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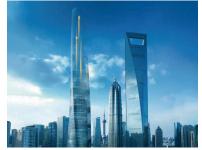
MELSEC iQ-R System Recorder Use Case













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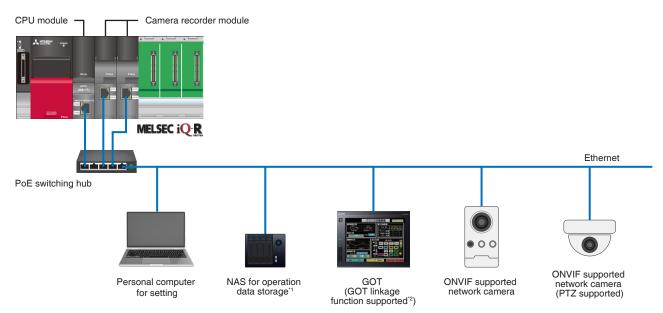


Record the entire operating status of the system and perform simple analysis

The system recorder is a corrective maintenance solution that "records the entire operating state of the system" when an error occurs, and allows "simple analysis" to significantly reduce downtime.

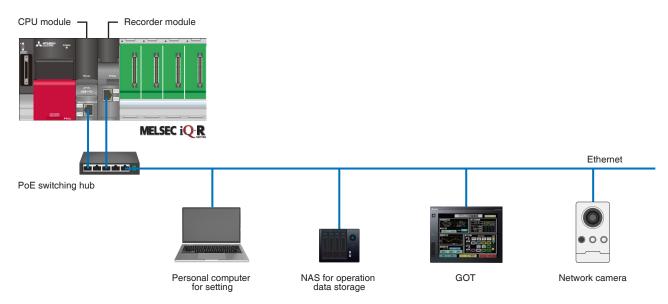
System configuration image

For the camera recorder module



^{*1} Not necessary because the device operation data can be saved in a SD memory card of the camera recorder module.

For the recorder module



^{*2} It is possible to check the live video of the network camera and adjust PTZ.

Troubleshooting cases utilizing the system recorder

Case 1

Monitoring of entire line



Defective products were detected during inspection, but it is not clear which process is the cause.

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Case 2

Identification of abnormal areas



Abnormalities occur at multiple locations irregularly, making it impossible to identify the abnormal areas.

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Case 3

Workpiece drop due to a suction error



An error occurred in a workpiece transportation device using a suction mechanism, but the error cause cannot be identified.

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Printing failure



A QR code printing failure was detected, but the cause cannot be identified.

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Chuck error



Although the video was checked for identifying the cause, the conditions of the auto switches were still unclear.

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Case 6

Human error (Incorrect product type)



It is desirable to correctly understand the details of the erroneous operation for future guidance and consideration of improvement.

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Case 7

Handling troubles from a remote place



It is desirable to correctly understand the situation and cause of the trouble without visiting the site.

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Trouble analysis using past data



An attempt to check the condition when the error occurred failed since the project has been overwritten.

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Analyzing servo troubles together



Although the sensor has detected a drop of a workpiece, no workpiece has dropped and the cause of the error cannot be determined.

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Case 10

Non-alarm stop



If a stop without alarm occurs, it is desirable to notice it and analyze the cause as soon as possible, but it is difficult for operators to constantly monitor the device. Page.15

Case 11

Detection of "unusual" operations



Although the video immediately before the error occurrence was checked, the error cause cannot be identified.

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Trouble analysis Case 12 across devices



An error occurred in the box making process, but the cause cannot be identified because the data in the other processes immediately before the error occurrence had not been collected. Page.17

Function introduction

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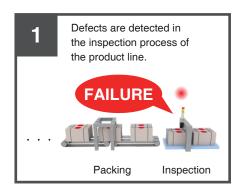
System recorder-related products

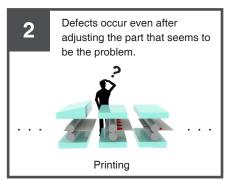
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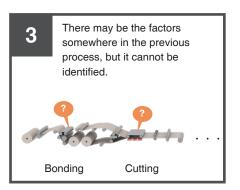


