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Collaboration Board

Operating Manual

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# Introduction

## 1.1 Important notes

### Purpose of this documentation

This documentation is supplied with the Collaboration Board.

This manual describes functionalities and structure of the application.

### Scope of this documentation

This documentation is valid for the Collaboration Board application.

## 1.2 Introduction to Collaboration Board

Collaboration Board is a component of MindSphere, the industrial IoT platform from Siemens.

You can use the application to perform the classic problem-solving process based on the Ishikawa diagram or the 5-Why method.

The causes of the problem are analyzed and documented. Approved results are put online.

### Problem solving process

#### Problem description

First describe the problem in detail using pre-defined questions. Then evaluate the causes of the problem using either the Ishikawa diagram or the 5-Whys method.

#### Evaluate the causes of the problem using the 5M method

To identify the causes of problems, use the Ishikawa diagram with 5 influencer variables:

- Person
- Machine
- Environment
- Material
- Methods

#### Evaluation of the causes of the problem with the 5-Whys method

With this alternative approach, you ask "Why..." until you find the actual cause. The number of questions is not limited to 5.

This method works best with simpler and a smaller number of potential causes.

**Problem solution**

Determine the possible tasks to solve the most likely causes.

**Effectiveness check**

With effectiveness testing, you test whether the tasks have led to the solution of the problem or not.

## Version information

### 2.1 Version history

Revision number	What is new
1.6.3	<p>New functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Machines (Manual Assets) can be linked to MindSphere Assets</li> <li>• UX improvements for editing and linking machines</li> <li>• Various bug fixes</li> </ul>
1.5.7	<p>New functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support of multi-tenancy concept</li> <li>• Change of user management, user synchronization in the "Settings" tab</li> <li>• Change of filter, search and display functions in the "Dashboard" tab</li> <li>• Client/server encryption</li> <li>• Attachments for problem solutions are stored on the IoT Value Plan tenant</li> <li>• Change in the transmission of billing-related usage data</li> </ul>
1.0.3	<p>The Collaboration Board is released to the market with version 1.0.3. The main functions of this release status are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematic problem description based on an editable questionnaire</li> <li>• Assignment of problems to specific production plants</li> <li>• The ability to attach various files (e.g. images, PDF files) to the problem description</li> <li>• Real-time connection of machine data via standard interfaces</li> <li>• Determination of possible causes using the 5M method or 5-Whys method</li> <li>• Definition of tasks and their assignment to the individual team members</li> <li>• Evaluation of the effectiveness of the solution</li> <li>• Graphical representation of the problems described and solved</li> <li>• Export of XLS files with problem descriptions in selectable intervals</li> </ul>

# Security information

## 3.1 Security information

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## 3.2 Note on general data protection regulation

Siemens observes the principles of data protection, in particular the rules for data minimization (privacy by design). For this Collaboration Board product, this means:

The product does not process or store any personal data, only technical functional data (e.g. time stamps, IP addresses of the connected production machines). If the user links this data with other data (e.g. shift schedules) or stores personal data on the same medium (e.g. hard disk) and thus establishes a personal reference, the user himself must ensure compliance with data protection regulations.

## Description

### 4.1 General information

The MindSphere application Collaboration Board helps document and resolve manufacturing issues. The app enables the exchange of knowledge between different factories and helps to increase the availability of machines and plants. Digitizing the classic problem-solving process makes it possible to reduce paperwork and make operating data available for analysis.

#### Requirements

A valid MindAccess IoT Value Plan subscription (Small/Medium/Large) is required.

An HTML5-compatible Internet browser with a screen resolution of 1920 x 1080 or higher is required (e.g. Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge). Google Chrome is recommended. Smart devices are supported with HTML5-capable Internet browsers.

#### Secure communication

Data is transferred from the asset to your MindAccess account using the HTTPS protocol.

Enforce a comprehensive, state-of-the-art industrial security concept to protect plants/locations, systems, machines and networks from cyber threats.

#### Application rights

Collaboration Board reads, processes and writes the following data:

- Time series data containing the variables received from an asset within defined continuous time cycles
- Asset configuration data that describes the asset (e.g. asset name, location)
- User data: User name (first and last name), e-mail address, assigned user rights, user role and language

The application performs the following activities that change or add content to your MindAccess account on your behalf:

- Read access to your time series data:  
The application reads uploaded data from your data repository to evaluate and process certain information, which is displayed in different views in this application.
- Read access to your asset configuration data:  
The application requires access to the data of the configured asset.

#### Rights of use

Collaboration Board can be used within the scope of OEM services as described in the Specific conditions for MindAccess IoT Value Plan (<https://siemens.mindsphere.io/en/terms>).

As part of your MindAccess IoT Value Plan account, you may allow third-party users to access and use this application for the purpose of receiving a service from you.

## Billing

The basic subscription to the Collaboration Board application is free of charge. It only allows access to the application in order to get an impression of its look and feel. No free factory is included in the basic subscription.

To use the application, you must configure and activate at least one factory, which you must book for a monthly usage fee.

### Activating a factory

1. Configure a factory in the "Settings" menu item, "Factory" tab.
2. Click "Request activation".
3. Accept the legal notice regarding potential costs.

### Deactivating a factory

Click the green "Active" button. The button turns red.

After deactivation, the factory is still visible, but marked as deactivated. You cannot create new problems related to this factory. Data that was created before deactivation is still available after deactivation.

### License fee for a factory

Within one calendar month, you have to pay a monthly usage fee for each active factory. The fees are calculated according to the monthly principle.

The total number of active factories within a calendar month is transferred on the first day of the following month and calculated accordingly.

Deactivation of a factory that has already been activated only takes effect for the calendar month following the calendar month in which the factory was deactivated.

The usage fee for factories is calculated monthly in arrears.

### Example

Factories A and B are activated in January and remain active. Factory C was activated and deactivated in February.

Monthly fee for February consists of 3 usage fees for factories A, B and C. Monthly fee for March consists of 2 usage fees for factories A and B.

## Subscription period and cancellation

The minimum subscription period for the basic subscription of this application is one month. After the previous subscription period expires, the subscription is automatically renewed for a subscription period of one month until you or we cancel it at least 30 days in advance. The cancellation takes effect at the end of the month.

We will notify you of any termination through your account or by sending a message to the e-mail address you provided to us.

Your notice of termination must be sent to the following e-mail address (<mailto:contract@mindsphere.io>).

## 4.2 Description of the method

### Digitalization of the problem solving process

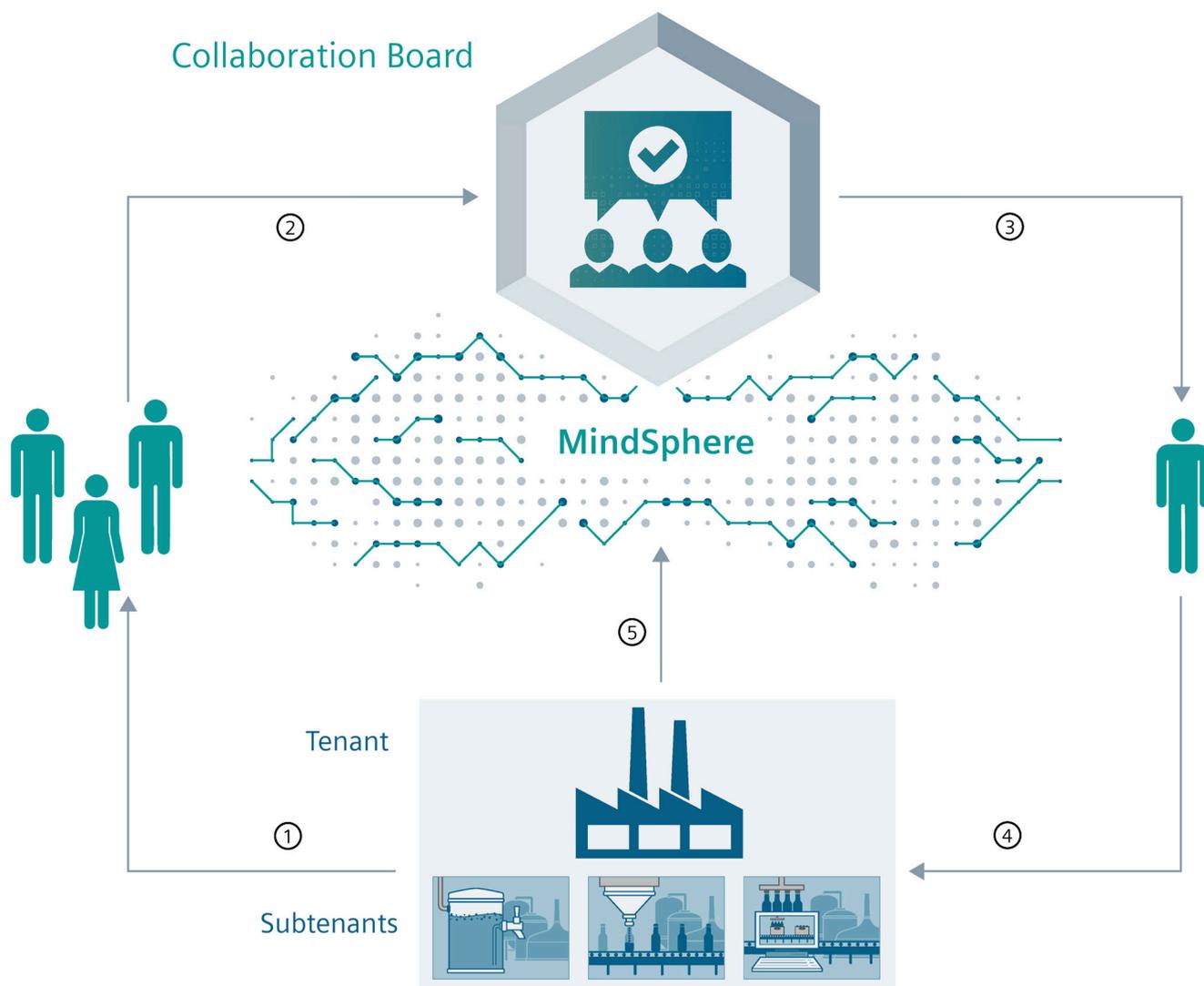
Collaboration Board is a user-friendly, wizard-based app that simplifies problem definition, identification and root cause determination.

