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Key new features

Enhanced OLTC Models support.

For Kelman DGA 900 PLUS monitors with OLTC models support has been upgraded.

- OLTC Temperature model now display a common trend chart with single vertical axis.
- OLTC Tap Position model now displaying "Tap Position Counts" table , "Position Counter" bar graph, "Cumulative Time" bar graph and a trend chart below the bar graphs: "OLTC number of operations" with two trends: "Operations per Hour" and "Operations per Day", with a common vertical axis. The date range is used, the trend chart will be updated as usual. However, the bar graphs will show and incremental bar graph (values at the end date minus values at the start date). The table will also reflect these values.
- OLTC Motor Torque now has two halves namely Top Half and Bottom half.

Top Half - A trend chart will be shown displaying the "Final Tap Position" data for all the records within the date range. Right clicking on it will open a standard menu, including the "Add/Remove Measurements Points". It will not be possible to remove the "Final Tap Position" data from the chart. No additional vertical axis to be shown for additional data. Additional data range default given by max and min value displayed. Changeable by menu below or by double-clicking on the legend item as per standard. Zooming in and out as per the trend chart standard. Clicking on a single data point will display the information associated to this record in the bottom half. The data point will then be highlighted.

Bottom Half - If a single sequence is selected from the top half, the bottom half will show a torque profile chart (Power Reference, Power and Position vs time). Left axis to be that of Power in W, and the right axis to be that of Position (no units). Default axis range for power is from 0 to max of Power Reference and Power. Default axis range for Position is from 1 to number of OLTC positions. On the right of the bottom half there will be a Reference table. The Table will display the reference and record torque parameters

859 Relay support.

Support has been added for the new 859 Relay device.

- 869 Asset type has been modified to 869/859 Relay. Upon downloading relay , perception can identify the relay type and updates in the application.
- 859 relay has the same number of worksheets as 869 relay.

- 869 Motor Ranking has been updated to 869/859 Motor Ranking under Workflows.

Notable bug fixes

- Wallboard – Size limitation for Legend and Time zone boxes. Restricting Map, Legends and time boxes off the screen.
- Order of Primary, Secondary and Tertiary in Transformer Dashboard.
- Removed empty Bushings in perception when BMT component is offline or removed from DGA 900 PLUS.
- Fixed resource leak in AlarmStatusUpgrade.cs found with Coverity run.
- Fixed Perception installers duplicating issue.

v2.4.3 - Mar 2023

Key new features

Enhanced Kelman DGA 900 PLUS support

For Kelman DGA 900 PLUS monitors with bushing monitoring support for 9 bushing configurations has been implemented.

When a Kelman DGA 900 PLUS is monitoring 9 bushings the data for the 3rd set of bushings is available to analyse using the bushing data worksheets.

Enhanced 869 Support

The ESA circle diagnostic has been enhancement to show a more fluid movement of measurement points from the centre of the circle and across the designated percentage bin sections within the chart

Notable bug fixes

- The Rated Voltage Max (Kv) field in the motor properties page is limit has been increased from 1500 to 15000
- Plotting of the C₂H₂ and C₂H₆ values corrected on the Key Gas worksheet
- PD-Rh Correlation was missing from H₂ and H₃ sources for the bushing monitoring data from the DGA 900 PLUS.
- The entire measurement is no longer marked as bad data if a specific measurement parameter is disabled, for example if N₂ is disabled.

Upgrade procedure

- Software upgrade is performed automatically by the installers.
- No database upgrade required.

v2.4.2 - Dec 2022

Key content

- Minor enhancements and bug fixes.

v2.4.1 – June 2021

Key new features

Support of GE's Kelman DGA 900 MULTITRANS

Support has been added for the new Kelman DGA 900 MULTITRANS device.

The Kelman DGA 900 MULTITRANS supports multiple oil sources, typically from the main tanks of single phase transformers used in a transformer bank.

The following worksheets are available for the Kelman DGA 900 MULTITRANS: Properties, Data Table, Status, TDCG, Trend Chart, Key Gas, Gas Ratios, Ratios, ETRA and Duval's.

Users can download data and alarms from the Kelman DGA 900 MULTITRANS via Network media and HTTP/HTTPS protocol.

If Bushing Monitoring is enabled on the Kelman DGA 900 MULTITRANS the following additional functions are available:

- Bushing Monitoring, Partial Discharge, PRPD and Inter-Phase Angle worksheets

Kelman DGA 900 MULTITRANS data can be exported and imported.

Support of GE's Kelman DGA 900 TAPTRANS

Support has been added for the new Kelman DGA 900 TAPTRANS device.

The DGA 900 TAPTRANS supports multiple oil sources, typically from the main tank, selector tank and divertor tank of a transformer.

The following worksheets are available for the Kelman DGA 900 TAPTRANS: Properties, Data Table, Status, TDCG, Trend Chart, Key Gas, Gas Ratios, Ratios, ETRA and Duval's.

Users can download data and alarms from the Kelman DGA 900 TAPTRANS via Network media and HTTP/HTTPS protocol.

If Bushing Monitoring is enabled on the Kelman DGA 900 TAPTRANS the following additional functions are available:

- Bushing Monitoring, Partial Discharge, PRPD and Inter-Phase Angle worksheets

Kelman DGA 900 TAPTRANS data can be exported and imported.

v2.4.0 – March 2021

Key new features

Kelman DGA 900 ROC Workbook

The rate of change (ROC) workbook has been added for the Kelman DGA 900. The ROC workbook displays a rate of change trend chart based on either the ROC values set and downloaded from the Kelman DGA 900 or values manually entered on the ROC workbook.

The ROC calculation used when the values are set manually calculates ROC as PPM per Day.

Kelman DGA 900 PLUS with Models Tap Position

A bar graph has been added to the OLTC Tap Position workbook of the Kelman DGA 900 Plus with models. The bar graphs visualise the number of times the OLTC has been in a certain tap position for Permanent Count, Resettable Count and Maintenance Count.

CBWatch3 Time Zone

Perception can now determine the time zone set in the CBWatch3 when downloading data to ensure the consistency of the timestamps on both the CBWatch3 and Perception.

INTELLIX BMT 330 Enhancement

The time-line slide bar on the Bushing Monitoring & Partial Discharge workbooks has been enhanced to show the selected date range.

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Key new features

Support of GE's Kelman DGA 900 PLUS with Bushing Monitoring

Support has been added for the Kelman DGA 900 PLUS with Bushing Monitoring.

The following worksheets additional workbooks have been added: Bushing Monitoring, Partial Discharge, PRPD and Inter-Phase Angle .

Kelman DGA 900 PLUS with Bushing Monitoring data can be exported and imported

Hydran M2-X Firmware Version Identification

An enhancement has been made the Hydran M2-X firmware version identification to support the display of firmware versions followed by a letter, for example 5.05b.

The firmware version field in the Hydran M2-X properties page will now contain the letter as well as the firmware numbers.

Operating System Support

The Perception applications are now supported on the following Microsoft® Operating Systems:

- Windows Vista
- Windows 7
- Windows 8
- Windows 8.1
- Windows 10
- Windows Server 2003
- Windows Server 2008

- Windows Server 2012
- Windows Server 2016
- Windows Server 2019
- SQL Server 2008 R2
- SQL Server 2012
- SQL Server 2014
- SQL Server 2016
- SQL Server 2017
- SQL Server 2019

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Key new features

Support of GE's Kelman DGA 900 PLUS

Support has been added for the new Kelman DGA 900 PLUS device.

The following worksheets are available for the Kelman DGA 900 PLUS: Properties, Data Table, Status, TDCG, Trend Chart, Key Gas, Gas Ratios, Ratios, ETRA, Duval's and Models.

