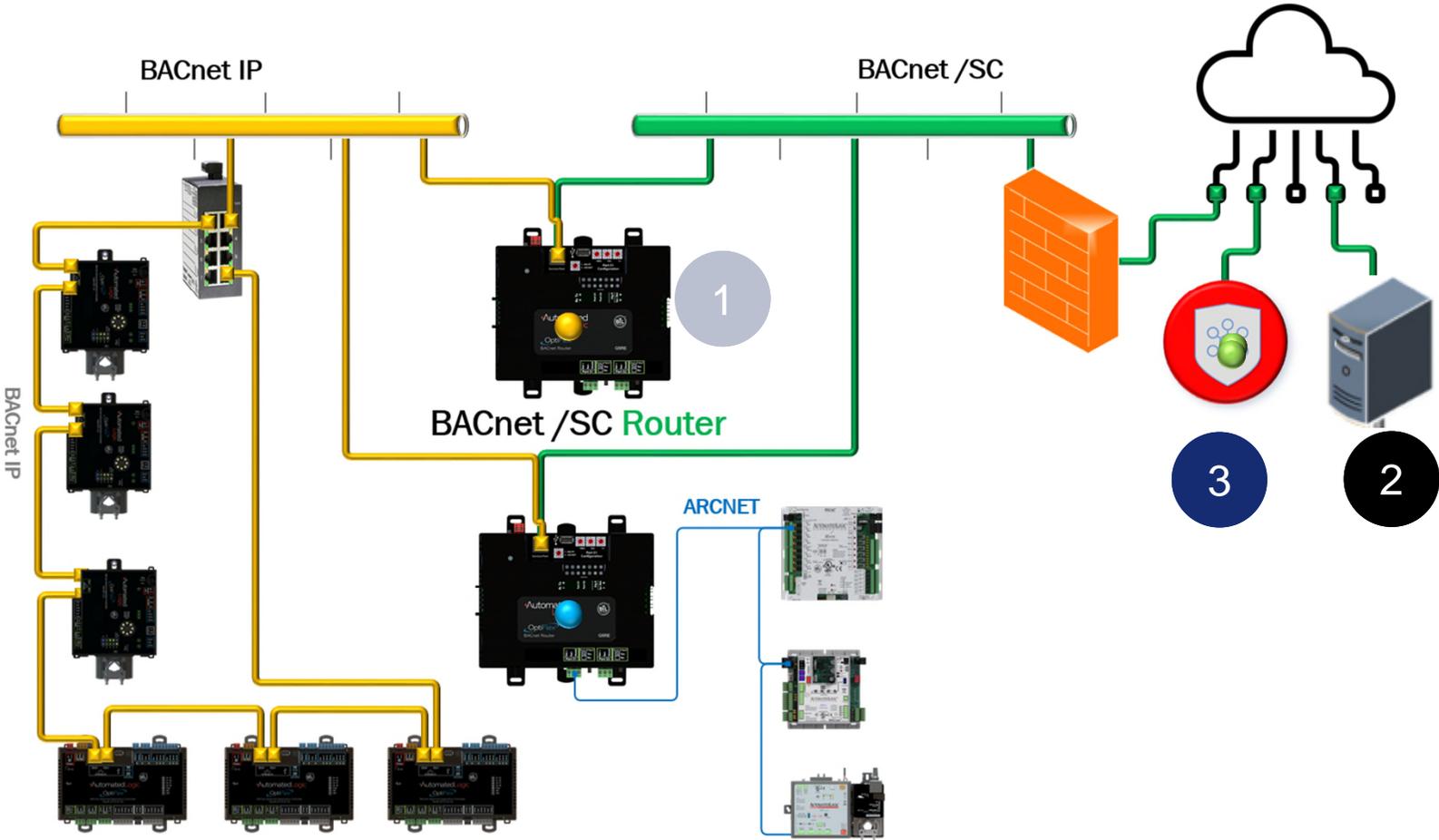
# BAS topologies



# BAS topologies – with Cloud



# BAS topologies – with Cloud and BACnet/SC



# PROTOCOLS

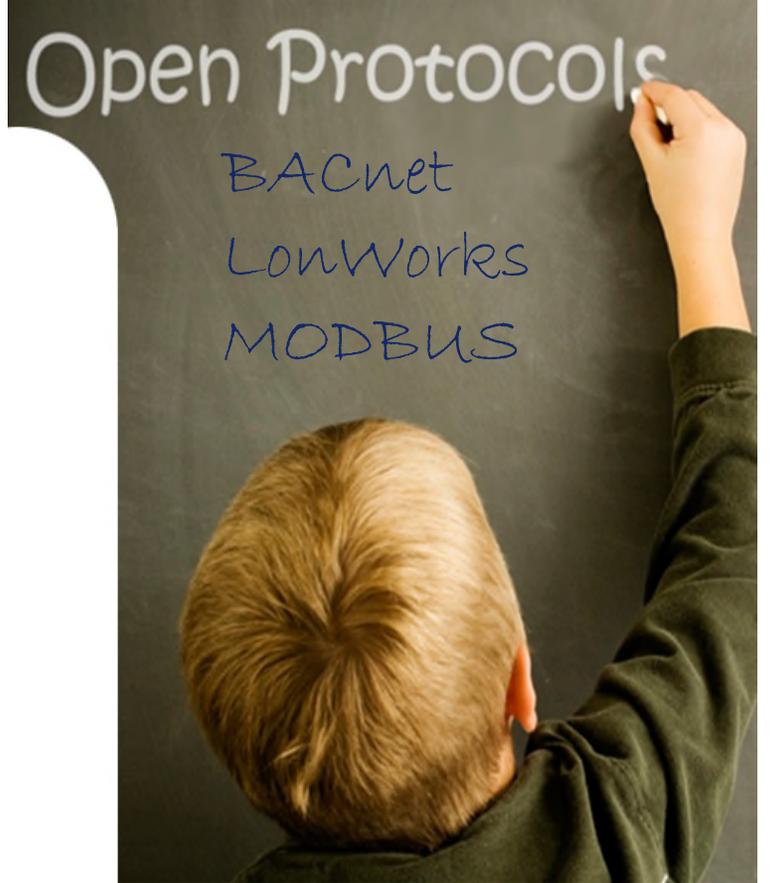


# Control Basics - Protocols

A protocol is the language used by controllers to communicate.

Originally were proprietary to each manufacturer.

An **open protocol** or open standard is a standard that is publicly available and has various rights to use associated with it and may also have various properties of how it was designed. There is no single definition and interpretations vary with usage.

A photograph showing the back of a person's head and their right arm as they write on a chalkboard. The person has short, light-colored hair and is wearing a dark green long-sleeved shirt. They are holding a piece of white chalk and writing the words 'Open Protocols', 'BACnet', 'LonWorks', and 'MODBUS' on the board. The board is dark and the text is written in white and blue chalk.

