



# Niagara 4

Features, compatibility & licensing

# Topics

- Niagara 4 overview
- Niagara AX-Niagara 4 compatibility
- Software maintenance (SMA)
- Licensing

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Cutting-edge user interface



Find, visualize data  
to maximize building efficiency



Shorter integration time



Easily create secure systems

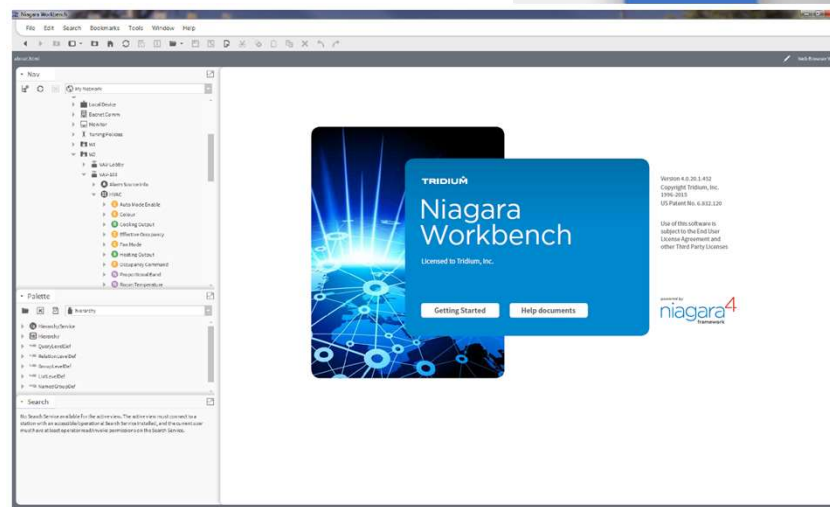
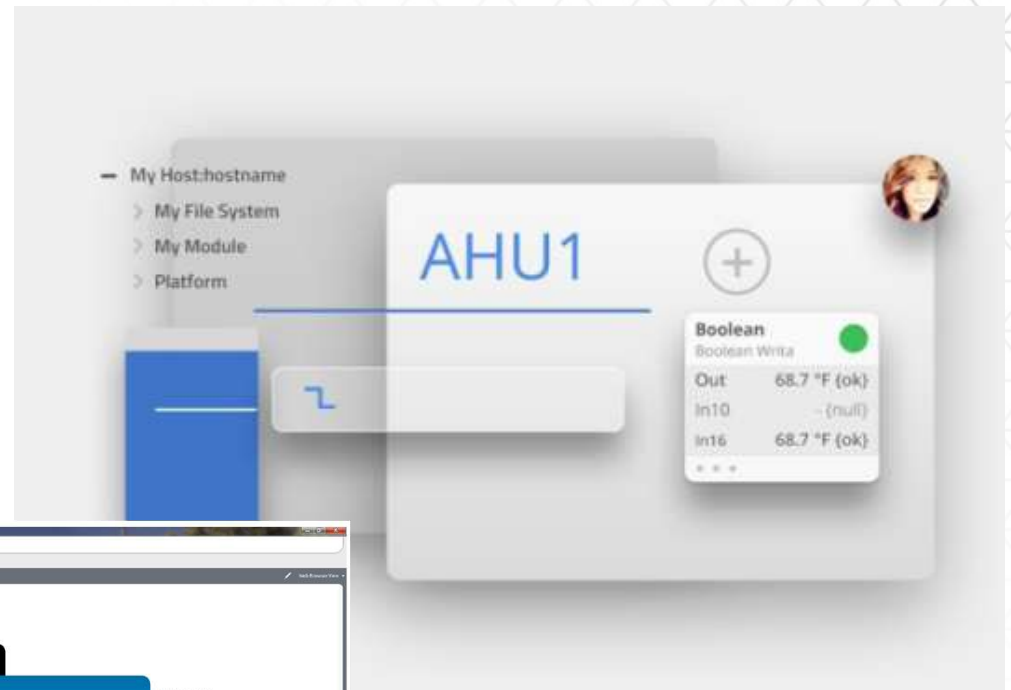


Improved developer experience

# User interface

## UX framework

- Modern design language
  - Clean and crisp
  - Deliberate use of color
- HTML5 technology
  - Common end user views
  - No browser plug-in required





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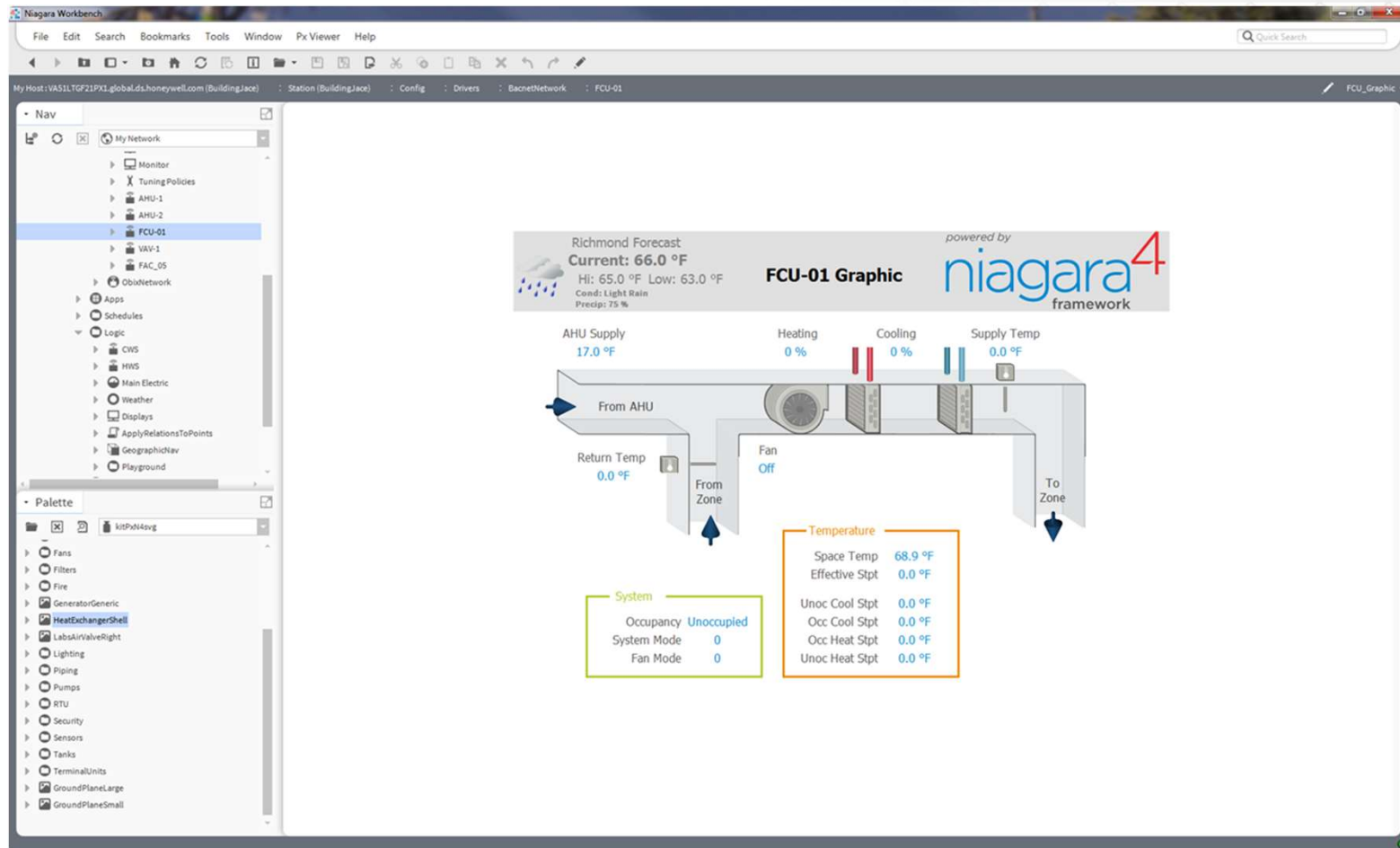
## Mobile