Monitoring of entire line



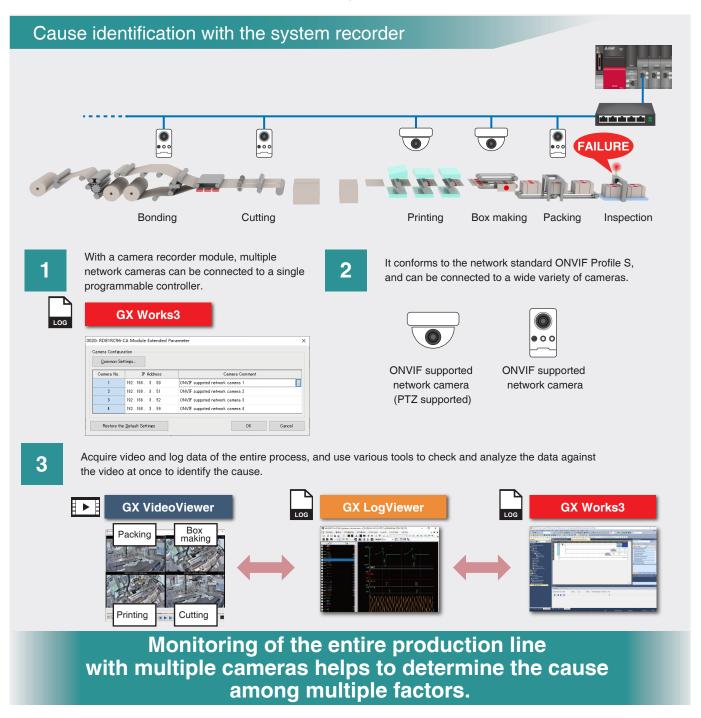






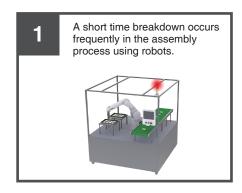
Identify the cause in multiple processes.

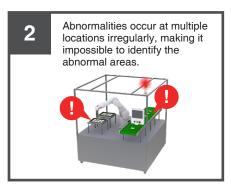


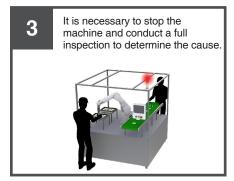


Identification of abnormal areas



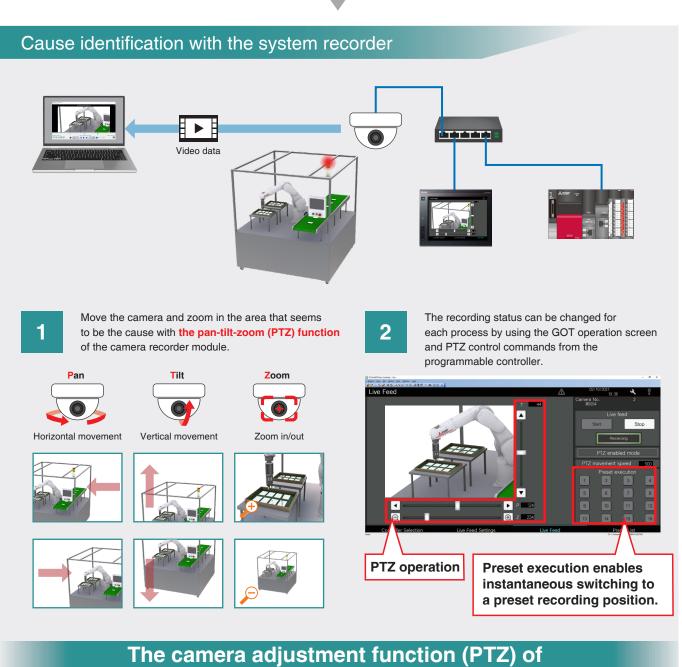






Identify the error cause without stopping the machine.



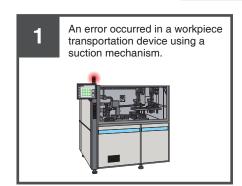


The camera adjustment function (PTZ) of ONVIF supported network cameras enables identification of the cause with the machine in operation.

