

One-for-One Migration vs From-Scratch Systems

When completing a DCS migration, there are many issues to consider when deciding between a one-for-one or a from-scratch design. While both strategies take advantage of the opportunity to improve control strategies. There are several differences. While we don't recreate everything exactly as is in the new system we do migrate the functionality along with some cleanup of items no longer required. Use the table below as a guide.

In a one-for-one migration, you take everything in the legacy system including every wire, loop, snippet of code, & piece of logic, and migrate the functionality—along with cleanup items no longer required – into the new system.

A from-scratch system is designed from the ground up to optimize the hardware, software, & manufacturing processes.

Comparison Guide

	One-for-One System	From Scratch
Speed of Installation	Best	Varies
Uptime	Lower	Higher
Troubleshooting	Time-consuming	Easier
Future Improvements	Potentially difficult	Easier
Cost of Ownership	---	Best
Operator Training	Minimal	More extensive
Optimized System	---	Best
Modernized System	Unlikely	Yes



If you are completing a DCS migration, Hargrove can help. We will learn about your system's intricacies and guide you to the optimal solution based on your specific needs. Contact us today.