



Motivation

Building automation systems are heterogeneous

Many different technologies are used

Each technology
has its characteristics
and its own way to
represent and process
control data

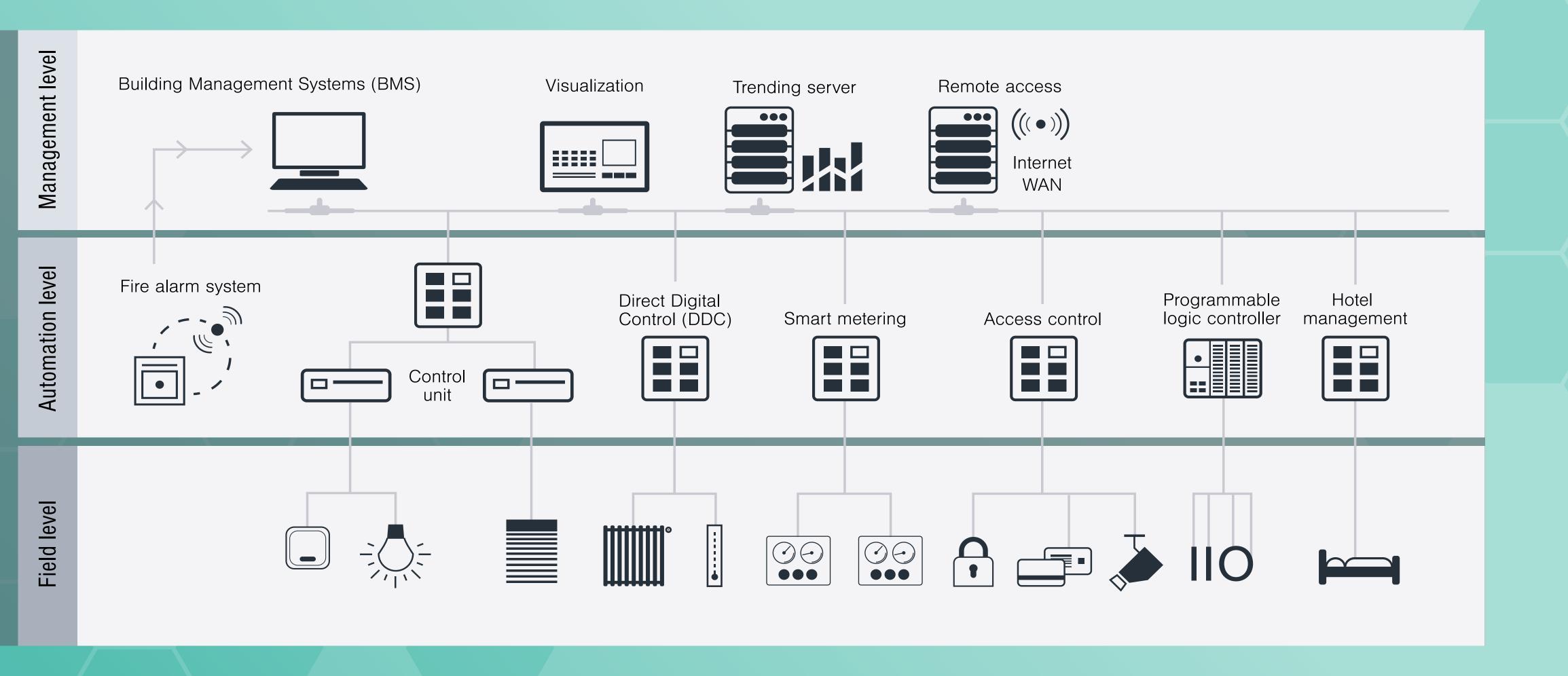








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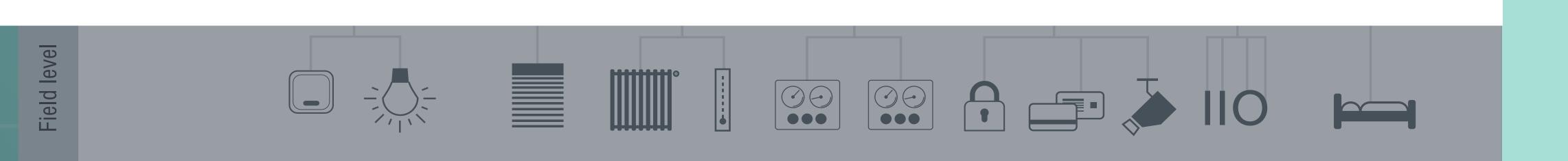








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Building Automation

How to integrate management applications e.g. visualization, trending, alarm management, ...?

