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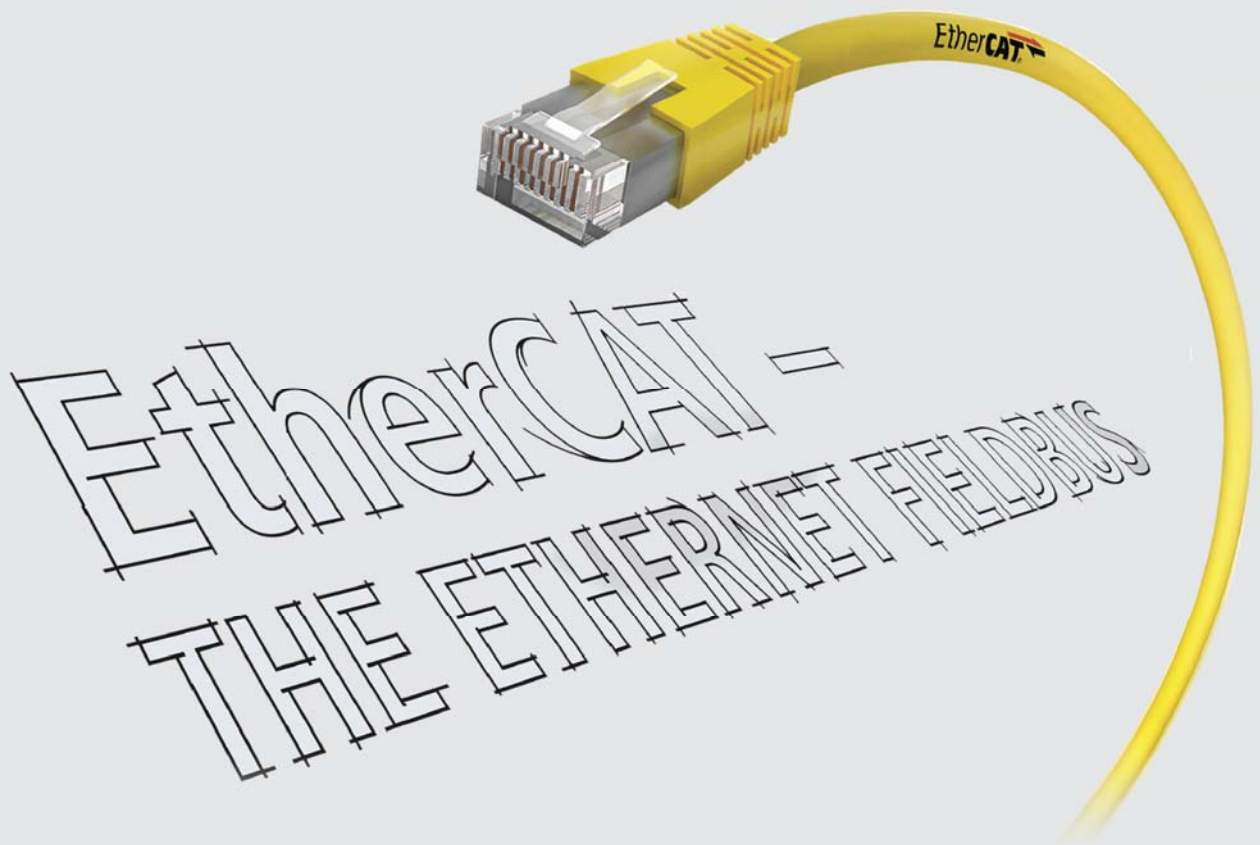
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EDITORIAL

Dear Members,

Industrie 4.0 and the industrial Internet of Things (IoT) are the hot topics at every event that we attend – in Europe, Asia as well as in North America .

At the recent Hannover Fair we have launched an initiative for Industrie 4.0 and IoT: we agreed to closely cooperate with the OPC Foundation in defining common interfaces between our technologies. With this initiative we create the prerequisites to integrate EtherCAT systems consistently into Industrie 4.0 and IoT architectures. The other hot topic with regards to Ethernet communication is TSN: we do not only monitor the related activities within IEEE, but actively contribute to the development, as you can see in this newsletter.

