



## Aras Community Newsletter -- March 2011

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Did you know that "Concurrent Development on Multiple Simultaneous Bill-of-Material Configurations with Effectivity" was recently contributed? How about iPhone / iPad and Android client frameworks? If not, then you need to come to [ACE 2011 International](#) and catch up... and make sure to Vote for your favorite solution contributions (see the full list of the Collaborate & Contribute award nominees below).

### REGISTER NOW - Aras Community Event 2011 International

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Less than a month until ACE 2011 International. Better get [registered](#) if you aren't already.

Our events tend to have a lot of energy (i.e. they're a lot of fun) and they are an excellent opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge for your PLM initiative, see what others are doing with Aras, get ideas for the future, meet Aras team members in-person and network & collaborate with people from other companies that are working on PLM.

If you're trying to figure out if you should come, check out the [video clips](#) from last year's conference.

This year's expanded [agenda](#) includes a great line-up of corporate speakers, learning sessions, networking opportunities and a whole lot more.

#### Topics include:

- Global Product Development with an Extended Supply Chain
- Realizing an Enterprise-wide PLM Vision
- Sustainable Product Development
- Simulation Data Management and Requirements Tracking
- Configuration Management
- Process Innovation vs. Product Innovation
- PLM for Improved Product Lifecycle Decisions
- User Case Studies / Best Practice Presentations
- Understanding Aras Basics for Newcomers (NEW THIS YEAR)
- Implementing Aras in the Enterprise
- Distributed Deployments and Multi-site Replication
- Enterprise Search in a PLM Context
- Technical Sessions on Integrations, Web Services & Publishing WSDLs with Aras
- Next Generation PLM Connected to the Cloud
- Role-based Interfaces, Special Purpose UIs and Alternate Clients
- Community Solution Showcase (rapid-fire demos of real solutions - see what others have done)
- Aras Roadmap Release Plan and much more

There will also be presentations by PLM thought leaders including Joe Barkai at IDC Manufacturing Insights, CIMdata, and a panel discussion hosted by Oleg Shilovitsky from Beyond PLM.

Join us at ACE and get the latest on what makes Aras the next generation PLM platform of choice for enterprise-wide

deployments.

## Conference Details

**Date:** April 26 - 28, 2011 (2.5 days)

**Location:** The Henry Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan (close to Detroit USA)

**Registration:** Free to Attend / No Cost

[Agenda, Overview, Hotel Info and Free Registration](#)

## CAST YOUR VOTE - Collaborate & Contribute Awards

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We need your vote for the Collaborate & Contribute Awards to recognize some of the most proactive members of the corporate community. Recipients will receive the award at the upcoming ACE 2011 International conference.

Vote now through April 20, 2011

Select your choices based on:

- Significance
- Popularity
- Impact

[Vote](#) for your TOP 3 nominees:

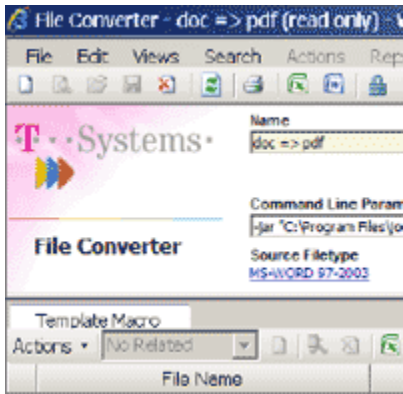
- Classification tree structure branch import / export - **Lear Corporation**
- Concurrent development on multiple simultaneous Bill of Material configurations with effectivity - **XEROX**
- Custom search sample code for community solution customizations - **Amscan Inc.**
- Electronic signature connector - **Datasquare**
- Expanded International time zone functionality for program project management - **Freudenberg DS**
- File converter framework - **T-Systems**
- File replication performance acceleration for CAD integrations - **Xyratex**
- FMEA visual risk management matrix - **Processia**
- Google Maps GeoMap integration - **Prodeos**
- Hebrew Language Pack - **CycleOp**
- InnvoatorETL data load utility - **Prodeos**
- iPhone / iPad and Android client frameworks - **Porchys Technology**
- Korean language pack - **Zionex**
- Large-scale / mass change affected items release improved use case - **Spartan Chassis**
- New use case for Team & Role security permissions in Workflows and Lifecycle maps - **Technical University of Kaiserslautern / IPEK Institute**
- Outlook-style item preview pane in grid - **Lear Corporation**
- Outlook-style Table of Contents navigation - **MiTek Corporation**
- Spanish language pack - **Ana Turner**
- Structure browser for large configuration viewing - **ITT Defense**
- System event usage tracking enhancement for administrators - **Lear Corporation**
- Windows authentication in workflow maps - **Carestream Health**
- Workflow enablement of cross-generation on Items (simplifies collaboration on Versionable items) - **Textron Defense Systems**

Recognize these innovators and show your appreciation by casting your Vote.

[Vote -- Simple One Page Ballot](#) (should take less than a minute)

...and "Yes" you can forward to your colleagues to vote, and "No" you shouldn't vote more than once yourself :-)

## FEATURED PROJECT - File Converter Framework by T-Systems



This month's featured open source project is quite practical and something that I believe most companies will find useful.

It's a server-side File Converter Framework that has been put together and posted on the project site by [T-Systems International](#), the global systems integration firm.

T-Systems has provided "a fully integrated framework to easily setup, administer, manage and monitor batch file conversions within Aras Innovator."

The way it works is that when a file is saved to Aras / check-in is done (either new or modified files) the T-Systems File Converter Framework automatically performs one or more conversions and attaches the new files to the defined Item Type. For example, converting a Microsoft Word doc to PDF and attaching it to the File tab on the Document item in Aras.