- Common design language
- Unified experience between desktop, tablet and phone
- HTML5 technology  
No native app required



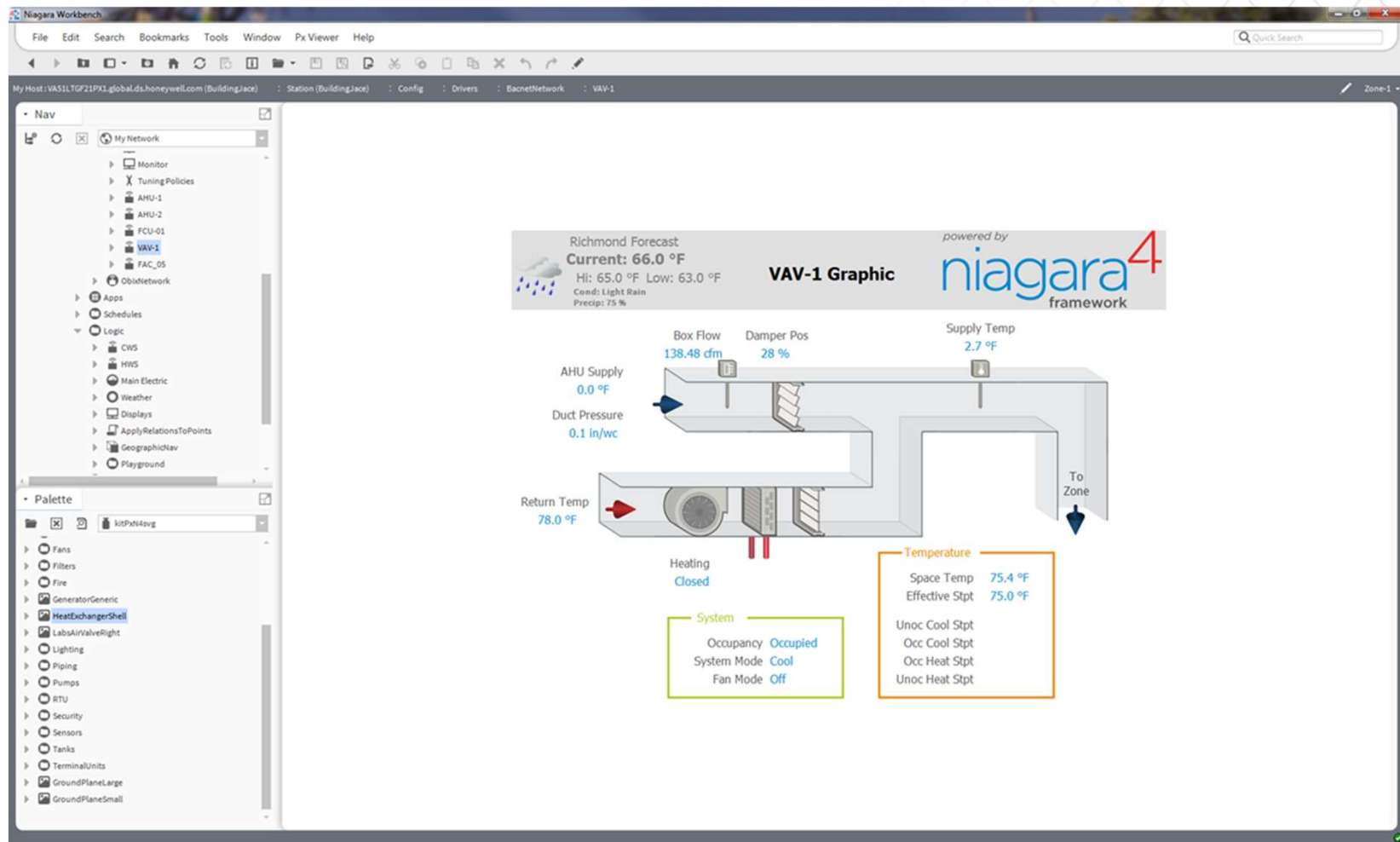
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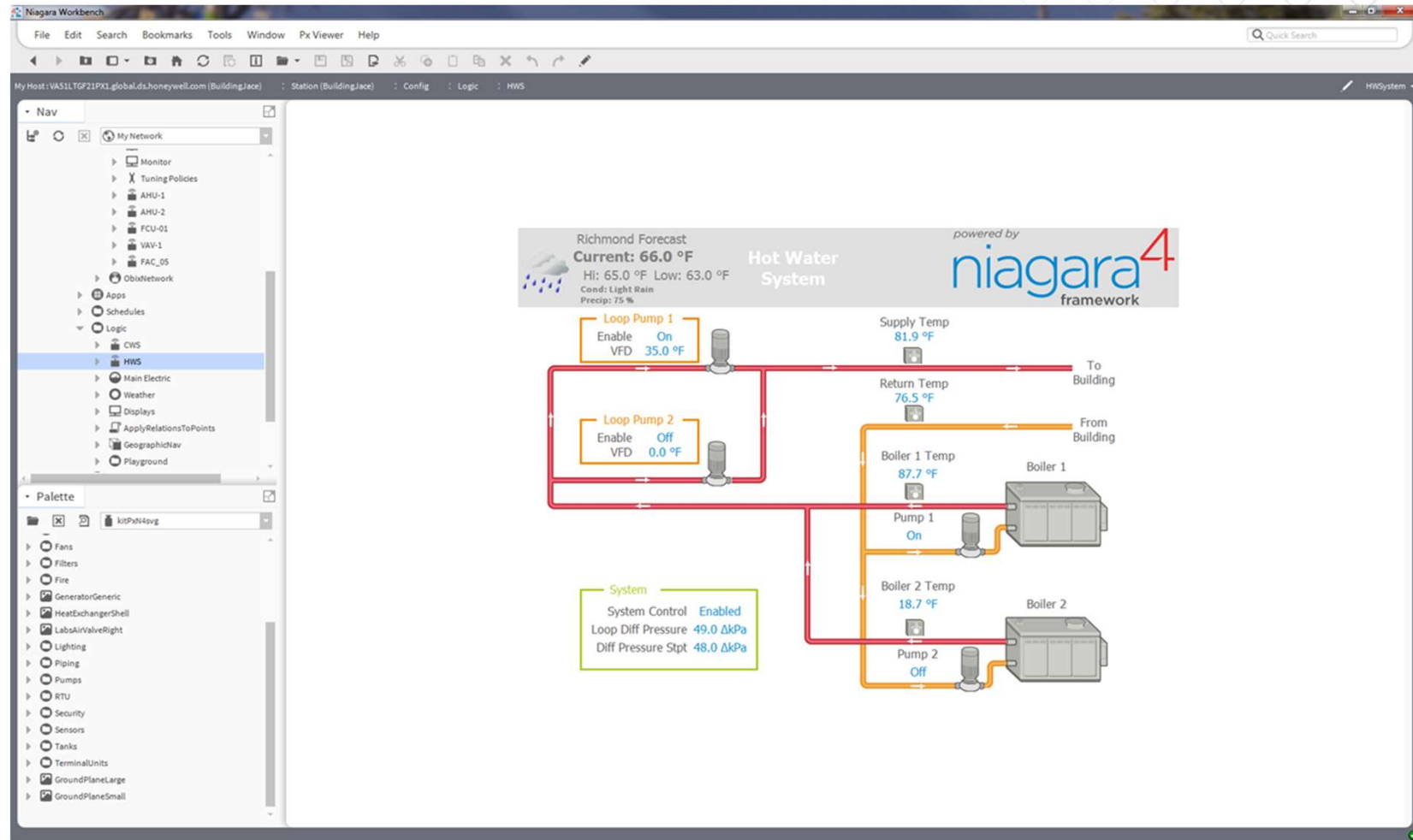
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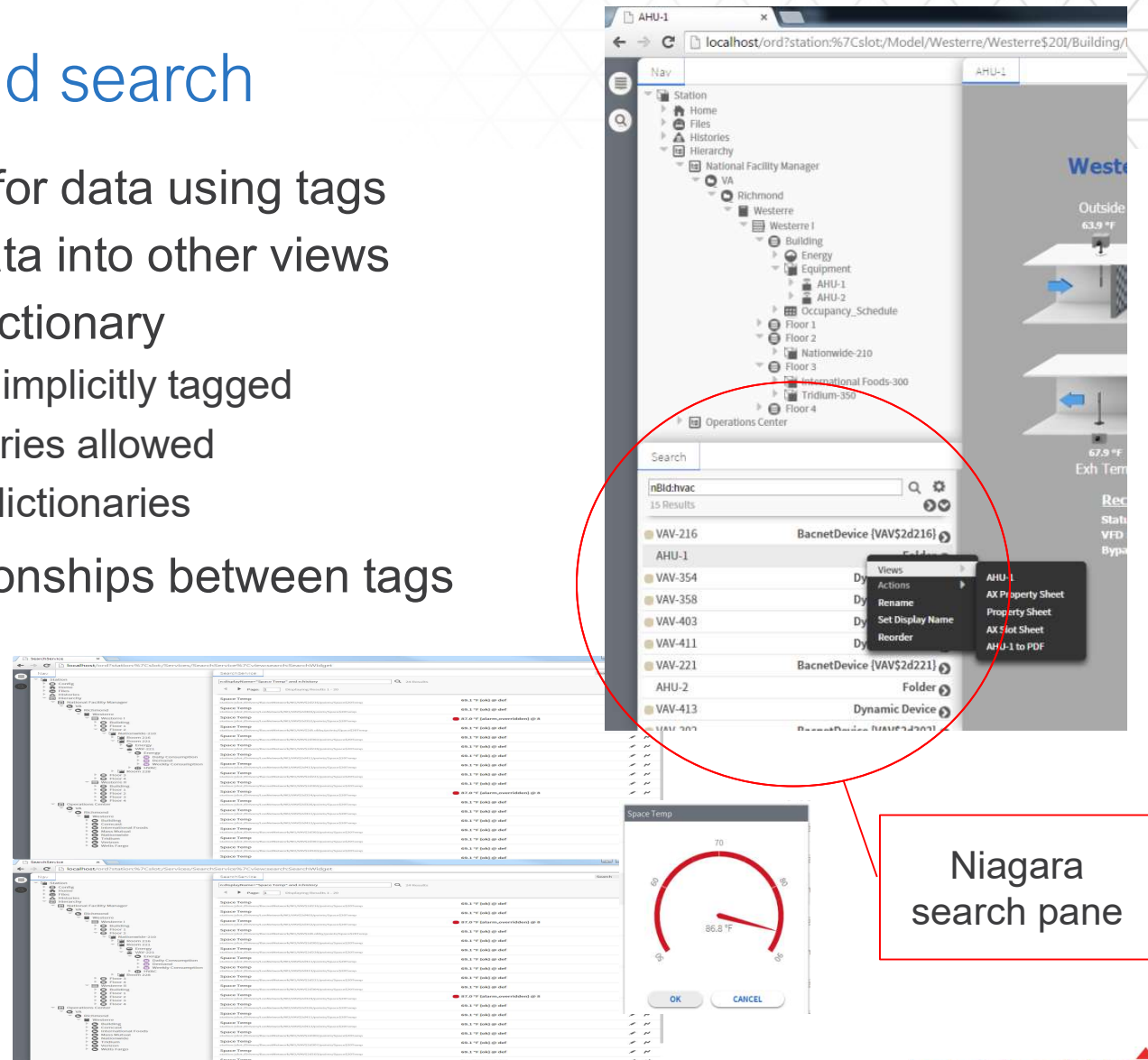




# Find and visualize data

## Tagging and search

- Quickly search for data using tags
- Drag 'n' drop data into other views
- Supports any dictionary
  - Niagara entities implicitly tagged
  - Multiple dictionaries allowed
  - Create custom dictionaries
- Supports relationships between tags



## Navigation

- The figure displays two screenshots of a building energy simulation interface, likely EnergyPlus, showing the 'Floor 1: Reception' area. The interface is divided into a left sidebar with a hierarchical tree view and a main central display area.

