



CenterPoint shows fab-wide EDA software at Semicon Europa 2006

CenterPoint is demonstrating three major software products for integrating fab management at this year's Semicon Europa (**Hall A3, Booth 642**).

A **fab-wide EDA Client** (**CenterPoint | factoryController**) handles data acquisition and distribution.

A new release of the company's **APC\Platform** brings agile manufacturing to semiconductor companies for improving process throughputs and yields. And a new release of **CenterPoint | portA** brings equipment-side implementation of SEMI EDA Interface A standard.

Software for agile manufacturing

CenterPoint's fab-wide EDA Client (factoryController) forms a data acquisition and data distribution platform in a factory wide environment. Based on current EDA Standards, it helps manage data collection and equipment interfaces factory wide. During the show, CenterPoint will demonstrate how to set up an appropriate infrastructure, and how to connect it with factory level process control systems based on CenterPoint's own APC\Platform.

Release 2 of CenterPoint's APC\Platform has an interactive workbench for defining process control scenarios. It incorporates a fully integrated expert system framework, with enhanced drill-down capabilities for step-by-step interactive yield and process diagnostics. The software uses data-mining methods and is fully integrated with the most recent EDA standards.

At the equipment level, CenterPoint will also introduce the newest release of its **portA**. This **implements the SEMI EDA standards on the equipment side**, and forms the most mature Interface-A implementation for MS Windows and Unix platforms on the same code base.

The software is easily integrated with the equipment control platform through a programming interface for C, C++ and MS.net. Its most significant advantage is its independence from virtual machines (Java) and internet servers. So, it consumes significantly lower resources while also improving performance.

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