DeltaV™ Continuous Historian

Continuous process data is collected by the DeltaV™ Continuous Historian on any DeltaV workstation.

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- State-of-the-art historian database
- Status collection with every value
- Fully functioning historian on every DeltaV workstation
- Scalable plant historian available on the Application Station
- Integrated tools for viewing historical data
- Excel-based reporting and analysis tool
- Open connectivity using OPC and XML
- Historical data available in operator displays

Introduction

Are you looking for an automation system with a state-of-the-art historian? Are you tired of having to separately configure your historian and your automation system?

The DeltaV Continuous Historian provides a database designed for historical storage, retrieval, integration into the DeltaV system, and open access. As a product of Emerson Process Management, the DeltaV Continuous Historian was designed to support the PlantWeb architecture and provide a data repository for the information available in intelligent field devices.

The DeltaV Continuous Historian is a vital component of the DeltaV system, fully integrated into configuration, installation, and operation.
**Benefits**

**Fully integrated history configuration and collection.** Historical configuration is fully integrated into the DeltaV configuration. This simplifies both your initial history configuration and the long-term configuration management of the historian. History collection is configured as part of DeltaV module configuration using either Control Studio or DeltaV Explorer. The DeltaV Continuous Historian is automatically configured with the correct tags when the module is downloaded in the DeltaV system. Once downloaded, the DeltaV Continuous Historian automatically begins history collection for the configured parameters.

**State-of-the-art historian database.** The DeltaV Continuous Historian was developed with the DeltaV system in mind, providing you with state-of-the-art historian capabilities. The DeltaV Continuous Historian serves as the data repository for the information provided by intelligent field devices. You can be assured that the DeltaV Continuous Historian incorporates the latest historian technologies—not only today, but also well into the future.

**Status collection with every value.** The DeltaV Continuous Historian automatically collects status with every data value. There is no historian licensing impact as the status is an integral part of the history collection. In the past, status had to be collected as a separate parameter, meaning separate configuration and licensing. Now there is no need to worry about status collection as the DeltaV Continuous Historian takes care of this for you.

**Fully functioning historian on every DeltaV workstation.** All DeltaV workstations include a fully functional historian. Capabilities such as data compression and seamless communication over the DeltaV control network to controllers and workstations are built in. You can view historical data collected locally or on other DeltaV workstations, allowing you to centralize or decentralize your historical collection.

**Scalable plant historian available on the Application Station.** The DeltaV Continuous Historian on the Application Station can be scaled up to support large historian databases. The DeltaV Continuous Historian also supports connectivity to a stand-alone OSIsoft PI Server, including single point of configuration between the DeltaV Continuous Historian and the PI Server. Connectivity to the PI Server opens up an entire suite of enterprise applications available from OSIsoft. Using applications and tools available from OSIsoft, integration with the enterprise has never been easier.

**Integrated tools for viewing historical data.** Tight integration with the rest of the DeltaV system allows data collected by any DeltaV Continuous Historian to be displayed along with associated alarms and events in a single, easy-to-use interface. Alarms and events are automatically superimposed on the appropriate trend, providing a complete picture of process history.

**Excel-based reporting and analysis tool.** The DeltaV Continuous Historian comes complete with DeltaV Reporter - an Excel based reporting and data analysis tool available on any workstation. Use DeltaV Reporter to populate a spreadsheet with historical data. Once in the spreadsheet, use the power of Excel to view, analysis, and create reports on the data.

**Open connectivity using OPC and XML.** The DeltaV system is based on open standards, and the DeltaV Continuous Historian is no exception. External access to the DeltaV Continuous Historian is provided in OPC format using the DeltaV OPC History Server or in XML format using the DeltaV History Web Service. The DeltaV OPC History Server is based on the OPC Historical Data Access (HDA) standard which is maintained by the OPC Foundation. The DeltaV History Web Service is based on Microsoft .Net technology which has become the de facto standard for data exchange over the Internet.

**Historical data available in operator display.** Data collected by any DeltaV Continuous Historian is available for viewing and analysis as embedded trend displays in DeltaV Operate to provide the operator with more information to make intelligent process decisions.

**Product Description**

The DeltaV Continuous Historian was developed by Emerson Process Management to store and retrieve large numbers of process measurements and their associated status quickly and efficiently. The DeltaV Continuous Historian was built for the DeltaV system to be an integral part of the PlantWeb architecture for collecting information from intelligent field devices.

