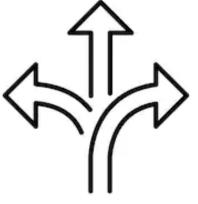


# **WHY BLUEPLANT?**



**Intuitive** 

High quality graphics on an environment with intuitive setup and operation



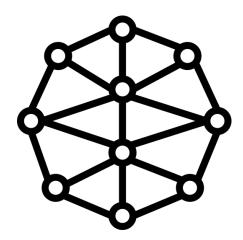
Versatile

Adaptive scalar architecture for applications on various industrial segments



**Available** 

Safety, redundancy and high performance for systems that cannot stop



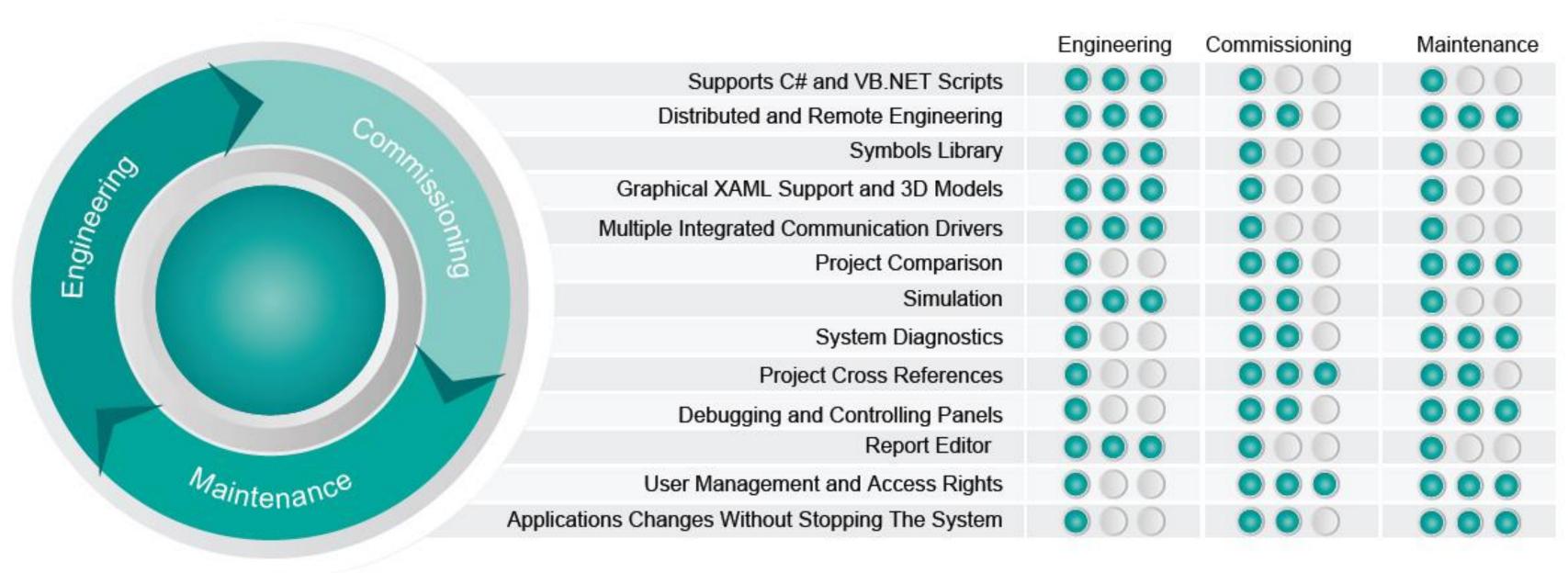
**Connective** 

Support for the main communication drivers used in the industrial market

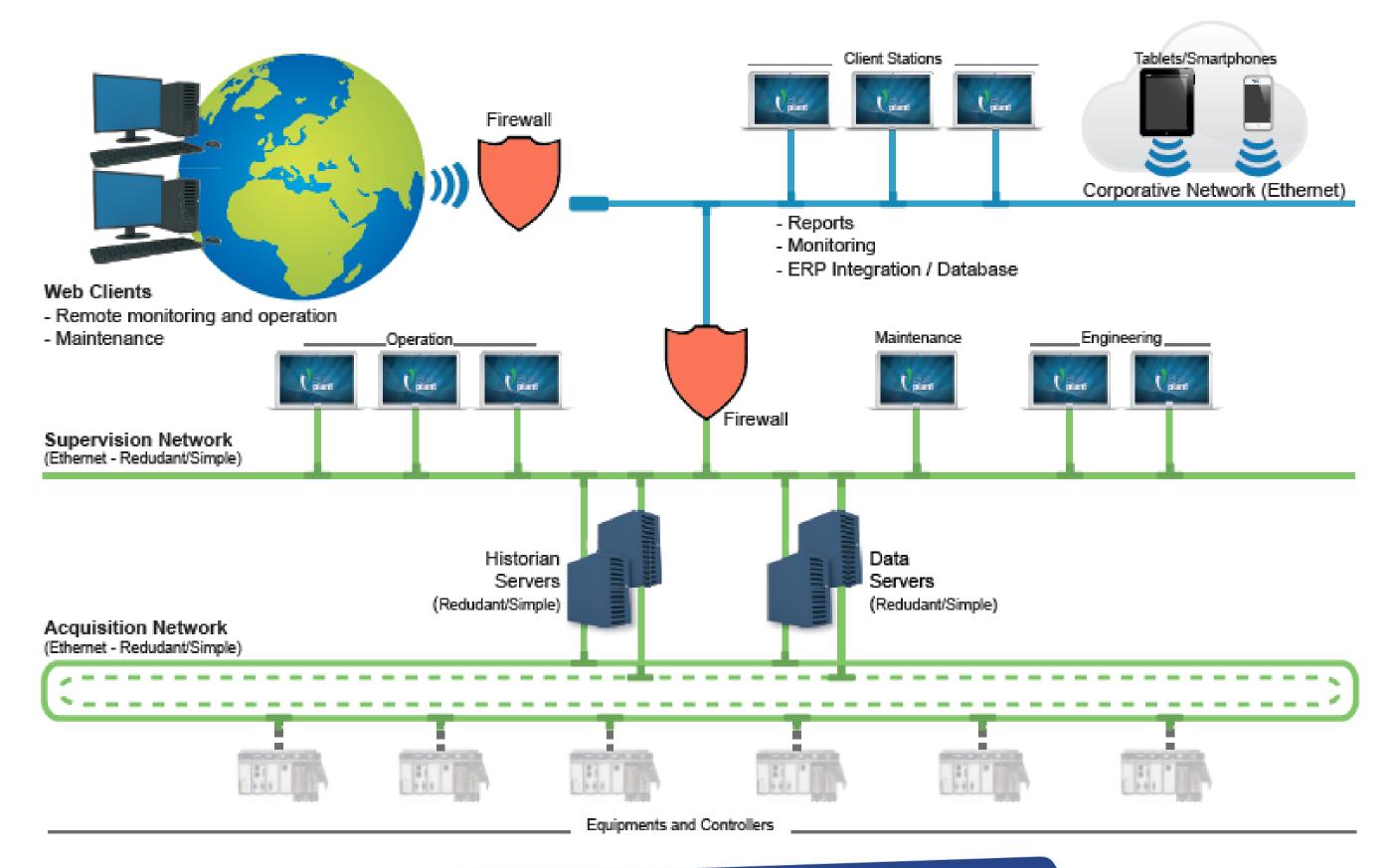


### MAIN FEATURES

Regardless of the stage of the application, BluePlant has functionalities and features that aim productivity, safety and performance



