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WORKFLOW CANVAS TUTORIAL



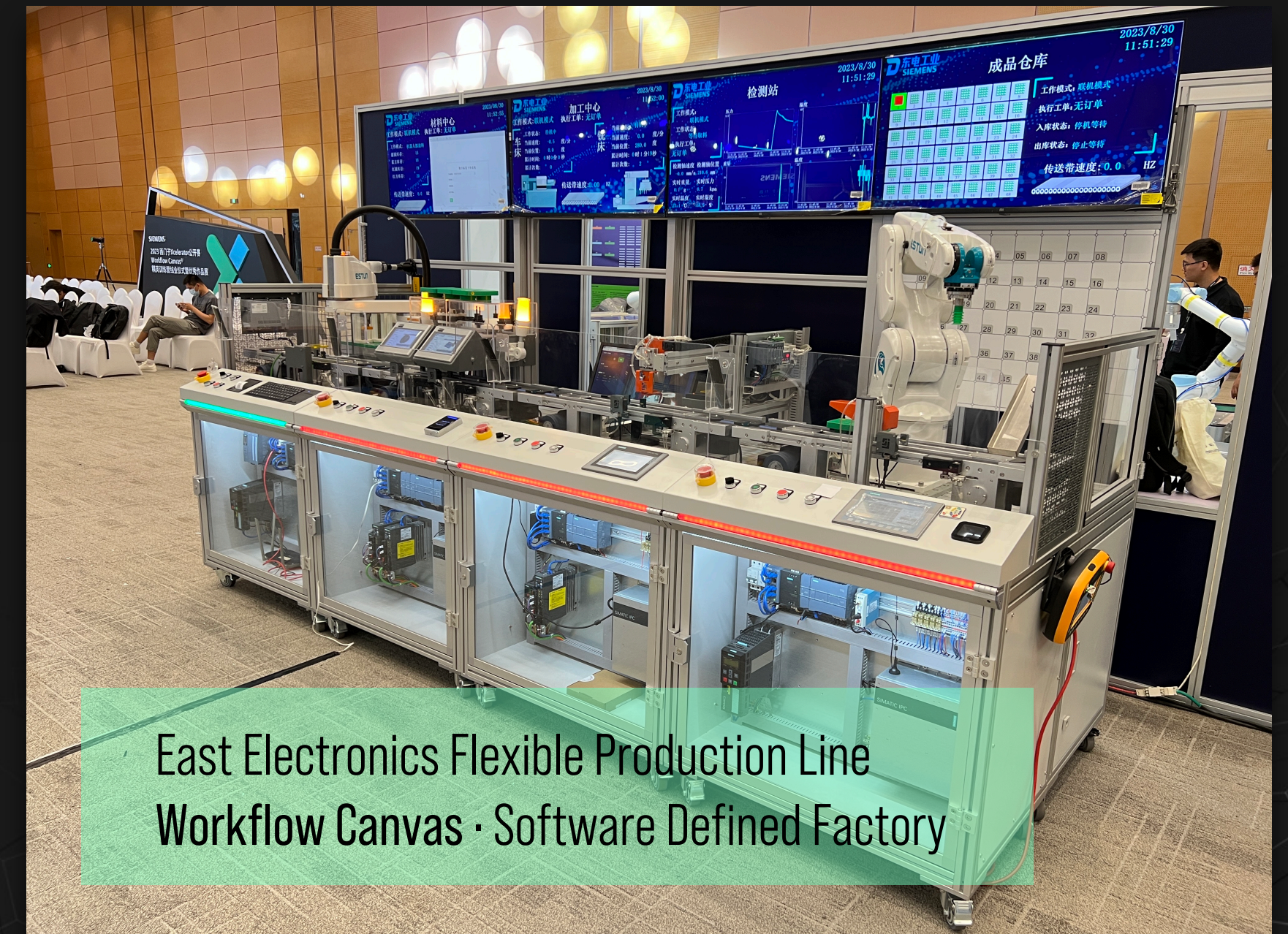
Pain Points of a Traditional Factory

- Mixed-line production is difficult
- The equipments have a low reuse rate
- Rely on system integrators. Difficult to maintain and upgrade
- Inconsistent IT/OT development experience
- Data and processes are isolated

What is Software Defined Factory

- Software driven flexible modular workstations
- Cloud native and on-premise IT/OT integration solution
- Follow IEC/ISO/GBT/... industrial standards
- Intuitive low-code/no-code engineering
- Support offline/online 3D simulation
- Semantic data integration
- Customization and openness for a ecosystem

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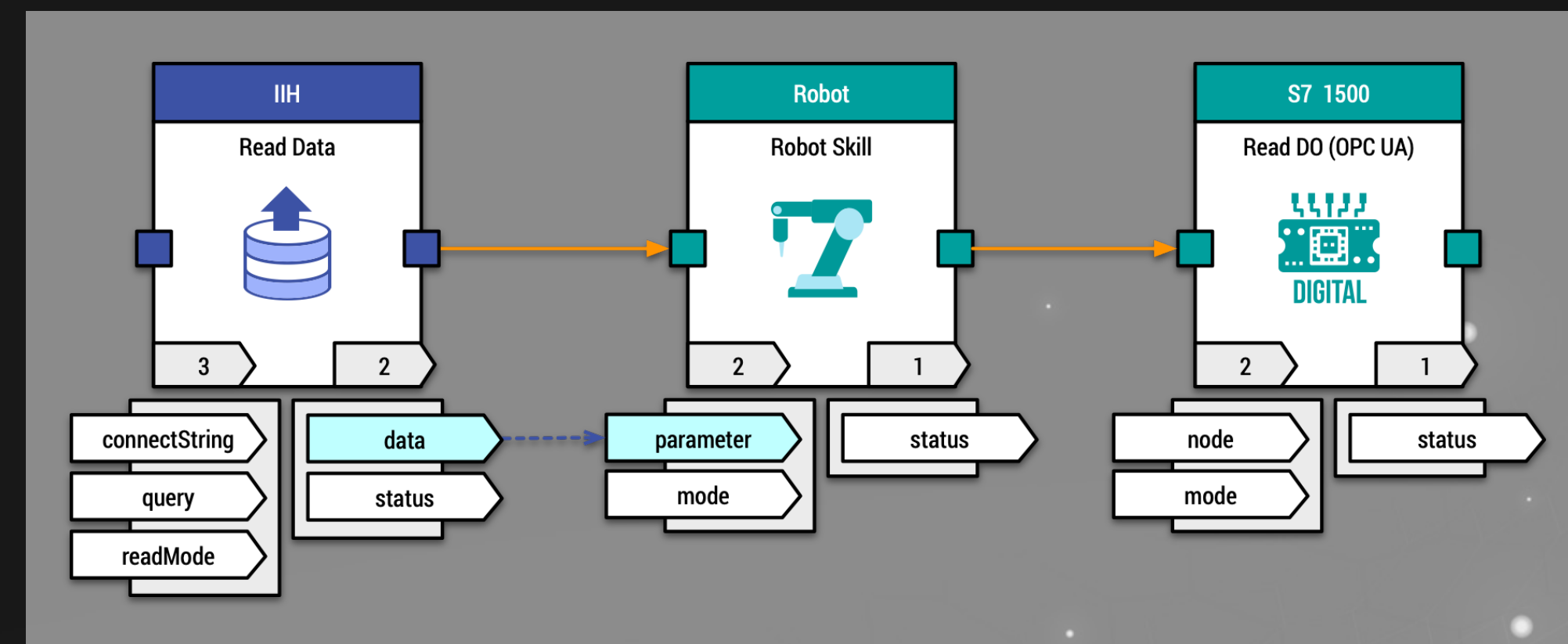
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Workflow Canvas · Software Defined Factory



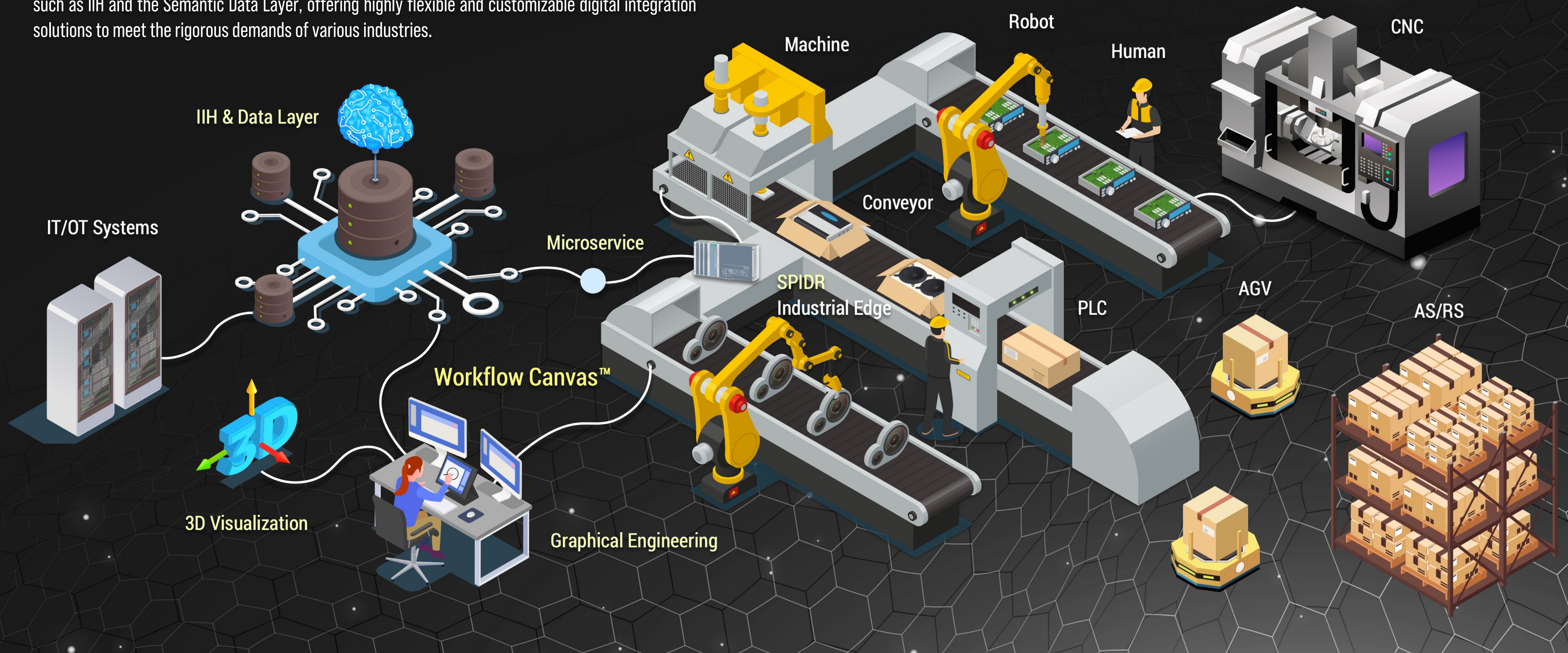
AUBO Robotic Factory Flexible Production Line
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IT and OT Integration by Workflow Canvas

Workflow Canvas is a cloud-native IT/OT integration toolkit that enables Siemens and its eco-partners to develop integrated digital solutions faster, with web-based engineering, built-in 3D visualization, and container-based runtime ready to be deployed either on-premise or in the cloud. Its drag-and-drop interface provides an intuitive developer experience, while both IT and OT engineers can collaborate on the engineering of a plethora of devices, equipment and information systems. The resulting runtime is a cross-platform orchestrator (SPIDR) that comes with data integration options such as IIH and the Semantic Data Layer, offering highly flexible and customizable digital integration solutions to meet the rigorous demands of various industries.