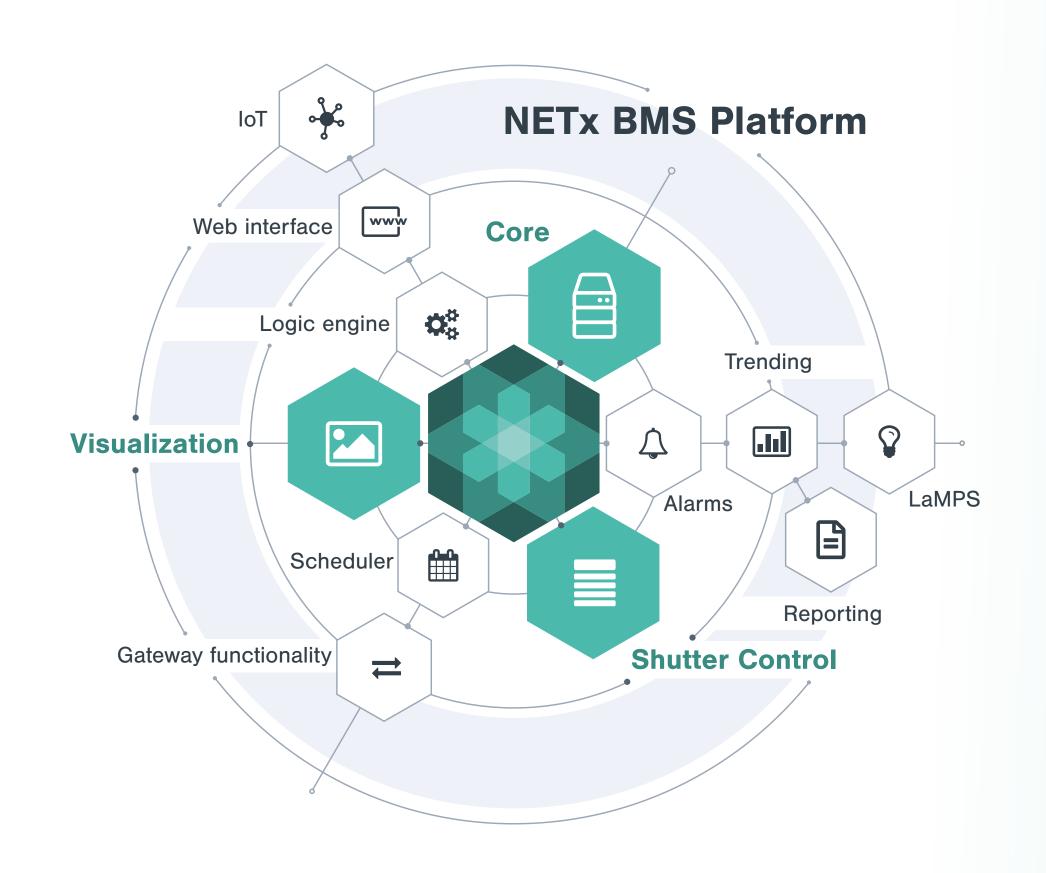






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Software solution for building management

Multi-protocol gateway

Support for different systems and technologies

Providing building management functions

Alarm management, trending, scheduling, logic engine

User management

Central user management with different backends (e.g. AD authentication)

Visualization

Web and PC based visualization clients

Web interface

Managing BMS functions

Add-ons

KNX/DALI management, automatic shading control



Operating system - Windows based operating system required

Windows 10

Windows Server 2016

Windows Server 2019

For maintainable systems we strongly recommend at least Windows 10 or Windows Server 2016 (or higher), except NETx KNX OPC Server 3.5.

Our products basically also run on older Windows versions down to Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008. However, due to limited future support for these operating systems by Microsoft we will not be able to provide full support for our software running on these systems.

Hardware

Any device that supports
Microsoft Windows can be used

Requirements depend on project size (small embedded device up to server systems)

Use of virtualization environments possible

VMWare, Virtualbox, Hyper-V, ...



License

Amount of data points

Integrated data points from field level like KNX group addresses, BACnet objects, Modbus registers, SNMP data points, ...

Licensing process

Hardlock

USB Dongle hardware independent

Amount of visualization clients

Web and/or PC based clients

Softlock

Unlock code hardware dependent

Optional: additional license fees for special modules and interfaces

- Hotel management interfaces
 Fidelio/Opera or Protel
 Fix fee +5 data points for each room
- Door lock interfaces
 VingCard, Salto, Kaba
 Fix fee +5 data points for each door lock
- NETx LaMPS
 Fix fee +1 data point for each DALI ballast
- NETx Shutter Control Project specific fee



• DMX

• SNMP

Core	Visualization	LaMPS	Shutter control	
 Gateway functionality Alarm management Trending Reporting Scheduler Logic engine 	 PC client / Web client Visualization for small, medium and large projects PC and web based clients Any number of clients possible 	 Lighting management DALI management 	 Automatic shading system Complex buildings Inclusion of weather data 3D design and simulation Add-on for BMS Server 	
 Web interface Alarm management Trending Scheduler Explorer Actions & Conditions 	Web interface • Visualization	Web interface • LaMPS app	Web interface • Shutter Control app	Wek
 KNX BACnet Modbus OPC Fidelio/Opera, In Protel, VingCard Salto, Kaba 		 3rd party BACnet, oBIX, Nand OPC clients 3rd party web service clients 	• Dali	

Solution

Add-ons

Functions

Web Manager apps

Interfaces



BMS functions



Multi-protocol gateway

Bidirectional data and information change between different protocols and technologies