With best regards on behalf of the entire EtherCAT Technology Group Team,

Martin Rostan, Executive Director

TSN

Interview about TSN with Dr. Karl Weber

What is TSN?

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EtherCAT Adoption Rate: Vendors

EtherCAT is wide spread in different markets as well as countries. Please have a look at the following impressive figures:

146 EtherCAT Drive Vendors   **+ 22**
186 EtherCAT Master Vendors   **+ 27**
102 EtherCAT I/O Vendors   **+ 12**

Playing with figures (Vol. 2)

We have more than **3200** members from **58** countries and **6** continents. EtherCAT is implemented on **34** different RTOS and over **630** products are entered in the official EtherCAT Product Guide. There are **25** different Safety over EtherCAT vendors and **44** sensor/actor manufacturers. ETG organized **32** EtherCAT Plug Fests so far. ETG booths were shown at **120** tradeshows and EtherCAT roadshows took place in **23** different countries and **68** cities. Over **400** new members joined the ETG in **2014**.

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What is the motivation to enhance networks with TSN functions?

Dr. Karl Weber: "The main driver of TSN was audio-video bridging (AVB, which was the former name of the task group).

Car inside networks require also AV transmissions for the current enhancements of automotive. This high volume markets will push the availability of low cost products with certain real time capabilities that can be used in industrial applications.

TSN is not suitable for typical IO-applications due to the high latency and the low efficiency. The open Ethernet environment causes additional load problems which make it difficult to use it as a robust fieldbus.

TSN is a good choice for integration of machinery and smart devices as a backbone for automation. But TSN is just a transportation infrastructure. This means that a suitable application protocol is needed."

What does this mean for the automation technology?

Dr. Karl Weber: "First of all this is an emerging technology and not ready to use as of now!

Most of the technology components developed by the EtherCAT community will not be affected at all. As TSN offers a technology enhancement beyond the IO-level there is no reason to change typical field devices.

The critical issue is the seamless integration of the IO subsystem in the higher level systems. But this will not be the task of the individual device manufacturer but will be provided by the EtherCAT Technology Group.

The memorandum of understanding with the OPC Foundation is one of the important steps for seamless integration. The EtherCAT Automation Protocol (EAP) can be enhanced to use TSN as well. This will be a very powerful way to integrate a subset of machines at a cell level."

What are the next steps towards TSN add on for the EtherCAT community?

Dr. Karl Weber: "First of all: we are contributing actively in the TSN standard development for years and will continue to contribute for the next couple of years. A very important step is to select a subset of TSN protocols for the level above the IO-Infrastructure. With EAP we have the choice to take advantage of TSN within EtherCAT technology. The seamless integration of a set of machinery will be a necessary step for EtherCAT. Machine integration requires a common effort of all automation technology provider.

Thus, EtherCAT will participate in this process but it requires quite a lot of groups to agree on a common base."

TSN Task Group Website

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ORGANISATION

New Members (since last newsletter) in order of membership application

We welcome all new members and thank you for joining forces to promote and advance the EtherCAT technology.