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How to Build a Real Software-Defined Factory Solution from Scratch by Workflow Canvas

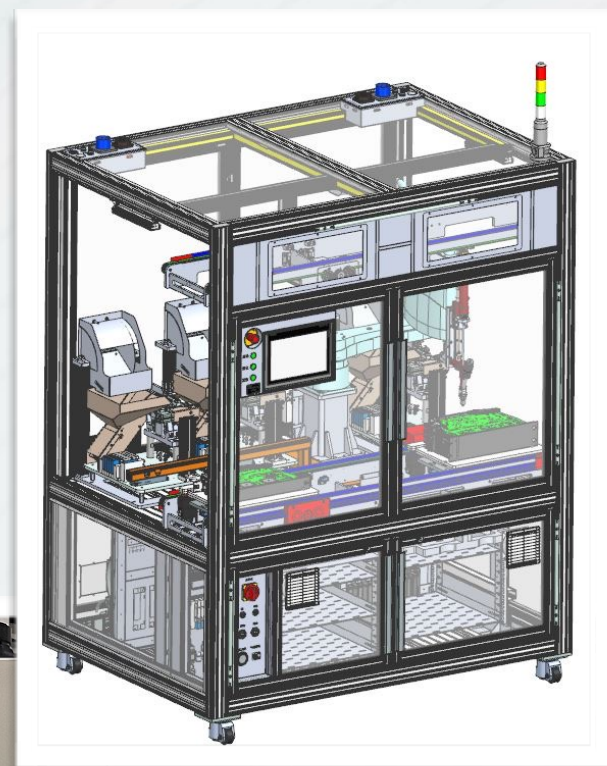
SNC S120 Production Line

- Flexible modular workstations
- In-cell robotic & PLC control
- MES & EWMS connection
- In-process quality control
- Data acquisition
- OEE analysis report dashboard
- 3D visualization and debugging

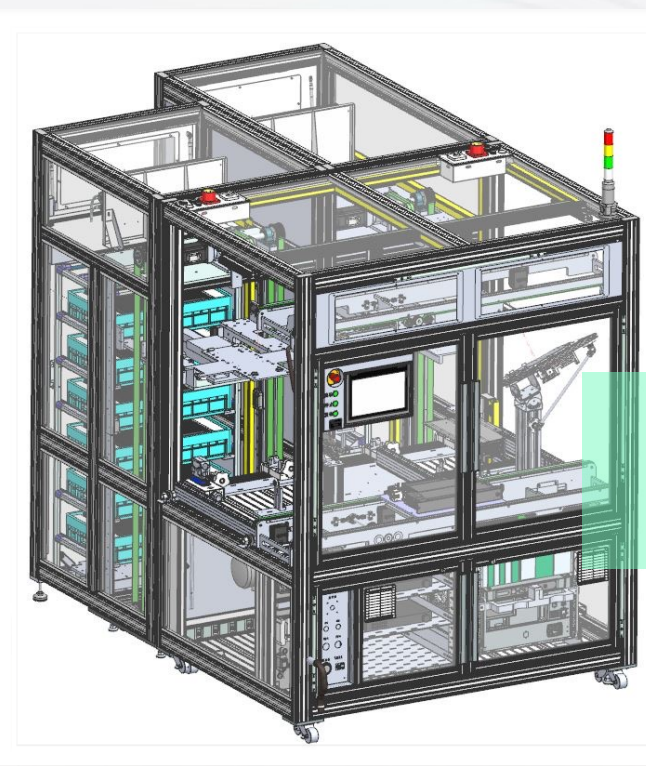


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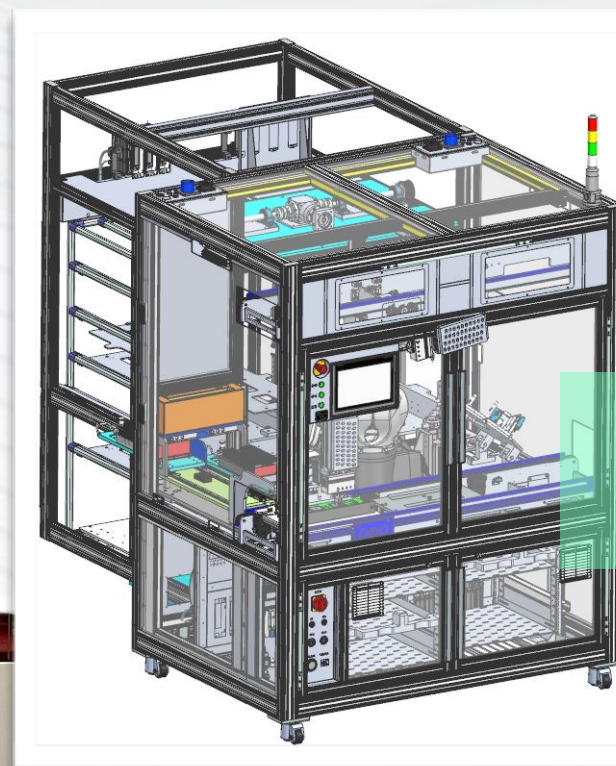
Multiple Modular Workstations Configuration: Automatic Workstations



PBO Screwing



Cover Install



PBO&IGBT Install



Multiple Modular Workstations Configuration: Automatic Workstations

Workflow Canvas Graphical Engineering Tool

Workflow Canvas

SNC EF - V20 SDF

Edit

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Search

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General

Custom Resource

Category Group

Resource Set

Computer Controller

PLC

Human Resource

Data Asset

Robot

Gripper

Torque Wrench

Camera

AGV

Toolbar

Resource Group

Workstation

PBO Screwing

Workstation

Cover Install

Workstation

PBO&IGBT Install

Resource Description

Canvas

Property Panel

Information

ID

RD.General.ResourceNest.1

Display Name

SNC EF V20

Description

Category Group

UI

Category Title

Resource

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Property Panel

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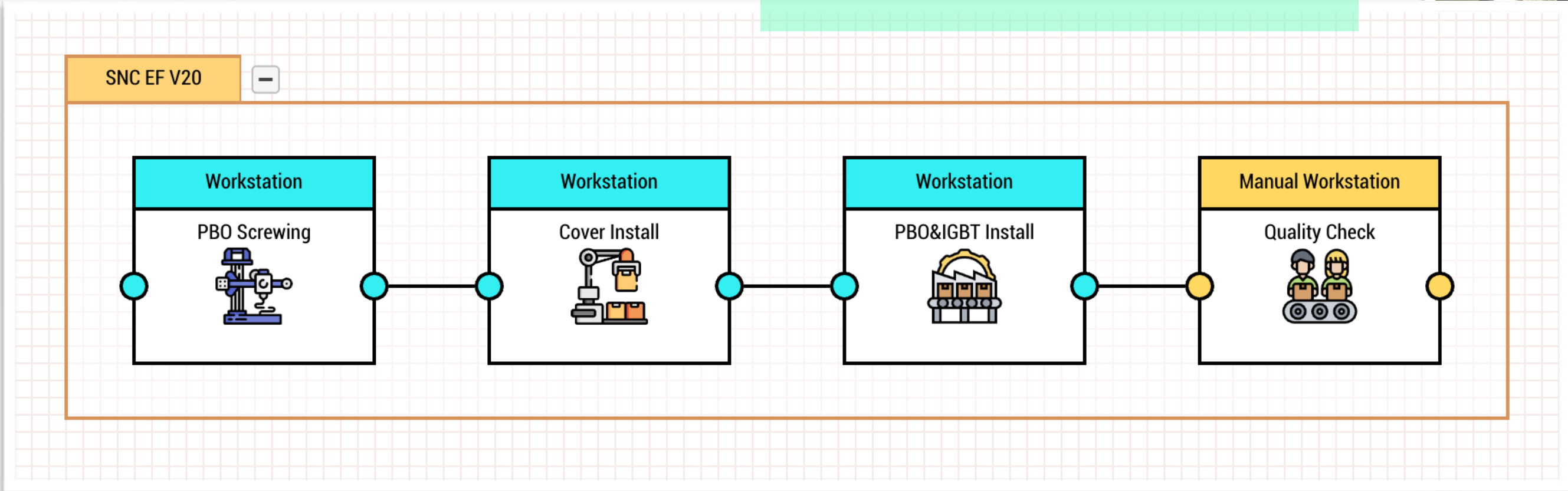
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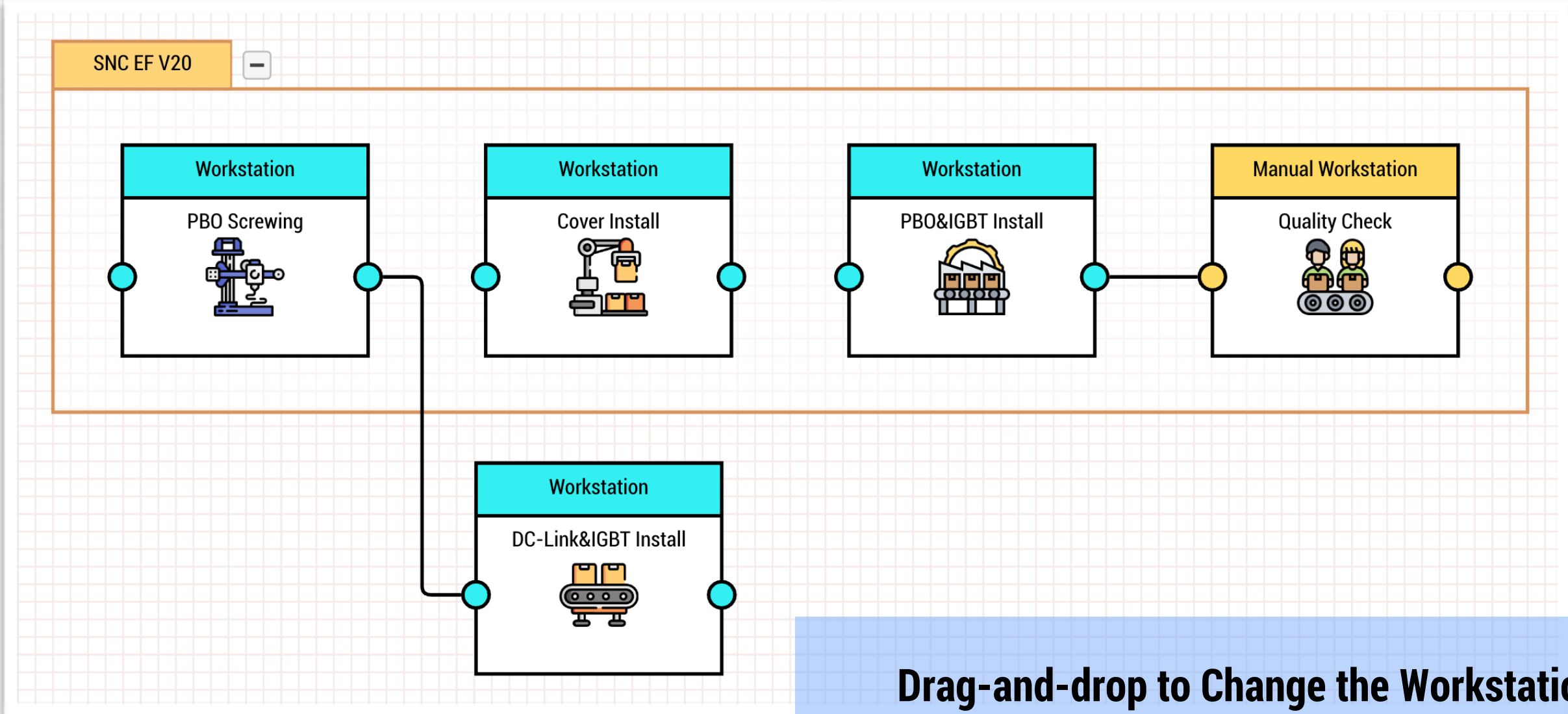
Multiple Modular Workstations Configuration: Add a Manual Workstation