You define possible solutions and follow-up tasks in just a few steps. The application works in the environment of the cloud-based, open IoT operating system, MindSphere.

The advantages of the digitalized problem solving process include:

- Shorter clarification processes
- Efficient problem solving cycles
- Better exchange of knowledge
- Analysis of accumulated problems and their solutions

The following figure shows individual steps in solving the problem:



### ① Describe the problem

You search the database of events and determine if it is a known problem with the tested solution.

You describe the problem.

You collect potential causes.

You archive the digital A3 report.

### ② Assess a problem in the team

The experts identify and record possible causes. Depending on the assessment of importance and estimated effectiveness, the team proposes appropriate solutions.

## 4.2 Description of the method

### ③ Determine measures

You determine concrete measures based on the selected causes.

### ④ Manage follow-up tasks

You manage the follow-up tasks. If the implemented tasks are not successful, you determine another variant of the tasks.

### ⑤ Retrieve machine data

You retrieve the machine data from production via MindSphere, if available. This allows you to shorten the search for the cause considerably.

## Tenant

A "Tenant" represents a real organization. The tenant includes properties such as users, data, assets and entities.

## Subtenant

A "Subtenant" is a specific limited resource of a tenant. A "Subtenant" represents a part of the real organization. The subtenant is also used to assign and access apps. You can only create one level of subtenants.

## Ishikawa diagram

The Ishikawa diagram is the most popular form of presentation for problem solving, as it clearly shows cause and effect relationships. The form of the diagram looks like the bones of a fish, hence the often used name, fishbone diagram.

Using the diagram has the following advantages:

- Detailed collection of causes for problems
- Representation of the interdependencies of problems
- Clear graphical representation
- Method for the visual development of causes in the team
- Sensible structuring of processes

Possible causes are located on the main branches of the diagram. Possible categories of causes are provided for orientation.

Collaboration Board App uses categorization according to the 5M method:

- Person
- Material
- Machine
- Environment
- Methods

A decision-making process even more efficient is achieved if important data from production is available from MindSphere via standard interfaces.

You select the most probable causes from the collected points.

## 5-Whys method

If you expect a single cause, you can use this simpler method instead of the Ishikawa diagram.

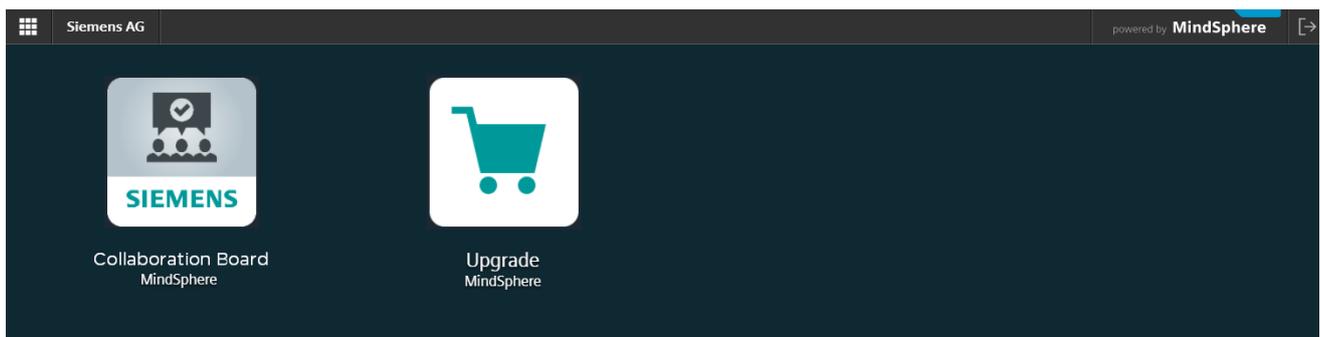
You determine the root cause of an error or problem by repeating the question "Why?" Each answer forms the basis for the next question.

The number of questions is not limited to 5.

## 4.3 Login area

### Start the Collaboration Board app

1. To open the Collaboration Board app, enter the correct address of the app in your browser. The address is provided by your OEM, who manages your application. The login screen opens:



2. Click on the logo of the Collaboration Board application and enter your login data. The app opens with the "Dashboard" tab.

## 4.4 User management

### Access to the Collaboration Board App

Access to Collaboration Board App requires a user account in your MindSphere Tenant.

In addition, as a MindSphere user, you require certain roles in the tenant.

Users, user groups and roles are managed in MindSphere by the tenant administrator. The tenant administrator also assigns the required roles to users.

Depending on user type (SubTenant-User or Tenant-User), data of the subtenant only or data of the entire tenant can be edited.

You can find more information about MindSphere user management in the MindSphere documentation.

## 4.5 User rights

For the Collaboration Board , there are the following categories of user rights.

### User

As *AppUser*, you see the problem descriptions, tasks and reports for the factories that are approved for you.

The visibility of the machine data depends on your MindSphere user role.

### Application administrator

As *AppAdmin*, you have the same rights as a user.

In addition, you can edit and activate or deactivate the machines, lines and plants in the "Settings" menu item.

Furthermore, you can edit the question catalog in "Settings".

### Access right concept

The *AppAdmin* role is required for full access. If the role *AppAdmin* is not assigned to the user, the menu item "Settings" is not displayed to the user concerned.

Your TenantAdmin creates the SubTenants for you and assigns the app-specific roles *AppAdmin* (*scb.admin*) or *AppUser* (*scb.user*) to authorized persons in your company.

The following table shows the access rights according to the user roles.

Access right	MindSphere role			
	App role			
	StandardUser		SubTenantUser	
	scb.user	scb.admin	scb.user	scb.admin
<b>Start application</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Synchronize user accounts</b>		✓		✓
<b>Change the settings of the app</b>				
Tenant factory		✓		
Own SubTenant factory	N/A	N/A		✓
Other SubTenant factory		✓		
<b>Retrieve machine data</b>				
Tenant factory	✓	✓		
Own SubTenant factory	N/A	N/A	✓	✓
Other SubTenant factory	✓	✓		
<b>Other functions of the app</b>				
Tenant factory	● (R/W)	● (R/W)	● (R)	● (R)
Own SubTenant factory	N/A	N/A	● (R/W)	● (R/W)
Other SubTenant factory	● (R)	● (R)	● (R)	● (R)

- ✓ Available
- N/A Not applicable
- (R/W) Adjustable, initial setting: Read and write rights
- (R) Adjustable, initial setting: Read rights

### Enabling Collaboration Board User rights

The Teant administrator must add the role "scb.user" or "scb.admin" to the user. After adding the role, the application is visible in the user's launch pad. After adding the user, a Collaboration Board user must click "Synchronize users" in the Collaboration Board settings.

### Recommendation on the authorization concept

1. Create two user groups:
  - scb-admin-group
  - scb-user-group
2. Assign the appropriate app roles to the two user groups:
  - scb-admin (app admin authorization)
  - scb-user (app user authorization)
3. Add the user accounts to the appropriate user groups.

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**Note**

When the app is updated, the roles and scopes in MindSphere may be lost and must be reassigned. Managing user permissions with user groups makes this step easier.

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**Note**

Each time the user inventory is changed (e.g. when a new user is created on the MindSphere), the app must be synchronized with the MindSphere database. This is done by pressing the "Synchronize user" button on the "Settings" tab.

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# Working with the software

## 5.1 Dashboard

The "Dashboard" provides you with a list of available problem solutions. You can determine whether or not a similar problem has already occurred.

The following figure shows the individual areas:

The screenshot shows the SIMATIC Collaboration Board dashboard. The interface includes a side menu (1) with options like 'Dashboard', 'New Problem', 'Report', 'Tasks', 'Problem Editor', and 'Settings'. The main area (7) displays a table of 'HI TOM' problems with columns for Date, Problem ID, Assigned to, Machine, and Location. The table lists various issues such as 'Water leak', 'Color rubbing', and 'Wrong labeling'. To the right, there are two donut charts (5) showing 'SUCCESSFULLY SOLVED TASKS' at 43% and 35%. Below these are sections for 'YOUR CURRENT TASKS ARE' (9) and 'YOUR TEAMS CURRENT TASKS ARE' (8), each with a list of tasks and their due dates. A machine diagram (6) is shown in the bottom right corner, labeled 'EnMPRO\_C' and 'CB\_Asset'.

- ① Side menu
- ② Information on the app: Version, links to online help and OSS information
- ③ Filter and search area
- ④ Information on the MindSphere platform
- ⑤ Presentation of the successfully completed problem solutions
- ⑥ Display of the machines in a line
- ⑦ Dashboard of all problem solutions
- ⑧ Dashboard for team tasks
- ⑨ Dashboard of my tasks

### ① Side menu

Side menu is located in the left area of the application. Use the arrow key to expand or collapse it. You will find the following items:

**User information**

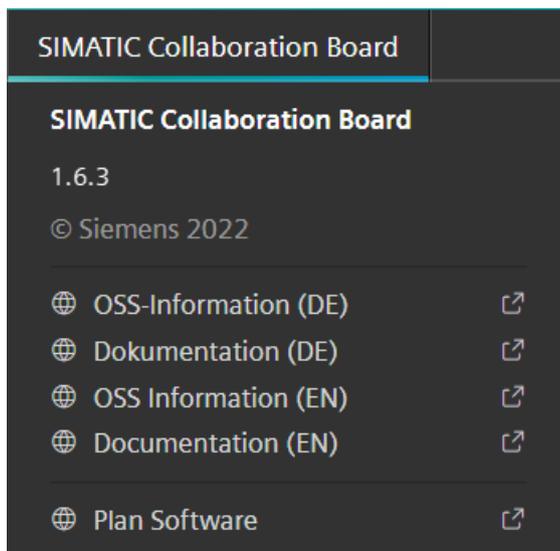
- Picture of the user
- User name
- Location
- Language switch

**Menu items**

Symbol	Tab
	Dashboard
	New Problem
	Report
	Tasks
	Problem Editor
	Settings (only possible with administrator access)

**② Information on the app**

Click on the name of the "SIMATIC Collaboration Board" application in the title bar to display the version of the application, copyright and links to the online help and OSS information.



