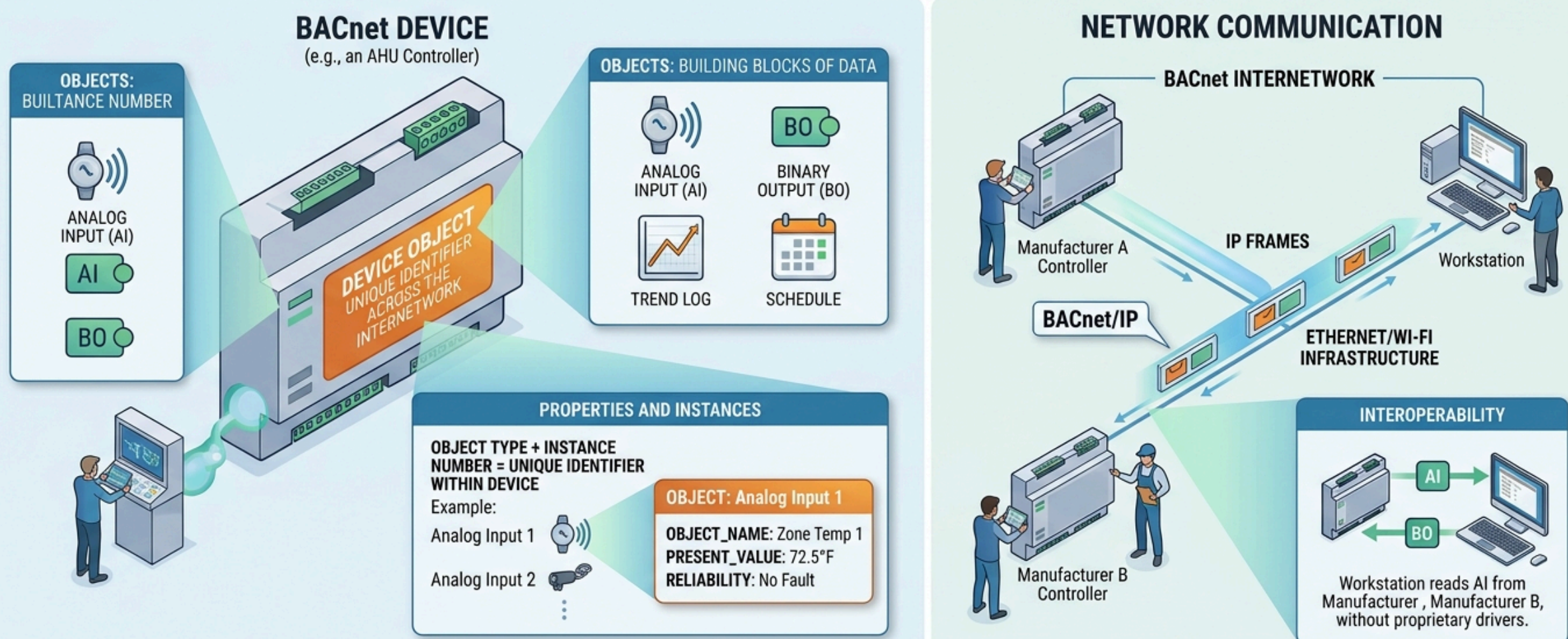


# FIELD GUIDE: A TECHNICAL PRIMER

## BACnet<sup>®</sup> PROTOCOL BASICS: A FIELD-GUIDE TO OBJECTS, INSTANCES, & NETWORK COMMUNICATION



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This illustration serves as a visual field guide to the BACnet protocol, mapping out how building automation systems achieve interoperability.

- **BACnet Device Structure:** The diagram highlights the central role of the "Device Object," which provides a unique identifier for every controller on the network.
- **Data Representation:** It simplifies how data is organized into "Objects" (such as Analog Inputs and Binary Outputs) and how "Instances" and "Properties" work together to define specific, accessible data points like Present\_Value.
- **Network Communication:** The illustration demonstrates the seamless exchange of information between controllers from different manufacturers using BACnet/IP over standard network infrastructure, enabling plug-and-play interoperability without the need for custom drivers.