Manual Quality Check

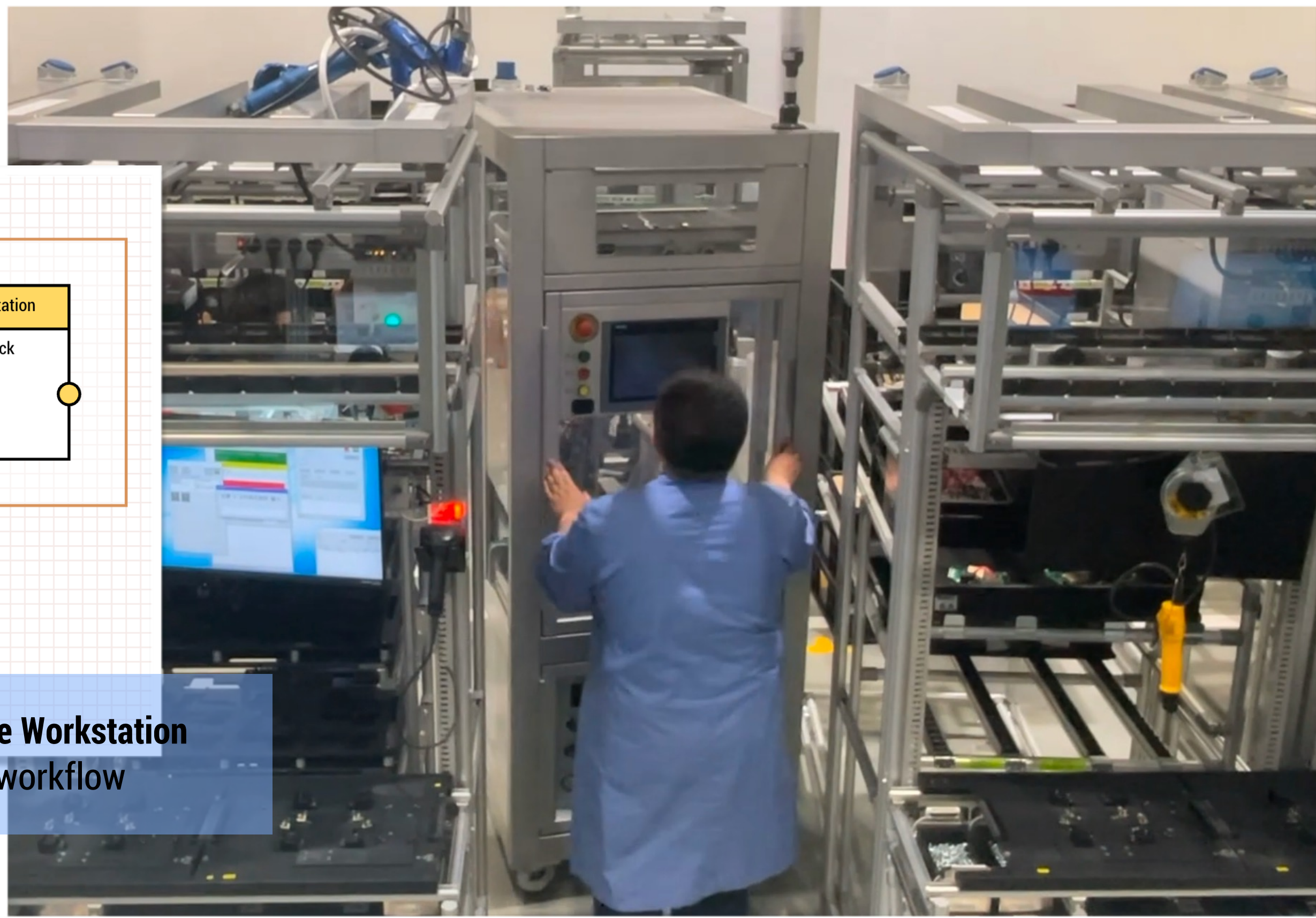
Manual Resource Description



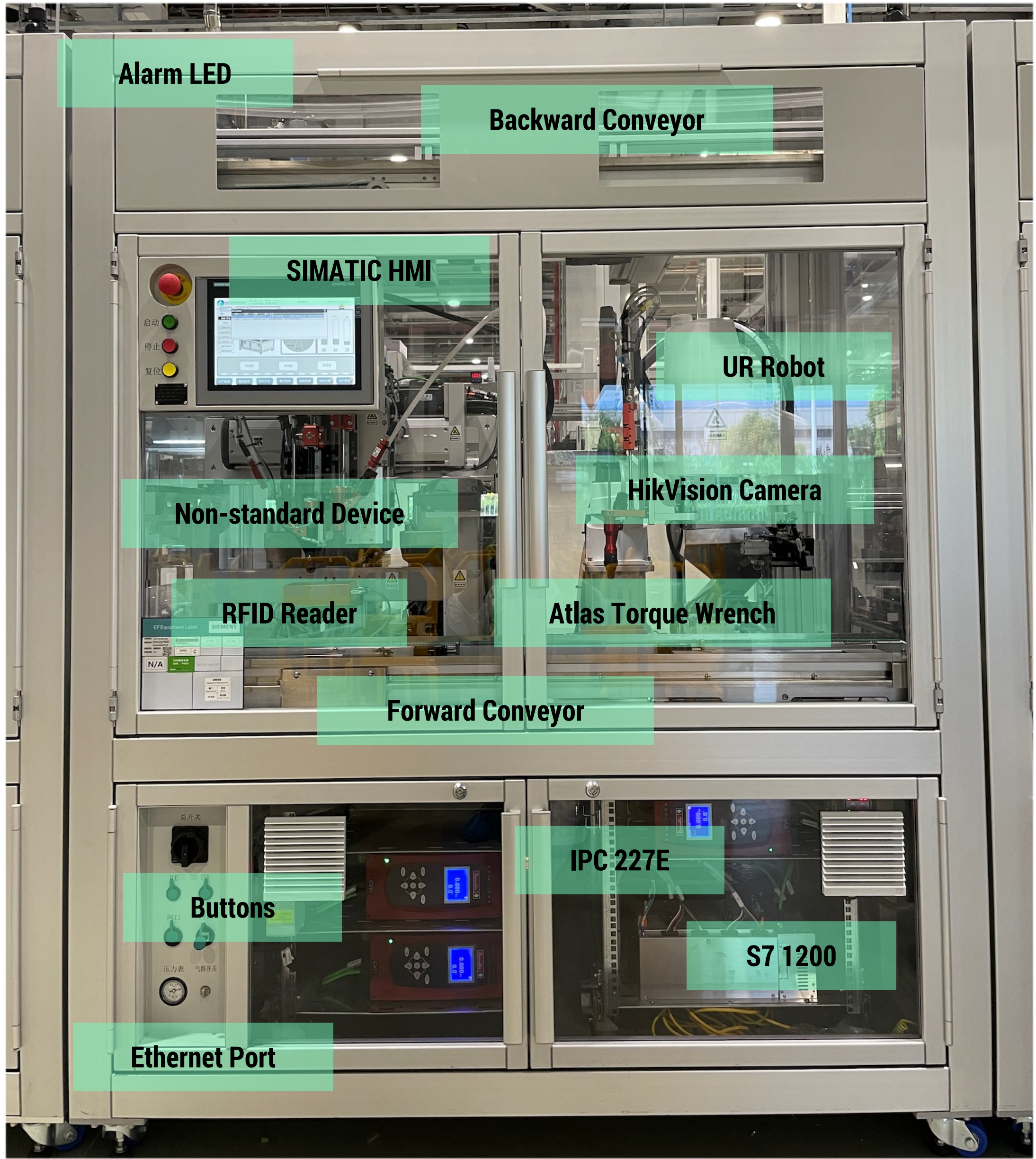
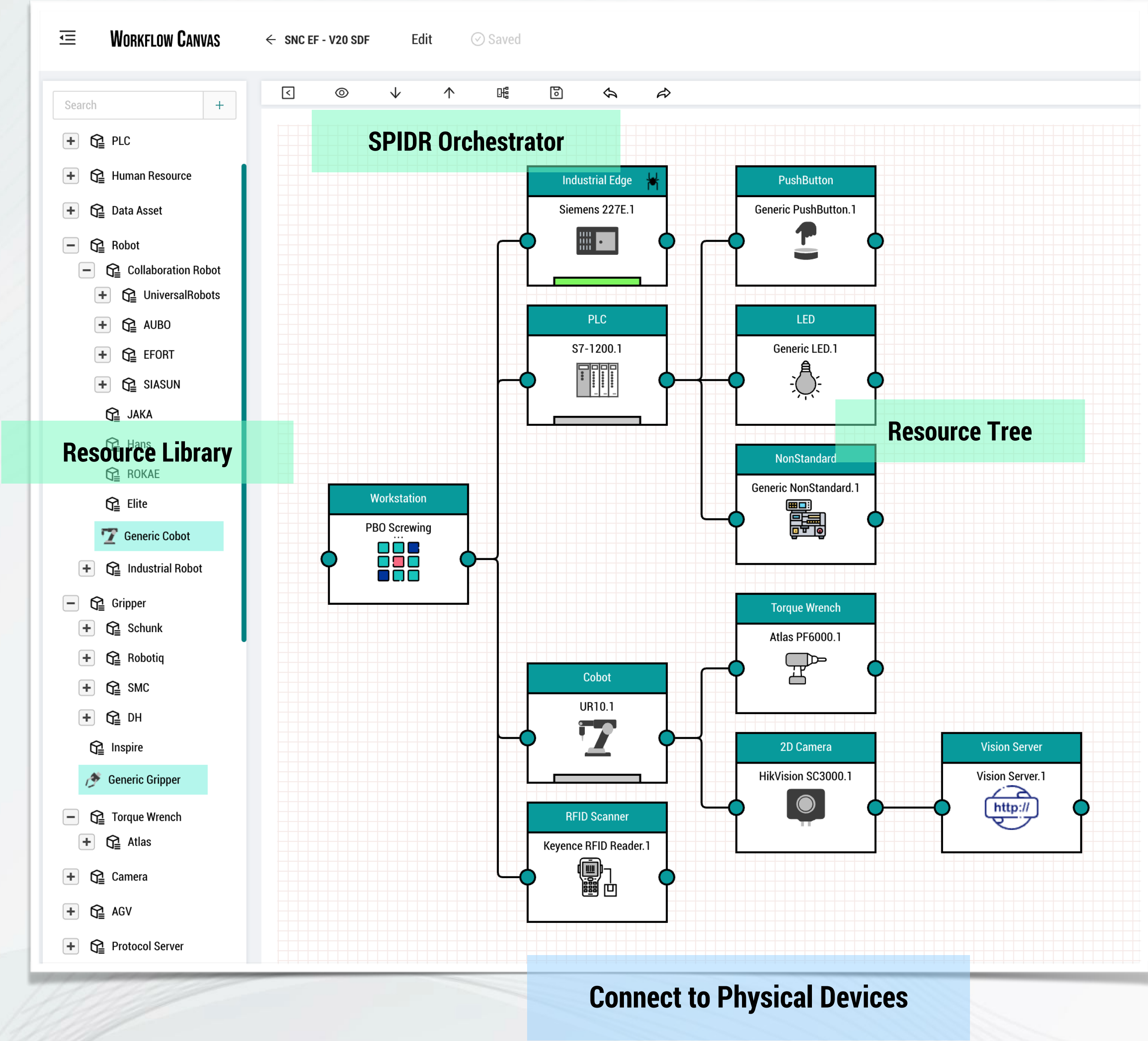
Software Defined Factory: Easily Adjust the Flexible Workstation



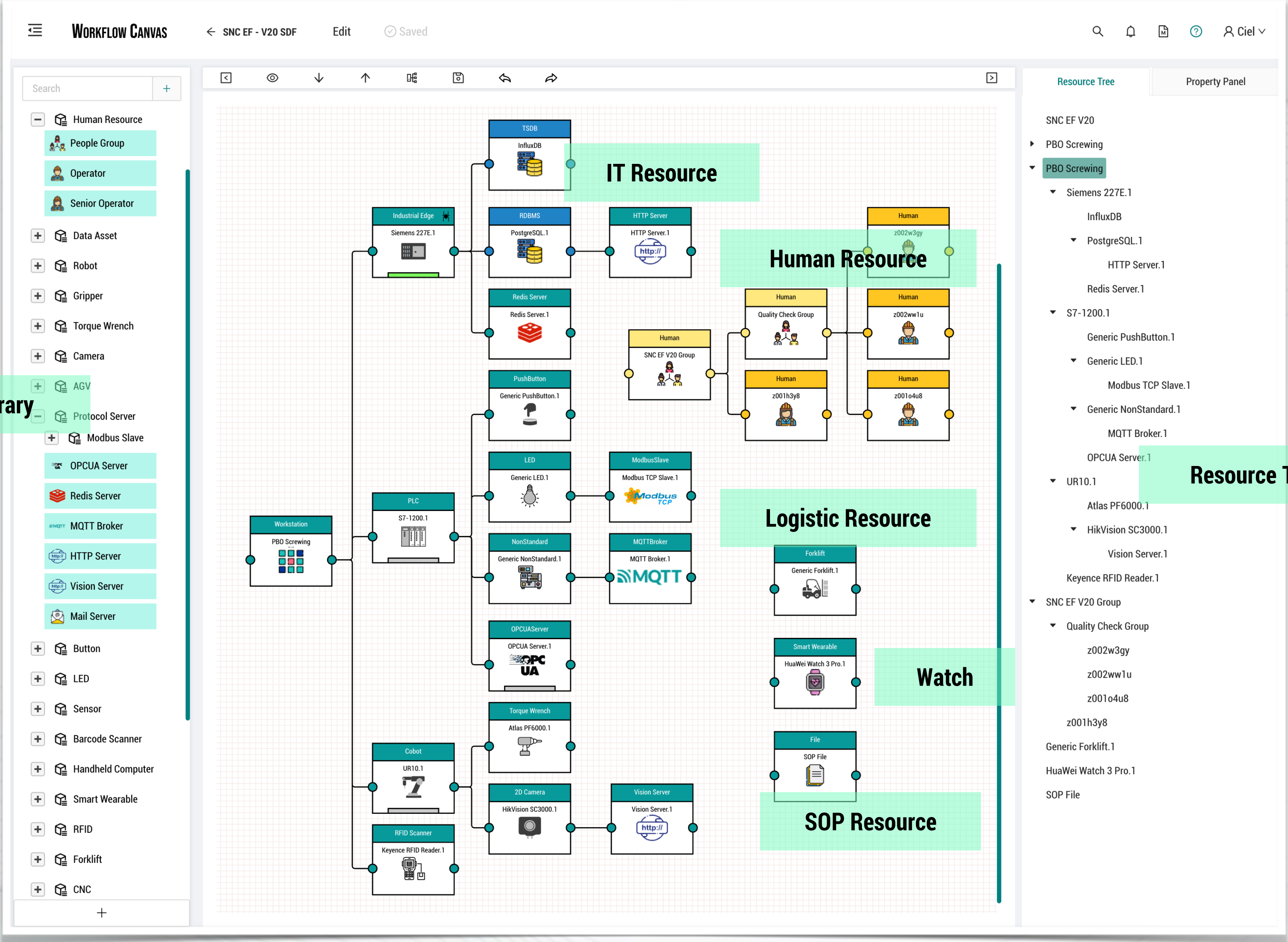
Drag-and-drop to Change the Workstation
No need to update the workflow



Single Workstation In-cell Configuration



Single Workstation In-cell Configuration: Add IT and human resources



Workflow Canvas™ Engineering: General UI Elements

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Workflow Canvas

Configuration

Main Workflow

@ Slices

@ Developer

Robot A Loading Ma...

