

COURSE OVERVIEW IE0038
Process Control, Troubleshooting & Problem Solving

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Course Reference

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Course Duration/Credits

Five days/3.0 CEUs/30 PDHs



Course Date/Venue

Session(s)	Date	Venue
1	January 07-11, 2024	Kizkulesi, Crown Plaza Istanbul Asia Hotels & Convention Center, Istanbul, Turkey
2	February 04-08, 2024	Boardroom 1, Elite Byblos Hotel Al Barsha, Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai, UAE
3	March 03-07, 2024	Oryx Meeting Room, Doubletree By Hilton Doha-Al Sadd, Doha, Qatar

Course Description



This practical and highly-interactive course includes real-life case studies and exercises where participants will be engaged in a series of interactive small groups and class workshops.



Production processes consist of many complex apparatuses involving both moving and static parts as well as interconnecting pipes, control mechanisms and electronics, mechanical and hermal stages, heat exchangers, waste and side product processing units, power ducts and many others. Bringing such a complicated unit online and ensuring its continued productivity requires substantial skill at anticipating, detecting and solving acute problems. Failure to identify and resolve these problems quickly can lead to lost production, off-spec product, equipment loss, and even catastrophic accidents. Therefore, the ability to troubleshoot process operations is one of the most valuable skills operations personnel can possess.



Troubleshooting is the process used to diagnose the fault safely and efficiently, decide on corrective action and prevent the fault from reoccurring. Process engineering, especially troubleshooting, is different from most other branches of technology in another respect: It is not advancing very quickly.

The principles of distillation, hydraulics, phase separation, and heat transfer, as they apply to process applications, have been well known for quite some time. The challenge in troubleshooting consists of untangling the influence that human error, mechanical failure, and corrosion have on these well-known principles. The aspect of the job that makes it so difficult is that most process problems are initiated by human error – a never-ending source of surprise.

Process control is becoming an increasingly important engineering topic, since the subject plays a crucial role in the design, operation and maintenance in areas such as power plants and chemical and industrial process plants. Control systems have advanced dramatically during the last decade. They become more modular and more sophisticated offering a vast variety of control functions for all the systems that operate within a modern "intelligent" facility. Enhanced functionality of the automation systems also means more complexity, interactive strategies, new technologies and systems management with resulting better control and improved reliability.

This course is designed to provide instruction in process control, instrumentation and the different types of troubleshooting techniques, procedures, and methods used to solve process problems. Participants will use existing knowledge of equipment, systems, and instrumentation to understand the troubleshooting process operations of an entire unit in a facility. Participants study concepts related to troubleshooting commissioning, normal startup, normal operations, normal shutdown, turnarounds, and abnormal situations, as well as the Process team role in performing tasks associated with these concepts within an operating unit.

A major part of the course is devoted to a detailed exposition of currently used control valves, the associated terminology, valve performance, valve and actuator types, control valve accessories as well as to the correct selection and sizing of control valves for a wide range of applications. The course addresses the important issues related to valve installation and maintenance. In addition, this training course also utilizes an extensive collection of state-of-the-art, externally generated process management and video material concerned with all aspects of plant management, including smart wireless solutions to the collection of plant data. In addition, the subjects of digital control systems will be discussed with sections on Distributed Control Systems (DCS), Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) and SCADA systems.

Course Objectives

Upon the successful completion of this course, each participant will be able to:-

- Apply and gain an in-depth knowledge on process control, instrumentation, troubleshooting and problem solving
- Discuss process control covering control history, basic measurement definitions, P&ID symbols, control loops and typical applications
- List down the different technologies currently in use in pressure, temperature, level and flow measurement
- Identify the various types of control valve and use a system approach in actuator selection
- Determine the various process considerations for the instrumentation for industrial applications

- Review and employ the different types of control loop strategies and learn the features and application of Distributed Control System (DCS)
- Discuss the system components and operation of the Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) and describe the configuration of the SCADA systems
- Employ proper techniques in troubleshooting process operations and carryout successful troubleshooting activities
- Analyze the mental problem-solving process and demonstrate the use of the troubleshooter's worksheet
- Practice the rules-of-thumb techniques for troubleshooting process equipment and enumerate the typical causes of problems with process equipment that covers an extensive range of process equipment
- Develop problem solving, data gathering and interpersonal skills and recognize the importance of these skills in troubleshooting process operations
- Practice the troubleshooting skills by working in small workshops on a wide range of case studies drawn from the process industries

Who Should Attend

This course provides a complete and up-to-date overview of the process control, instrumentation and various troubleshooting techniques and procedures used to solve process problems. Process control engineers, instrumentation engineers, control system engineers, automation engineers and process engineers will definitely benefit from the engineering problem solving approach of the course. Supervisors, technologists and other technical and operational staff will gain an excellent knowledge from the practical aspects of this course.