As per the enhanced capability of the Kelman DGA 900 PLUS, users can view models developed using standards such as IEEE C57.91 (2011) which provides the following information:

- Dynamic loading
- Insulation aging
- Moisture in oil
- Moisture in winding insulating barrier
- MVA
- Cooling efficiency
- Cooling condition
- OLTC temperature
- OLTC tap position
- OLTC motor torque
- Winding Hot Spot Temperature (WHST)

Users can download data and alarms from the Kelman DGA 900 PLUS via Network media and HTTP/HTTPS protocol

DGA Standard and Simplified DGA workflow support is also available for the DGA 900

PLUS Kelman DGA 900 PLUS data can be exported and imported

Support of GE's 869 Motor Protection Relay

Support has been added for GE's 869 motor protection relay running firmware version 2.00 or later.

869 motor protection relay assets have the following workbooks available for capturing and visualising data; Properties, Data Table, Status, Trend Chart.

Perception currently supports the download, visualisation and alarm notification of specific data, namely:

Breaker

BKR1 Closed (BKR1 Closed) (Alarm Support) BKR1 Hlth PKP (Alarm Support)

BKR1 Opened (BKR1 Opened) (Alarm Support)
Arcing Current Total (Alarm Support)
Arcing Current Per Phase (Alarm Support)
Breaker Close Time (Alarm Support)
Breaker Avg. of Close Time (Alarm Support)
Breaker Avg. of 5 Close Time (Alarm Support)
Arc Energy Per Phase (Alarm Support)
Arc Time Per Phase (Alarm Support)
Spring Charge Time (Alarm Support)
Total Breaker Trips
Trip Time (Alarm Support)
Trips Since Last Reset
Alarm Counter
Avg. of Charge Time (Alarm Support)
Avg. of 5 Charge Time (Alarm Support)
Avg. of Arc Energy Per Phase (Alarm Support)
Avg. of 5 Arc Energy Per Phase (Alarm Support)
Avg. of Arc Time Per Phase (Alarm Support)
Avg. of 5 Arc Time Per Phase (Alarm Support)
Avg. of Trip Time (Alarm Support)
Avg. of 5 Trip Time (Alarm Support)
Current Trip PKP/OP Events IOC/TOC/NOC/OC/Cur
Voltage Trip PKP/OP Events OV/UV
Frequency Trip PKP/OP Events Overfreq/Underfreq
Motor Trip PKP/OP
Breaker Trip PKP/OP

Motor

Motor Overload
Motor Running
Motor Starting
Motor Stopped

Motor Load

Average Run Time (Days)
Average Run Time (Min)
Learned Average kvar
Learned Average kW
Learned Average Load
Learned Average PF

Motor Start Characteristics

Last Acceleration Time
Last Start TCU
Last Starting Current
Learned Acceleration Time
Learned Start Current
Learned Start TCU

Motor Thermal

RTD1 Max
RTD10 Max
RTD11 Max
RTD12 Max
RTD2 Max

RTD3 Max
RTD4 Max

RTD5 Max
RTD6 Max
RTD7 Max
RTD8 Max
RTD9 Max

Motor Start Statistics

Start Acceleration Time
Start Effective Current
Start Peak Current

Bearing Sub-System

Energy at Peak Mag @k=1
Energy at Peak Mag @k=2
Energy at Peak Mag @k=3
Max Change in Energy @k=1 (Alarm Support)
Max Change in Energy @k=2 (Alarm Support)
Max Change in Energy @k=3 (Alarm Support)
Max Change in Freq @k=1
Max Change in Freq @k=2
Max Change in Freq @k=3
Max Change in Mag @k=1 (Alarm Support)
Max Change in Mag @k=2 (Alarm Support)
Max Change in Mag @k=3 (Alarm Support)
Norm Peak Freq @k=1
Norm Peak Freq @k=2
Norm Peak Freq @k=3
Norm Peak Magnitude @k=1
Norm Peak Magnitude @k=2
Norm Peak Magnitude @k=3

Load Sub System

Load
Load Bin
J1 I AVG
Speed
Thermal Capacity Used

Mechanical Sub-System

Energy at Peak Mag @k=1
Energy at Peak Mag @k=2
Energy at Peak Mag @k=3
Max Change in Energy @k=1 (Alarm Support)
Max Change in Energy @k=2 (Alarm Support)
Max Change in Energy @k=3 (Alarm Support)
Max Change in Freq @k=1
Max Change in Freq @k=2
Max Change in Freq @k=3
Max Change in Mag @k=1 (Alarm Support)
Max Change in Mag @k=2 (Alarm Support)
Max Change in Mag @k=3 (Alarm Support)
Norm Peak Freq @k=1
Norm Peak Freq @k=2
Norm Peak Freq @k=3
Norm Peak Magnitude @k=1
Norm Peak Magnitude @k=2
Norm Peak Magnitude @k=3

Rotor Sub-
System
Component
Frequency(BRB)
Component Level(BRB) (Alarm
Support) Motor load at BRB Calculation(xFLA)

Stator Sub-
System
Energy at Peak
Mag
Max Change in Energy (Alarm
Support) Max change in Freq
Max Change in Mag (Alarm
Support)
Norm Peak
Freq
Norm Peak
Magnitude
Operating Quantity(SITF) (Alarm
Support)

Supply Sub-
System Current
Unbalance
Frequency
J1 Phase A
THD J1 Phase
B THD
J1 Phase C
THD J2 V AVG
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The communication method currently supported is via Network media and MODBUS protocol for data download. To enable 869 motor protection relay support please contact your GE sales representative.

Plant and Motor Assets

As part of the 869 motor protection relay integration 2 additional asset types have been added to Perception. A new motor asset is now available which can be used as the parent of the 869 motor protection relay in the asset explorer. As well as data downloaded from the 869 motor protection relay, motor data can also be imported using the CSV file import mechanism.

Motor assets have the following workbooks available for capturing and visualising data; Properties, Wallboard, Data Table, Status, Trend Chart.

The motor properties page can be used to capture specific information about the motor being monitored. The motor asset is enabled as part of the 869 protection relay support.

A new plant asset is now available which can be used as the parent for transformer and motor assets. The plant asset is used to represent an industrial plant where a motor or transformer being monitored resides.

Plant assets have a wallboard workbook.

CBWatch3 Data Download Enhancement

Support has been added for the download and visualisation of operational and other data from the CBWatch3 running firmware version 4.1.0 or higher, specifically:

Opening Data

Last Opening Operation Data

Last operation date and time
Opening operation counter
52a contact switching time
Opening reaction time (t1)
Opening contact separation time (ts)
52b contact switching time
Opening operation time (t2)
Opening travel time (t2-t1)
Opening contact separation speed
Overtravel
Coil circuit DC voltage source 1
Coil circuit DC voltage source 2 *

Outside ambient temperature

Arching Contact Wear

Interrupted current (RMS)
Arcing time
Cumulated contact electrical wear

Coil Current

Mean coil current - Open 1
Mean coil current - Open 2
Coil actuation charge - Open 1
Coil actuation charge - Open 2
Coil resistance - Open 1 *
Coil resistance - Open 2 *

Closing Data

Last Closing Operation Data

Last operation date and time
Time elapsed since previous opening operation
Closing operation counter
52b contact switching time
Closing reaction time (t1)
52a contact switching time
Closing operation time (t2)
Closing travel time (t2-t1)
Closing contact touching speed
Overtravel
Coil circuit DC voltage source 1 *

Outside ambient temperature

Coil Current

Mean coil current - Closing
Coil actuation charge - Closing
Coil resistance - Closing *

Spring Rewind Operation

Spring rewind time
Cumulative spring rewind motor time
Number of spring rewinds
Mean rewind motor current
Max rewind motor inrush current

Pump Data

Last Pump Operation Data

Last pump start date and time
Last pump stop date and time
Pump status (on/off) - NOT DISPLAYED**
Last pump run time
Maximum pump motor inrush current
Number of pump starts/24h
Number of CB operations /24h
Pump starts without CB operation /24h *
Pump run time /24h
Cumulative pump run time

