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Aras Community Newsletter -- July 2010

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Good stuff this month if you are working on an enterprise-wide PLM deployment; new training, more info, best practice conferences and a lot more.

CONNECT - Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter Providing More Info & Opportunities to Collaborate



With over 29,000 people around the world now part of the Aras Community, we are reminding everyone that you can get info and updates, as well as, collaborate on PLM topics of interest with Aras using these sites.

We have increased our communications and are providing more info than ever using Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and other sites like Youtube and SlideShare.

Discussions are going on (right now) and you can connect with other members of the corporate community to share best practices, collaborate on new solutions and get insights into business challenges and strategy.

Now, I know what you're probably saying to yourself... "those things are for kids..." Yea, I used to think so to. But, it turns out that you can actually get a lot of useful information on them and make connections in the process. They started off slow in the engineering world, however, they're getting going now. So, check it out and get engaged, think you'll be surprised at the level of info and interaction you can get.

It's pretty simple... just get what you need, when you need it. And you're done.

Can click on these links to:

[Join ACN on LinkedIn](#) - Professional discussions, industry news and other community info

[Connect on Facebook](#) - A bit less formal, it has posts of slides, videos, pictures, contests and fun ideas shared

[Follow us on Twitter](#) - Little blasts of up-to-the-minute info

[Watch Demos on Youtube](#) - This one's pretty straightforward... can just watch and learn

These are the official Aras Community links. You can also connect directly to Aras people like Peter, Martin, Andreas, Jen, me or anyone else here at Aras and a bunch of other corporate community members as well.

Last (but not least), check out our [new web site home page](#). We're finally updating and will be providing even more opportunities for corporate collaboration moving forward. Stay tuned, this will be happening incrementally through the rest of the year!

NEW TRAINING - Updated Training Courses for Aras Innovator

If you didn't already know, a few months back we hired another new member to the Aras team, Bob Ellis. He's heading up our Training group and defining a new & improved curriculum.

Well, Bob's been busy and he's put together some really exceptional new courseware. He took the previous Admin,

Workflow and Developer API classes and... he used all of the feedback we've been getting, divided the content up differently, expanded the materials significantly, added all new learning exercises and included a bunch of important topics that people requested. The results are:

Aras Innovator Configuring Solutions **NEW** 5-day hands-on course

In addition to covering all the basics like set-up, admin, security and solution tailoring, the class now includes additional topics like:

- Defining and managing file vaults
- Navigating and performing business item queries
- Packaging a solution for export (so easy, even I can do it)
- Creating and modifying complex workflow processes with email alerts (look ma, no coding required! dare you to try that with Windchill :-)

Aras Innovator Developing Solutions **NEW** 4-day immersive session

This class gets into some of the more advanced topics such as:

- Integration with Web services federation techniques
- Using alternate clients (i.e. Microsoft Office, etc) to access Aras
- Creating a Configurable Grid for custom display and edit capabilities
- Establishing business rules for your Distributed and Replicated Vaults

He's run them a few times so far and the feedback on these new courses has been impressive.

They're really inexpensive and that's saying something because they are worth their weight in gold for anyone working on a global PLM deployment... oh yea, and if your company has an active Aras Unlimited subscription they're FREE!

Check the calendar below or the [Aras University](#) site for more details and upcoming sessions... or contact us if you'd like them run on-site at your offices.

[New training courses & schedule \(FREE for subscribers\)](#)

RECORDING - Enterprise Open Source PLM and Global Product Development at XEROX



Last month as part of MarketKey's PLM Innovation 2010 online series, XEROX did a webcast on how they have transformed their worldwide product development process for office products using Aras. It's now available as an [on-demand recording](#).

There's a lot of great info on how they've enabled multi-site processes like enterprise engineering change, product launch and compliance and connected with existing legacy systems for a comprehensive approach to cross-functional PLM.

If you couldn't make it to the webcast, here's your chance to see it. This is a great opportunity to hear about the results XEROX has achieved.

[Watch webcast recording](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS - CMII World 2010, CMPIC CM:TRENDS 2010

CMII World 2010 Conference - Las Vegas, NV - August 30 - 31, 2010

The Institute of Configuration Management's international conference provides companies from around the world expert information and case study examples on how to implement the CMII best practices for configuration & change management. This year speakers include ATK, Baxter, Lockheed Martin, Sandia National Laboratory, and many more.

[CMII World 2010 - - Agenda & Registration](#)

CMPIC CM:TRENDS 2010 - San Diego, CA - September 27 - 29, 2010

Join us in sunny San Diego for the annual CMPIC global conference, CM:TRENDS. CMPIC embraces all aspects of Configuration Management best practices including CM process, automation, industry standards and professional organizations. Presentations cover the different facets of CM from government to commercial best practices, as well as, current and future trends in CM automation with presentations from Nexteer Automotive, Donaldson Company, Whirlpool, ITT Defense and others industry experts including Aras.

You can catch my presentation on "*Coordinating Configuration Management Across the Enterprise*" after lunch Tuesday 9/28 at 1pm.

[CM:TRENDS 2010 - - Agenda & Registration](#)

TRAINING - Upcoming 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.

Regularly scheduled training sessions are **FREE for Aras Unlimited subscribers**.

United States

Aug 16 - Aras Configuring Solutions ****NEW**** (5 days) - Boston, MA

Aug 23 - Aras Developing Solutions ****NEW**** (4 days) - Boston, MA

Sept 20 - Aras Configuring Solutions ****NEW**** (5 days) - Boston, MA

Sept 27 - Aras Developing Solutions ****NEW**** (4 days) - Boston, MA

Oct 11 - Aras Configuring Solutions ****NEW**** (5 days) - Boston, MA

Oct 18 - Aras Developing Solutions ****NEW**** (4 days) - Boston, MA

Japan

July 12 - Aras Innovator Administration - Tokyo

July 14 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Tokyo

July 15 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Tokyo

China & Taiwan

Aug 5 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - KunShan

Aug 7 - Aras Innovator Solutions & Administration - WuHan

Aug 12 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Taipei

Aug 19 - Aras Innovator Solutions & Administration - KunShan

Sept 2 - Aras Innovator Administration - Taipei

Sept 9 - Aras Innovator Solutions & Administration - KunShan

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

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