



QUARTZ PCI

SLOW-SCAN for ANALOG SEMs

**THE MEASURING, ANNOTATING, PROCESSING,
REPORTING, ARCHIVING, DO EVERYTHING
SOLUTION FOR MICROSCOPY**

“ADDING THE LATEST DIGITAL IMAGING CAPABILITIES TO YOUR SEM IMPROVES PRODUCTIVITY AND REDUCES OPERATING COSTS”

In today's world, digital imaging is a necessity. Your clients expect you to be able to e-mail their results, include images in reports and be able to easily retrieve historical data. Quartz PCI Slow-Scan adds high quality, digital imaging capability to any SEM or STEM.



- **PASSIVE CAPTURE FOR BEST IMAGE QUALITY**
- **ANNOTATION AND PROCESSING TOOLS**
- **REPORT LAYOUT EDITOR**
- **X-RAY SPECTRUM VIEWING**
- **ADVANCED IMAGE DATABASE**
- **NETWORK-READY**
- **SOFTWARE LICENSES AVAILABLE FOR OFF-LINE DATA VIEWING ON OFFICE PCs**

Quartz PCI Slow Scan USB Module

- Windows 7 - 32 and 64 bit compatible
- No slot required in PC
- Plugs into a USB port



Image Acquisition

PCI acquires high-resolution, slow-scan images from SEM and STEM instruments without interfering in any way with normal microscope operation.

The quality of PCI's SEM and STEM images is unsurpassed. PCI can match the resolution of your microscope's scan generator up to 4,000 lines. Image size is continuously variable up to the maximum size supported by the microscope. PCI can be programmed to match your microscope's aspect ratio exactly, ensuring that pixels are square and that measurements are accurate.

Passive Capture

Quartz Imaging pioneered the use of passive capture for high resolution SEM imaging. The benefits of passive capture are now widely recognized.

All microscope controls remain fully operational even while acquiring an image. The micron marker and other data are automatically acquired with the image. And, full advantage is taken of the instrument's own sophisticated filtering and scan generation electronics. The captured image is identical to the film output of the instrument.

Photo Replay

In addition to being able to output images to any Windows® compatible printer, PCI, when equipped with the Photo Replay Option, can send captured images back to your instrument's photo CRT. This way you can collect many images and only produce film output of the important ones—dramatically reducing film use. Replayed output is indistinguishable from original photographs.

Image Enhancement, Measurement and Annotation

Once the images are acquired, PCI provides a complete set of processing and display functions including image zooming, pseudo-coloring and brightness, contrast and gamma adjustment. You can also smooth, sharpen, median filter and perform local contrast enhancement on your images. Anaglyph stereo images can be constructed and aligned.

You can annotate your images with PCI's drawing tools which operate on a separate "overlay layer." You can move or edit the overlay elements at any time without affecting the image underneath. Tools are also provided for length and angle measurement.