**Left Sidebar (Tree View):**

  - Station
    - Conting
    - Home
    - Historics
    - Inventory
    - National Facility Manager
  - VA
    - Richmond
      - Westmore
        - Building
          - Reception
            - Energy
              - Power
                - Box Flow
                - Charger Position
                - Reheat Status
                - Space Temp
                - Supply Temp
  - Operations Center
    - VA
      - Richmond
        - Westmore
          - Building
            - International Foods
            - Plan Manager
            - Tridium
            - Westmore
            - Wells Fargo

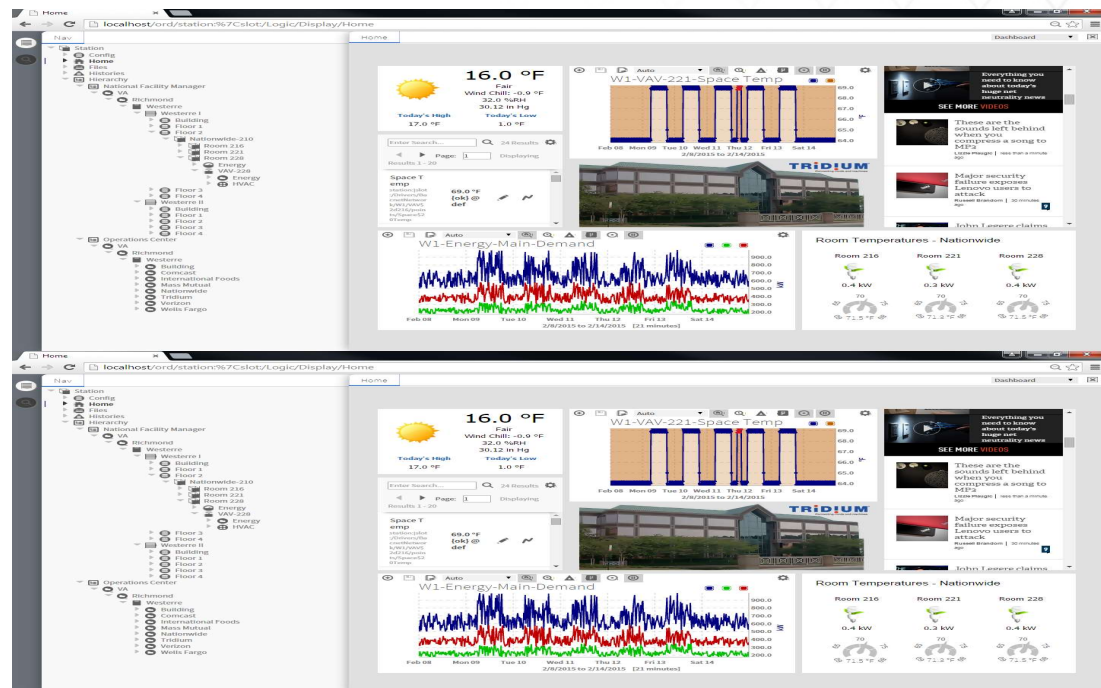
**Main Display Area:**

  - Top: 'Reception' label.
  - Center: A floor plan diagram of 'Floor 1: Reception'. The diagram shows various rooms and a central 'Lobby' area. A light bulb icon is present in the lobby, and a temperature reading 'Space Temp: 69.1 °F' is displayed.
  - Bottom Right: A circular gauge showing power consumption in 'KW'. The needle points to 6.2 KW.

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## Dashboards

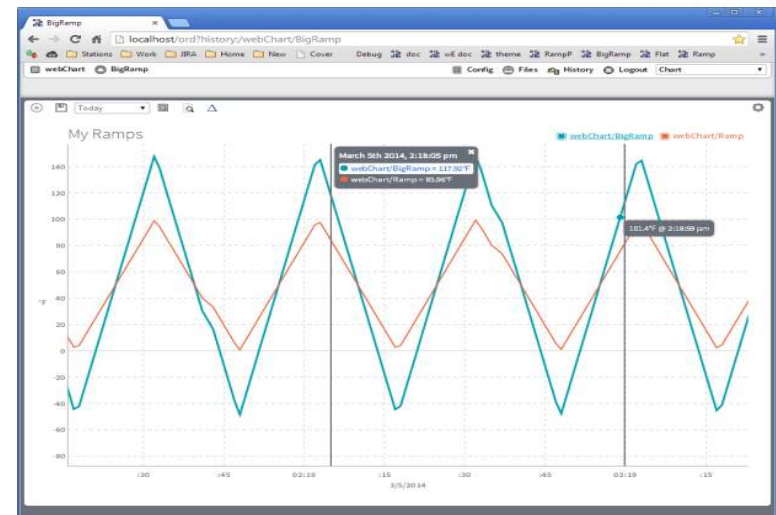
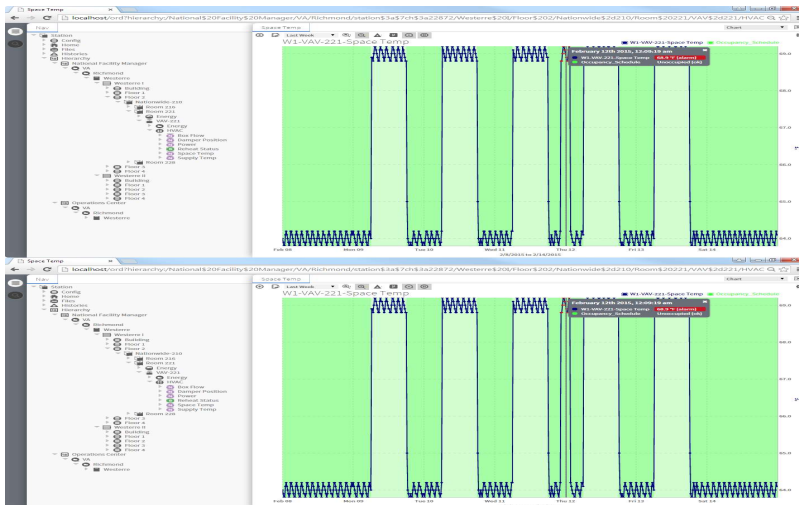
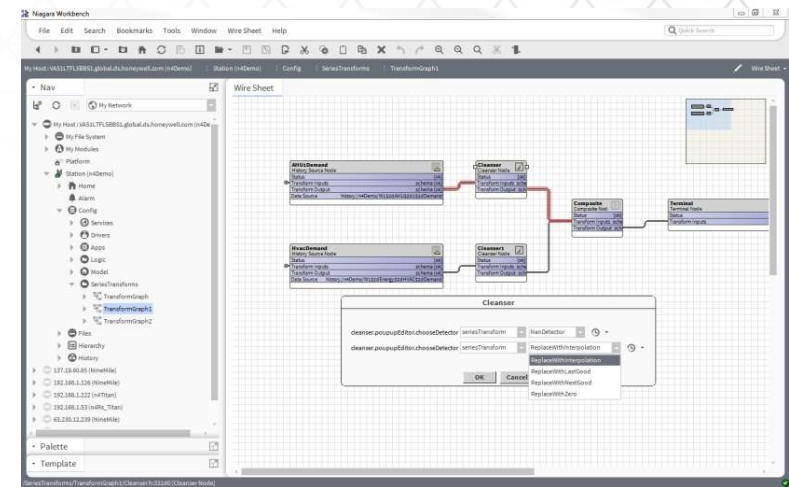
- Drag 'n' drop data onto dashboard in real time
- Supports web browser as a widget
- Users can save custom dashboards to view later



