

ISA112 SCADA Systems Management Lifecycle Standard Questions & Answers

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Abstract:

In Summer 2020, the ISA112 SCADA Systems Standards committee release the first draft of its new ISA112 SCADA Systems Management Lifecycle. The Lifecycle is comprised of 8 core phases, each broken down into work processes. The phases are: Continuous Work Processes, SCADA System Standard, Design, System Development, Hardware Fabrication, Installation, Commissioning, and Maintenance/Operations. Together these phases of work processes provide an organized method and framework for the long-term management of SCADA systems. Not surprisingly, the lifecycle places a special emphasis on having clear system standards, standardized workflows, management change processes, and maintaining documentation.

In this session, Mr. Nasby who is co-chair of the ISA112 SCADA systems standards committee, and a past-director of the ISA Water/Wastewater Division will provide a brief introduction to the ISA112 lifecycle, and then host a question and answer session with participants.

Since its draft release in 2017, the ISA112 SCADA Systems is now being used by utilities across North America, and around the world, for both project-based and long-term management of SCADA systems. The ISA112 committee currently has over 300 members from around the world and has been active since 2016. The committee is working towards releasing the first part of the written ISA112 standards documents in 2023. More information about the ISA112 committee, including the freely downloadable ISA112 lifecycle diagram, can be found at www.isa.org/isa112

About the Speaker



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Management and HMI Design committees. Mr. Nasby is a member of both AWWA and WEF, and currently sits on the Ontario Water Works Association's Automation Committee. In 2014, he was recognized with the "Mid-Career Achievement Award" from his alma mater, the University Of Guelph's School of Engineering. Contact: graham.nasby@grahamnasby.com

Potential Questions for the Q&A Session

1. Why is ISA developing the ISA112 SCADA Systems standard?
2. Are the SCADA needs of the municipal water sector unique to municipal water?
3. Who is on the ISA112 committee?
4. What has the ISA112 committee produced to date?
5. Is the material in ISA112 all new? Or is it leveraging any existing standards?
6. Why is SCADA so complicated?
7. Is ISA112 going to help standardize the terminology used by SCADA systems?
8. What should water utilities be doing to manage their SCADA systems?
9. What opportunities are there for IIoT (Industrial Internet of Things) in SCADA systems?
10. Will IIoT replace SCADA?
11. Can you walk us through the ISA112 SCADA system management lifecycle?
12. Is there a standardized architecture that should be used for SCADA systems?
13. How does cybersecurity impact SCADA systems?
14. Can the concepts in ISA112 be applied to an existing (or legacy) SCADA system?
15. How is the ISA112 SCADA systems standard going to be published? What is available now?
16. How does the ISA112 SCADA systems standard compare to the AWWA M2 publication?
17. How does the ISA112 SCADA systems standard compare to other published automation/instrumentation guides?
18. Where can I get a copy of the ISA112 SCADA systems management lifecycle? (Ans: www.isa.org/isa112)
19. Who are the co-chairs of the ISA112 SCADA system's standard committee?
20. Are there any articles or presentations available about the ISA112 standard?
21. How is the ISA WWID supporting the development of the ISA112 SCADA systems standard?
22. Is the ISA112 SCADA systems standard more useful for water or wastewater applications?
23. How will the ISA112 SCADA standard benefit system integrators?
24. How will the ISA112 SCADA systems benefit in-house SCADA staff teams?
25. How will ISA112 make it easier for Water Utilities to manage SCADA systems?
26. How will Consultants and Engineering Firms benefit from using the ISA112 standard?
27. How can I learn more about the ISA112 SCADA standard?
28. How can I get involved with the ISA112 SCADA Systems standards committee?