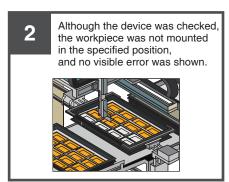
Workpiece drop due to a suction error

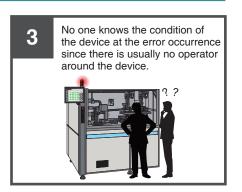


Recorder module



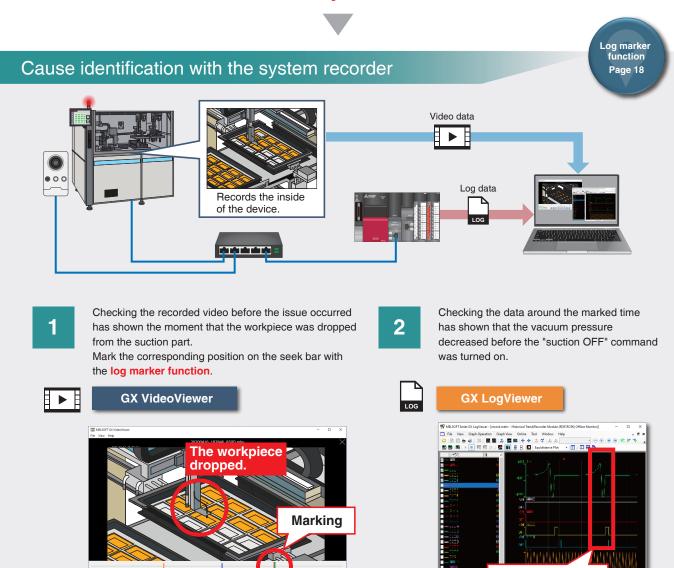
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Marked position

Unable to identify the device error.



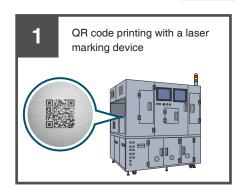
Although the vacuum pressure error occurred in the suction part, the cause could not be identified since the dropped workpiece was **accidentally** mounted in the incorrect position without alignment.

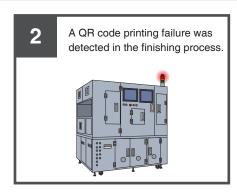
The system recorder has determined that the cause was the vacuum pressure in the suction part.

Printing failure



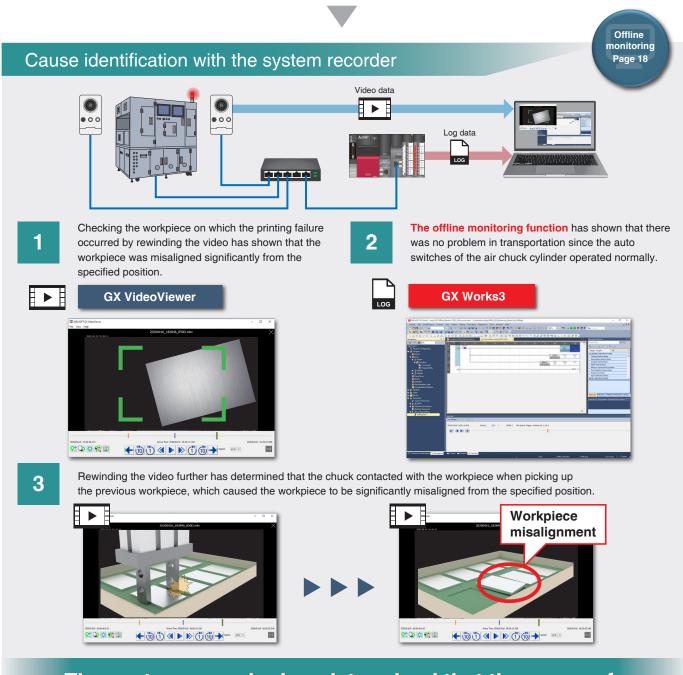








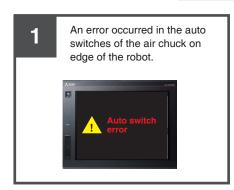
Unable to identify the cause of the printing failure.

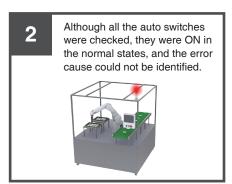


The system recorder has determined that the cause of the printing failure was the workpiece misalignment.

Chuck error









Unable to identify the error location in the device.



Cause identification with the system recorder

Offline monitoring Page 18 Data flow analysis function Page 19

Check the by using

Check the item that can be an error cause by using the data flow analysis function.