Continuous Measurements

Gas

Gas pressure measured
Gas temperature measured
Gas moisture level measured
Gas density
Gas pressure at 20°C
Gas liquefaction pressure at 20°C
Short-term gas pressure leak rate
Long-term gas pressure leak rate
Long-term gas mass leak rate *
Long term gas % leak rate *
Gas short-term extrapolated pressure at 20°C
Gas long-term extrapolated pressure at 20°C

Position 52a/52b Contacts

Previous operation type
52a (ON=CB Closed, OFF=CB Open)
52b (OFF=CB Closed, ON=CB Open,)
CB contact position

DC Voltage Sources

Coil circuit DC voltage source 1
Coil circuit DC voltage source 2

Temperature Sensors

Outside ambient temperature

Temperature 2 - User specified
Temperature 3 - User specified
Temperature 4 - User specified
Temperature 5 - User specified
Temperature 6 - User specified
Temperature 7 - User specified
Temperature 8 - User specified
Delta to ambient temperature
Delta to ambient temperature
Delta to ambient temperature
Delta to ambient temperature
Delta to ambient temperature
Delta to ambient temperature
Delta to ambient temperature

Other

Additional Channels

Gen 1 - User specified
Gen 2 - User specified
Gen 3 - User specified
Gen 4 - User specified

The data is currently downloaded from the CBWatch3 modbus registers, hence when an event occurs these registers are overwritten with the new values.

Perception applies special logic for the download of Open, Close and Pump values which are only updated and hence downloaded if an event has occurred on the CBWatch3. Continues and Risk Index data will only be downloaded if at least 4 hours has passed since last stored measurement. This allows user to configure a frequent download schedule for the CBWatch3 without the risk of creating duplicate data thus creating a more accurate historical record of data in Perception.

The data can be visualised in the trend chart, data table and status worksheets in Perception.

MS 3000 Download Performance Enhancement

Support has been added for the MS 3000 Overflow Tag which improves the performance of downloading data from the MS 3000 in Perception.

MS 3000 Service Notifications

Notification of service state indicators for MS 3000 master and slave devices are now supported. This includes indication on the asset tree, MS 3000 properties page and email notifications.

8 Series Relay and MS3000 Event Plotting

Event types such as overvoltage or trips captured on the 8 Series Relay or MS3000 can now be plotted as measurement points on trend charts.

Relative Saturation measurement download from Transfix and Kelman DGA 900

The relative saturation measurement is now downloaded from the Transfix and Kelman DGA 900 family of devices. The download of relative saturation data is from the point of its introduction in Perception, hence the historical relative saturation data is not downloaded for existing devices. To receive historical relative saturation data an existing device needs to be recreated in Perception to allow for a full download of data from the device. Please consider any impact that may occur regarding algorithm association and results when recreating assets in Perception.

Transfix and Kelman DGA 900 error codes description

Along with the error codes, a description of the error is now displayed in the data table tool tip should a Transfix or Kelman DGA 900 family device have an active service alarm when data is downloaded.

Accessing the Perception User Manuals from within the Perception software

The user manuals for the Perception software can now be launched from the help menu of the Perception Desktop and Perception Server Configuration Tool. A separate troubleshooting guide for Perception is also now provided giving users instant access and information on how to correct issues GE are aware of that may arise.

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Key new features

Support of MS3000 onboard Risk Indexing

Support has been added for the download of the onboard Risk Index results from MS 3000 monitoring devices running master template 3.6.4.22p0_3.2.2.13p0_4.5p0 or later.

Perception now downloads and visualises the Risk Index results along with the other data stored on the MS 3000. The Risk Index results are calculated directly on the MS 3000 monitor running master template 3.6.4.22p0_3.2.2.13p0_4.5p0 or later.

Perception can be configured to use and display only the Risk Indexes downloaded from the MS 3000, or only the Risk Index calculated in Perception or a combination of both. When both Risk Index options are configured Perception automatically selects and displays in the most critical Risk Index result and information regardless of its origin.

Risk Index data downloaded from the MS 3000 can be exported and imported via the existing mechanism in Perception.

Support of GE's 845 Relay

Support has been added for GE's 845 transformer protection relay running firmware version 1.7 or later.

Perception currently supports the download and visualisation of the specific data, namely:

- Arcing Current (Per Phase) with alarm notification
- Arcing Current Total with alarm notification
- Total Breaker Trips
- Trips Since Last Reset
- Alarm Counter
- Last Trip Time with alarm notification
- Avg. of 5 Trip Time with alarm notification
- Avg. of Trip Time with alarm notification
- Last Close Time with alarm notification
- Avg. of 5 Close Time with alarm notification
- Avg. of Close Time with alarm notification
- Last Arc Time (Per Phase) with alarm notification
- Avg. of 5 Arc Time (Per Phase) with alarm notification
- Avg. of Arc Time (Per Phase) with alarm notification
- Last Spring Charge Time with alarm notification
- Avg. of 5 Charge Time with alarm notification
- Avg. of Charge Time with alarm notification
- Last Arc Energy (Per Phase) with alarm notification
- Avg. of 5 Arc Energy (Per Phase) with alarm notification
- Avg. of Arc Energy (Per Phase) with alarm notification
- Xfmr Phase A Energization peak inrush current (Per Phase)
- Xfmr Phase A Minimum Voltage during energization (Per Phase)
- Xfmr Phase A Energization 2nd harmonic inrush current (Per Phase)
- Breaker Total Arcing Current (Per Breaker)
- Aging Factor with alarm notification
- Xfmr Loss of Life with alarm notification
- Winding Hottest Spot Temperature with alarm notification
- Top Oil Temperature
- Ambient Temperature
- Frequency
- Real Power (Per Phase)
- Reactive Power (Per Phase)
- Total Real Power
- Total Reactive Power
- Total Apparent Power
- Power Factor
- Real Demand (kW)
- Reactive Demand
- Apparent Demand
- Frequency Rate of Change

- Volts per Hertz 1
- Volts per Hertz 2
- 2nd Harmonic (Per Phase & Per Winding)
- 5th Harmonic (Per Phase & Per Winding)
- Total Harmonic Distortion (Per Phase & Per Winding)
- Harmonic Derating Factor (Per Winding) with alarm notification
- Average Phase Current (Per Winding)
- Transformer overload (Per Winding)
- Demand (Per Phase & Per Winding)
- DGA (If GE online DGA monitor connected to 845)
- Ph IOC 1 Trip PKP
- Ph IOC 1 Trip PKP (Per Phase)
- Breaker Hlth Trip PKP (Per Breaker)
- Peak Inrush Current (Per Phase)
- 2nd harmonic inrush current (Per Phase)
- 5th harmonic inrush current (Per Phase)
- Peak Inrush Current
- 2nd harmonic inrush current
- 5th harmonic inrush current
- Frequency
- RMS Current (Per Phase)
- Energization Winding Source
- Ground Current
- Total Harmonic Distortion (Per Phase)
- Xfmr Status
- Winding Hot-spot Temperature
- Top Oil Temperature
- Aging Factor
- Loss of Life
- Minimum Voltage (Per Phase)
- 3-Phase Real Power
- 3-Phase Reactive Power
- Power Factor
- Phase to Phase AB RMS Voltage
- Phase to Phase BC RMS Voltage
- Phase to Phase CA RMS Voltage
- Volts per Hertz 1
- Volts per Hertz 2
- Xfmr Energization Peak inrush current historical max
- Xfmr Energization 2nd harmonic inrush current historical max
- 2nd Harmonic historical max (Per Winding)
- 5th Harmonic historical max (Per Winding)
- Total Harmonic Distortion historical max (Per Winding)
- Harmonic Derating Factor historical max (Per Winding)
- Average Phase Current historical max (Per Winding)
- Transformer overload historical max (Per Winding)
- Total Arcing Current historical max (Per Breaker)
- Xfmr Minimum Voltage during energization historical max
- Total Real Power historical max
- Aging Factor historical max
- Top Oil Temperature historical max
- Winding Hottest Spot Temperature historical max

The communication method currently supported is via Network media and MODBUS protocol for data download.

