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Highly custom design Qt implementation

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Plan

- S2Innovation company introduction
- Project goal
- WinCC OA
- Implementation results
- How to plan the development



Who we are?

- S2Innovation was founded in December 2017 by:
 - Piotr Goryl, former Head of IT and Controls at SOLARIS,
 - Wojciech Soroka, former Procurement officer at SOLARIS
- Since 2019 S2Innovation is a Polish-Slovenian Joint Venture (Investment of Cosylab d.d.).



What we offer

- Complete accelerator and beamline's control system delivery,
- Instruments/experiments integration,
- Device Servers & IOC's for devices,
- Data acquisitions systems,
- Digital User Office software (DUO),
- Alarms management system,
- PLC-based control systems
 - Beckhoff,
 - Siemens,
 - Rockwell.



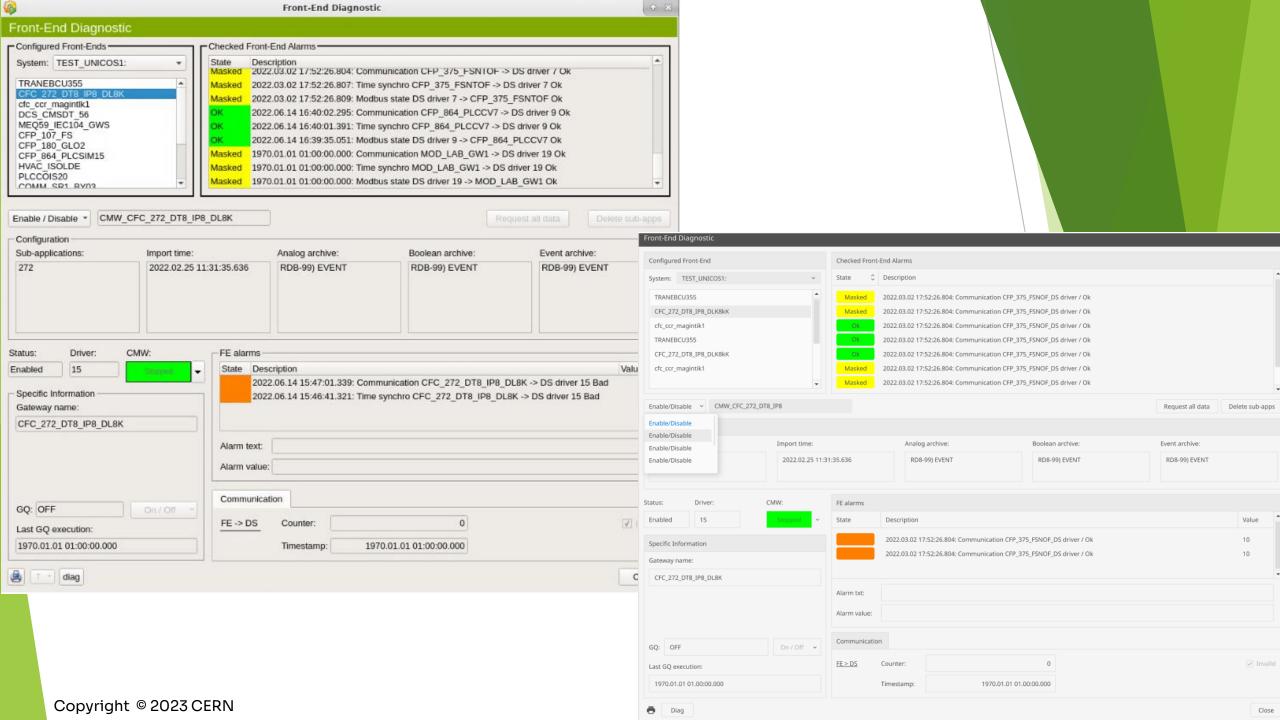


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The aim of project

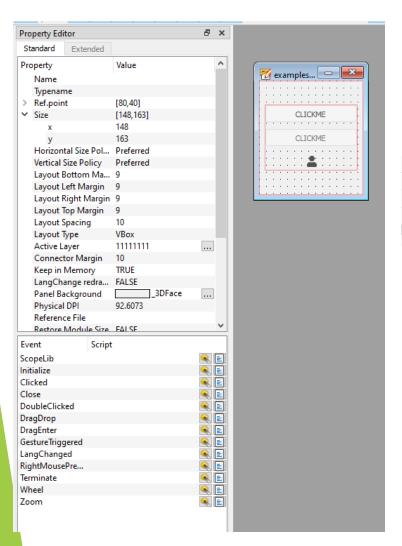
- Project implemented for CERN