Alarm management

Monitor the building automation system and report unexpected behavior



Trending

Store past data point values for analysis



Scheduler

Definition of time based events to change data point values or trigger actions



Logic engine

Add control functionality using graphical function block programming or scripts



Visualization

Sophisticated visualization engine for web and PC based visualization clients



Enhanced features

Lighting/DALI management



NETx LaMPS

Easy management of KNX/DALI gateways

Automatic shading control



NETx Shutter Control

Automatic shading of complex buildings



Multi-protocol gateway

PC visualization clients

Windows based

Web visualization clients

Web browser,
NETx Vision (iOS & Android)

3rd party BACnet clients 3rd party OPC clients oBIX, MQTT & other web service interfaces for loT devices

NETx BMS
Platform
for clustering



NETx BMS Platform

Multi-protocol gateway, visualization, alarm management, trending, scheduler, logic engine, lighting/DALI management, automatic shading control

KNX, BACnet, Modbus, OPC, SNMP Fidelio/Opera, Infor, Protel, VingCard, Salto, Kaba Universal XIO interface

HTTP server and other web service gateways

Hardware gateway: DALI, EnOcean, M-Bus, DMX



Interfaces to field level

Open and standard protocols

KNX, BACnet, Modbus,

SNMP, OPC, MQTT

Hotel management system
Fidelio/Opera,
Protel

Door lock systems
VingCard, Kaba, Salto

HTTP Server and other Web Service Gateways

Develop your own interface

Customer specific interfaces on request



Interfaces to management level

OPC DA 2.0 and OPC UA

BACnet/IP server

oBIX and other Web Service interfaces for IoT oBIX 1.1 and KNX Web Services

MQTT

Communication to one or more MQTT brokers

Web interface

Web Manager and Web Visualization

VNET

Secure connection to PC based visualization



Integration of 3rd party systems

Integration of OPC clients

3rd party clients

Integration of BACnet clients

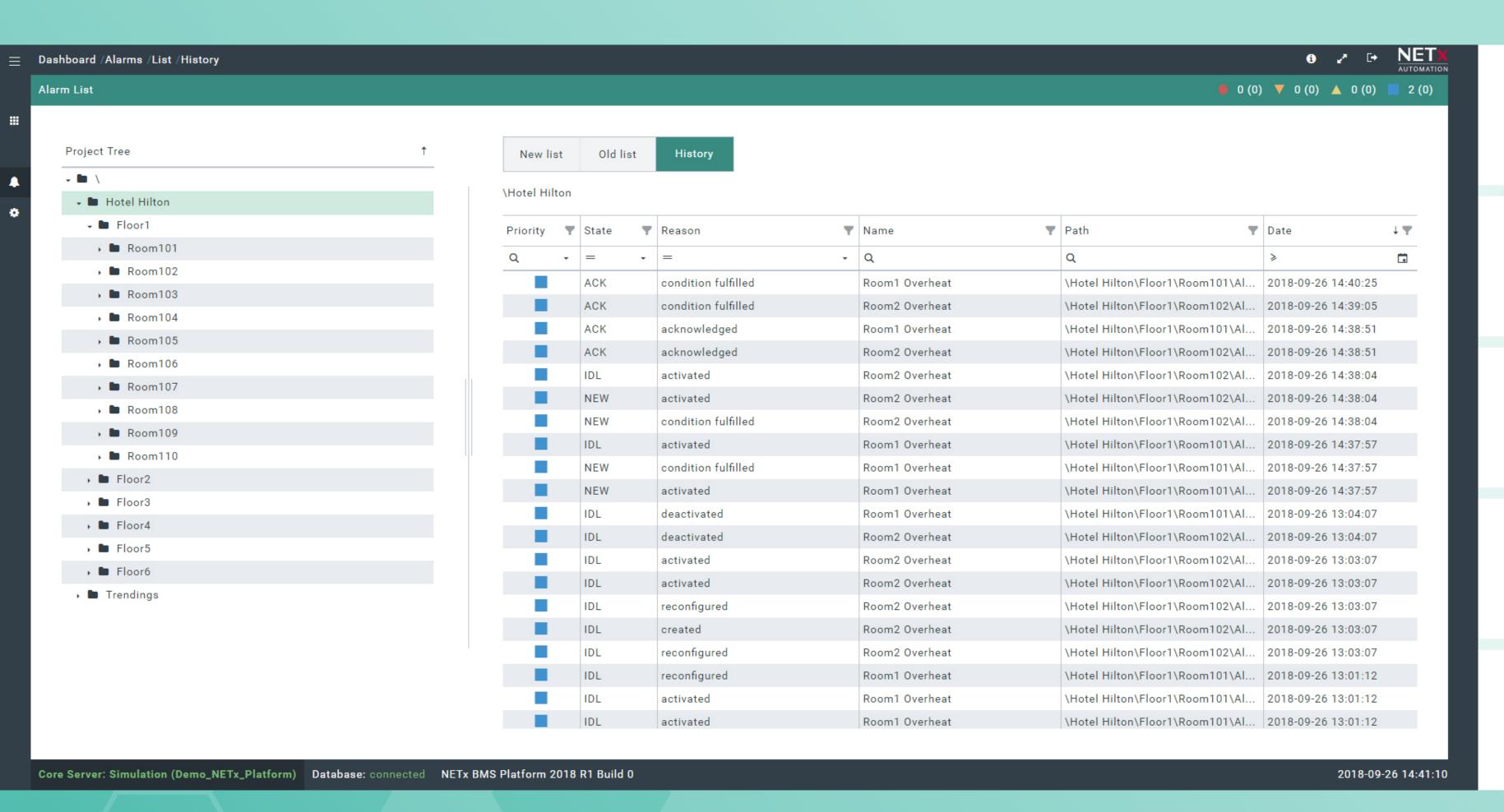
3rd party BMS systems from Siemens, Schneider Electric, Honeywell, Sauter