The DeltaV Continuous Historian was built from the ground up using the latest historian technologies. Since it was built for the DeltaV system, it brings a higher level of integration to automation history. Configuring the parameters that need to be collected by the historian is an integral component of a DeltaV control module. Advanced configuration options include choosing data compression limits and marking the parameter for automatic collection by an enterprise historian, such as the Enterprise PI Server from OSIsoft.
Each control module, the fundamental building block of your control strategy, contains the historical configuration information for all module parameters that are being historized. The status of the parameter is automatically collected with the value, so no additional configuration is required for status.

When a new module is created, either from the module library or an existing module, it includes history configuration, as well as alarms, display information, etc. Conversely, if a module is deleted, the DeltaV Continuous Historian is notified, and parameter collection from that module is suspended.

Historical configuration is defined as part of the module in DeltaV Control Studio.
Configure the DeltaV Continuous Historian database in the DeltaV Explorer.

Every DeltaV workstation, including the Application Station, has a 250-parameter DeltaV Continuous Historian as part of the standard software suite. The DeltaV Continuous Historian on the Application Station is available in optional sizes—up to 30,000 additional parameters per Application Station.

In the DeltaV Explorer, simply drag and drop plant areas onto any historian to choose where data collection for those areas will occur. Once the workstation is downloaded, communications and history collection will begin automatically.

Multiple DeltaV Continuous Historians are supported in a single DeltaV system. History for a specific parameter can be collected on multiple workstations, providing historical backup capability.

Configuration of the DeltaV Continuous Historian includes enabling the historian for use on the DeltaV workstation and configuring the size of the database, the size of the historical data sets, and automatic data set export behavior. The DeltaV Continuous Historian database configuration determines the amount of on-line data available and may be time or sized based. When the database reaches its maximum size, the automatic export feature grabs the oldest data set and sends it to a user defined storage location.
Management of the DeltaV Continuous Historian database is easy through the Administration utility.

The DeltaV Continuous Historian Administration utility provides makes it easy to manage the historian database. An Administration utility is provided on every DeltaV workstation. The Administration utility enables you to backup, restore, and export the datasets, create new Active and Extended data sets, and view the properties of each data set, including their backup status.

The DeltaV Continuous Historian includes three types of historical data sets: Active, Current, and Extended. The Active and Current data sets represent the on-line data that is resident in the database. There is only one Active data set, as it is the data set that is currently receiving new historical data, but there can be multiple Current data sets. Current data sets are created automatically when the Active data set reaches its configured size or time limit.

New Current data sets may also be created manually through the Administration utility or automatically using the automated backup utility. When the DeltaV Continuous Historian database reaches its configured size or time limit, the oldest Current data set is either exported or over written, depending on the configured export behavior.

An Extended data set is a data set that has been exported from the database and then brought back on-line. The data in the Extended data set can be viewed by any of the DeltaV Continuous Historian client applications, but the Extended data set does not count against the maximum database size or time limit. There can be any number of Extended data sets in the DeltaV Continuous Historian, limited only by the physical space available on the DeltaV workstation’s hard disk drive.

Programmatic administration of the DeltaV Continuous Historian is available using the automated backup utility. The automated backup utility enables you to back up the Active, Current and Extended data sets, create a new Active data set, and delete off-line data sets that are no longer required. The automated backup utility also provides options to backup up data sets based on time or based on whether they have been modified since the last backup.
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**View DeltaV Continuous Historian data along with corresponding alarms and events in Process History View.**

**Process History View** is used to display data values and status collected by any DeltaV Continuous Historian. Users have the option to build custom trend charts by selecting individual parameters to display, or they can launch historical trends automatically from a module’s faceplate in DeltaV Operate. Either way, status information and alarm and event data collected by the DeltaV system is embedded in the trend to provide a more accurate and thorough historical picture and enable better decision making.

The DeltaV Version Control and Audit Trail (VCAT) captures all changes made to the DeltaV Continuous Historian. There are no other mechanisms available to add, modify, or delete historical data configuration or the historical data itself. The capabilities of VCAT to capture historical collection configuration changes, combined with common industry SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures), allow you to comply with the 21 CFR Part 11 regulations.
DeltaV Reporter, the MS Excel based reporting and analysis tool, provides an easy way to get historical data into an Excel spreadsheet. DeltaV Reporter is available for use on a DeltaV workstation or any non-DeltaV workstation that has network connectivity to a DeltaV DeltaV Continuous Historian. The historical data provided to the spreadsheet includes the time/date stamp, value, and status. DeltaV Reporter includes dialogs to assist in the building of queries for retrieving data from the DeltaV Continuous Historian. A DeltaV Continuous Historian specific browser with wildcard filtering capability is available to help locate the historical data required. The data available from the DeltaV Continuous Historian for display in the spreadsheet include raw data, interpolated data, or calculated (aggregate) data.