Advanced Acquisition Features

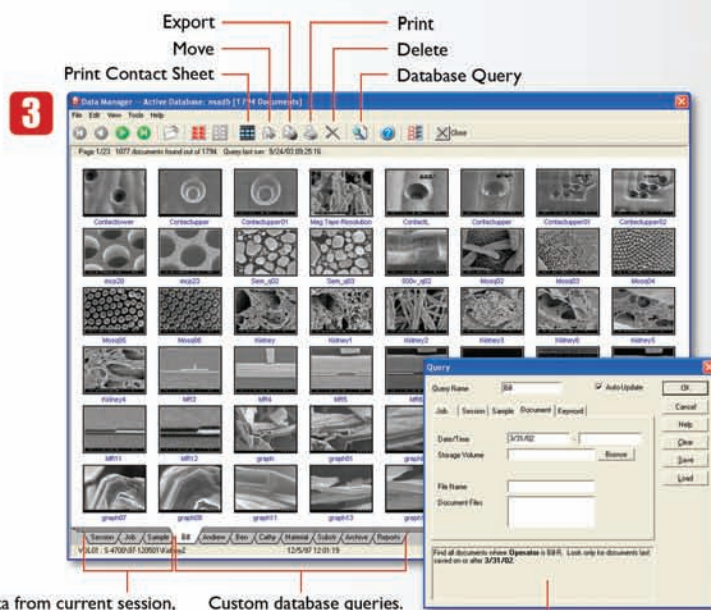
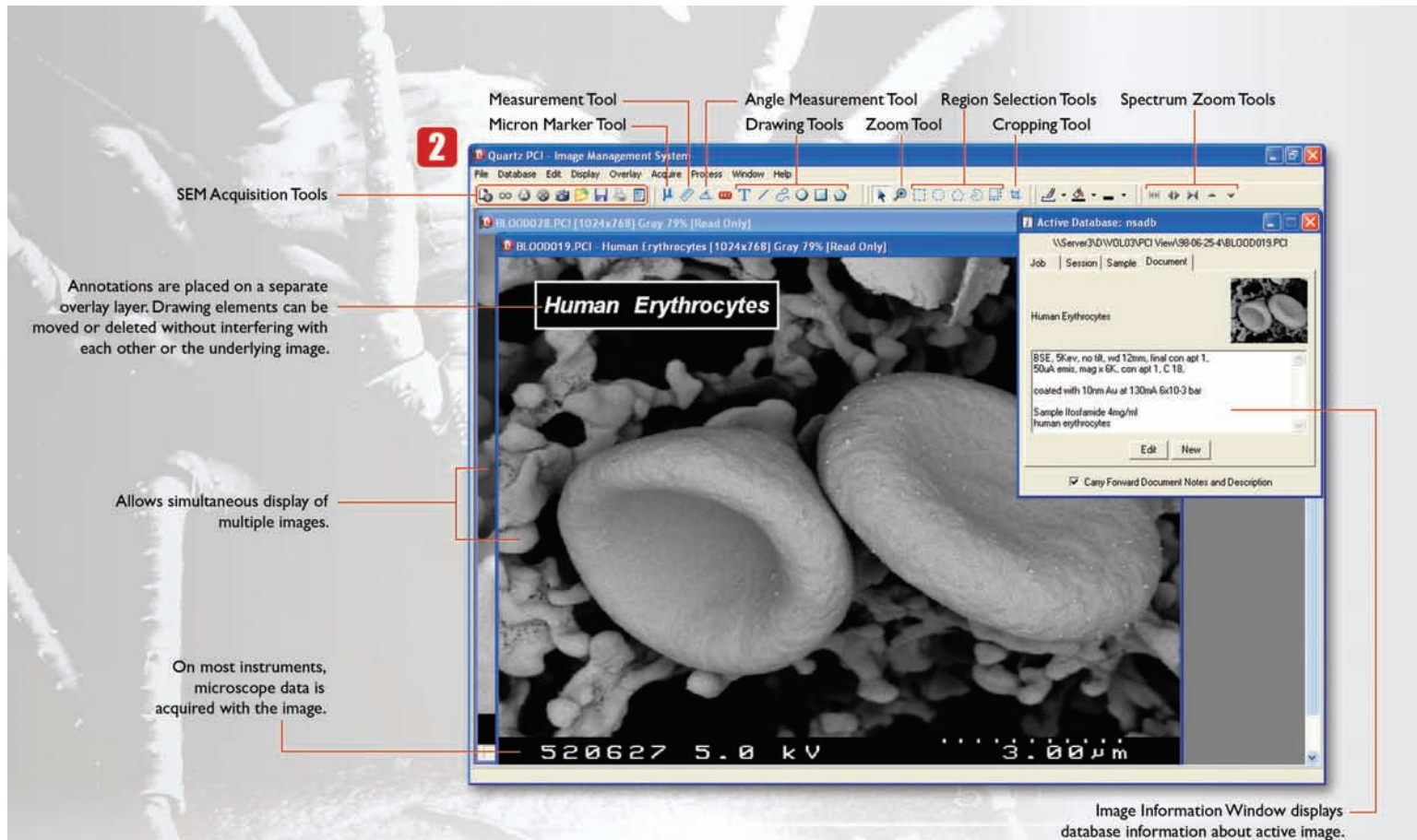
PCI's Advanced Acquisition features let you acquire images up to 12 bits deep from two channels, such as SE and BSE, simultaneously. Each channel can be independently summed or frame averaged and the two channels can be mixed in real-time.

Quartz PCI Database Support

PCI Slow-Scan is one member of the extensive PCI product line. In addition to PCI Slow-Scan for SEMs, PCI provides systems for acquiring images from most image producing devices, as well as sophisticated database software for managing your images.

PCI Slow-Scan includes the PCI Workgroup Database. The Workgroup database allows a group of users to track images, other documents and job, session and sample information. Designed for laboratory use, the system makes it as easy as possible for the operator to enter the required information with a minimum of typing.