Open Protocols

BACnet

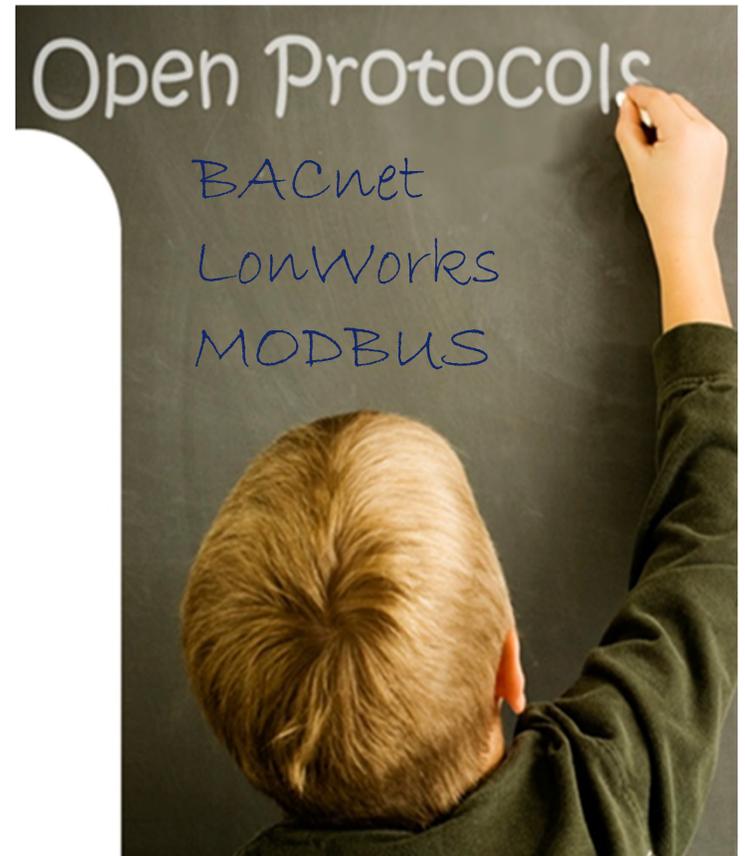
LonWorks

MODBUS

# Control Basics - Protocols

An **open protocol** benefits the owner in numerous ways:

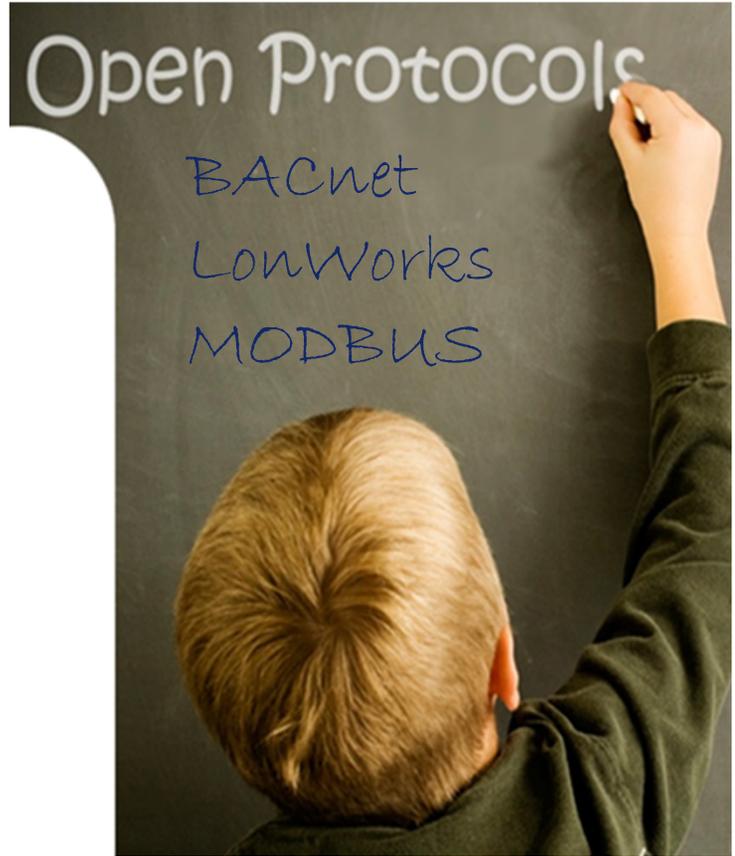
- Protects long-term owner investment
- Provides for numerous options
- Facilitates factory mounted controls
- Enhances operational efficiency (one network)
- Provides for scalability and flexibility
- Lowers cost
- Fosters competition and innovation
- Data!



# Control Basics - Protocols

When we say open protocol, we typically mean the fact that devices can communicate to each other on the same network.

**This does not usually include sharing a common engineering toolset!**

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Open Protocols

BACnet

LonWorks

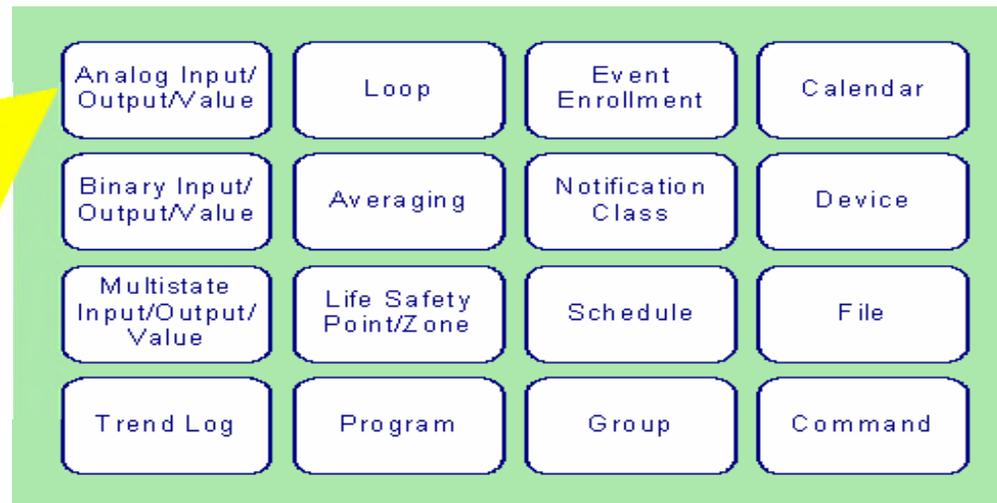
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# Control Basics - BACnet

