Training Course on Advanced PID Control Tuning and Optimization

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Engineering	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Master advanced PID tuning methodologies for complex industrial processes.
2. Analyze process dynamics and identify suitable control strategies beyond basic PID.
3. Implement and validate various autotuning algorithms for efficient controller setup.
4. Optimize PID controller performance for improved energy efficiency and reduced variability.
5. Apply model-based tuning techniques using process identification data.
6. Design and troubleshoot cascaded, ratio, and feedforward control systems.
7. Utilize process data analytics for control loop performance monitoring and diagnosis.
8. Understand and mitigate the effects of non-linearities and dead time on PID control.
9. Develop strategies for robust PID control in the face of process disturbances.
10. Implement adaptive PID control for processes with varying dynamics.
11. Evaluate and select appropriate PID control software and simulation tools.
12. Improve process safety and reliability through optimized control loop operation.
13. Contribute significantly to operational excellence and continuous improvement initiatives.

Organizational Benefits

1. Significant Energy Savings: Optimized control leading to reduced consumption.
2. Improved Product Quality: Reduced variability and enhanced consistency.
3. Increased Throughput and Production Capacity: More efficient process operation.
4. Reduced Downtime and Maintenance Costs: Stable operations and proactive troubleshooting.
5. Enhanced Process Safety: Better control over critical process variables.
6. Minimized Raw Material Waste: Precise control leading to less off-spec product.
7. Faster Startup and Production Ramp-up: Efficient tuning and commissioning.
8. Data-Driven Decision Making: Leveraging control loop performance metrics.
9. Competitive Advantage: Utilizing best-in-class control strategies.
10. Highly Skilled Workforce: Empowered employees proficient in advanced PID optimization.

Target Participants

- Process Engineers

- Control System Engineers
- Instrumentation & Control Technicians
- Automation Engineers
- Chemical Engineers
- Mechanical Engineers
- Electrical Engineers
- Operations Managers
- Maintenance Managers

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Module 1: PID Control Fundamentals Revisited & Performance Metrics

- **Review of PID Components:** Proportional, Integral, Derivative action and their effects.
- **PID Controller Architectures:** Parallel, series, and standard forms.
- **Control Loop Performance Metrics:** Integral of Absolute Error (IAE), Integral of Squared Error (ISE), overshoot, rise time.
- **Performance Monitoring Basics:** Identifying oscillations, sluggishness, and offset.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing control loop data to diagnose common performance issues in a heat exchanger.

Module 2: Process Dynamics and Modeling for PID Tuning

- **First-Order Plus Dead Time (FOPDT) Models:** Derivation and significance in tuning.
- **Higher-Order Process Models:** Understanding more complex system behaviors.
- **Process Identification Techniques:** Step tests, impulse tests, and relay feedback.
- **Frequency Response Analysis:** Bode plots and Nyquist plots for stability analysis.
- **Case Study:** Conducting a step test on a level control process to derive its FOPDT model.

Module 3: Advanced Manual PID Tuning Methodologies

- **Ziegler-Nichols Revisited:** Limitations and enhancements for robust tuning.
- **Cohen-Coon Tuning:** Application for processes with significant dead time.
- **IMC (Internal Model Control) Tuning:** Principles and systematic approach for open-loop stable processes.
- **Lambda Tuning:** Focusing on achieving a desired closed-loop response time.
- **Case Study:** Applying IMC tuning to a flow control loop for improved setpoint tracking.

Module 4: Autotuning and Adaptive PID Control

- **Relay Autotuning:** Theory and practical implementation for oscillatory behavior.
- **Online Autotuning Algorithms:** Continuous optimization during operation.
- **Adaptive PID Control:** Gain scheduling and self-tuning for varying process conditions.
- **Model-Referenced Adaptive Control:** Adjusting parameters to match a desired response.
- **Case Study:** Implementing a relay autotuner on a pH neutralization process.

Module 5: Robust PID Control and Disturbance Rejection

- **Robustness Analysis:** Ensuring stable performance despite model uncertainties.
- **Disturbance Rejection Strategies:** Minimizing impact of external upsets.
- **PID Controller Saturation and Windup:** Anti-windup techniques.
- **Setpoint Filtering and Derivative Action Filtering:** Smoothening control signals.