- TecStar
- D&D Mechatronics
- "Science & Technology Facilities Counsil Daresbury Laboratory"
- Akribis Systems
- Heckner Electronics
- ElectroCraft
- Toho Technology
- Sungkyunkwan University, School of Mechanical Engineering, Intelligent Robotics & Mechatronic System Laboratory (IRMS Lab)
- INETEC - Institute for Nuclear Technology
- Hitachi Medical
- Mettler-Toledo
- Roedan Embedded Systems
- Ono Sokki
- NEC Engineering
- Hangzhou Jingwei Automation
- Lucas-Nülle
- Applied Weighing International
- Omnica
- Foxconn Technology Group
- Shanghai Panelmate Electronics
- SSI
- Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Institute of Automation
- PMB Elektronik
- Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications School of Automation (=Automation School of BUPT)
- AiLux
- ATLAS ELEKTRONIK
- Alstom Grid UK
- Easydur Italiana di Renato Affri
- Hangzhou Houdar Automation System
- DMM Technology
- Shanghai Huayuan Mechatronics
- ERAETECH
- MAS--SysTec
- Qinhuangdao Boostsolar Photovoltaic Equipment
- WITTMANN Kunststoffgeräte
- Jiangsu Hefeng Mechanical Making
- Kookmin University, Graduate School of Automotive Engineering, Electric Motor Control Lab
- HFE professionelle Studiotechnik
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, College of Letter & Science, Department of Theatre and Drama
- Beijing Motrotech Technology
- FACTS Engineering
- SCHNIER Elektrostatik
- HANYOUNG NUX
- ShenZhen Tongchuan Technology
- GCCAlliance
- Berufliches Schulzentrum Hof, Staatliche Fachschule für Technik (Technikerschule)
- EvoSense Research & Development
- Zhejiang Feida Environmental Science & Technology
- CNCSAZAN
- ULVAC AUTOMATION TAIWAN
- Lenze Mechatronics
- AVENTICS
- KITZ SCT
- Heilongjiang University of Science and Technology, Electrical and Control Engineering College
- WareWorks
- Xi'An Aerospace Precision Electromechanical Institute
- data M Engineering
- Morgan Rekofa
- Xifei Asia-Pacific Aviation Simulation
- TOKYO KOKI
- Fenac Mühendislik
- Wuhan Farley Laserlab Cutting Welding System Engineering
- Bottero
- Impedans
- Technische Universität München, Fakultät für Maschinenwesen, Lehrstuhl für Automatisierung und Informationssysteme
- SALZBRENNER STAGETEC Audio Video Mediensysteme
- NSD
- Shanghai ECAT Science and Technology
- RMV Motion
- SoftPLC
- Beijing Sunwise Space Technology
- Korea Institute of Machinery & Materials (KIMM), Daegu Research Center for Medical Devices and Rehabilitation Engineering
- Embedded Office
- Rethink Motion
- Tramper Technology
- SIKO
- YUKITA ELECTRIC WIRE
- TQ-Systems
- Gree Electric Appliances of Zhuhai
- CHANGSHA EPOCH NC MACHINE TOOL
- Shinko Shoji
- Potomac Electric
- Ziehesberger Elektronik
- Tekno Danışmanlık Yazılım Donanım Muhendislik Hizmetleri Tekstil
- Dalian Guangyang Science&Technology Engineering
- Minnesota State University Mankato, College of Science, Engineering & Technology, Electrical & Computer Engineering & Technology Department (ECET)
- MIKI PULLEY
- Bitvis
- modusoft
- Beijing Etechwin Electric
- University of Bern, ARTORG Center for Biomedical Engineering Research, Image Guided Therapy (IGT)
- Entegris
- Genoa Fieldbus Competence Centre
- Conovo CNC Technology

