

Stratus Customers Earn 2022 Manufacturing Leadership Awards for Digitalization Projects

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Rubberlite, Inc. and Synthomer deploy simple, protected, autonomous Edge Computing platforms as a foundation for Digital Transformation and Operational Excellence

Maynard, Mass. –April 7, 2022 – **Stratus Technologies**, the global leader in simplified, protected, and autonomous **Edge Computing** platforms, today announced that two of its customers, Jessica Spurlock (for a project with Rubberlite, Inc.) and Synthomer, have been recognized as winners in the **Manufacturing Leadership Awards 2022**, in the Individual Digital Transformation Leadership and Operational Excellence categories, respectively. The Manufacturing Leadership Awards, which are selected based on benefit of technology and use in manufacturing, recognize operational and leadership excellence from world-class manufacturing organizations and individual leaders.

The operational edge continues to be critical to industry's transforming processes and harnessing data for actionable insight and efficiency. Stratus Edge Computing platforms enable business, operations, and IT leaders across industries to quickly modernize IT and OT infrastructure, reduce risk, eliminate application downtime, and pursue Industry 4.0 opportunities.

Rubberlite and Synthomer implemented Stratus Edge Computing platforms as a foundation to simplify IT maintenance, ensure continuous application availability, and enable manufacturing visibility to operate more efficiently.

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Jessica Spurlock, process automation engineer, was honored for Individual Digital Transformation Leadership, where she designed, configured, implemented, and maintained electrical systems, instrumentation, controls and HMIs for the foam rubber products supplier Rubberlite, in Huntington, West Virginia. In support of the company's commitment to growth and innovation, Spurlock both led and implemented the Supervisory Control System project that leveraged Stratus ftServer® to eliminate downtime and lower IT costs by 50%. Due to the increased availability of data and equipment resources, this project resulted in an 80% reduction of non-sellable material, and a 25% increase in sales.

SYNTHOMER MODERNIZES
COMPUTE INFRASTRUCTURE,
CONSOLIDATES WORKLOADS WITH
VIRTUALIZATION

Synthomer, headquartered in London, is a leading supplier of specialty polymers and latex materials. The company digitally transformed its plant in Sant'Albano Stura, Italy by replacing all existing multi-branded PLCs with **Rockwell Automation** Allen-Bradley® ControlLogix® Programmable Automation Controllers (PAC). To protect its modernized operation, Synthomer chose Stratus ftServer to consolidate software workloads with virtualization and to run Rockwell PlantPAx® DCS for plant-wide control and operations. With Stratus, Synthomer achieved 99.999% uptime and increased production by 30%. Synthomer leveraged powerful analytics capabilities to streamline operations and real-time data to make decisions. The project was delivered with Rockwell System Integrator Progetta s.r.l.

SUPPORTING QUOTES

- “Edge Computing is a foundation for digital transformation and operational excellence across a wide range of industries, notably manufacturing. These achievements by Rubberlite and Synthomer demonstrate the power of automation and zero-touch Edge Computing. The success and recognition of our customers motivates us to continue innovating, and we thank them for the trust they place in us to support their critical processes and data.” David Laurello, President and CEO at Stratus
- “Stratus provides our process with redundant service to prevent single points of failure in a more cost-effective manner than traditional methods. Additionally, Stratus' technology prevents application downtime rather than just recovering from it. As a result, Rubberlite's critical applications have not experienced any



unplanned downtime since the implementation of the Stratus server in 2016.” Jessica Spurlock, Process Automation Engineer

For the 2022 Manufacturing Leadership Awards, there were a record number of submissions from global companies of various sizes in many different industries. Winners will be recognized at the Manufacturing Leadership Awards Gala, which will take place on June 29, 2022, at the JW Marriott in Marco Island, Florida. Details about the awards are available at <https://www.manufacturingleadershipcouncil.com/leadership-awards/>.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Stratus ftServer**
- **Stratus ECX**
- **Stratus Authorized Partners**
- **Stratus and Rockwell PlantPAx Solution in a Box**
- **Rubberlite Case Study**
- **Synthomer Case Study**

ABOUT STRATUS

For leaders digitally transforming their operations to drive predictable, peak performance with minimal risk, Stratus ensures the continuous availability of business-critical applications by delivering zero-touch Edge Computing platforms that are simple to deploy and maintain, protected from interruptions and threats, and autonomous. For 40 years, we have provided reliable and redundant zero-touch computing, enabling global Fortune 500 companies and small-to-medium sized businesses to securely and remotely turn data into actionable intelligence at the Edge, cloud and data center – driving uptime and efficiency. For more information, please visit www.stratus.com or follow on Twitter [@StratusAlwaysOn](https://twitter.com/StratusAlwaysOn) and LinkedIn [@StratusTechnologies](https://www.linkedin.com/company/stratus-technologies)

ABOUT THE MANUFACTURING LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Manufacturing Leadership Awards honor manufacturing companies and individual manufacturing leaders that are shaping the future of global manufacturing through digital transformation. Winning projects and individual manufacturing leaders have demonstrated achievement in one of a wide range of categories, and are chosen by a panel of **expert judges** for results that have delivered clear and compelling value, return on investment, and other tangible outcomes. For more information on the Manufacturing Leadership Awards, please go

to <https://www.manufacturingleadershipcouncil.com/leadership-awards/>

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