When the operation at the error occurrence was reproduced by **the offline monitoring function**, an auto switch did not turn on, and an error occurred.



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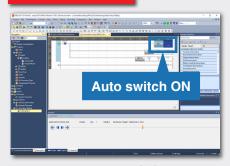
An auto switch turned on a few seconds after the error occurred. Checking the condition of the corresponding chuck in GX LogViewer has determined that the trigger of the auto switch was OFF (timed out) when the



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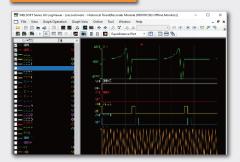
GX Works3

workpiece was gripped.





GX LogViewer



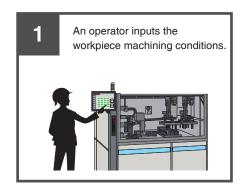
Adjust the ON position of the auto switch

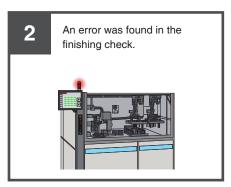
It has been determined that the error can be avoided by finely adjusting the ON position of the auto switch attached to the chuck.

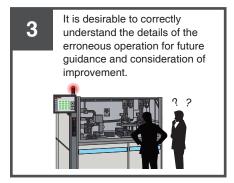
The system recorder has determined that the cause was the ON position of the auto switch.

Human error (Incorrect product type)

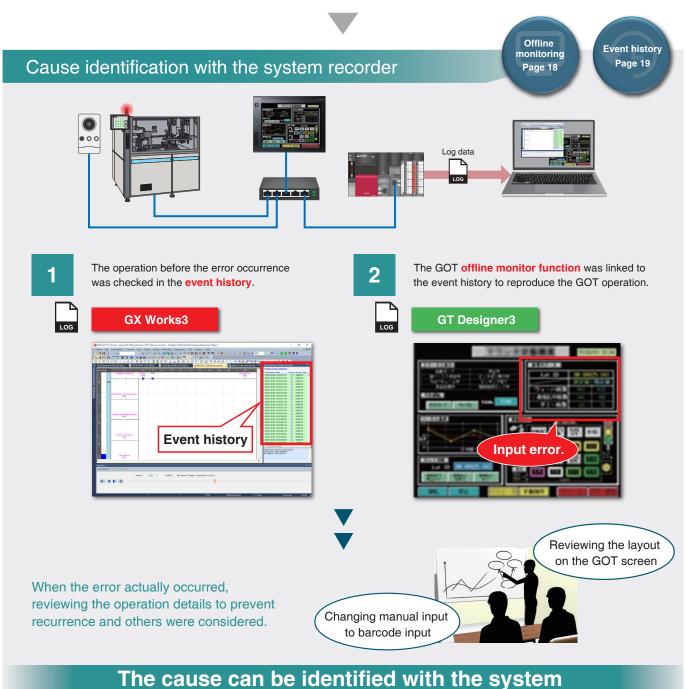








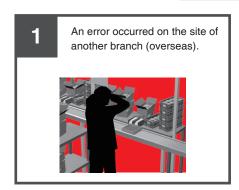
Correctly understand what the cause was.



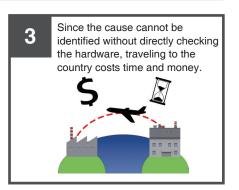
The cause can be identified with the system recorder, and the appropriate preventive measures against recurrence can be considered.

