

Description

In the small/medium sized building environment where air conditioning is required, it is common for Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) systems to be installed to maintain internal building conditions. VRF systems operate with multiple indoor air-conditioning units connected to a single outdoor condensing unit. Depending on each zone's condition, the refrigerant volume is varied to each indoor unit. These types of refrigerant systems are managed by their manufacturers proprietary controls which are typically mounted on the wall with small screen and buttons allowing basic functionality.

VRF systems work well, however building owners have limited ability to improve on the VRF manufacturer's default settings. In small/medium sized buildings where VRF's are typically installed, all other operational systems are installed with basic timers and are independent of each other. These independent systems include (but not limited to):

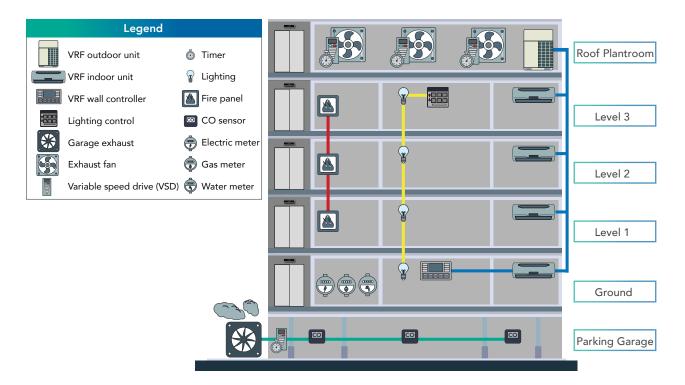
- VRF systems
- Outside air fans
- Fire alarms
- Lighting control
- Elevator/Lifts
- General exhaust fans
- Toilet exhaust fans
- Kitchen exhaust fans
- CO monitoring and garage fan control
- Perimeter heating

Auxiliary monitoring systems

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- Electrical meters
- Gas meters
- Water meters

Building with VRF and Siloed Systems

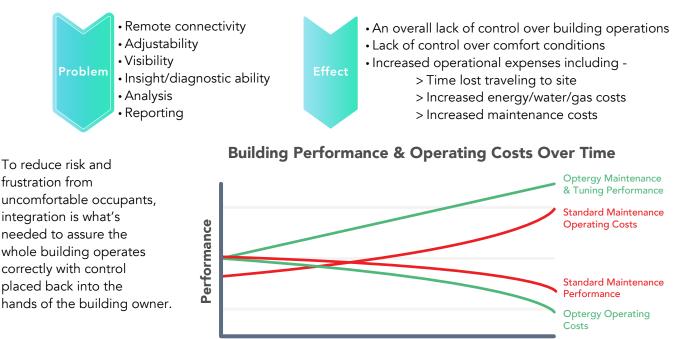




Typical VRF Building Environment

Systems integration is typical in larger buildings with central heating, cooling and ventilation systems (HVAC), however is lacking in buildings with VRF systems. Historically, integrated systems have been too expensive to install on a smaller scale making integration impossible for building owners to justify. This left controls and automation contractors with little interest in offering integrated solutions which involve VRF systems.

The problem with this legacy approach is when building systems are operated independently, building owners do not have remote access and end up with multiple systems that need to be operated locally. Lack of integration causes issues with:



Time

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To remove the risks, frustration and lack of control of building outcomes, it is necessary to have one system that can intelligently communicate, integrate, monitor, control, alarm and report on all sub-systems.

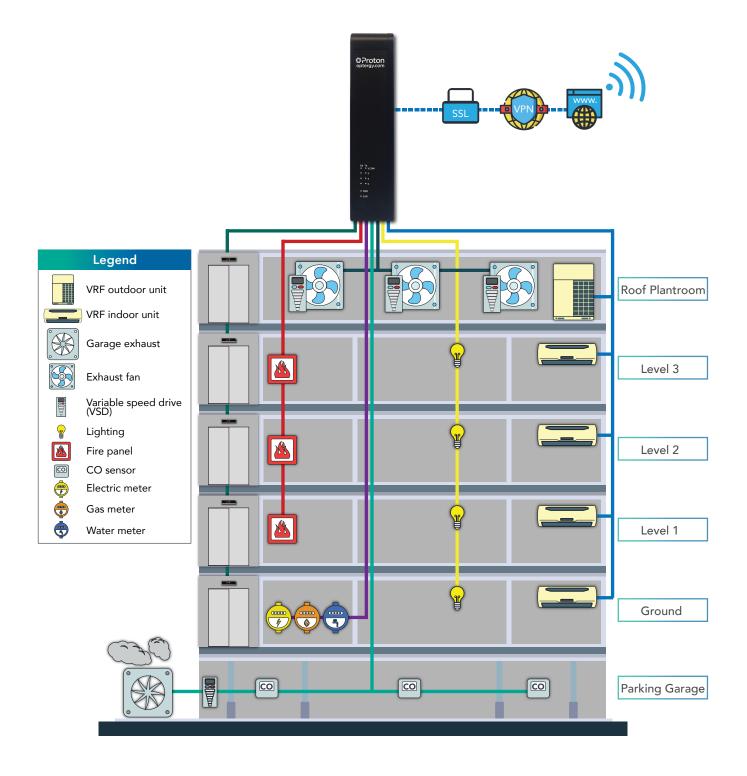
To enable integration, smart monitoring and control and energy efficiency for small/medium size buildings, Optergy developed economical software with built-in applications for easy configuration and fast project delivery. Using Optergy software gives contractors, consultants and building owners an easy and smart solution for their small and medium sized buildings.