- MTDI
- Ningbo GQY Video & Telecom Joint Stock
- Shenzhen Quanhang Information Communication
- KOSHIDA KOREA
- Cambridge Medical Robotics
- Checkers Automation
- HANSL
- TPC Mechatronics
- Wineman Technology
- TÜV Rheinland Industrie Service, Automation und Funktionale Sicherheit (AFS)
- National Research Council, Institute of Industrial Technologies and Automation (ITIA-CNR)
- S.A.T.I. di Evaldo Bartaloni
- Nicosu
- profichip
- Orsys Orth System
- CETA Testsysteme
- Harbin Robotics Technology
- Data Technology
- Shannxi Mingtai Electronic Science & Technology Development
- Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Hefei Institutes of Physical Science (HIPS), Institute of Advanced Manufacturing Technology (IAMT)
- Nittetsu Hokkaido Control Systems
- K. A. Schmersal
- Renesas Electronics Taiwan
- TAKAGI
- Cogenco
- Mehatronika
- Glass Soft - Robótica & Sistemas
- Beijing Vsuntek
- CESYS Gesellschaft für angewandte Mikroelektronik
- OPEX
- Hermes Microvision
- Beijing Juntai Tiancheng Technology
- Shenzhen Huanan Numerical Control System
- Windmöller & Hölscher
- University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Computer Science Department, Laboratory for Perceptual Robotics
- SAMWON ACT
- Advanced Intelligent Machine
- GIGATRONIK Köln
- NicMehr Gostar Tehran
- DIHZHOU Technology
- ShangHai Longstanding Electromechanical Control Equipment
- MRS Electronic
- China Machinery International Engineering Design & Research Institute
- BIBA - Bremer Institut für Produktion und Logistik
- SLE quality engineering
- PAL Robotics
- Protechna Herbst
- SOTEC (Software Entwicklungs GmbH + Co. Mikrocomputertechnik KG)
- PROSYS
- Kastanienbaum
- TAIAN TECHNOLOGY(WUXI)
- Plasmart
- W.E.ST Elektronik
- NACHI-FUJIKOSHI
- Cebora
- KEPCO KPS
- Mecademic
- Hakko Electronics
- Shenyang INVIC automation
- TÜV Rheinland Japan
- Deere & Company
- Computer Hi-Tech
- China National Machinery Industry (SINOMACH)
- Chongqing Jinshan Science & Technology
- Semitac
- Concept Overdrive
- Aeoon Technologies
- "Texas A & M University Mechanical Engineering Department AMBER Lab"
- Micromeritics Instrument
- European X-Ray Free-Electron Laser Facility (European XFEL)
- LogiCAN Control Systems
- Yokogawa Beijing Development Center (YBDC)
- B.U.G. MORI SEIKI
- The Leland Stanford Junior University (Stanford University), Department of Bioengineering, Brains in Silicon Lab (Boahen Lab)
- Schleifring und Apparatebau
- TRUMPF Laser- und Systemtechnik
- Mikrosam
- Omron Scientific Technologies
- Micro-Star International (MSI)
- Hilscher Korea
- Oryx Simulations
- Okina Electronics
- Tarasheh System Pishro (tsPishro)
- Shanghai 3cRobot
- Shanghai Micromotion Automation Equipment
- Shenzhen UniMAT Automation Technology
- AREM PRO
- Mianyang Fude Robot
- Shanghai GIE EM
- ENGEL Elektroantriebe
- Atlas Copco Airpower
- iotec
- KORYO ELECTRONICS
- YKK
- Shanghai Imbrobot
- Universidad de los Andes, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- MEIJI ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES
- Sichuan MK Servo Technology
- D&K Engineering
- Canon Electronics