The 845 relay can be added as a child of the transformer allowing users to compare the results of DGA and Lab Data against relay measurements and events using the transformer worksheets.

To enable 845 relay support please contact your GE sales representative.

Kelman DGA 900 HTTP/HTTPS Network Port Assignment

The HTTP/HTTPS network port used by the Kelman DGA 900 can now be defined in the properties page of the Kelman DGA 900 in Perception. By ticking the “Define network port” tick box the user can now specify the port (0 to 65535) to be used when connecting to the Kelman DGA 900.

Multiple Intellix BMT 300/330 monitors for one transformer

Multiple Intellix BMT 300/330 monitors can now be added as the children of a single transformer in the Perception asset explorer.

By using the transformer asset worksheets in Perception users can now visualize the monitoring data for multiple sets of bushings provided by multiple Intellix BMT 300/330 monitors on a single worksheet such as the bushing monitor worksheet.

Multi-language Support

The Perception software now supports the following regional languages:

- English
- French
- Spanish
- Brazilian Portuguese
- Russian
- German
- Simplified Chinese

Perception automatically detects the current regional language mode of the host Windows operating system and displays the Perception text in the native regional language. If the regional language is not supported Perception reverts to the English language.

The Perception user manuals are also available in these supported languages.

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Key new features

Transformer Report Facility

The transformer report facility in Perception Desktop when connected to Perception Server has been significantly enhanced.

The most significant change to this feature is the format of the report when it is generated. Reports are now generated in a multi-page Microsoft® Word document format instead of a single image file. This new format provides users with the ability to further update and edit the report using Microsoft® Word after it has been generated. The report now spans across multiple pages with each page dedicated to a specific set of data or data view with comment boxes to allow the users to add descriptions against the information being displayed.

The capability to generate reports in a Microsoft® Word format is built into Perception, meaning there is no reliance on Microsoft® Word or Office being installed on the PC running Perception Desktop in order to generate the reports. However, Microsoft® Word is required when it comes to opening and editing the generated report.

We have also updated the report content to include BMT, Fleet Ranking and CO2\CO ratio information in the report. When selected new sections are added into the report detailing the critical BMT and Fleet Ranking information for the transformer. The CO2\CO ratio section displays a trend chart pre-populated with CO2\CO ratio along with moisture, oil temperature and Ambient temperature if available.

A new gases option has also been added in the report wizard which allows the user to select or deselect specific gases to be used in the report.

Hydran Download Performance

Data download performance has been significantly improved for the Hydran product line when using Modbus and DNP3 protocols. Data download speeds are now on average 2-3 times faster than with previous versions of Perception.

As well as faster download speeds, Perception now also has better data processing during downloads. Whilst data is being downloaded from a Hydran, Perception new data processing capability improves performance and recovery should a communication interruption occur.

SSL & TLS Support For SMTP

Support has been added to the Perception Server email service integration for secure SMTP connections using explicit SSL & TLS over ports 25/587.

Perception Desktop Idle Timeout

An idle timeout feature has been added to Perception Desktop which automatically disconnects a user from Perception Server if they have not interacted with Perception Desktop for several minutes. By default, the idle timeout is set to 5 minutes however this can be changed in the Perception Server Configuration Tool.

Ability to plot CO2\CO ratio in the trend chart

Users can now plot a CO2\CO ratio in the Perception Desktop trend chart worksheets. This enables users to trend the CO2/CO ratio against other data points visualised in the trend charts in order to compare and identify correlations.

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Key new features

Active Directory Integration

Perception Server now integrates directly with Microsoft® Active Directory enabling organisations to manage Perception user access control from Active Directory.

Service Email Enhancement

When a service alarm is triggered on a Hydran M2, M2-X or 201ti the service log files are now automatically downloaded from the device and included as an attachment in the service notification email.

Disable Data Download

Perception Server can now be configured not to download the measurement data from the GE online monitors when they connect to the unit. This feature was created to help users reduce the amount of duplicate information in organisations where there may be other applications such as data historians used to store the measurement data from the online monitors.

When enabled, upon a manual or automatic download command Perception will connect to the unit and only download information about the operation and display as well as send notifications for service requirements there may be for the online monitor.

Wallboard Improvement

The wallboard feature in Perception has been further enhanced to improve the overall user experience and notification capabilities.

The asset text displayed on the wallboard now dynamically adapts based on the resolution of the image and screen displaying the wallboard making it much clearer and easier to read. A new text box opacity feature has also been added that enables a user to display a white background in the text box with a selectable transparency level.

A navigation feature has been added to the wallboard that allows users to navigate to an asset in the asset explorer by clicking on the node asset in the wallboard.

Asset alarm change notifications are now more obvious with the introduction of a pulse effect for the asset node when an alarm occurs. The pulse effect remains until a user acknowledges the alarm within the wallboard of the direct parent of the transformer asset.

First Measurement After Restart

Perception can now distinguish, and highlight in a teal colour, on the data table the first measurement taken by an online monitor after a restart. Previously such measurements were marked as uncertain quality and highlighted in pink and it was not immediately identifiable as to the reason for the uncertain quality mark.

Plotting of Zero Values on Charts

A new option has been added to the trend chart appearance context menu called "Connect gaps". This option enables users to exclude zero value measurements from data charts when it has been determined that the measurement is bad quality or in the case of BMT data it was determined that transformer was powered down\de-energised at the time the sample was taken.

By doing this it makes it much easier for users to follow a trend line in a chart by removing the invalid data.

Display of Monitor Firmware Version

Perception now downloads and displays the firmware version information for online monitor in the device properties page. This feature is currently supported for the Transfix Family, DGA900 BMT Family & Hydran Family.

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Key new features

Support of GE CB Watch 3 monitor

Support has been added for the GE CB Watch 3 monitoring devices running firmware version 4.1 or later.

Perception currently supports the download and visualisation of the Risk Index Results, Current Position, Number of Operations, Date Last Operated and Alarm States. The Risk Index results are calculated directly on the CB Watch 3 monitor running firmware version 4.1 or later.

Perception also provides access to the web interface of the CB Watch 3 via the Web Browser worksheet, where users can view the additional data stored on the CB Watch 3 monitor.

The communication method currently supported is via Network media and MODBUS protocol for data download and HTTP/HTTPS for connection to the web interface.

To compliment the support of the CB Watch 3 monitor, a new Circuit Breaker asset type has been added to Perception along with a dashboard created specifically for viewing the critical data downloaded for the CB Watch 3.

CB Watch 3 support is available for the Perception Workflow Risk Indexing and Ranking mechanism. A new algorithm called CB Watch has been created under the Workflows drop down list within the Circuit Breaker properties. When selected Perception uses the Risk Index results received from the CB Watch 3 to present a Risk Index overview and rank position within the asset ranking table.

CB Watch 3 data can be exported and imported via the existing mechanism in Perception.

Asset Explorer Search

Users can now search by asset name and automatically filter for devices in the Perception Asset Explorer.

This is performed by entering the text in the search field at the top of the asset explorer. As the user starts typing the asset tree dynamically filters to show only assets with the specified text in their name. This allows users to navigate directly to a specific asset, or group of assets under an area.

When searching for a group of assets under an area, initially the user will not see assets listed under the area when the search is performed. However, by clicking the X in the search field the user will be automatically taken to the location of the area in the asset explorer and the assets listed below will be visible.

Auto-Download enhancement

An option called "Based on device sample rate" has been added to the Auto-Download section of the properties page for the DGA 900 and Transfix family of devices.