Optergy Smart Monitoring & Control

Using Optergy's versatile and application rich interface, a basic building with VRF and disparate systems can be turned into a smart building with energy efficient control and monitoring.



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Solutions

Integration using Optergy's built-in tools and applications enables the following smart solutions to be delivered in a VRF building environment:

Control

- VRF (heating/cool)
- Ventilation
- Smart strategies leveraging integrated systems such as motion sensors, reed switches, security systems
- Limit setpoints
- Reset setpoints
- Mode control
- Occupancy based scheduling
- Economy cycles
- CO2 control of economy cycles
- CO control of parking garage
- Automated optimum start
- Automated demand management
- Pumping systems
- Lighting

Billing

- Automated utilities billing
- Electricity
- Gas
- Water
- Thermal (chilled/hot)
- Automated after hours A/C and lighting billing

Features and Tools

BACnet and Modbus communications are standard and enable integration of multiple building sub-systems. Contractor friendly built-in tools include:

- Graphic display tool with live display editor
- BACnet device configuration
- Modbus device configuration
- Programming tool using function logic blocks live
- Diagnostic templates

- Monitoring
- VRF (heating/cooling)
- Elevators/Lifts
- Fire alarm systems
- Security systems
- Ventilation
- Subsoil systems
- Pumping systems
- Server rooms
- Metering
- Smart Alarming with notification
- Temperature
- Humidity
- CO2 level
- Lux level

Energy

- Electricity
- Gas
- Water
- Thermal (hot/chilled)
- Submetering with hierarchy
- Automated reporting
- Automated email reporting CSV/PDF
- Automated meter reading

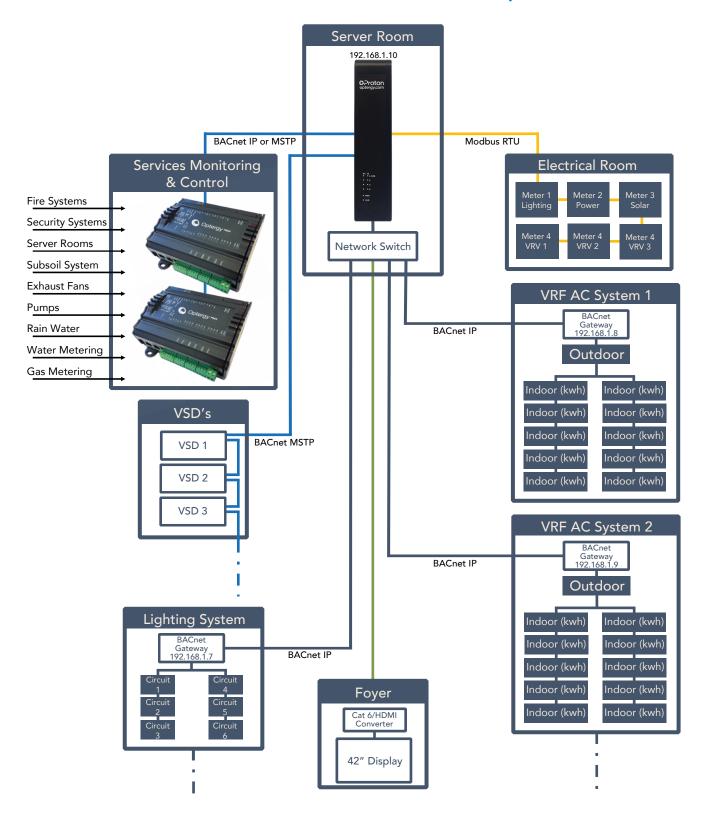


- Dashboard wizard
- Automatic backup
- Remote file manager
- Secure Remote Access (SSL & VPN)