- Controller Area Network Solutions (M)
- NPM High Technologies
- Airbus Operations
- Aparian
- Guangzhou Jing Lun Electrical Equipment
- AKAZEN
- Korea Institute of Machinery & Materials (KIMM), Advanced Manufacturing Systems Research Division,
- Department of Robotics and Mechatronics
- Shihlin Electric & Engineering
- By Design Group
- Ennoconn
- Tian Jin Ladder Automation Tech
- CS-Lab Janusz Wawak, Andrzej Rogozynski, Szymon Paprocki
- BKIN Technologies
- abaxor engineering
- DAEATI
- University of Seoul, College of Engineering, Department of Mechanical and Information Engineering, System Software Laboratory
- LS Mtron
- Opsens
- Sansei Technologies
- Siemens Industry Software
- ZAPI
- Interactive Wear
- ifatos
- Claus Pribbernow Mikrosystementwicklung eProcessorSolutions
- Ghent University (UGent), Faculty of Engineering & Architecture, Department of Industrial System and Product Design, XiaK - eXpertisecentrum industriële automatisering Kortrijk
- Siemens Industry Software
- Radiometric Services & Instruments
- SANWA DENKI KOGYO
- Zhejiang Hengqiang Technology
- MMM-IT
- Shanghai Electrical Apparatus Research Institute (Group) (SEARI)
- RobotPhoenix
- Phoseon Technology
- Energocentrum Plus
- Dr. Mergenthaler
- Seoul Precision Machine
- MABI - Robotic
- Shanghai W-Ibeda High Tech. Develop.
- Southeast University, School of Mechanical Engineering
- Department of Mechanical and Electronic Engineering
- SHENZHEN HENGKETONG ROBOT
- DUOmetric
- CMT Medical Technologies
- Tokyo Computer Service
- Shanghai Baosight Software
- Estudis Electro-Mecànics (E2M)
- Shanghai Kunxun Information Technology
- De Beers UK
- Spectra
- Oktal-japon
- SHANGHAI FUXIN INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS
- KJ-Infinity Enterprises
- DORNA Technology
- ROBOT-TECHNOLOGY
- Omron Canada
- Germanjet
- SIBONAC Laser Technologies
- Packet Digital
- Mark Andy
- NS System
- Metallurgical Plant "Electrostal"
- Wipro GE Healthcare
- Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, Institute of Robotics and Cybernetics
- FUJI ELECTRONICS
- Hitachi Aloka Medical
- Matrox Electronic Systems
- SYMETRIE
- OptoForce
- Seoul D&S (SDS)
- Metatronics
- YDK
- Witium
- Dr.-Ing. S. Haußmann Industrieelektronik
- FH Aachen, University of Applied Sciences, Fachbereich Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik
- Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT), School of Astronautics, Control & Simulation Center
- Agres Sistemas Eletrônicos
- Hebi Haichang Special Equipment
- Yanfeng Automotive Trim Systems
- Korea University, College of Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Intelligent Robotics Laboratory
- Vecna Technologies
- Meinhard Koppitz, Elektronikentwicklung
- LOTES (GuangZhou)
- Shanghai ReCAT Automation Control Technology
- SENTROL
- 4C Electronics
- Shanghai Friendess Electronic Technology
- Sandia National Laboratories
- National Cheng Kung University, College of Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering
- Tsinghua University, Graduate School at Shenzhen, Division of Information Science and Technology (DIST)
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- Lorch Schweißtechnik
- GHM Messtechnik
- BOGEN Electronic
- Nanjing Daqo Electrical Institute
- NEMONOS
- Center of Human-centered Interaction for Coexistence (CHIC)
- NDR Solution (Thailand)
- NPP Mera
- Shanghai Huasui Elec-Tech
- Novalux Shenzhen Electronics
- XiaMen MicroControl Technology
- Technische Universität Wien (TU Wien), Fakultät für Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik, Institut für Computertechnik
- AUPRO automation in progress
- adphos Innovative Technologies
- Motion Control Products
- TOYO AUTOMATION
- ENTEC Electric & Electronic
- Guizhou University, The Electrical Engineering College
- Shanghai Inno-drive Electric
- Robert Bosch
- Precizika Metrology
- Highland Controls
- UNICO JAPAN
- SELTA
- Littelfuse Selco
- Sartorius Mechatronics C&D
- Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec
- U&R Hardware und Systemdesign
- AMADA MIYACHI EUROPE
- Sirius Electronic Systems
- Shenzhen Epacing Intelligent Control
- QuadRep Electronics (Taiwan)
- Hermann Ultraschalltechnik
- Beijing Shouke CATCH Electric Technology
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- Mapacode
- Xi'an Micromotor Research Institute
- Starflight Electronics
- IntraOp Medical
- Evergrid Solutions & Systems
- ADEX Technologies
- in-tech
- ZIEHL-ABEGG
- Emerson Process Management
- IXON
- Automate
- EPA
- Applied Motion Products
- Salt Lake Scientific
- The University of Texas at Austin, Cockrell School of Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering,
- The Human Centered Robotics Lab
- Italsensor
- Changzhou MVision IT Technology
- Crouzet Automatismes
- LASER CREW
- PANAX SYSTEM
- DVDB-electronics
- SPG
- VDev Systems und Services
- Schlumberger
- Aplex Technology
- North China University of Technology, College of Computer Science
- Thales Nederland
- BorgWarner Turbo Systems
- LARsys-Automation
- Eindhoven University of Technology, Department of Electrical Engineering, Electronic Systems Group
- Goldlücke
- American Electric Power
- Marubeni Information Systems
- LDetek
- Anhui Geos Energy Exploration
- FFT Produktionssysteme
- CNi Informatica
- Hentschel System
- Ginzinger electronic systems
- King Giants Precision Industry
- so-logic DI Peter Thorwartl
- SEJUFA
- Wandercraft
- Trascon Technology
- b1 Engieering Solutions - A Blaupunkt Group Company
- enfas
- item Industrietechnik
- Shotover Camera Systems
- SensoPart Industriesensorik

