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Lots of things going on this month! New ways to connect to the Aras Community Network, new training options, and some exciting new features!

CONNECT - Aras Community Network on LinkedIn



We now have a LinkedIn Group for the Aras Community Network! We recognize that people want ways to expand their professional network and keep informed on new Aras developments, and LinkedIn provides a simple way to do both.

The Aras Community Network is a group of international users of the Aras Innovator enterprise PLM software solution. Membership is designed to facilitate sharing, benchmarking, and collaboration on business processes and best practices using

Aras.

You can connect directly with other Aras community members, discuss topics of interest, keep up to date on news about Aras, and much more!

How to Join

- Go to the 'Groups' section on LinkedIn
- Choose the 'Group Directory' tab
- Search Groups for 'Aras'
- You will see the Aras Community Network group, just click 'Join this group >>'

That's it. Once you're part of the group, you can share your perspective and keep up to date on what's happening.

Look forward to seeing you online.

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NEW FEATURE - Advanced Search from GlobalSpec Embedded in Aras

This month's release included advanced search capabilities that seamlessly embed the GlobalSpec database, the most comprehensive engineering part, product, and specification database on the Web.

Now, you can perform parametric searches on GlobalSpec's PartFinder and SpecSearch to access over 24,000 OEM and distributor product catalogs spanning more than 180 million parts in 2.3 million product families. Aras is the first enterprise PLM software solution to include embedded cloud-based search

capabilities!

Additional search functionality includes the ability to save frequently used searches to My Saved Searches for convenient reference. Also, complicated searches that are commonly conducted across the enterprise can be saved and shared to all users without creating custom reports to provide quick access to information such as "currently active engineering change orders" and "supplier qualification status".

You can also easily search the Internet from the PLM environment using Microsoft Live Search and take advantage of the full text search capabilities with Windows Search 4.0, the next generation Microsoft enterprise search with the fastest performance available,

All of this and more is available with the latest Aras download.

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NEWS - eWEEK Reports on Aras President's Top 5 Priorities



In every issue of eWEEK the magazine reports on the Top 5 priorities of a leading high tech executive. Recently, Peter Schroer, Aras Chairman and President, was asked to comment on the most important topics for IT executives given today's economy circumstances.

1. Focus IT Projects on High-Value Business Goals In 2008 the world changed. The credit crisis and financial industry meltdown have plunged the global economy into recession. Business leaders face a new reality that challenges shareholder value and profitability. Priorities have transformed overnight, bringing a new urgency to cost-cutting measures and initiatives that will drive the business forward in the face of economic uncertainty. IT leaders must look hard at alignment with corporate goals and think out of the box to accelerate projects that will help the company compete and even take advantage of the downturn. **2. Challenge the "Big Box" System Fallacy** Today, IT has to challenge the viability and logic of the "suite will do everything" mentality. The business can't afford that answer, and cannot wait two, three or four years for capabilities that the company needs now. IT executives in senior management must find new alternatives that are cost-effective and quick to deploy, or the...

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EUROPE - usb Launches European Training Center for Aras

Aras gold certified partner usb GmbH is launching the first Aras certified European Training Center to provide hands-on interactive courses on the Aras PLM software solution suite.

Located in Munich Germany, the modern training facility will begin conducting sessions in March 2009. This is a tremendous benefit for corporate community members across Europe!

Comprehensive training sessions will be offered for end users, administrators, and developers and will combine lectures, exercises, and labs to provide in- depth education on the functionality and capabilities of Aras.

You can learn more, view course details, see the training schedule, and register for training sessions at: <http://www.aras.com/university/>

[Learn More >> Register Now](#)

UPCOMING - Training Sessions

Training combines hands-on exercises, overview presentations, and discussions so that participants achieve an in-depth understanding of the topics.

Get the education you and your team need for success with the Aras solutions.

Remember, regularly scheduled training sessions are **FREE for subscribers**.

Upcoming Training Sessions

Mar 16 - Aras Innovator Administration - Boston, MA

Mar 18 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Boston, MA

Mar 19 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Boston, MA

Mar 23 - Aras Innovator Administration - Munich, Germany

Mar 25 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Munich, Germany

Mar 26 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Munich, Germany

Apr 13 - Aras Innovator Administration - Boston, MA

Apr 15 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Boston, MA

Apr 16 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Boston, MA

Apr 20 - Aras Innovator Administration - Munich, Germany

Apr 22 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Munich, Germany

Apr 23 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Munich, Germany

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Composites One	Nutek
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