

One Unified Network to Realize Modern Mass Customization

Country: China



System Requirements

- One unified network that enables seamless communications for machine-to-machine, machine-to-device, and machine/device-to-supervisory networks to reduce production cycle times and total cost of ownership
- Deterministic communications for precise device control and Gigabit network capabilities to connect various systems
- Easy-to-use, easy-to-configure, and futureproof technology for real-time production optimization and mass customization

Why Moxa

- Field-proven TSN solutions that are an ideal fit for commercial off-the-shelf production and tailor-made for industrial automation and plug-and-produce manufacturing
- Reliable TSN Ethernet switches with 4/8-port TSN Gigabit connectivity
- Committed to developing and evolving TSN technology by collaborating with industry players in the ecosystem

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TSN-G5004
4-port Full Gigabit Managed Ethernet Switches

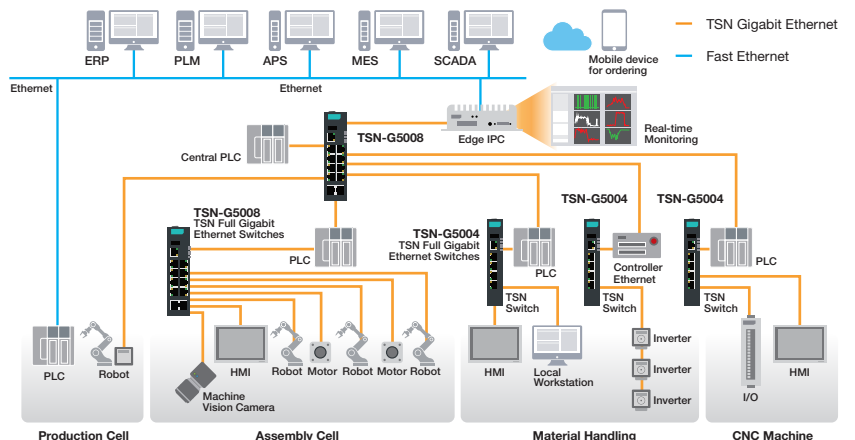


TSN-G5008
8-port Full Gigabit Managed Ethernet Switches

A product manufacturer planned to connect their various systems—including production, assembly lines, and logistics systems—on one unified network to realize shorter production cycle times and lower total cost of ownership. This initiative came out of the company’s drive to make mass customization possible to fulfill the variety of needs in the market. In the automation industry, TSN technology is essential to achieving these kinds of goals. Specifically, TSN facilitates high-speed networking, handling large volumes of data transmission, ensuring highly accurate motion control, and keeping latency low by prioritizing network traffic. All of this is necessary to ensure that critical data is delivered to the right place at the right time.

To enable mass customization of their Commercial-Off-the-Shelf (COTS) products, the manufacturer deployed Moxa’s TSN-G5004 and TSN-G5008 TSN Ethernet switches to build a TSN-capable network that combined the existing proprietary networks into one unified network. This unified network used a simpler network topology that reduced cabling and maintenance costs, and minimized the training needed to understand the different protocols being used. Now, the company can adjust their entire production process with substantially lower cycle times to manufacture customized COTS products as needed at the same or even lower cost. With the new TSN network, the company achieved digital transformation for their automation site by converging their IT and OT networks and enabling adaptive production, mass customization, and operational excellence for Industry 4.0 and IIoT applications.

From a production viewpoint, TSN accomplishes integration of control with reduced cycle times, reduces total cost of ownership through a simplified topology with fewer assets to manage, and realizes service-as-a-service through one unified network. By implementing such a TSN network, the company made modern mass customization possible, completing their digital transformation and enabling adaptive production.