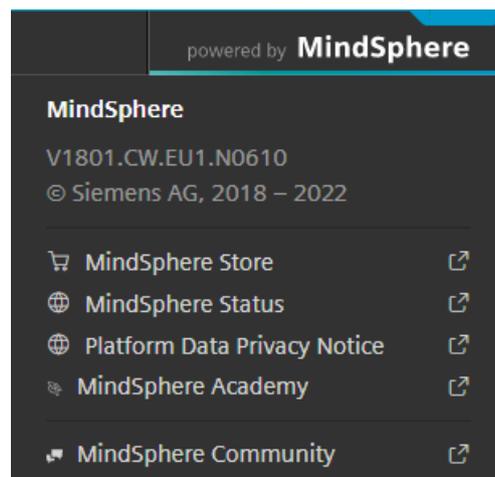
### ③ Filter and search area

In this area, you have the following options:

- Filter by factories/locations
- Filter by machines
- Search for a specific title of the problem solution  
The search function is not case sensitive and searches through parts of the titles.

### ④ Information on the platform

Click on "powered by MindSphere" in the title bar to display the platform information.



### ⑤ Representation of successfully completed problem solutions

Graphical representation of the share of successfully completed problem solutions.

The diagram on the left shows the tasks you have solved. The right diagram shows the tasks that your team has solved.

### ⑥ Display of the individual elements in a line

The individual machines in a line are graphically displayed here using templates. The display can also provide information about the machine status if the machine connection is correct.

### ⑦ Overview of all problem solutions

List display of all existing problem solutions from you.

You will find the following information here:

- Status
  - Done (green)
  - In progress (yellow)
  - Undone (red)
- Title (short description)
- Date (entry date)
- Problem ID
- Assigned to
- Machine
- Location

The list can be sorted by clicking on a column header.

### ⑧ Overview of team tasks

List view of the tasks assigned to the team of the logged-in user.

#### See also

MindSphere Store (<https://siemens.mindsphere.io/en/store>)

MindSphere Status (<https://status.mindsphere.io/>)

MindSphere Academy (<https://siemens.mindsphere.io/en/training.html>)

MindSphere Community  
(<https://community.sw.siemens.com/s/topic/0TO4O000000MihsWAC/mindsphere>)

## 5.2 Step 1: Problem description

Start with the description of the problem in the tab "New Problem". The upper part of the screen has a navigation bar with 4 phases of problem solving:

1. Problem Description
2. Problem Cause
3. Problem Solution
4. Problem completion

The question catalog is below the navigation bar. The following figure shows the screen before you start filling out the questionnaire.

The screenshot shows the 'NEW PROBLEM' interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Siemens AG', 'SIMATIC Collaboration Board', and 'powered by MindSphere'. The main content area features a progress indicator with four steps: 1. Problem Description (highlighted in green), 2. Problem Cause, 3. Problem Solution, and 4. Problem Completion. Below this, a questionnaire is displayed with five items. The first four items are marked as 'required' with red dots and have expandable/collapsible arrows. The fifth item is marked as 'required' with a green dot and has a collapse arrow. The questions are: 1. Define the problem title, 2. What problem arises? Describe the problem., 3. In which line does the problem arise? Choose the production line., 4. Which product is affected? Problem, and 5. How often does the problem occur? Problem. At the bottom right, there are 'SAVE' and 'NEXT' buttons.

### Question catalog

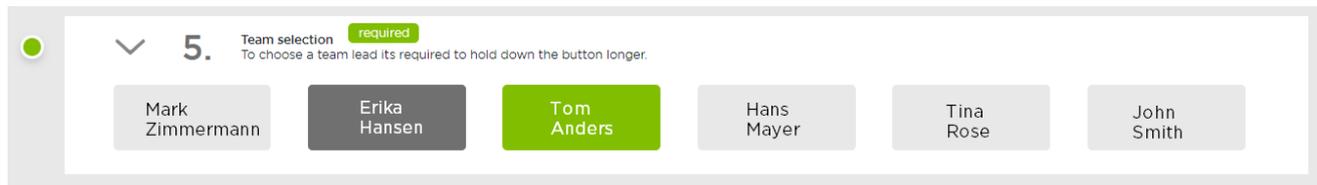
Pre-defined questions help you to describe and narrow down the problem more precisely. The list of questions can be adapted at any time by the administrator in the "Settings" tab. There are the following types of questions:

- Question with free possibility to answer
- Question with possibility to choose
- Question with possibility to choose and/or answer

### Selection of the team leader and team members

When describing the problem, you are selected as the team leader by default. You select the team members by clicking the corresponding button, which then turns dark gray.

To select another team leader, you need to keep the mouse button pressed on the corresponding button until the button turns green.

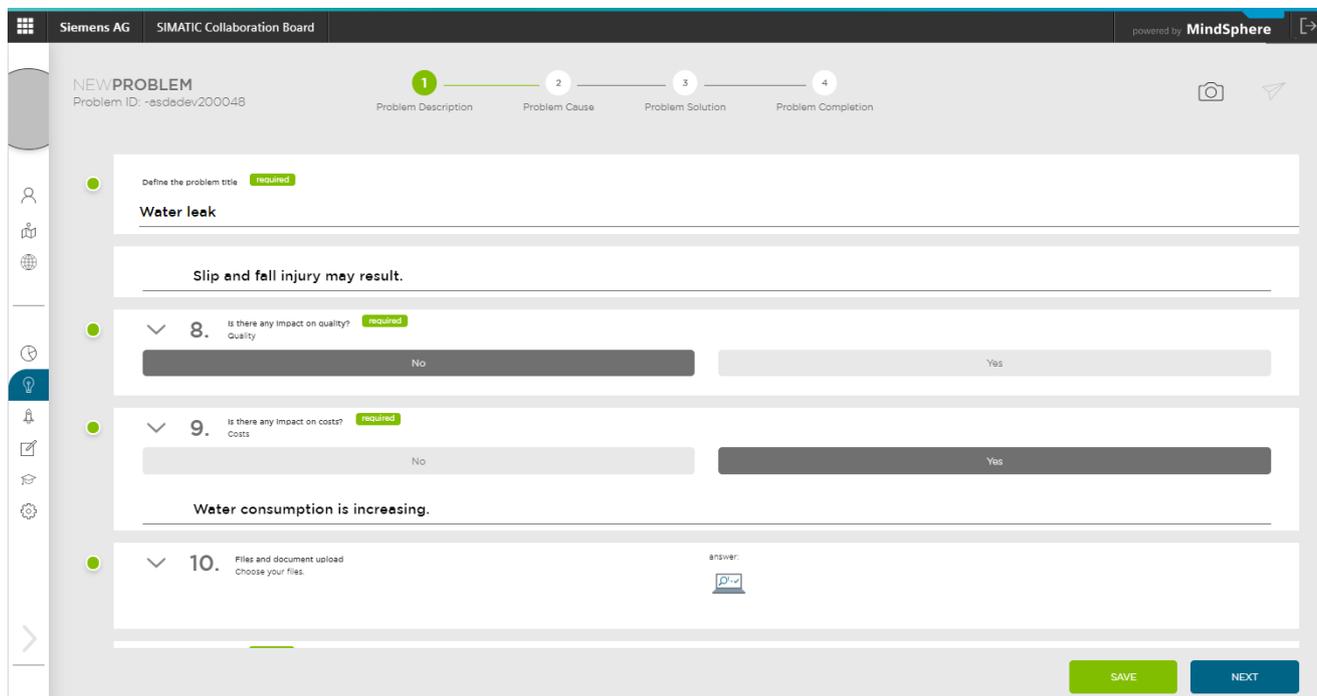


### Mandatory questions and optional questions

The mandatory questions are at the top of the catalog and are marked "required".

Questions that have been answered are marked green at the beginning of the line. Unanswered questions are marked in red.

Answer the questions and upload any attachments.



### Uploading attachments

You can upload the following types of files:

- Images in the formats PNG, GIF, JPG
- Documents in PDF, RTF, TXT, DOC, DOCX, XLS, XLSX, PPT, PPTX, ODT, ODS, ODP formats
- ZIP archives

The maximum size for an attachment is limited to 4 MB.

You can upload a maximum of 5 files.

The attachments are stored in the IoT Value Plan Tenant.

**Additional tools**

With the icon



you can upload an attachment.

With the icon



you can send an email, if this function has been activated.

**Searching for the cause of the problem**

The "NEXT" button takes you to step 2 of the wizard, the problem cause.

## 5.3 Step 2: Problem cause

In step 2, you use visual representation of the Ishikawa diagram (fishbone model) with 5 factors involved ("FISHBONE" tab).

Alternatively, you can use the 5-Whys method ("FIVE WS" tab). The choice of method remains unchanged throughout the process.

The left column displays the answers from the question catalog.