Handling errors from a remote place



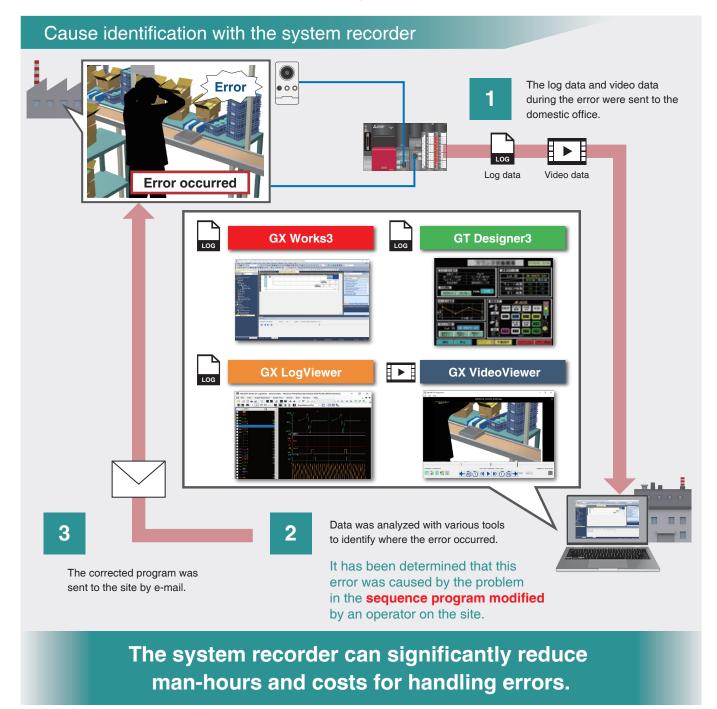






Identify the cause without visiting the site.



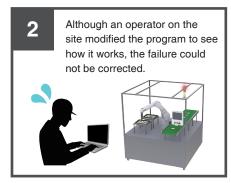


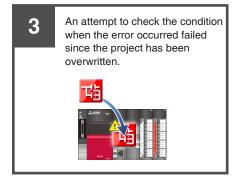
Trouble analysis using past data







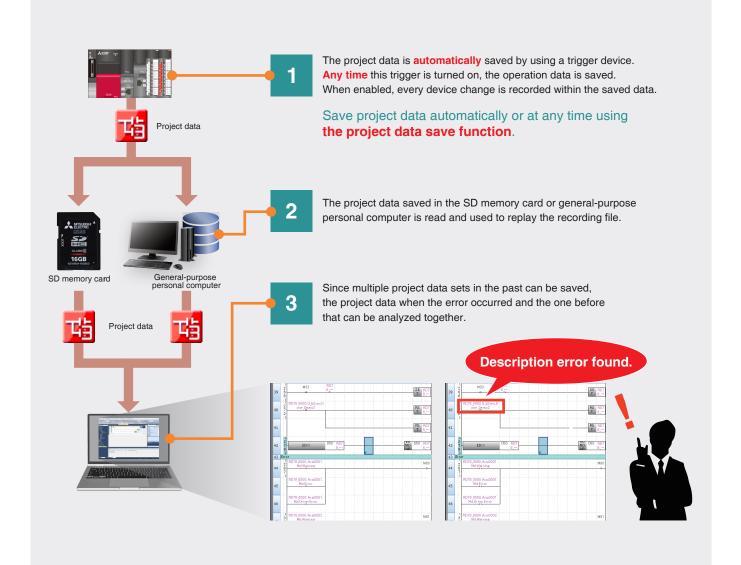




Check the project when the error occurred.





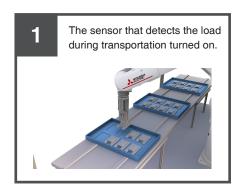


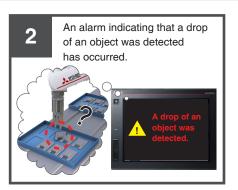
The system recorder allows users to review past project data to identify the cause of errors.

Analyzing servo troubles together











Analyze multiple data sets together to identify the cause.



Cause identification with the system recorder

By displaying the logging data of both the recorder module and motion module in the same window, the relationship between the control data and axis data can be analyzed by matching the start time with **one click**.



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Data disturbance found.

By comparing the logging data of the current value of the servo amplifier with the data when the sensor is turned off using **the waveform superimposition function** of GX LogViewer, the disturbance of the current value data of the servo amplifier is confirmed.

GX LogViewer

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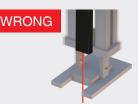
The ball screw of the target axis was found to have a foreign object (metal powder, etc.) caught in it.



A foreign object found.

It has been determined that this trouble was caused by "a foreign object in the ball screw, which caused vibration during the transportation and temporarily shifted the workpiece from the sensor check position for workpiece detection."

