



# connecting minds and machines™



For more than 15 years, the Niagara Framework® has fundamentally changed the way devices and systems connect to people—and the ways people can control and optimize those machines.

With nearly half a million instances worldwide, Niagara is quickly becoming the operating system of the Internet of Things. Its open API, open distribution business model and open protocol support give you the freedom to choose how you work, what you build and with whom you partner. Niagara enables you to connect and control devices, while normalizing, visualizing and analyzing data from nearly anywhere or anything.

From buildings and data centers to manufacturing systems and smart cities, the Niagara Framework improves strategic decision-making, allowing for optimized performance and cost reductions that can help businesses be more competitive and more profitable. And with the release of Niagara 4 and the JACE® 8000 controller, the opportunity to achieve operational excellence is even greater than before.

Niagara's truly open environment harnesses the power of the Internet of Things in ways never before imagined or possible

#### **NIAGARA 4**

# open 4 performance

Niagara 4 builds on the legacy of the Niagara Framework® in new and exciting ways. It's less reliant on browser plug-ins, faster and easier to use. Now end users can directly access, analyze and act on a wide range of operational data. A truly open framework, Niagara 4 delivers a variety of notable improvements to help businesses take full advantage of the Internet of Things, including advanced visualization and new search, security and navigation tools.

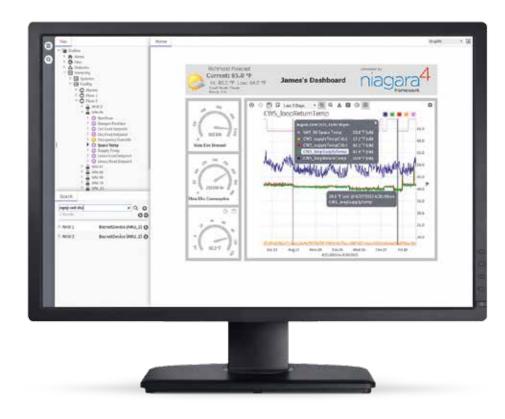
Niagara 4 is less reliant on browser plug-ins, featuring an intuitive HTML5 interface

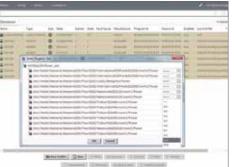
#### AN ALL-NEW USER INTERFACE

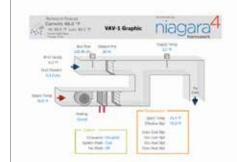
Niagara 4 features a bold and intuitive new interface. Modern and easy to use, the platform utilizes HTML5 to provide an array of rich features. Our powerful new UI framework makes the user experience simpler and more robust, giving users maximum control of their data and decisions.

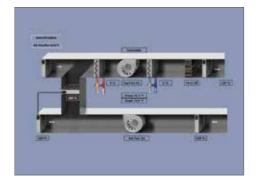
The optimized workflow allows users to find and visualize data points quickly based on a powerful tagging system. New features include a built-in search function, customizable charting and visualization, role-based security, real-time troubleshooting and rapid navigation.

Niagara 4's use of HTML5 provides a user interface that makes it easier for systems integrators to create and maintain customized views for end users.









#### MORE DATA AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Integrators can provide an interface that empowers users to do more on their own. Because devices, systems and data points can be tagged in Niagara 4, users can easily conduct a station-wide search of the most important elements in their operation.

This one-tool solution utilizes tag hierarchies to automatically integrate all data in a navigation tree. Using a standardized dictionary of tagged elements, users choose which points to monitor directly. Users can utilize the standardized dictionary to drive consistency in their building automation systems.

With a simple point-and-click or drag-and-drop, users can create customized charts, allowing them to instantly find and display critical information from their desktop, tablet or mobile device. Systems integrators no longer necessarily need to re-engineer new dashboards each time a customer requirement changes. Building real-time dashboards is straightforward, allows for immediate troubleshooting and quickly displays data with attractive visualizations.

#### POWERFUL SECURITY

Niagara 4 takes a "defense-in-depth" approach to Internet of Things security. Building on the security of previous Niagara versions, Niagara 4 is secure by default. Authentication requires users to choose strong credentials, and both data in motion and sensitive data at rest are encrypted. Niagara 4 also uses Role-Based Access Control (RBAC), making user permissions easy to configure and less error-prone. Niagara 4 also can be integrated with existing enterprise identity and access management systems, such as LDAP and Kerberos. All user actions and security-related events are recorded in Niagara's audit log for traceability.