- Implement new designs according to ISA 101 while keeping the previous functionality
- Implement those in WinCC OA/Qt



WinCC OA – an overview

- Qt based widgets (work done here can be also done in Taurus)
- Functionality similar to QT designer (in the concept of UI)
- Allows to directly connect to datapoints defined withing the WinccOA
- Color palette definition
- Icon sets definition
- Can be customized with special widgets (EWO)
- Major limitation: cannot use directly the Qt library; components can only be styled using CSS

WinCC OA – an overview





My background and why Qt bothers me and (should) designer too

- Is it possible to have a pixel-perfect design in Qt?
- Does the target of such a design is the same as the one developed for web design?
- Which tradeoff can we accept here? (some, none?)
- Do the scientist have a need for better design?



Should designer design design?

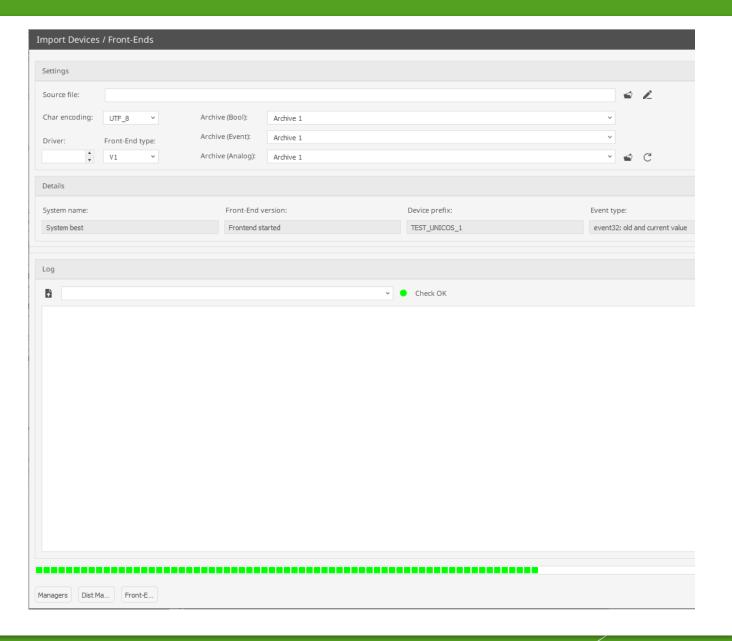
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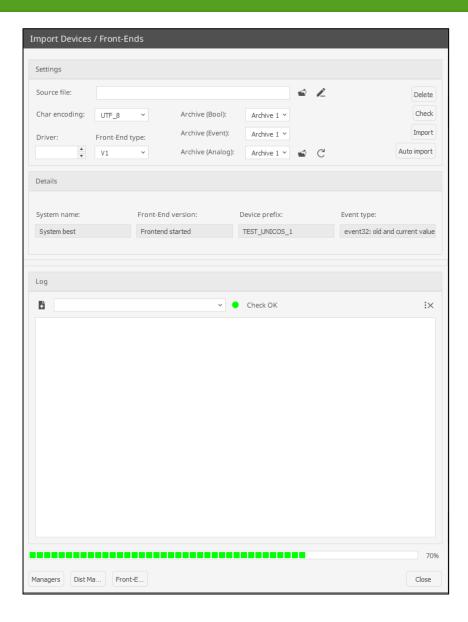
Should a designer design design?