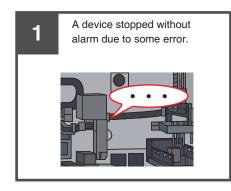


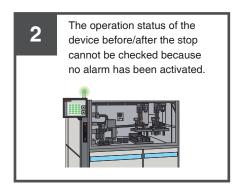


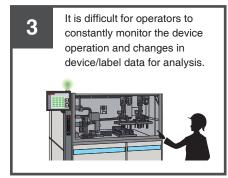
The system recorder has determined that the cause was deviation from the sensor check position for workpiece detection.

Non-alarm stop



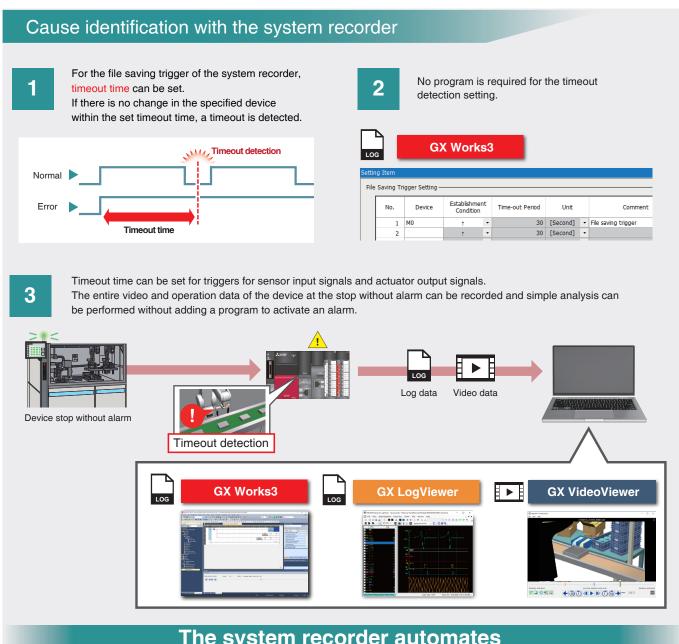






Easily analyze the cause of the device stop without alarm.

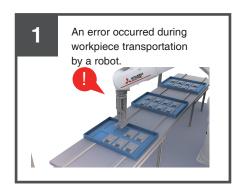


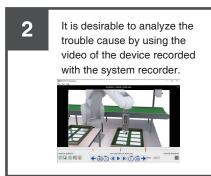


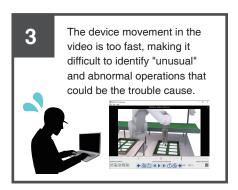
The system recorder automates the device monitoring at stop without alarm and contributes to the reduction of downtime.

Detection of "unusual" operations

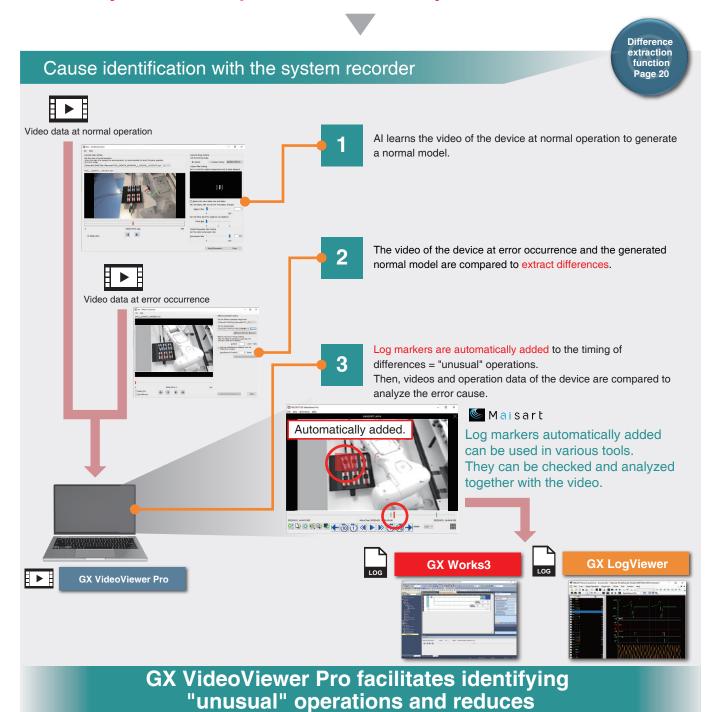








Identify "unusual" operations more easily without time and effort.