3 elementary tools facilitate the display on the workspace:

	Add influence factor
	Enlarge workspace
	Print workspace

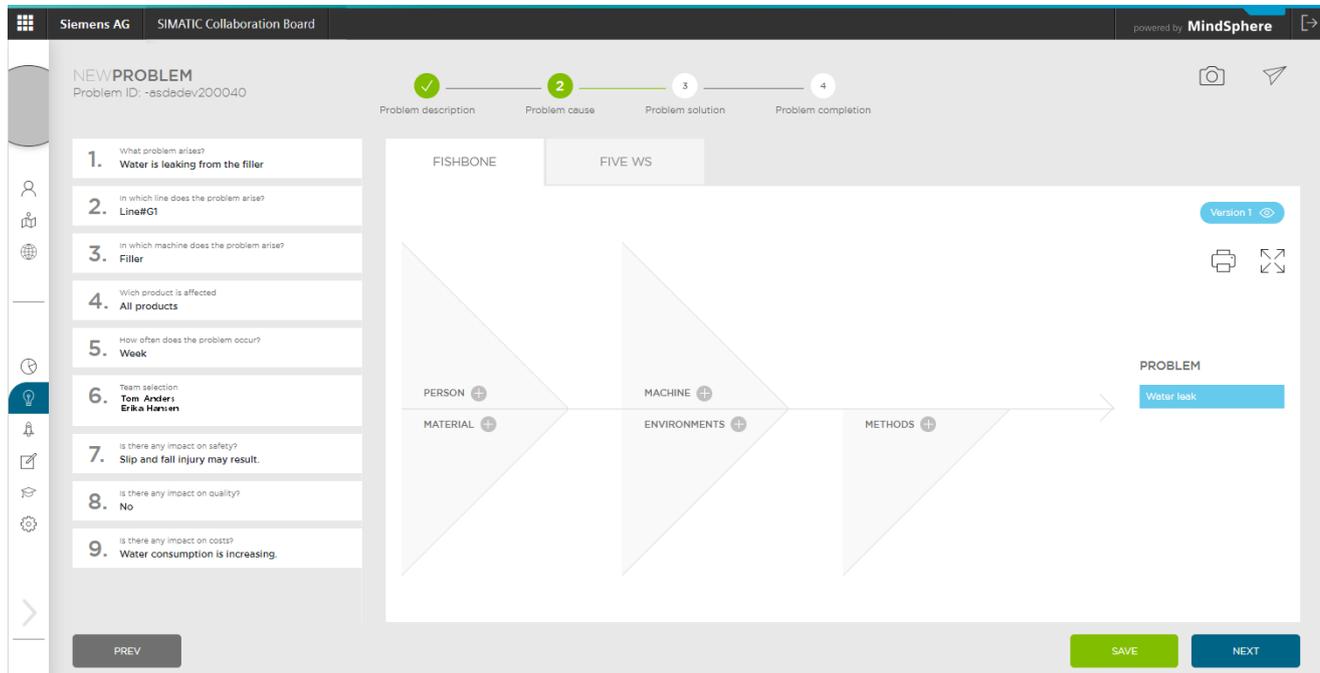
Since it can happen that no problem solution is achieved in one pass, it is possible to work with different versions at this point.

You can work with 3 versions. You can hide and show the contents using the version switch.



## FISHBONE tab

The main branches of the Ishikawa diagram have 5 possible categories of causes.



### Entering potential causes

Collect potential causes in the workspace for each 5M factors:

- Person
- Material
- Machine
- Environment
- Methods

That way you can make sure that no influencing factors are forgotten.

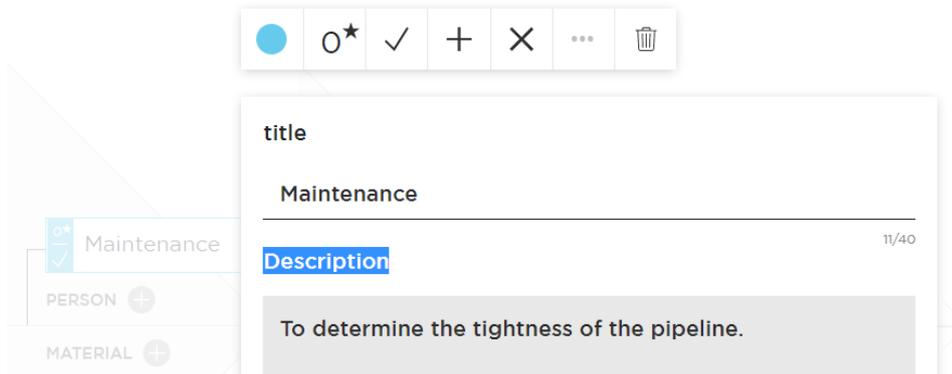
Follow these steps:

1. Click the icon



for the selected factor in the Ishikawa diagram.

- A dialog box opens:



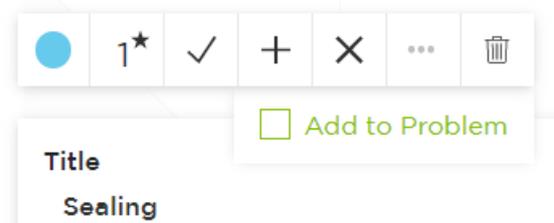
- Fill in the "Title" and "Description" field.
- Click "0\*". The "+" and "-" buttons appear above and below the "0\*" button.



- Set the priority or importance of the cause from 0 to 10.  
The priority can then be processed further by the team.
- Click "✓". The cause is saved and displayed in the diagram.  
By default, the check mark is added to the new cause.



- If you want to clear the check mark (cause not relevant), click "...".  
Clear the "Add to problem" check box under the toolbar and click the "✓" icon in the toolbar.



- If you want to close the dialog box without saving the cause, click "x".

**Entering the child element of the cause**

1. Click the parent element of the cause and select "+" in the toolbar.
2. Fill in the "Title" and "Description" field.
3. Then continue with the next steps as in the parent element.

**Deleting potential causes**

Follow these steps:

1. Click the cause and select the icon



in the toolbar.

**Example**

For a problem with a water leak, the team has collected 7 potential causes.

The screenshot displays the SIMATIC Collaboration Board interface. At the top, it shows 'Siemens AG SIMATIC Collaboration Board' and 'powered by MindSphere'. The main area is titled 'NEW PROBLEM' with ID '-ssd4dev200048'. A progress bar indicates four steps: 1. Problem Description (checked), 2. Problem Cause (active), 3. Problem Solution, and 4. Problem Completion. On the left, a sidebar lists user 'Tom Anders', language 'English', and navigation options like 'Dashboard', 'New Problem', 'Report', 'Tasks', 'Problem Editor', and 'Settings'. The central workspace shows a fishbone diagram with categories: PERSON (Maintenance), MATERIAL (Inflow, Outflow), MACHINE (Leaking, Connections), ENVIRONMENT (Condensation), and METHOD (Production process). All categories have a '+' icon and a checkmark. The final result is 'Water leak'. On the right, a 'Version 1' button and print/refresh icons are visible. At the bottom, there are 'PREVIOUS', 'SAVE', and 'NEXT' buttons.

## FIVE WS tab

If you expect a single cause, you can use this simple method instead of the Ishikawa diagram.

You determine the root cause of an error or problem by repeating the "Why" question. Each answer forms the basis for the next question.

The number of questions is not limited to 5.

The screenshot displays the 'NEW PROBLEM' interface in the SIMATIC Collaboration Board. The problem ID is '-asddev200048'. The progress bar shows four steps: 1. Problem Description (checked), 2. Problem Cause (active), 3. Problem Solution, and 4. Problem Completion. The 'FIVE WS' tab is selected, showing a sequence of five '1. Why' questions in a flowchart format. The first question is 'What problem arises?' with the answer 'Water is leaking from the filler.' The second question is 'In which line does the problem arise?' with the answer 'NewLineASDADEV'. The third question is 'In which machine does the problem arise?' with the answer 'EnMPRO\_C'. The fourth question is 'Which product is affected?' with the answer 'All products.' The fifth question is 'How often does the problem occur?' with the answer 'Shift'. Below the flowchart, there are buttons for 'PREVIOUS', 'SAVE', and 'NEXT'. The interface also includes a sidebar with various icons and a top navigation bar with 'Siemens AG' and 'SIMATIC Collaboration Board'.

## Solution action

You set tasks for your team based on all the collected causes.

The "NEXT" button takes you to step 3 of the wizard, the problem solution.

## 5.4 Step 3: Problem solution

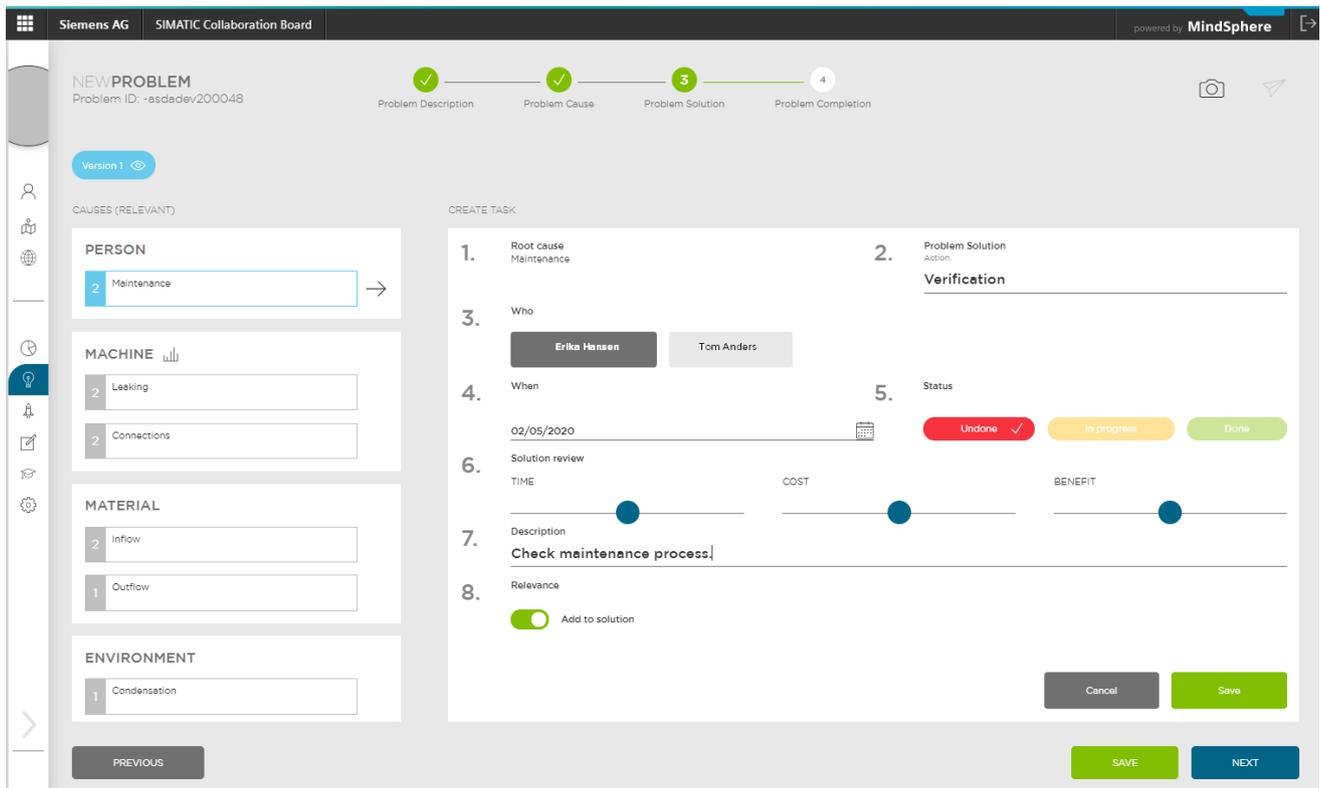
In the "Problem Solution" tab, you can determine various measures for solving the relevant causes.