## Objects

### Properties

Object_Name	SpaceTemp
Object_Type	analog-input
Present_Value	72.3
Status_Flags	Normal, InService
High_Limit	78.0
Low_Limit	62.0



### 22.1.1 Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS)

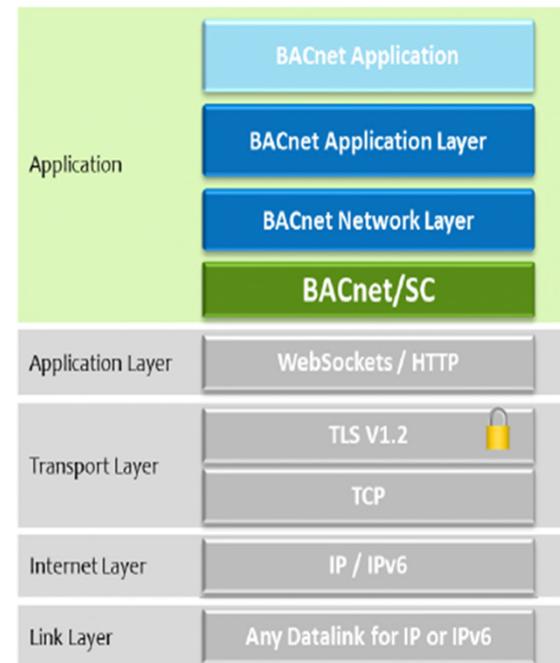
All devices conforming to the BACnet protocol shall have a Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) that identifies all of the portions of BACnet that are implemented. This PICS shall contain all of the information described in 22.1.1.1 and shall be in the format found in Annex A.



# Control Basics - Protocols

Note that this language (protocol) is only part of the story...

- ARCNET
- BACnet MS/TP
- BACnet Ethernet
- BACnet IP
- BACnet Secure Connect (SC)
- TCP/IP
- UDP/IP
- PTP
- HTTP/HTTPS
- Web Services



There are many ways to move the data or language.

Think of these ways as the **medium** you communicate this language in.

# SOFTWARE



# Control Basics - Software

A **front end (UI)** provides the user interface to the system. The main function of the front end is monitoring of and access to the system. This is where information is viewed (points, data, etc.) and adjustments (setpoints, schedules, etc.) are made.

It also stores historical information (**trends**) and provides notification of problems (**alarms**).

Types of Front Ends:

- Server (on premise or cloud)
- Operator Workstation
- Web Browser
- Mobile



Controllers are linked to each other and the front end by a network.