With the framework you're able to:

- Setup new batch conversions like file conversions, data checking routines, etc.
- Convert / check files in Aras and automatically attach the converted (or checked) files to the designated Item Type.
- Attach your own events to handle files. (e.g. OnAfterPromote Document)
- Monitor created files and logfiles within Aras
- Perform custom file handling (e.g. doc => pdf, ppt => pdf, CATPart => 3dxml)

T-Systems has put together a nice overview presentation of this solution project. You can get it along with the actual File Converter Framework code on the Aras community solution [project site](#). There are also additional capabilities for more complex implementations and CAD file types like CATIA and Siemens NX that T-Systems provides in commercial add-on offerings.

This project is another example of how an open architecture promotes rapid continuous advancement and how global corporate participation can deliver real benefits for everyone. Nice work T-Systems.

[Learn more and download the File Converter Framework solution](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS - ACE Innovation Series Webcasts, CIMdata, CMPIC



### ACE Innovation Series Webcasts: Executive Strategy

#### LIVE WEBCAST: Transforming PLM for the Economic Recovery

Find out how with the right approach, PLM can help businesses address changing needs as they arise to deliver results and thrive in fluctuating market conditions - now and into the future.

Speakers: Jim Brown of Tech-Clarity and Chip Perry of Kalypso

Webcast Date & Time - March 30, 2011 at 11:00 am ET

[Transforming PLM for the Economic Recovery - - Details & Registration](#)

### ON-DEMAND RECORDING: Top 5 Strategic Goals of PLM

Learn how winning companies achieve alignment between their vision, goals and requirements to support the strategic direction of the business with their PLM initiative and drive results.

Speakers: Jim Brown of Tech-Clarity and Andreas Lindenthal of Kalypso

[Top 5 Strategic Goals of PLM - - Watch Now](#)

### ON-DEMAND RECORDING: Journey to Best-in-Class Product Development

Learn new strategies for rethinking product development to achieve best-in-class performance, reduce costs and get innovative new products to market faster.

Speakers: Jim Brown of Tech-Clarity and Greg Adkins of Kalypso

[Journey to Best-in-Class Product Development - - Watch Now](#)

**CIMdata PLM Certificate Program**

CIMdata's PLM Certificate Program on enterprise PLM best practices provides you with an in-depth PLM education. The training is 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.

Upcoming Sessions

Neumarkt, Germany - May 9 - 13  
Boston, Massachusetts - June 20 - 24  
Oslo, Norway - September 26 - 30

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

**CMPIC Configuration Management Training**

CMPIC courses are designed to provide a detailed overview of CM planning, naming conventions, numbering practices, baselines, change control, traceability, status accounting, and more. The CMPIC classes explain the role of CM in the organization.

Upcoming Sessions

CM Dynamics - Houston TX - April 11 - 12  
CM Implementation - Houston TX - April 13 - 14  
CM Assessor Certification - Orlando FL - April 4 - 6  
ANSI/EIA-649A Course - Stafford VA - May 2 - 4  
CM for IT & SW Development - Orlando FL - May 2 - 5  
CM Foundations - Lexington Park MD - May 16 - 17  
CM Structures - Lexington Park MD - May 18 - 19  
CM Dynamics - Lexington Park MD - June 13 - 14  
CM Implementation - Lexington Park MD - June 15 - 16  
CM Foundations - Las Vegas NV - June 21 - 22  
CM Structures - Lexington Park MD - June 23 - 24  
CM Dynamics - Lexington Park MD - June 27 - 28  
CM Implementation - Lexington Park MD - June 29 - 30

[CMPIC Training Schedule - - Agenda & Registration](#)

**TRAINING - Upcoming Sessions**

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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.**

Also, a series of new online training tutorials by Aras partner TAG Consulting are available at [PLM-Training.com](http://PLM-Training.com)

**United States**

May 9 - Aras Configuring Solutions (5 days) - Boston, MA  
May 23 - Aras Developing Solutions (4 days) - Boston, MA  
  
June 6 - Aras Configuring Solutions (5 days) - Boston, MA  
June 27 - Aras Developing Solutions (4 days) - Boston, MA

**Japan**

Apr 8 - Aras Install and PLM Basics - Tokyo  
Apr 12 - Aras Innovator Administration 1 - Tokyo

Apr 14 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Tokyo  
Apr 15 - Aras Innovator Administration 2 - Tokyo  
Apr 18 - Aras Innovator Developer & API 1 - Tokyo  
Apr 20 - Aras Innovator Developer & API 2 - Tokyo  
  
May 13 - Aras Install and PLM Basics - Tokyo  
May 17 - Aras Innovator Administration 1 - Tokyo  
May 19 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Tokyo  
May 20 - Aras Innovator Administration 2 - Tokyo  
May 23 - Aras Innovator Developer & API 1 - Tokyo  
May 25 - Aras Innovator Developer & API 2 - Tokyo

### **China & Taiwan**

Apr 6 - Aras PLM Solutions - KunShan  
Apr 14 - Aras Innovator Administration - KunShan  
Apr 18 - Aras PLM Solutions - Chengdu  
Apr 21 - Aras Innovator Administration - Taipei  
Apr 28 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - KunShan  
May 5 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Taipei  
May 12 - Aras Innovator Administration - Wuhan  
May 18 - Aras Innovator Administration - Hong Kong  
May 26 - Aras Innovator Administration - Taipei

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

### **DOWNLOADS - Recent Installs**

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