### Determine measures

Click the "+" symbol on the right side of the cause. This displays the dialog box.

The screenshot shows the 'NEW PROBLEM' interface in the SIMATIC Collaboration Board. The top navigation bar includes 'Siemens AG', 'SIMATIC Collaboration Board', and 'powered by MindSphere'. The main content area displays a progress indicator with four steps: 1. Problem Description, 2. Problem Cause, 3. Problem Solution (current step), and 4. Problem Completion. Below the progress indicator, there is a 'Version 1' button and a 'CAUSES (RELEVANT)' section. The causes are categorized into PERSON, MACHINE, and MATERIAL. Each category has a list of causes with a blue dot and a plus sign on the right. The 'PERSON' category has one cause: 'Maintenance'. The 'MACHINE' category has two causes: 'Leaking' and 'Connections'. The 'MATERIAL' category has two causes: 'Inflow' and 'Outflow'. At the bottom, there are 'PREVIOUS', 'SAVE', and 'NEXT' buttons.

1. Check the cause.
2. Fill in the problem solution title.
3. Select the person responsible.
4. Set a deadline.
5. Change the status if required.
6. Evaluate the proposed task from the "TIME", "COST" and "BENEFIT" views.  
Slide the blue dots to the right or left along the axis according to your evaluation of efficiency.
7. Describe the task.
8. If the task is relevant, select "Add to solution".
9. Save the task.



With the "MACHINE" factor, you also have the possibility to obtain and evaluate machine data.

## Connecting machine data

Collaboration Board shows time series of machine data recorded in MindSphere. Direct and secure connection for encrypted data transfer from MindSphere sources is possible in two ways:

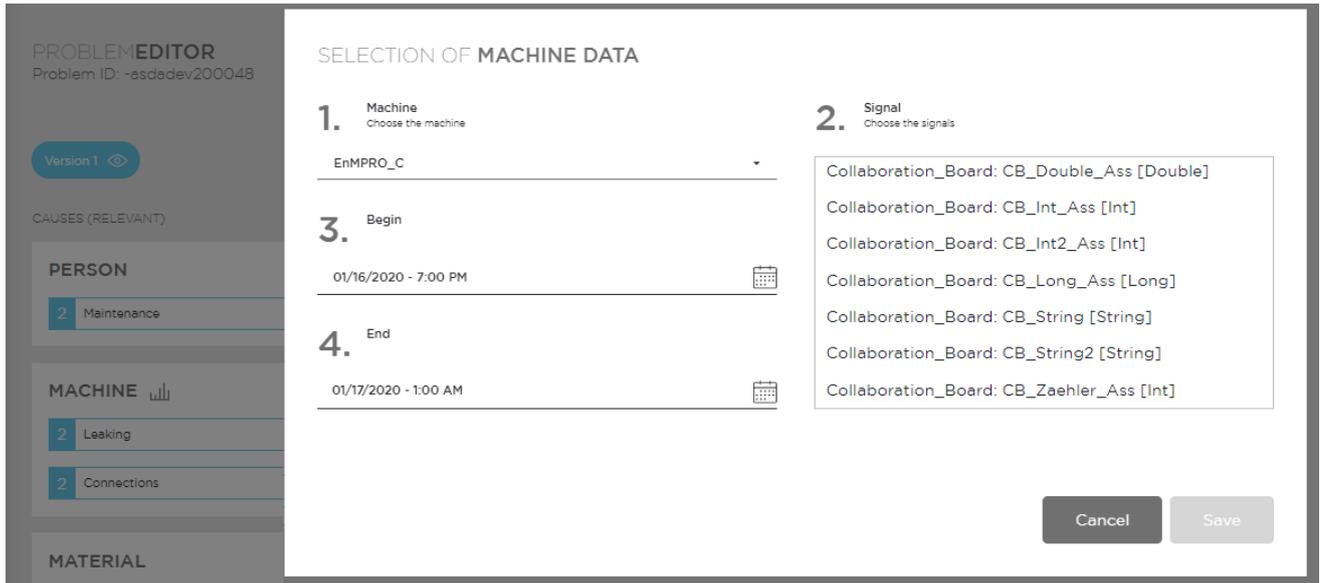
- With the MindConnect Nano Box
- With the WinCC/Cloud Connector

The amount of data collected in MindSphere is limited to 2000 entries.

## Retrieving machine data

1. Click the  icon. A dialog box is displayed.
2. Select the "Machine".
3. Select the beginning and end of the time window. When selecting the time interval, note that the amount of exported data is limited to 2000 entries.

4. Select the signals.



5. The selected signals are displayed as a graph.

6. Save the data.

## SELECTION OF MACHINE DATA

**1. Machine**  
Choose the machine

EnMPRO\_C

**3. Begin**

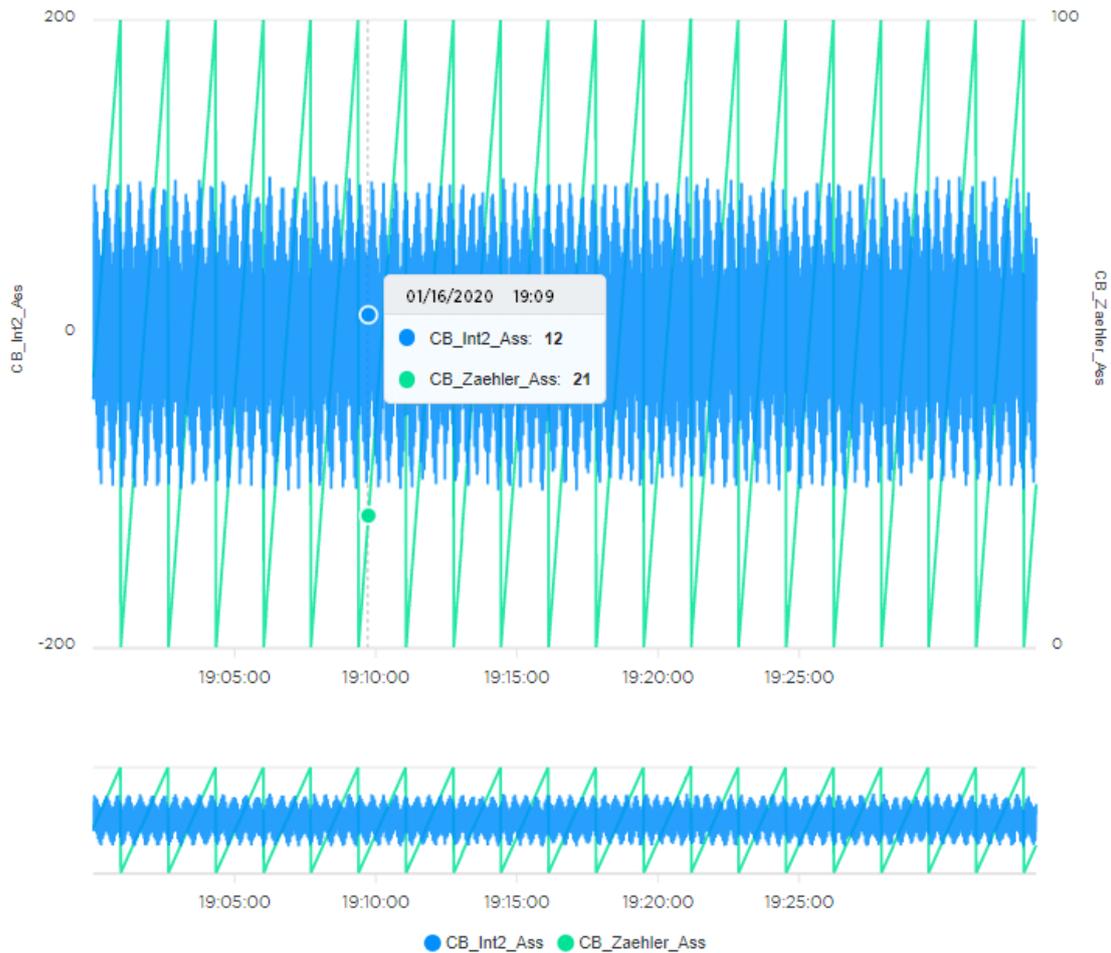
01/16/2020 - 7:00 PM

**4. End**

01/17/2020 - 1:00 AM

**2. Signal**  
Choose the signals

- Collaboration\_Board: CB\_Double\_Ass [Double]
- Collaboration\_Board: CB\_Int\_Ass [Int]
- Collaboration\_Board: CB\_Int2\_Ass [Int]**
- Collaboration\_Board: CB\_Long\_Ass [Long]
- Collaboration\_Board: CB\_String [String]
- Collaboration\_Board: CB\_String2 [String]
- Collaboration\_Board: CB\_Zaehler\_Ass [Int]**