## **ARCHITECTURE**





#### INTRINSICALLY SAFE SOTWARE

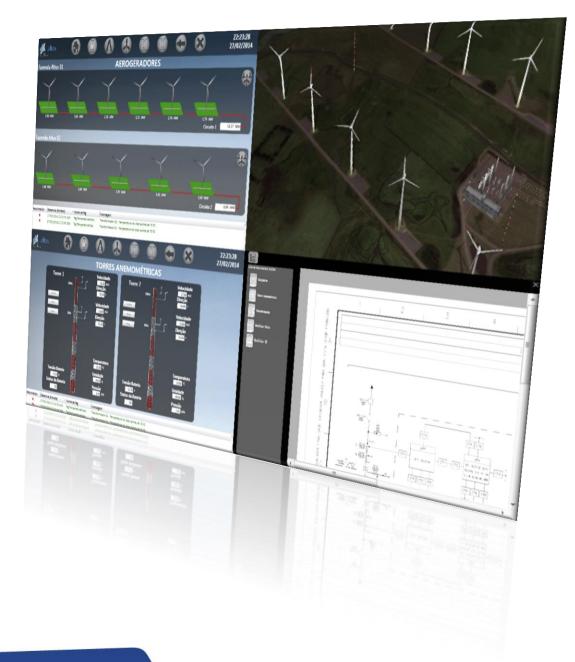
- The Intrinsic Safety feature provides safety and reliability to the product
- There is no use of C or C++ in the development of the platform, which completely eliminates the risk of problems with pointers and/or memory exceptions
- Each execution task and process, whether internal or created to be performed within the scope of BluePlant, is performed in its own allocated space and protected with:
  - Internal exception control
  - Memory isolation
  - Multitask control
  - Real-time synchronization





#### SUPERIOR GRAPHIC MECHANISM

- BluePlant's graphics are from Windows Presentation Foundation (WPF), with an internal system which uses XAML
- Integration with geospatial maps and 3D models
- 3D models can be displayed directly, as well as linked to dynamic data with associated responses and behaviors based on real-time events and values
- A powerful WPF graphic editor is included in BluePlant
- Web Clients can develop screens in HTML5, with multiplatform access (Windows, Android, iOS, etc.)





#### MAINTENANCE, TEST AND ADVANCED DIAGNOSTICS RESOURCES

- The system allows the change of project versions, so that applications in test mode are executed side by side, in the same server, with the applications in production mode
- Built-in hot-standby options for redundancy, alternative operation places and disaster recovery are included





#### **BUILT-IN SERVERS AND .NET EXTENSIONS**

- Complete access to the Microsoft .NET Framework, allowing advanced customization and extensibility without the need for any kind of third-party applications or external tools
- 100% managed code, which allows the use of the full potential of Microsoft .NET Framework
- Setup interface created entirely from Microsoft Windows Presentation Foundation Graphics (WPF), and fully supports Software as a Service (SaaS)





#### MODULAR ARCHITECTURE AND HIGH AVAILABILITY

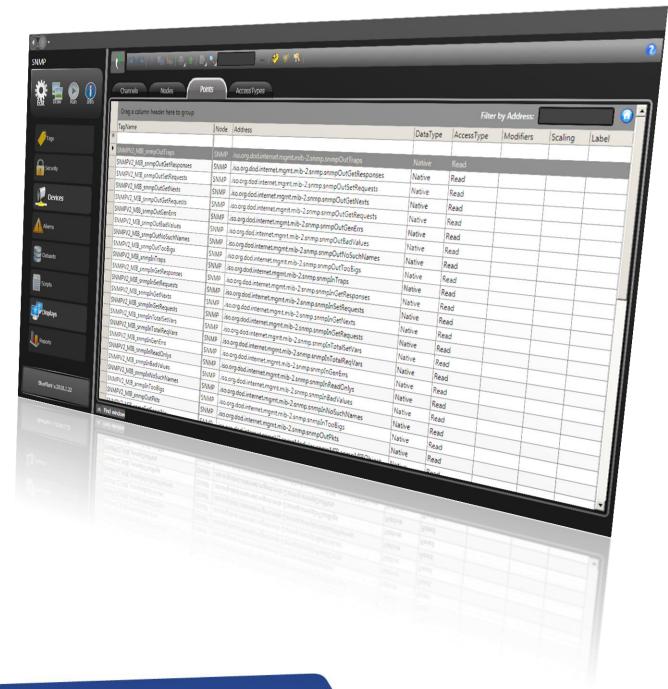
- BluePlant's redundant servers system allows two distinct computers to execute an application in hot-standby topology simultaneously
- All redundancy setup is automatic in the application itself
- On this topology, if a hardware error occurs, the server in standby takes over control automatically, without system stops or data loss