# Control Basics - Software



Data



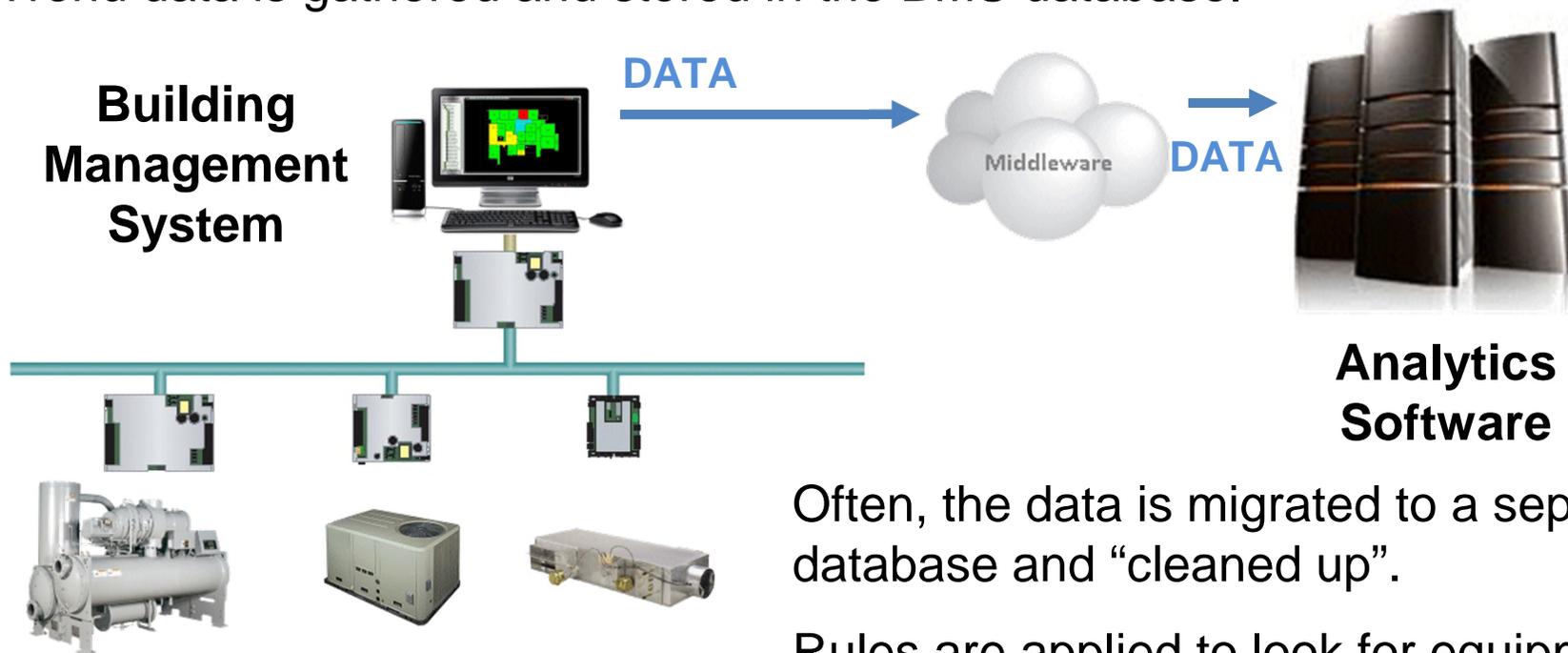
The front end also collects and stores system data that is increasingly being used for other applications.

- ❑ Energy analysis
- ❑ Analytics
- ❑ FDD Alarming
- ❑ Advanced reporting
- ❑ Integration into other systems
- ❑ Data visualization



# Analytics and the BMS

Trend data is gathered and stored in the BMS database.



Often, the data is migrated to a separate database and “cleaned up”.

Rules are applied to look for equipment issues, energy issues, and other undesirable conditions.

# Data Visualization | Dash boards



A tool for viewing and understanding real time data. “Eyeball Analytics”