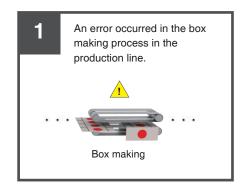


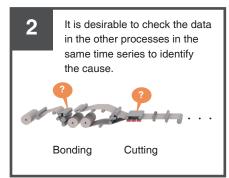
the time required for simple analysis.

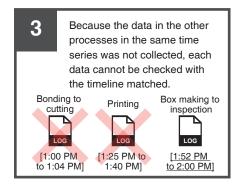
Trouble analysis across devices











Check multiple data in the same timeline.



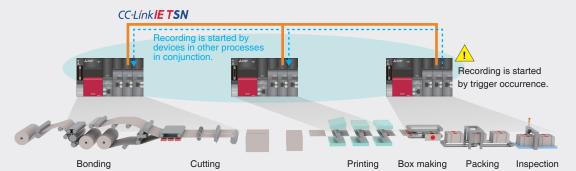
Cause identification with the system recorder



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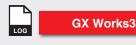
When one of the recording devices*1 detects an error and executes recording, the other recording devices within the operating range can also execute recording in conjunction via CC-Link IE TSN.

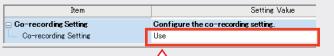
*1 A generic term for devices which have the recording function or servo system recorder function such as camera recorder modules and Motion modules



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Recording devices that are used to start recording at different timings can be switched to co-recording with the setting configured just by one step.

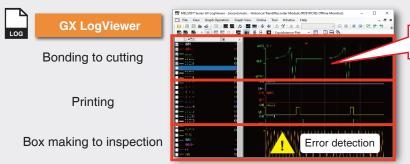




Just specifying this in each recording device

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The control data and video of each device at error occurrence can be collected and the waveform data can be checked at once.



Actual error cause

Although the error was detected in the box making process, it was found that the cause of the abnormality was in the bonding process as a result of analyzing the entire system.

The system recorder facilitates checking the error cause across devices.

Function introduction



Log marker function

GX Works3 GX LogViewer GX VideoViewer

- √ The video recorded when a trouble occurred can be saved with marks (log markers) added to the positions to be focused.
- ✓ The log markers added to GX VideoViewer can be synchronized with GX Works3 and GX LogViewer to check the program operation and others.
- ✓ Log markers can be shared among related parties even when they are at distant locations each other.

GX VideoViewer

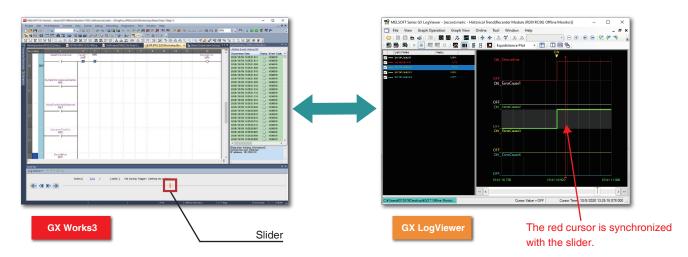




Offline monitor

GX Works3 GX LogViewer GT Designer3

- ✓ By performing a replay on the offline monitor using each data saved in the recorder module, the status at the trouble occurrence can be reproduced on the engineering tool.
- ✓ The circuit (program transition) can be monitored in GX Works3, and the waveform data can be checked in GX LogViewer. By moving the slider on the seek bar in GX Works3, the program, waveform data, and operation history can be replayed in synchronization.

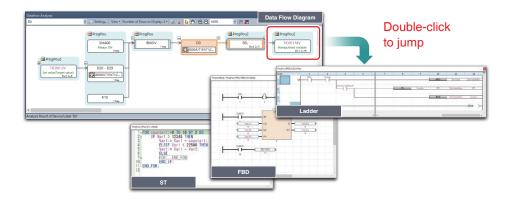




Data flow analysis function

GX Works3

- ✓ A device flowchart is automatically created from the program of GX Works3, and the related data is visually displayed.
- ✓ Comments and instruction diagrams are also displayed in the flowchart.
- ✓ Double-clicking an item in the flowchart jumps to the window for the corresponding device/label.

