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## ***InduSoft Studio Runs on ACP Enabled Thin Client Hardware***

AUSTIN, TEXAS - August 21, 2000 - InduSoft has teamed with Automation Control Products (Alpharetta, GA) to interface InduSoft's Studio data acquisition, HMI and SCADA software with ACP's thin client technology. The collaboration makes it much easier to install a thin client process control and automation system in an industrial environment.

A thin client is a Windows-based computer with no hard drive or other moving parts that can fail. Thin clients connect to a secure main computer server, which has a hard drive and server software to support various applications, such as InduSoft Studio. A single server can service multiple ACP enabled thin client computers all running the same or different applications. For example, if ten thin clients in a process plant are running InduSoft Studio, the server manages ten independent "sessions" internally.

The major advantages of a thin client system is that it requires only one copy of an application package to be installed on the server, and it is immune to hardware or software problems in the thin clients. If a thin client fails for any reason, no loss of data occurs in the server. Also, if the application needs to be updated, the only software that must be changed is in the server. The entire thin client network can be managed from a single, secure location.

The InduSoft system uses the Studio software to develop InduSoft Studio HMI and SCADA applications. In traditional installations, InduSoft Studio runs on a desktop PC and downloads



Studio applications to industrial computers on the plant floor. With the ACP thin client system, the server runs both software packages, so no downloading is necessary. If a change is made in the process control system - for example, to install new I/O - the change only has to be made once, because all of the remote thin client computers will immediately receive the change.

ACP provides ThinManager™ thin client software with a standard Windows interface. It provides At-A-Glance management of a thin client network and allows a user to create, assign and monitor groups of thin client computers. Groups can be setup and added based on geography or function, and it can add or replace new thin clients automatically.

#### ABOUT ACP

After seeing the success of commercial thin clients, Automation Control Products recognized the need for an industrial thin client computer and began work on the first thin client system designed specifically for the special needs of the factory floor. ACP thin client technology has now been embedded in a full line of industrial and desktop thin client products from various industrial PC manufacturers. All ACP enabled hardware runs under ThinManager™, ACP's thin client configuration and management software. For more information, contact David Hancock at 6865 Shiloh Rd. East, Alpharetta, GA 30005 Phone 800-846-4655 or visit the web site at [www.acpthinclient.com](http://www.acpthinclient.com)

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#### ABOUT INDUSOFT

Founded in 1997, InduSoft provides a powerful family of industrial software products for developing applications in process supervision, automation and control for Windows 2000, NT and CE operating systems. Today, InduSoft is developing tools and technologies to empower people and companies to develop graphical interfaces, integrate Web browsers, and take advantage of Internet connectivity. More than 4,000 InduSoft HMI, SCADA, control and data acquisition systems are operating worldwide.