AI-driven Operational Efficiency for a Hydropower Plant

Country: China



System Requirements


- Deploy one AI system on the control network to access the data in a real-time manner without sacrificing the performance and safety of the power generation facilities and occupying the bandwidth that is supposed to transmit the critical control data
- One unified network to merge different applications for seamless communications
- Supports Gigabit communication

Why Moxa

- Reliable TSN Ethernet switches with 5 or more ports
- Over 35 years of OT networking experience
- Committed to developing and evolving TSN technology by collaborating with industry players in the ecosystem

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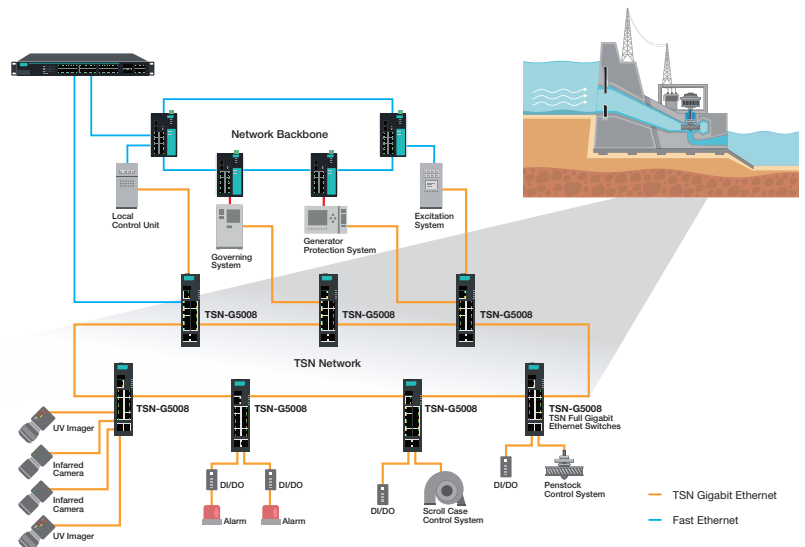


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A hydropower plant planned to upgrade and modernize their systems to generate power more efficiently. Compared to a traditional system, a modern hydropower plant relies on combining multiple systems to achieve higher performance and stability at a lower cost. Traditionally, key systems responsible for excitation, governing, spiral casing, penstock, and water turbines run on different network protocols. Costs to maintain these various networks are high, and additional engineers and a complex network structure are often required.

The operating company was determined to bring all of their isolated networks together and implement an AI system for their control network by embracing time-sensitive networking, which was a perfect fit for this kind of use case. First, controlling diversified applications through one unified network significantly reduces costs through a simplified network structure. This simplified network structure can also guarantee high speeds, highly accurate control, and advanced network security. Second, TSN solves interoperability issues between their control network and the new AI system, allowing them to realize an AIoT solution for their needs. Third, Moxa's TSN-G5008 Ethernet switch offers 8 Gigabit ports to connect all their different control systems together to create one unified network. With ample bandwidth and low latency, their new TSN network provides real-time communication of large volumes of data for the AI system.

The result? The hydropower plant has improved efficiency and the ability to quickly adjust total power output to the grid as needed, giving rise to a new hydropower plant with lower costs, easier maintenance, higher efficiency, and improved adaptability.



Enabling Multiple Applications on a Unified TSN Network

Country: Japan



System Requirements


- Supports time-sensitive networking (TSN)
- Networking devices with reliable, compact design
- Supports Gigabit communication

Why Moxa

- Experience in OT networking for more than 30 years
- Committed to developing TSN technology by collaborating with multiple industry players
- Product design with rugged and compact DNA

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A global leading manufacturer of industrial machinery is leveraging time-sensitive networking (TSN) technology to aggregate multiple applications in one CNC machinery. To achieve its scalable, accelerated sensing and advanced machine control applications, the deterministic laser control and machine control need to work harmoniously together. However, they used to be different proprietary networks that required much effort to integrate and maintain the components, especially when the machinery was shipped abroad.

To enhance scalability and efficiency, the company introduced a built-in unified TSN network in its machinery. First, the TSN-G5008 full Gigabit managed Ethernet switch connected multiple remote I/O, delivering deterministic communication to the servo drivers to enable critical machine control. Second, the TSN-G5008 switch connected remote I/Os to the machine vision cameras in order to feed information back to the industrial PC. In the past, it was not possible to carry critical data on the same wire due to the nature of Ethernet –first in, first served. With its compact design, the TSN-G5008 switch fitted perfectly in the space-constricted machinery, saving engineers effort on integrating all components in the network.

With the standard Ethernet TSN infrastructure, the company now has unprecedented potential in producing advanced machinery and making a great impact on manufacturing.