This new option enables Perception to mimic the measurement schedule of the online monitor hence ensuring new measurements are downloaded from the device as soon as they are available.

This option is particularly useful in the event that the online monitor goes into alarm mode and starts to sample more regularly. In the past Perception would have not been aware that more regular samples were being taken and would continue to download data based on the scheduled download time.

When the option is enabled the standard schedule settings will be ignored and next download time will be assigned based on device measurement scheduler.

Users may notice that there is a time difference of one hour between the download time and measurement schedule time. This difference is required as it can take up to 1 hour for a measurement sample to complete fully.

Worksheet templates

Users now have the ability to export & import worksheet settings as a template.

By right clicking on the worksheet tab the user has the option to import or export the worksheet template.

The template contains the customized features of the worksheet. For example, the selected measurement points, appearance settings, date range, selected charts etc. These settings are all stored in the template xml file and when imported the settings are then applied to another instance of Perception Desktop for the selected worksheet or another worksheet in the same Perception instance.

This feature can also be used to auto populate the properties page of a Transformer. Exported Transformer properties templates contain all but the serial number details of the Transformer. This export can then be imported into other Transformers making it easier to update the properties for Transformers of the same design and properties.

Export

The Export functionality in Perception has been enhanced to now include the Risk Index information in the CSV format.

Thus, allowing users to share the risk index and rank information for an asset in Perception with data historians or 3rd party applications.

The export can be done in automatic by enabling the option in the Perception Server Configuration tool. When enabled a CSV file will automatically be created after the execution of the workflows as defined in the workflow scheduler or executed manually using the option in the scheduler window.

ROC Workbook

The ROC calculation used in the Perception ROC workbook has been updated to calculate ROC as PPM/Day rather than PPM/Hour to align with the ROC method performed in the DGA 900 and Kelman family monitors.

V1.22.3

Key new features

Intellix BMT 330 Dashboard

A new dashboard has been created for the Intellix BMT 330 to help users better understand the information provided on the condition of their monitored bushings.

The dashboard presents the following information:

Transformer details

Populated from the Transformer properties page and downloaded from the Intellix BMT 330

- Primary Voltage
- Secondary Voltage
- Frequency
- Inter-phase angle (\angle) A-B
- Inter-phase angle (\angle) A-C

- Top Oil Temp per phase
- Ambient temperature
- Ambient humidity

Gauges

- C1 % change
- Angle AB Reference change
- Angle AC Reference change

Capacitance values for each phase\bushing

- Nameplate C1 (pF)
- Expected Amplitude (mA)
- Measured Amplitude (mA)
- Estimated C1 (Pf), based on measured bushing leakage current amplitude and inter-bushing phase.

Insulation values for each phase\bushing

- Nameplate $\tan \delta$ /PF (%)
- Expected Angle (°)
- Measured Angle (°)
- Estimated $\tan \delta$ /PF (%), based the bushing nominal operating voltage and inter-phase angles.

Support has also been added for Modbus over TCP removing the need for a virtual serial to ethernet software adaptor.

Ratio alarm enhancement

Ratio alarm classification as defined in the Transfix, TapTrans, MultiTrans or MiniTrans is now supported in Perception.

For example, when a ratio alarm is set to “Alarm Indicator – Caution” in the monitor, in Perception the ratio alarm when triggered will be highlighted yellow. If a ratio alarm is set to “Alarm Indicator – Alarm” in the monitor, in Perception the ratio alarm when triggered will be highlighted red.

Email notification segregation

Email notifications can now be segregated to 3 different groups, allowing the user to define the recipients of the emails based on the notification type:

- Alarm – Notification that an alarm level breach has occurred on the online monitor.
- Communication – Notification that Perception was unable to communicate with the online monitor
- Service – Notification that the online monitor requires service attention.

Service email enhancement

When a service alarm is triggered on a Transfix, TapTrans, MultiTrans or MiniTrans the service log files are automatically downloaded from the device and included as an attachment in the service notification email.

Diagnostics

The Ratio workbook is available for Transformer assets. This will allow data imported in CSV file format for a Transformer to make use of the Ratio visualization capabilities in Perception.

Localization

Simplified Chinese language support has been updated.

Manual Workflow Execution

The workflow scheduler can now be executed manually via a button in the Tools > Workflow Scheduler configuration form. This allows users to instantly perform a data evaluation should the need arise.

V1.22.2

Key new features

Enhanced Support of Kelman DGA 900

Ratio formulas and limits are now downloaded from the Kelman DGA 900.

Support for the new firmware version – FW V 1.30.

Support of Hydran M2 and Intellix MO150

Hydran M2 and Intellix MO150 devices with floating point variation enabled for DNP3 communication is now supported in Perception.

Transport X²

Improved regionalised recognition on import of data from the Transport X² based on the region local setting of the PC hosting Perception.

V1.22.1

Key new feature

Support of Hydran M2

Extended support of Hydran M2 firmware up to 5.05 version. Support for the new Hydran M2 H2 device.

Support of DGA900

HTTPS protocol is supported

V1.22.0

Key new features

Support of Transport X²

A new asset has been defined for Transport X² device. Once the unit is connected over USB cable to the machine with Perception Desktop the asset is detected and represented in the asset tree for further actions. The following features are available: download transformer measurements stored on the device, export stored data to CSV file, retrieve service logs.

Support of Hydran M2

Extended support of Hydran M2 firmware up to v5.04.

V1.22.0

Key new features

Support of MS 3000

Extended support has been added for the MS 3000 device. The following features are available: downloading of measurement data and access to remote HMI over secured HTTPS (default option), fleet ranking workflows based on downloaded data; information representation on transformer dashboard.

Service emails

Additional information about measurement/service errors and flags is now provided in notification emails.

V1.20.1

Key new features

Support of Kelman DGA 900

Support has been added for the new Kelman DGA 900 device. The following worksheets are available Properties, Data Table, Status, TDCG, Trend Chart, Key Gas, Gas Ratios, Ratios, ETRA and Duval's.

Users can download data and alarms from the Kelman DGA 900 via Network media and HTTP protocol

DGA Standard and Simplified DGA workflow support is also available for the DGA 900

Kelman DGA 900 data can be exported and imported

V1.20.0

Key new features

DGA 500

Added support of ranking workflows, export/import.

Hydran M2, 201Ti & Intellix MO 150

Execution of "Install new sensor" command is now available using Perception. View of real time alarms was extended – user could see even disabled alarms and modify the view with options. Also, the following technical logs could be downloaded now from the device: Short Term, Long Term, Alarms, Events, Service, Digital, DGA. Extended support of MO 150 firmware up to v3.05c.

MS 3000

Basic support has been added for the MS 3000 device. The following features are available: downloading of measurement data over HTTP, representation on common and DGA diagnostic worktabs, remote HMI view.

Support of Non-Mineral Oil

Certain diagnostics and workflows are disabled as not applicable when non-mineral oil is specified in transformer properties.

Transfix Rate of Change Calculation

Perception now calculates RoC values and alarming for each of the available gas concentration historical values.

Languages

Perception 1.20 is available in German, Chinese and Russian languages.

V1.18.3

Key new features

Support of DGA 500

Support has been added for the new DGA 500 device. The following worksheets are available Properties, Data Table, Trend Chart, Status, TDCG and Duval's (Classic and LTC Triangles).

V1.18.2

Key new features

Support of Intellix BMT 330

Support has been added for the new Intellix BMT 330 device.

Support Phase Angle alarms for BMT 330

Phase Angle alarms have been implemented in the new Intellix BMT 330.

Users can now view these alarms in the Perception application in the Data Table, Status and Inter-Phase Angle worksheets.