#### ECONOMY AND AGILITY FOR PROJECT COMMISSIONING

- Control panels dedicated for problem analysis and verification, and performance optimization
- Through user panels, it's possible to check time spans and processing consumption of drivers, modules and other components which are being used
- Greater diagnostics precision and investment reduction in engineering hours for the commissioning and debugging of the acquisition and supervision system in automation and process control projects



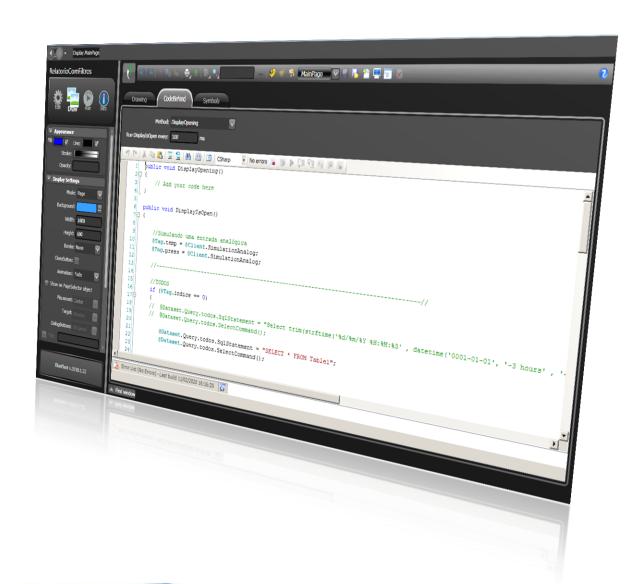




#### REAL-TIME DATABASE

The Real-time database ensures, without the need of any additional programming, the data synchronization of several processes in the server and multiple client stations

Real-time database (Tags)		
Extended support for tag types	Digital, Integer Analog, Double Analog, Decimal Analog, Text, Timer, Counter, Date/Time (date and time variables)	
Built-in data table tag	Access to the results of the dataset query on the .NET standard data table object	
Reference tags	Use of reference tags to switch the tag link when executing the Runtime	
Matrix type tag	Matrix type tags definition (one to three dimensions, depending on the product version)	
Types and structures defined by the user	Definition of own types for the Real-time database	
Tag properties	Wide set of tag properties accessible in the Runtime setup	

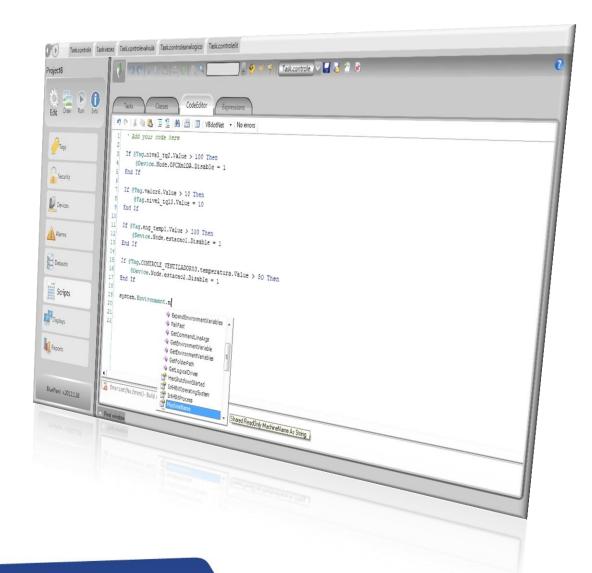




#### .NET LANGUAGES AND SCRIPTS

BluePlant supports Microsoft .NET languages in full integration with the Microsoft .NET Framework. The project's scripts and logics can be coded in C# or VB.NET, and a built-in language converter allows the dynamic change of code created between languages