- Intek Technology
- Kinova
- Wuhan University of Technology, School of Automation
- One Electronics
- Integrated Dynamics Engineering
- Koyama System
- Lasertec
- WUHAN MOTUS TECH
- LOT Vacuum
- Panasonic Electric Works Italia
- HaslerRail
- TDI
- National Oilwell Varco
- Japan minicomputer systems
- Brush Electrical Machines
- SANTEST
- Fab-9
- Rocky
- Criterion NDT
- Gran Telescopio de Canarias (GRANTECAN)
- Chongqing Huashu Robotics
- Lambda Technologies
- MISUMI
- ASM America
- Hangzhou Tongling Automation
- Offshore Systems
- Innogen
- spectral process Ingenieurbüro
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- Shenzhen Wali Automation
- Smart Products
- Artech Electronics
- Eventions Products
- Peters Research
- CONTRINEX
- ZDAUTO Automation Technology
- Shanghai CaiDuan Automation Technology
- BE.services
- MESOMATIC
- Toshiba Transport Engineering
- Sierra CP Engineering, MKPRECISION
- Randy Nürnberger Software und Mikroelektronik
- Shanghai Maivan Electronic Technologies
- ASIX Electronics
- TRU Simulation + Training
- Industrial Software
- Justech Precision Industry
- M3H2
- RJG
- Technische Universität Dresden, Fakultät Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik, Institut für Feinwerktechnik und Elektronik-Design (IFTE)
- Axxon Computer
- Zaber Technologies
- Kingsine Electric Automation
- Smartind Technologies
- Lite-On Technology
- Primagest
- Ninna Solutions
- Beijing RichAuto S&T
- Zhejiang Hi-tech Renewable Energy
- DONGONE TECH
- HIWIN Technologies
- Ege Robotics CNC Makine Elektronik Otomasyon Medikal
- Raonwoori Technology
- Wöhner
- Future Electronics
- ELAP
- KOMET BRINKHAUS
- Camozzi
- Ohkura Electric
- AREVA NP
- Shanghai MicroPort Medical (Group)
- Infineon Technologies Japan
- Covidien
- Nanjing Institute of Technology, School of Automation
- FoShan Logen Robotics
- Applied Machine & Motion Control
- Engineering Creatives
- ASM Japan
- TAURUS instruments
- Mintec Industriale
- National Computer System Engineering Research Institute of China (The 6th Research Institute of China Electronics Corporation) (CEC)
- Chinese Academy of Sciences, Institute of Plasma Physics, Division of Power Supply and Control Engineering

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ORGANISATION

ETG and OPC Foundation join forces to focus on common interfaces for Industrie 4.0 and IoT

The EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) and the OPC Foundation to define common interfaces for Industrie 4.0 and the Internet of Things (IoT), as indicated by a Memorandum of Understanding signed at Hannover Messe 2015.

Both organizations agree that their technologies complement one another perfectly: EtherCAT as the real-time-capable Ethernet fieldbus for machine and plant controls, leveraging the EtherCAT Automation Protocol (EAP) for lean data exchange between masters, and OPC UA as a platform for scalable communication with integrated Security by Design, enabling encrypted data transfer up to MES/ERP systems and into the cloud.