Training Methodology

All our Courses are including **Hands-on Practical Sessions** using equipment, State-of-the-Art Simulators, Drawings, Case Studies, Videos and Exercises. The courses include the following training methodologies as a percentage of the total tuition hours:-

- 30% Lectures
- 20% Practical Workshops & Work Presentations
- 30% Hands-on Practical Exercises & Case Studies
- 20% Simulators (Hardware & Software) & Videos

In an unlikely event, the course instructor may modify the above training methodology before or during the course for technical reasons.

Course Fee


Istanbul	US\$ 6,000 per Delegate + VAT . This rate includes Participants Pack (Folder, Manual, Hand-outs, etc.), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.
Dubai	US\$ 5,500 per Delegate + VAT . This rate includes H-STK [®] (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.
Doha	US\$ 6,000 per Delegate. This rate includes H-STK [®] (Haward Smart Training Kit), buffet lunch, coffee/tea on arrival, morning & afternoon of each day.

Course Certificate(s)

Internationally recognized certificates will be issued to all participants of the course who completed a minimum of 80% of the total tuition hours.

Certificate Accreditations

Certificates are accredited by the following international accreditation organizations:-


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The International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET - USA)

Haward Technology is an Authorized Training Provider by the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), 2201 Cooperative Way, Suite 600, Herndon, VA 20171, USA. In obtaining this authority, Haward Technology has demonstrated that it complies with the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard** which is widely recognized as the standard of good practice internationally. As a result of our Authorized Provider membership status, Haward Technology is authorized to offer IACET CEUs for its programs that qualify under the **ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard**.

Haward Technology's courses meet the professional certification and continuing education requirements for participants seeking **Continuing Education Units (CEUs)** in accordance with the rules & regulations of the International Accreditors for Continuing Education & Training (IACET). IACET is an international authority that evaluates programs according to strict, research-based criteria and guidelines. The CEU is an internationally accepted uniform unit of measurement in qualified courses of continuing education.

Haward Technology Middle East will award **3.0 CEUs** (Continuing Education Units) or **30 PDHs** (Professional Development Hours) for participants who completed the total tuition hours of this program. One CEU is equivalent to ten Professional Development Hours (PDHs) or ten contact hours of the participation in and completion of Haward Technology programs. A permanent record of a participant's involvement and awarding of CEU will be maintained by Haward Technology. Haward Technology will provide a copy of the participant's CEU and PDH Transcript of Records upon request.

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British Accreditation Council (BAC)

Haward Technology is accredited by the **British Accreditation Council** for **Independent Further and Higher Education** as an **International Centre**. BAC is the British accrediting body responsible for setting standards within independent further and higher education sector in the UK and overseas. As a BAC-accredited international centre, Haward Technology meets all of the international higher education criteria and standards set by BAC.

Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the course fees. However, any accommodation required can be arranged at the time of booking.

Course Instructor(s)

This course will be conducted by the following instructor(s). However, we have the right to change the course instructor(s) prior to the course date and inform participants accordingly:



Mr. Mahmoud Fattah, is a **Senior Instrumentation & Control Engineer** with over **35 years** of extensive experience within the **Oil & Gas, Petrochemical and Fertilizer** industries. His expertise widely covers in the areas of **Field Bus & Communications, Field Indication Instruments, P&ID Reading & Interpretation, Process Control Loop, Control Valves, Control Systems, Actuators & Valve**

Selection, Process Control & Automation, Batch Process & Sequential Control, Analog Control, Operator Interfaces, Data Communication, System Checkout & Testing, Advanced Control with PLC's, Ladder Logic, Process Instrumentation & Control, Control Valve Maintenance, Process Automation & Control Instrumentation, Foxboro, ABB, Rosemount, Yokogawa, Pneumatic & Electronic, Gas Power Generators, Generator Protection, Protection Relay Calibration, Electrical Power System Protection Relays, Level Measurement, Pressure Measurement, Temperature & Flow Measurement, Actuators & Positioners, Control Room Instruments, Panel Controllers, Indicators & Recorders, Control Systems Installation, Control Valves Maintenance, Analytical Analyzers, Transmitters, Controllers, Smart Instruments and PLC & PID Control. Further, he is also well-versed in **Turbine, Pumps & Compressors, Pump Maintenance & Water Tanks, Turbines & Generators, Pressure Switch & Gauge Cabinet Calibration, Lube/Seal Oil Control System and Hydrogen Generation.**

During his career life, Mr. Mahmoud has gained his practical and field experience through his various significant positions and dedication as the **General Manager, Technical Director, Technical Officer, Process Field & Panel Instruments, Maintenance Director, Maintenance Engineer, Instrumentation Trainer, Technical Officer, Instrument Specialist, Instrument Expert/Trainer and Senior Instructor/Trainer** for El Mansourah Main Water Plant, SEMADCO, Creol Production Service International (CPSI), Saudi Consilidated Electric Co. (SCECO), Delta Co., General Fertilizer Company (GFC) and International Expertise Association (INTEX).