Ordering

Test Process

Listen DB2 State

Listen Input State

Recipe

Get Position

Workflow List

FBTD (Function Block Typed Diagram)

Workflow Canvas

MOM+HMI+PLC

File

Edit

Saved

Toolbar

Canvas

Workflow

FB Library

Function Block

Property Panel

FB List

Data Table

Information

UI

Property Panel

Input

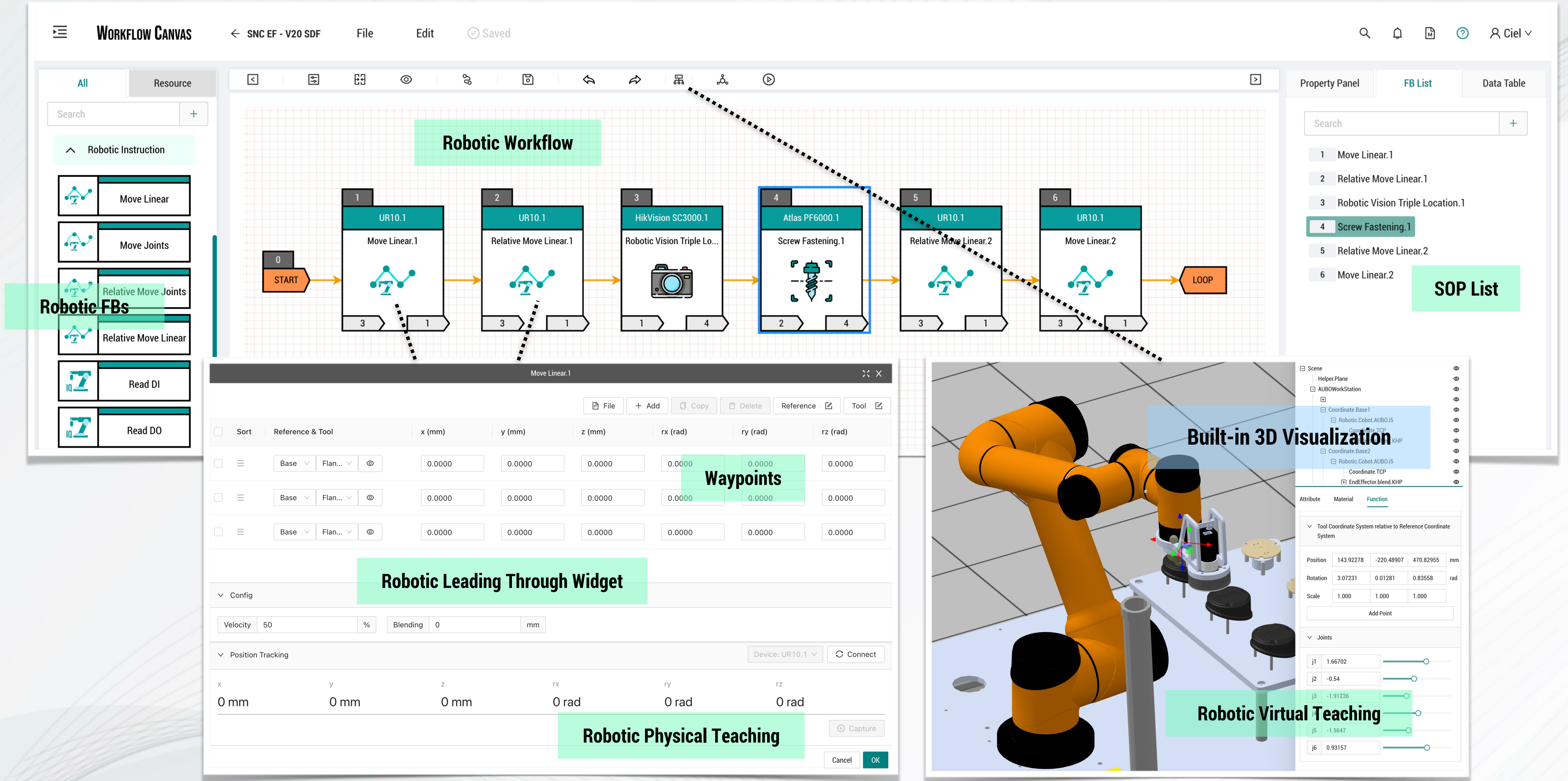
Output

Exception Handling

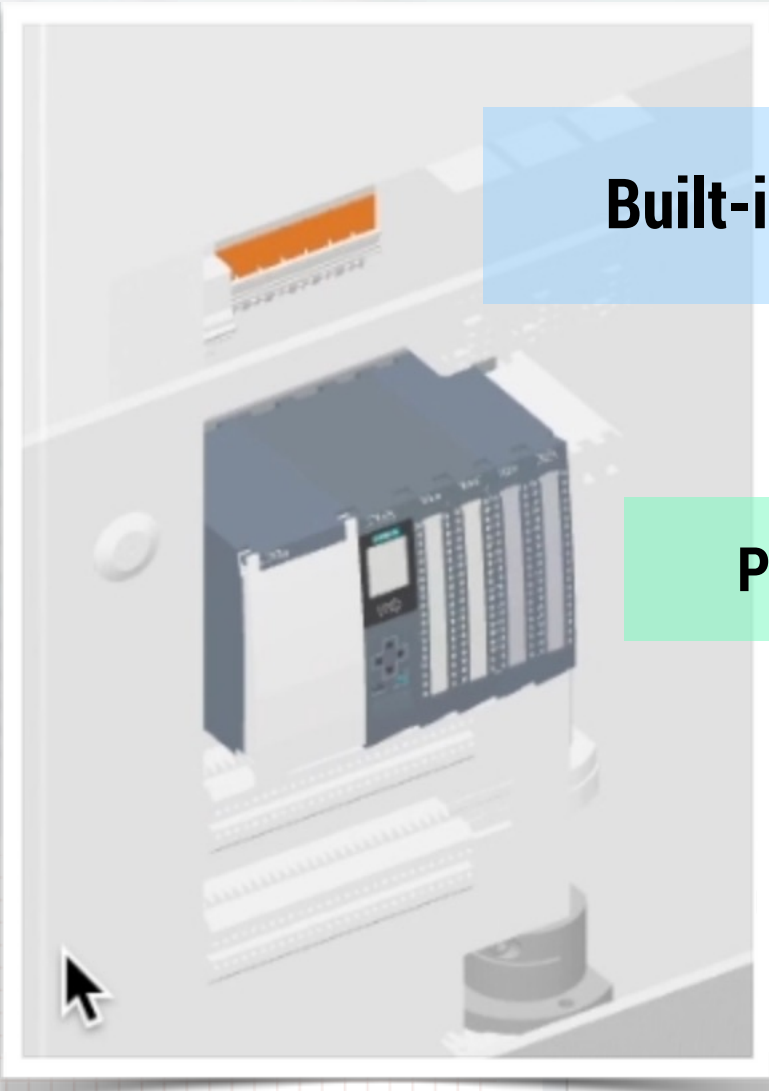
Error Handling

User Information

Workcell Engineering: Create Robotic Screw Fastening Workflow



Workcell Engineering: Create PLC Control Workflow



Built-in 3D Visualization

PLC: SIEMENS S7 1500

Industrial Protocol FBs

▼ S7 Protocol

▼ General Protocol •

Standard Protocol

▼ Industrial Ethernet •

▼ Field Bus •

▼ Modbus

▼ HTTP REST

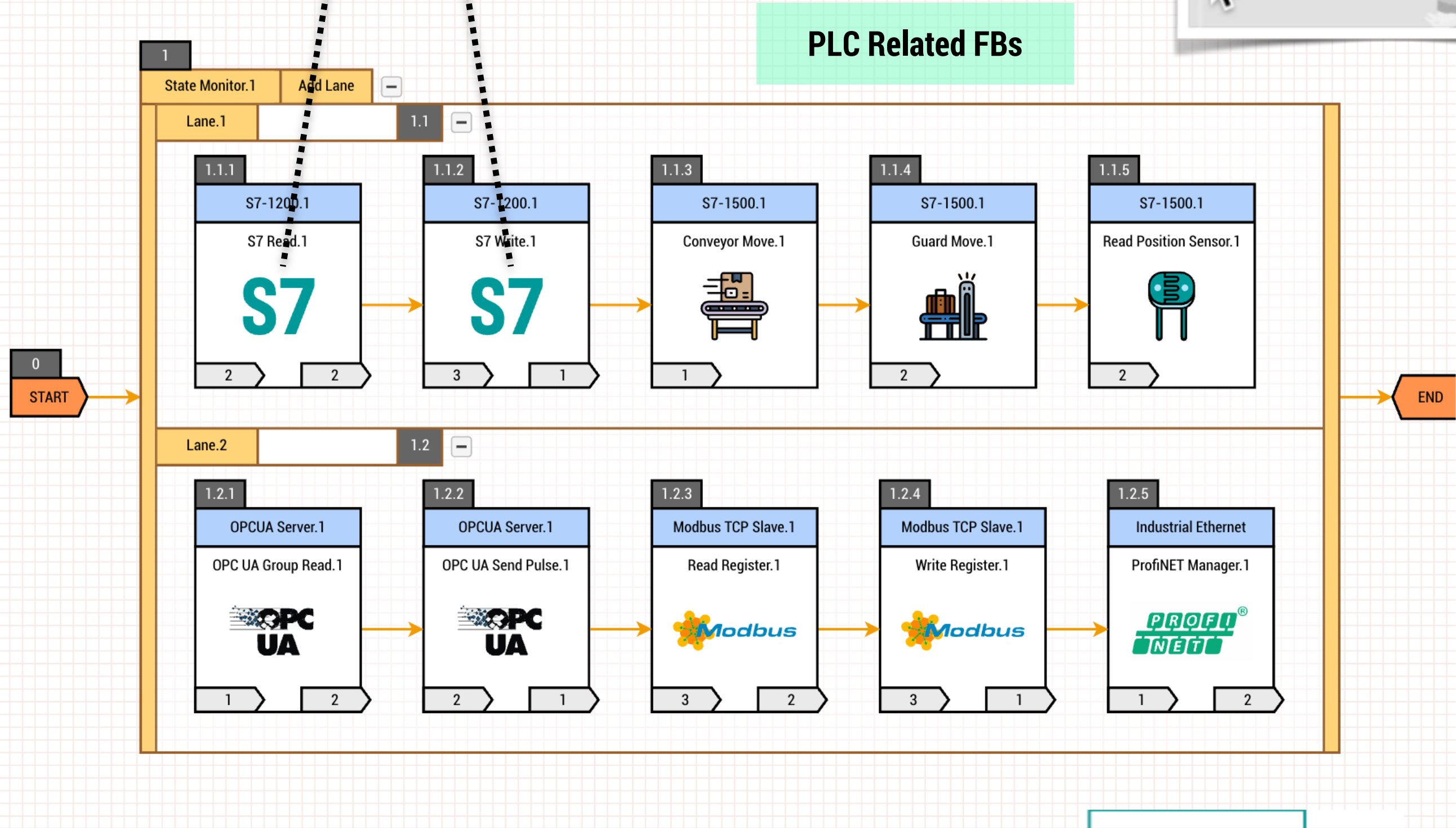
▼ RPC •

▼ Redis

▼ MQTT

▼ HTTP Subscription

▼ Webhook



FB Configuration

> UI

▼ Input

resourceModbus TCP Slave.1

slaveId1

dataFormatBIG_ENDIAN

dataPoints+

▼ Output

value+

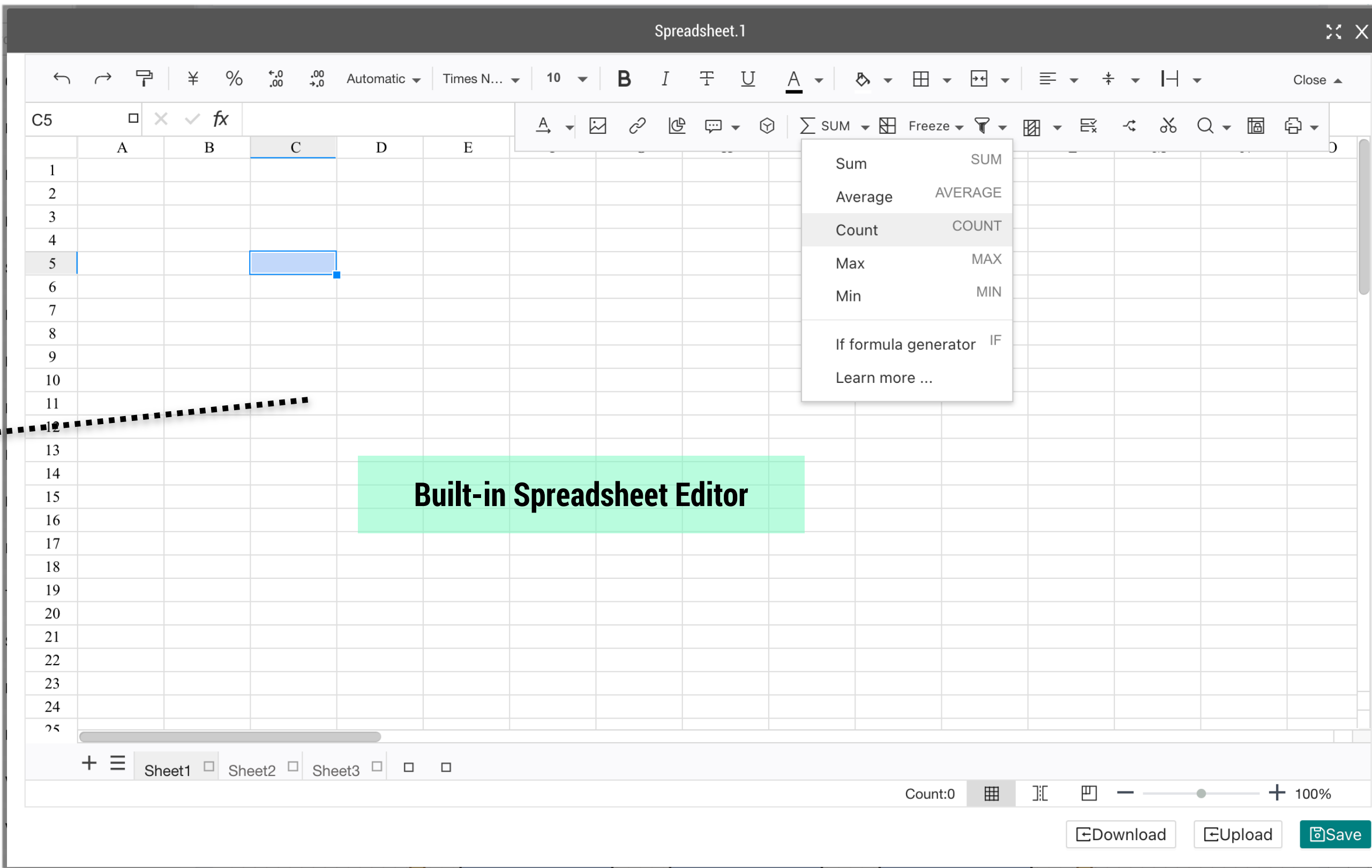
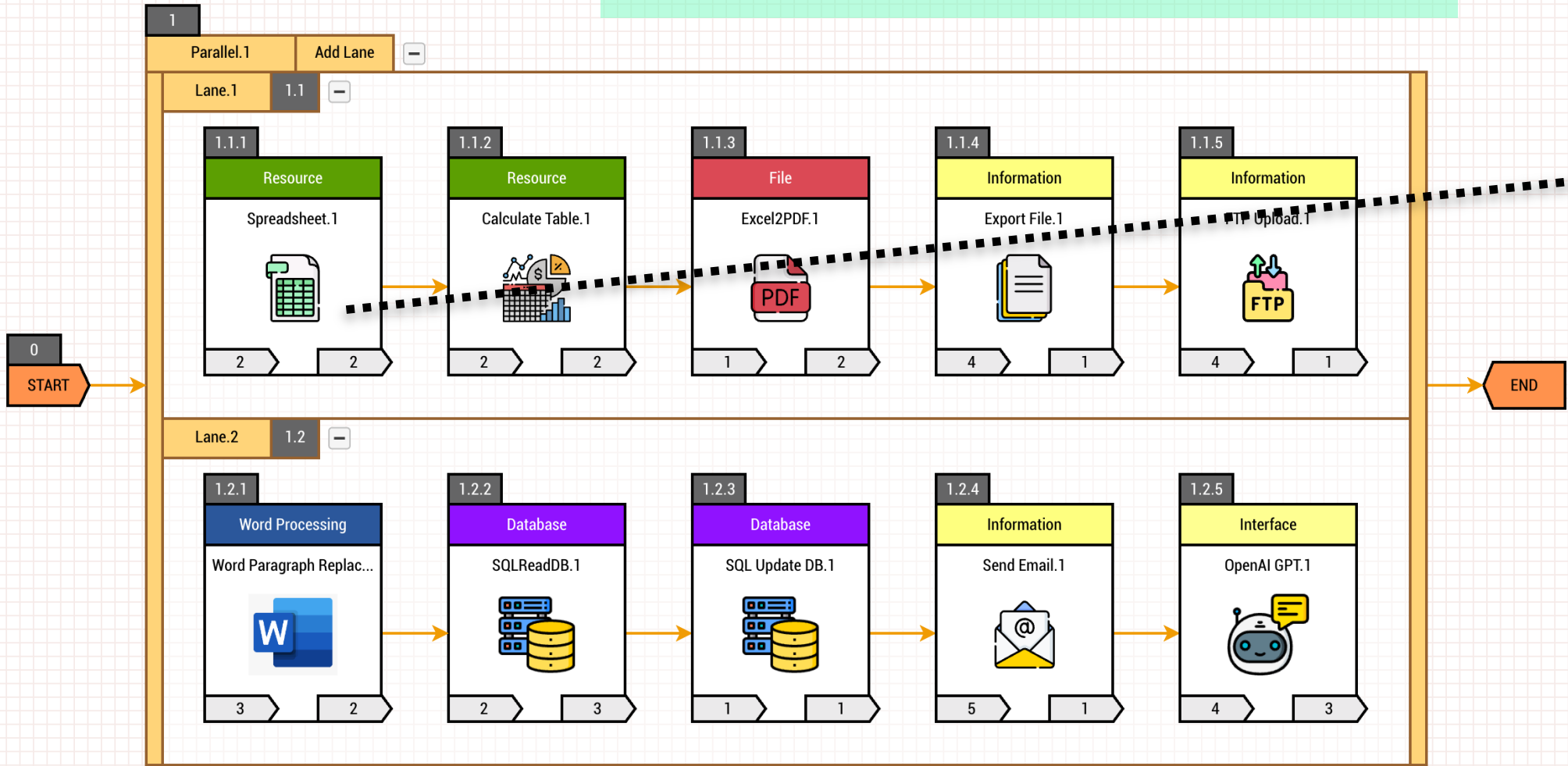
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▼ Exception Handling