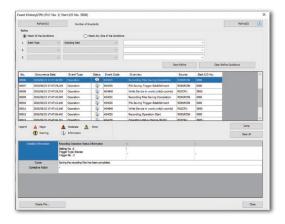




Event operation history

GX Works3

✓ Since device/label operations from external devices can be recorded as the event history, "when, where, how, and which device/label has been changed" can be accurately understood.



Recording targets

- Operations from the engineering tool
- Data writing to device/label by SLMP
- Data writing to device with an instruction (Writing from another station or another CPU)
- Data writing to device by simple CPU communication (Writing from the communication target)

Function introduction

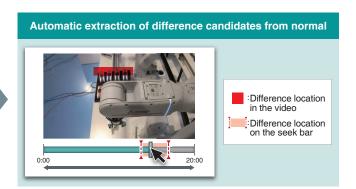


Difference extraction function

GX VideoViewer Pro Maisart

- ✓ Without deep learning, Al analyzes "appearance" and "movement" using its own algorithm to extract differences, facilitating the error analysis.
- ✓ The difference extraction can be performed in two steps: normal model generation and difference extraction.
- ✓ Differences from the normal pattern are extracted from the video and log markers are automatically added to the video and seek bar, allowing operators to identify the error occurrence location at a glance. Log markers can be synchronized with other applications.



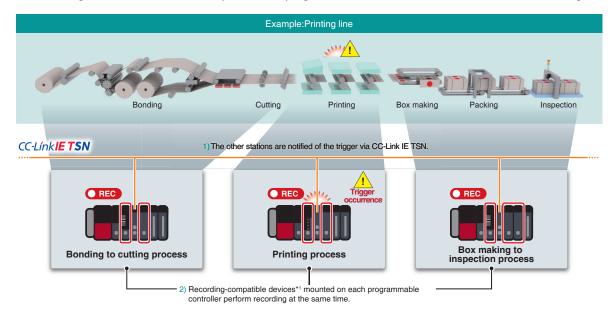




Co-recording function

GX Works3 GX LogViewer

- ✓ When one of the recording-compatible devices detects an error and performs recording, all the other recording-compatible devices in the system record data in conjunction.
- ✓ Even in a large production line, detected errors can be notified via CC-Link IE TSN.
- ✓ Videos and log data at the same time as an error detection in a device are also collected by the other recording-compatible devices, allowing error causes across multiple devices/programmable controllers to be checked while matching the timeline.



^{*1.} The recorder module, camera recorder module, and Motion CPU module are compatible with recording. The Motion module will be compatible with recording soon

System recorder-related products

Camera recorder module - RD81RC96-CA Recorder module - RD81RC96



RD81RC96-CA/

All the device/label data before and after an error has occurred is automatically sampled with timestamps per scan.

Motion module - RD78GH, RD78G Servo amplifier - MR-J5 series



MR-J5-G RD78G

At an error occurrence, information on all the actual driver axes is automatically sampled from the motion module and servo amplifier. The information based on the sampling results of the command and feedback values during the issue can be used for troubleshooting.

Camera recording package

When the recorder module is used, the camera recording package for instructing the network camera when to record video consists of function blocks (FBs) and a connection manual. For details on how to obtain the software, please contact your local Mitsubishi Electric sales office or representative.

GX VideoViewer

The recorded video can be checked in GX VideoViewer or within a general-purpose video player software.

GX VideoViewer is independent of the engineering tool. For details on how to obtain the software, please contact your local Mitsubishi Electric sales office or representative.

GX VideoViewer Pro

In addition to the functions of GX VideoViewer, this software automatically extracts differences from the normal status and facilitates identifying error causes by using original AI technology. Log markers are automatically added to the differences found, and they can be checked using other engineering tools. For details on how to obtain the software, please contact your local Mitsubishi Electric sales office or representative.

GX Works3, GX LogViewer, GT Designer3

GX Works3 is a next-generation engineering software which contributes to reduction in development costs with its intuitive programming environment.

GX LogViewer is a dedicated viewer for displaying/analyzing the sampled logging files with simple operations.

GT Designer3 is screen design software for the Mitsubishi Electric Graphic Operation Terminal GOT2000 series.

For the specifications of each product, refer to the iQ Platform-compatible PAC System Recorder (L(NA)08736ENG) or Mitsubishi Electric Factory Automation Global Website.

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