For very large volumes of images and large numbers of users, PCI Slow-Scan is completely compatible with PCI Enterprise Database. The Enterprise Database, based on the Microsoft® SQL Server™ or Oracle® database management systems, is the right choice for implementing a company-wide image management system.



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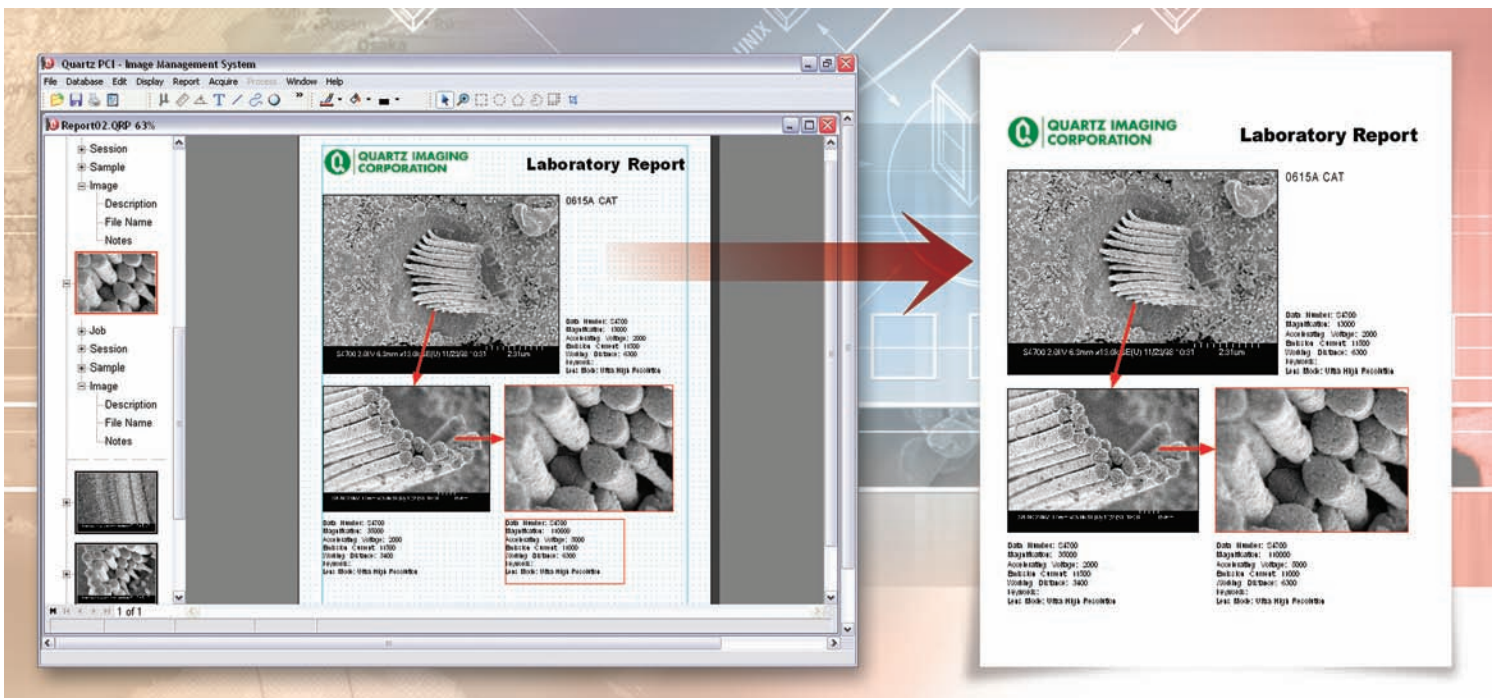
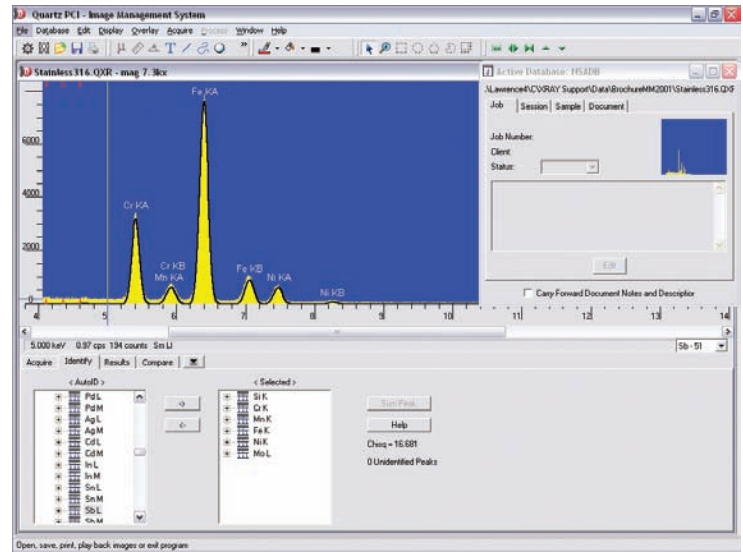
2 A complete suite of image processing, annotation and analysis tools is included.