- UX designers are use to working in different scope
- Not everything is possible in Qt (easily)
- New widgets should stick to Qt concept
- Designer should be aware of limitations and introduced to the technology before starting to work on design



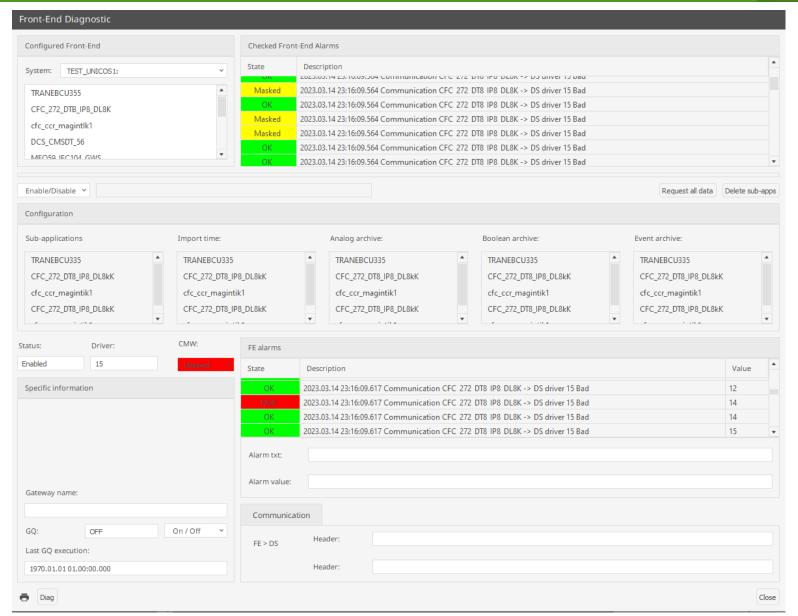
Implementation results

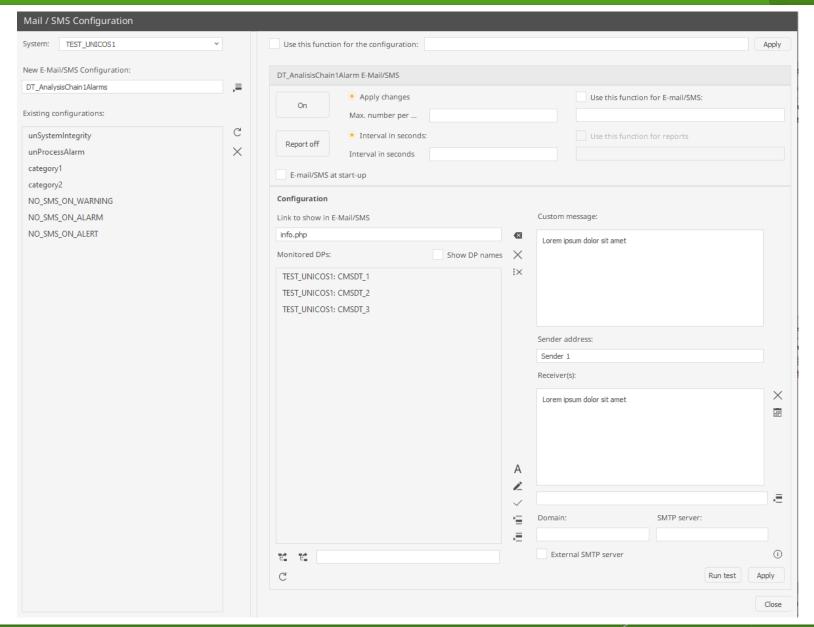


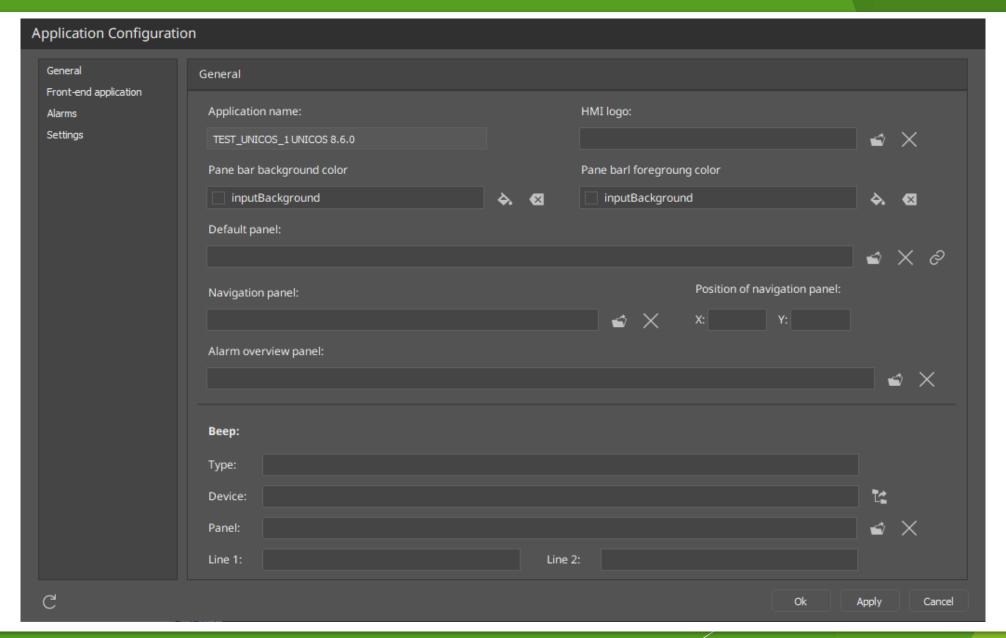


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How did we schedule it?

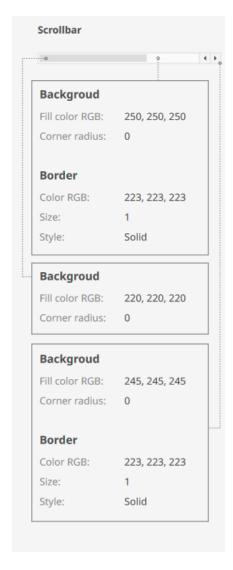
- schedule was based on project iterations
- each of them had a deliverable of a new screen implemented
- styleguide was delivered in the first iteration
- designer worked without previous experience with Qt