Exception Handling

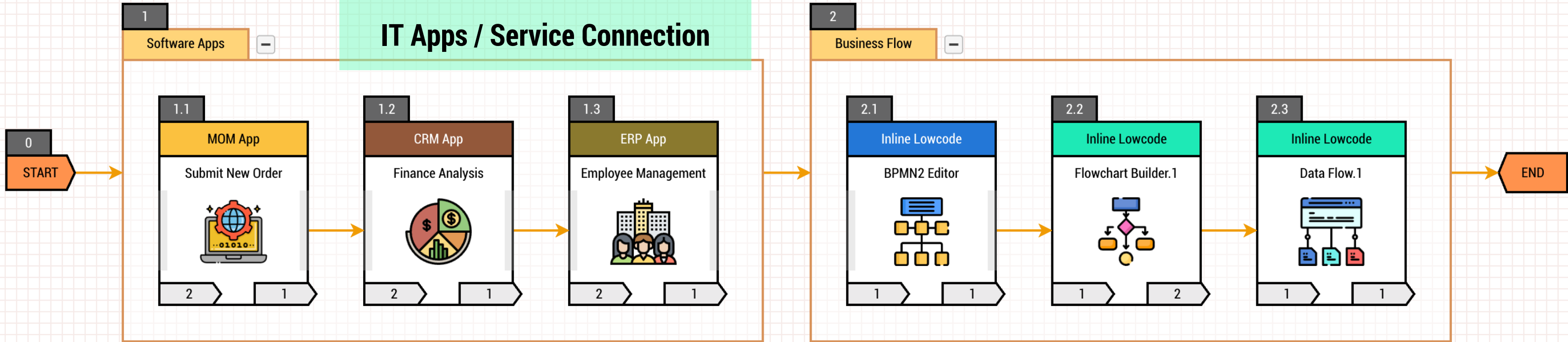
Workcell Engineering: Create IT Workflow

IT Domain FBs and Information Workflow

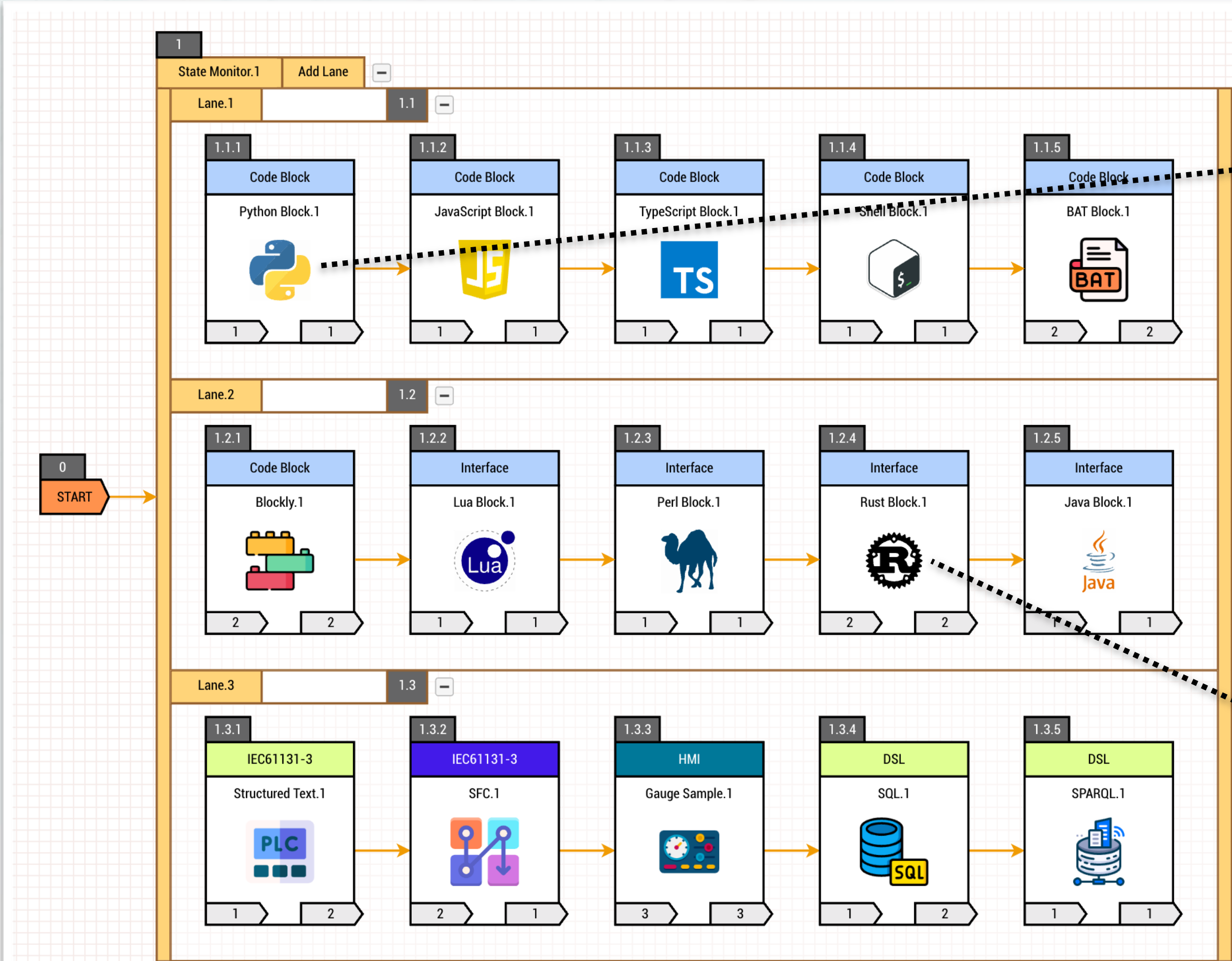


Built-in Spreadsheet Editor

IT Apps / Service Connection



Workcell Engineering: Customized FBs (Language of Choice)



python

main.py

test_main.py

function_block.py

meta_code

spidr_communicat...

setup_log.py

function_block.py

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Import from GitHub

Token

Owner

Repo

Branch(Ref)

main

Load

Workflow Canvas Built-in Code Editor

Default Interpreted Language Python (Recommended)

