

Latest upgrade extends connectivity of Mitsubishi Electric's compact MELSEC iQ-F series PLCs

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Mitsubishi Electric has updated its FX5-ENET Ethernet unit to offer advanced Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) capabilities within machines using MELSEC iQ-F series PLCs. End users and machine builders can now drive further operational efficiency by leveraging expanded access to cloud computing, cybersecurity and email functions that support enhanced connectivity and data management.



[Source: Mitsubishi Electric Europe]

Thanks to a hardware update to the FX5-ENET Ethernet module for iQ-F series PLCs, it is now possible to collect data in the Cloud, in line with IIoT principles. As a result, machines using this unit can benefit from data-driven analytics to support predictive maintenance strategies, simplify MEKUK-WPR-23-010 MELSEC iQ-F series PLCs (PMD) FINAL

troubleshooting and improve productivity. A Cloud-based solution can also help to drive profitability.

The Cloud connectivity function is supported by MQTT, a communications protocol that is optimised for IIoT devices and can maximise accessibility to enable the realisation of a wide range of applications. Ultimately, it is possible to benefit from advanced connectivity that supports remote access.

In addition to this, the use of MQTT within the FX5-ENET Ethernet unit assists users in setting up seamlessly interconnected machines for smart operations while protecting their factories from cybersecurity threats. The protocol includes key security features, such as encryption and digital certifications, that help to prevent, detect, respond to and address potential risks through retransmission if a message is not received, TLS encryption and client authentication.

Finally, encrypted email sending functions are built into the latest FX5-ENET Ethernet solution, with free email services, such as Gmail and Yahoo mail, supported. This means that operators can receive notifications via a secure SMTP server, improving availability, accessibility and responsiveness.

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