3 PCI's comprehensive workgroup database tracks your images, spectra and related documents.

* SEM image courtesy of R. G. Richards, AO/ASIF Research Institute, Davos, Switzerland

X-Ray Spectrum Viewing

In addition to acquiring your images, PCI lets you view and annotate x-ray spectra, both at the instrument and at your office workstations. Data from the Quartz XOne x-ray microanalysis system can be read directly and data from other vendor's equipment can be imported via the EMSA format. Tools are provided to identify elements, label peaks and add other annotations. Spectra can be exported as images and copied via the clipboard into other software packages.



Report Layout

PCI includes a full-featured report layout tool. After you have acquired your images, or even while you are acquiring them, PCI makes it easy to produce polished, professional reports.

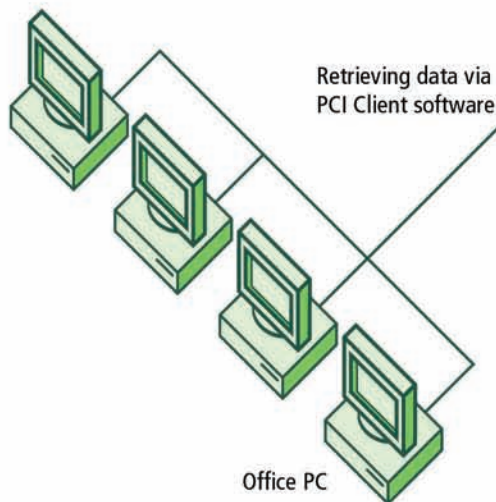
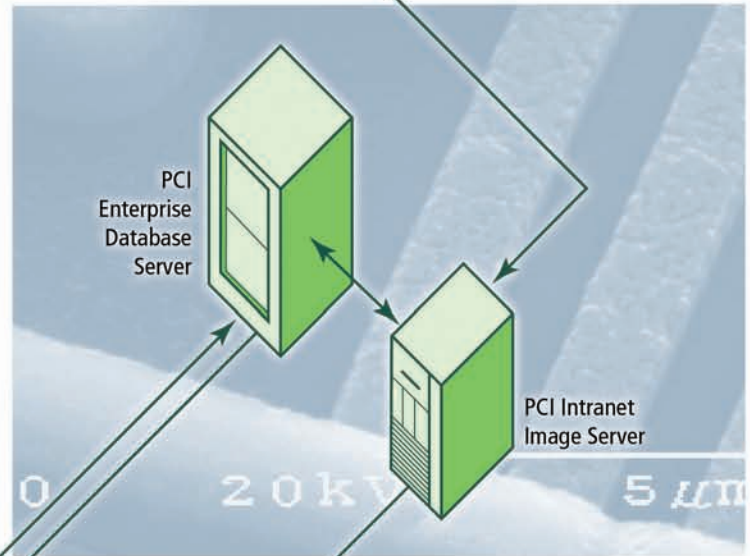
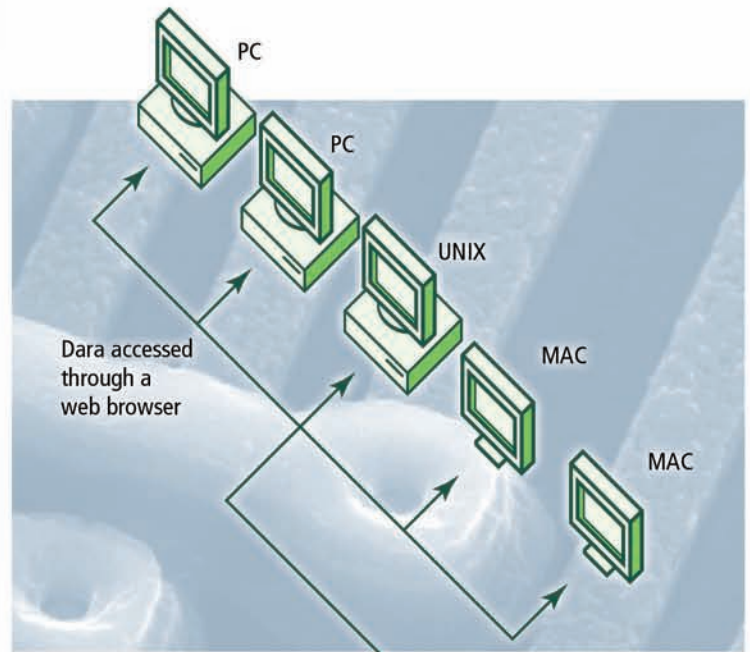
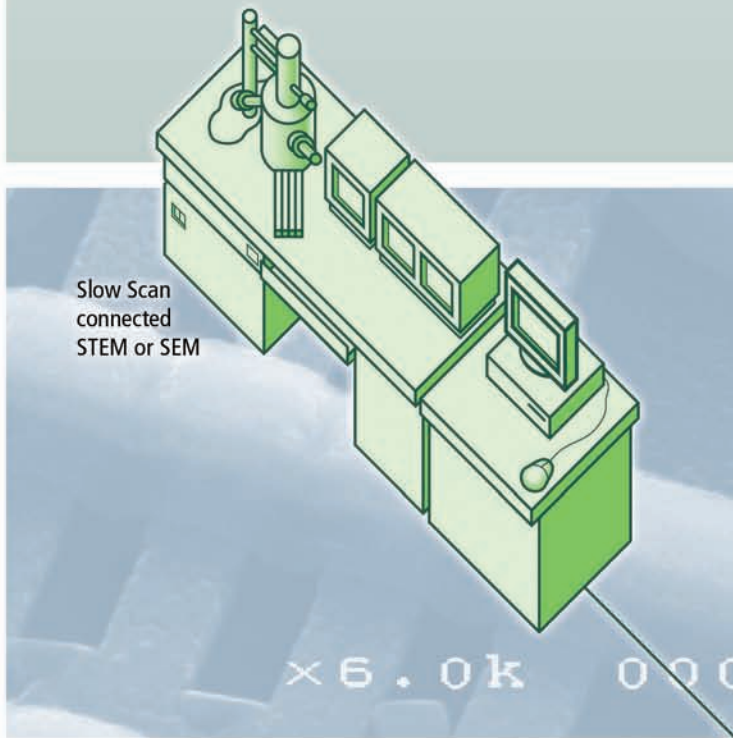
PCI database fields can be placed on the report and automatically filled with database information pertaining to the associated image. The same tools that are available for annotating images are available for adding annotations to the report. Master pages and templates facilitate the development of standard reports for your organization, incorporating elements such as corporate logos.