Industrie 4.0 and IoT demand seamless and continuous communication through all layers and levels within the digital factory, as well as externally through cloud-based services and other Internet technologies. The ETG and the OPC Foundation seek to achieve these requirements with the common definition of open interfaces between both of their technologies.

For this reason, the organizations agreed, in the frame of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to develop these interfaces in close cooperation, rather than focusing on their own technology extensions into the core area of the other.

Full Press Release (EN | DE | CN)

Excellent Growth in Asia: > 1100 Members

In September 2014 the EtherCAT Technology Group exceeded 1000 members in Asia — and meanwhile there are more than 1100 members, so that 35% of the ETG membership is from this continent.

China and Japan are approaching 400 members each, Korea 200, and Taiwan 100. Whereas growing membership is nice, what really counts is true adoption of the technology. And here Asia takes a very strong position as well: almost every day we see many new EtherCAT products from Asia!
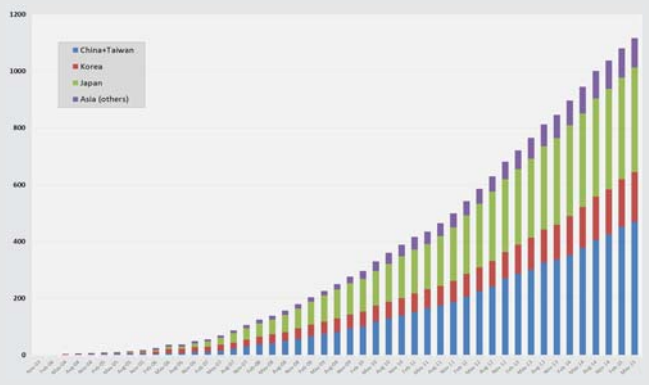
ETG Membership Development: >3200 Members Worldwide

ETG has reached another significant membership milestone: >3200 Members (as of May 2015)!

With more than 400 new members in 2014 means again more than one new member each day.

We are firmly convinced that the demand of fast Industrial Ethernet systems like EtherCAT around the globe will continue to grow.

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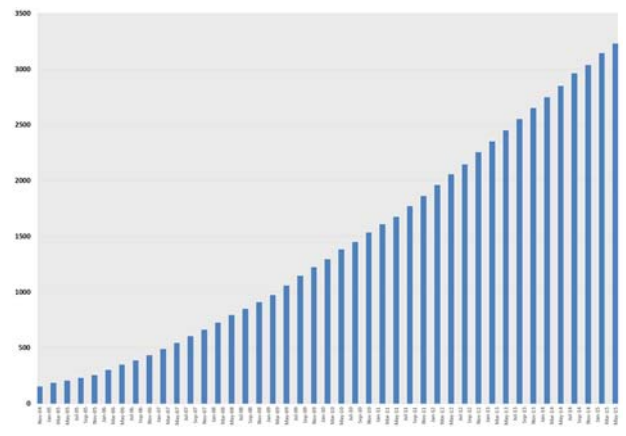
New video about ETG and EtherCAT available!

Within our latest video, our Executive Director, Martin Rostan, summed up the highlights of the past weeks and gave us an update on the development of EtherCAT and the EtherCAT Technology Group.

The main topics discussed were the recently introduced EtherCAT chips by Microchip and Infineon. The Memorandum of Understanding defining the common interfaces has been signed with the OPC Foundation at this years' Hannovermesse. Additionally, we learnt more about EtherCAT's adoption rate and the membership development and composition within the ETG.

YouTube Video Link

New official Twitter profile of the ETG is now live

Social media users seeking the latest official news, updates, and events surrounding the ETG can now follow @EtherCAT_Group on Twitter.

This important step assures an efficient platform to spread news and information, simplifying access to the most recent trending topics about EtherCAT technology and the ETG.

Full Press Release (EN | DE)

WEBSITE

Member #3000 honored: Airbus Operations GmbH

Membership development for the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) has reached another major milestone: With the addition of Airbus Operations GmbH, the ETG already passed the 3000 member mark.