Integration of OPC servers

Fire detection systems, elevators, etc. with different proprietary systems



Alarm management



Definition of alarm conditions to detect unexpected system behavior

Triggering of alarm actions like notifications (e.g. e mail, twitter, ...) or changing data points

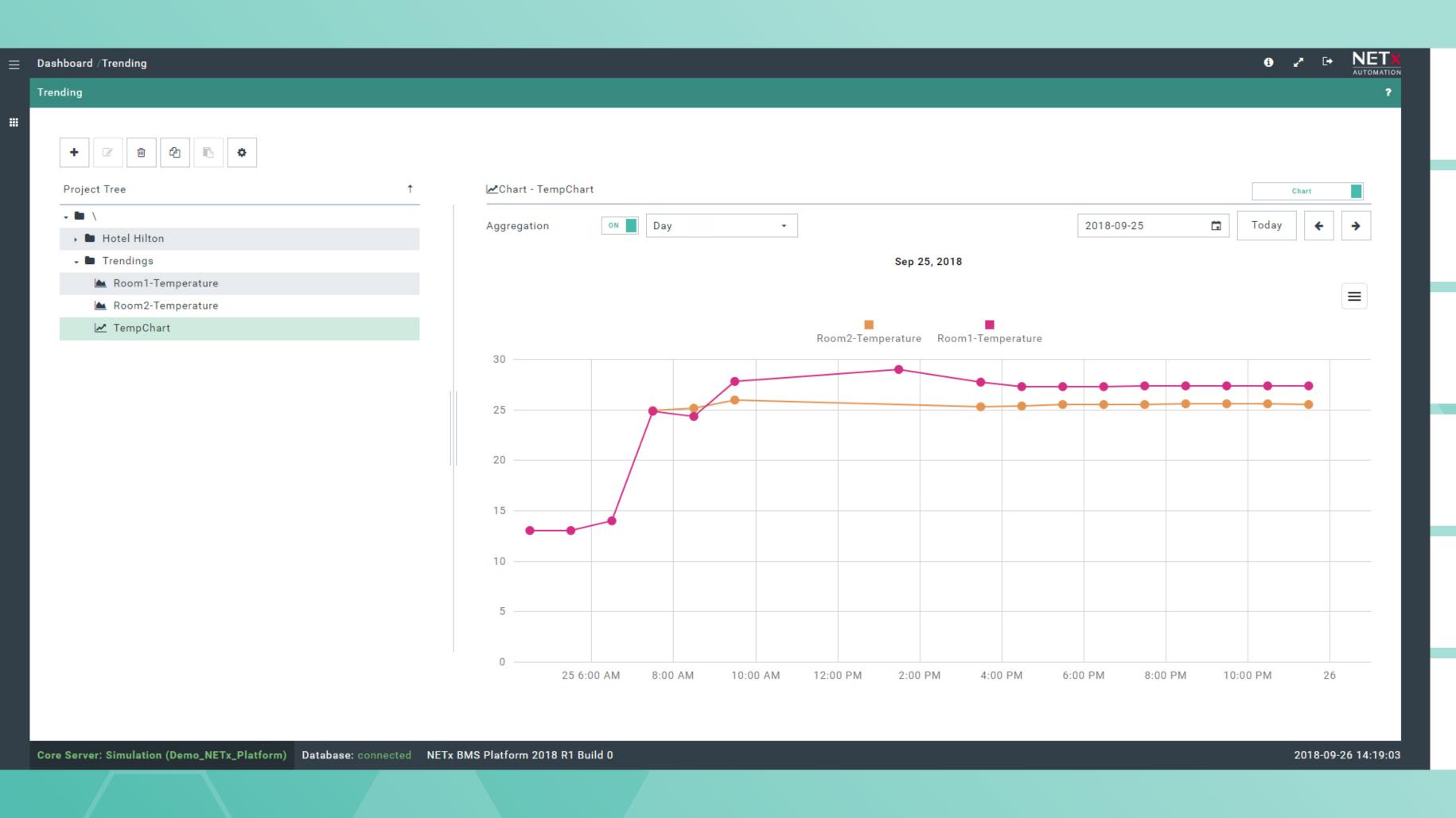
Alarm lists via web interface according to VDI/VDE 3699

Alarm history

Alarm logs stored in SQL database



Trending



Past values of data points can be stored in SQL database

Multiple database backends (MS SQL, MySQL)

Different trending types like change-of-value (COV), sampling, averages, ...