# Data Visualization | Energy Reporting

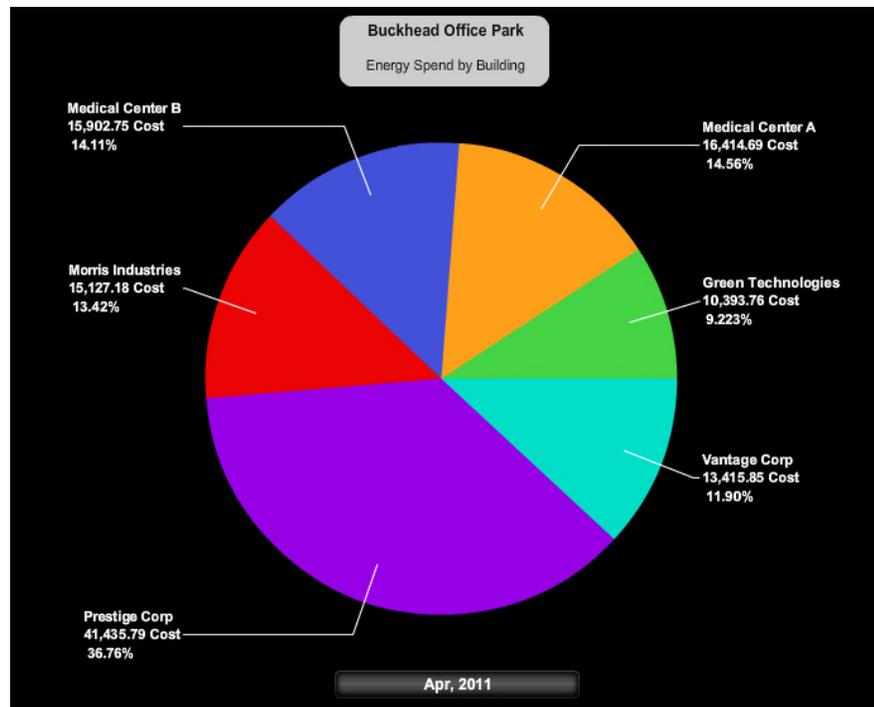


Historical reporting mined from trended and stored meter data.

Often includes building and time period comparisons as well as benchmarking capabilities.



# Data Visualization | Financial Reporting



Often as simple as applying a rate to kWh in the data visualization tool. Can become more nuanced as well.

- Demand charges
- Misc charges
- Bill reconciliation
- Automated reporting
- Tenant billing
- Many more examples

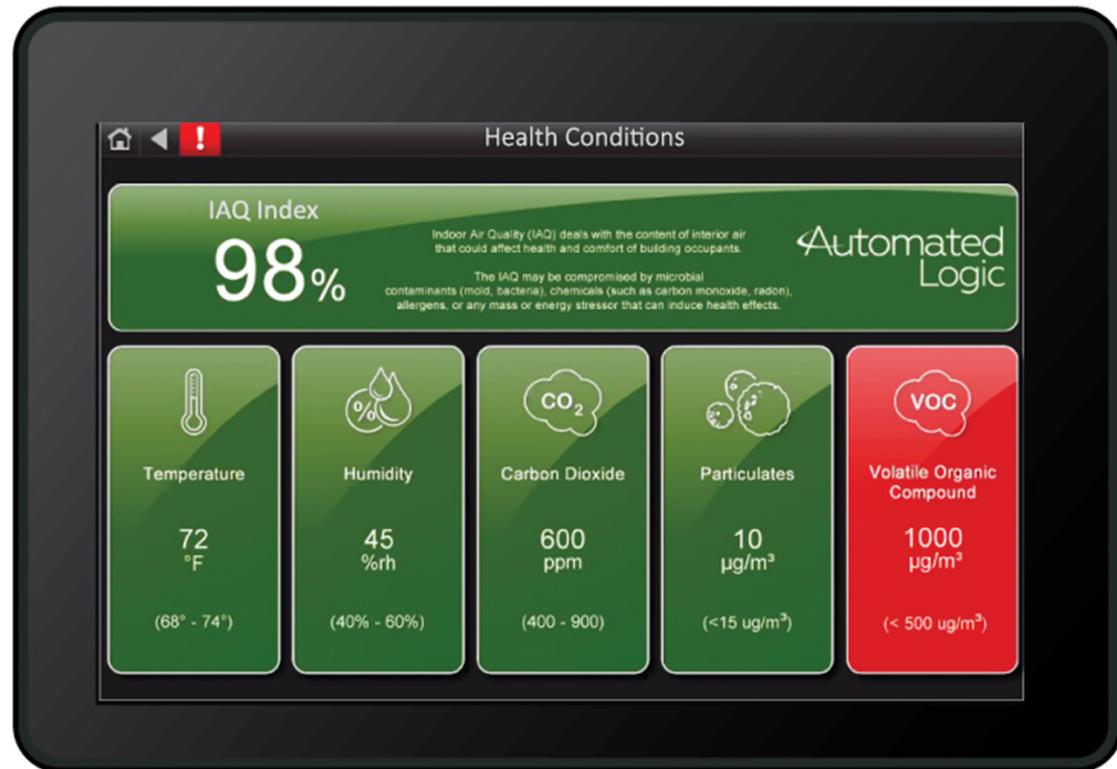
# Data Visualization | Green Screen | IAQ

Green screens are typically designed to provide an educational experience for the layperson or building occupant. They are driven by the data in the BAS.