Detailed Network Architecture Example

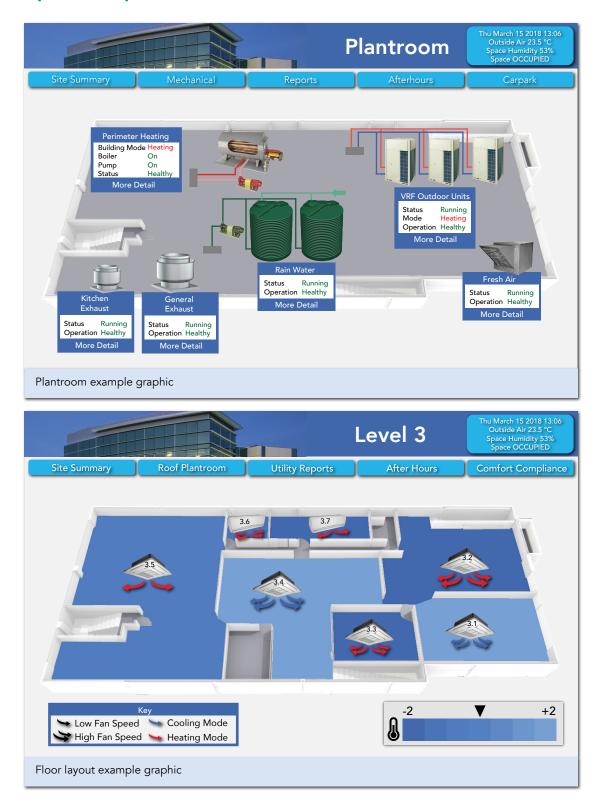




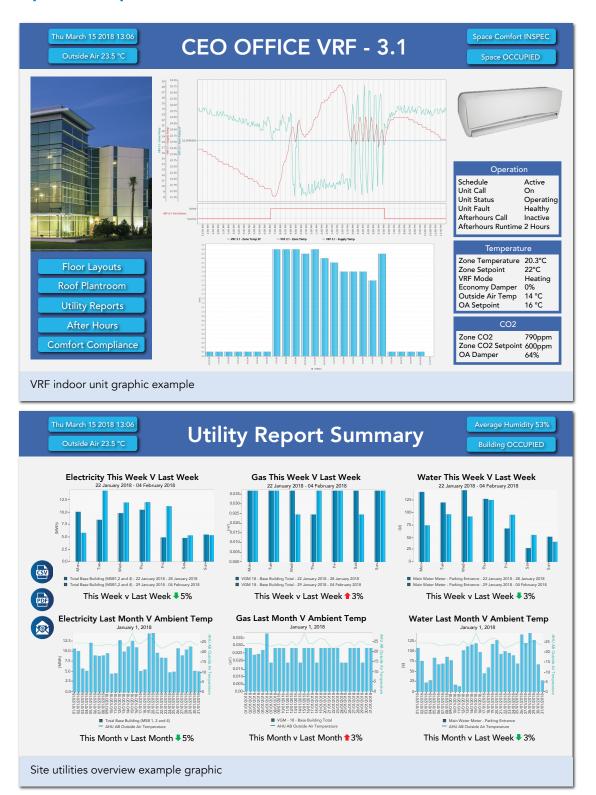


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	Level 2	<mark>0% 1%</mark>	98%	1% 0%			
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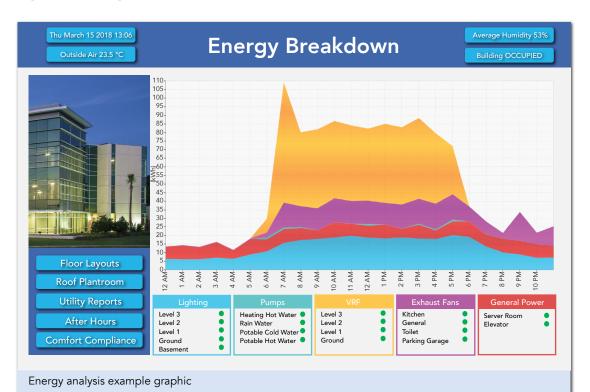