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## Charts

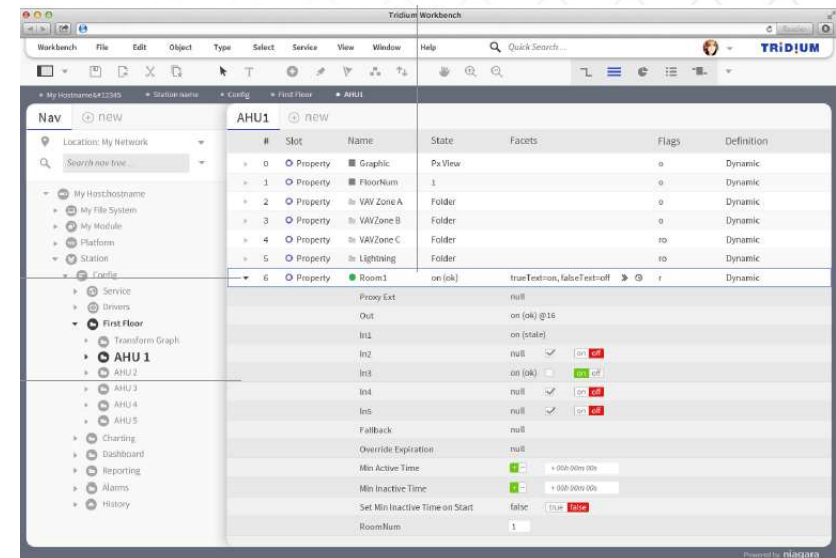
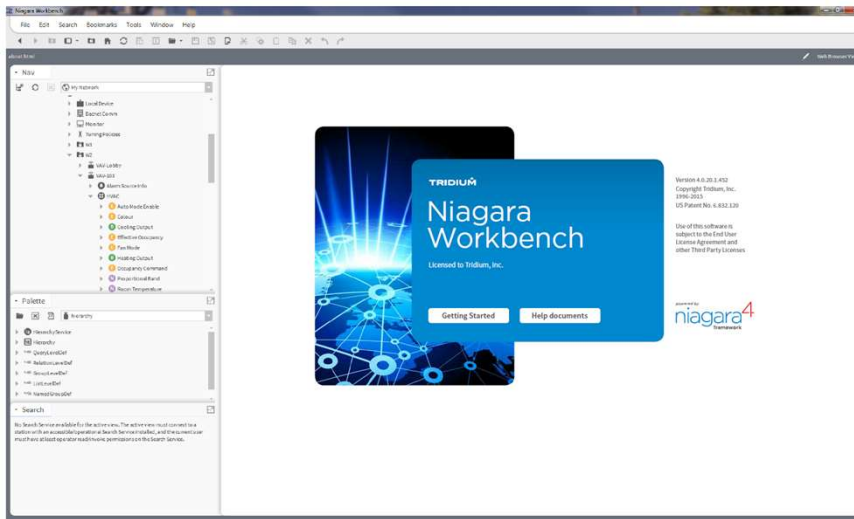
- Drag 'n' drop data onto charts
- Easily compare multiple points
- Point status visible on chart
- Save charts for later use
- Data cleanser for handling bad data



# Faster integrations

## Workbench improvements

- Re-designed property sheet
- Integrated search
- Fewer clicks; more intuitive dialogs
- Important data stands out