#### **EASIER INTEGRATION**

Niagara 4's new templating feature enables tags to be applied to devices quickly, and allows applications to be prebuilt against a set of standardized templates which then can be quickly created and reused. In other words, once a template is made, it can be redeployed as often as needed in other instances. The result is not only a more functional design for users but also reduced integration time across the board.

#### FASTER, MORE POWERFUL DEVELOPMENT

Developers will find improved documentation, a rich open API library, BajaScript 2.0, semantic data modeling via tags and other ready-made tools to greatly speed and support development. In addition, the need for specialized training in the Niagara user interface is reduced—anyone familiar with open Web development can now create a custom UI in Niagara. Niagara 4's new features and public APIs make it easier to extend, develop and build upon the framework.

## key features

- Modern UX framework and design language (HTML5)
- End users are able to easily customize dashboards
- Advanced charting and visualization
- Data tagging
- Tag-based navigation
- Device templating
- Data cleansing capabilities
- Niagara station search
- Workbench workflow improvements
- Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)
- Pluggable authentication schemes
- Improved UI developer experience (BajaScript 2.0)
- Station templating
- Niagara AX to Niagara 4 station migration tool

#### JACE® 8000 CONTROLLER

# a modular approach 4 global design

Introducing an all-new hardware platform optimized for Niagara 4: the JACE 8000 controller. This "next-generation" controller features a new global design that functions with legacy systems and has the ability to scale for future needs.

#### **EFFICIENT GLOBAL DESIGN**

The new, modular design of the JACE 8000 controller makes it easy to install, integrate and deploy. Tool-less installation with expansion capability reduces installation complexity and improves flexibility. Systems integrators can focus on engineering solutions, not assembling components. And their lives will be simplified with a global power supply and improved access to standard enclosures.

#### WIRELESS CAPABILITY

Standard Wi-Fi offers enhanced wireless capability when interfacing with the next generation of wireless sensors and devices. The JACE 8000 controller also is configurable as an access point so that mobile phones and tablets can display information and advanced graphics. Expansion also is available when interfacing with other wireless fieldbuses seen in connected buildings.

#### **OPTIMIZED FOR NIAGARA 4**

The JACE 8000 controller leverages the exciting new features of Niagara 4. It adds to the enhanced user experience, maximizing Niagara 4's key advantages: pure Web interface based on HTML5 with HTML5 views, charting and data visualization, a common design language, better reporting, robust security and improved device management.



With simple configuration, tool-less installation, low-cost integration and high-powered performance, the JACE 8000 controller is a dramatic evolution in connecting and controlling devices worldwide.

#### JACE 8000 Controller

### key features

- Powerful Niagara 4 hardware platform with easy software upgrade capability
- Modular hardware design for fast and easy installation
- Tool-less installation
- Expandable with up to four option modules
- Native Wi-Fi capability
- 24VAC/DC—standard global power supply
- Standard open drivers included
- Easy to select the right capacity license
- Intuitive user interface
- Rich choice of different colors, materials and finishes for differentiated OEM brand identification

#### **NIAGARA AX**

## seamless CONVERSION

Niagara 4 and the new JACE 8000 controller have been engineered to be easy to add to, or upgrade from, your current Niaga<u>ra-based systems.</u>

Our native Niagara Fox protocol will work between the Niagara AX and Niagara 4 software systems, and the Niagara 4 software will work with any currently available JACE hardware.

For those making the conversion to our most up-to-date products, a station conversion tool is available that will adapt Niagara AX stations to Niagara 4 stations. Converted stations will require third-party vendors to provide updated modules for Niagara 4 versions of their content. However, most modules will require only minor refactoring for developers to make the conversion. We are dedicated to making the conversion between systems as seamless as possible.

#### Niagara AX

## compatibility summary

- Fox network compatibility between Niagara AX and Niagara 4
- Station conversion tool to convert Niagara AX stations to Niagara 4 stations (.bog files)
- Public APIs

- Niagara Driver Framework still supported
- Niagara 4 will run on any JACE with HotSpot VM (J3, J6, J6E, J7)
- Niagara 4 will run on any JACE 8000 controller

## open 4 the internet of things

The reach of the Niagara Framework® is global—and growing daily. It is supported by a large and active community of innovative developers, integrators, consultants, manufacturers, resellers and end users who understand that Niagara is an essential part of the Internet of Things.

That's the power of open, and the future of innovation.

To learn more about how to purchase, install and start using Niagara 4 and the JACE® 8000 controller, contact your VYKON partner. The global community of certified Niagara professionals can serve your unique business needs across any industry or geographic region.



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