Finished reports can be exported in the popular PDF file format for easy distribution to your colleagues and clients.

Network Access

When used in conjunction with PCI client software, data can be retrieved and reviewed at desktop PCs throughout your organization. As soon as images are saved by the operator, they can be accessed immediately by office PCs. When used in conjunction with the PCI Intranet Image Server, the data can be accessed through a web browser on any workstation in your organization.

Your purchase of PCI Slow-Scan includes a single user license for PCI Client software for viewing data on an office PC.



Collaboration

PCI Collaboration Microscopy uses web technology to bring your lab and its clients together wherever they are located around the world. Transmission of live video from your microscope and saved images from the PCI database permits remotely located clients to participate in live microscopy sessions.

TECHNICAL FEATURES

PCI Slow-Scan

- Connects to any SEM or STEM.
- Passive system – digital beam control not required.
- Matches resolution of microscope's scan generator up to 4,000 lines.
- Continuously variable image size.
- Accommodates any image aspect ratio.
- 8- or 12-bit acquisition.
- Frame averaging, integration.
- Simultaneous two channel acquisition.
- Real-time signal mixing.
- USB 2.0 computer interface.
- Power Input: 100 ~ 240 V, 50 ~ 60 Hz
- FCC Class A device.

Measuring

- Complete set of measurement tools for measuring distances, angles and shapes in the image.
- Values automatically update when measurements are adjusted with the mouse.
- Measurement results displayed in spreadsheet grid and can be easily pasted into Excel or other software.
- Numerous options for displaying arrow heads, extension lines, projections etc.
- Micron marker function for adding micron marker to images, such as from light microscope, that do not contain a micron marker.
- Measurement Sequence Function allows repeated sequence of measurements to be pre-programmed.

