



GLOBAL LEADER IN HVAC SYSTEMS ACHIEVES CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE WITH HCL'S REMOTE SERVICES SOLUTION

Customer Profile



The customer is an American multi-national conglomerate operating across 170 countries. It manufactures, distributes, and manages heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems for commercial and residential applications. The customer strives to create comfortable environment, safeguard global food supply, and ensures general well-being by delivering vital medical supplies under exacting conditions. It also strives to spearhead the green building movement worldwide.





The customer provides HVAC equipment and field services to end users. It was struggling to enhance after-sales services of chillers at multiple locations, resulting from the absence of a tracking mechanism. As a result, locating parts was a time consuming process, and there was poor communication among technicians involved.

- Lack of visibility into performance of installed base of chillers across various sites.
- Downtime of critical chillers at some customer sites was as high as 2-3 days.
- Longer lead time to support breakdown activities at the customer site.
- First time fix rate was low due to lack of sufficient data pertaining to the problem, and its context.

Currently, the HVAC systems installed at the end-user's location have embedded sensors, which collect data continuously. This data is subsequently stored in SCADA systems. The customer partners with third-party service providers to install and manage chillers.

Our Solution



Our expertise in understanding IoT use-cases, combined with proven infrastructure capabilities, helped identify the IT/OT gap that existed in the customer's bespoke IoT platform.

OUTLINING THE SOLUTION ROADMAP:

HCL initiated the process with a **'Define'** workshop to brainstorm and identify gaps and set the agenda for 'Business Transformation'.

An Enterprise Class Remote Service Platform was proposed, which facilitated sensor integration with various protocols to support remote monitoring of chiller plants. The solution met both existing and future business growth requirements.

This was followed by the **Build** stage. A remote service framework was developed to connect service executives and field service technicians through a service portal and mobile application. The solution was designed considering the multi-tenant nature of the business.

PROPOSED ARCHITECTURE LEVERAGED MICROSOFT AZURE CAPABILITIES ALONG WITH THE FOLLOWING KEY TENETS:

- Integrate the local chiller data from the multiple chillers to the cloud gateway
- API-driven model to integrate cloud solutions with the existing CRM, asset management, and SCADA systems
- Scalable to monitor the devices installed across geographies
- Data extraction from multiple devices and cleansing and visualization of device data to deliver real-time key insights to service executive

THIS SOLUTION IS BUILT ON THE MICROSOFT AZURE PLATFORM TO PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:



The solution leverages micro-servicesbased architecture to enable flexibility, for future expansion, and integration with other enterprise tools.



The number of devices monitored and remotely served can be scaled with minimal disruptions to the platform and the solution.

ROLE-BASED DASHBOARDS

The solution delivers web applications for the service executive pertaining to the status of the installed chillers along with a mobile application providing device information and service instruction to the field service executives on the move.

B SECURITY

The data is encrypted across the layers of the IoT stack. The solution used 'secure data access APIs'. Security for device data and connectivity x.501 certifications. Multi-tenant cloud system segregates and stores the data obtained from multiple customers separately, to ensure privacy.



Customer Benefits



Our enterprise-wide solution enabled seamless operations and visibility into the ecosystem. This facilitated a holistic revamp of the legacy systems, conventions, and operating models and the deployment of a future-proof IoT platform.

CONSEQUENTLY, THE CUSTOMER ALSO ENJOYED THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

- Enhanced customer satisfaction and retention by reducing maintenance downtime from 2-3 Days to a few hours
- Increased operational efficiency of the service technicians by providing the right information at the right time
- Optimized asset performance by transitioning from reactive maintenance to predictive maintenance
- Diminished service cost due to scheduled maintenance and improvement in first time fix rate resulting from timely delivery of asset information to the technician



Increase in technician's productivity by 15-18%

Reduction in service cost by 8-10%

Increase in first time fix rate by 15-17%





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DDX Accelerator for device IoTization



IDEA Gateway Reference design for an intelligent device



Pangea Data Analytics platform



Platform Acceleration Suite Build next generation cloud services

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