

Press release

Leading MES manufacturer enables electronic recording of checks and subsequent evaluation of results with Checklist Manager

iTAC launches checklist plug-in for paperless and more efficient production processes

Montabaur, June 15, 2021 – In production, the use of checklists is common, for example before the start of a plant or when an item is produced for the first time. In most cases, they are created manually. iTAC Software AG (www.itacsoftware.com) develops MES and IIoT solutions for transparent, automated production processes and provides various services for networking, automation and analysis of manufacturing processes. In July, iTAC launches a checklist plug-in that enables the electronic recording of checks and subsequent evaluation of the results – all completely paperless.

"The administration, recording and evaluation of checklists is often still handled conventionally. However, with the growing demands in manufacturing, checklists created with paper and pen on clipboards or self-made Excel sheets are no longer sufficient. Electronic dynamic checklist systems are essential for smooth and modern production processes," explains Peter Bollinger, CEO of iTAC Software AG.

Therefore, iTAC Software AG has now developed a checklist plug-in. Various checklists can be accessed in the checklist manager. Before starting a machine, for example, factors such as "check ambient temperature", "are all

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tools installed?", "are all safety measures activated?" and much more can be queried using the checklist.

With the Checklist Manager, it is possible to record the checks electronically and to evaluate the results afterwards. The user can freely define when a checklist should be executed (e.g. daily, monthly, annually, at the beginning or at the end of a shift). Similar checklists often only have the functions "done/not done", "okay/not okay". For greater flexibility, iTAC has added different types to the checklist module - so that a distinction can be made between "numerical", "decision", "selection" or "text".

"The new plug-in enables seamless, paperless documentation and a high degree of flexibility. Since all data can be accessed centrally by all responsible parties, efficient processes are provided. The checklist module can be used both on a mobile tablet and on an office PC. Another advantage is the lowest possible dependency on the MES. We implemented seamless integration into our workbench and can incorporate the results of the checklist inspection into our process interlocking," explains Peter Bollinger.



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About iTAC

iTAC Software AG, a stand-alone company of mechanical and plant engineering group Dürr, offers Internet-enabled information and communication technologies for the manufacturing industry. Founded in 1998, the company is now a leading MES manufacturer. The iTAC.MES.Suite is a manufacturing execution system used worldwide by companies in various sectors, including the automotive, electronics/EMS, telecommunications, medical technology, metals and energy industries. Further systems and solutions for implementing IIoT and Industry 4.0 requirements complete the portfolio. iTAC Software AG is headquartered in Montabaur, Germany with offices in the USA, China and Japan, and has a worldwide partner network for sales and service. iTAC's philosophy is to connect people, data and systems.

The Dürr Group is one of the world's leading mechanical and plant engineering companies with outstanding expertise in the fields of automation and digitalisation/Industry 4.0. Dürr products, systems and services facilitate highly efficient manufacturing processes in various industries. Dürr supplies many industries, including the automotive, mechanical engineering, chemical, pharmaceutical and wood processing sectors. The company has 92 locations in 32 countries and 16,500 employees worldwide.

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