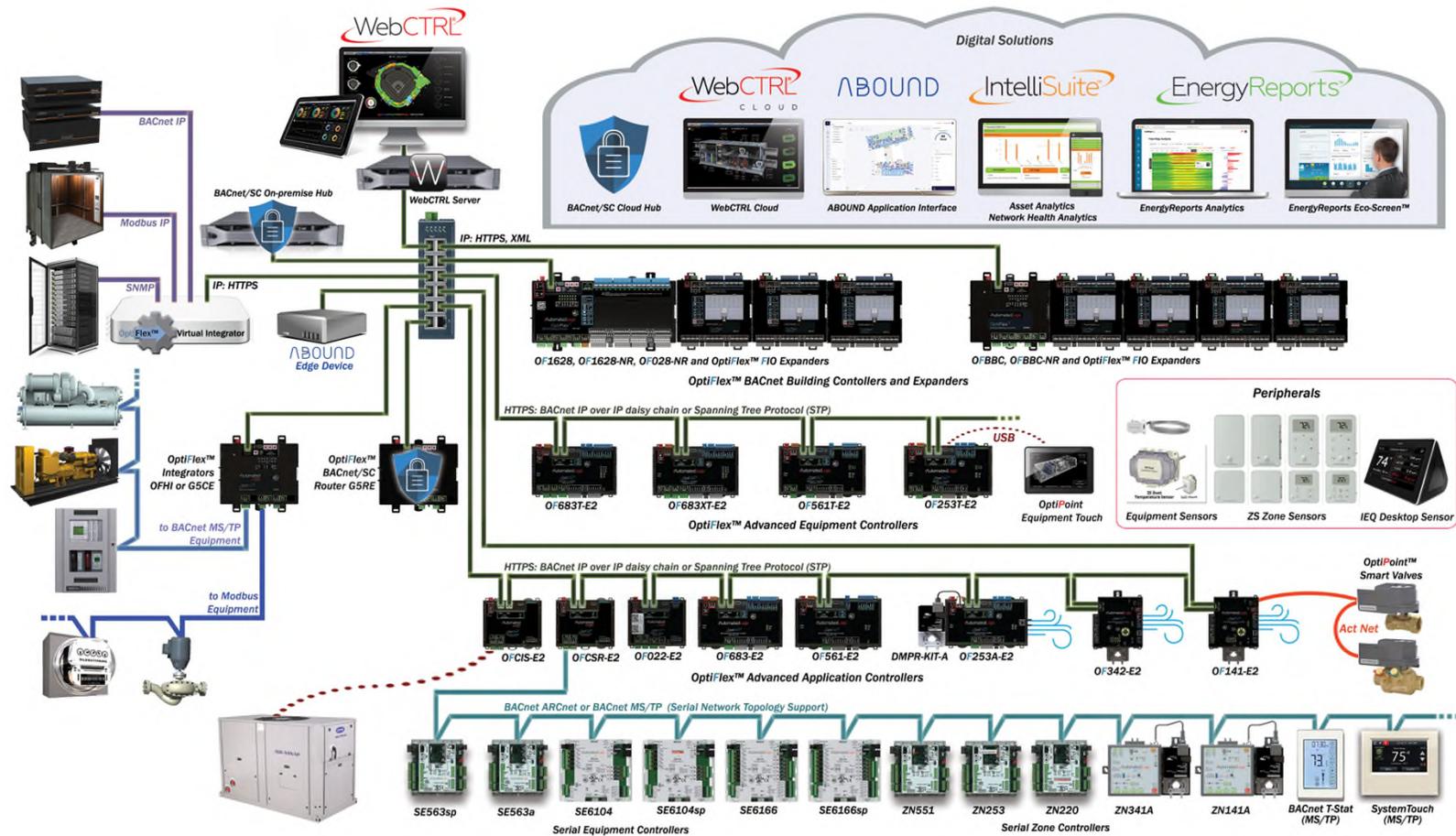


# Data Visualization | IAQ

Temperature,  
humidity, CO2,  
Particulates,  
Radon,  
Formaldehyde



# BAS - A More Advanced Network



# KEY TAKEAWAYS



# Key take-a-ways

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- A BMS is a digital management system used to maximize occupant comfort and energy efficiency
- Controllers use points to control building equipment
- A BMS connects to building equipment/controllers through a network
- BACnet is a common protocol used by building systems
- BMS software provides graphics, trends, and analytics



# Questions?

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