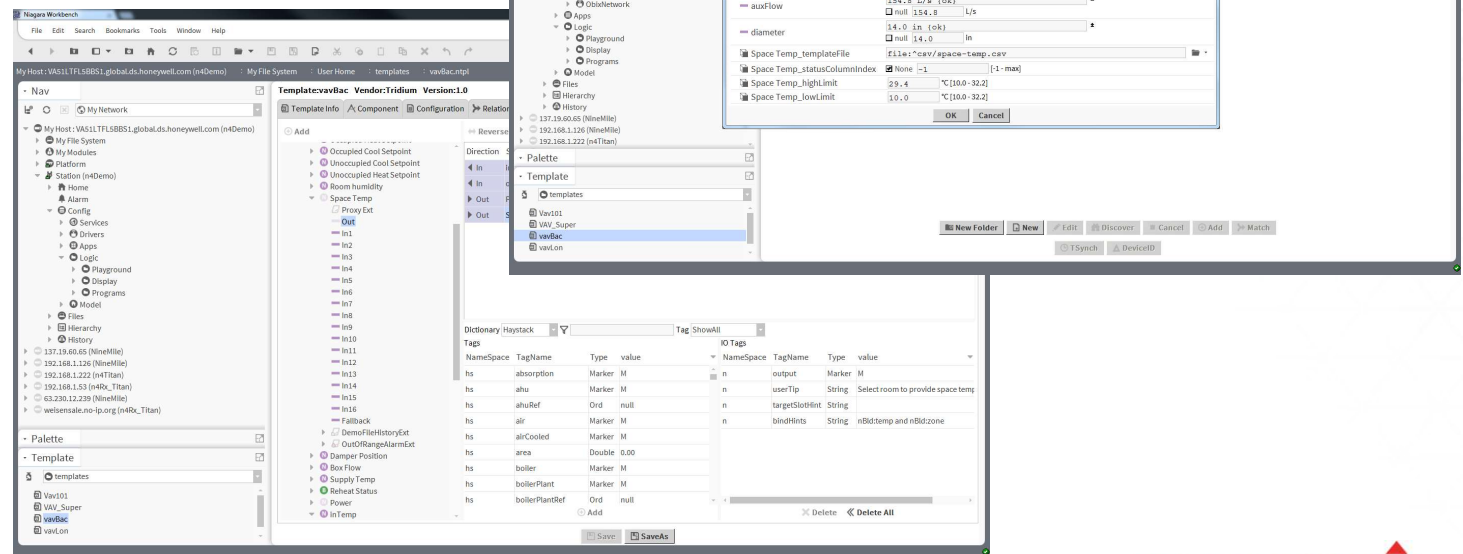




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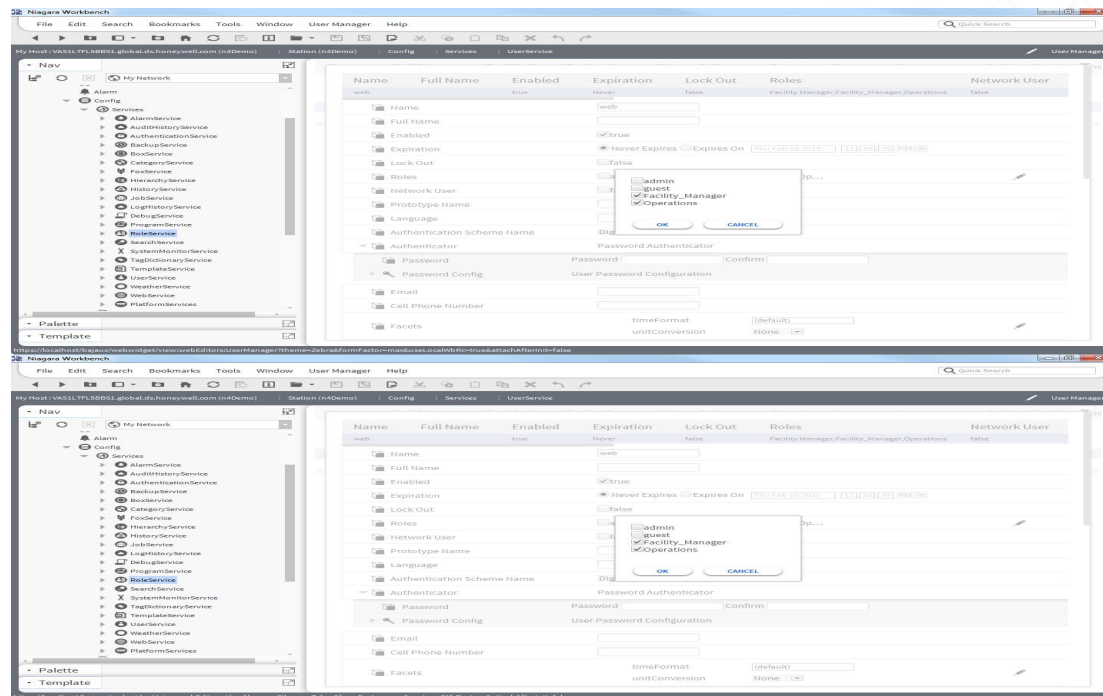
## Templates

- Create templates for common integrations
  - Tags, graphics and logic can be embedded in templates
- Deploy templates to save time
  - Template configuration wizard
  - External links suggested based on tags



# Security: new features

- Tridium module code signing
  - Verify module author and that code hasn't been altered or corrupted
- Role-based access control
  - Manage user roles and permissions with tags



# Extensible platform

## Developer support



- UX framework based on open web technology
  - HTML5, CSS3, JSON, etc.
  - BajaScript v2.0
- Improved public APIs
- Historian DB API
- Queryable tags enables app community
- Improved documentation and examples:

[https://www.niagara-community.com/articles/Product\\_Guide/Developer-Program-Services-Home](https://www.niagara-community.com/articles/Product_Guide/Developer-Program-Services-Home)

# Niagara 4 Features Summary

UI / visualization enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move away from JAVA applet – convert key end user views</li><li>• Hierarchical navigation (via tags)</li><li>• New UX framework (HTML5) and design language</li><li>• Workbench workflow improvements</li><li>• Improve UI developer experience (BajaScript v2.0)</li></ul>
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customizable dashboards</li><li>• Data cleansing capabilities<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Series transform improvements</li></ul></li><li>• Advanced charting<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Line and bar charts</li></ul></li><li>• Local Niagara station search/queries</li></ul>
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Role-based access control</li><li>• Code signing</li></ul>
Device management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Device templating</li><li>• Tagging</li></ul>
Licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capacity licensing</li></ul>
JACE® 8000 support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WiFi</li><li>• USB backup and restore</li></ul>
Niagara AX migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Station migration tool</li></ul>

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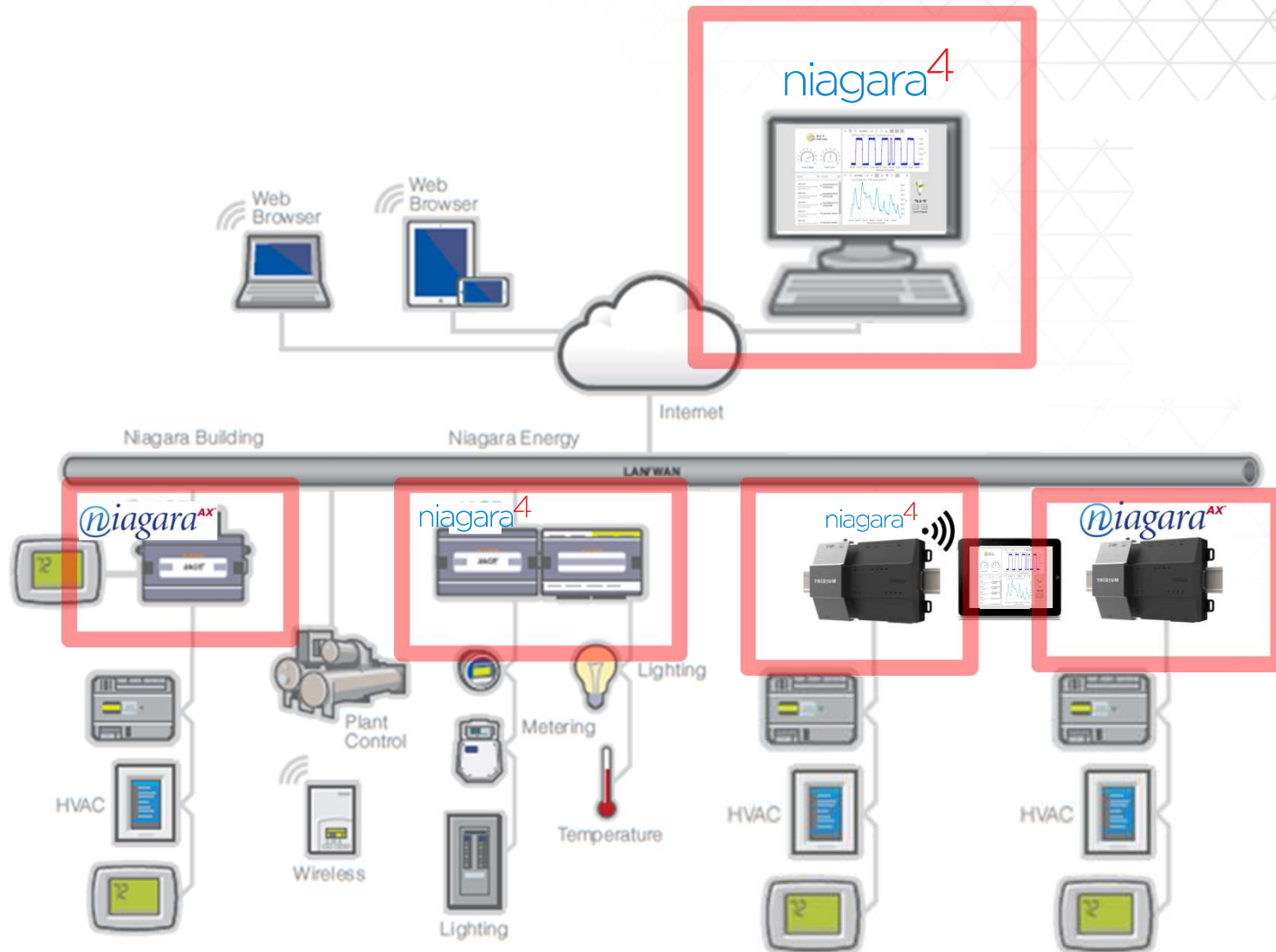