PRPD worksheet

A new Phase Resolved Partial Discharge worksheet is available for the Intellix BMT 330 device. The worksheet displays the PRPD data downloaded from the device on 2 different charts. A 2-D Chart where the x-axis displays the phase angle of the grid voltage for the phase and the y-axis displays the Apparent Charge of each PD event. The 2nd Chart is a Histogram which shows the density of PD events.

Inter-Phase Angle worksheet

A new Inter-Phase Angle worksheet exists for the Intellix BMT 330 device. The worksheet displays the calculated Angle A-B and Angle A-C measurements against the Expected Angle A-B and Expected Angle A-C values. The worksheet also displays the Phase Angle Caution and Alarm limits as configured on the device.

Updates to Bushing Monitor and Partial Discharge worksheets

Users can now position the mouse over data points on the Polar Plots and a tooltip will display showing the actual values of this point. A range selector has been added to the Polar Plot timelines, allowing the user to filter through the data points displayed. The worksheets have been updated to improve performance when viewing large data

sets. The zoom feature has also been updated to allow the movement of the zoomed graph focus point. For more information please see the Perception Desktop user manual for more details.

Transformer Bank (Phase Association, Annotations, Workflow Association)

A new Transformer Bank asset has been added to the Perception application. The Transformer Bank asset has been created to facilitate the addition of single phase transformers and subsequent monitoring in Perception. The Transformer Bank properties worksheet allows the user to configure phase and tank associations. Each phase and tank configuration will automatically create an annotation at the association date in the Data Table and Trend Chart worksheets. Users can associate the BMT Standard workflow to their Transformer Bank and the Transformer Bank will appear in the Ranking Tab, its condition will be based on the combined risk indexes and conditions of its children and the Intellix BMT 330. For more information please see the Perception Desktop user manual

Min and Max range limits for Dynamic Load model and CT Ratio's

The min and max range limits for the Dynamic Loading Model and CT Ratios within the MO150 has been increased to allow for a wider data range. The range limit for Rated Continuous Current on HV Bushing (A) has increased to 1 - 100,000. The range limit for Rated Continuous Current on LV Bushing (A) in Dynamic Load model has increased to 1 - 1,000,000. The range limit for CT Ratios has increased to 1 to 50,000.

V1.18.1

Key new features

Duval's Pentagon 1 and Duval's Pentagon 2

Duval's Pentagons 1 & 2 are now available in Perception from the Duval's worksheet. The Pentagon diagnostics use five key gases namely: H₂, CH₄, C₂H₆, C₂H₄ and C₂H₂, in a single graphical representation used for the interpretation of DGA results in mineral oil-filled transformers. Pentagons 1 and 2 permit distinguishing between thermal faults of lesser concern for the transformers, e.g., T3-H and S faults in oil and O, overheating to more serious and potentially dangerous faults e.g. carbonization of paper. The Pentagon diagnostics are also available for use in the Transformer Status Report feature.

Support for HydranM2 FW 5.03

Users can now download from HydranM2 devices running latest FW 5.03

V1.18.0

Key new features

Additional Models Display and Enhancements

The following model readings have been added to Perception Desktop for HydranM2 and MO150 devices

- Cooling Banks Status
- Cooling Control Model (MO150 only)
- Cooling Efficiency Model
- OLTC Tap Position Model
- OLTC Differential Temperature Model

Manual Override & Input of Ambient Air Temperature and Top Oil Temperature

This feature is available only for the MO150 device with FW version 3.06.

The user can now choose to enable Simulation Mode for Ambient Air Temperature and Top Oil Temperature

If simulation mode is enabled, the manually entered values are used in the DLG Model calculation. Otherwise the measurement values taken from the device will be used.

Allow usage of measured voltage in the Apparent Power Model

This feature is available only for MO150 device with FW version 3.06.

The user can now assign 3 new types to the Output Models of an Analog input

- Rated Voltage on HV side
- Rated Voltage on LV side
- Rated Voltage on tertiary side

When a new voltage output is assigned to an Analog input the Apparent power model is calculated based on this voltage instead of the one manually configured on the device and displayed in the appropriate worksheets in Perception.

Renaming of Measurement points

Users can now rename downloaded or imported measurement points in Perception via the Status worksheet. The renamed measurement point will be shown in all instances of the application. User can also choose to reset the renamed point back to its original display name.

Support for Hydran20Ti legacy FW 2.20

Users can now download from Hydran201Ti devices running legacy FW 2.20

Support for HydranM2 and MO150 latest FW

Users can now download from HydranM2 FW ≤ 5.02 and MO150 FW ≤ 3.06

German Language Support

Perception 1.18 is available in the German language

Support Import and Export of alarms for all devices including Transport X

Users can now import alarm information from Transport X unit using FW v1.12.6.567

Users can also import and export alarm information for all device types

V1.16.0

Key new features

Perception Web

Perception Server now includes a web interface option to allow end users to view critical transformer and fleet data held in Perception using an internet browser application from a PC, Smart Phone or Tablet.

The web interface provides access to the following:

- Fleet Overview
 - Summary count of the number of transformers in the fleet, the assets that are ranked and the alarms that have been triggered.
 - Risk index distribution of the fleet.
 - Fleet ranking table.
 - Latest events list containing details of crucial events that occurs for an asset within the fleet.
 - Average fleet risk index history providing a timeline of the overall health risk index of the transformer fleet.
- Transformer Dashboards
 - Critical transformer information, such as current risk index and history, fleet ranking position, alarms, load current and PU percentage, ambient environment information and critical measurement data taken by the online monitors.
- Asset Wallboards
 - Area's, Substation's and Transformer's wallboards as preconfigured in Perception Server via the Perception Desktop application.
- Asset Hierarchy
 - Visualise representation of the network of areas, substations, transformers and online monitors as preconfigured in Perception Server via the Perception Desktop application.
 - Click through on an Area or Substation asset to show associated Wallboard.
 - Click through on transformer asset to show associated Wallboard or Transformer Dashboard.

Fleet Ranking Enhancements

We have improved our transformer risk and fleet ranking analysis by building on our existing workflow algorithms as well as introducing new workflows.

OLTC analysis via TapTrans.

A DGA Standard OLTC workflow has been created to perform analysis on OLTC data captured by the TapTrans monitor using expert knowledge along with technics taken from the IEEE C57.104 standard.

New Simplified DGA and Simplified DGA OLTC Workflows

A new Simplified DGA workflow has been added. The data analysis in the Simplified DGA algorithm is based solely on the Caution and Alarm status of the monitors.

MiniTrans, HydranM2 & Hydran201Ti Support

The DGA Standard workflow now also supports the following monitoring devices MiniTrans, HydranM2 and Hydran201Ti.

DGA Standard Moisture Analysis Enhancements.

The DGA Standard workflow has been updated with improvements to H2O levels in Oil and Gas Sensitivity.

BMT Standard Workflow

The BMT standard workflow has been updated to support the latest BMT 300 FW Version 1.2

Workflow Sensitivity

Each workflow association now has its own sensitivity value which can be used to adjust the sensitivity of the parameters during data analysis.

Enhanced Transformer Criticality

A new Criticality Details section in Transformer Properties worksheet has been added. The Criticality Details are used in Fleet Ranking algorithms to give a more accurate assessment of the risk condition of the transformer based on the unique critical factors of each transformer.

Import and Export Enhancements

The import and export CSV file functions have been further enhanced.

Export and Import of asset Properties

There is now the option to Export Properties, Measurements or All Data held for an asset.

Export and Import asset tree hierarchy

When data on an asset is exported information about the Parent/Child structure of the asset within the asset tree is exported. When this data is then imported the asset placed correctly in the asset tree hierarchy or the hierarchy is built for the asset.

Import & Export Measurement Diagnostics and Quality Status

Measurement diagnostics and quality status information is now included in data export and imports.

NERC-CIP Compliance

In order to ensure Perception helps organisation meet NERC-CIP compliance we have improved the even logging within Perception.