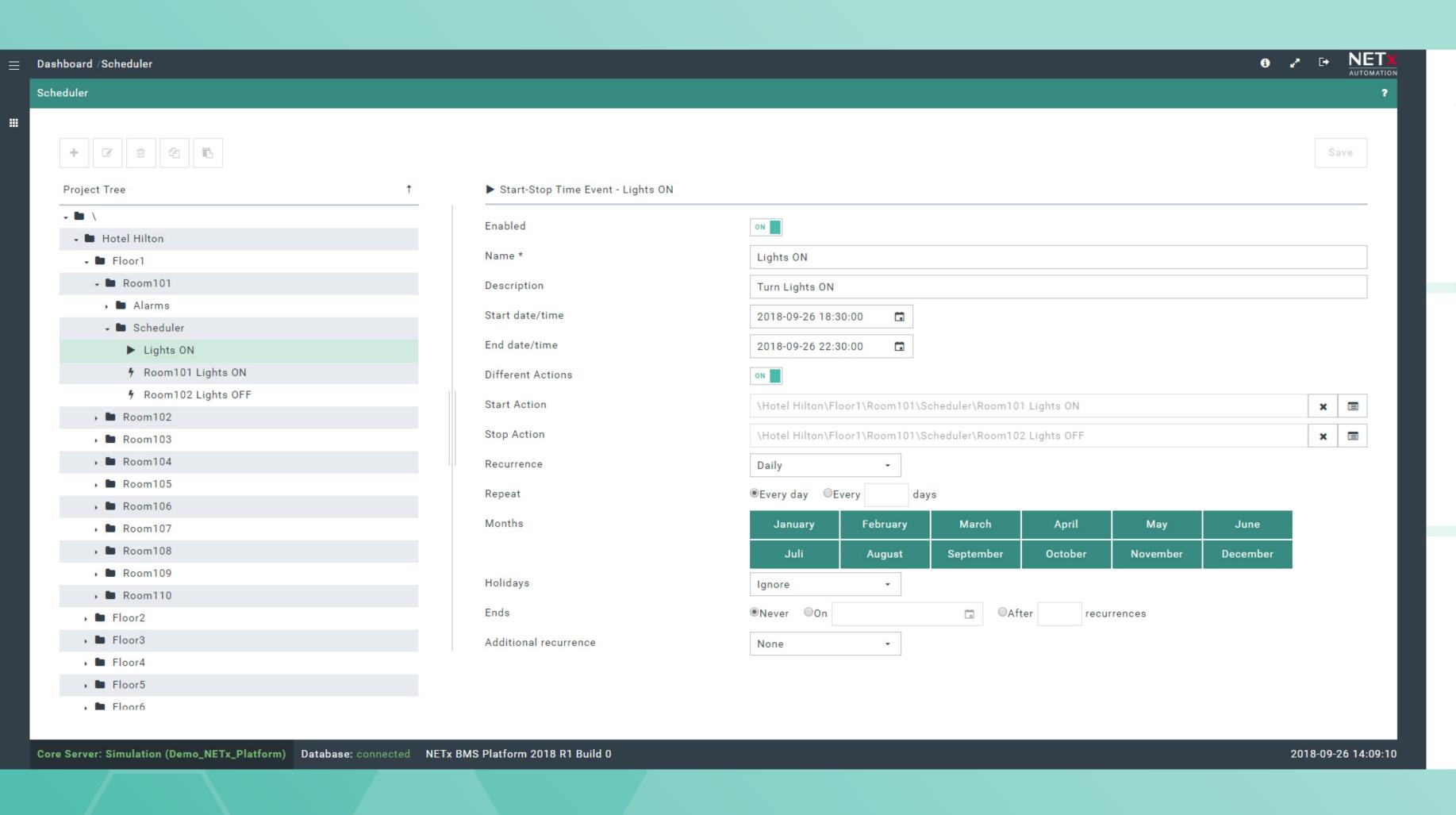
Define the amount of data via max data age