# Niagara AX-Niagara 4 compatibility

- **Network compatibility**
  - Systems can have mix of Niagara AX and Niagara 4 JACE® controllers
  - Niagara network will work between Niagara AX and Niagara 4
    - v3.6u4, v3.7u1, v3.8R required
- **Station conversion tool**
  - Tridium will offer tool to convert Niagara AX stations to Niagara 4 stations
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> party modules can be converted when vendors provide Niagara 4 versions of their content
  - Converted stations may not work without updated 3<sup>rd</sup> party modules
- **Developer APIs**
  - Rare opportunity to make breaking changes to Niagara APIs
  - Developers will have to re-compile/re-factor their modules for Niagara 4
  - Most modules will only require minor re-factor for developers
  - N-driver driver framework supported – older driver frameworks deprecated
- **Hardware**
  - Runs on any JACE w/ hotspot VM (J3E, J6, J6E, J7)
  - Runs on the JACE 8000



# Niagara AX to Niagara 4 upgrade path



# Software maintenance

## Program summary

- 18 months included with every license (additional years can also be purchased up front)
- Gap charges apply if SMA purchases after expiration (5-year max)
- All update builds, patches and upgrades are provided as part of SMA

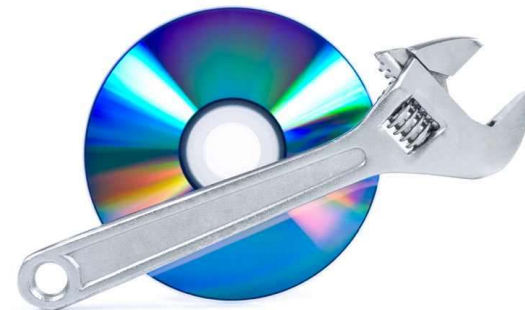
## Value propositions

- Many end users explicitly ask for a maintenance program to reduce risk
- Distributors no longer worry about out-of-date versions sitting in stock
- System integrators can add SMA to service programs – additional value



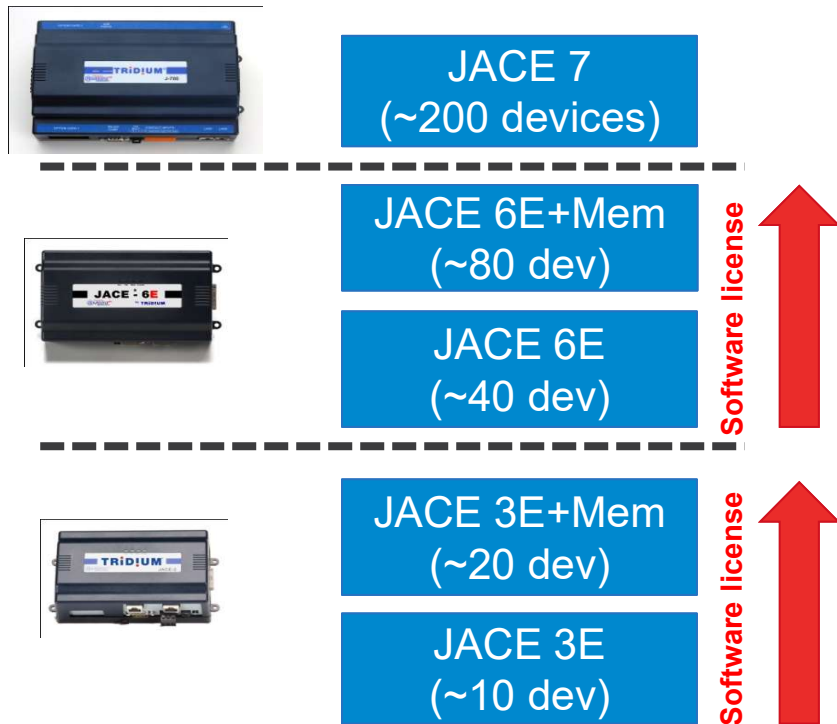
## Support period for Niagara AX

- Standard release: 4 years from release
- Long-term release: 7 years from release
- Niagara AX v3.8 is designated a long-term release
- Tech support available until product EOL