.NET Languages and Scripts			
Creation of VB.NET functions and procedures	Access objects in BluePlant directly from the code		
Execution of scripts in events and programming	Easy connection with tags and events from the process using scripts		
Debugging in scripts	Scripts have the debugging resource for breakpoints insertion		
Support for class libraries	Creation of classes accessible to other scripts and screens		
Integrated .NET editor with Intellisense	Assist in the selection of tag names and object properties		
Support for exceptions and tracking messages	All of the .NET Framework, external components and services are easily integrated		





#### ALARMS AND SECURITY

It's possible to set various levels of alarms for each point or tag and a whole range of behaviors, such as registry, recognition, display, etc. The security system can define access levels for each screen object. Alarm and security conditions are automatically replicated in redundant applications

Alarms and Security		
Multiple alarm conditions	Hi, HiHi, Lo, LoLo, change rate e deviation	
High resolution	Time stamp interval in milliseconds (when available), using the remote I/O time, not the time of the computer	
Built-in view objects	Online graphic object and history, when executed locally or on Web	
Alarm group and objects item	Access the alarms' properties directly, E.g.: "total alarms active", without the need for creating tags in the application	





#### TENDENCY AND HISTORIANS

BluePlant allows the creation of historian files in external databases, such as Microsoft SQL Server or Oracle, or even use the built-in SQL database

Trend and Historians		
Connection to ADO database	Historian information can be saved to any external database with support to ADO.NET	
Built-in SQL database	When not defined as an external database, the log is made in the built-in SQL database	
High resolution	Time stamp interval in milliseconds (when available), using the remote I/O time, not the computer time	
Trigger by tag or group	Allow the saving of a registry according to the tag change or based on process events	
Dead band of the historian by tag	Allow the definition of a minimal tag variation for the registry trigger	
Setup of the minimum time interval	Allow the definition of a minimum recording interval, allowing the creation of more compact databases	
Database tables with multiple tags	Allow the creation of a tag group and store it on the same data table to speed up the recording and loading	
Built-in trend view object	Historical and online graphic object executed locally or on the Web	





#### DEVICES AND NETWORKS

BluePlant is supplied with and OPC DA driver for the collection of information from remote devices, and also provides support for custom communication drivers to directly access PLCs, remote I/O systems, standard field buses, multiple and single loops, scanners, bar code scanners, RFID devices and digital displays

Devices and Networks			
Importing of data points settings	Copy and paste from Microsoft Excel, import databases from CSV or OPC servers		
Communication executed in an isolated process	Total protection for the Runtime environment and advanced performance in multi-core processors		
Easy communication with several channels	Automatically create multiple tasks on multi-serial or TCP/IP protocols		
Abstract appointment for nodes and stations	Provides an easy way to rename and maintain the IP Address and the I/O network settings		
Dynamic creation of optimized blocks	Simple selection of read/write points, based on the protocol, and creation of optimized blocks		
Points setup follows the device's syntax	Address device points; this addressing is used in the PLC's programming tools		
Channels and nodes' properties	Access the properties directly, E.g.: node status and application tags are not required		
Writing events customization	Easy setup for commands and events, written from all events or only on the occurrence of a value change		





#### DATASET

BluePlant's dataset module offers an easy-to-use interface for a real-time information exchange with external databases, XML, CSV or text files, as well as allows access to tables and SQL queries.

DATASET		
Access texts, CSV and XML Define the real-time link with tags and file content		
Definition of multiple database sources	Easily manage multiple database connections	
Tags mapping with data tables	High level setup tool to manage database tables used in the project	
Definition of queries and mappings	Manage several queries triggered by process events and filter conditions using data points in real-time	
Powerful data grid visualization object	Wide and powerful data grid object to create local user interfaces as well as on the Web	
Table and query properties	Access properties (for example, line counting) directly, without the need for tags creation in the application	