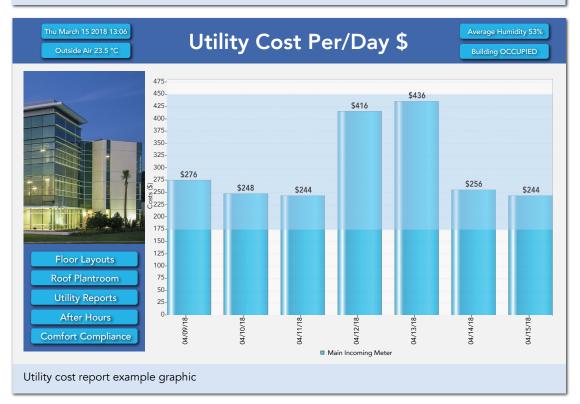






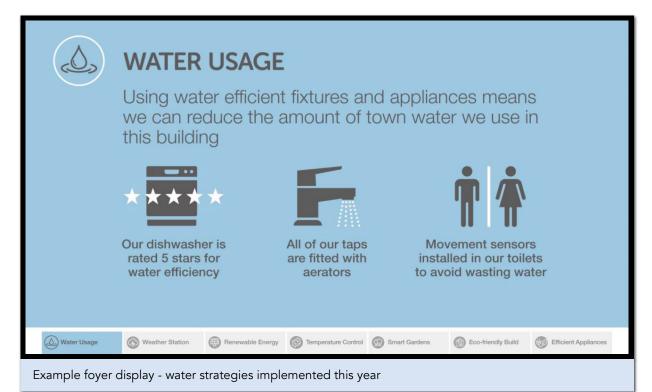


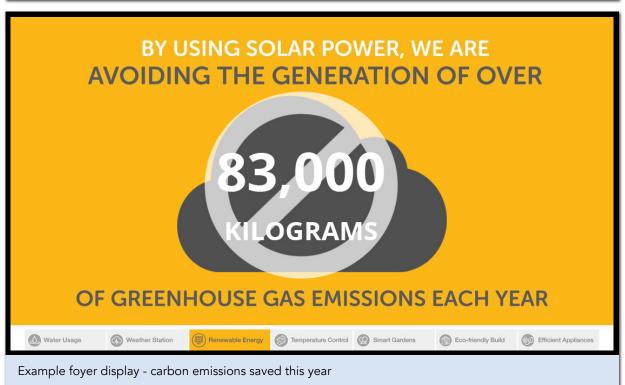






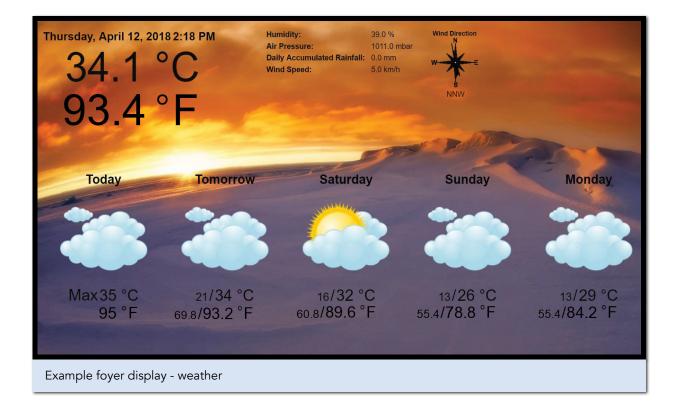
Example Dashboards







Weather Data





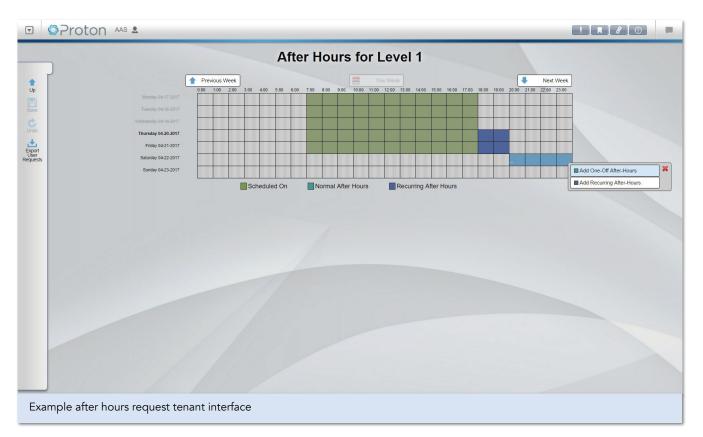
After Hours Override & Billing

In a typical commercial building, there is a lease agreement between owner and tenant which defines the core operating hours of the building. If tenants require air-conditioning or lighting base-building services outside the lease agreements core hours, the building owner can recover the additional costs of operating the building outside of these core hours. To recover these costs the building owner can allow the tenants to activate after hours utilities such as air-conditioning and lighting when working late.

Upon activation, the user signals the system that they need a period of 30 minutes (adjustable) of air-conditioning and/or lighting (or any other service). The system will log the start time, check that the equipment is not normally scheduled on at the requested time, and also check that the equipment is running.

