



## Aras Community Newsletter -- May 2011

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We've got summary highlights, slides, pics and more up for [ACE 2011 International](#). Also, coming up on our next open release in June. Check out the "What's New" webcast along with regional ACE sessions, training and a lot more for your global PLM strategy.

### HIGHLIGHTS - Aras Community Event 2011 International



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Last month was our ACE International conference in Dearborn Michigan, and I want to thank everyone for making it our biggest & best event ever. We had a 74% increase this year with people from 17 different countries and 132 companies which was really great.

Our theme was the "World of the Possible" which was intended to capture the scope of achievements that companies have attained with Aras. What people showed was really an amazing diversity of solutions that have been implemented using the advanced PLM capabilities of the Aras platform.

Some highlights included:

- **Carestream Health** - PLM Strategy for Global New Product Development
- **Nexteer Automotive** - Realizing an Enterprise-wide PLM Vision
- **Deutsche Blisterunion** - Achieving Serialized Product Traceability for Quality & Safety
- **Advatech Pacific** - Simulation Data Management and Requirements Tracking

You can [get ALL the session slides](#) and check out lots of pictures as well.

This year's Community Solution Showcase was more than double the size of last year. It was almost too big! We got to see a series demos & overviews of the innovative solutions that companies around the world have implemented like

- **Formula & Recipe Management** deployed at the American Italian Pasta Company by PSC Group
- **Fashion & Apparel** solution by Plural Technologies
- **Green Design Workbench** for sustainable product development by HCL

...as well as over 25 more solutions. More blog posts are coming for these.

There were also engaging presentations and panel discussions with industry thought leaders and tech analyst including Joe Barkai from IDC Manufacturing Insights, CIMdata, and Oleg Shilovitsky from Beyond PLM (all these slides are posted on our blog). Oleg did a few posts as well on his blog

- [Aras PLM lines up against Windchill, Enovia, and TeamCenter](#)
- [Beyond PLM Panel Discussion on ACE 2011](#)
- [PLM, Enterprise Search and Aras Strategy](#)

We were also very proud to present the annual Collaborate & Contribute award for the most significant, popular and impactful contributions to:

- **XEROX** - Concurrent Development on Multiple Simultaneous BOM Configurations with Effectivity
- **Carestream Health** - Windows Authentication in Workflow Maps
- **Datasquare** - Electronic Signature Connector

And the networking and collaboration that went on was probably the most invaluable portion of the conference. People sharing best practices, getting ideas and working on projects that will benefit their business.

Thanks again for coming and it was great to see you (or meet in person if it was the first time :-). And if you couldn't make it... you can check out the slides, pictures, etc. on the blog... of course it doesn't have the energy and enthusiasm. For that, you've gotta be there.

P.S. There will also be a number of local / regional ACE sessions during the second half of the year... let me know if you'd like to host or present.

[ACE Highlights, Slides, Pictures and more](#)

## LIVE WEBCAST: Latest Open Release - What's New in Aras Innovator

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Our latest open release is a broad series of new innovations that include numerous corporate community contributions. Join us for this informative Webcast and learn about the newest capabilities and latest enhancements to Aras Innovator, and find out why Aras is the future of PLM software.

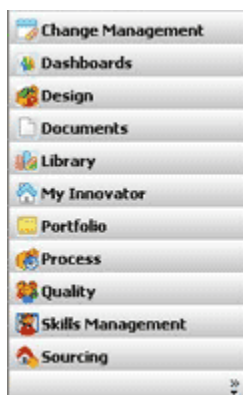
**Speaker:** Rob McAveney, Aras Director Product Management

**Webcast Date & Time:** June 16, 2011 at 11:00 am ET

[Live Webcast Details & Free Registration](#)

## FEATURED PROJECT - Outlook-style Table-of-Contents Navigation by MiTek

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The featured open source project this month is a straight forward add-on that gives you Outlook-style navigation in your Aras Innovator environment.

If you were at ACE International last year, then you saw MiTek Corporation's simple enhancement to the user interface. They posted it on our project site for everyone and have recently done an update.