DeltaV OPC History Server provides an OPC Foundation HDA interface to the DeltaV DeltaV Continuous Historian based on Microsoft's OLE/COM technology. The OPC HDA interface specification defines Microsoft COM interfaces (custom and automation) to access the historical process data in the DeltaV DeltaV Continuous Historian.

The DeltaV History Web Service provides a set of web methods that client applications can use to interact with the DeltaV Continuous Historian. Historical process data may be returned to the client application in XML or ADO Dataset format.

Continuous history and alarm and event data may be integrated in the same report!
Embedded trend charts provide historical and real-time data in DeltaV Operate.

**DeltaV Operate**, the DeltaV operator interface application, provides the ability to embed trend charts into the operator graphic display. The embedded trend charts display historical and real-time data in the same trend chart. Historical data may come from any DeltaV DeltaV Continuous Historian in the system.

Embedded trends are configured in the DeltaV Operate configure mode. The embedded trend chart uses the same trend object as Process History View, optimized for use in DeltaV Operate, so the configuration environment is well known. Each embedded trend can contain up to eight pens and can connect to a different DeltaV Continuous Historian. Any number of embedded trend charts can be configured in the operator graphic, subject only to the size of the embedded trend chart and the space available on the operator graphic.

In run mode, operators can scroll forward and backward, zoom in and out, increase and decrease the configured time span, and launch Process History View. In addition, they can restore the chart to the configured values, view a snapshot of the data, view the data collection status, and turn the embedded chart legend on and off.

DeltaV Operate also includes an easy trend building function called Chart Builder. Chart Builder facilitates creating up to six Process History View trend charts by simply selecting an object on a DeltaV Operate display. Once the object is selected, the trend chart is opened and populated with real-time data for the object and if the object is configured for history collection, historical data for the object is also displayed. For example, if you have a selectable datalink on a DeltaV Operate display, select the Chart Builder function from the DeltaV Operate menu then select the datalink to open a Process History View trend chart with the real-time and historical data for the datalink.
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A 250-parameter DeltaV Continuous Historian comes standard on every DeltaV workstation, including the Application Station. The DeltaV Continuous Historian on the Application Station may be scaled-up to support larger historian sizes, up to a maximum of 30,250 parameters on a single Application Station.

*For a 30,000-parameter scale-up, purchase three 10,000-parameter DeltaV Continuous Historian scale-up licenses. A 30,000 parameter DeltaV Continuous Historian requires a DeltaV v9.3 or later release.

**The Legacy Continuous Historian scale-up licenses are limited to 20,000 additional parameters and are available only for DeltaV systems that have upgraded from a DeltaV v7.3 or earlier release. The Legacy Continuous Historian is supported up to and including DeltaV v11.3.1.
Related DeltaV Products

- **History View Software Suite.** Monitors the DeltaV Continuous Historian, Batch Historian and real-time data.
- **DeltaV Reporter.** View, analyze and report historical process and alarm and event data from the DeltaV Continuous Historian and Event Chronicle in your copy of Microsoft Excel.
- **DeltaV OPC History Server.** Exposes all DeltaV historical data using the industry standard OPC Historical Data Access interface.
- **OPC .NET Server (aka OPC Xi).** Delivers secure and reliable real-time and historical data communications between your automation systems and your enterprise.
- **DeltaV History Web Service.** Exposes all DeltaV historical data in XML format using Internet-based Web services technology.
- **DeltaV Web Server.** Enables web-based viewing of operator displays and historical data.
- **Backup and Recovery.** Provides data backup and disaster recovery for DeltaV system and associated process control data.

Related 3rd Party Products

- **Microsoft Excel.** Provides the basis for the Excel based reporting and analysis tool.
- **OSIsoft PI Server.** Receive, archive and distribute aggregated process data from multiple DeltaV and 3rd party systems.

**OSIsoft PI OPC Historical Data Access Interface.** Transfer historical data from the DeltaV OPC History Server to an Enterprise PI Server quickly and easily.

**Prerequisites**

- Use of the DeltaV Reporter requires a copy of Microsoft Excel (provided by others).