AVEVA’s Performance Manager enables power plants to drive greater collaboration and operational efficiency, enabling better operations insights and uncovering improvements for operation and maintenance work at the plants. It empowers global power players to transform their business to achieve greater operational efficiency through improved visibility into contextualized, actionable data. As a result, Performance Manager reduces unplanned downtime, increases asset utilization and improves efficiency when implemented together with best-in-class analytics applications.
Overview

Bridging the gap between business goals and outcomes

In today’s fast-paced utility industry, the global power players are experiencing transformation and constant changes, facing challenges from multiple directions:

- Changes in fuel prices and electricity demand
- Increased variations of energy source and grid output and loads
- Increasing competitions from expanded pool of energy producers
- Declining productivity due to a changing and retiring workforce
- Inefficient operations and aging assets that lead to energy inefficiency and unplanned shutdowns

Embarking on a journey of digital transformation is imperative for improved profitability and sustainability. Due to the complexity and tradition of power plants, companies tend to use diverse software and technologies for each functional domain to optimize or improve the operations. This integration may result in poor coordination among operational silos, reducing operational efficiency, impacting transparency, and increasing operations costs.

Power generation companies can improve operational performance by deploying an effective, operations-focused software ecosystem that proactively guides teams and individuals to achieve key metrics and to complete their tasks across the value chain, thus empowering the workforce to focus on the critical issues and activities to achieve their goals. The seamless interoperability between applications, other application software, and systems that break down information silos to improve collaboration and agility, aligning the entire operations teams to proceed in the right direction.

Introducing unified and scalable platform for operational excellence

Modern operations management solutions combine multiple software applications to achieve and sustain significant improvements in asset availability, utilization, and efficiency. This combination creates a challenge for the end user as they have to interact with diverse user interface displays, notifications and data output such as logs and reports to maintain operations in optimal condition.

The traditional approach to overcome this challenge is to use highly-skilled programmers to integrate the displays, notifications, workflows, logs, and reports. However, this not only increases the system complexity but also reduces its flexibility to accommodate future system changes within the volatile business environment. Swiftly extracting more and accurate values from data assets is crucial to optimizing operations. As there can be many different data hierarchies and fields within the architecture, the deployment of diverse software applications has further complicated the platform integration task of unifying data from these disparate sources.

AVEVA addresses these challenges with Performance Manager, by providing a unified and scalable platform to enable improved collaboration and operations visibility that enhances operations performance and reduces unplanned downtime:

- Consistent navigation of application displays for up-to-date performance monitoring
- Highly-configured KPIs for asset and performance benchmarking
- Standardized and automated workflows, facilitating team sharing and decision-making
- Semantic processing of application data hierarchies for seamless data communication
- Archiving of operations situations in a “decision management” hierarchy
Performance Manager is a key component of the Operations Management framework:

**Performance Manager**

- Dashboards
- KPIs
- Excel export
- Application Views
- Decision Management
- Reports
- Workflows
- Trends
- Data Warehouse
- Calculations

**Operations & Optimisation**

**Monitoring & Control**

**Asset Performance**

**Application Integration**

- Service Oriented Architecture/Web services
- Orchestration
- Enterprise Service Bus
- Semantic Translation

Performance Manager provides performance monitoring and advanced workflow on a single, integrated visualization platform to enable operational excellence. The modules include an Operational Console, KPI Manager, Decision Manager, Event Manager and Operational Data Management. These tools standardize business workflows and processes, eliminate inefficient work and improve collaboration across functional domains. Performance Manager enables the monitoring of key performance processes and activities that trigger alerts when potential problems arise. The availability of the relevant and timely information helps to manage the workforce and processes and accelerate decision-making, optimize operating performance, and align the organization to go in the right direction.
Features and Capabilities

1. **Integrated visualisation platform**: Operations Console enables role-based, contextual visualization for the workforce to benefit from immediate insight into operational performance issues, and empowers them to resolve these matters before they escalate to bigger problems. The automated “human” workflows channel the relevant information and events to the users in real-time, helping the workforce to focus on and complete their critical tasks.

![Operations Console: Detailed KPIs of performance](image)

2. **Decision Management**: Decision Manager captures critical plant knowledge and provides a linkage between performance events, their root-causes and generates a list of potential actions. The real-time event alerts trigger the notifications, sending them to the right channel and help to surface any operating issues or opportunities for immediate attention. These are implemented and evolved without programming.

![Event configuration panel](image)
3. **Highly configurable performance benchmarking:** The KPI Manager increases operational excellence through performance and asset benchmarking (including operating boundary thresholds) across the enterprise. The self-service portal allows configuration of any types of KPI with arithmetic expressions, enabling performance benchmarking towards operational excellence. It improves the system flexibility to accommodate future changes. These are implemented and evolved without programming. KPIs can include multiple sets of limits such as economic, schedule and reliability, and can be used in conjunction with polar/spider charts in the Operations Console.

4. **Master Asset model:** The semantic processing function in the Operational Data Management module significantly improves the reliability and accuracy of data insight by reducing the skill level and effort to unify the diverse information names and data structures across the different software applications used by operations management. A self-service portal allows user-defined associations for data tagging to improve system flexibility and reduce the total cost of ownership (TCO).
5. **Event management**: Operations events history across applications can be retrieved and analyzed efficiently in the Event Manager. A self-configured panel allows event data from different assets to be displayed in various graphical formats and different time series for analysis.

6. **Model-Driven Configuration**: Performance Manager is built with standard products, supporting a highly flexible, model-driven configuration environment. This environment allows the system to manage and adapt application displays, business rules, application connections and configurations (e.g., URLs, middleware connections, reporting clients); data access services (e.g., SQL queries); and customisation extensions in a task-based activity with minimum programming effort required.

7. **“Human” Workflow**: Performance Manager provides intuitive, self-service configuration and monitoring interfaces for procedures and forms to allow the content to be maintained and evolved with subject-matter experts and without IT or software specialists. It provides a rich library of connectors for further integration. The ease-of-use interface allows changes to be made that improve system flexibility for future changes.

**Business Value of Performance Manager**

When combined with best-in-class operations analytics, Performance Manager helps you to achieve and sustain operations performance such as:

- **Increase operational excellence** through performance and asset benchmarking (including operating boundary thresholds) across the power plants
- **Optimize the operations** and accelerate business decisions from better business insights
- **Improve collaboration and operational visibility** of the power plants operations
- **Reduce total cost of ownership (TCO)** through a user-configurable unified data model platform
Customer FIRST Software Maintenance and Support Program

Mission: Your Success

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