Language.Rust

lib.rs

Cargo.toml

Cargo.lock

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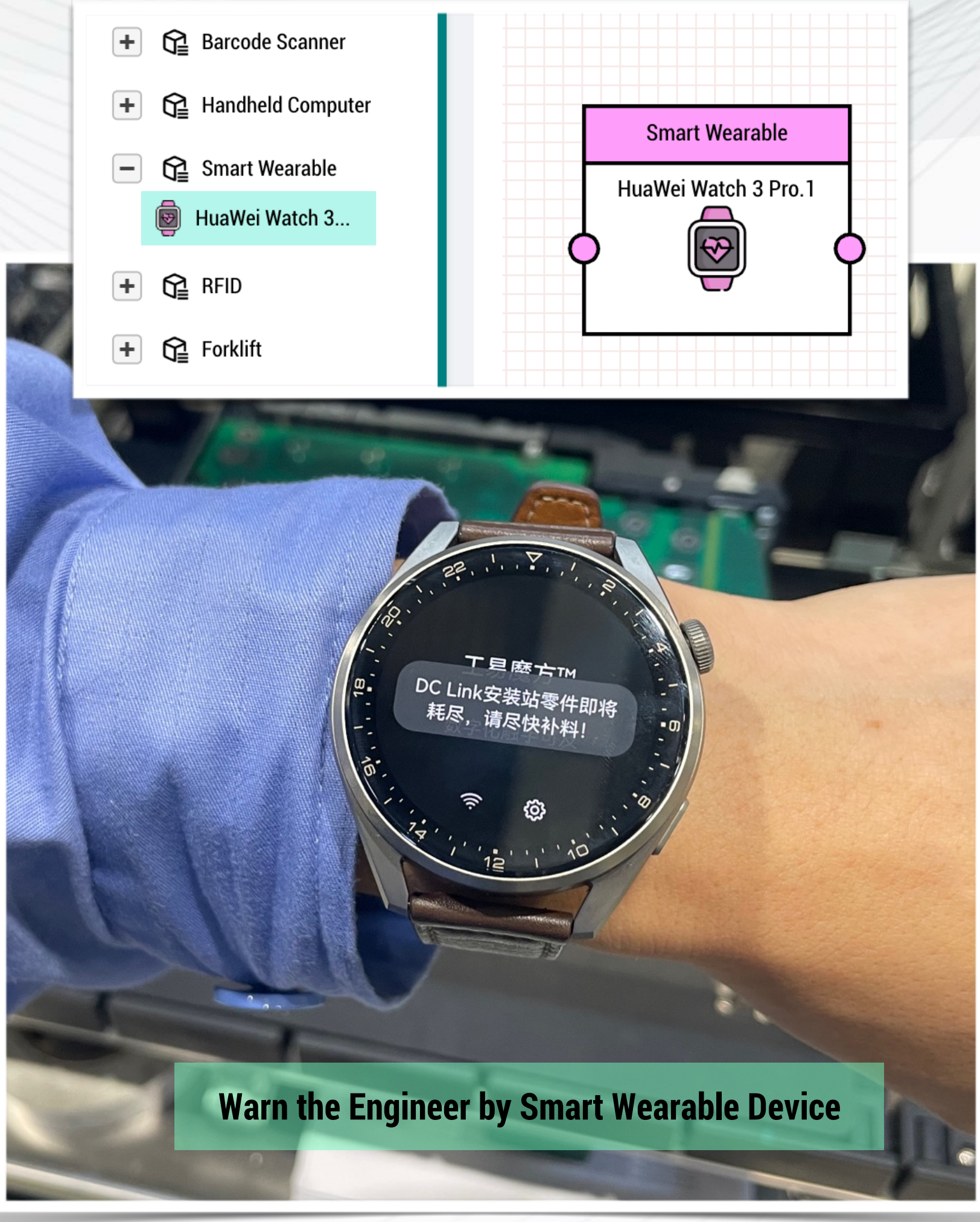
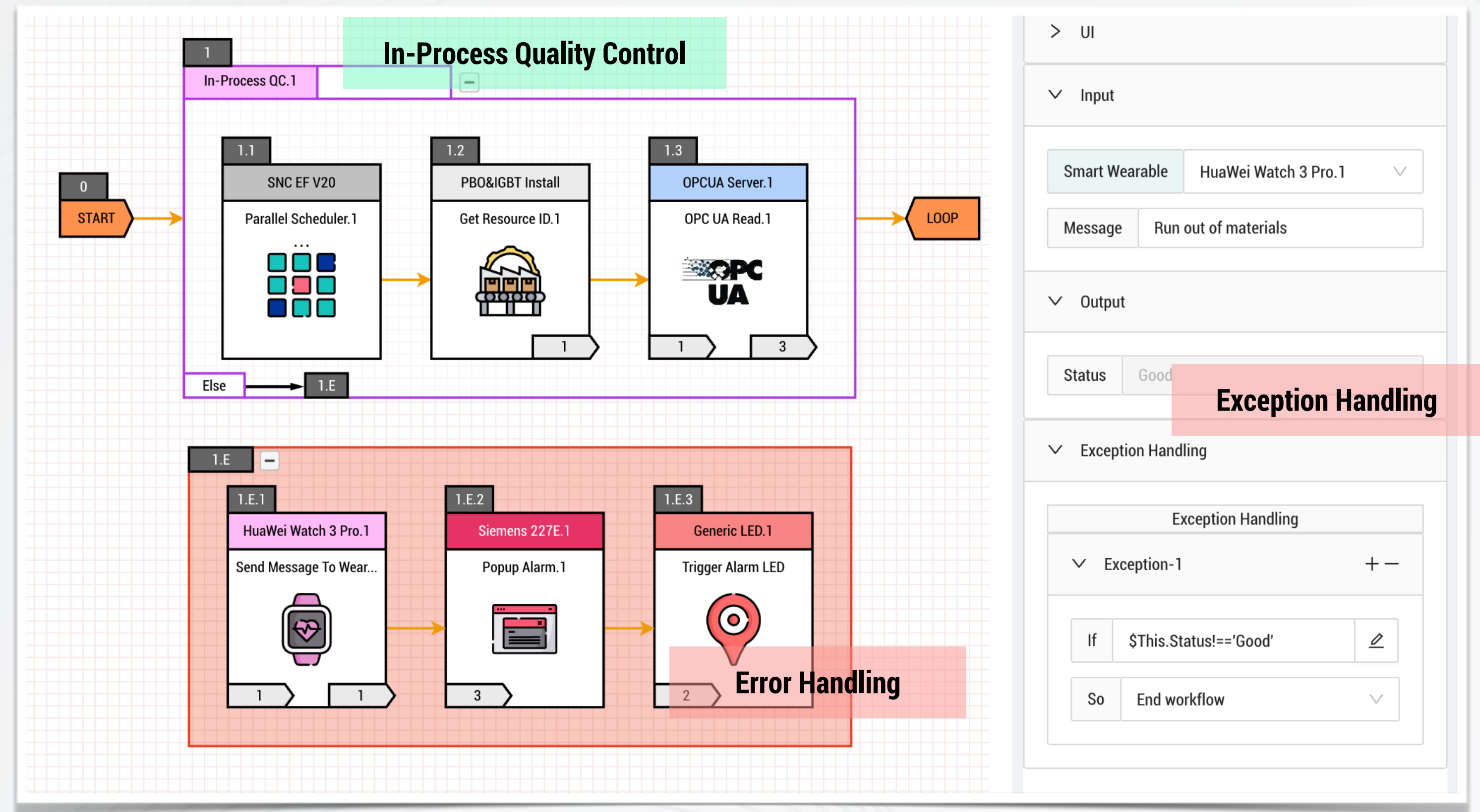
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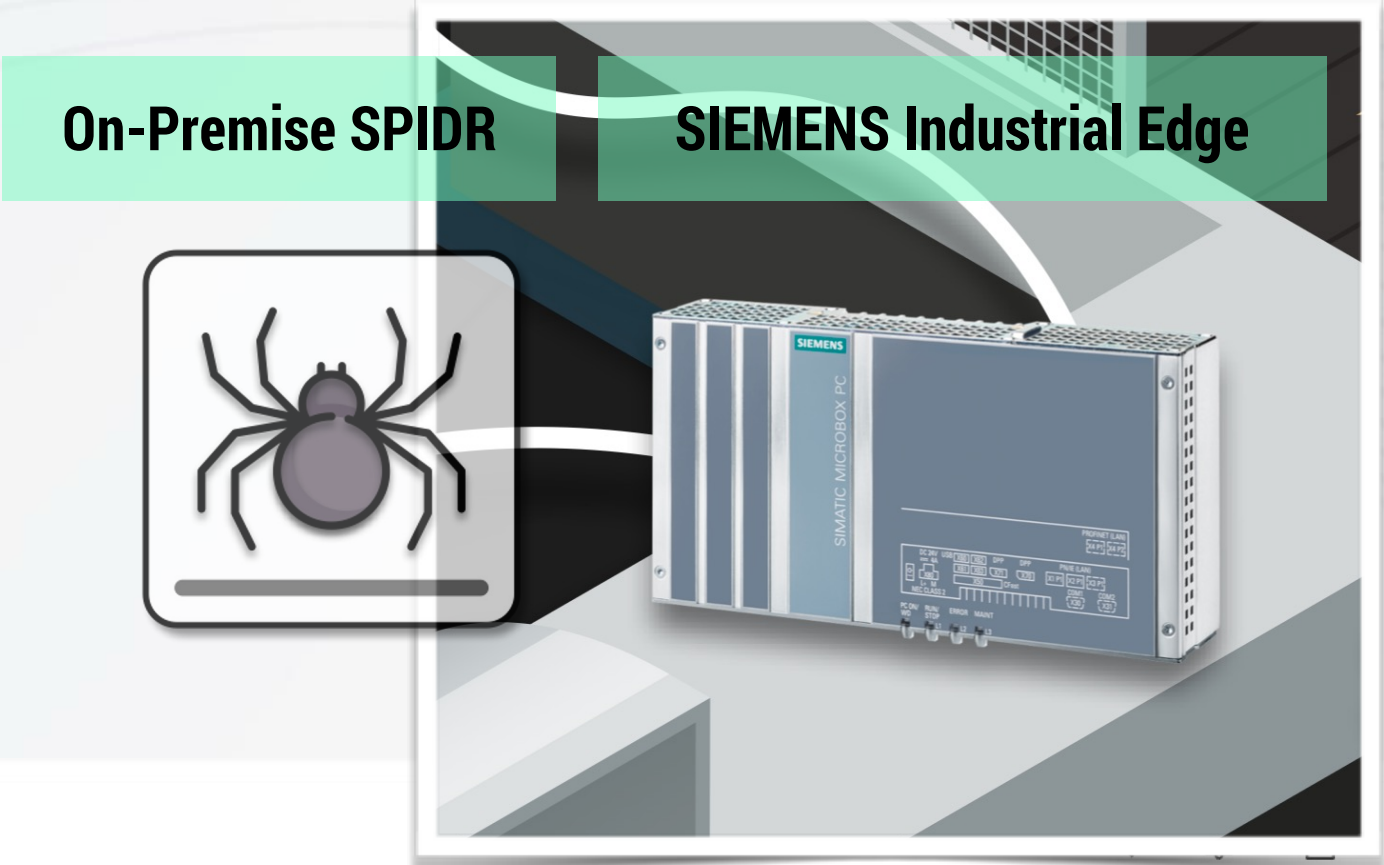
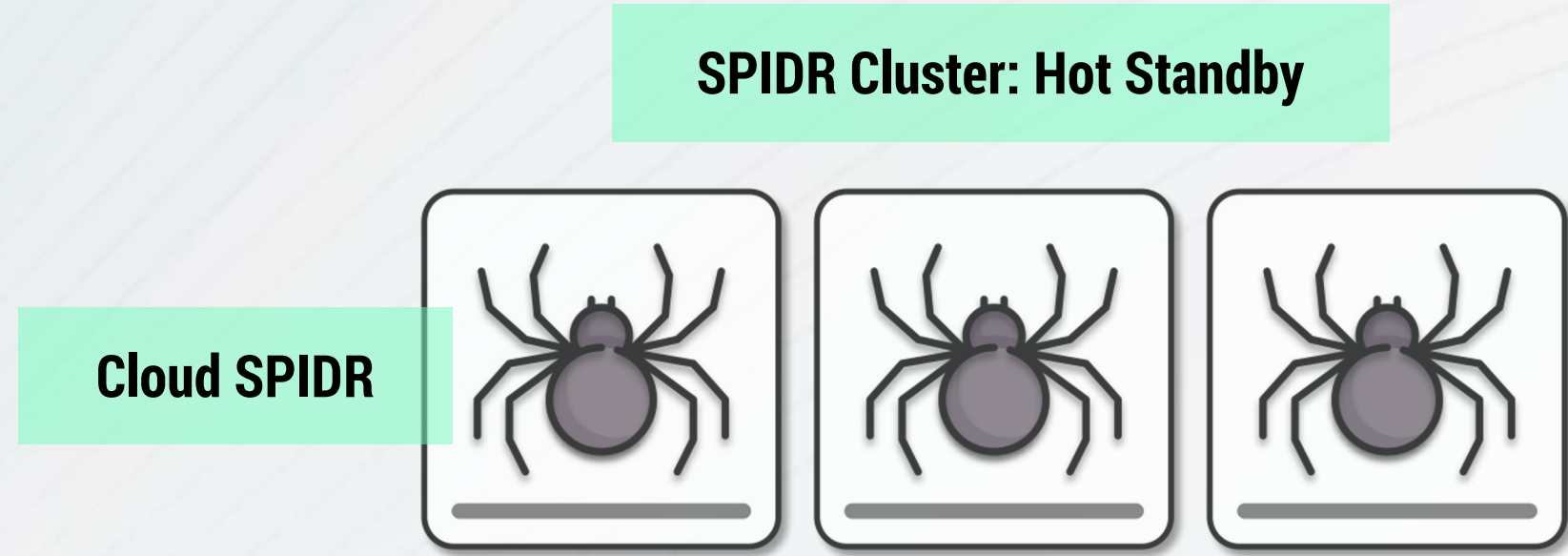
Workflow Canvas Built-in Code Editor

