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### Amazing Opportunities to Trade Up Your Hardware



#### New Trade Up flyer available at our website. Look for the Trade Up Arrow.

Now is the best time to take advantage of GE Fanuc and GEXPRO providing the best product migration strategy in the industry through our **Trade Up** program. If you are currently using a Series 90 PLC, and are interested in trading up to a PACSystems controller, while leaving I/O and field wiring and logic application intact, you can preserve the investment while getting the latest hardware. Trading Up involves getting a special price on the new hardware that you are upgrading to, as well as the ability to take advantage of some superior solutions. This new hardware and solution can increase throughput on existing systems, add new functionality like the amazing new RX3i High Availability, and increase your flexibility as you are meeting your customer demands.

There is no better time. Talk to your Sales Specialist today about the discounts available to you as you Trade Up!

### New Product Spotlight - GE Fanuc's StationPortal



#### Cost efficient architectures have never been so important!

Manufacturers rely on production support tasks to ensure quality and productivity in assembly. Line balancing, error proofing, and other tasks are critical to developing a sustained advantage in manufacturing. Previously, plants had to

install additional layers of control equipment to support these tasks, adding cost and complexity. GE Fanuc changes that with the introduction of StationPortal! StationPortal removes the cost and complexity by flattening the architecture and connecting support tasks directly to the higher level system. StationPortal combines the key components you need for production support tasks into one integrated unit. It has 10/100Mb Ethernet, a RS-232 Serial port, Universal switching power supply, 3 24V digital inputs, 3 24V digital outputs, 3 lamps, 90dB horn, push button, and status LEDs. Using Ethernet to connect factory floor I/O directly to server-based systems, it provides a significantly lower total cost of ownership. Learn more at [www.gefanuc.com/stationportal](http://www.gefanuc.com/stationportal)

## Solution Spotlight - Weidmuller Wave TTA



### Weidmuller announces the introduction of a new class of signal conditioner - the Wave TTA

This new module provides a unique degree of flexibility, functioning as a signal isolator, transmitter, converter, linearizer and trip amplifier, all in a single unit. It offers users precision measurement accuracy to meet the diverse and demanding needs of the

process industry. Flexibility and functionality is key with the Wave TTA. In one module, all common analog DC input types, including temperature, DC and frequency, and ranges can be accepted. All output types such as bipolar are settable. Input/output configuration changes are simple to perform via laptop or PC with the easy-to-use, free, downloadable software.

Process industry users will benefit from a wide range of features, such as the ability to mount the Wave TTA signal conditioner in any location, and with any power supply. The -40degF to 158degF operating temperature range allows for mounting the module in either the factory or a field enclosure, and the universal AC/DC power input makes installation easy and cost-effective. The IP20-rated Wave TTA also features a compact, space-saving design at only 45mm wide. Approvals include cULus for use in U.S. and Canada.

Combined with standard performance features such as analog and relay outputs, user-defined linearization and high accuracy, Weidmuller's Wave TTA sets a new standard in industrial signal conditioning.

Contact your local Gexpro Automation Solutions Specialist to learn more about using Weidmuller's Wave TTA or plan to join us for a webinar presentation this Friday, June 19, 2009, at 10:00am CDT where Alan Balcombe, Global Engineering Manager with Weidmuller will be our guest speaker and present a technical overview of the Wave TTA. To join the webinar, please register to attend by clicking [here](#).

## New Feature - Tech Tip of the Month



### Machine Edition View Scale on Resolution Change

One of the more useful but difficult to find parameters in Machine Edition View is the “**Scale On Resolution Change**” option. If set to “True”, this option will automatically scale text and graphics if you change the display size of a Quickpanel View or Windows View target. By default this parameter is “False” in the Machine Edition preferences. To change it, go to Navigator, Options tab, Panel folder, Preferences, and change the parameter in the Inspector window to “True”.

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