Events are logged in an audit log for auditing purposes, namely:

- Adding Nodes
- Deleting Nodes
- Add/Delete References (Drag & Drop nodes)
- Import events
- Export events
- Import export mapping changes (Add/Update/Delete events)
- Server start stop events
- Workflow configuration in Transformer properties(adding, updating, removing them)
- Uploading workflows event on the server & Deleting workflows event.
- Uploading wallboards
- Save wallboard configuration event like when moving node position on the wallboard.
- Write events for the configuration changes.
- Device setup event when launching setup.
- Login Logout events.
- Perception Server Config tool changes.

Rate of Change visualization for Caution and Alarm

Perception now differentiates and visualises rate of change alerts for caution (high) and alarm (High-High). The ROC alarms are visualized in Status worksheet, Asset Explorer, & Alarm Email Notifications.

The latest Transfix Host 1.15.1 firmware is required.

Wallboard Enhancements

Centralised Wallboards

Wallboards are now centralised and can be viewed across the entire Perception Fleet.

When a wallboard is configured for an asset, the wallboard is available and can be viewed from any Perception Desktop client that is connected to the same Perception Server instance.

Restrictions on Wallboard manipulation and changes

Wallboard manipulations are now controlled under the Perception Access Control policy. Only users assigned with an Architect role can change the wallboard layout and settings. Observers and Supervisors have can still view the wallboard but they cannot make any changes to the wallboard.

Transformer Dashboard Updates

Dissolved gas analysis data taken by the Hydran 201TI & Hydran M2 data is now displayed in the transformer dashboard.

Operating System Support

The following operating systems are now supported for Perception Fleet (Server and Desktop applications).

Windows 8 32-bit and 64-bit

Windows Server 2012

Perception 1.14 Release Notes

New Functionality:

Flexible Modbus Slave address of the Transfix

Modbus Slave address of the Transfix is not hardcoded to 1 now when Modbus over TCP connection is used. Address parameter was added to appropriate device provider in Perception.

Hydran M2 support

Hydran M2 devices with firmware version 5.01 can now be added to the Perception application.

Intellix MO150 support

MO150 devices with firmware version 3.05 can now be added to the Perception application.

Hydran native protocol support for Hydran201Ti and HydranM2

Perception application can now connect to Hydran201Ti and HydranM2 devices over Hydran native protocol. Supported firmware versions are: 4.1 for the Hydran201Ti and 1.08/2.0 for the HydranM2.

Fleet Ranking

A new level of interpretation of the health of the transformer fleet has been added to Perception Server. It uses established IEEE/CIGRE/IEC standards to create algorithms to properly rank assets according to their risk of failure, based on key performance indicators acquired through DGA and bushing/PD monitoring. The ranked order of assets is displayed in Perception as a list, with the most critical asset listed at the top.

Perception also allows the algorithms to be modified, or new algorithms created using a new workflow designer. The workflow designer allows a user with appropriate privileges to edit existing, and design new algorithms using a drag and drop integrated design environment (IDE). The IDE presents existing algorithms and data points as selectable objects. Finally, the designer allows the user to compile and deploy the algorithms to Perception Server.

Dashboard screens have also been added to enhance the understanding of the user by collating key information about the fleet into a single screen. Further detail can be gleaned by using the previously available diagnostics.

Enhanced and programmable CSV import/export

To further enhance Perception's ability to integrate with 3rd party systems (e.g. SCADA, EMS, DMS and Historians), the CSV import/export functionality has been completely reworked. Now, import/export can be configured using mapping tables. This allows any CSV file from any system to be mapped into the Perception database by tying up the CSV fields to the appropriate Perception fields.

Perception ships with the CSV mapping tables pre-configured for TransConnect, TOA4 and Perception format.

Expert Analysis Email

In addition to the existing email that is sent to warn about alarms, Perception has been enhanced to allow a further email to be generated, called the Expert Analysis Email. This new email contains a snapshot of the transformer conditions, enabling the recipient to have a reasonable idea of the state of the transformer.

V1.12.0

Key new features

BMT300 and Hydran201Ti support

BMT300 and Hydran201Ti (over Modbus) devices can now be added to the Perception application. Supported firmware versions are: 3.2.3 for the BMT and 4.1 for the Hydran.

Additional Diagnostics

The following additional diagnostics have been added to Perception Server.

New Duval's Triangles

Two new Duval's triangles have been added to the Duval Triangle diagnostics. These are the '4 - Low Temperature Faults' and the '5 - Low Temperature Faults'.

When DGA results are close to the boundary between zones PD and T1, it may sometimes be difficult to distinguish between these two types of faults. Also, some types of oils on the market tend to be "stray gassing", i.e., to unexpectedly form gases at relatively low temperatures such as 80 to 200°C. Stray gases may appear in the PD, T1, or T2 zones, and therefore may interfere with the identification of these faults in transformers. The Duval Triangles 4 and 5 for low-temperature faults in transformers have been developed to remove these uncertainties.

They should be applied only to faults identified by the Classic Duval Triangle as possible faults PD, T1, or T2, and should be viewed only as a complement of information for the Classic Duval Triangle.

Rogers, Doernenburg and IEEE® C57.104 Transformer Conditions Ratio Table

A table containing Rogers, Doernenburg and IEEE® C57.104 Transformer Conditions ratios has been added to the Gas Ratio workbook. The table gives users a simplified view all 3 ratios at the same time.

Rogers ratio was developed from Halstead's thermal equilibrium and Doernenburg ratios together with information gained from failed units. It was refined to three ratios which, when compared can be used to diagnose six possible faults.

Rogers ratio method has the advantage that it is quantitative and is independent of oil volume and can therefore be used as a diagnostic tool on any oil filled transformer.

IEEE® C57.104 Transformer Conditions evaluates the transformers condition using individual gases and TDCG concentrations.

Japanese ETRA Standard

The Japanese ETRA diagnostic is taken from "Supervision and Maintenance by DGA" published in 1999 by the Electric Technology Research Association in Japan.

By comparing ratios of C₂H₂, C₂H₄ & C₂H₆ present in the oil, 5 levels of fault warnings can be determined, "Low Temperature", "Medium Temperature", "High Temperature", "Discharge + Overheating" and "Discharges". Perception Desktop displays a graphical representation of the diagnostic chart to show measurement information in relation to fault conditions and trending patterns.

Model Display

The Models Display utilises the information taken by the Intellix MO150 and Hydran M2 systems, which are designed to collect, process, analyse and interpret critical operations on data obtained from various sensors. It incorporates on-board intelligence, which utilizes the monitored transformer's characteristics along with real-time measurements to automatically compute on-line state-of-the-art mathematical transformer models based on IEEE® or IEC® standards.

The models presented in Perception Desktop are:

MO150

- Dynamic Loading Guide
- MVA model which computes apparent power on primary, secondary or tertiary winding
- Winding hot-spot temperature model which computes the hot-spot temperature of each winding where load current is measured
- Moisture in the thin conductor insulation and in the barrier insulation which computes the moisture content of each
- Insulation aging which computes aging acceleration factor from IEEE or IEC guidelines

Hydran M2

- Dynamic Loading Guide
- Hydran Readings
- MVA model which computes apparent power on primary, secondary or tertiary winding

- Winding hot-spot temperature model which computes the hot-spot temperature of each winding where load current is measured
- Temperature Model
- Moisture in the thin conductor insulation and in the barrier insulation which computes the moisture content of each
- Insulation aging which computes aging acceleration factor from IEEE or IEC guidelines

Graph Annotation

Annotations can be added to the trend charts providing the facility to tag events within the trend chart and enter event details. When the annotations are set to hidden, a flag at the bottom of the trend chart indicates that there is a hidden annotation at that particular section of the trend chart.