How should it be scheduled?

- The project should be reconsidered as a whole application
- The reoccurring widgets should be extracted and implemented consistently
- Widgets should be implemented in the first iterations and screens afterwards





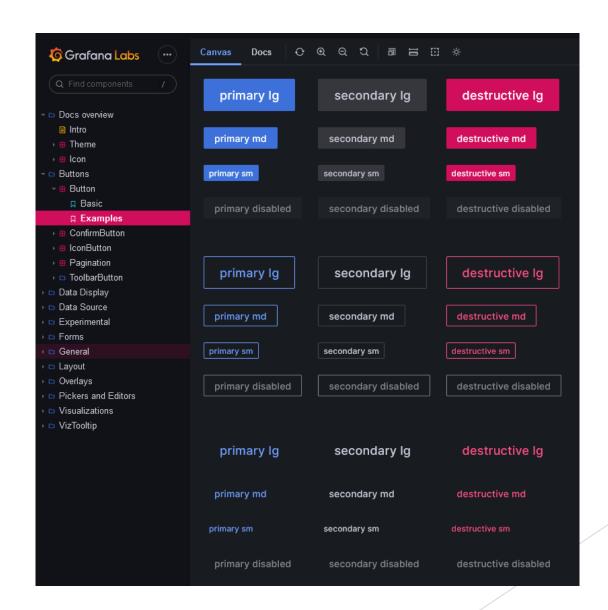
Reusing styled components

- Create a styleguide
- Keep the widgets simple and atomic
- Create lot of examples
- Present the concepts to the development team

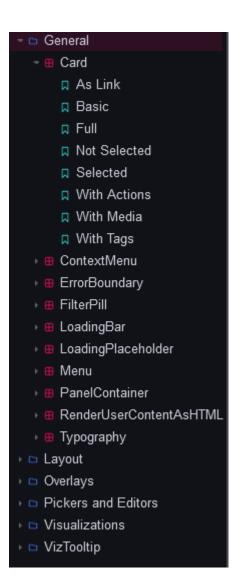
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Reusing styled widgets – web based solution



Reusing styled widgets - web based solution



Thank you!

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