Compiled Language : Rust

Workcell Engineering: Error Handling & In-Process Quality Control



Workflow Execution: Compile and Execution in SPIDR Orchestrator



Workflow Canvas ← MOM+HMI+PLC File Edit Saved

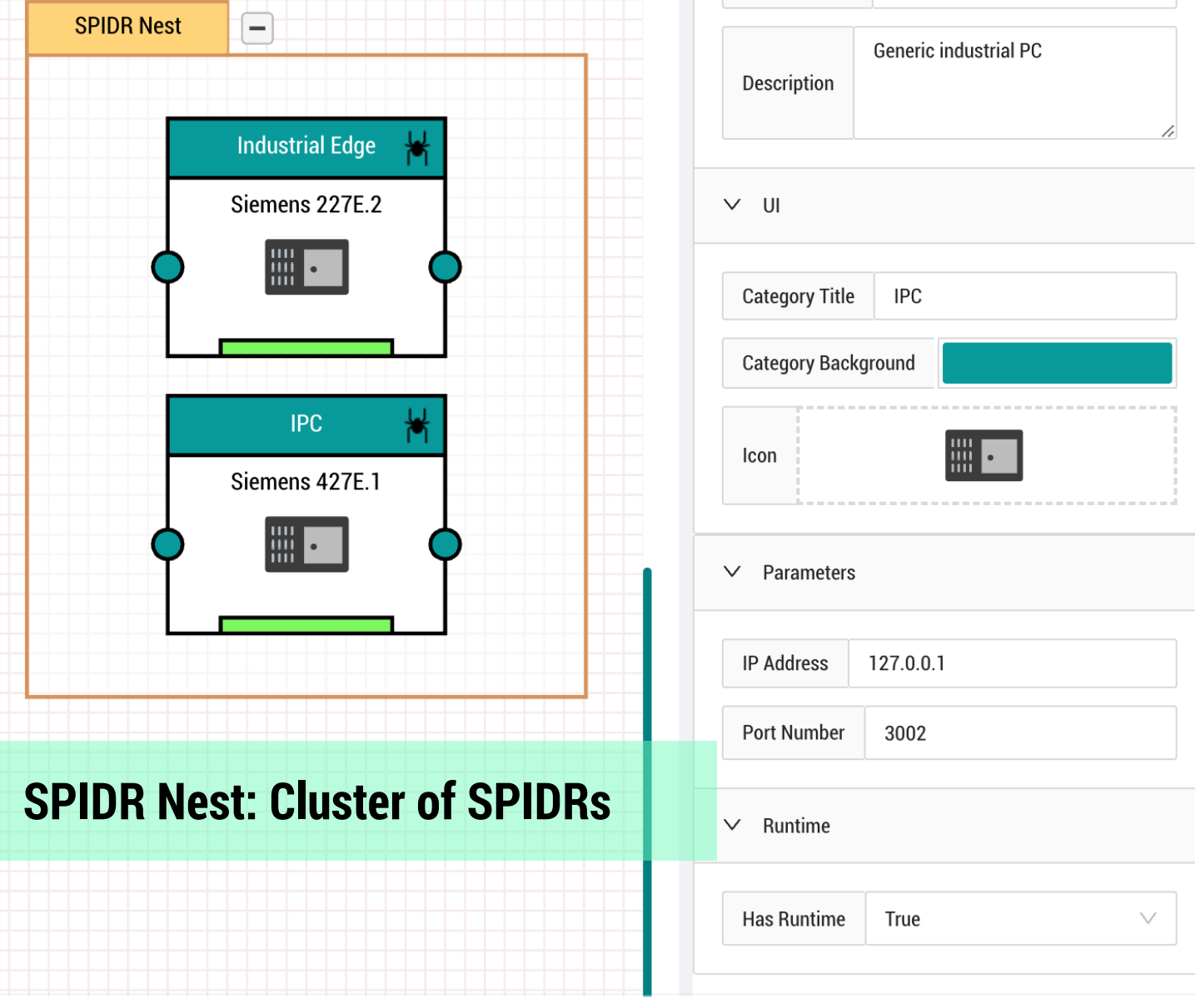
SPIDR Control Toolbar

SPIDR Logging

```
2023-09-07 00:13:29.092 info: [Main Workflow] workflow is ready.
2023-09-07 00:13:30.499 debug: [Main Workflow] [initResourceSequence]: Start
2023-09-07 00:13:30.499 debug: [Main Workflow] [SmartWearable.HarmonyOS.Init.1]: isBroken false
2023-09-07 00:13:30.500 info: [Main Workflow] [SmartWearable.HarmonyOS.Init.1]: Start
2023-09-07 00:13:30.500 debug: [Main Workflow] [mainSequence]: Start
2023-09-07 00:13:30.500 debug: [Main Workflow] [OneShot.1]: isBroken false
2023-09-07 00:13:30.500 info: [Main Workflow] [OneShot.1]: Start
2023-09-07 00:13:30.501 debug: [Main Workflow] [OneShot.1.sequence]: Start
2023-09-07 00:13:30.501 debug: [Main Workflow] [Reset Global Data Table.1]: isBroken false
2023-09-07 00:13:30.501 info: [Main Workflow] [Reset Global Data Table.1]: Start
2023-09-07 00:13:30.502 info: [Main Workflow] [SmartWearable.HarmonyOS.Init.1]:
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Configure SPIDR on Industrial Edge

SPIDR Nest: Cluster of SPIDRs



Information	
ID	Controller.HarmonyOS.Siemens.RackPC.427E.1
Display Name	Siemens 427E.1
Description	Generic industrial PC

UI	
Category Title	IPC
Category Background	
Icon	

Parameters	
IP Address	127.0.0.1
Port Number	3002

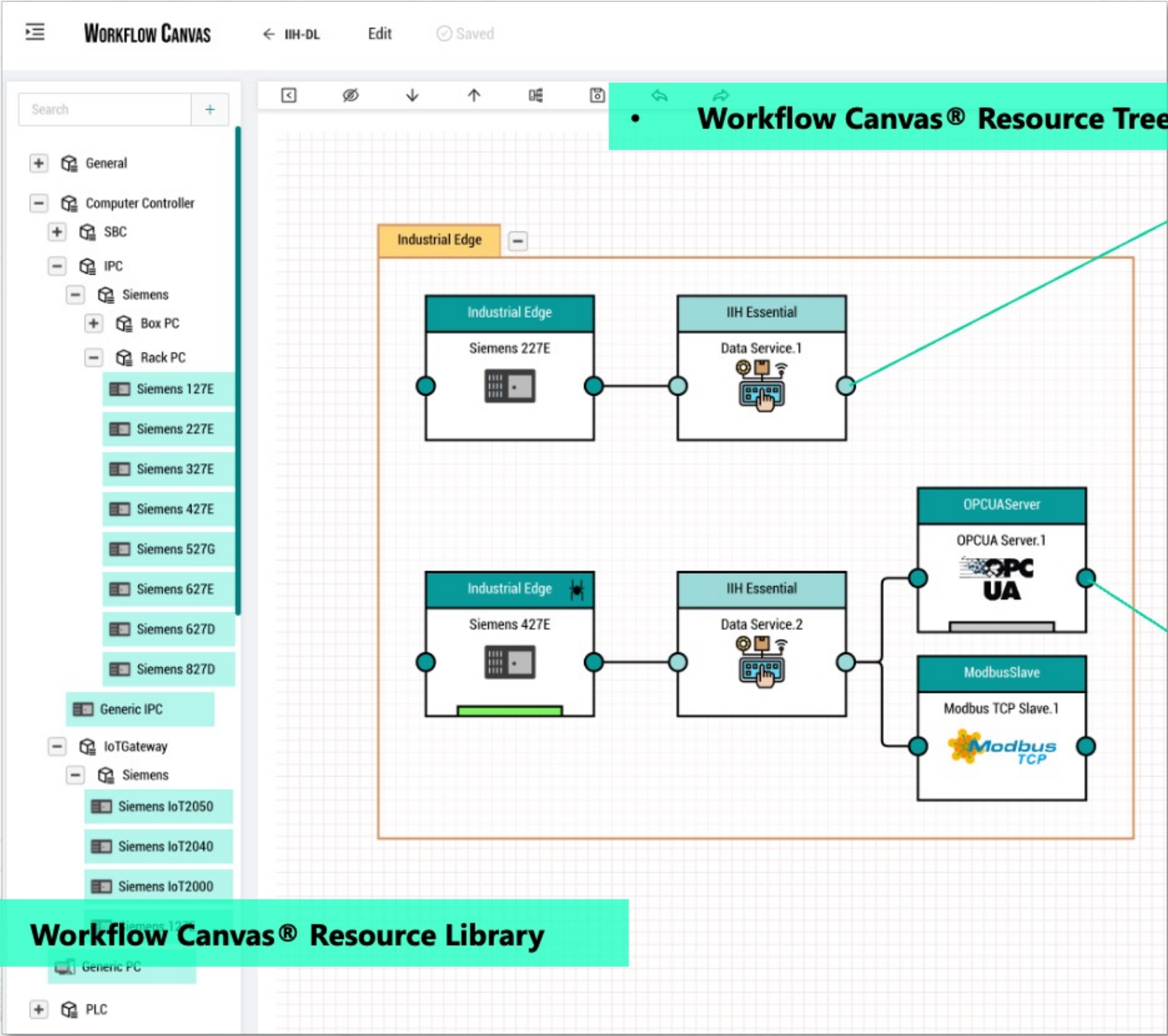
Runtime	
Has Runtime	True

Building Log

✓	Save Current Workflow
✓	Acquire Workflow Model
✓	Transmit Workflow Model
✓	Extract Workflow Files
✓	Compile Function Blocks
✓	Parse Workflow CREEM Model

Building Process

Data Acquisition: Industrial Edge and IIH Configuration



• Workflow Canvas® Resource Tree

UI

Category Title IIH Essential

Category Background

Icon

Parameters

URL http://iih-cc-ssix.siemens.net:8169

API Path /common-configurator/api/iih-core/c

Access Token *****

• Workflow Canvas® Parameter Panel

Parameters

URL opc.tcp://localhost:48010

Authentication Anonymous

Server Cert default

Client Cert default

Private Key default

Security Policy Rsa15Basic256

Username user

Password password

RA Address ws://127.0.0.1:61720

Data Acquisition: FBs to Configure IIH Services API and Built-in SQL & GraphQL Editor

- Workflow Canvas® Workflow

- Workflow Canvas® Parameter Panel

Input

Server

Data Service.2

HTTP Method

POST

Route

/DataService/Variables

Request

{ "variableName": "Variable1", "i

Timeout

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Output

Status

Good

Response

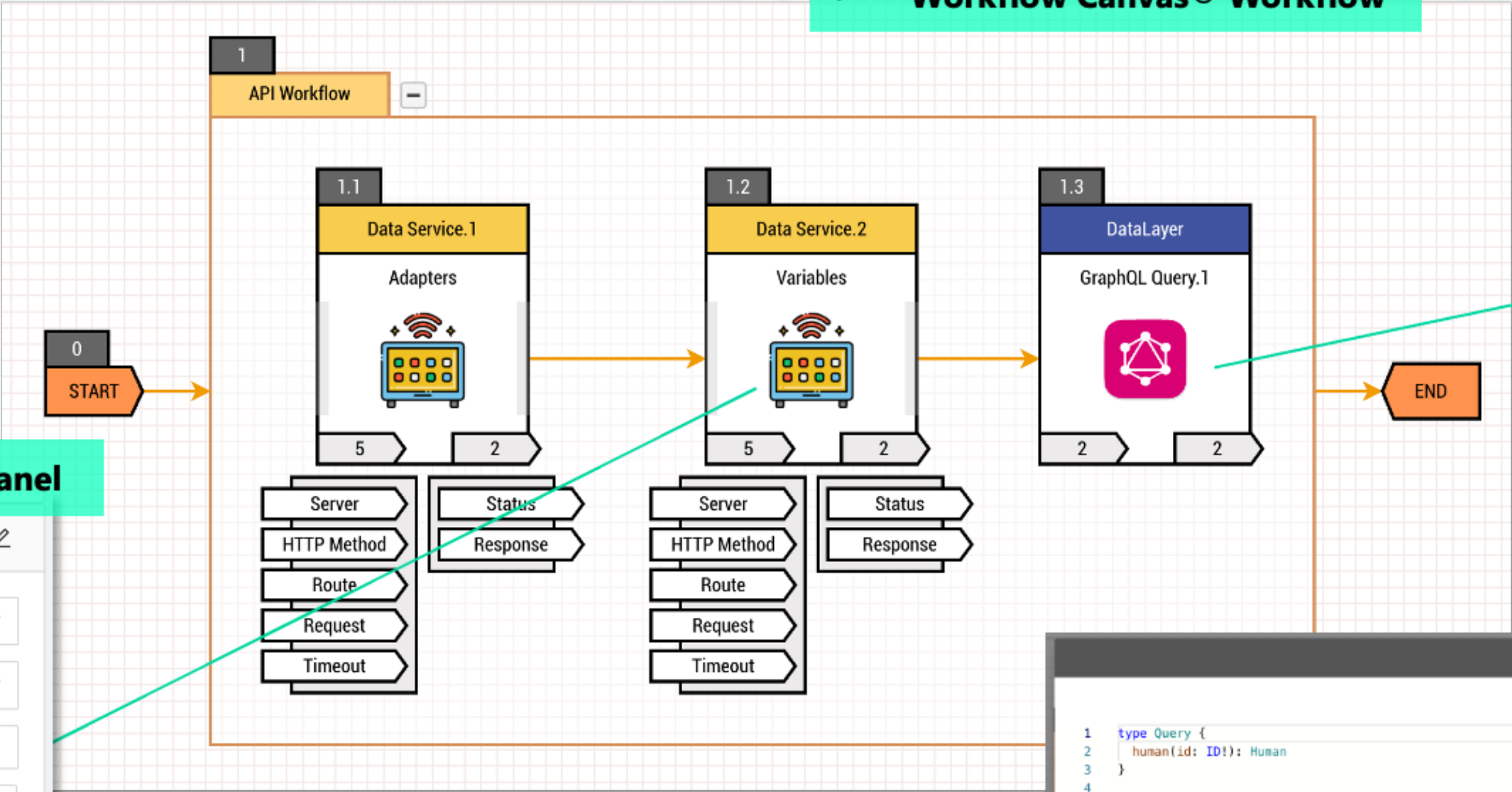
Exception Handling

- Workflow Canvas® Code Editor

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1 {
2   "variableName": "Variable1",
3   "dataType": "Double",
4   "assetId": "0",
5   "aspectId": "ff857cc22e454a2a88bc36076bc69bdf",
6   "adapterId": "profinet",
7   "topic": "PLC1::Double1::4::7"
8 }
```

- Workflow Canvas® Code Editor

```
1 type Query {
2   human(id: ID!): Human
3 }
4
5 type Human {
6   name: String
7   appearsIn: [Episode]
8   starships: [Starship]
9 }
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11 enum Episode {
12   NEWHOPE
13   EMPIRE
14   JEDI
15 }
16
17 type Starship {
18   name: String
19 }
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21 {
22   human(id: 1002) {
23     name
24     appearsIn
25     starships {
26       name
27     }
28   }
29 }
```