Pre and post processing of values

Presentation via charts and tables within web interface



Scheduler



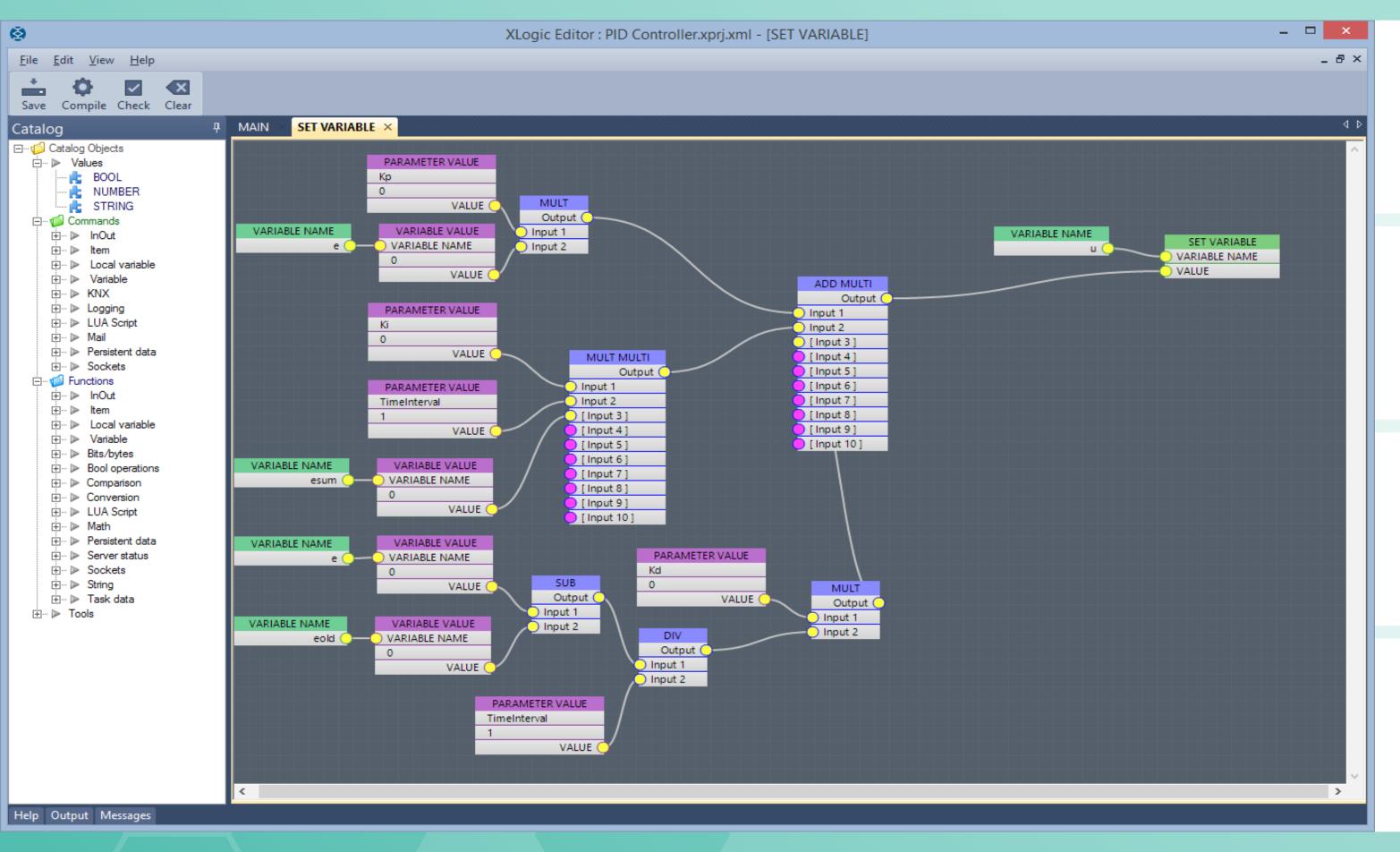
Time based events to trigger actions (timers, start stop event, cyclic event) and conditional events

Definition of recurrence

Event program list and calendar view within web interface



Logic engine



Adding control functions that are missing within the field devices

Adding control functions that are distributed across devices that use different technologies

XLogic editor: graphical functional block programming

LUA scripts: script engine



Visualization

Features



Versatile

- Web and/or PC based visualization clients can be used
- No difference between web and PC based visualization



Unlimited

- No limit on the amount of used graphical elements and pages
- Licensing is done via BMS Platform



Scalable

- Fast creation of large visualization projects
- Enhanced concepts like variables and templates



Customizable

- User-defined look and file
- Enhanced elements like multi-state elements, vector graphic and web based content