Cancel Save

## 5.5 Step 4: Problem completion

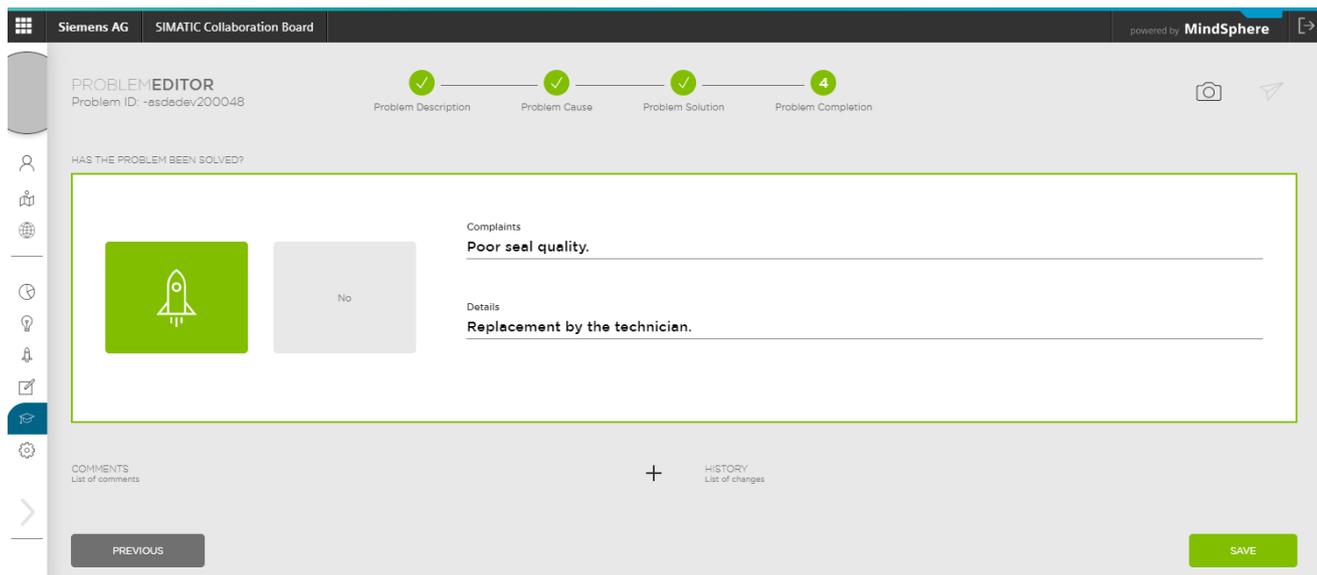
In the "Problem Completion" tab, you describe the measures used to eliminate the relevant causes.

### Problem was solved

Complete the title of complaints and describe details of the effective solution. This information will help other users to solve similar problems in the future.

If the problem has been solved, click "Yes". A green symbol with a rocket appears.

Save the problem solution.



### Problem was not solved

Complete the title of complaints and describe details of the solution.

If the problem has not been solved, click "No".

Save the problem solution.

If necessary, start with version 2 or version 3.

## 5.6 Report

### Creating a report

You will find a clear graphical representation of the problems described and solved in the "Report" tab.

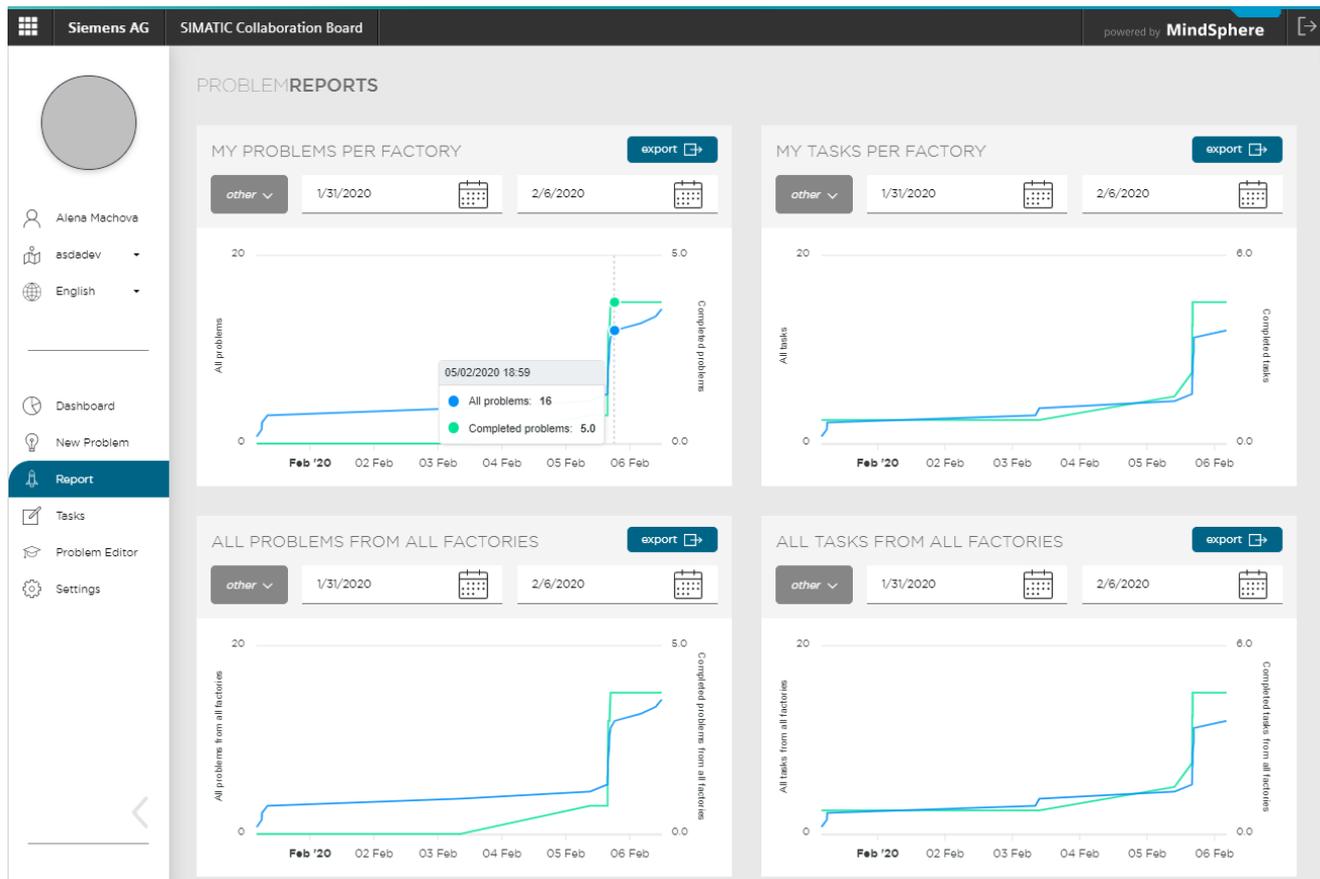
The displayed graphics show:

- Your problems in a factory
- Your tasks in a factory
- All problems from all factories
- All tasks from all factories

You can adjust the range of the displayed interval depending on the selection in the drop-down list:

- Last month
- Last year
- Last week
- Last 24 hours
- Today
- Other (calendar selection)

In the diagram area, you can use the sliding ruler to directly read the values of problems and tasks.



## Exporting data

You can export all data records for the specified period in XLS format.

The exported Excel workbook contains 4 separate worksheets for:

- Problems
- Tasks
- Descriptions
- Factory information

The data do not include the measures used.

You can obtain valuable analyses from the exported data.

## 5.7 Tasks

You can open an overview of the individual tasks using the "Tasks" menu item.

### Editing tasks

The tasks are sorted by status in the left column:

- Undone (red)
- In progress (yellow)
- Done (green)

The categories in the top row allow you to sort and filter the tasks.

You can open, edit or add more attachments to the task at any time:

- Click the corresponding white button in the left column.
- A dialog box with detailed information is displayed.
- Make the changes and save the entry.

In the right column, you will find the progress of the steps of the individual team members.

The screenshot displays the Siemens AG SIMATIC Collaboration Board interface. The top navigation bar includes the Siemens AG logo, the product name "SIMATIC Collaboration Board", and the text "powered by MindSphere".

The main interface is divided into a left sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar contains a user profile for Tom Anders (username: asd4dev, language: English) and a navigation menu with items: Dashboard, New Problem, Report, **Tasks** (highlighted), Problem Editor, and Settings.

The main content area shows a task overview on the left, categorized by status:
 

- Undone (red):** One task with Prob. No. - asd4dev200047, description "Check the maintenance interval.", assigned to Mark Zimmermann, dated 02/05/2020.
- In progress (yellow):** Two tasks. One with Prob. No. - asd4dev200038, description "Check the method.", assigned to John Smith, dated 02/03/2020. Another with Prob. No. - asd4dev200047, description "Perform a visual inspection.", assigned to John Smith, dated 02/05/2020.
- Done (green):** Two tasks. One with Prob. No. - asd4dev200044, description "Training on the correct use of the device while placing the assemblies.", assigned to Mark Zimmermann, dated 02/05/2020.

The detailed view of the "Undone" task is shown on the right. It features a title "Check the maintenance interval." and three status buttons: "Undone" (red, active), "In progress" (yellow), and "Done" (green). The description field contains "Maintenance interval at least 1000 operation hours." There is a section for "Files attached" and a list of metadata: "Assigned to: Mark Zimmermann", "Problem: Color rubbing", "Date of creation: 02/05/2020", "Due date: 02/05/2020", and "Machine". Below this is an "ADD COMMENT" section with a text input field and a checkmark button. At the bottom, there is an "Upload file" section with a dashed border and a cloud icon, and a note: "Allowed filetypes: JPG, PNG, GIF, PDF, ZIP, RTF, TXT, DOC, DOCX, XLS, XLSX, PPT, PPTX, ODT, ODS, ODP - max: 5 files per problem". The interface concludes with "Save" and "Task Done" buttons.

### Storing attachments

Attachments are stored on the customer's IoT Value Plan tenant. To reduce delays in displaying the PCS mask, no thumbnails are displayed for attachments. The corresponding attachment is downloaded from the customer's IoT Value Plan tenant and displayed to the user in full size only when clicked. The user has the option to then download the attachment.