# Simple capacity-based licensing

Niagara AX portfolio:  
3 hardware platforms



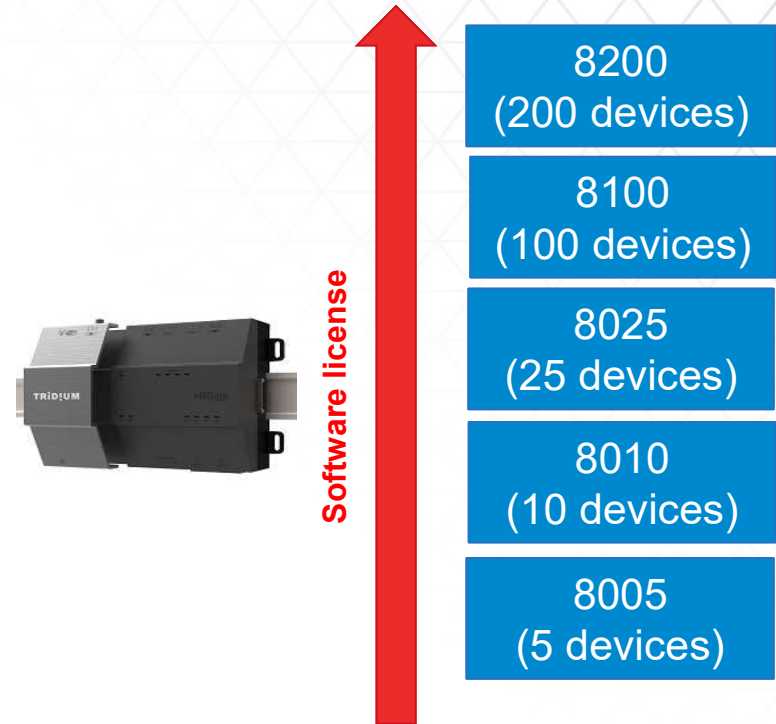
Drivers:  
Ad hoc

BACnet LON

Modbus KNX

SNMP CCN

Niagara 4 portfolio:  
1 hardware platform: JACE<sup>®</sup> 8000



Drivers:  
Standard included  
Special – Ad hoc

BACnet

LON

Modbus

KNX

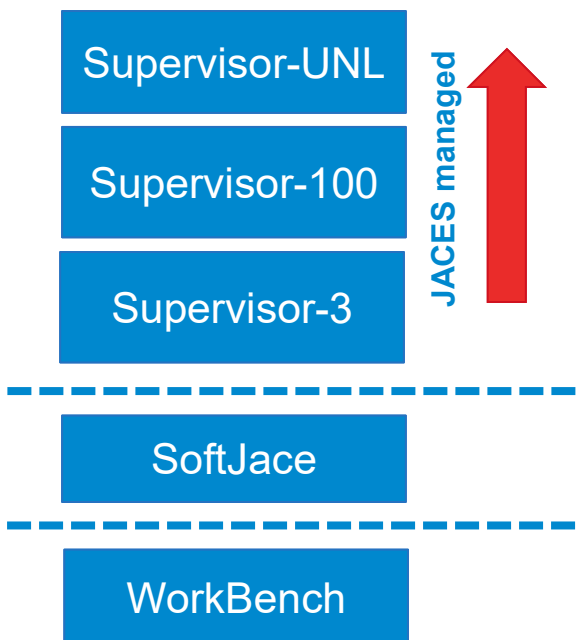
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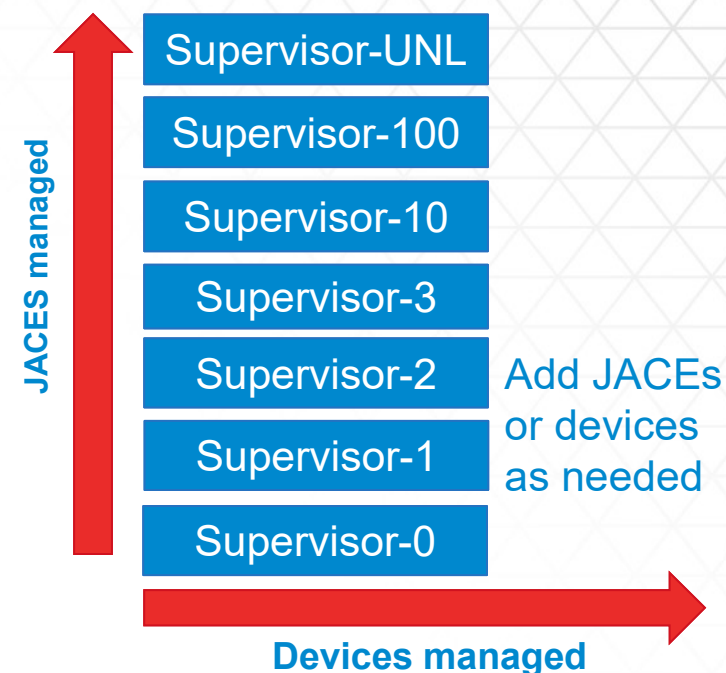
Drivers:

Ad hoc  
500pt packs

BACnet	LON
Modbus	KNX
SNMP	DB drivers



Niagara 4 portfolio:  
*Consistent capacity packs*



Drivers:

Standard IP included  
Special IP – Ad hoc  
10, 25, 50, 100 device packs (50pts / device)

BACnet	LON
Modbus	KNX
SNMP	DB drivers

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# Niagara 4 Certification Training

Certification Training is a prerequisite for purchasing Niagara 4

- Several options based on credentials and role within the organization:
  - **Niagara AX certified:** Niagara 4 Cross-Over Web-based training and certification course; self-paced, completed online anytime, anywhere (Part # TRN-DLS-N4-WBT)
  - **New users or not certified:** Niagara 4 Technical Certification Program (TCP); 5-day, instructor-led program offered worldwide this fall (Part # TRN-CRS-N4-TCP)
  - **Coming soon:** Niagara 4 Developer Training and Certification for those who are Niagara AX certified. Program focuses on new, improved capabilities for developing on Niagara 4. Additionally, Developer Training for new developers.

During this course we will be constructing a practical project through a sequence of lab exercises. The labs will cover key basic Niagara skills and concepts that are typically required in a Niagara project.

The 'ABC123 Controls' project will create a single JACE system that has Modbus and Bacnet IO integrations. The JACE's station will control and monitor a commercial building with offices. Graphical views will be created for a Web Browser operator.

#### ABC123 Controls

ABC123 Controls has a reception area leading to two floors of offices and a Training facility.

A central plant room houses boilers and a pump set to provide hot water generation. The office floors each have a dedicated AHU. Reception entrance and Training have heating controls.



Points list for monitoring and control:

Modbus ID:	Plant Room	OutsideAirTemp	Numeric	40001	
		Boiler 1 Fault	Boolean	1	
		Boiler 2 Fault	Boolean	2	
		PumpFlow	Boolean	3	
		GasValve	Numeric	40002	
		Boiler 1 Air Temp	Numeric	40003	
		Boiler Return Temp	Numeric	40004	
		Boiler Enable	Boolean	4	
		Boiler Enable	Boolean	5	
		Pump Enable	Boolean	6	
		Pump Enable	Boolean	7	
		HotWater	Boolean	8	
	Reception		ReceptionTemp	Numeric	40005
			ReceptionTemp	Numeric	40006
			EntranceFan	Numeric	9
			Entrance Heater	Numeric	10
	Training		StorageTemp	Numeric	40007
			PackingAirTemp	Numeric	40008
		Storage Heater	Boolean	11	
		Storage Heater	Boolean	12	
Outside		Packing Heater	Boolean	12	
		Outside Air Level	Boolean	13	
Bacnet	Office Floor	Supply Air Temp	Boolean	15	