Input

Certification URI

Realm Name

Client ID

Client Secret

URL

Access Information

Query

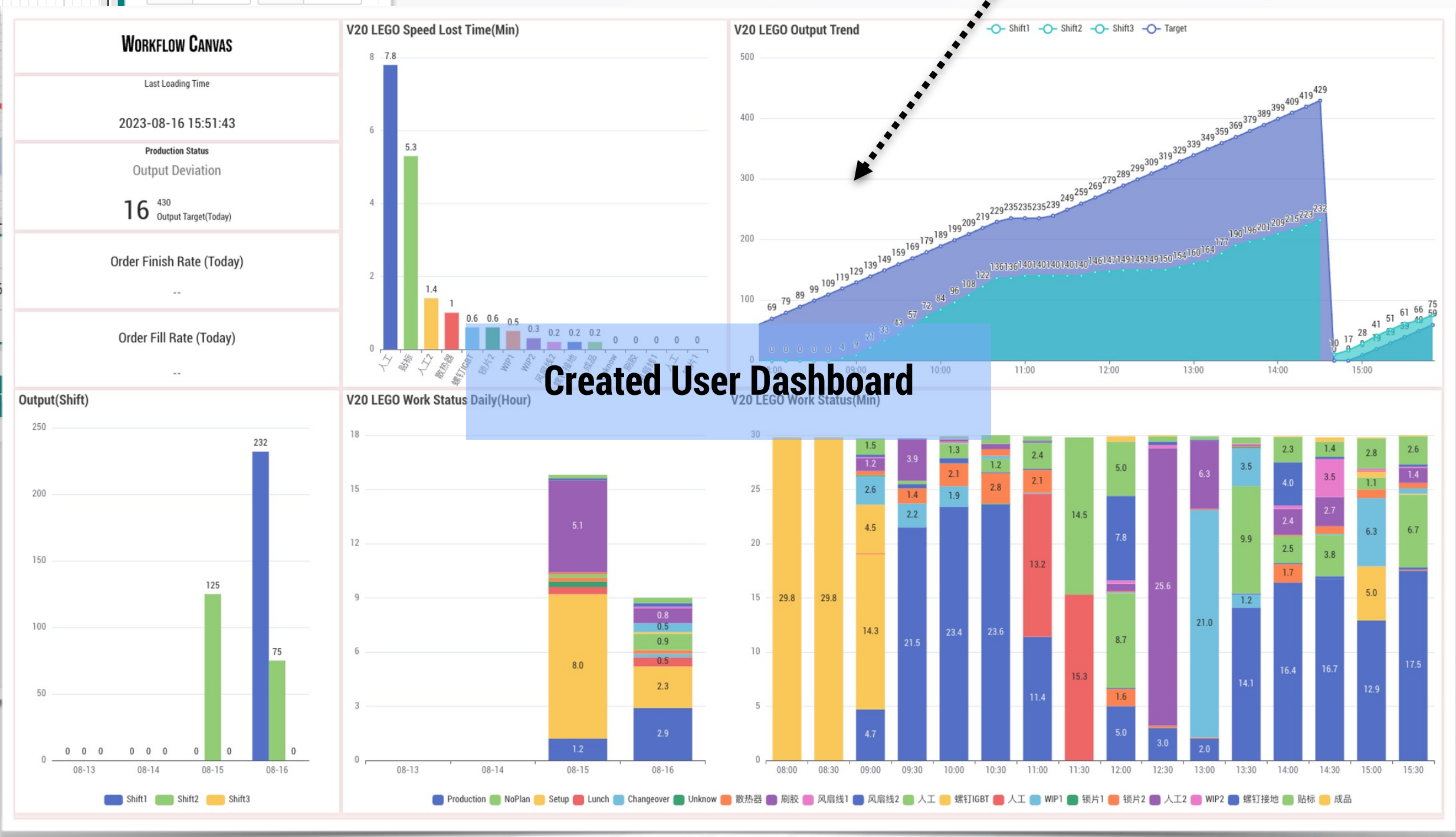
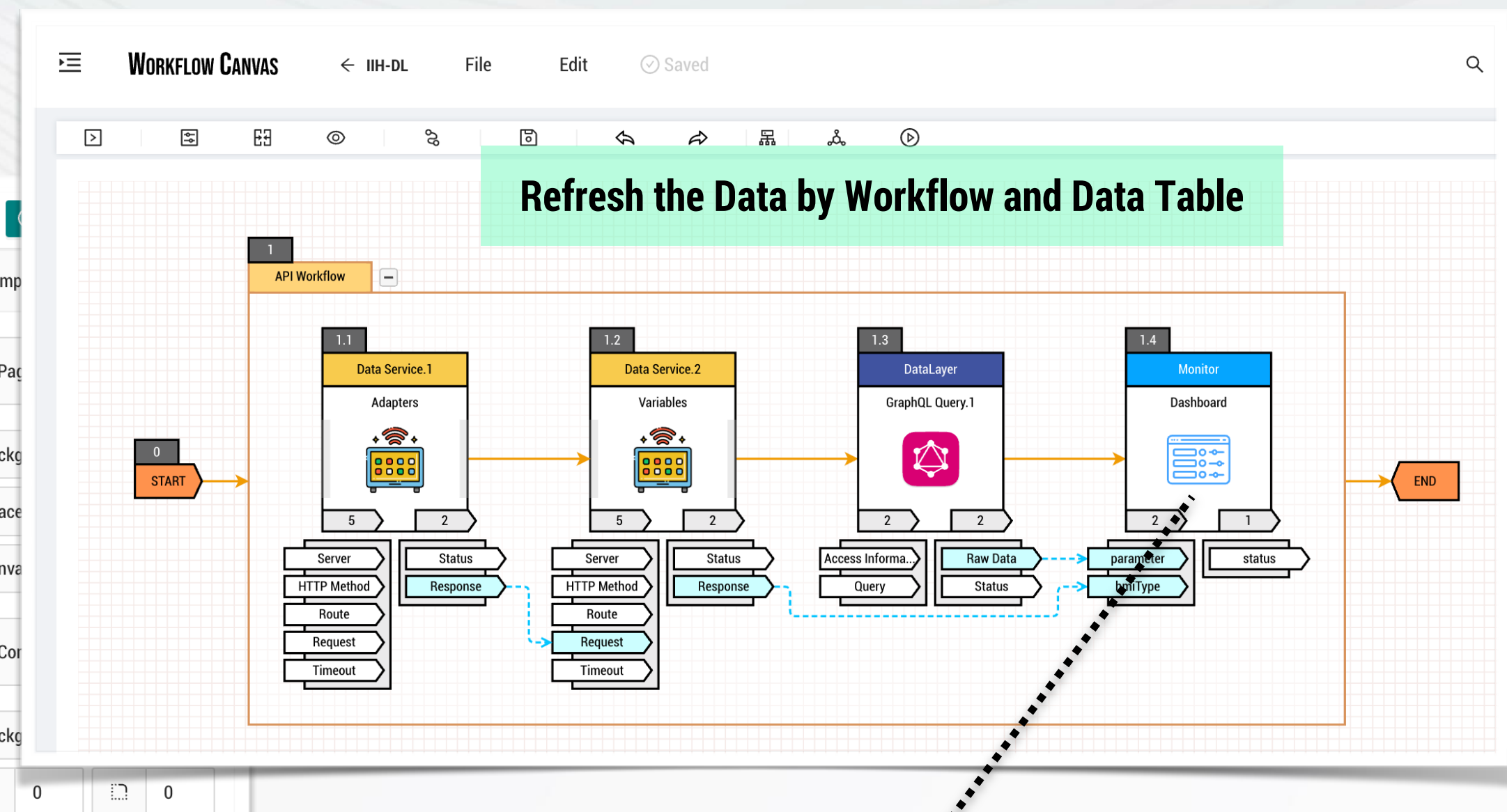
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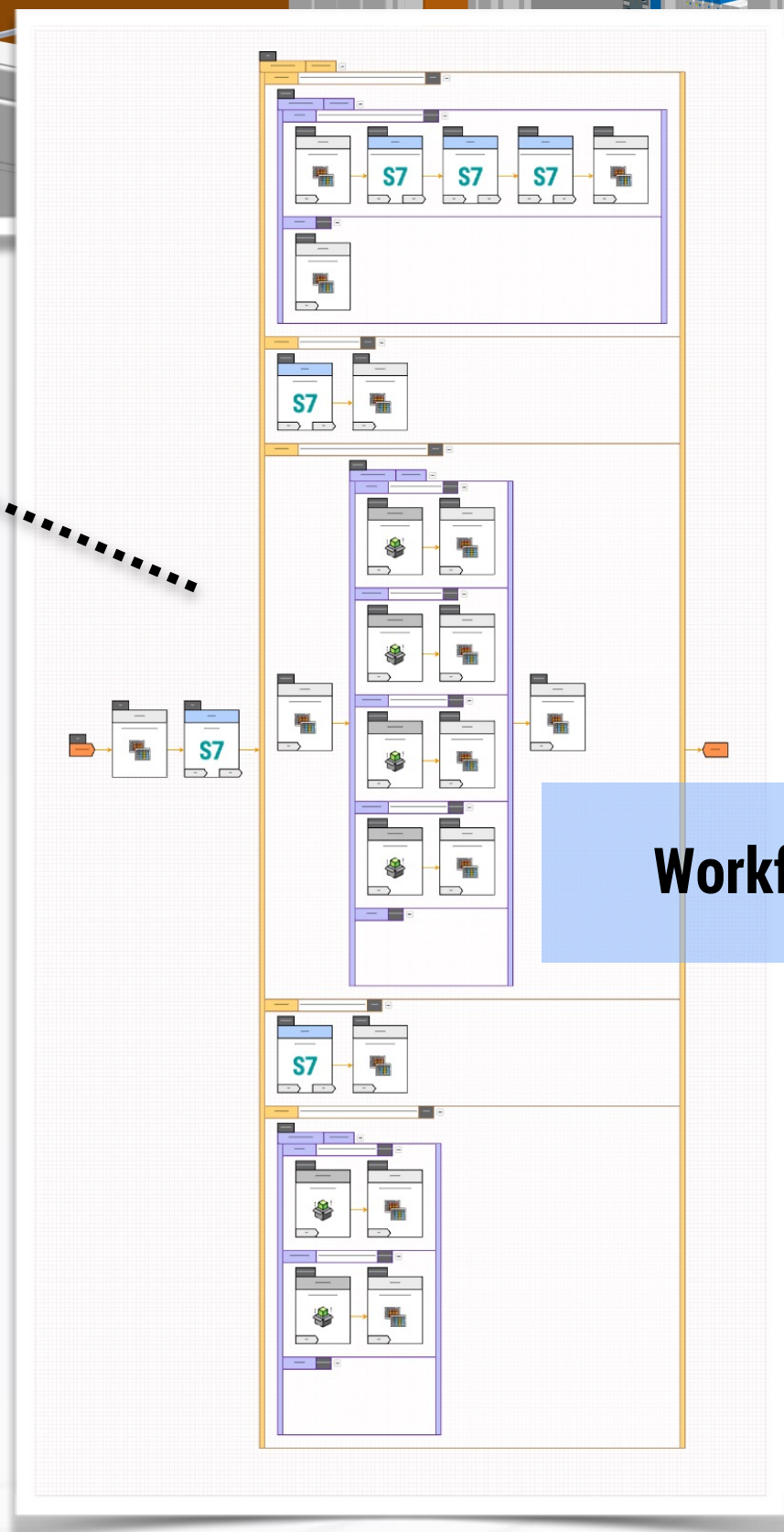
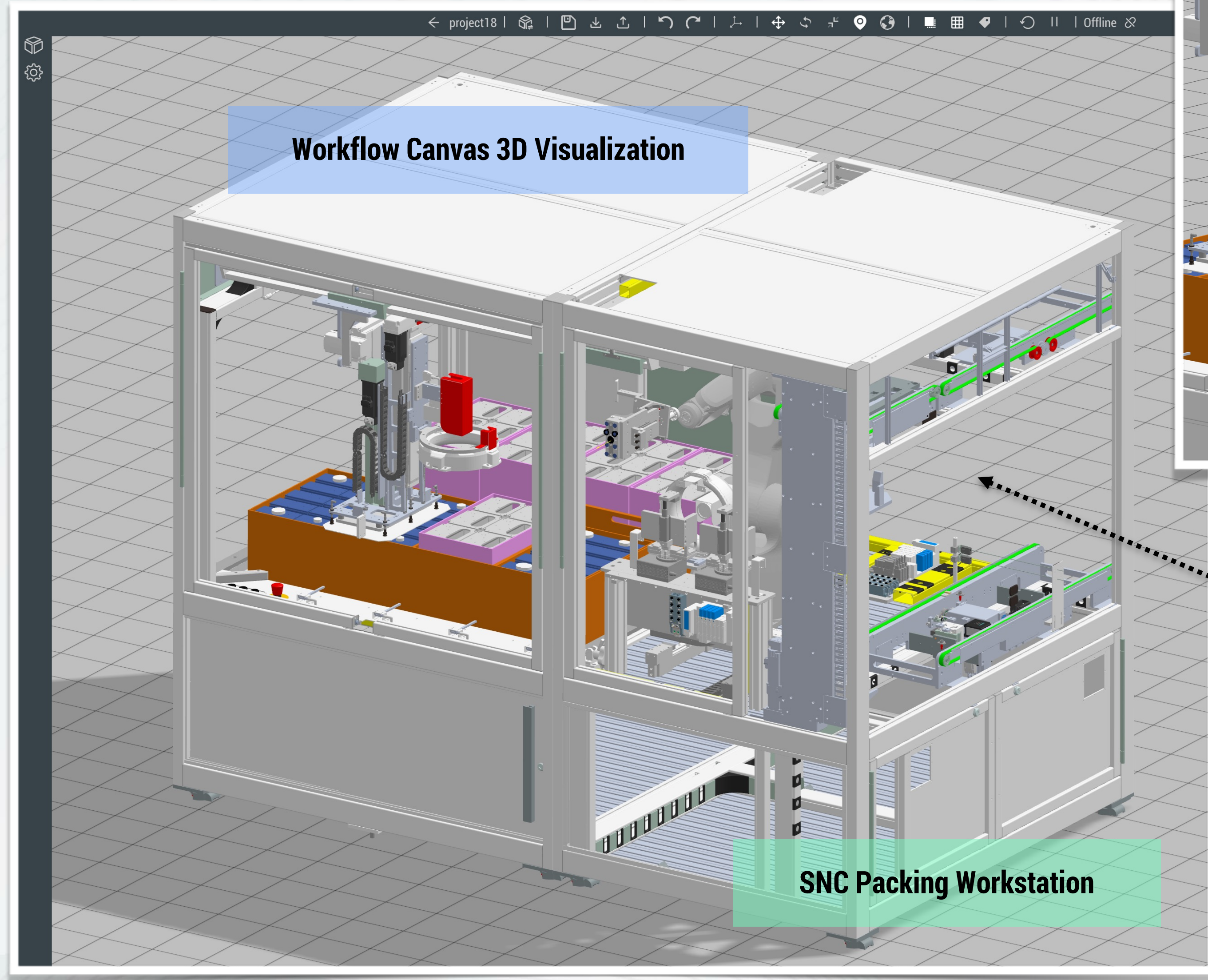
Raw Data

Status

Data Visualization: Built-in Dashboard Builder driven by Workflow



Built-in 3D Visualization: Offline/Online Debugging & Playback



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