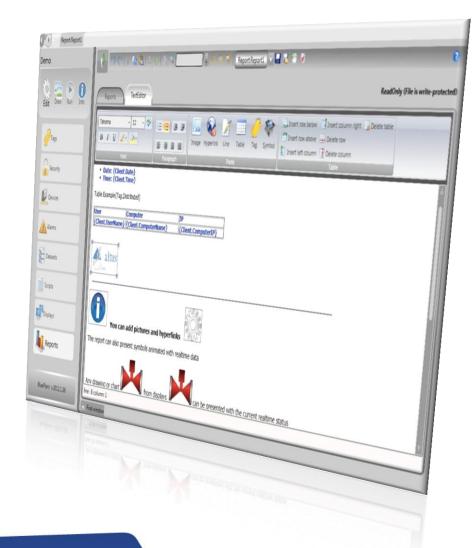




#### REPORTS

BluePlant offers support for Web services, XML and other data exchange interfaces aiming to supply data to external report tools. In contrast with other packages, where reports are necessarily created in another tool, BluePlant has is its own internal report editor.

Reports		
Built-in editor	Easy-to-use text editor, allowing the inclusion of tables, images, hyperlinks and text formatting	
Support for text, HTML and XPS	Save reports to various formats, such as XPS, allowing an easy implantation in distributed environments	
Copy and paste	Edit on Microsoft Word, on an HTML editor, or RTF, just by copying and pasting the content from BluePlant	
Real-time tags easily inserted	With just one click, the user can add data values in real- time to reports	





#### CLIENT SCREENS

BluePlant's built-in graphic editor uses the Microsoft's WPF technology to allow the creation of full user intefaces with real-time mapping of values and tags from the process: a powerful and complete set of dynamic animations is also included

Remote Clients		
BluePlant Visualizer Client	Executed as a desktop application, it allows to block the switching of Windows tasks (CTRL+ALT+DEL and ALT+TAB keys). Ideal for intranet operators/user s with security demands	
Web Smart Client	Uses Microsoft's .NET Smart Client technology. It's possible to install it on remote clients with a single click, without admin permission. The application is automatically updated on remote clients when updated on the server. BluePlant uses all the remote computer's potential while still maintaing the advantages of a centralized installation	
Web HTML5 Client	The client screens can be executed directly from Web browsers, without the need for installing any software, and count on multiplatform access (Windows, Android, iOS, etc.)	





#### RUNTIME OBJECTS

- BluePlant allows applications to directly access the Runtime objects created in the project, without the need for creating tags or variables for all internal properties and customize logics for the projects
- Temporary tags are not necessary to manage the nodes' status from the PLC's network, the total alarm number in a group or the number of lines in a dataset
- It is possible to access the Runtime objects (which represent a node in the network), an alarm group or dataset and display the necessary information or take an action directly through the integrated properties.





#### MODULE ISOLATION

- For greater performance, security and reliability, the CPU modules with greater consumption and sensitivity, such as scripts, datasets, devices (communication drivers), reports and screens, are executed in their own processes or in the application domain in their own task, independently of the server's real-time database
- The BluePlant architecture also allows for the distribution of application data acquisition, or any CPU intensive application on different computers in a distributed environment, providing greater flexibility to implement various redundant scenarios and consequent simplification of field maintenance.





#### RUNTIME TOOLS AND DIAGNOSTICS

- The **property monitoring** tool allows for checking and simulating values on all modules and objects, as well as run and stop all modules individually.
- The **window tracking** tool automatically generates system messages about important events in the Runtime and can be easily extended to issue specific messages related to script events, tags/points data changes or user actions.
- The module information tool is a performance and advanced profile tool which provides internal information of all of the Runtime environment

Diagnostics and Runtime Tools			
Test mode	Run projects with protection, as "read only" on external devices or temporary files in the historian		
Module information	Advanced tools for performance profile and internal systems diagnostics		
Locating tool	Create operator's user interface in various languages and dynamically swtich between them in Runtime		
Tracking window	By creating an application, this tool provides tag monitoring and system's diagnostics messages		
Property monitoring	Check and simulate tag values and properties, run and stop functional modules		





#### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND TEST

Before running an application or a project, it's possible to use BluePlant's exclusive "test mode", in which a project or application is run in a safe test environment.

