

# 46 GOOD REASONS for plant simulation with fe.screen-sim

#### **GENERAL ADVANTAGES**

**#1** fe.screen-sim is **sector-independent** and guarantees a wide range of applications in mechanical and plant engineering, logistics, materials handling, the automotive industry and its suppliers, as well as in automation and robotics.

**#2** The software has **very high performance data** and can also be used for the simulation of complete, interlinked plants with more than 20 PLCs and over 20 robots.

**#3** A **true-to-detail representation** of the plant in 3D is possible through the most modern graphics technologies.

**#4** Contained material is actually run through the system and not shown or hidden.

**#5** Contained **sensor technology** is positioned in the 3D model at the position corresponding to reality and **does not need to be programmed.** 

**#6** A **CAD library** from Cadenas is integrated in fe.screen-sim for importing CAD objects from various suppliers.

**#7** Any number of 3D windows and all UI elements can be distributed across the available monitors. This way **you always keep a perfect view of the simulation.** 

**#8** No material flow definition within the plant is necessary. The behaviour results from the simulation model.

**#9** A **bidirectional exchange** of the simulation to the CAD system ensures that the design data can be easily updated.

**#10** CAD data are converted into a separate format during import. This ensures **optimal protection of the plant's know-how.** 

**#11** It is always possible to implement a highly idealised model structure for testing processes.

**#12** fe.screen-sim has the **most up-to-date software architecture** currently available.

## PRICE AND LICENSING

**#13** Licensing via floating licences enables flexible use at different workstations.

**#14** Thanks to the **modular structure, flexible functional use** is possible. Only those functions are licensed that are actually needed.

**#15** Users do **not need expensive workstations.** A standard PC with a powerful graphics card and multicore processor is sufficient.



## **TECHNICAL AREA**

**#18** fe.screen-sim is **multi-user capable.** Several users can work on one project/model at the same time.

**#19** A role and authorisation concept is available for model editing with several users.

**#20** No switching between model creation and simulation is necessary. Changes in the model are therefore immediately visible in the simulation..

**#21** A separate interface is available for **viewing and forcing variables** for targeted monitoring and analysis of the system statuses.

**#22** fe.screen-sim contains a **Software Development Kit (SDK),** which ensures maximum flexibility for the development of own applications and extensions.

**#23** External programs can communicate with fe.screen-sim via a **programming interface (API)** and be used, for example, for automated model construction.

**#24** An integrated **signal recorder** enables rapid fault analysis in the event of a malfunction. Signals in the PLC that have led to a fault can be analysed together with the model.

## TRAINING AND DISTRIBUTION

**#16** An integrated **material and model editor** ensures a realistic representation of models - also for documentation and the simulation experience.

**#17** The simple and uncomplicated connection to common VR glasses ensures a realistic use of the model.

### MODELLING

**#25** Thanks to extensive **CAD import options** including kinematic information of many common formats, easy model creation is guaranteed.

**#26** An **automated generation of simulation models** through open interfaces (API) is possible and guarantees rapid model creation, e.g. in combination with the CAD system.

**#27** A data transfer and delivery can be tailored by the user to a wide variety of systems (control systems, HMI etc.).

**#28** fe.screen-sim contains an **object catalogue** that can be combined quickly, flexibly and as desired. The areas of application are wide-ranging - from mechanical engineering to logistics.

**#29** A **fast and flexible kinematisation** of the simulation model with an editor is possible at any time. Changes can even be made to the mesh and vertical model.

**#30** A **library function** with available behavioural models and code examples for special requirements as well as **CAD model libraries** (e.g. Kuka, ABB, Fanuc robots) guarantees a fast construction of simulation models.





#### CONNECTION OF CONTROL SYSTEMS, ROBOTS AND THIRD PARTY SYSTEMS

**#31** The assignment of variables and simulation elements is possible in the following ways:

- Graphical interface (drawing of connection lines)
- Tabular assignment (drag & drop assignment)
- Automated assignment via rule definitions

**#32** fe.screen-sim contains **interfaces to the most common control systems** on the market: Siemens, Beckhoff, Wago, Schneider, Rockwell etc.

**#33** Recording simulations in a 3D video offers the possibility to move freely in the plant to analyse the processes during the simulation.

**#34** New interfaces - such as future systems - can be created quickly and easily by the customer or by F.EE.



#### CREATING LOGIC ELEMENTS FOR DEVICES AND INTERFACE EMULATION

**#42** Function sequences can be created and edited as follows:

- FUP
- C#
- Own DLL developments or interfaces to third-party systems
- = FMU/FMI

**#35** It is possible to **combine and use any number of different interfaces** for data exchange. For example, data from Excel, Visio or other subsystems can be transferred directly.

**#36** A connection and combination even of a large number of controllers from different manufacturers is possible in a very flexible and simple way.

**#37** Safety-Signals can be simulated using the different manufacturer options.

**#38** The operating modes **"Hardware in the Loop"**, **"Software in the Loop"** and **"Model in the Loop"** as well as a **mixed operation** are possible.

**#39** Common **robot systems** - such as Kuka, ABB, Fanuc, Yaskawa, Stäubli or Universal Robots - can be connected via the manufacturers' software. This ensures realistic implementation without robot macros.

**#40 Control engineering processes** can be simulated through interfaces to MATLAB® and Simulink®. This ensures that the simulation solution can be expanded for a wide range of applications.

**#41 Co-simulation with other simulation solutions** such as WinMOD by Mewes & Partner, ISG-virtuos or even other systems - is possible. Other systems can be connected via an easily configurable interface, e.g. via "shared memory".

## DATA SECURITY AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

**#43** All project data is stored in a readable XML format and can therefore also be processed with other systems, such as PLM/PDM solutions.

**#44** Each time you save, a **completly new set of project data** is generated. This ensures a simple return to a previous situation in the model.

**#45** SQLite data from the selection of signals and simulation object parameters are generated for later evaluation and generation of reports and statistics.

#### SIMULABLE TECHNOLOGIES

**#46** A variety of different technologies can be implemented using fe.screen-sim. These include for example:

- Classical floor conveyor technology:
  Turntables, lifters, accumulation chains etc.
- Electric overhead conveyors: Switches, vehicles etc.
- Driverless transport systems (AGV): Trains, vehicles etc.
- Robotics: Robots, tools, grippers etc.
- Process engineering:
  Pumps, accumulators, valves etc.
- Control cabinet elements: Buttons, fuses, motor protection etc.
- P&F:

Chain links, switches, blocking points, etc.

- Logistical applications:
  E.g. large warehouses with associated conveyor technology.
- Human Animation:
  E.g. worker simulation in assembly booths.

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