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The LHC superconducting magnet test benches controls were designed in 1996. They were based on VME data acquisition systems, Siemens PLCs control and interlocks systems. After a review of renovation of superconducting laboratories at CERN in 2009, it was decided to replace the VME systems with a PXI based systems and the ageing Sun/Solaris workstations with Linux PC's. This lecture covers the process of designing a new DAQ system for superconducting magnets, from gathering requirements, signal conditioning, hardware and software architecture and finally the lessons learned after 14 years of operation.

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