## 5.8 Problem Editor

You use the "Problem Editor" to edit the records of problems that have not yet been solved.

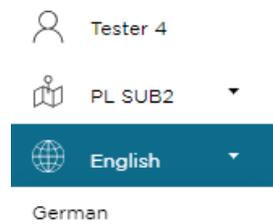
### Editing a problem solution

1. Select the "Dashboard" tab. Problem Editor is started and shows the questions answered earlier.
2. Edit the answers to the questions and save the changes.
3. Click "NEXT" to proceed to step 2.
4. Add possible causes for the problem and click "NEXT" to proceed to step 3.
5. Add tasks to solve the problem and click "NEXT" to proceed to step 4.
6. Once the tasks are solved, you can close the problem in the editor.

# Settings

## 6.1 Language setting

The Collaboration Board App user interface is available in English and German. Change the language in the side menu.

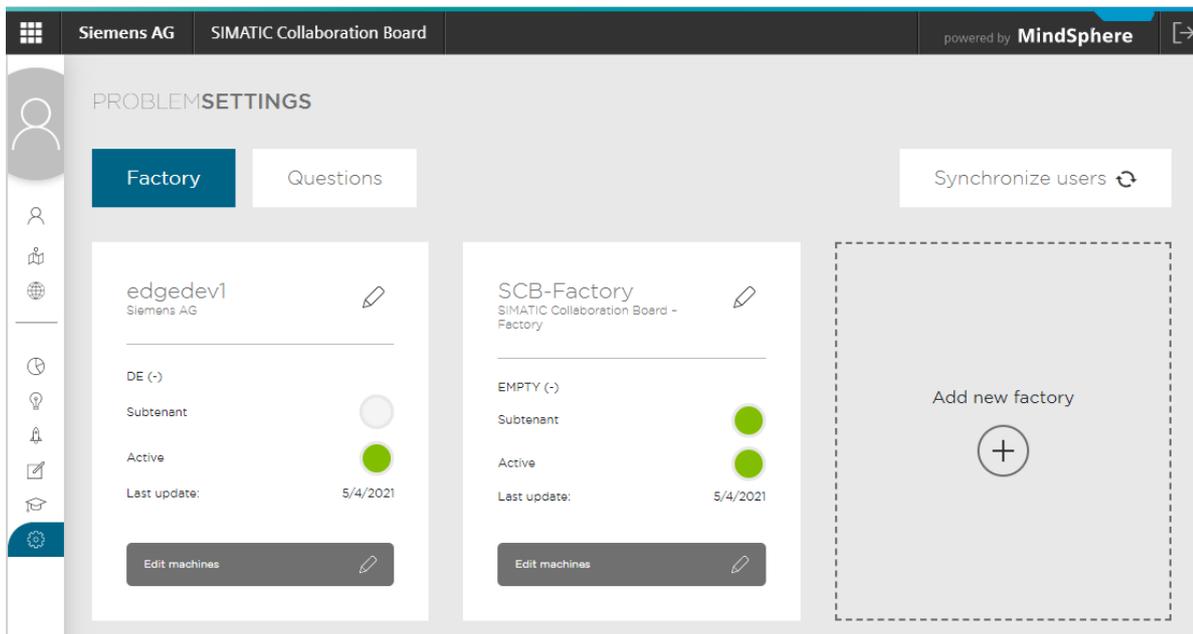


## 6.2 Editing and adding a factory

The "Settings" tab is only accessible to the administrator.

Every time the user inventory is changed (e.g. when a new user is created on the MindSphere site), the app must be synchronized with the MindSphere database. This is done by pressing the "Synchronize users" button.

The administrator can press the "Factory" button to edit existing factories and add new ones.



6.2 Editing and adding a factory

To edit the factory, click the  icon.

To create a new factory, click "Add new factory".

To create a factory, proceed as follows:

CREATE **FACTORY** STEP 1 OF 2

<b>Displayname</b> Enter factory displayname	<b>Description</b> Enter factory description	
<b>SCB 1</b>	<b>Main factory</b>	
<b>Select country</b> Choose factory location	<b>Longitude</b> Enter factory location longitude	<b>Latitude</b> Enter factory location latitude
<b>Germany</b> 		

1. Fill in the fields "Factory name" and "Description".
2. Select the country.
3. Add longitude and latitude, if available.
4. Click "NEXT".
5. The next step is to set read or write permissions for each user.

CHOOSE **USER** STEP 2 OF 2

<b>Tom Anders</b> <span style="float: right;">R W</span>	<b>John Smith</b> <span style="float: right;">R W</span>	<b>Mona Larsen</b> <span style="float: right;">R W</span>
<b>Else Last</b>	<b>Hans Mayer</b> <span style="float: right;">R W</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write	<b>MindSphere Funktionsaccount 1</b> <span style="float: right;">R W</span>
<b>Mark Zimmermann</b> <span style="float: right;">R W</span>	<b>Erika Hansen</b> <span style="float: right;">R W</span>	<b>MindSphere Funktionsaccount 2</b> <span style="float: right;">R W</span>
<b>Tina Rose</b>	<b>Emil Rueckel</b> <span style="float: right;">R W</span>	<b>Mindsphere Funktionsaccount 3</b> <span style="float: right;">R W</span>

Other entries for editing are:

- Subtenant
- Activity status

The date of the last update is automatically updated.

### Activating a factory

To activate the factory, click the "Request activation" button.

Note that activation is subject to additional costs.

A legal notice will be displayed:

#### REQUEST ACTIVATION

##### Activation of new factory

I am authorized to activate the upgrade at the fees and terms and conditions set out in the Product Sheet and Specific Terms for Collaboration Board.

Cancel

Request

### Deactivating a factory

Follow these steps:

Click the green "Active" button. The button turns red.

After deactivation, the factory is still visible, but marked as deactivated. You cannot create new problems in this factory. Data that was created before deactivation is still available after deactivation.

It is not possible to delete a factory.

### Editing and adding lines

To edit a line, click "Edit machines" in the corresponding plant.

1. Click on "Edit machine ".
2. Click on "Edit line ".
3. Add machines from the list.
4. If necessary, add a new machine.
5. Reposition the machine if necessary by dragging and releasing the icon.
6. Click "Save".

FACILITIES

PSA-154  
Last update: 2020-01-30T08:52:43.119Z

PSA-155  
Last update: 2020-01-30T08:53:42.922Z

Trucks  
Last update: 2020-01-30T07:47:25.115Z

Add new line (+)

EDIT LINE



Crate Washer

Glass depalletizer

Shrink wrapper

CB\_Asset

EnMPRO\_C

EnMPRO\_MAB

Add new machine (+)

Depalletizer

Unpacker

Bottle Washer

Bottle Inspector

Filler

Pasteurizer

Labeller

Full Bottle Inspector

Packer

Palletizer

Cancel

Save

Machines

Machines or Assets represent parts of a production line. These can be either "Manual Assets" (machines or Assets that are not represented in MindSphere and do not contain data) or MindSphere Assets. They can be active or non-active (i.e. cannot be used in lines).

## Search / filter / sort Machines

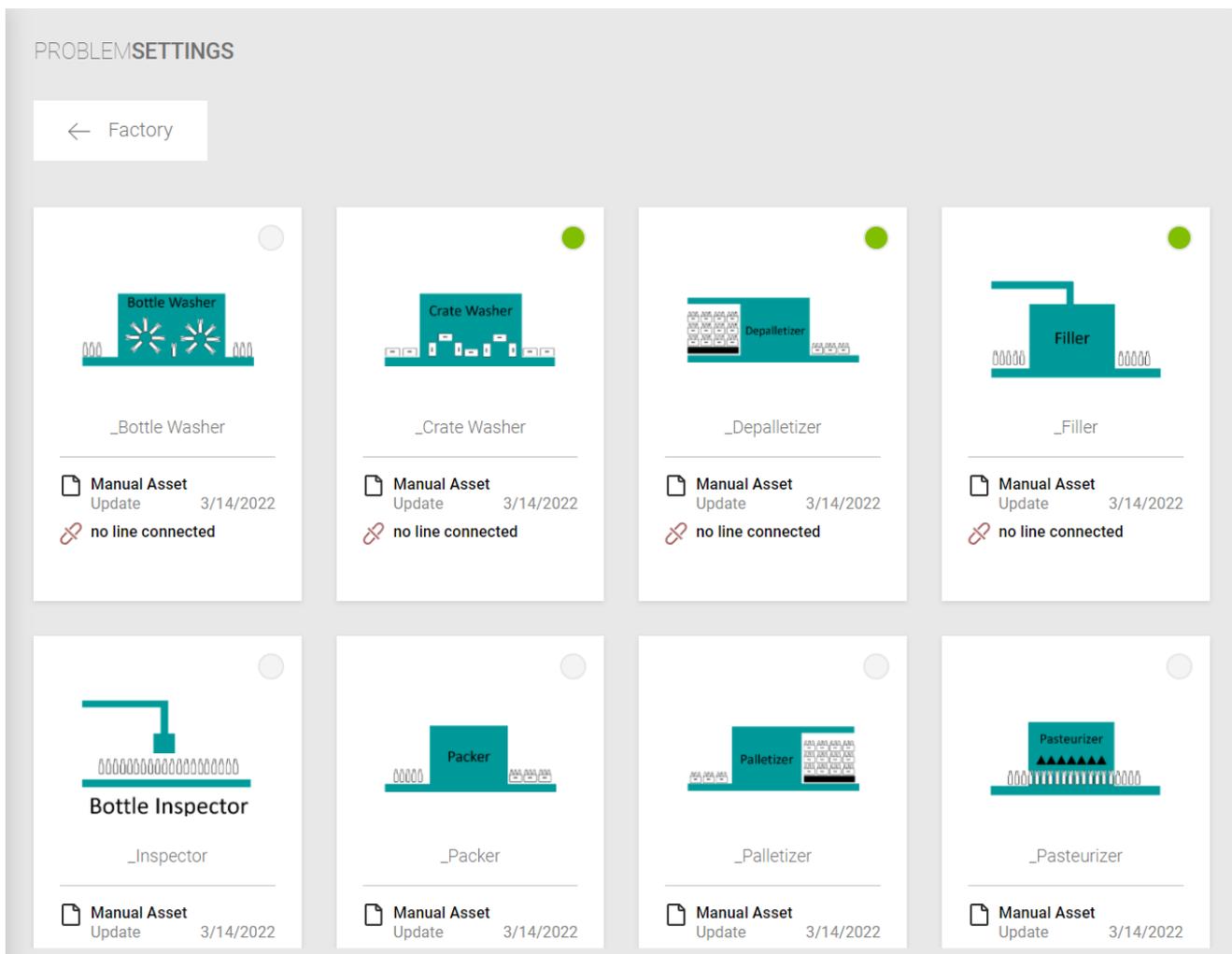
Existing machines can be searched by term, filtered and sorted (alphabetical and newest).