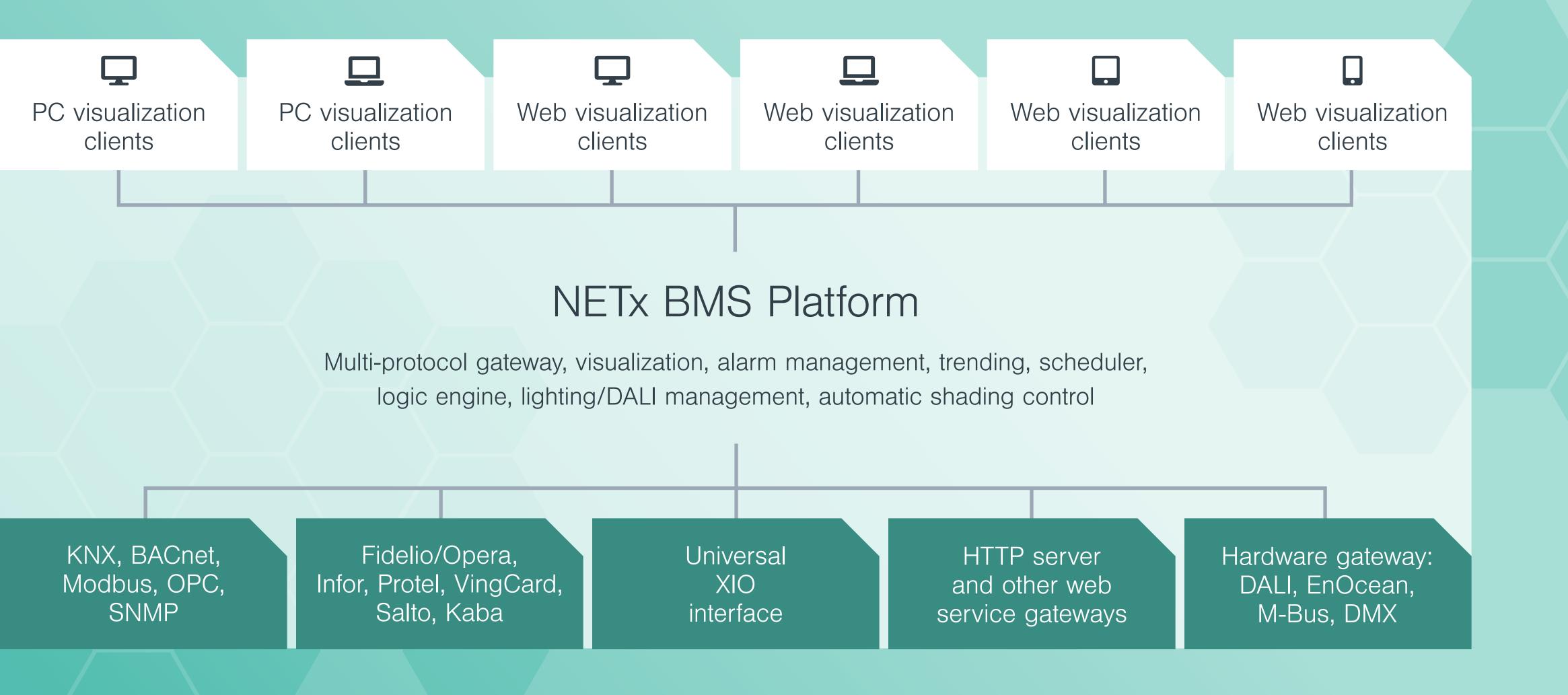


Ubiquitous

- Independent of used technology and protocols
- KNX, BACnet, Modbus, SNMP, ... in one single visualization



Visualization architecture





Visualization functions

Functions I



Control elements

Label, buttons, analog elements (sliders, gauges, ...), link area, multi-state elements, ...



Auto scaling

PC and web based visualization is automatically scaled to the current screen resolution



Vector graphic

Support of SVG and AutoCAD drawings (DWG, DXF, ...)



Multiple views

Support of multiple views for using multiple screens, browser tabs or floating window elements



Visualization functions

Functions II



Variables

Fast creation of large visualizations using project, page, layer, block and group variables. Reuse of pages and groups



User administration

Use of central user management of BMS Platform and defining different access rights



BMS function

Show graphical interface of BMS functions like alarm lists, calendars, trending charts and tables

