Always get the right parts to the right place at the right time and keep your factory running smoothly. The Panasonic Logiscend Smart Container Application automatically tracks, traces and logs containers – and their contents – through a configurable set of workstations in your assembly process.
Paper-based or other manual processes are highly error-prone and inefficient when it comes to locating your containers and ensuring they arrive at the correct destination and receive the proper process step. Whether it’s finding an empty container to begin a job, delivering parts or completing a tool calibration, the Logiscend Smart Container Application ensures you know where all your materials are – at any time during the process – with a wireless VIEW Tag on each container.

The visual factory
Containers are the most effective way to transport materials through a manufacturing environment and will be the key to achieving Smart Materials – a core tenet of Industry 4.0, the IoT initiative for manufacturing.

- VIEW Tags provide visual instruction for individual containers
- Hands-free, simple communication between “smart containers” and humans ensures higher quality and reduces errors

Manager dashboards and reporting
Dashboards provide location, delivery data and alerts to analyze process performance in real-time.

- Identify bottlenecks to improve throughput
- Balance processes and eliminate waste (Muda)
- Connect easily to existing ERP/MES/WMS systems

Standard work
Self-directed or “smart containers” are location aware to provide real-time, accurate operator instruction based on each process step or work zone location.

- Little to no training or retraining is required View tags tell operators exactly what to do
- A simple button push by operators begins a new job or verifies process completion

Create “jobs”
Ability for users to create, edit and delete jobs with user defined attributes to perform a task. Users can define start/end timestamps, priority, state (ready, not ready, hold, complete). An audit log keeps track of all the changes to the job.

Location services
Full visibility and control of individual containers as they move through the process enables reallocation or redirection as bottlenecks occur.

- Alerts operator when container has arrived at wrong location
- Counts empty containers and allocates to process stations in real time
You’ll never lose another container again or deploy personnel to manually find them to apply new instructions – saving you both time and money. The Logiscend Smart Container Application combines the power of RFID technology and e-paper (VIEW Tags) to provide location and automated instructions to individual containers.

**One System:** The Panasonic Logiscend Smart Container Application works together with its Pick, Replenishment and Work Instructions Applications for a complete material flow management solution – giving you the visibility you require all the way through your production process.

**How it works**

1. Smart containers are visible with location and state via the Logiscend dashboards.
2. Available containers are allocated to a job or work order.
3. Smart containers display instructions and move through the process based on configured location rules and defined jobs; when the process is complete they revert automatically to “available” or another predefined state.
4. When a container moves from the “available” state to allocated or “in use” state, the container usage count is incremented by the system, and once the container reaches its maximum use will display a message indicating that the container is due for removal maintenance.

*Dashboard available as map or list view of container location and availability.*
Simple setup and integration

The Logiscend Smart Container Application interacts with your system for initial setup and configuration, job downloading and uploading of process metrics.

Logiscend’s intuitive graphical user interface (GUI) then allows for simple, guided configuration of the system, including container allocation and mapping of the physical layout of the area.

- The Logiscend user experience is provided via a web-based (HTML5) interface for simplicity
- Containers and their associated RFID tags can be imported from the customer’s MES/ERP IT systems, or they can be manually added as needed

Logiscend software

Flexible enough to work as a standalone application or integrated into your MES system, this platform allows you to manage all of the tags and devices in your network, dynamically change workflows or work instruction, count WIP items, and drive analytics for improvements. An intuitive GUI and branded, customizable dashboards ensure you have the view you need to effectively manage your processes - real time. QA inspectors can immediately quarantine or clear materials across the facility.

- The Logiscend Container Services application provides a robust management system to configure the system, including: Locations, Container Types, Containers, VIEW Tags associated with Containers, and more
- Logiscend will make REST API calls to the customer’s system to notify them of critical events such as a change in a container’s location or state
  - Container state can be changed using the customer MES/ERP (REST API) or via the Logiscend GUI
- Dashboards provide a view of all of the containers in the system in either a list or map form, along with the current state for each, including container ID, location, state, job number and status

Professional services

Panasonic is your trusted integrated solutions partner, committed to helping improve your organization’s key performance indicators (KPIs), including productivity, quality, and cost targets. Our ultimate goal is enterprise-wide operational excellence. We offer a full suite of services which can be individually customizable to provide all support necessary for a successful program.

- Planning
- Installation and implementation
- Maintenance and support
- Engineering services

Interested in finding out more?

Logiscend provides a turnkey solution including hardware and software along with the professional services to architect and deploy a complete material flow solution.

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