- **Case Study:** Tuning a pressure control loop for robust performance against sudden load changes.

Module 6: Control Loop Interaction and Decoupling

- **Multi-Loop Control Systems:** Identifying interactions between PID loops.
- **Relative Gain Array (RGA):** Quantifying loop interactions for pairing.
- **Decoupling Strategies:** Static and dynamic decouplers for multivariable processes.
- **Pairing of Control Variables:** Choosing optimal pairings for minimum interaction.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing interactions in a distillation column's temperature and composition control loops.

Module 7: Cascade Control Systems

- **Principles of Cascade Control:** Primary and secondary loops.
- **Design and Tuning of Cascade Loops:** Inner and outer loop tuning strategies.
- **Benefits and Limitations of Cascade Control:** Improved disturbance rejection, reduced offset.
- **Applications of Cascade Control:** Common industrial examples.
- **Case Study:** Designing and tuning a cascade control system for jacketed reactor temperature control.

Module 8: Ratio and Feedforward Control

- **Ratio Control Principles:** Maintaining fixed ratios between process variables.
- **Feedforward Control Design:** Anticipating and compensating for measurable disturbances.
- **Combination of Feedforward and Feedback Control:** Enhancing overall performance.
- **Tuning Feedforward Controllers:** Static and dynamic compensation.
- **Case Study:** Implementing feedforward control to compensate for inlet temperature variations in a furnace.

Module 9: Non-Linearities and Special Control Structures

- **Valve and Actuator Non-linearities:** Hysteresis, stiction, dead band.
- **Process Non-linearities:** pH control, heat exchangers, variable gain processes.
- **Override Control and Constraint Control:** Protecting equipment and staying within limits.
- **Split-Range Control:** Using a single controller to operate multiple final control elements.
- **Case Study:** Designing a split-range control system for a steam and cooling water valve.

Module 10: Control Loop Performance Monitoring (CLPM)

- **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Control Loops:** Oscillation index, variability, setpoint tracking.
- **Statistical Process Control (SPC) for Control Loops:** Control charts for monitoring.
- **Root Cause Analysis for Control Problems:** Identifying issues like stiction, poor tuning.
- **Benchmarking Control Loop Performance:** Comparing against industry best practices.
- **Case Study:** Using CLPM software to identify poorly performing loops in a large petrochemical plant.

Module 11: PID Control Software and Simulation Tools

- **MATLAB/Simulink for PID Design:** Modeling, simulation, and analysis.
- **Specialized PID Tuning Software:** Utilizing commercial packages for automated tuning and analysis.
- **DCS/PLC Built-in PID Functionalities:** Understanding their capabilities and limitations.

- **Data Acquisition and Visualization Tools:** Collecting and presenting process data.
- **Case Study:** Simulating the tuning of a difficult level control loop using Simulink.

Module 12: Advanced Troubleshooting of Control Loops

- **Systematic Troubleshooting Methodology:** Step-by-step approach to diagnosing problems.
- **Identifying Common Control Loop Problems:** Noise, stiction, measurement issues, tuning errors.
- **Using Process Trends and Alarms:** Interpreting operational data.
- **Interaction with Process Operators:** Leveraging their insights.
- **Case Study:** Troubleshooting a persistently oscillating flow control loop in a water treatment facility.

Module 13: Energy Efficiency and Sustainability through PID Optimization

- **Optimizing PID for Energy Savings:** Minimizing oscillations, reducing excessive control action.
- **Impact of Control Performance on Utility Consumption:** Fans, pumps, compressors.
- **Advanced Control for Sustainable Operations:** Reducing emissions, optimizing resource usage.
- **Green PID Control:** Considering environmental factors in tuning.
- **Case Study:** Quantifying energy savings achieved by re-tuning PID controllers in a HVAC system.

Module 14: Industrial Best Practices and Case Studies

- **Best Practices for PID Tuning and Maintenance:** Standard operating procedures.
- **Long-Term Control Loop Health Management:** Sustaining optimal performance.
- **Real-world Industrial Applications:** Examples from various sectors (Oil & Gas, Chemical, Power).
- **Pitfalls and Common Mistakes in PID Tuning:** Avoiding typical errors.
- **Upcoming Scheduled Sessions**

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
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