An event commemorating this official distinction took place during the SPS IPC Drives 2014 trade show at the ETG joint booth.

Full Press Release (EN | DE | CN)

REVIEW

2015 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest Breaks Records

The EtherCAT Technology Group's first EtherCAT Plug Fest in 2015 broke several records. Never before have so many companies with so many different EtherCAT devices and so many master-slave combinations for interoperability testing participated in a single Plug Fest.

In addition, the number of EtherCAT Slave Controller (ESC) manufacturers on site was higher than ever – one of them being TRINAMIC Motion Control, who also hosted the event in Hamburg, Germany.

The seeds sown by the ETG during their 2014 Plug Fests continued to grow unabated at the 2015 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest in Hamburg, Germany. One reason for this is the fact that the number of available EtherCAT products continues to increase at a rapid pace. On the other hand, the EtherCAT Plug Fests are widely recommended as a highly valuable method to support the development processes of

new EtherCAT devices. A total of 70 participants attended the event, bringing with them 12 different EtherCAT masters and 42 EtherCAT slaves.

Full Press Release (EN | DE)

REVIEW

ETG Joint Booth at HANNOVER MESSE 2015: Hall 9-D18

Together with 55 co-exhibitors and a total of more than 330 different EtherCAT products we're once again sending out a clear message at our ETG Joint Booth at Hannover Messe 2014: We are the Industrial Ethernet organization exhibiting the widest variety of devices at the same time anywhere.

We had shown an impressive variety of EtherCAT products (incl. Drives, I/O & Gateways, Sensors & Actuators, Master Systems, Development Products & Services) directly on booth and informed all visitors about EtherCAT technology in general and the work of the EtherCAT Technology Group.

Additionally, we bring along our upgraded EAP-Demo showing Industrie 4.0 and IoT via OPC-UA. Live on booth we showed again how a KUKA robot deals with two Beckhoff XTS systems at a time using EtherCAT – and thus enabling groundbreaking new application possibilities in motion.

We an increased number of leads generated with visitors from 40 different countries we thank our co-exhibitors and

supporting ETG members for their contribution!

Watch out for the next ETG Joint Booth offer, which will be available soon and send out to all ETG members worldwide. It includes participation as co-exhibitor at SPS IPC Drives 2014 & HANNVOER MESSE 2015. If you are interested, please get in contact with Mr. Oliver Fels (o.fels@ethercat.org) directly.

ETG Joint Booth 2014/2015 season co-exhibitors and supporting ETG Members:

EVENTS

Upcoming EtherCAT Plug Fests: Japan, North America, Europe

Mark Your Calendar: The next three EtherCAT Plug Fests 2015 are scheduled: Japan, North America and Europe.

We encourage all vendors of EtherCAT master systems, slave devices, codes and tools to participate in the upcoming 2015 European EtherCAT Plug Fests around the globe. The goal of this developer's event is to perform interoperability tests. Master and slave device suppliers gather to test and improve interoperability, to share implementation tips and tricks and clarify questions regarding the technology. Experts of the technology from ETG will support with their expertise on-site.

Invitations will be provided soon by E-Mail and published on the website (member area news & event section).

2015 Japanese EtherCAT Plug Fest
Sep 10—11, Yokohama, Japan

2015 North American EtherCAT Plug Fest
Sep 16—17, Newark (NY), USA

2015 Fall European EtherCAT Plug Fest
Oct 28 - 29, Fürth Germany

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EtherCAT Functional Principle Video Availabe

Please find the EtherCAT functional principle video with sub titles available now in different resolutions and languages for internal company usage.

Feel free to use the video to understand and explain the unique EtherCAT functional principle, e.g. for sales or decision makers.

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New Chinese EtherCAT Brochure

Our ETG Office China has created a brand new version of the well-known EtherCAT brochure.

This brochure also introduces the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG), the world's largest fieldbus organization. Most importantly, we hope to convey why EtherCAT is the right choice for your application.

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