OpenLAB CDS is one key component of the Agilent OpenLAB Laboratory Software Suite. The OpenLAB suite is designed to capture, analyze and easily share analytical information. OpenLAB uses industry proven best practices and software standards to create an architecture that is highly reliable and easily expandable. At the heart of OpenLAB is OpenLAB’s Shared Services which delivers new infrastructure and services for:

- Common functions of Analytical Systems, Chromatographic Data Systems and Scientific Data Management Systems (SDMS)
- Scaling systems from single workstation to networked workstations or up to enterprise client/server systems
- Interconnecting software systems (Workstations, SDMS, LIMS, ELN)
- Laboratory instrument management

OpenLAB CDS is the next generation of ChemStation and EZChrom Elite. OpenLAB CDS is designed on the new OpenLAB Shared Services architecture to better fit into today’s modern IT infrastructure. Utilizing the new OpenLAB Shared Services Control Panel it also makes it the easiest application to manage and support.

Figure 1. With OpenLAB CDS, you can use the OpenLAB Shared Services Control Panel to give you an overview of your entire lab.
OpenLAB CDS benefits with OpenLAB Shared Services

To simplify operation the OpenLAB Shared Services Control Panel was designed for easy administration with the most intuitive interface. OpenLAB Shared Services is at the core of the architecture and designed for the future for laboratory software. OpenLAB Shared Services is the plumbing that connects different software applications and provides as a service the common operations needed to administer and scale a system.

Shared Services centrally manages the following:

- User authentication with users and groups
- Creating roles (set of permissions) and assigning users to those roles
- Instrument management
- Lab-at-a-glance view of lab
- Creating projects and project groups (OpenLAB CDS EZChrom Edition)
- Administration reports
- Diagnostics
- Email notification (OpenLAB CDS EZChrom Edition)

OpenLAB: New Modern Architecture

- Less upkeep: Central and easy administration
- Central unattended installation with new OpenLAB Shared Services architecture
- Thin client support for easy deployment and qualification
- Communications built on Microsoft®.net standards and Windows Communication Foundation (WCF) with TCP/IP as the protocol for easy port management
- New licensing using industry standard SubscribeNet (formerly called FlexNet®) technology with web-based license management
- Utilize virtual machines as components for easier administration, disaster recovery and much less power consumption
- OpenLAB Shared Services architecture and published API enable further extension with apps such as the iControl Panel or management with tools such as PowerShell

Figure 2. The OpenLAB Shared Services Control Panel. Easily generate administrative reports that show the overall system configuration and settings for each part of the system.

Figure 3. Untether from your lab by utilizing the OpenLAB CDS iControl Panel application to view your system status from anywhere – even from your smartphone.

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