Project Implementation and Test Tools			
Opening of several projects	Simultaneously open several projects in the computer		
Remote engineering	Remotely access and edit the project's settings		
Execution as a Windows service	Execute the Runtime on the server, installed as a Windows service		
Applications switching protection	Protection against unnauthorized application switching in operator interfaces using Windows CTRL+ALT+DEL keys or others		
Startup shortcuts	Use simple startup shortcus and parameters for startup customization		
Single file project and embedded resources	The setup of all the project is saved to a single protected file, including all images and bitmaps used in screens and reports		

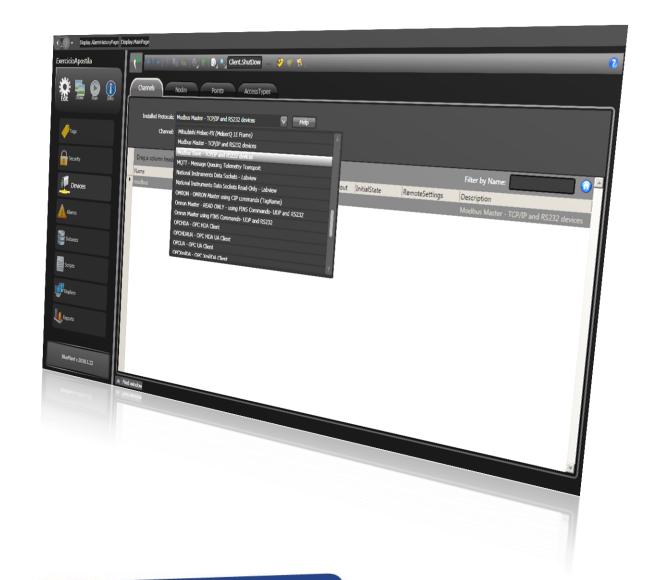




#### COMMUNICATION DRIVERS

Several communication drivers are available for the main PLC manufacturers and automation systems.

Communication Drivers		
MODBUS	RTU-TCP RTU-TCP Slave	
OPC	OPC UA Client OPC DA	
SNMP	SNMP Manager	
DNP3	DNP3 Master TCP (on request) DNP3 Master Serial (on request)	
IEC 61850	MMS Client (on request)	
IEC 60870-5-104	IEC 60870-5-104 Slave TCP (on request)	







BluePlant is offered in 4 different models, so the best solution can be chosen according to the needs

# **Enterprise**

- Process Plants Management
- Business Intelligence BI
- Real-time panels
- SCADA
- Advanced HMI
- Processes Control
- Optimization
- Clients
- Distributed Data Acquisition
- Applications starting from 150 communication points

### Lite

- Panels
- Industrial Computers
- Embedded Devices
- Autonomous Systems
- Mainly applied in machine interfaces and small centralized projects
- Applications from 150 to 1500 communication points

# Student

- Designed for schools and universities
- 1500 communication points
- Limited to 1 hour of Runtime execution

# **Express**

- Evaluation version (not for field application)
- 75 communication points
- Limited to 1 hour of execution Runtime

#### COMPARISON

#### Quantity of Communication Points by model:

BluePlant Enterprise	BluePlant Lite	BluePlant Express	BluePlant Student
-	-	75	-
150	150	-	-
300	300	-	-
500	500	-	-
1,500	1,500	-	1,500
2,500	-	-	-
5,000	-	-	-
15,000	-	-	-
25,000	-	-	-
50,000	-	-	-
100,000	<del>-</del>	-	-
Ultimate	-	-	-

Note: applications with over 100,000 tags must use the Ultimate license



# MODELS COMPARISON

#### **Features comparison of BluePlant's models:**

Features	BluePlant Lite	BluePlant Student	BluePlant Express	BluePlant Enterprise
Illimited runtime execution	Yes	No	No	Yes
OPC DA Server	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
C# Language	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Multithreading execution of scripts	No	No	No	Yes
Tags matrix (multiple dimensions)	No	No	No	Yes
User types (multiple levels)	No	No	No	Yes
SDK extension and toolkits integration	No	No	No	Yes
Concurrent remote Rich Clients	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Device nodes redundancy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes



