Manufacturing Cloud Command Center on AWS
Abstract

Manufacturing leaders miss key insights that can be derived by connecting multiple factories and comparing their performances across the key metrics. They should identify the best-performing entities, leverage them, and learn from them.

Manufacturing Cloud Command Center connects multiple factories and enterprise apps like ERP/MES. It provides E2E visibility and analytics for key KPIs across the enterprise level (geographies/ product groups), factory level (lines/ stations), and the machine level.

This is a unique solution, which addresses multi-layered visibility, and traceability (across enterprise, plant, and machines) and helps users benchmark and learn from their peers.

Introduction

Manufacturing leaders miss key insights that can be derived by connecting multiple factories and comparing their performances across the key metrics. On the other hand, factory leaders and managers observe suboptimal factory performances due to a lack of granular visibility and insights across their production lines, stations, and machines.

Manufacturing Cloud Command Center connects multiple factories, and enterprise apps like ERPs/MES to provide end-to-end visibility.

For manufacturing leaders, it provides end-to-end visibility across all geo/divisions/ product groups/factories for key KPIs. The solution standardizes the monitoring mechanisms across the organization and ranks the best-performing entities.

For the factory team, it enables end-to-end monitoring across production lines, stations, and machines. They can learn from the best-performing factories.

The solution leverages Quick Sight (an ML-powered BI tool) for NLP-based searches, identifying trends, detecting anomalies, receiving proactive alerts, and self-service visualization that enables higher flexibility for the users.
Manufacturing Cloud Command Center connects factories across the organization and enterprise apps like ERPs. For manufacturing leaders, the solution provides end-to-end visibility across all geographies / product groups/ factories for key KPIs, develops standardized monitoring mechanisms, rank/reward the best performing entities, and leverages analytics to identify trends and improvement areas, and suggest meaningful targets. For the factory team, it enables end to end monitoring, proactive alerts, cognitive escalation, and historical performance tracking. They can learn from the best-performing factories across the organization.

The solution leverages AWS Quicksight, a machine learning-powered data visualization/ business intelligence tool. The solution successfully cleared the Foundational Technical Review by AWS which assures that our solution follows AWS well-architected best practices.

The key use cases of our solution are:

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<td>End-to-end visibility across the organization</td>
<td>Leaders</td>
<td>Lack of enterprise level insights</td>
<td>The solution connects multiple factories and provides end-to-end visibility across all geographies/ divisions/ product groups/ factories for key KPIs</td>
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<td>Compare multiple factories and learn from the best</td>
<td>Leaders</td>
<td>Compare factories/ product groups/ geographies and learn</td>
<td>Compares performances of entities across the key KPIs. It ranks the best-performing entities and learns from them.</td>
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<td>Standardized organization -level metrics/KPIs</td>
<td>Leaders</td>
<td>Common monitoring mechanism</td>
<td>Create enterprise level, standardized monitoring metrics. Implement fact-based rankings and rewards for best performing entities.</td>
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<td>Redirect production</td>
<td>Leaders</td>
<td>Maximize utilization of best performing entities</td>
<td>Redirecting production from poor performing factories/ manufacturing lines to the best performing entities.</td>
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<td>Granular visibility: line, station, and machine level</td>
<td>Factory heads and managers</td>
<td>Lack of granular visibility</td>
<td>End-to-end monitoring of key plant KPIs. Historical performance tracking</td>
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<td>NLP search and self-service visualizations</td>
<td>Factory leaders/ users</td>
<td>Need flexible insights for the diverse user base across the company</td>
<td>Users to search the key metrics using their natural language leveraging the NLP capabilities. Users to create a custom visualization based on their needs</td>
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<td>Machine learning-based forecasting and anomaly detection</td>
<td>Factory leaders/ users</td>
<td>Plans for upcoming months is not based on the reliable forecasts.</td>
<td>Predict the future value of the key metrics and revisit the plan. Detect anomalies across KPIs and perform contribution analysis to understand the root cause.</td>
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<td>Proactive Alerts</td>
<td>Factory users</td>
<td>Need faster alerts, during deviations.</td>
<td>Need timely alerts to the users whether there is a deviation of any specific metrics.</td>
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Benefits

Enterprise-level and granular level visibility along with business insights typically result in 5-10% improvement in OEE and 5-15% improvement in EBITDA.

Typical benefits across the manufacturing value chain are:

5-10% improvement in productivity
- End-to-end visibility and insights view across all the enterprise, plant, line, station, and machine levels to improve throughput

10-30% reduction in rework and scrap
- Predict anomalies, identify trends and improvement areas, and create proactive alerts to improve first-time pass.

15% reduction in breakdown maintenance
- Analysis of key maintenance metrics with historical tracking and insights to improve the maintenance activities.

10-20% reduction in delivery lead time
- Identify bottlenecks, leverage alerts, and learn from the best-performing factories and manufacturing lines.

The NXT.NOW™ Advantage

TechM’s Industry 4.0 assessment framework maps the client requirement to KPIs and provides actionable insights that deliver tangible business value.

TechM’s advanced tools, proven AI-ML models, and accelerators for faster implementation and a demo for faster GTM.

TechM has impressive success stories including implementing the solution for a large auto tier-1 in the US connecting their 35+ factories and achieving proven benefits. In addition, TechM has also established digital operations for a global appliance manufacturer.