Interview with Kevin Friske, MiTek IT:

*What was the motivator for the solution:*

Since Aras is a very well thought out program based on the Microsoft look and feel I thought that it would be nice to use the base menu system that Microsoft uses in its B2B applications. Plus I thought since we are an Open User it would be nice to contribute back.

*Who participated in development (1 guy vs a team etc):*

I am the one who developed the menu system.

*How it was built, not the secret sauce but the basics*

I had much of the code built for a previous project that I was working on and after some exploratory searching through Aras's code I saw that a call was being made to attach an xslt stylesheet using the xml from a previous call in the script so I used Nash and caught the XML code and created a stylesheet that would output the menu as you see today. I then altered the mainTree.html to allow for the functionality needed. The whole process was not as hard as it would seem because I created the menu to use the functions already in place.

*Any other snippets you think would be valuable to share*

- \* I am sending an updated version of the menu system - now keeps the highlighted menus after you click off the menu.
- \* I am working on the InBasket to allow certain administrative persons to look at other InBaskets to help with problems. Again Much of the code is ready from Aras it is just a matter of implementing the change.

Thanks to Kevin for putting this together and for contributing back so that we can all take advantage.

If you've made a useful enhancement, add-on or even a complete business process workflow (that's not proprietary to

your company), go ahead and contribute. It doesn't take much time and it's really beneficial. Someone else might even enhance your enhancement (seriously!)

[Learn more and download the Outlook-style Table-of-Contents Navigation solution](#)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS - ACE Sessions, ACE Webcasts, CIMdata, CMPIC**

### **ACE Sessions**

Learn about Aras and find out about the next generation of innovation in the PLM industry. Learn about Aras functionality, network & collaborate with PLM colleagues, see a demonstration and hear about advanced solutions for your business such as 3D Search.

#### **Free Registration**

[Copenhagen, Denmark - June 9, 2011](#)

[Stockholm, Sweden - June 10, 2011](#)

### **ACE Innovation Series Webcasts**

#### **ON-DEMAND RECORDING: Aras PLM Platform Technology Vision & Roadmap**

Find out about our vision & roadmap and what we're doing today to help you transform your business, standardize global processes and prepare for a dynamic future.

Speaker: Rob McAveney, Aras Director Product Management

[Aras PLM Platform Technology Vision and Roadmap - - Watch Now](#)

#### **ON-DEMAND RECORDINGS: Previous ACE Webcasts**

[Transforming PLM for the Economic Recovery](#)

[Top 5 Strategic Goals of PLM](#)

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

### **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**

Andover, 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 - 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

CM Assessor Certification - Stafford VA - July 18 - 20

CM for IT & SW Development - Andover MA - Aug 1 - 4  
CM Foundations - Orlando FL - Aug 2 - 3  
CM Structures - Orlando FL - Aug 4 - 5  
CM Dynamics - Orlando FL - Aug 8 - 9  
CM Implementation - Orlando FL - Aug 10 - 11  
SCM: Strategies, Techniques and Tools - Orlando FL - Aug 22 - 25

## [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**

June 6 - Aras Configuring Solutions (5 days) - Boston, MA  
June 27 - Aras Developing Solutions (4 days) - Boston, MA  
  
July 11 - Aras Configuring Solutions (5 days) - Boston, MA  
July 25 - Aras Developing Solutions (4 days) - Boston, MA

#### **Japan**

June 3 - Aras Install and PLM Basics - Tokyo  
June 14 - Aras Innovator Administration 1 - Tokyo  
June 16 - Aras Innovator Workflow - Tokyo  
June 17 - Aras Innovator Administration 2 - Tokyo  
June 20 - Aras Innovator Developer & API 1 - Tokyo  
June 22 - Aras Innovator Developer & API 2 - Tokyo

#### **China & Taiwan**

June 1 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Hong Kong  
June 9 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Wuhan  
June 16 - Aras Innovator Developer & API - Taipei  
June 28 - Aras PLM Solutions - Chengdu

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

### **DOWNLOADS - Recent Installs**

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Aerospace Testing Alliance	Orascom Telecom
Alexandria University	Polytronix
American Italian Pasta Company	Reflex Photonics
Amphenol	Regal-Beloit
Autodesk	Rheinmetall Denel Munition
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Westport Shipyard  
Wipro  
Xerox  
アイコクアルファ株式会社  
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