Annotations can be used to flag and explain particular events presented in the trend chart. They can also be used to flag events which indicate further detailed monitoring of the transformer measurements is required from a recorded point.

Rate of Change Alarm Visualisation

Rate of change alarm information is displayed in the status page of Transfix devices. If a Rate of Change alarm is triggered on a Transfix device, the status page will contain a “ROC” indication. The user can then view the measurement data within the trend chart to identify the offending gas.

Ratio Alarm Visualisation

Ratio alarms set on the Transfix device are displayed on a trend chart in the Ratio workbook along with the ratio alarm limit values. There is also the facility to create custom ratio calculations within Perception Desktop using the data received from the Transfix.

Download & Email Logs

Enables the user to conveniently download and e-mail log information from Transfix devices when a query arises with the device.

V1.10.0

Key new features

Perception Server

Perception Server is a dedicated enterprise server application that utilises Perception Desktop as an interface. Operations performed in Perception Desktop are executed via Perception Server. The advantages of using dedicated server architecture are:

- Ability for multiple clients and a single central server which hosting Perception data.
- Download data from devices without user intervention or the need for Perception Desktop to be running using the auto download scheduling feature controlled by the Perception Server.
- Background Downloading - downloads initiated within Perception Desktop Application continue to run even if the Perception Desktop Application or client PC is shut down.
- Security and Access control.

The Perception Server application is configured using the Perception Server Config Tool. Perception Server Config Tool allows the Perception Server administrator to setup and configure:

- Perception Server access control security
- Database settings
- Alarm e-mail notification settings
- Enable available modems on the server
- Activate the Perception Server license.

Please see user manual for more details.

The Perception Desktop application is used to:

- Add devices to the Perception Server
- Initiate downloads
- View data downloaded from the device
- Schedule auto-downloads
- Enable e-mail notifications for devices
- Monitor the device condition and service alarm information.

Enhanced Security

The Perception Applications now use integrated OPC security protocol. This security feature ensures that only trusted Perception Desktop connections are permitted to connect to the Perception Server. Please see user manual for details.

Microsoft SQL Server Database

Perception Server uses Microsoft SQL Server to store data it receives from devices and then presents in Perception Desktop. By using Microsoft SQL Server we are able to provide customers enhanced data security with robust data backup facilities offered within Microsoft SQL Server.

Access and Permission Control

Added the ability to create user logon credentials on the Perception Server via the Perception Server Configuration Tool. This gives the Perception Applications an extra layer of security. The Perception Server administrator can Add, Edit, Delete and Set Permission levels to the logon credentials. There are currently 2 permission levels, Observer or Supervisor. For more information on Access and Permission Control please see the user manual.

Intellix MO150, HydranM2 and Transfix 1.0/1.5 support

Intellix MO150, HydranM2 and Transfix 1.0/1.5 devices can now be added to the Perception application, for more information please see the user manual.

Wallboard

The Wallboard feature provides customers with a graphical overview of their power utilities condition; using information gathered from their GE Energy transformer monitoring devices within Perception Desktop.

Wallboard is configured by simply providing a base image for the wallboard e.g. a map image or aerial image of a utility. Once the image is configured the assets within the asset explorer of Perception Desktop are automatically added to the wallboard image replicating the Perception Desktop asset explorer structure.

The child assets of a parent with wallboard configured are represented by coloured circles on the wallboard image. These circles can be moved around the image in order to position them in the appropriate location as per the wallboards representation. The colour of the circles is representative of the condition of the transformer monitoring device held under that asset in the asset explorer. If any of the transformer monitoring devices under the child asset triggers an alarm the colour of the circle will change alerting the user.

A dialog box containing details of the condition of all transformer monitoring device under the child assets can also be displayed on the wallboard for each child asset.

There are 3 levels of wallboard available; Area Wallboards, Substation Wallboards and Transformer Wallboards.

For more information please refer to the Perception Desktop User Manual.

TOA4 Export

Users now have the option to create TOA4 files from the data downloaded from devices as well as have the data captured in Perception. This option is enabled via the Perception Server Config Tool.

The TOA4 export files are created on the Perception Server.

For more information please refer to the Perception Server User Manual.

Direct Downloading From Devices

When a device is added to Perception Desktop, there is now the option to download directly from the device without Transconnect, Transcom or Intellix Multi Host application launching.

The Transconnect, Transcom or Intellix Multi Host applications can now be launched by selecting the "Setup" context menu option for the devices.

Downloads initiated from within Perception Desktop will continue until download is complete on the Perception Server even if the Perception Desktop instance which initiated the download is closed.

Transformer Status Report

The transformer report facility allows a user to generate a one page report containing the key information about a transformer based on DGA at any given time.

The report can be customised to contain trend charts, specific date ranges, customer entered text, and diagnostic summaries.

Launching External Applications

Via the Tools menu option users can now launch external tools from Perception. The list of tools is fully user customizable; launch arguments can also be specified.

Alarm Enhancements

The user now has the ability to set a low or low-low alarm setting on the device with peripherals which support this option.

E-Mail Notification Enhancements

Email addresses can now be entered in the device properties worksheet which will receive any Alarm, Service and Communication issue notification e-mails when the Perception Server downloads from the device.

Device Condition Visibility in Asset Explorer

When a device has a Condition or Service alarm or a bad\uncertain sample is taken, the alarm is now visible as an icon on the device within the asset explorer. Please see the user manual for more details.

Significant Sample Measurement Highlighting

Measurements which are uncertain, trigger the limit alarms, or are bad samples are now highlighted in the data table worksheet and status worksheet. The tool tip in the data table also provides more detail on the condition of the sample. In the status worksheet the condition alarm limit values are also now displayed for each element. Please see user manual for more details.

Status View Sort by Columns

Data in the status view worksheet can now be sorted by clicking on the various column headers to arrange the data accordingly.

Measurement and Sample Validation

Duval's Triangle, Gas Ratios and Key Gas have been enhanced to display a banner if the measurements or the configuration of the device alarms are not adequate to use the graphs accurately.

Tank Identification data displays

When adding measurement points from different tanks within a device or different devices under a transformer, the measurement points now contain source information in the measurement point column header.

Persistent Worksheet Content and Layouts

When changes are made to the content of the Perception Desktop worksheets, the changes persist when the Perception Desktop application is closed and reopened.

Improved support for negative measurement values

There is now enhanced handling of measurement values to support negative values received from the devices.

Greater Communication Options and Protocols

Serial support has been added to the connection methods. DNP3 and Modbus connection protocols have been added. This allows the user to choose the connection protocol they prefer. Please see user manual for more details.

Device Properties

The device properties have been improved to provide:

- User device identity information
- Communication configuration options
- Download progress information
- Auto-download configuration options
- Notification e-mail setup
- Device responses
- Last download time.

License Upgrade

The Perception Applications now have the ability to increase the default device limits set when the original license was purchased. By contacting the GE Energy Perception Support team, the user can purchase an upgrade to a higher device limit and reactivate the license on the Perception application for the new device limit to take effect. Please see the user manual for more details.

TOA4 Import

Enhanced support of TOA4 file importing to include transformer nameplate details and other TOA4 regulations.

Enhanced Transformer Monitoring and Configuration

Enhanced Transformer Monitoring and Configuration in the Perception Desktop application giving the user greater flexibility and more configurable options. Please see user manual for more details.

Data Table Export

An export option has been added to the context menu of the data table. The export will only export the measurements currently added and visible on the data table. This will include the ability to export analog, digital and TIM2 peripheral data. Please see the user manual for details.

Operating System Support

The Perception Applications are now supported on the following Operating Systems:

- Windows Server 2008 & R2 x64 & x86
- Windows Server 2012 x64 & x86
- Windows 7 x64 & x86
- Windows 8 x64 & x86

Third Party Application Support

Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Standard, Enterprise or Express and Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Standard, Enterprise or Express is supported as the database host for Perception Server.

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