Archiving

- Images can be stored in most popular file formats including TIFF and JPEG.
- Workgroup Database included as a standard feature. Enterprise Database available as an option. Workgroup Database can be easily upsized to Enterprise version.
- Database tracks jobs, sessions, samples, images and external documents including multimedia files.
- Permits composition of sophisticated database queries.
- Robust record locking and file sharing in networked environments.
- "Send To" feature allows documents from other applications to be sent directly to the database.
- Scan feature automatically searches disks and network devices for images and allows them to be added to the database.
- ODBC compliance ensures compatibility with third-party tools such as Microsoft® Access.
- Burn CDs and DVDs from inside PCI
- Full support for removable media.
- Auto-Save Acquired Images.

Processing

Image resizing and fine image rotation.

- Ability to reverse raster rotation, using angle information contained in image file.
- SEM resolution measurement.
- Image mixing using various arithmetic operators.
- "Plug-in" interface for user-developed processing and analysis code.
- Histogram functions for contrast, brightness and gamma adjustment.
- Smoothing, sharpening and median filtering functions.
- Display functions for zooming, panning, false coloring and slide show display.
- Construction of anaglyph stereo image from separate left and right images. Includes ability to align stereo pair.
- Spectrum zooming/scrolling with mouse wheel.
- Spectrum auto-scaling and default display region.
- Spectrum automatic peak labeling.
- Spectrum automatic peak identification.
- Spectrum KLM line markers.
- Spectrum cursor displays energy, counts and possible x-ray lines.

Annotating

- Complete set of tools for adding text, arrows and geometric shapes to images.
- Drawing tools operate on separate overlay layer. Overlay elements can be moved or deleted without interfering with each other or the underlying image.
- Drawing elements can be rotated.
- Grid overlay can be displayed on image.
- Default overlay burn-in option allows all images to be permanently marked, such as with company logo or confidential indicator.

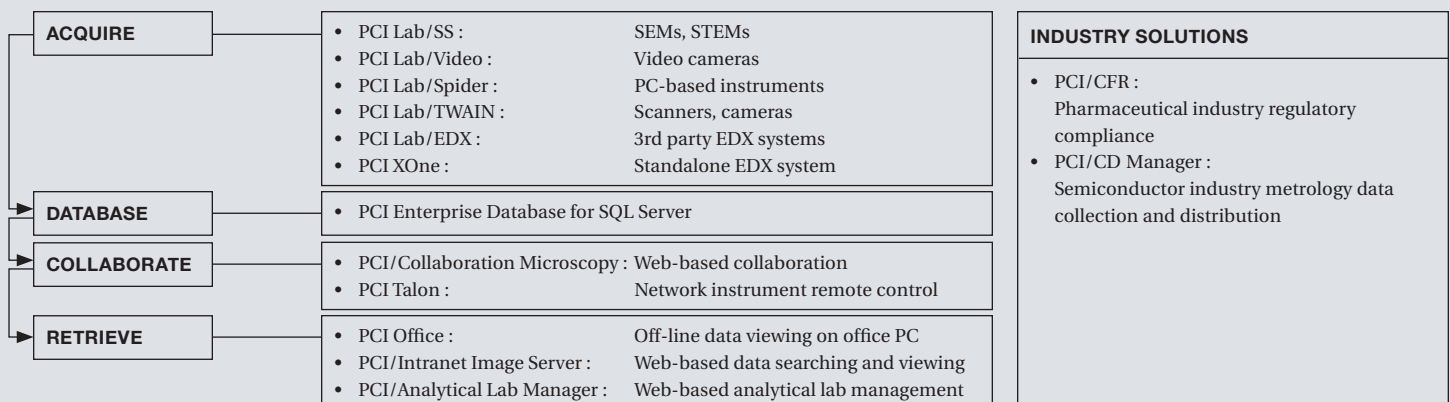
Reporting

- Comprehensive built-in report editor.
- Permits layout of images, text and drawing elements.
- Any number of pages.
- Grid/Snap-to-grid features.
- Master page.
- Automatic population of database fields in the report.
- Automatic generation of reports from templates.
- Export reports in PDF or Microsoft Word and PowerPoint formats.
- Secure PDF Export.

Other

- Dual Monitor and Widescreen Support.
- Runs on Microsoft Windows XP, Vista™ and Windows 7.
- Runs on 64-bit operating systems.
- Output to any Windows®-supported printer.

Product Line Overview



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