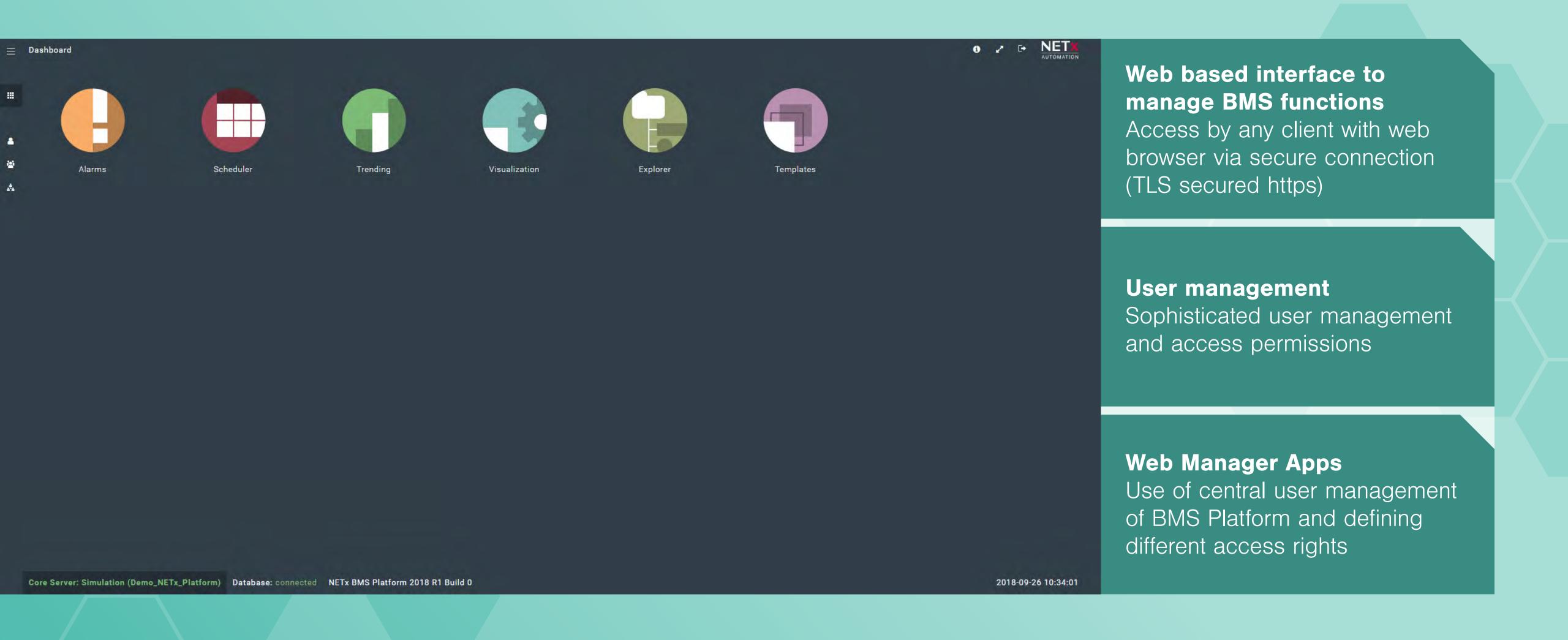


Usability

Easy to use editor for creating visualization projects



Web Manager





Web Manager Apps

Web Manager Apps I



Alarms

Configuration of alarms - showing alarm lists and alarm history



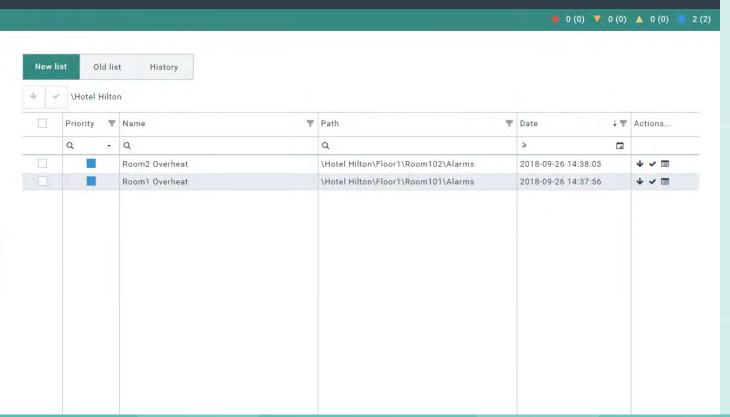
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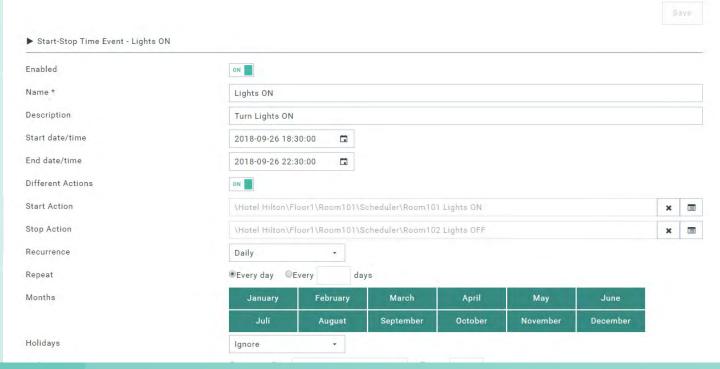
Configuration of time based and conditional events - shown event lists and calendar views



Trending

Configuration of trends and charts - showing charts and tables









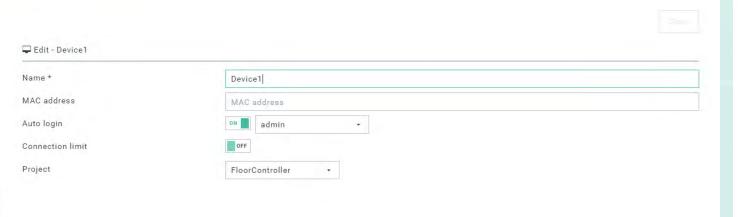
Web Manager Apps

Web Manager Apps II



Visualization Manager

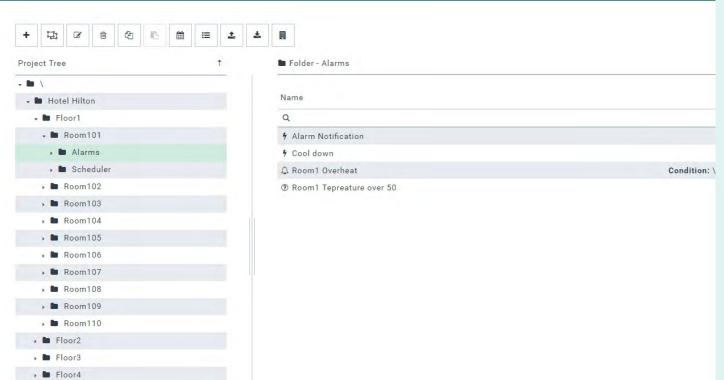
Managing visualization projects, devices, connections and user permissions





Explorer

"Master App" for doing all things at single place





Templates

Sophisticated app to create multiple definitions (e.g. alarms) with a view clicks