# MODELS COMPARISON

#### **Features comparison of BluePlant's models:**

Features	BluePlant Lite	BluePlant Student	BluePlant Express	BluePlant Enterprise
Servers redundancy	No	No	No	Yes
Reports through graphic objects	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Extended conditions of alarms	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Project Version control	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Change control by objects	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Automatic compression of history	No	No	No	Yes
WPF access control	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hot start	No	No	No	Yes
Test mode	No	Yes	Yes	Yes



#### FEATURES IN COMMON

- Features in common for all BluePlant versions:
- OPC client
- Multiple project opening
- VisualBasic .NET language
- Scripts for evaluation of mathematical expressions
- Scripts for creating .NET classes and tasks
- Integration with SQL databases
- Historian and Logger
- Alarm and Protection
- Concurrent remote Web clients

- WPF graphic editor
- Engineering and debugging tools
- Report editor
- Change control by tables
- Localization
- Simultaneous protocols
  - All BluePlant models have at least 4 channels





TECHNOLOGY

Criteria	BluePlant	Market	BluePlant's Advantages
Internal Programming	C# or Java	C/C++	Protected memory management and more advanced framework
Graphic Technology	WPF and XAML	GDI / pixel	Independent of resolution (vector) and uses hardware acceleration
Scripts	VB .NET and C#	VBScript, VBA or proprietary	More settings checks Performance up to 20 times superior Errors in scripts would cause the system to become unavailable Errors would show up on Runtime, without warnings during engineering
Native Platforms	32 and 64 bits	32 bits	Better use of hardware and greater compatibility
Functional Modules and Drivers	Multithread distributed processes	Modules without isolation and monothread script	Isolation of drivers and modules protects each function and makes better use of multicore CPUs
Web Client	Partial Trust	Active-X	More secutiry



SETUP AND ENGINEERING

Criteria	BluePlant	Legacy Technologies
Edition and Execution of Projects	Multiuser, with edition and execution of several simultaneous projects	Monouser and monoproject
Remote Access of Engineering	Native, multiuser and multiproject, with support for VPN environments and cloud computing	Use only on VPN through external utilities.  Normally monouser
Object Orientation, Intellisense	Easiness in the project development, minimizing engineering hours	Difficulty in the development with limited resources, difficulting the productivity
Traceability of settings and version control	Client-server architecture, centered in SQL databases, with native traceability of settings and project versions	Localized architecture and proprietary settings files.  Traceability run manually or through external programs
Settings validation	Extensive validation during setup	Setup validation depended on running the system



#### INSTALLATION AND PRE-OPERATION

Criteria	BluePlant	Legacy Technologies
Test and Publishing Tools	Assurance of full operation in the application with version control	Need for running the application for validation Version control of the project performed by the engineer
Remote and Distributed Access, including the Project Setup	Native, multiuser and multiproject, with support for VPN environments and cloud computing	Use only on VPN through external utilities  Normally monouser
Setup and Integration more automated with PLCs and Native SQL Databases	Client-server Architecture, centered in SQL databases, with native traceability of settings and project versions	Binary databases, with low performance Need for installing complementary tools
Project in a single protected file	Better control and protection of the project	Hundreds of independent files Difficulty in the control and protection of the project



#### OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND EVOLUTION

Criteria	BluePlant	Legacy Technologies	
Native and Full Redundancy	Redundancy integrated in the product	Need for setup and generation of scripts to function	
Remote Online Setup and Hot- Swap	Online setup, remotely, with hot-swap capacity for project versions	Need for stopping the operation to perform the swap of full projects	
Setup and Integration More Automated with the PLCs and Native SQL Databases	Client-server architecure, centered in SQL databases, with native traceability of settings and project versions	Binary databases, with low performance Need for installing complementary tools	
Project in a Single Protected File	Better control and project protection	Hundreds of independent files Difficulty in the control and protection of projects	