Mr. Mahmoud has a **Bachelor's** degree in **Mechanical Power Engineering**. Further, he is a **Certified Instructor/Trainer**, an active member of Egyptian Engineering Syndicate and delivered numerous trainings, courses, workshops, conferences and seminars internationally.



Course Program

The following program is planned for this course. However, the course instructor(s) may modify this program before or during the course for technical reasons with no prior notice to participants. Nevertheless, the course objectives will always be met:

Day 1

0730 – 0800	Registration & Coffee
0800 – 0815	Welcome & Introduction
0815 – 0830	PRE-TEST
0815 – 0830	Introduction Course Content • Objectives of Course
0830 – 0930	Introduction to Process Control Control History • The Process of Control • Basic Measurement Definitions • P&ID symbols • Control Loops • Typical Applications
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Pressure Measurement Basic Principles • Definition of Terminology • Pressure Elements • Pressure Transducers • Installation Considerations • Summary
1100 – 1215	Temperature Measurement Principles • Thermocouples • RTD's • Thermistors Thermometer • Infra- Red Thermometry • Installation Considerations
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1330	Level Measurement Main Types • Sight Glass Method • Buoyancy Tape Systems • Hydrostatic Pressure • Ultrasonic Measurement • Radar Measurement • Electrical Measurement • Installation Considerations
1330 – 1420	Video Presentation Radar Level Measurement
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day One

Day 2

0730 – 0830	Flow Measurement Differential Pressure Flowmeters • Oscillatory Flow Measurement • Non- Intrusive Flowmeters • Mass Flow Meters • Positive Displacement Meters • Installation Considerations • Selection Guidelines
0830 – 0930	Video Presentation Coriolis Effect Mass Flowmeter
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Control Valve Types Rotary • Linear • Control Valve Selection
1100 – 1215	Actuator Selection Introduction • Types of Actuators • Linear Actuators • Rotary Actuators • Actuator Forces • Positioners • Fail Safe Actuators
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1330	Process Considerations End Connections • Face to Face Criteria • Materials Selection • Modes of Failure • Leakage Rates
1330 – 1420	Practical Session Control Valve Sizing
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Two





Day 3

0730 – 0830	Control Loop Strategies Introduction • Variables • Basic Elements • Manual Control • Feedback Control • System Responses • ON-OFF Control • Three Term Control
0830 – 0930	Video Presentation Three Term Control
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1100	Distributed Control Systems Introduction • Traditional Process Controllers • Three Term Control • Architecture of Controllers • Software • Programming • Execution Time • Programming vs. Configuration • Function Blocks
1100 – 1215	Video Presentation Distributed Control Systems
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1330	Programmable Logic Controllers Introduction • Today's Position • Principles of Operation • System Components • I/O Interfaces • Configuration
1330 – 1420	SCADA Systems Basic Definitions • Level of Hierarchy • Communication Systems • SCADA Configuration
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Three

Day 4

0730 – 0930	Process Troubleshooting Characteristics of a Trouble-Shooting Problem • Characteristics of the Process Used to Solve Trouble-Shooting Problems
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1130	The Mental Problem-Solving Process Problem Solving • Troubleshooting • Overall Summary of Major Skills and a Worksheet • Example Use of the Trouble-Shooter's Worksheet
1130 – 1215	Rules of Thumb for Troubleshooting Overall • Transportation Problems • Energy Exchange • Homogenous Separation • Heterogenous Separations • Reactor Problems • Mixing Problems • Size-Decrease Problems • Size Enlargement • Vessels, Bins, Hoppers and Storage Tanks • "Systems" Thinking • Health, Fire and Stability
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1420	Problem Solving Skills Developing Awareness of the Problem-Solving Process • Strategies • Exploring the "Context": What is the Real Problem? • Creativity • Self-Assessment
1420 – 1430	Recap
1430	Lunch & End of Day Four





Day 5

0730 – 0930	Data Gathering Skills <i>How to Select Valid Diagnostic Actions • Consistency: Definitions, Cause-Effect and Fundamentals • Classification • Recognizing Patterns • Reasoning</i>
0930 – 0945	Break
0945 – 1145	Interpersonal Skills <i>Interpersonal Skills • Factors that Affect Personal Performance • The Environment</i>
1145 – 1215	Case Studies - Working in Groups
1215 – 1230	Break
1230 – 1345	Case Studies - Working in Groups
1345 – 1400	Course Conclusion
1400 – 1415	POST-TEST
1415 – 1430	<i>Presentation of Course Certificates</i>
1430	<i>Lunch & End of Course</i>

Practical Sessions

This practical and highly-interactive course includes real-life case studies and exercises:-



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