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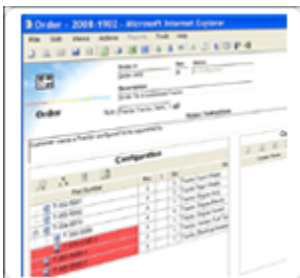
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It's a busy summer this year. Seems like all at once everyone decided to focus on improvements that will strengthen their business during the downturn.

Companies all over the world are contacting us about replacing old Windchill, MatrixOne, and Teamcenter systems that have been holding them back and costing too much.

Read on and find out more about the new community solutions you can use to improve, the PLM best practice events and training available, and the benefits you can achieve with Aras.

FEATURED PROJECT - Managing Complex Product Variants & Options



This month's featured project addresses a particularly complicated aspect of Bill of Materials (BOM) configuration management, Variants and Options, and is based on a contribution from GSI, the world's largest manufacturer of galvanized steel storage bins.

Variants and options are important in Assemble-To-Order / Build-To-Order / Configure-To-Order businesses, and are difficult to manage because of the numerous combinations and permutations involved on a product-by-product or system-by-system basis.

The complexity involved is enough to choke an ERP system like SAP or Oracle Manufacturing and is difficult for most PLM systems as well, requiring extensive data model changes and custom programming of business logic.

That's why this Aras community solution is so powerful; because the data model and business rules are configurable and extendable without the complex programming.

The project is an add-on to the standard Aras Product Engineering and is compatible with the embedded CMII configuration and change principles.

The solution enables:

- A wide variety of different scenarios
- Variant choices depending on product
- Creation of unique Order Specific BOMs
- Color-coded selections for fast & easy entry
- Order Specific BOMs can be sent to ERP and a lot more

The [Variants community solution](#) project is freely available and can be installed into your existing Aras system.

There is also a case study by GSI on the problem that Variants and Options present in BOM management, and an overview of the Aras solution as well.

[Read the GSI community solution Variants case study](#)

AWARD - Aras Receives Supply & Demand Chain Executive 100 Award



Recently, Aras was recognized as one of the Top 100 leading enterprise software solution providers worldwide by Supply & Demand Chain Executive. In fact, Aras was the only PLM software solution to receive the award this year.

The award recognizes the advanced enterprise PLM solutions provided by Aras as driving supply chain innovation and delivering significant Return On Investment [ROI].

We're proud to have received the award this year, and do so on behalf of everyone that has contributed over the past year. Your involvement and collaboration have been the drivers of solutions like the Variants & Options project and many others.

COMMUNITY QUOTES - Read What Others Are Saying About Aras

Last month I shared the new place on the Aras web site where comments can get listed... kind of like Facebook's 'Quote Wall'.

A bunch of people submitted their comment and we gathered up some from past interactions as well. Here are a few we've gotten, and please continue to share your opinions with us as well.

[View more quotes](#) and comment yourself...

"I have implemented Aras Innovator with great success, ... we are running full CMII change control and electronic workflows, all products within our business unit are fully documented and controlled thru Innovator. I have managed to reduce the number of rogue databases by incorporating them into the Innovator system, Once again an extremely flexible system."

Ron Dignard, Systems Integration Specialist
Allen Vanguard

"I have used the Aras Innovator tool at two separate companies where I was responsible for PLM. One large implementation, 1500 users, where the tool was used to make up for the lacking capabilities of one of the larger tier-one products, and the second implementation was at a medium size company, 250 users, where the tool quickly and easily replaced an existing failed system."

Jim Sutton, PLM Project Manager
Gibson & Associates

"The flexibility of the solution allowed us to easily adapt it to our proprietary competitive processes while remaining compliant to industry standards."

Victor Moreno, Project Manager
NEMAK

"With Aras in addition to project milestone deadlines, we define our quality and economic goals and closely track each project's progress."

Walid Hamza, Project Manager
Freudenberg

"It's always a fight to maximize user licenses in the budget. Aras frees us from this constraint to growth."

Dennis Henning, IT Manager
Ogihara America Corporation

[Read More Community Quotes, Submit Yours](#)

EVENTS - International CMII Conference, CM:TRENDS 09, and CIMdata PLM Certificate Program

International CMII Conference 2009 - Indianapolis, IN - August 30 - Sept 1, 2009

Join us at the end of August for the International CMII Conference in Indianapolis. Companies will be attending from around the world to discuss the industry best practice standards for configuration & change management. This year, in addition to Aras, speakers include Booz Allen Hamilton, Continental Corporation, Lockheed Martin, Psion Teklogic, and a number of others.

Aras Session: Advanced CMII Process Overview

Aug 31 at 3pm

Sept 1 at 1pm

Email me if you're going and we can meet up at the conference.

[CMII Conference 2009 -- Agenda & Registration](#)

CM:TRENDS 09 - Las Vegas, NV - September 21 - 23, 2009

Come meet with us at CM:TRENDS which embraces all aspects of Configuration Management best practices including CM process, automation, industry standards and professional organizations. Presentations cover CM from government to commercial best practices, as well as, current and future trends in CM automation with presentations from Delphi, Microsoft, Whirlpool, US Postal Service, and others industry experts including Aras.

[CM:TRENDS 09 -- Agenda & Registration](#)

Let me know if you're planning on going to CM:TRENDS as well, would be great to see you there.

CIMdata PLM Certificate Program - Andover, MA - September 28 - October 2, 2009

Attend CIMdata's internationally recognized PLM Certificate Program comprised of 9 sessions delivered over a five-day period through a series of lectures, case studies, tests, and individual as well as group exercises.

[CIMdata PLM Certificate Program - - Agenda & Registration](#)

Come learn more about enterprise PLM best practices and get the most in-depth PLM education in the field from CIMdata.

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

Aug 17 - Aras Innovator Administration - Boston, MA **(3 Spaces Left)**

Aug 19 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Boston, MA **(3 Spaces Left)**

Aug 20 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Boston, MA

Aug 24 - Aras Innovator Administration - Munich, Germany

Aug 26 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Munich, Germany

Aug 27 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Munich, Germany

Aug 6 - Aras Innovator Developer - KunShan, China

Aug 13 - Aras Innovator Developer - Taipei, Taiwan

Sept 14 - Aras Innovator Administration - Boston, MA

Sept 16 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Boston, MA

Sept 17 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Boston, MA

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Oct 26 - Aras Innovator Administration - Munich, Germany

Oct 28 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Munich, Germany

Oct 29 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Munich, Germany

[Course Descriptions, Calendars, and Registration](#)

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