## Editing and adding machines

To edit a machine, click the machine icon.

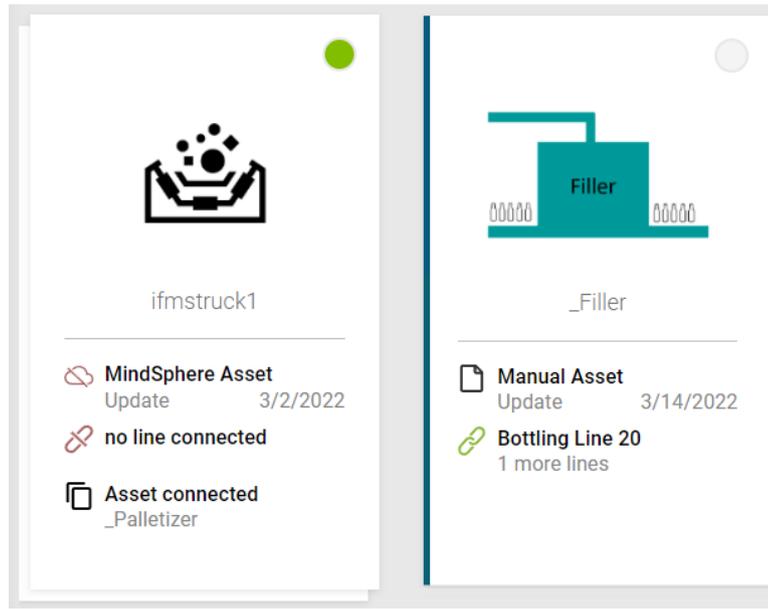
To add a new machine, enter the name of the machine and upload a graphic representation. The images for created machines are stored in the app database. Uploaded images larger than 4 MB are automatically reduced in size when uploaded.



6.2 Editing and adding a factory

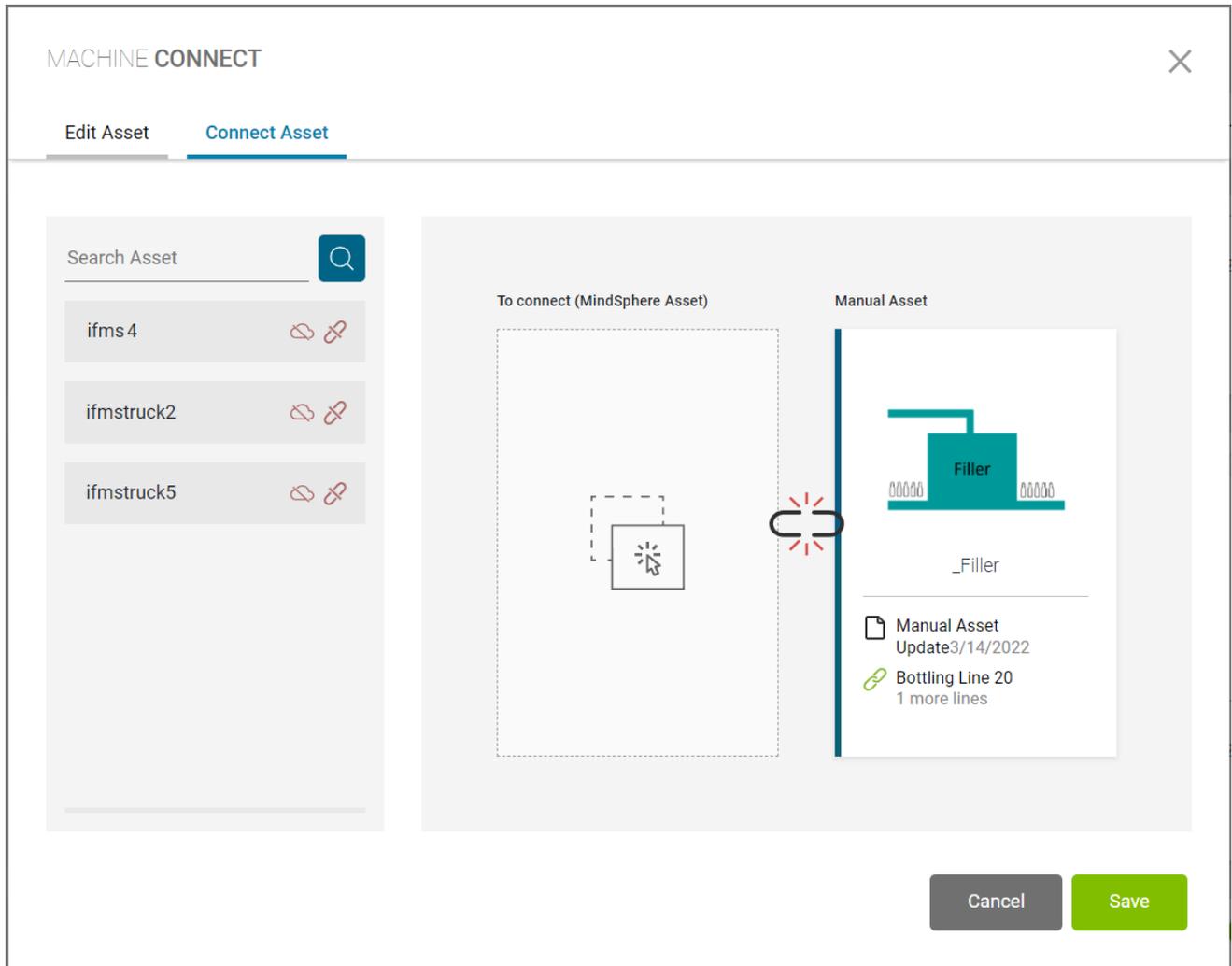
The machine icon shows machine image and name, when they have been updated last, and if they are used in one or more lines.

The vertical color line at the left represents the line they are used in. The line will have the same colored vertical line. A machine can be used in one or more lines.

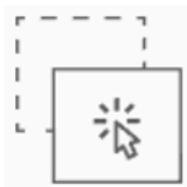


## Link Machine to MindSphere Asset

To link a "Manual Asset" to a MindSphere Asset, proceed as follows:

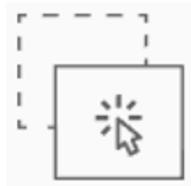


1. Click on the machine icon.
2. Click tab "Connect Asset".
3. Search and select the MindSphere Asset to be linked.



### 6.2 Editing and adding a factory

4. Drag the asset and onto the icon



and release it.

5. Click "Save".
6. Confirm the "Information" box by clicking "Accept".

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### Information

Once you link a Manual Asset to a Mindsphere Asset, the placements are replaced by the Mindsphere Asset and the Manual Asset is removed from the overview. You can remove the link once you edit the Mindsphere asset and unlink it.

Cancel

Accept

To unlink a machine from a MindSphere Asset, follow these steps:

1. Click the Machine.
2. Click tab "Connect Asset".
3. Click "Disconnect".
4. Click "Save".

## 6.3 Modifying the question catalog

This "Settings" tab is accessible only to the administrators. The administrator can customize the question catalog via the "Questions" button.

The mandatory questions are relevant for the system and cannot be changed. You can only modify the optional questions in this step.

You can deactivate the question with the option button. The deactivated question is hidden in the "Problem Description" and in the "Problem Editor".

PROBLEMSETTINGS

Factory Questions Synchronize users ↻

8.	Is there any impact on quality? <small>Quality</small>	Select	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	✓
9.	Is there any impact on costs? <small>Costs</small>	Select	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	✓
10.	Files and document upload <small>Choose your files.</small>	Fileupload	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	✓
11.	What is the goal? <small>Finish</small>	Text	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
⋮ 12.	Site Coordinator <small>Site SPOC</small>	Select	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	✓ 

Save

## Adding new questions

The screenshot shows the 'PROBLEM SETTINGS' interface in the SIMATIC Collaboration Board. The top navigation bar includes 'Siemens AG', 'SIMATIC Collaboration Board', and 'powered by MindSphere'. The left sidebar contains a user profile for 'Tom Anders' and a menu with options: 'Dashboard', 'New Problem', 'Report', 'Tasks', 'Problem Editor', and 'Settings' (which is highlighted). The main content area is titled 'PROBLEM SETTINGS' and has two tabs: 'Factory' and 'Questions' (which is active). A 'Synchronize users' button is located in the top right. Below the tabs, there is a dropdown menu showing 'edgedev1'. The main form consists of three numbered steps: 1. 'Name \*' with the subtext 'Enter question' and a text input field. 2. 'Description \*' with the subtext 'Enter description' and a text input field. 3. 'Question type' with three buttons: 'Text' (highlighted in blue), 'Select', and 'Multiselect'. To the right of the input fields, there are two toggle switches: 'Question required' (which is turned on) and 'Freetext allowed' (which is turned off). Below these toggles are two buttons: 'Add new question' with a plus icon and 'Clear' with an 'X' icon. A green 'Save' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Follow these steps:

1. Fill in the "Name" and "Description" fields.
2. Select the question type
  - Text
  - Select
  - Multiselect
3. For questions with selection, fill in the possible values.
4. The "Question required" option button is enabled by default.  
Note that this selection also affects the problems described above that have not been solved.  
If necessary, switch off the "Question required" option button.
5. Click "Add new question".
6. Click "Save".