From Silos to Synergy:

IT/OT Convergence for Resilient and AI-Ready Fabs

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The semiconductor industry stands at an inflection point. As fabrication plants (fabs) scale, supply chains grow more complex, and artificial intelligence accelerates, manufacturers face mounting pressure. They must keep operations resilient, comply with tightening standards, defend against cyber threats, and prepare for AI-driven transformation. Meeting these demands calls for more than incremental upgrades. It requires a fundamental shift: integrating Information Technology (IT) and Operational Technology (OT) into a unified infrastructure and operating model.

Why Convergence Matters

For decades, IT and OT operated in silos. IT managed enterprise systems, data, and networks, while OT controlled manufacturing systems, sensors, and controls. In today's cyber-physical world, this separation creates inefficiencies, blind spots, and risks. Research by global consultancies shows that convergence is now essential for manufacturing industries, especially semiconductors.

At OneSystems, we have seen how integration transforms operations. An integrated IT/OT model delivers four capabilities that fabs cannot ignore:

A Roadmap to Convergence

Achieving IT/OT convergence requires careful planning, cross-functional teamwork, and phased execution. At OneSystems, we see this journey of integration unfold in five key phases:

1. **Audit and Assessment** – Evaluate current systems, workflows, and risks to establish a baseline.

2. **Integration Layer Development** – Build the interoperability layer that securely connects IT and OT systems.

3. **Unified Dashboards** – Provide a single view of operations, with real-time KPIs and alerts across domains.

4. **Workforce Enablement** – Cross-train IT and OT teams, creating shared accountability and collaboration.

5. **AI and Automation Adoption** – Scale advanced analytics and automation once the foundation is in place.

Singapore's Strategic Advantage

Singapore's semiconductor ecosystem is uniquely positioned to lead this shift. With robust infrastructure, strong governance, and a skilled workforce, the country provides the right environment for future-ready fabs.

For OneSystems, enabling IT/OT convergence builds on two decades of experience as a systems integrator for mission-critical industries. From structured cabling and surveillance to access control, cleanroom monitoring, and process automation, we understand how to bridge digital and physical systems. Our role is to ensure that the infrastructure is resilient, compliant, secure, and AI-ready.

A Glimpse into 2045

If the past two decades were about building foundations, the next two will be about adaptability. By 2045, fabs will be dynamic ecosystems, reconfigurable in hours rather than weeks. Cybersecurity will be proactive and self-healing. Sustainability will be tracked at wafer level, making carbon-neutral fabs the standard. AI will orchestrate operations, with digital twins evolving into autonomous decision engines.

Convergence is the enabler of this future. The steps taken today to integrate IT and OT will directly determine how resilient, competitive, and innovative fabs will be in the decades ahead.

The Way Forward

The convergence of IT and OT has become a present necessity for future-ready fabs. Delivering this convergence through integration is more than a technical upgrade; it is a strategic imperative for resilience, compliance, cybersecurity, and AI readiness.

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Factories of the Future

In 20 years, fabs will be self-optimising ecosystems. AI-native integration will allow rapid reconfiguration, digital twins will drive autonomous decisions, and cybersecurity will be self-healing. Convergence today lays the groundwork for this future.