Multiple tenants can be authorized to initiate the after hours event, and the events can be scheduled in advance (configurable number of days in advance).

Bills can then be generated automatically, report of usage, and the appropriate tenants contacted automatically by email. The bill itself can be configured to reflect property management branding, bill-to address, tax, charges (including time of use, demand, block, flat), custom header, pay to options, and automatic email distribution.





Tenants

• Billing date options

Custom logo

• Automatic notification

• Automatic distribution

After Hours Override & Billing

Activation

Fees

- Pushbutton
- BACnet data point
- Mobile application
- Schedule in advance
- On demand (+/- 30min)



• Min charge \$/hr

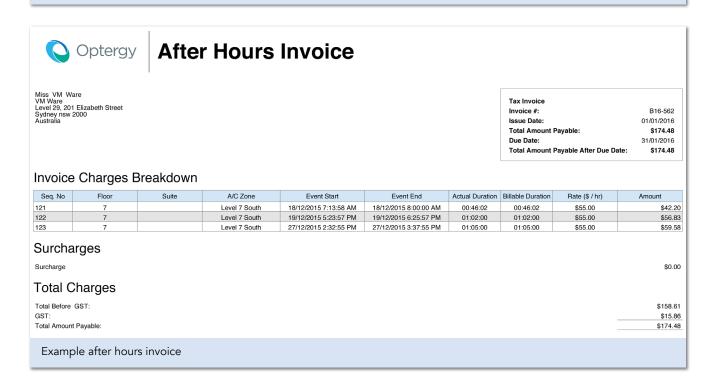
• Optional surcharge

Minimum duration

Schedule is linked

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Requested By	Date(s) Covered	Time	Specific Days	Exclusions	Public Holidays		
Admin	22/09/2017 - 22/09/2017	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Thursday Friday		yes		
Steven Guzelimian	22/09/2017 - 22/09/2017	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM			yes		

Example after hours request log capturing who requested after hours, date, start and end times, exclusions and public holidays





Utility Billing

Utilities such as electricity, gas, water and thermal (chilled & hot) can be easily metered/sub-metered and assigned to tenants for billing based on usage. Tenants that occupy multiple spaces can have multiple meters contribute to a single final bill per utility type. The bill itself can be configured to reflect property management branding, tariff charges, how to pay options and configured for automatic email distribution.

Simple Billing Configuration Workflow

- STEP 1 Create space
- **STEP 2** Create meter/meter hierarchy
- STEP 3 Create tenant
- **STEP 4** Create facility manager
- STEP 5 Create tariff
- **STEP 6** Assign meters to spaces
- **STEP 7** Assign tenants and facility managers to spaces
- **STEP 8** Configure billing parameters
- **STEP 9** Configure notifications

Spaces

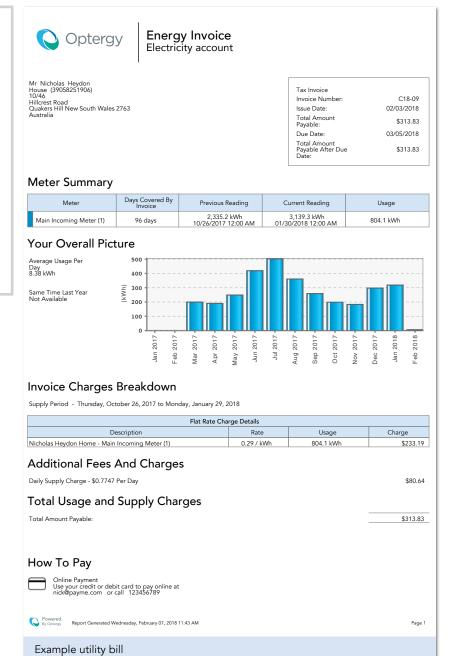
- Link to tenants
- Link to meters

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Tariffs and Fees

- Time of use charge
- Peak demand charge
- Flat charge
- Block charge
- Additional fees
- Payment options
- Late fee





Prebuilt Applications

Optergy's software combines Building Automation, Energy Management and Tenancy applications enabling integration of building systems into one single platform. The system has over 50 built-in applications requiring only configuration. Optergy helps contractors integrate small/medium sized building subsystems into a single user interface fast, saving time, effort and cost.

Optergy smart energy monitoring and control helps building owners and operators justify and apply smart building technologies for their small/medium sized buildings. Optergy ensures easy access to buildings remotely, standardization across buildings, optimum utility consumption and comfort conditions for occupants all at the same time.

